

The **Global** **NEW LIGHT** of **MYANMAR**

President U Min Aung Hlaing, Spouse Daw Kyu Kyu Hla Embark on Official Visit to SRV

A high-level Myanmar delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing and Spouse Daw Kyu Kyu Hla left Nay Pyi Taw Airport by special aircraft yesterday morning to pay an official visit to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam at the invitation of President of SRV Mr To Lam and his spouse.

The President and the delegation were seen off at the airport by Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi and his wife, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe and his wife, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Ye Win Oo and his wife, Union ministers and their wives, the commander of the Nay Pyi Taw Command and officials from the Embassy of Viet Nam to Myanmar.

The President was accompanied by Union Ministers U Khin Maung Yi, U Tin Maung Swe, U Min Naung, Dr Charlie Than and U Tun Ohn, sen-

ior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Aung Nang Thu, deputy ministers and officials.

The special aircraft carrying the President-led high-level Myanmar delegation arrived at Noi Bai International Airport in Hanoi at about 12.30 pm local standard time. They were warmly welcomed by senior officials led by Mr Lê Khánh Hi, Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Viet Nam and Minister at the Office of the President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and officials, the Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar, Myanmar Ambassador to Viet Nam U Wai Lin and his wife, Myanmar Military Attachés (Army, Navy and Air) Brig-Gen Zaw Min and officials.

SEE PAGE 3

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing and Spouse Daw Kyu Kyu Hla are pictured being warmly welcomed upon their arrival in Viet Nam.



Ayeyawady Tourism Rebounds with Rising Arrivals



This photo features visitors at a beach in Ayeyawady Region.

TOURIST arrivals in Ayeyawady Region are on the rise again, with the number of visitors reaching 903,237 from January to July 2026, including approximately 12,000 international

tourists. Coastal areas in Ayeyawady Region—including Ngwehsaung, Chaungtha, Shwethaungyan, Goyangyi Island, and Sea & Lake beaches—attract the highest number

of visitors during the open season, as well as extended public holidays and school vacation periods.

According to the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism (Ayeyawady Re-

gion), Ngwehsaung Beach recorded nearly 400,000 domestic tourists and nearly 8,000 international tourists by the end of July, bringing the total number of visitors to more than 401,300. Similarly, Chaungtha and Shwethaungyan beaches welcomed a total of 310,518 visitors, comprising 309,118 domestic tourists and 1,420 international tourists.

Data from the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism show that total tourist arrivals in Ayeyawady Region reached 1,559,841 in 2025, including 19,257 international visitors. — ASH/TH

Hlegu Farms Supply 120,000 Eggs, 4,000 Viss Chickens Each Day

SEE PAGE 7



Female workers sort eggs with care at Hlegu farm.

NATIONAL

Objectives of 27th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competition 2026

- (a) To enhance national prestige, integrity, and preserve the traditional cultural heritage of ethnic people
- (b) To preserve national characteristics and promote the national spirit, cherishing traditional culture among the younger generation
- (c) To explore, preserve and promote the sustainable development of traditional Myanmar arts
- (d) To function as a cultural and artistic institution that contributes to nation-building

Heavy Rainfall Warning No 66

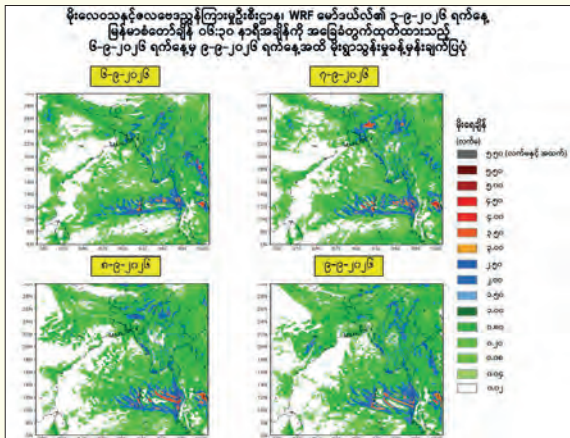
Issued at 8 am MST on 4 September 2026

ACCORDING to the observations at 6:30 am MST today, due to the strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the South Bay of Bengal 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, Upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin and Mon States from 6 September 2026 to 9 September 2026.

Squalls with rough seas are likely at time 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.

Advisory

People should be aware of the strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the South Bay of Bengal and the strong development of the convective clouds such as the 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



Yangon hosts Myanmar Business Trade Show & Travel Expo 2026

ORGANIZED by the STP Event Management Team, the Myanmar Business Trade Show and Travel Expo 2026 is currently being held at Yangon's Pan Pacific Hotel.

More than 60 booths, staged by international embassies and business delegations, local business institutions and MSMEs, travel, tourism and healthcare businesses, export, import and distribution companies, local and international brands,



Booths at the Myanmar Business Trade Show & Travel Expo 2026.

and entertainment and cultural organizations, were featured at this

event.

The opening was held on yesterday and

attended by ambassadors and guests. The event includes programmes on B2B networking and business matching, global and local connections and entertainment and cultural showcases. Exclusive VVIP networking was planned on 7 September.

The expo will showcase new business opportunities – from strategy and networking to global trade expansion and direct embassy links. — MT/ZS

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 4 pm Friday 4 September 2026)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate 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 MORNING OF THE 5 SEPTEMBER 2026: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Mandalay, Magway, and Lower Sagaing Regions and Kayah State, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood isolated heavy falls in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and Kayin, Mon and Rakhine States. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Yangon, Bago, Upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady Regions and Kayin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan States. In areas along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds ac-

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

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 25-30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 7-9 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR THE SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of increase of rain in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions and Kayin State. **FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5 SEPTEMBER 2026:** One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5 SEPTEMBER 2026: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5 SEPTEMBER 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, widespread in Yangon Region and scattered in Mandalay Region. — DMH

Flood Warning

(Issued at 1 pm MST on 4 September 2026)

ACCORDING to the 11:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Chindwin River at Kalewa is observed as about one foot 11 inches below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next day.

According to the 11:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Chindwin River at Minkin is observed as about five inches below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next 12 hours.

It is especially alert to the people who settle near the river banks and low-lying areas in Kalewa and

Minkin Townships, to take precautionary measures and to stay away from the flood-prone areas in time if the water level will rise. — DMH

EARTHQUAKE

(Issued at 1:25 pm MST)

A slight earthquake of magnitude 3.8 (M) with its epicentre inside Myanmar (about 19 miles east-southeast of Kalewa), latitude 23.11°N, longitude 94.59°E, with a depth of 75 kilometres, about 59 miles west-southwest of the Kanbuly Seismological Observatory was recorded at one hour 11 minutes 33 seconds MST on 4 September 2026. — DMH

NATIONAL

President U Min Aung Hlaing Visits VinFast and Viettel in Viet Nam

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, leading a high-level delegation on an official visit to Viet Nam at the invitation of Vietnamese President Mr To Lam and his spouse, visited Vietnamese automobile manufacturer VinFast and telecommunications group Viettel in Hanoi yesterday afternoon.

The delegation travelled from Hanoi to Hai Phong, observing Viet Nam's transport infrastructure, land use, agricultural activities and the development of industries linked to agriculture along the route.

At VinFast's manufacturing facility, the delegation was welcomed by Vin-group Vice-Chairwoman Madam Duong Thi Hoan,

VinFast Chairman and CEO Mr Pham Nhat Quan Anh and other officials. The company briefed the delegation on its history, vehicle and motorcycle production, and domestic and international markets.

President U Min Aung Hlaing said he was pleased to learn about VinFast's development and expressed his intention to explore opportunities for increased economic cooperation between Myanmar and Viet Nam, including potential cooperation with VinFast.

The delegation toured the factory and observed vehicle production processes, including metal forming, body assembly, painting and final assembly, which use automated systems and robotic technology.

The Hai Phong plant,



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing explores vehicles and motorcycles at VinFast's manufacturing plant in the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (SRV).

located in Cat Hai, covers more than 500,000 square metres. Construction began in September 2017 and was completed within 21 months, with production starting in June 2019. The facility also includes battery manufacturing operations supporting VinFast's electric vehicle production.

The delegation later visited Viettel, where it was

welcomed by Vietnamese Deputy Defence Minister Sr Lt-Gen Nguyen Quang Ngoc and Viettel Group Chairman and CEO Lt-Gen Tao Duc Thang.

Officials briefed the Myanmar delegation on Viettel's cooperation with Myanmar through Mytel, including the development of telecommunications networks and broader coop-

eration between the two countries.

Lt-Gen Tao Duc Thang expressed Viettel's desire to further expand cooperation with Mytel, particularly in digital technology, digital connectivity and digital transport.

President U Min Aung Hlaing said Myanmar would continue supporting the development of

telecommunications networks and encouraged investment in technology-related sectors, including at technology special zones such as Yadanabon Cyber City.

He also called for existing bilateral agreements to be fully implemented and cooperation to be continuously expanded. — MNA/ST

Myanmar delegates sign Anti-Corruption Cooperation Programme for 2027-2028

A Myanmar delegation led by U Soe Thein, Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission, attended the 11th Eastern Economic Forum and related meetings held in Vladivostok, the Russian Federation, from 1 to 4 September.

