

Four Objectives of the National Defence and Security Council

- 1. To steadfastly strive for emergence of political forces and the people’s representatives who can implement a genuine, disciplined multi-party democratic system while constantly emphasizing on the national interests of the State.
- 2. To persistently strive for promoting the socio-economic life of the people through the development of agro-based industries in improving the agricultural sector, the vital foundation of the economic growth of the State.
- 3. To put emphasis on enhancing the national education and health sectors for sustainable development of the State.
- 4. To implement multi-party democratic system, with the participation of the people, to ensure the success of multi-party democratic general election process and successfully moving towards with the multi-party democratic system aspired by the entire people.

Quick-win projects bring benefits to State and people

The growth of agricultural and livestock-based industries plays a vital role in strengthening and advancing the national economy.



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing stressed that efforts must be made to successfully hold the election and bring about the emergence of a stable government.

A coordination meeting between Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, and Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, chief ministers of regions and states in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior

General emphasized that, regarding the use of public funds, regions and states need to ensure that the financial resources approved by the Government are utilized effectively. If expenditures are made in accordance with each sector’s operations, the circulation of working capital will increase, contributing to national economic growth.

He continued to say that greater financial circulation will enhance both supply and demand, which in turn will support the further development of basic infrastructure.

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Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the meeting with union ministers and region and state chief ministers

- 1. Plans have been implemented to open advanced-level schools for agriculture, live-stock, and industrial technology, and significant progress has now been achieved.
- 2. In cities with populations of over 100,000 in each Region and State, modern sports grounds will be constructed to promote public health and physical fitness, as well as to develop the sports sector.
- 3. It is important to consider how more than five million people who did not pass the matriculation during the term of the current government can be effectively utilized for the benefit of the State.

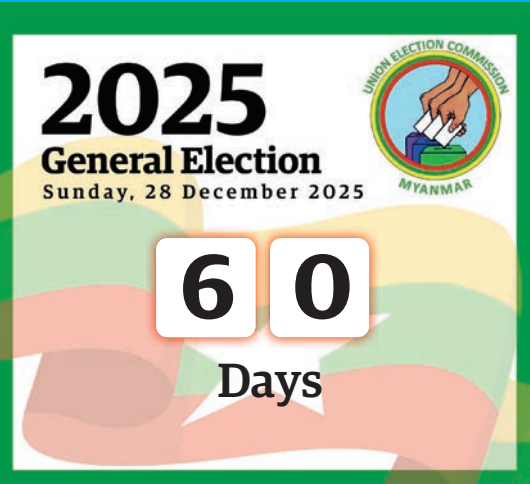
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2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

- Domestic election observers who wish to monitor the multiparty democratic general election, which will begin in phases on 28 December 2025, may apply for election observation permits at the Union Election Commission (UEC), as well as the relevant Region/State, District, and Township Election Subcommissions from today until 5 December 2025.
- The Union Election Commission announced on 16 September 2025 that domestic election observers must follow the Code of Conduct for Observers, issued under Notification 68/2025, and adhere to the procedures set out for their observation activities under Notification 69/2025. These notifications are available for viewing and can be downloaded from the Union Election Commission’s official website <https://www.uec.gov.mm>.
- The Union Election Commission has also announced that international election observers will be allowed to monitor the multiparty democratic general election. Invitations will be extended directly to representatives of relevant countries and international organizations. In addition, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, invitations will be sent to representatives of foreign embassies, consulates, and permanent missions that maintain diplomatic relations with the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Union Election Commission



- Let us encourage production for prosperity of the Nation.
- Let us ensure education sector for the development of the Nation.
- Let us protect our environment for the prosperity of the Nation.

USDP gives campaign speech

THE electoral speech of the Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) is featured on page 10 of today’s issue of The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper.

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Severe Cyclonic Storm “MONTHA” News, No 11, 2025

Issued at 4 pm MST on 28 October 2025

Severe Cyclonic Storm “MONTHA” Condition

According to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, the Severe Cyclonic Storm “MONTHA” over the Westcentral Bay of Bengal has moved north-northwestwards persists. It is centred at about 630 nautical miles west of Coco Island (Myanmar), 210 nautical miles Northeast of Chennai(India) and 70 Nautical miles South-Southeast of Kakinada (India).