On 2 September, the Myanmar delegation met a delegation led by the Prosecutor-General of the Russian Federation and signed the Anti-Corruption Cooperation Programme for 2027-2028.

The signing event aims to strengthen cooperation between Myanmar and Russia through staff training, experience and technical exchanges, contributing to stronger friendship, mutual trust and capacity building be-



tween the two countries.

At noon, U Soe Thein attended a working luncheon hosted by Russian Prosecutor-General Mr AV Gutsan.

On 3 September, he also participated in a related session organized by the Prosecutor-General's Office of the Russian Fed-

eration, titled "Reducing Economic Risks as a Foundation for National Economic Development". He then attended the plenary session of the 11th Eastern Economic Forum on "Promoting Economic Development for People in the Far East Economic Region". — MNA/KTZH

President U Min Aung Hlaing, Spouse Daw Kyu Kyu Hla ...

FROM PAGE 1

During the welcome ceremony, members of the Guard of Honour of Viet Nam took their positions and saluted on both sides of the red carpet in accordance with traditional protocol

for welcoming and honouring Heads of State. They also presented bouquets as gifts to welcome President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing and Spouse Daw Kyu Kyu Hla upon their arrival. — MNA/TTA

HLUTTAW

Myanmar Hluttaw representatives participate in capacity development programme in Indian Parliament



Myanmar's members of parliament join the capacity development programme at the Indian Parliament.

A Myanmar delegation comprising Dr Pwint San, Chairman of the International Relations Committee of the Pyithu Hluttaw; U Chit Swe, Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee of the Amyotha Hluttaw; representatives from the

SEE PAGE 4

NATIONAL

Vice-President U Nyo Saw visits thermal power plant, Commercial Port in Vladivostok

VICE-PRESIDENT U Nyo Saw, together with the delegation members, union ministers and deputy ministers, visited the largest thermal power plant in Vladivostok and the Vladivostok Commercial Port at 9:30 am local standard time yesterday.

At Vladivostok's largest thermal power plant, which is important for the supply of electricity and heat for the city, the Vice-President and party were welcomed by the structural branch director of the "Vladivostok CHP-2" of JSC Far Eastern Generating Company and the deputy minister for Energy and Gas Sup-



Vice-President U Nyo Saw views the largest thermal power plant in Vladivostok, the Russian Federation.

ply of Primorsky Krai, who explained the operations regarding electricity generation, control, and distribution at the power plant.

At the Vladivostok

Commercial Port, the executive director of the Commercial Port of Vladivostok and officials welcomed the Vice-President and the party and clarified freight handling with the

use of modern machinery.

On the morning of 3 September, the Vice-President held separate meetings with Mr Reshetnikov, Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation and Mr Vladimir Sitnov, Deputy Chairman of the Executive Board of PJSC Sberbank of the Russian Federation, at a building on the Far Eastern Federal University campus. During the meetings, they engaged in cordial and open exchanges of views on enhancing Russia-Myanmar bilateral economic cooperation and investment matters. — MNA/TTA

Chin State accelerates rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts



Deputy Minister Dr Thant Zaw Lwin visits the Falam Township Municipal Market.

THE State is focusing on accelerating rehabilitation and reconstruction work in Chin State and has formed committees to supervise the work on the ground.

Speaking at a meeting with religious leaders and village elders at the Falam District General Administration Department, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Thant Zaw Lwin said partially damaged departmental buildings were being repaired, while corrugated iron sheets and cement were being provided for damaged residential houses. Rice, oil and other food items were also being distributed to people who had returned home, using funds from the National Disaster Management Fund. He stressed the need to step up rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts, learn from past experiences and rebuild better.

Chin State Minister for Natural Resources U Win Zaw Oo and members of the Chin State Rehabilitation

and Reconstruction Committee explained the work being carried out in Falam Township. Representatives of relevant ministries, religious leaders and village elders also reported on the tasks, while the deputy minister and state minister coordinated with the relevant departments.

The deputy minister and the state minister visited Falam Township Municipal Market and observed the sale of vegetables, meat and fish. They also inspected the Social Welfare Department's primary school, where officials explained the damage to the building and teaching aids. The deputy minister coordinated the necessary assistance and instructed officials to reopen the school as soon as possible.

At Saint Joseph's Primary School, officials explained the arrangements for receiving and teaching more than 30 students. The deputy minister and the state minister provided financial assistance to the school. — MNA/MKKS

HLUTTAW

Myanmar Hluttaw representatives participate ...

FROM PAGE 3

Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw; Tatmadaw representatives; and support staff is participating in a capacity development programme at the Indian Parliament from 1 to 8 September.

During the visit, the

Myanmar Hluttaw representatives discussed the role of Parliament in Indian politics and administration, including legislation, committee systems, financial committees, constituency governance, communication with institutions such as

state legislatures, the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS), and parliamentary rights.

The delegation also met Shri Om Birla, Speaker of the Lok Sabha, the lower house of India's Parliament, at Parliament

House. They visited parliamentary buildings, libraries and art museums. Such study tours will further enhance the capabilities of Hluttaw representatives and contribute to the development of Hluttaw activities. — MNA/MKKS

Yangon-Mandalay Expressway Section Closed for Repairs

A section of the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway is being repaired after a stretch of road surface about 30 feet long subsided, according to the Expressway Maintenance and Su-

pervision Committee.

The affected section is on the left-hand lane of the Mandalay-bound carriageway, between mileposts 311/3 and 311/4. About 500 feet of the inner lane has

been temporarily closed since the morning of 3 September.

A new concrete road surface will be laid to repair the subsidence. Drivers travelling from Nay

Pyi Taw to Mandalay are therefore advised to take extra care and use the right-hand lane when approaching milepost 311/3, the committee said. — TWA/MKKS

Global NEW LIGHT of MYANMAR

www.gnlm.com.mm



CIRCULATION & DISTRIBUTION

(+95) (01) 8604532,
Hotline - 09 255597511

ADVERTISING & MARKETING

(+95) (01) 8604530,
Hotline - 09 251022355
marketing@gnlm.com.mm
subscription@gnlm.com.mm

Printed and published at the Global New Light of Myanmar Printing Factory at No.150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, by the Global New Light of Myanmar Daily under Printing Permit No. 00510 and Publishing Permit No. 00629.
gnlmnews@gmail.com,
newsroom@gnlm.com.mm
www.gnlm.com.mm

Write for us

We appreciate your feedback and contributions. If you have any comments or would like to submit editorials, analyses or reports please email aungthuya@gnlm.com.mm with your name and title.

Due to limitation of space we are only able to publish "Letter to the Editor" that do not exceed 500 words. Should you submit a text longer than 500 words please be aware that your letter will be edited.

NATIONAL

HLUTTAW

Parliamentary committees gear up for sessions

THE coordination meeting 2/2026 of the Central Committee and Working Committees on organizing the Hluttaw sessions was held yesterday at the Zabuthiri Hall of the Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw.

In his opening speech, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe, who is also Patron of the Central Committee on Convening Hluttaw Sessions, called on all committees to closely coordinate preparations for the



The coordination meeting 2/2026 of the Central Committee and Working Committees on organizing the parliamentary sessions in progress yesterday.

Third Regular Sessions, scheduled to begin on 21 September. Hluttaw representatives are expected to arrive in Nay Pyi Taw between 18 and 20 September.

The meeting reviewed preparations for accommodation, security, trans-

port, communications and e-voting systems, health-care and food safety, venue maintenance, media coverage and uninterrupted electricity supply.

Relevant officials from the respective working committees reported on preparations for the upcoming sessions. The Patron also gave further guidance and urged all committees to work together to ensure the sessions are conducted successfully and efficiently. — MNA/KTZH

17 PDFs rejoin society in South-East Command



A handover and awards ceremony for returnees is underway in the South-East Command Headquarters.

A total of 17 individuals – 16 men and one woman affiliated with the PDF group – along with weapons and ammunition, returned to the legal fold yesterday. A ceremony to hand them back to their parents and guardians was held at Aung San Hall of the South-East Command Headquarters, attended by Mon State Chief Minister U Aung Win Than, Commander Brig-Gen Thura Zaw Lwin Soe and officials.

The chief minister delivered an opening speech, followed by an explanatory discussion on the relevant laws by the commander. Subsequently, the returnees handed over the weapons and equipment they had brought with them, comprising one M-16 rifle, two carbines, four 9mm pistols, one .38-calibre pistol, one handmade pistol, four hand grenades, three walkie-talkies, six magazines and 66 rounds of various types of ammunition. The items were received by the chief minister, the commander and officials.

Following this, the

chief minister and the commander presented cash rewards and gifts, including K15 million for three automatic rifles, K0.5 million for one handmade gun, K10 million for five pistols, K1.2 million for four hand grenades and K0.6 million for three walkie-talkies, totalling K27.3 million, along with incentive rewards for the 17 returnees, who accepted the items. Afterwards, the returnees signed bonds of undertaking and were formally handed back to their parents and guardians. One of the returnees then delivered a concluding vote of thanks.

There are still individuals who wish to return to the legal fold. Those who intend to do so are encouraged to promptly contact and report to the nearest Tatmadaw bases or police stations. They will be welcomed and accepted, provided with the necessary assistance and support, and offered cash rewards for any arms and ammunition they surrender. — MNA/TH

Kunhing inspects 5,000-gallon water tank construction



This image shows the completed water tank project in Kunhing Township.

THE Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, conducted a field inspection yesterday to

review the completion of a 5,000-gallon water storage tank construction in Hawngleik Village, Kunhing Township.

Department of Rural Development Head U Aung Kyaw Hein and engineering staff inspected the 100 per cent completed water storage tank. He also met members of the Mya Sein Yaung (MSY) Village Project Working Committee, urging them to collectively maintain and preserve the water tank for long-term sustainability, and examined the monthly financial records of the project for accuracy and completeness.

The water storage tank project, measuring 15 feet in length, 10 feet in width and six feet in height, was constructed

at a total estimated cost of K13 million, funded with K11.7 million from 50 per cent of the MSY Village Project interest income and K1.3 million contributed by local communities. Residents began implementation in the second week of July under the technical assistance and close supervision of department staff. With the project now 100 per cent complete, the system will ensure an adequate supply of clean drinking water for 285 residents across 62 households in Hawngleik Village. — Cho Than Nyunt (Rural)

Yangon Region police conduct crime prevention and traffic safety operations

POLICE personnel from township police stations across Yangon Region conducted operations in cooperation with traffic police and local administrative officials to strengthen the rule of law and prevent crime.

As part of the opera-

tions yesterday, the Insein Township police officer, together with relevant departmental officials and personnel from Hlinethaya (East) and North Okkalapa Myoma police stations, as well as members of the Kyauktada and Bahan Township Traffic Police

Units, conducted public awareness activities on crime prevention. These included distributing pamphlets, conducting door-to-door crime awareness campaigns, carrying out daytime vehicle checks, and distributing pamphlets encouraging pedestrians

to use pedestrian crossings and follow traffic safety rules.

In addition, on the evening of 2 August, township police officers in Dagon Myothit (East), Dagon Myothit (North), Sangyoung, Hlegu, Botahtaung and Pazu-



A crime awareness campaign is underway in Yangon Region.

ndaung townships conducted vehicle checks, patrolled the townships, inspected household guest

registration records and carried out bicycle patrols to help reduce crime in the wards. — Aung Thu/MKKS

NATIONAL

WFP to provide free transport services for Ayeyawady flood relief

THE United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has announced that it will provide free transport services for flood relief supplies destined for Ayeyawady Region.

WFP is already providing free logistics and cargo transport services to humanitarian partner organizations and charity groups assisting flood-affected citizens in Ayeyawady Region.

The assistance will include large cargo boats capable of carrying 25 to 30 tonnes, 8-tonne 6-wheelers, and small motorboats capable of delivering supplies directly to villages. Operations are currently focused primarily on Laymyethna, Yekyi and Ngathaingyoung, and will be expanded to other areas depending on needs and accessibility conditions.

“When entire communities are cut off by flooding, logistics become the determining factor for rescue operations. In addition to providing food assistance, WFP is acting as a logistics service provider,” stated Mr Michael Dunford, WFP Country Director and Representative in Myanmar.

WFP also kindly requested to be notified at least 24 to 48 hours in advance with details of the items to be transported. On 21 July, Union Minister for National Planning, Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Aung Kyaw Hoe received Mr Michael John Dunford at Office 1 in Nay Pyi Taw. — TWA/ZN



This image shows the World Food Programme's transport support for flood relief.

Water level declines slightly at Ngamoeyeik and dams



The Ngamoeyeik Dam is seen on the morning of 4 September.

THE water entering Ngamoeyeik and dams has slightly decreased over the past 24 hours, according to measurements of the Ngamoeyeik Dam yesterday morning.

The dams' water level declined as rainfall was low yesterday and water flowing into creeks from upper Myanmar has also gradually decreased, it said.

The current water level of Ngamoeyeik and Mahuya dams exceeded their sluice gates by 2.2 feet and 1.40 feet, respectively, while it is 4.80 feet below the full mark at Paunglin Dam. Despite the flooded sluice gates, the water entry into Ngamoeyeik and Mahuya has returned to normal conditions due to low rainfall. — TWA/ZS

Vocational school empowers disabled adults with skills training

VOCATIONAL Training School for Adult Disabled (Yangon) under the Department of Social Welfare will offer three month training in computer, tailoring, hairdressing, and stamp making for the 2026-2027 academic year, starting from 7 September to 7 December 2026.

The training is open to persons with disabilities aged 18 to 45 who can perform daily self care tasks, regardless of gender, ethnicity and religion.

Computer training will include Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Adobe PageMaker 7.0, and Photoshop subjects.

Those who have high school education are eligible to apply for it.

Those with middle school education can join tailoring training, covering basic machine operation, pattern drawing and cutting, various blouse styles, shirts and men's garment sewing.

Those who have a primary education background can attend the hairdressing training for male/female hairstyles, shampooing, hair colouring, straightening/curling, facial and hair combination styling, and ear piercing.

Those with primary education are eligible to apply for stamp making training, including design framing, colour mixing, shirt stamping, sticker making, glass stamping, and mirror painting.

Applicants must submit a copy of citizenship scrutiny card, household registration, two passport size photos, residence certificate from their ward/village administrator, and medical records including the current medication details. Former military service members must also provide a certificate of military service completion (Form 12).

Accommodation, meals, training materials, and travel expenses for trainees from outside Yangon will be covered by the State.

Interested individuals can submit applications in person at the Training School, No 65, Kyaik Waing Pagoda Road, Social Welfare Training School compound, Mayangon Township, Yangon.

Individuals can enquire about details through the Department of Social Welfare at 067 404252, or the training school at 01 9661712, 09 448035080, or 09 972661840 during office hours. — NN/KK

Zoo veterinarian workshop to share experiences of care for tigress Wyne Chit

WITH experience in the medication process provided for the sick tigress Wyne Chit, a zoo veterinarian workshop will be organized, said the Yangon Zoo.

The tigress Wyne Chit broke her left leg at four months old, but she fully recovered and is now a mother of cubs with the help of the zoo's successful treatment. This workshop, which is set from 21 to 25 September, will offer wildlife healthcare, veterinary care, as well as the treatment and care provided for Wyne Chit.

She recovered under intensive care from veterinarians, orthopaedists, and zookeepers, and that experience was compiled into a paper and submitted to the 31st Southeast Asia Zoos and Aquariums (SEAZA) Conference. Inviting veterinarians from Thailand, the Htoo Zoos and Gardens Business Unit will organize this workshop.

Interested attendees can contact the following numbers: 09 262499324 or 09 682011170 for registration. — MT/ZS



Officials provide care to tigress Wyne Chit.

Trading Amount and Forex Rate in the Market on 4 September 2026

	US\$	Chinese yuan	Thai baht	Indian rupee
Exchange rates	3,662.30~3665.30	557.10~557.30	125.50~125.60	43.60
Trading amount in the market	11,605,200.25	2,499,245.71	11,339,071.55	-

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

Farmers, MSMEs link up to power supply chains

THE Ministry of Industry and MSME Development is facilitating direct trade links between farmers and MSME entrepreneurs to strengthen local supply chains and promote value added production.

The effort for sustainable development in the MSME sector targets four interconnected pillars: raw materials, inputs, capital, and human resources.

MSMEs are encouraged to process domestic agricultural, livestock and natural resource raw materials into finished products instead of exporting them unprocessed. The relevant departments are also

coordinating matters to facilitate imports of industrial raw materials and machinery not available locally and to enjoy customs duty relief.

Prioritizing electricity supply for MSME factories and workshops and providing technical support for transitioning to renewable energy sources such as solar and biomass are also being undertaken. In addition to the state established MSME fund, banks are also extending loans at fairer interest rates, with expanded credit guarantee schemes to help businesses lacking sufficient collateral. Online loan applications to the respective banks are be-



Female workers participating in MSMEs.

ing rolled out to improve convenience. The relevant ministries are also conducting courses related to enhancing capacity building to produce skilled workers, empowering human resources in MSMEs, digital marketing, digital banking, e-government systems, production technology, finance and management.

At present, ten ministries have offered 463 types of training across 1,021 sessions, reaching 201,140 participants, with another 1,106 currently enrolled. — ASH/KK

YGN palm oil wholesale reference price stable for 3rd consecutive week



Cooking oil bottles are displayed for sale in the department store.

THE wholesale reference price of palm oil set for the Yangon market was stable at K7,179 per viss for a third consecutive week until 10 September, according to the Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution.

The Supervisory

Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia, adding transport costs, tariffs and banking services to decide the wholesale market reference rate for

edible oil weekly.

Despite the reference price, the market price is still high. To control overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce has informed consumers of lodging complaints for overcharging through the call centre hotline. The department urges consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices.