It does not intend to move towards the Myanmar coasts at the present stage and therefore the Severe Cyclonic Storm is coded as yellow stage.

Position of Severe Cyclonic Storm, center pressure and wind

The Cyclonic Storm is located at Latitude 15.8 degree North and Longitude 82.6 degree East, centre pressure of Severe Cyclonic Storm is 990 hPa and maximum wind speed near the centre is 55-60 miles per hour at 3:30 pm MST today.

Next 12 hours forecast

It is likely to continue to move north-northwestwards and cross the Andhra Pradesh Coast, India, near Kakinada during next 12 hours. Due to the Severe Cyclonic Storm, rain or thundershowers will be scattered fairly widespread in Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kayin, Mon, and Rakhine States and isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway, Sagaing Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Chin, Shan States from this evening to next 24 hours. Squalls with rough seas are likely at times in the Deltaic, off and along the Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30-35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9-11 feet in the Deltaic, off and along the Rakhine Coasts.

Advisory

People should be aware of natural disasters such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, thunder, lightning strikes, lightning, hail, flash floods and landslides in hilly areas and near small rivers and to make necessary preparations for inland water transport, domestic flights and irrigation dams. — DMH

Statement on media access for 2025 General Election

- It is hereby announced that both local and international news media will be allowed to cover news during the phase-by-phase voting days of the 2025 Multiparty Democracy General Election, which will commence on 28 December 2025. Media organizations may freely collect news in accordance with existing laws, bylaws, rules and regulations, the media code of conduct, and election guidelines for media personnel.
- Each local media organization will be permitted to assign up to four media personnel to collect news within the relevant townships under each district where the general election will be held.
- Media personnel applying for accreditation cards to cover news on election days shall proceed as follows:
 - Local media representatives must submit a letter of authorization from their respective media organization assigning them to cover election news and apply to the relevant District Election Subcommission.
 - Independent local media personnel must apply in person with a letter of endorsement from a local media organization they are cooperating. Applications must be submitted to the relevant District Election Subcommission. Those wishing to cover news in more than one district must apply separately to the respective District Election Subcommissions.
 - International media organizations must apply through the Ministry of Information. The Ministry will scrutinize and endorse eligible international media organizations and individuals. Only those endorsed will be granted official accreditation cards by the Union Election Commission.
- Media personnel are informed that applications for accreditation cards to cover news during the phase-by-phase election days must be submitted no later than 12 December 2025.

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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

Financial Commission oversees surplus budget and supplementary appropriations

The approved funds must be utilized effectively and efficiently within the designated period so that public-benefit projects can produce tangible results.

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing stressed that projects that directly serve the public, such as education, healthcare, and transport, as well as initiatives requested by local communities, should be implemented as quickly as possible.

Chairman of the Finance Commission, Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered an address at the Financial Commission meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Also, present at the meeting were the Finance Commission Vice-Chairman, SSPC Member and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Union ministers, the Auditor-General of the Union, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, chief ministers of regions and states and officials.

In his speech, the Senior General said that the Financial Commission is to approve the supplementary budget propos-



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presides over the Financial Commission meeting yesterday.

als of the Union, Regions, and States for the 2025-2026 financial year. Once approved, the Union Government is to submit the Union Supplementary Appropriation Bill for the 2025-2026 finan-

cial year to the National Defence and Security Council for further approval and enactment.

The supplementary budget for the 2025-2026 financial year will primarily be allocated for expenses related to the repair and maintenance of offices, schools, hospitals, residential buildings, and other structures damaged or destroyed by the devastating Mandalay earthquake, as well as for rehabilitation efforts. In

addition, it will cover expenditures for national development and public-benefit projects such as roads, bridges, schools, and hospitals, key components of basic infrastructure development.