The Committee notified that any person who is involved in price gouging and oil storage to attempt market manipulation will face legal action under the Essential Goods and Services Law.

The department is working together with the Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and the

cooking oil importing companies to offer affordable rates of imported palm oil for consumers.

Complaints about overcharging can be lodged over hotline 1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs Department, or sent to the Facebook page of the department and the region and state departments concerned.

The domestic consumption of palm oil is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local palm oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. About 700,000 tonnes of palm oil are annually imported through Malaysia and Indonesia to meet domestic demands. — NN/KK

MRF, DENKO sign fuel supply agreement for agricultural sector

THE Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) held a central executive committee coordination meeting on 1 September at the UMFC-CI Mingala Hall in Yangon, during which a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed with DENKO Trading Co Ltd to ensure timely fuel supply across the agricultural supply chain.

The agreement involves 41 member companies of the federation and DENKO. Under the MoA, DENKO Trading will supply diesel fuel in appropriate quantities for agricultural machinery, rice mills, dryers, and transport operations. The meeting also discussed boosting rice exports, amending the federation's constitution, and future work plans.

Next, DENKO Trading donated K500 million to the federation, which will be used for rehabilitation and seed assistance programmes in the flood affected areas, according to the MRF. — TWA/KK



The MRF central executive committee coordination meeting and MoA signing ceremony with DENKO Trading Co Ltd.

Hlegu Farms Supply 120,000 Eggs, 4,000 Viss Chickens Each Day

A poultry farm operated by Ngasu Taung Co Ltd in Hlegu Township, Yangon Region, is producing and distributing 120,000 eggs and 4,000 viss of chicken daily to help meet food supply needs in Yangon Region.

“The Yangon Region government is supporting livestock businesses to maintain stable production and ensure food security. According to Dr Aung Myo Han, Director of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of Yangon Region, poultry farms are being supervised to ensure production follows proper livestock farming practices, including the use of quality breeds, systematic feed management, disease prevention and control, proper record-keeping and the development of consumer-friendly markets.

There are currently more than 2.6 million hens at 326 commercial layer farms and more than 6.6 million broiler chickens at 1,282 commercial broiler farms across Yangon Region. Hlegu and Hmawby townships are the main poultry-producing areas.

The Ngasu Taung poultry farm in Hlegu Township has 150,000 broilers and 150,000 layers and produces 120,000 eggs and 4,000 viss of chicken daily. In addition, 13 Myanmar Green Light poultry farms produce more than 58,000 eggs daily. These farms, together with other poultry farms, supply the Yangon consumer market and help meet local food demand. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH

Forge lasting peace based on charitable activities

AS Myanmar has a large Buddhist population, the influence of Buddhist teachings can be seen in almost every aspect of society. Likewise, followers of the major religions of Hinduism, Christianity and Islam also observe Myanmar’s traditions and customs and can be seen actively participating in charitable activities, which are widely practised by the majority of the people.

The United Nations stated that charity, when rooted in equity and ethics, is more than generosity: it’s a powerful act of global responsibility. It connects people across borders and sectors to confront poverty, uplift communities, and build a more inclusive and sustainable world for everyone.

Charity at its core is an expression of global solidarity. It brings people together to build more just and resilient societies, whether through direct giving, volunteering, or collective action.

In fact, charity can help forge the unity of the nation as well as among different ethnic groups. As Myanmar is formed with more than 100 ethnic groups, charitable activity is the best tool to integrate all the people residing on the land of Myanmar. This is because charity can help fulfil the physical and mental needs of others. As such, all the people of Myanmar need to uphold charity to restore lasting peace across the nation.

time, physical and mental strength, finance and management to the implementation of their projects, such as supplying relief aid to victims of armed conflicts and natural disasters. Upholding the charitable spirit, they spend their time raising funds by collecting financial assistance from well-wishers, staging artistic performances with their endeavours and working in public welfare movements. It is a part of Myanmar’s society.

In fact, charity can help forge the unity of the nation as well as among different ethnic groups. As Myanmar is formed with more than 100 ethnic groups, charitable activity is the best tool to integrate all the people residing on the land of Myanmar. This is because charity can help fulfil the physical and mental needs of others. As such, all the people of Myanmar need to uphold charity to restore lasting peace across the nation.

I believe that everyone has an idol in their life to inspire and motivate them. When we face bad days, we often feel unproductive and physically exhausted, which also reduces our self-confidence. On the other hand, we can overcome life’s challenges with confidence when we look at our idols and see how they faced their own difficulties. This clearly shows why an iconic person is essential for all of us.

In my life, my father is my ultimate idol, and there is no doubt about this argument. You won’t believe how much I have improved because of him throughout my life. One of my greatest personal achievements was overcoming my fear of learning the English language.

Beyond immediate aid, charity strengthens healthcare, education, cultural preservation, and the protection of vulnerable groups. Today, charity and philanthropy alike are evolving to address the deeper causes of poverty and inequality.

In Myanmar, people from all ethnic and religious backgrounds readily extend wholehearted assistance to those in need, without discrimination and with genuine goodwill. They all focus on the accomplishment to fulfill the needs of needy people. Those charity organizations do not hope for any response and reflection from their efforts to assist others. Actually, members of those charity organizations are keen to provide aid for needy persons and are delighted with their efforts, which effectively contribute to needy areas or people. In this regard, some members of the charity organizations sacrificed their lives in critical conditions.

In Myanmar’s society, members of charity organizations contribute their spare

Understanding the Risks and How to Reduce Them

Modern convenience has quietly reshaped daily human movement. Desk-bound office jobs, long car commutes, streaming services, and mobile devices mean many adults spend over ten hours a day sitting or lying down. While this lifestyle feels effortless, medical researchers frequently refer to prolonged inactivity as the “sitting disease” because of its severe consequences on cardiovascular health.

Understanding how a sedentary lifestyle impacts the heart – and taking concrete, everyday steps to counteract it – is essential for long-term health.

How Prolonged Sitting Harms the Heart

When the body remains inactive for long periods, major muscle groups in the legs and core shut down. This triggers a negative cascade throughout the cardiovascular system:

Slower Metabolism & Lipid Processing: Muscle inactivity dramatically reduces the production of lipoprotein lipase, an enzyme essential for breaking down blood fats. As a result, harmful triglycerides and LDL cholesterol increase, while “good” HDL cholesterol drops.

Insulin Resistance: Sitting limits muscle uptake of glucose. Over time, blood sugar remains elevated, driving insulin resist-

The Beacon in the Dark: How My Dad Saved My Future

By Kyaw Ye Aung

Back in my primary, secondary, and high school days, I was very weak in both English and Mathematics. At first, I blamed myself for being a dull student before I received valuable advice and encouragement from my dad. Afterwards, with his constant assistance and guidance, I tried my best to improve

my English skills.

Most of my energy for learning English came from my father. He was born in 1957 in a small village. He grew up in a family of seven members as the third son, deeply loved by his grandmother. Despite facing a difficult financial situation during his childhood, he

was exceptionally intelligent at school. He was beloved by his teachers and classmates because he was an outstanding student who was kind-hearted, honest, and always ready to help others.

According to his stories, he proposed to my mother, and she accepted. They got married when they were over 30 years old and went on to have three daughters and three sons. Unfortunately, the eldest and

youngest sons passed away at a very young age due to pertussis (whooping cough) and dengue fever. Nevertheless, my parents cared for the rest of us to the absolute best of their abilities. Even though they lived in a very small, underdeveloped village, they placed an incredible emphasis on their children’s education. They strongly believed that investing in their children’s future through education was the best decision any parent



could make. They always reminded us that although they were poor, education was the special gift they could offer us. That is the true reflection of immense love and parental dedication.

Realizing that fluency in English can open doors to career opportunities, better employment, higher salaries, and international travel, I decided to teach myself and am still learning by attending English

classes. As a result, I can now communicate confidently with others. My English skills have improved immensely compared to my high school years. I am deeply thankful to my father, who brightened my future with his motivational words, valuable wisdom, and priceless advice.

In conclusion, everyone should have an idol in life to navigate difficulties during hard times. A role model motivates us to strive for our goals. For anyone endeavouring to achieve their dreams, choosing a role model is of paramount importance. Most importantly, we must actively try to follow their example so that we, too, can become effective and inspiring role models for others.

Walk More, Live Longer: Simple Steps to Protect Your Heart Today

By Lynn Lynn Myat Oo

ance, type 2 diabetes, and arterial damage.

Elevated Blood Pressure: Reduced circulation and arterial stiffening make it harder for blood to pump efficiently, leading to chronic hypertension.

Increased Risk of Clots: Sluggish blood flow in the legs can cause venous stasis, in-

creasing the risk of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and arterial plaque accumulation.

Crucially, research shows that a single intense workout at the end of the day doesn’t fully offset eight to 10 hours of continuous sitting. Consistent, distributed movement throughout the day is necessary to protect

the heart.

Practical Ways to Reduce Cardiovascular Risks

Preventing heart disease caused by a sedentary lifestyle doesn’t require training like an athlete; it requires breaking up motionless stretches and adopting small, heart-healthy habits.

Break Up Sitting Time

Set a timer to stand, stretch,

or walk for two to three minutes every 30 to 60 minutes.

Use a standing desk or alternate between sitting and standing while working.

Take phone calls while walking or pacing around the room.

Build Up Consistent Exercise

Aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity (like brisk walking, cycling, or swimming) or 75 minutes of vigorous activity per week.

Add strength training exercises two days a week to engage major muscle groups and improve metabolic rate.

Increase Incidental Daily Movement

Choose the stairs instead of the elevator.

Park farther away from entrances or get off public transit one stop early to walk.

Turn passive leisure time into active time – stretch, use a foam roller, or ride a stationary bike while watching television.

Support the Heart Beyond Physical Activity

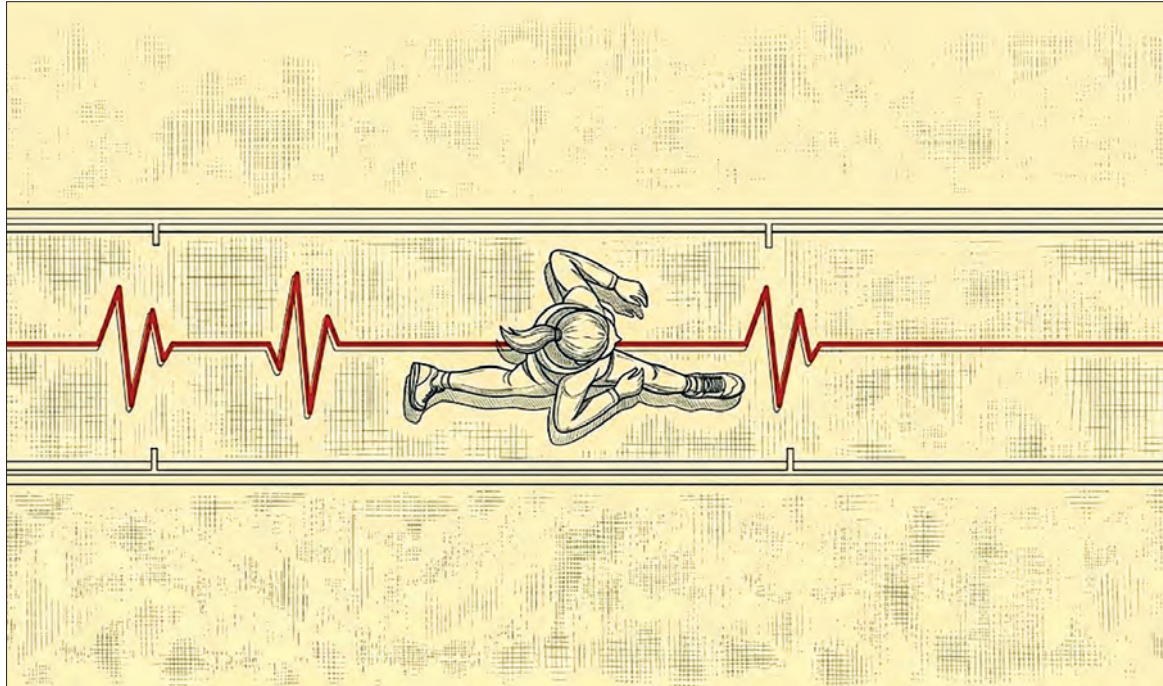
Eat a Heart-Healthy Diet: Focus on whole grains, leafy greens, lean proteins, nuts, and omega-3 fatty acids, while minimizing processed foods, excess sodium, and refined sugars.

Prioritize Sleep: Get seven–eight hours of quality sleep nightly to allow the cardiovascular system time to recover.

Manage Stress: High levels of chronic stress elevate cortisol and blood pressure, exacerbating sedentary risk factors.

Schedule Regular Screenings: Monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar levels regularly to identify and address early warning signs.

A sedentary lifestyle silently elevates the risk of heart failure, heart attacks, and stroke – but the fix doesn’t require a radical overnight transformation. By sitting less, moving consistently throughout the day, and supporting your body with healthy lifestyle choices, you can protect your heart and significantly reduce your long-term risks.



Sojourn

By Thihathayna

We all visited this world on our own
Out of nowhere,
Heading for the unknown
One after another, swiftly there

Of many a thing ceaseless, uncertain,
Ere we’ve had enough of our fuss,
Only one thing behind a curtain
Is the time that runs fleeting away from us



SCI/TECH WORLD

Japanese scientist posthumously wins Ig Nobel prize for nose-blowing study

Professor Miki Takahara accepted the prize on the researcher's behalf.

THE late Japanese researcher Tokuji Unno won this year's Ig Nobel Prize in medicine on Thursday for his study on how to blow one's nose.

The achievement, recognized at a ceremony in Zurich, marks the 20th consecutive year in which at least one Japanese national has been among the winners selected by the Annals of Improbable Research, a science humor magazine that has given out the annual awards since 1991, parodying the prestigious Nobel prizes.

Miki Takahara, an Asahikawa Medical University professor who accepted the medicine prize on behalf of Unno, told reporters, "He was strict and sincere about research. I think he

would be very happy, too."

Unno, a professor emeritus at the university who published the work in 1977 and died in 2022 at 89, measured airflow and speed during nose-blowing and concluded it works best to blow each nostril separately. Among other award recipients was an international team that won the chemistry prize for research that found the milk crystals of a type of cockroach contain over three times the energy of cow's milk by weight.

The Ig Nobel Prizes organizers moved the ceremony from the United States to Europe this year amid tighter US visa issuance under President Donald Trump's administration. — Kyodo

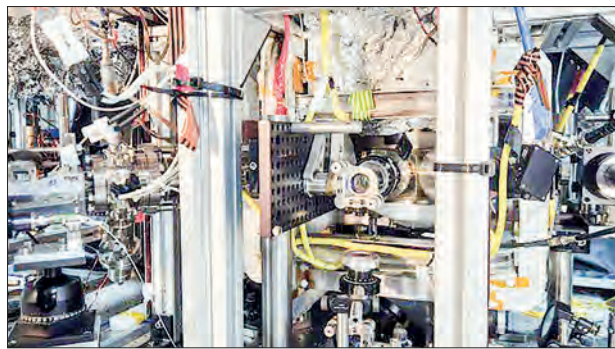


Miki Takahara, an Asahikawa Medical University professor, accepted the medicine prize on behalf of Unno. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Researchers observe gravity's predicted quantum phase

AN international team of researchers has observed a long-predicted effect of gravity on a falling quantum object, showing a key principle behind Einstein's theory of gravity remains valid even in the quantum world, Israel's Ben-Gurion University of the Negev said in a statement on Thursday.

Einstein's equivalence principle is the idea that gravity affects all objects equally, regardless of mass. According to this principle, a freely falling observer should locally experience no gravitational force. However,



Scientists confirmed Einstein's equivalence principle in a quantum state experiment. **PHOTO: QUANTUM INSIDER**

quantum objects can behave as waves and effectively travel along more than one path, raising the question of whether the principle remains valid when "the object" does not follow a single definite classical path.

In the new study published in the journal Science Advances, the researchers tested the principle on microscopic objects governed by quantum mechanics and found that gravity behaved exactly as Einstein

predicted.

The team used extremely cold atoms placed in a quantum state that allowed them to follow two paths simultaneously.

They used the Quantum Galileo Interferometer, in honour of Galileo's work on gravity. It allowed them to split the quantum wave associated with an atom into two paths, one in place (stationary relative to the laboratory and Earth) and the other for free fall, and then reunite them to see how gravity had changed the falling wave. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

New Zealand approves trauma drug

TWO psychiatrists in New Zealand won approval Friday to prescribe pharmaceutical-grade MDMA to sufferers of severe post-traumatic stress disorder.

The move by New Zealand's pharmaceutical regulatory body Medsafe makes the country only the second worldwide to approve the use of the party drug for use in treating PTSD, following Australia in 2023. "PTSD ruins lives and is difficult to treat," said Deputy Prime Minister David Seymour, who last year backed the approval of magic mushrooms to treat people with severe depression. — AFP

Major United States AI platforms hit

ChatGPT, Claude and Grok were among several major US artificial intelligence (AI) services hit by near-simultaneous outages on Thursday, disrupting access for some users before affected services recovered over the next several hours. Anthropic's official status page showed elevated request error rates across multiple Claude models during the morning. The disruption affected Claude's website, API, Claude Code and Claude Cowork. The company later said the outage was caused by an infrastructure issue and that the impact had ended by 9:16 am Pacific Time (1616 GMT). — Xinhua

Portuguese researchers develop new disease approach

A new approach to treating Machado-Joseph disease has been developed by Portuguese researchers, it was announced this week.

Machado-Joseph disease is a hereditary neurodegenerative disorder with a high prevalence in parts of Portugal. Also known as spinocerebellar ataxia type 3, the disease causes progressive problems

with movement, speech and swallowing. There is currently no cure for the disease.