He noted that in implementing the recovery efforts for losses in the Mandalay earthquake, it is necessary to consider the supplementary budget disbursement and the workloads.

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Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the Financial Commission meeting

- 1. Additional funds should be used in areas that truly benefit the nation.
- 2. It is necessary to promote and expand agriculture-based production industries as a foundation for sustainable economic growth.
- 3. All attendees were urged to promote the development of MSMEs based on agriculture and livestock industries, to enhance the social and economic lives of the people, strengthen the national economy, and reduce dependence on imported goods.

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Financial Commission oversees surplus budget ...

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The Senior General recounted that K2069.336 billion – funds returned to the General Reserve Fund (GRF) from the allocations of Union-level organizations and Union ministries for the 2025-2026 financial year – has been transferred to the National Disaster Management Fund to be used for the repair, maintenance, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of state-owned basic infrastructure damaged or destroyed by the recent major earthquake in Mandalay.

He pointed out that in efforts to accelerate the nation's economic development, agriculture remains the primary livelihood for the majority of the country's national races and serves as the lifeblood of the national economy. Therefore, it is necessary to promote and expand agriculture-based production industries as a foundation for sustainable economic growth.

He stressed that the State

Government has allocated funds by respective sectors to implement national development projects and is providing support through various means.

As some departments and organizations were unable to fully implement their original plans due to unavoidable circumstances, they were instructed to promptly return any surplus funds without delay at the end of the financial year, instead of depositing them late.

He underlined that the Financial Commission is to discuss and approve matters related to the additional fund requests of Union ministries and organizations, supplementary funding to be provided by the Union to Regions and States, and the draft of the Additional Appropriation Law for the 2025-2026 financial year.

Vice-Chairman of the Financial Commission, SSPC member and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw reported on scrutiny for demands of supplementary

budget of the Union-level, organizations and regions and states in 2025-26 financial year, allowance for State service personnel and retired personnel, and the status of the Union's approval and provision of supplementary funds, required funds, and tax allocations to Regions and States for the 2025-2026 financial year.

Secretary of the Financial Commission, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Kan Zaw, presented the matters to be financed from the Union's general surplus funds for the 2025-2026 FY, including the list of supplementary appropriations, the original estimated budget, the revised estimated budget, and the draft law on the Union's additional fund allocation and expenditure.

Union Minister for Legal Affairs and the Attorney-General of the Union, Dr Thida Oo, provided explanations regarding the draft Union financial expenditure law and the draft law on the Union's additional

fund allocation and expenditure for the 2025-2026 financial year. Similarly, Union Auditor-General Dr Khin Naing Oo presented findings from the audits of Union-level organizations, ministries, and the governments of Regions and States, and offered recommendations on actions to be taken in the future.

The Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, the region and state chief ministers also participated in the discussions.

In his speech, the Senior General delivered an additional speech, saying that additional funds should be used in areas that truly benefit the nation. Therefore, projects that directly serve the public, such as education, healthcare, and transport, as well as initiatives requested by local communities, should be implemented as quickly as possible.

Efforts should focus on carrying out projects that bring benefits to the public, local regions, and the nation as a whole.

A failure to use the time and financial resources effectively causes harm to the country. Therefore, it is necessary to continue implementing initiatives that are beneficial to the nation, ensuring that time, funds, and authority are properly and efficiently utilized. Approved funds should be spent effectively within the designated time frame so that projects beneficial to the public can be realized.

In conclusion, the Senior General urged all to promote the development of MSMEs, small, micro, and medium-sized enterprises, which are based on agriculture and livestock industries, to enhance the social and economic lives of the people, strengthen the national economy, and reduce dependence on imported goods. At the same time, emphasis should be placed on advancing the national education and healthcare sectors to ensure the country's continuous, sustainable, and robust development. — MNA/TTA

MIFER Union Minister receives Belarusian Ambassador

UNION Minister for the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Wah Wah Maung receives Mr Uladzimir Baravikou, Ambassador of Belarus to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar based in Hanoi, at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.