The study, conducted by researchers at the University of Coimbra and the GeneT Centre of Excellence in Gene Therapy and published in the scientific journal Biomaterials, could contribute to new treatments for the disease. — Xinhua



Portuguese scientists unveiled an innovative gene-editing therapy for Machado-Joseph disease. **PHOTO: IMPERIAL COLLEGE**

New Zealand records third-warmest winter season

NEW Zealand recorded its third-warmest winter on record in 2026, with a nationwide average temperature of 9.7 degrees Celsius, Earth Sciences New Zealand said Friday.

The temperature was 1.1 degrees Celsius above the 1991-2020 winter average, making it the third-warmest winter since the country's seven-station temperature series began in 1909, the agency said in a statement.

Exceptional warmth in June and a relatively warm winter throughout

the South Island were the dominant features of the country's overall seasonal temperature, while temperatures were near average in parts of Northland, Auckland, Waikato, eastern Bay of Plenty and Gisborne on the North Island, it said.

Winter rainfall was above or well above normal in Southland, Otago, southern and inland Canterbury and the West Coast on the South Island, while large parts of the North Island recorded below-normal rainfall, the agency said. — Xinhua

272 lost pet reports filed after M7.1 Kumamoto quake, less than half found

ANIMAL shelters in the southwestern Japan prefecture of Kumamoto had received 272 reports of missing pets as of 25 August, after the region was rocked by a magnitude-7.1 earthquake in July, the prefectural and city governments said Friday. Of those, 129 have since been found and returned to their owners, including animals captured as strays by authorities under rabies prevention and other legislation that were later found to be lost pets.

Search efforts continue for animals that remain missing, with support from both public and nongovernmental organizations. A total of 64 reports were filed at local health centres and animal shelters in the city of Kumamoto, while another 208 were handled by the prefecture, which oversees the other municipalities.

Kumamoto Prefecture was hit by a strong earthquake on 28 July, which killed 38 people and forced thousands to move to evacuation centres. — Kyodo



This image shows the Kumamoto Prefecture Animal Welfare Centre located in Uki, Kumamoto Prefecture, Japan. PHOTO: KYODO

China to expand health insurance coverage for innovative drugs

Commercial health insurance will cover vital new drugs for patients.

CHINA will expand national health insurance coverage for innovative drugs used to treat cancer, chronic and rare diseases, and childhood illnesses, with the goal of easing the financial burden on patients and their families.

Since 2018, China has added 949 medicines to its national health insurance drug list, including 199 innovative drugs, Li Tao, deputy head of the National Healthcare Security Administration, said at a news conference on Friday.

The administration plans to expand the



Medical workers prepare to inject Spinraza to a four-year-old child diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) at a hospital in Zaozhuang, east China's Shandong Province, 1 January 2022. PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE

range of innovative drugs covered by commercial health insurance. It will encourage commercial

insurers to step in first to cover drugs that are not included in the basic health insurance pro-

gramme but offer significant clinical benefits and address important medical needs.

It will also shorten approval timelines and help bring pharmaceutical innovations into clinical use more quickly, Li said.

China's innovative pharmaceutical sector has grown rapidly in recent years. By 2025, China accounted for about 30 per cent of the global biopharma pipeline, up from just two per cent a decade earlier, and about one-fifth of global licensing deals, according to McKinsey research. — Xinhua

Marta Pozzan directs comedy

ACTRESS and producer Marta Pozzan is all set to make her directorial debut with the dark comedy short 'Down to Die'.

According to Variety, the project follows "two friends, Maria (Pozzan) and Gabriel (Andrew Matarazzo), whose seemingly ordinary afternoon at an exclusive members-only club in East Los Angeles East spirals into a candid conversation about ageing, ambition, identity and mortality".

The script has been penned by Pozzan only.

Alongside Pozzan ("Fior Di Latte," "From Scratch") and Matarazzo ("Teen Wolf"), the cast also features Joe Apollonio ("Magic Farm") as Reece, the club's ever-present membership curator whose interruptions are never quite accidental, and Lindsey Normington ("Anora") as Noah, the effortlessly charming waitress who briefly cuts through the emotional tension with a grounded warmth.

The project explores themes of "performative



Marta Pozzan made her professional directorial debut with dark comedy film. PHOTO: ANI

success, celebrity obsession and emotional detachment through rapid-fire di-

alogue and uncomfortable comedic tension", as per Variety. — ANI

Juror blocks verdict in trial

THE defence for Lindsay Clancy, the US mother accused of murdering her three children, on Thursday accused a single holdout juror of blocking a verdict in the high-profile trial.

Clancy, 36, does not deny strangling Cora,

five, Dawson, three, and Callan, eight months, but claims she was suffering from postpartum psychosis — excusing her from criminal responsibility.

Her five-week trial, which was televised and featured more than 80 witnesses, has sparked

debate in the United States over maternal mental health.

Kevin Reddington, Clancy's main lawyer, told a Massachusetts court Thursday that there is "one juror who refuses to listen to the law that you've given him or her on

reasonable doubt".

He requested that the juror be removed from the 12-member panel, but Judge William Sullivan refused and instead sent them back to continue a seventh day of deliberations Friday. — AFP

ECONOMY
WORLD

India-Belgium eye doubling bilateral trade over next five years

Historic free trade agreement strengthens global stability, growth, and shared prosperity.

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said India and Belgium have set a goal of doubling bilateral trade over the next five years, as the two countries moved to deepen economic, defence, clean energy and technology cooperation.

Addressing the joint press statement following his meeting with Belgian Prime Minister Bart De Wever, PM Modi said the India-European Union Free Trade Agreement concluded earlier this year has opened up new possibilities for economic ties.

“Earlier this year,



India and Belgium committed to doubling mutual bilateral trade over five years. PHOTO: ANI

we concluded a historic Free Trade Agreement between India and the European Union. This unprecedented cooperation between two of the

world’s largest democratic powers will further strengthen global stability, growth, and shared prosperity,” Modi said.

He said India and

Belgium have taken several steps to translate the new economic opportunities into concrete outcomes, including establishing an Investment Fast-Track Mechanism in India for Belgian companies.

“We have decided to make the India-Belgium Business Forum a regular mechanism. We will enhance synergy between the financial, fintech, and regulatory institutions of both nations, and through these measures, we will realize the goal of doubling bilateral trade over the next five years,” he said. — ANI

S Korea current account surplus hits July record

SOUTH Korea’s current account surplus hit a record high for the month of July, driven by a surge in tech exports such as semiconductors and

computer peripherals, central bank data showed Friday.

The current account balance, or the broadest measure of cross-border

trade, recorded a surplus of US\$42.08 billion in July, marking the largest for any given month of July, according to the Bank of Korea (BOK).

It also marked the second-biggest monthly surplus, trailing only the previous month’s historic high of \$49.73 billion. — Xinhua

Cuba starts free market reforms

FOREIGNERS can now invest in Cuban real estate and domestic companies can import and export without government intermediaries under reforms implemented this week aimed at ending a severe economic crisis.

The free-market reforms had been unveiled in June by Cuba’s communist leadership as the island teetered on the brink of collapse after five months of a US fuel blockade.

Under immense

pressure from Washington, Havana announced 176 measures throwing the island open to private

investment in everything from banking to tourism and agriculture.

The government on

Wednesday began implementing the changes through a flurry of decrees, resolutions and regulations.

One decree authorized private Cuban companies to work directly with foreign investors, hold accounts in overseas banks and import and export goods without going through state intermediaries. Previously, most foreign investors were required to form joint ventures with the state. — AFP



Cuban government launched major economic policy changes to attract private investments. PHOTO: AFP/FILE



Ivey Hall, Lincoln University, New Zealand. PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

New Zealand education export earnings surge

AS one of New Zealand’s most valuable export sectors, international education generated nearly five billion NZ dollars (US\$2.95 billion) in export earnings in the year to June 2026, up from 4.3 billion NZ dollars in the year to June 2025 and 3.5 billion NZ dollars in the year to June 2024, Education Minister Erica Stanford said in a statement.

The figure compares with 4.4 billion NZ dollars in the year to June 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic, Stanford said, noting that the milestone was significant for a sector hit

particularly hard by COVID-19 border closures.

“International education brings billions of dollars into New Zealand, supports jobs and businesses, strengthens our universities and schools, and drives economic activity in communities right across the country,” the minister said.

In 2025, there were 92,580 international student enrolments, up from 69,140 in 2023 but below the 115,705 recorded in 2019, she said, adding that New Zealand is on track to reach 99,000 international students in 2026. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bhutan matsutake becomes hidden treasure for Japanese

MATSUTAKE mushrooms are prized as an autumn delicacy in Japan, but in the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan, where they grow on mountains across the country, many locals have little appetite for them.

That has made Bhutanese matsutake something of a hidden treasure for Japanese buyers, with their taste and aroma comparable to Japanese-grown varieties but their prices considerably lower.

This year’s harvest is also progressing smoothly, in contrast to Japan, where intense heat and low rainfall resulted in a poor crop last year.