They frankly discussed the matters related to the ongoing process of agreements that was signed in March 2025, the continuous activities of the 2nd Meeting of the Joint My-

anmar-Belarus Committee on Trade and Economic Cooperation that was held in Belarus, Development Cooperation Road Map (2026-2028) as well as the progress of agreements to be signed between Myanmar and Belarus, investment promotion programme.

Directors-general from the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and senior officers and representatives of the Belarus Embassy were also present at the meeting. — MIFER



Belarusian Ambassador Mr Uladzimir Baravikou calls on Union Minister Dr Wah Wah Maung yesterday.

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General Aung San Declares Firm Stand Against Election Disruption

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

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



Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Announcement 141/2025

8th Waxing of Tazaungmone, 1387 ME
28 October 2025

- 1. The Union Election Commission announced in its Announcement 56/2025, dated 20 August 2025, that a total of 102 townships would take part in Phase I of the multiparty democracy general election, which is scheduled to commence on 28 December 2025.
- 2. Phase II of the multiparty democracy general election will be held on Sunday, 11 January 2026 (9th Waning of Pyatho, 1387 ME). A total of 100 townships where the second phase of the election will be held have been designated, as shown in the list attached by region and state.

Attachment:
The list of townships that are included in Phase II.

Sd/Than Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

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Quick-win projects bring benefits to State ...

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Moreover, it is necessary to implement the quick-win projects which will benefit the State and people in a short time.

He instructed that Union Ministries and Chief Ministers of Regions and States must emphasize ensuring the accuracy of voter lists and preventing any irregularities or fraudulent activities. Starting from today, the election campaign period will begin, and political parties will commence their campaign activities. It was also emphasized that efforts must be made to successfully hold the election and bring about the emergence of a stable government.

Regarding national development, the Senior General underscored that emphasis is being placed on MSME enterprises that are based on the agriculture and livestock sectors, adding that priority must be given to promoting agriculture-based manufacturing industries.

He highlighted that the development of agricultural and livestock-based industries con-

tributes directly to the improvement of the national economy.

He continued that sunflower cultivation will help support domestic edible oil sufficiency and reduce the need for oil imports, thereby bringing significant benefits to the nation.

In the agricultural sector, he added that coffee can be grown as a long-term income-generating crop, while other horticultural crops, such as pepper, can also be cultivated for good returns. It is therefore necessary to provide farmers with the required technical knowledge and training.

During the period from 2021, the Senior General noted that when the current government assumed responsibility, up to the present, there have been around five million people who took the matriculation examination but did not pass. It is important to consider how this group of people can be effectively utilized for the benefit of the State.

In consultation with responsible officials and experts, he unveiled that arrangements have been made to open Poly-

technic Universities that offer vocational training in relevant fields, enabling these individuals to enter the workforce. This initiative has achieved success, and the positive results have already been observed.

Therefore, he stressed that plans have been implemented to open advanced-level schools for agriculture, livestock, and industrial technology, and significant progress has now been achieved. It was emphasized that it is essential for the country to produce skilled professionals in the agricultural, livestock, and industrial sectors.

Regarding urban beautification, he underlined that urban expansion and development projects are being implemented. Such activities must comply with the established urban development rules and regulations, and systematic supervision is required to ensure proper implementation.

He guided that in cities with populations of over 100,000 in each Region and State, modern sports grounds will be constructed to promote public health and physical fitness, as

well as to develop the sports sector.

At the meeting, Union Ministers reported on achieving the target production of crops in relevant regions, year-on-year comparison for sown acreage and per-acre yield, possibilities for per-acre yield of paddy and long staple cotton, thriving of Robusta coffee and expanded cultivation, region-on-region livestock breeding tasks, sufficiency of meat, fish and eggs depending on population, digging fish farms in the wetlands and reclamation of croplands to manage crops plus fish farming process, systematic exploration of oil and natural gas resources in regions and states for the interests of the State and the people, permitting the local and foreign investments in 2025-26 financial year, and creation of employment opportunities.