“There’s one, right under those leaves,” said Chimi Rinzin as he brushed aside soil on a mountain near the capital Thimphu in late July to reveal a small matsutake.

Within an hour, the 43-year-old had collected more than a dozen mushrooms of varying sizes.

“This is when they really start coming through, and we can keep picking them until around the end of September,” he said. Rinzin’s main job is managing a Chinese restaurant, but for the past six or seven years he has taken time off during the harvest season to forage for matsutake. — Kyodo

Goyal sets United States terms

INDIA will announce the final details of its Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) with the United States only after Washington agrees to offer preferential tariff terms over India's competitors, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Thursday.

"As soon as the US is able to give us the preferential rate in comparison to our competition, we will finalise the BTA and announce the final details," Goyal said, addressing a national workshop on Leveraging FTAs Outreach programme.

The minister said the trade pacts India has already concluded are opening up significant export opportunities for domestic businesses.

He added that India is on track to conclude several more trade agreements in the coming months and years, naming Canada, Mexico, Chile, the Brazil-led Mercosur bloc, the Southern African Customs Union (SACU), a South Africa-led group of nations, the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), and Israel as prospective partners. — ANI

Nvidia to acquire Hugging Face platform

US chipmaker Nvidia has agreed to acquire artificial intelligence (AI) developer platform Hugging Face for about US\$12.93 billion, Nvidia founder and CEO Jensen Huang announced Thursday. Huang said in a company blog post that the two companies will work together to scale Hugging Face's platform, strengthen its infrastructure and expand access to AI for developers and institutions worldwide.

Hugging Face will remain an open platform for the entire AI ecosystem, Huang said.

"NVIDIA compute will not be required to build on or deploy through Hugging Face," Huang noted. He added that Hugging Face will continue to support open-source and open-weight models from different model developers, as well as multi-cloud and multi-accelerator development and deployment. — Xinhua

Japan retail group York Holdings eyes listing in 2nd half of 2028

YORK Holdings Co, the operator of supermarket chain Ito-Yokado, plans to list on the Tokyo Stock Exchange's top-tier Prime Market in the second half of 2028, sources familiar with the matter said Friday.

The company, spun off from the retail giant Seven & i Holdings Co to the US investment fund Bain Capital last year, has selected Nomura Securities Co and SMBC Nikko Securities Inc as initial public offering



York Holdings plans to list on Tokyo prime market by 2028. PHOTO: KYODO

advisers, they said.

York Holdings, which

also owns other supermarket and retail firms as well

as the Denny's restaurant chain in Japan, has been undergoing restructuring under Bain.

In the business year ended February 2026, York Holding's operating profit more than tripled to 50.3 billion yen (\$321 million), driven by improved profitability of the Ito-Yokado chain.

Bain Capital has a 60 percent stake in York Holdings, with the remainder held by Seven & i and its founding family. — Kyodo

Volkswagen approves plan to cut 50,000 more jobs worldwide



Volkswagen will streamline global workforce positions and eliminate redundant models. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

VOLKSWAGEN approved a transformation plan Thursday that will cut another 50,000 jobs and halve its model portfolio by 2035.

The Supervisory Board of the Volkswagen Group unanimously approved the Executive Board's Future Plan 2030, which includes "a Group-wide workforce adjustment of approximately 50,000 positions" in addition to 50,000 job cuts al-

ready under way, the group said in a statement.

"By 2035, the Volkswagen Group will streamline its model portfolio by around 50 per cent and reduce its offering complexity by around 75 per cent," the statement said.

The company did not provide further details on the timing of the job cuts or how the cuts would be distributed across its brands and regions. — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY.NO. (293N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY.NO. (293N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **5-9-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** 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.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V BAL XIAMEN VOY.NO. (107W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V BAL XIAMEN VOY.NO. (107W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **5-9-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** 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.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V XIN HUA YUAN VOY.NO. (0B82VS1NC)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V XIN HUA YUAN VOY.NO. (0B82VS1NC)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **5-9-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/AWPT** 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.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S CMA-CGM SHIPPING LINE PTE LTD

GLOBAL VIEWPOINTS:
WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Sri Lanka farmers advised to move up cultivation due to El Nino impact

Earlier sowing helps crops survive heavy November rainfall and flood damage.

SRI Lankan authorities on Friday advised farmers to bring forward planting for the 2026/27 Maha paddy cultivation season to withstand heavy rains and prepare for an El Nino-driven dry spell early next year.

The advisory came as meteorological forecasts indicate above-average rainfall across the island in October and November due to prevailing El Nino conditions and a positive Indian Ocean Dipole.

The Department of



Farmers harvest paddy rice in Gampaha, Sri Lanka, 6 February 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE

Agriculture urged farmers as soon as possible and to begin land preparation complete sowing between

15 October and 25 October while noting that earlier sowing would ensure crops are about a month old when heavier rains are expected in November, reducing the risk of damage from flooding.

Sri Lanka is targeting about 830,000 hectares of paddy cultivation during the upcoming Maha season. The revised schedule follows forecasts for above-average rainfall in October and November.

— Xinhua

Trump moves on mail ballots

DONALD Trump administration has approached the US Supreme Court seeking permission to implement sweeping changes to the handling of mail ballots, escalating a month-long legal battle over the US President's

executive order on election procedures ahead of the November midterm elections, CNN reported.

According to CNN, the US Justice Department filed an emergency appeal before the top court on Thursday (local

time), asking it to intervene immediately and allow the US Postal Service (USPS) to implement new regulations concerning election-related mail.

The appeal comes less than two months before the midterm elec-

tions and while lower courts are still considering the broader legal challenge to Trump's executive order, which was signed in March and gave federal agencies a greater role in election-related matters. — ANI

UK asserts 'unshakeable' Falklands commitment after Milei presses claim

BRITAIN insisted Friday that the Falkland Islands "are British" after Argentine President Javier Milei said the "winds of change" favoured his country's claim to the archipelago, citing Washington's readiness to review its neutrality in the dispute.

Britain and Argentina fought a 10-week war in 1982 over the South Atlantic islands, a British overseas territory which Argentines call Las Mal-

vinas.

The fate of the is-

lands hit headlines again in recent days after US



Stanley is the centre of population on the Falkland Islands. PHOTO: BRITANNICA

President Donald Trump threatened to wade into the dispute, and an British-Israeli oil project near the islands caused anger in Argentina.

In an address on national TV, Milei assured Thursday that Argentina would not "stand idly by" in the face of the oil project and announced sanctions on firms linked to oil extraction "in Argentine territory under British occupation".

— AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Norway restores border controls for royal funeral

NORWAY will temporarily reintroduce controls at its internal Schengen borders from 4 to 14 September as part of security arrangements for the funeral of King Harald V, the Norwegian Police Directorate said Thursday.

The Ministry of Justice and Public Security ordered the measure following a recommendation from the Norwegian Police Directorate. The controls are intended to prevent individuals or groups seeking to disrupt the funeral from entering Norway, according to the directorate.

The funeral, scheduled for 9 September is expected to draw numerous international dignitaries requiring close protection, many of whom will arrive through Oslo Airport. Police said the controls will facilitate more systematic information gathering and targeted checks. Ordinary travel is expected to be affected only marginally, with minimal delays. — Xinhua

Canada guides responsible data centres

THE Canadian government on Thursday unveiled a national framework to guide the responsible development of data centres across Canada, as demand for artificial intelligence and cloud computing continues to accelerate.

The new guidelines, titled Canada's Responsible Data Centre Development Principles, outline five core expectations for future projects, requiring data centres to create lasting local benefits, to not shift electricity costs to Canadians, to minimize water use and environmental impacts, to be transparent about local impacts, and to bring strategic value to Canada. — Xinhua

Alipov praises Indian BRICS leadership

Russia's Ambassador to India, Denis Alipov, on Friday praised India's leadership of the BRICS grouping, expressing strong confidence in the success of the upcoming summit and commending New Delhi's proactive role in steering the bloc.

Speaking on the preparations and momentum under India's presidency, Ambassador Alipov, in an exclusive interview with ANI ahead of the Summit, highlighted New Delhi's ability to drive multi-sectoral progress while introducing key operational frameworks. — ANI

Tesla launches driverless Cybercab in Austin

US electric vehicle maker Tesla on Thursday launched its driverless Cybercab in Austin, Texas, where the vehicle has already begun offering limited ride-hailing services.

In a promotional video released on the day of the launch, Tesla CEO Elon Musk described the Cybercab as "the first car that is specifically built for unsupervised full self-driving". According to Tesla, the Cybercab is a two-seat vehicle featuring butterfly doors and a large interactive touchscreen. A newly released rider guide shows that the vehicle has no steering wheel, accelerator pedal or brake pedal, relying on camera-based vision and sensors for fully autonomous driving. — Xinhua

Inter-Ministry Sepak Takraw quarterfinals begin

THE 2026 Inter-Ministry Men's Sepak Takraw Championship continued at Gymnasium A of the Wunna Theikdhi Sports Complex in Nay Pyi Taw, with the final group-stage matches and first-round knockout games held yesterday.

In the final group-stage matches of the men's three-player team event, teams representing the Ministry of Sports, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Ethnic Affairs, Ministry of Health, Central Bank of Myanmar, Ministry of Electricity and Energy, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Construction, and Ministry of Digital Development and Communications recorded victories.

In the first-round knockout matches, teams

representing the Ministry of Sports, Ministry of Border Affairs, Ministry of Transport, Central Bank of Myanmar, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Construction, and Ministry of Culture, Hotels and Tourism advanced with wins.

The quarter-finals will begin at 10 am on 5 September. The Ministry of Sports will face the Ministry of Border Affairs, the Ministry of Transport will meet the Central Bank of Myanmar, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation will take on the Ministry of Defence, and the Ministry of Construction will play the Ministry of Culture, Hotels and Tourism. The semi-finals will follow the quarter-finals. — MNA/KZL



Opponents clash in a high-air duel during the Inter-Ministry Sepak Takraw quarterfinal.

Nanda Kyaw retires from Myanmar national team

MYANMAR national defender Nanda Kyaw has announced his retirement from international football after more than a decade representing the country from youth level through to the senior national team.

The Shan United captain said he had decided because a long-standing back injury had yet to fully recover. He also cited a desire to spend more time with his family and give younger players greater opportunities in Myanmar football.

Nanda Kyaw expressed pride in representing Myanmar for

more than 10 years and thanked his coaches, teammates and supporters for their continued support throughout his international career. He added that his love for Myanmar football would remain unchanged and wished the national team continued success.

The announcement came shortly after an incident involving Nanda Kyaw and Shan United head coach U Aung Khine. Following the M-League 2026-2027 match between Shan United and Yangon City at Padetha Stadium on 30 August, the MFF Disciplinary



Myanmar international defender Nanda Kyaw in action for the national team.

Committee found that comments made by both men in interviews had breached disciplinary regulations and fined each K700,000.

Nanda Kyaw, 30, has represented Myanmar

at various youth levels and senior level, while playing for Magway FC and Shan United at club level. He was also part of Myanmar's U20 squad at the 2015 FIFA U20 World Cup. — TWA/KZL

Ayeyawady FC to host Women's Champions' League Group A

THE draw ceremony for the AFC Women's Champions' League group stage was held yesterday afternoon at the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) headquarters in Malaysia.

According to the draw results, Myanmar's Ayeyawady FC will host Group A, alongside Nagoyang FC of North Korea, INAC Kobe Leonessa of Japan and Bam Khatoon FC of Iran.

Group B, to be hosted by In-

dia, features East Bengal FC, Hwacheon KSPO of South Korea, Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam and 4.25 Sports Club of North Korea.

Group C, to be hosted by Uzbekistan, comprises PFC Nasaf of Uzbekistan, Melbourne City FC of Australia, Beijing Jingtan FC of China and Kaya FC of the Philippines.

The group-stage matches will therefore be hosted by Ayeyawady FC Women of Myanmar, East Ben-



Ayeyawady FC player May Htet Lu pictured with the group-stage match schedule.

gal FC of India and PFC Nasaf of Uzbekistan, respectively. — TWA/KZL

Yangon United maintain winning run, Yangon City and Yadanabon draw

THE second day of Matchweek 2 of the 2026-2027 Grand Royal M-League, organised by the Myanmar Football Federation and Myanmar National League, with Grand Royal, AYA Bank and AyaPay as major sponsors, was held yesterday. Yangon United extended their winning run, while Yangon City and Yadanabon played out a goalless draw.

At Padetha Stadium, Yangon City and Yadanabon shared the points after a 0-0 draw. Both sides have undergone major rebuilding ahead of the new season, with new coaches and several new players. Yangon City have now drawn both of their

opening matches, while Yadanabon have collected four points from two games.

Yadanabon created the better chances in the first half but failed to convert them, with striker Nay Toe unable to capitalize on the opportunities. Yangon City improved after the break and applied greater pressure, but neither side could find the breakthrough. Yadanabon also came close when Thurein Tun's long-range effort struck the crossbar.

Yangon City defender Zwe Khant Min was named the AyaPay Player of the Match and received K1 million in prize money.



Yangon City and Yadanabon players contesting the ball. PHOTO:ML

At Sunset Field, Star City Sport Club, in Thanlyin, Yangon United defeated new-

ly promoted Chinland 5-1 to maintain their winning start. Than Paing scored twice, in nine and 55 minutes, while Thiago, Maung Maung Lwin and Albert scored in 32, 65 and 75 minutes, respectively. Chinland's only goal came from Philip in 16 minutes.

Maung Maung Lwin of Yangon United received the AyaPay Player of the Match award and K1 million.

Matchweek 2 will continue on 5 September, with Myawady facing Shan United at Sunset Field, Star City Sport Club, in Thanlyin, while Thitsa Arman will take on Hanthawady United at Thihadipa Stadium in Thanlyin. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Sri Lanka farmers advised
to move up cultivation due
to El Nino impact

PAGE 14



WORLD

Canada ready for United States trade deal

CANADIAN Prime Minister Mark Carney on Thursday (local time) said that Ottawa is ready to negotiate a durable trade agreement with the United States that serves the interests of both countries, while stressing that Canada will continue to protect its workers, families and businesses amid the escalating trade tensions with Washington.

Carney said Canada was not seeking a quick po-

litical announcement but a long-term agreement that would benefit both sides.

“We are always going to stand up for what’s in the best interest of Canada, Canadian workers, and Canadian families, not look for an easy win, not looking for an announcement, but something that’s durable. And that deal is possible; that’s in both of our benefits,” Carney said during a press conference.

— ANI

China unveils plan promoting SME development growth

CHINA has issued a plan to promote high-quality development of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) during the 2026-2030 period, setting targets for business growth, innovation and the development environment.

By 2030, China’s SMEs are expected to achieve growth in both quality and scale, with per capita operating revenue of major SMEs posting cumulative growth of around 15 per cent over the five-year period, according to the plan, which was jointly issued by 10 government

departments, including the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT).

The plan describes SMEs as an important force in driving innovation, creating jobs and improving people’s livelihoods. It calls for efforts to improve systems for cultivating high-quality enterprises and providing public services, strengthen the legal and policy framework, and ensure better access to factors of production and a more supportive development environment. — Xinhua



A worker works at Xi’an Yinqiao Dairy Company in Lintong District of Xi’an, northwest China’s Shaanxi Province, 26 February 2020. PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE

Russia-China trade exceeds \$200 billion after 30-fold growth over three decades: Rosneft CEO

Russia and China jointly control one-third of global energy production.

Russia and China now account for one-third of global energy production, while bilateral trade has increased more than 50 times over the past 30 years, Rosneft CEO Igor Sechin said at the Russia-China Energy Business Forum during the Eastern Economic Forum.

The Northern Sea Route is becoming an increasingly important energy corridor amid instability in the Middle East, with China receiving priority access

Russia and China together account for around one-third of global energy production, while China’s energy consumption last year exceeded that of the



Russia and China strengthened massive bilateral energy and trade strategic cooperation. PHOTO: IGOR ONUCHIN / TASS

US and Europe combined by 40 per cent.

Russian supplies provide around 20 per cent of China’s coal imports, while Russia remains a

key supplier of enriched uranium for China’s nuclear industry

Russia is China’s largest oil supplier, accounting for around 23 per cent of

China’s oil imports, while more efficient Russian oil purchases have generated over \$27 billion in economic benefits for Beijing. — SPUTNIK

EEF seals 300 deals worth \$80B

ROUGHLY 318 agreements to the tune of almost seven trillion roubles (\$80.8 billion) were signed during the 2026 Eastern Economic Forum (EEF)

in Vladivostok, excluding deals that constitute commercial secrets, Russian presidential adviser Anton Kobayakov said during a press conference wrap-

ping up the gathering. The EEF 2026 drew more than 9,300 participants from 78 countries, including 18 states that Russia classifies as unfriendly,

Kobayakov pointed out. He said that 1,200 media representatives attended the forum, during which 150 business events were arranged. — SPUTNIK

Two trapped tunnel workers rescued in Nepal

TWO hydropower workers were pulled alive on Friday from a tunnel buried by debris in Nepal, a rare ray of hope on the tenth day of rescue efforts after catastrophic

Himalayan flooding.

Rescuers cheered as one man was pulled through a muddy opening, a video released by the energy ministry showed.

He was helped to his feet by rescuers, and later carried on the backs of the emergency workers, raising his hand as they rushed him towards a helicopter.

A photograph showed the second man caked in mud, his hands pressed together in prayer, as rescuers carried him on a stretcher. — AFP

Vance evaluates past American wars

US Vice President JD Vance delivered a remarkably blunt assessment of America’s military record while defending the need

for a culture shift at the Pentagon.

“America has fought a lot of wars since I’ve been alive — 42 years.

And we have won almost none of them,” JD Vance admitted.

The US vice-president went on to describe

the past four decades as “40 years of, frankly, military misadventures”, questioning both military planning and the political leadership behind it. — SPUTNIK