The Commission member and Prime Minister clarified that eradicating the illegal trade with momentum, seizing volumes, needs to take severe action against offenders for the illegal trade in regions and

states under the law, allowing the ordinary capital expenditure for implementation of projects, assessments over the progress of projects, and supervision for the work process to be completed on schedule.

Region and state chief ministers reported on the repair of the damaged buildings caused by the earthquake, progress of works, efforts for the development of agriculture and livestock industries, as well as micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), and initiatives for holding a free and fair multiparty democratic general election successfully.

After the meeting, the Senior General presented the cash award for the Kayin State women’s football team, which claimed the champion in the Inter-State/Region Women’s U25 Football Tournament 2025, to the Kayin State chief minister.

Also present at the meeting were Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, region and state chief ministers and officials. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

MoFA Union Minister attends 3rd Minsk International Conference on Eurasian Security

UNION Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe addressed the Third Minsk International Conference on Eurasian Security, being held in Minsk of Belarus, from 28 to 29 October.

In his speech, the Union Minister stated that the world is now transitioning into a multipolar system, while countries from Asia, Africa, and the Eurasian region are playing increasingly active roles in shaping global affairs. Myanmar views these transformations as valuable opportunities to build and co-operate toward a stable global order based on mutual respect and equality.

The emerging world order aligns with Myanmar’s independent, active, and non-aligned foreign policy and the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, including mutual respect and peaceful cooperation. He also noted that in today’s interconnected world, security challenges transcend national borders. In



Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Than Swe speaks of the third Minsk International Conference on Eurasian Security, held in Belarus on 28-29 October 2025.

the era of globalization, international peace and security face both traditional and non-traditional threats, and non-traditional security challenges have become equally important. Cross-border terrorism stems largely from such non-traditional security issues.

The Union Minister also highlighted the illegal drug cas-

es in Golden Triangle areas that the entire regional countries, including Myanmar, are facing, close cooperation with China and Thailand in combating telecom fraud, detention of 67,751 foreigners from 52 countries involved in online scams and repatriation to their respective countries during the two-year term of government.

He stated that in such cir-

cumstances, the Minsk Eurasian Security Conference serve as an invaluable platform for building trust and engaging in dialogue among countries in the Eurasian region. Myanmar welcomes the Eurasian Charter of Diversity and Multipolarity, and also attended the Eurasian Economic Forum and the Minsk International Conference. Such partic-

ipation contributed to collaboration in mutual understanding, regional stability, and peace and prosperity across the Eurasian region.

He continued that the country is preparing to hold the general election on 28 December and peacefully settle the armed conflicts through dialogue and negotiation.

The first Minsk International Conference on Eurasian Security was held in 2023, followed by the second in 2024 and the third in 2025, all themed “Global (Dis) Order and the Eurasian Security Puzzle”.

The conference was attended by delegations from over 40 states and seven international organizations. Among the participants are ministers of foreign affairs, heads of integration associations, and representatives of parliaments, research institutes, and think tanks from Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. — MNA/KTZH

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List of townships included in Phase II of the multiparty democracy general election

No	Region/State	Township		Remark
1	Kachin	1.	Machanbaw	
		2.	Mogaung	
		3.	Waingmaw	
2	Kayah	1.	Dimawhso	
		2.	Prusho	
3	Kayin	1.	Papun	
		2.	Hlaingbwe	
4	Sagaing	1.	Kalewa	
		2.	Mingin	
		3.	Wuntho	
		4.	Ky unhla	
		5.	Myinmu	
		6.	ChaungU	
		7.	Budalin	
		8.	Ayadaw	
		9.	Phaungpyin	
		10.	Mawlaik	
		11.	YeU	
5	Taninthayi	1.	Yebyu	
		2.	Kyunsu	
		3.	Taninthayi	
6	Bago	1.	DaikU	
		2.	Shwegyin	
		3.	Htantabin	
		4.	Yedashe	
		5.	Zeegon	
		6.	Paungde	
		7.	Kawa	
		8.	Thanatpin	
		9.	Paukkaung	
		10.	Pandaung	
		11.	Monyo	
		12.	Minhla	
7	Magway	1.	Gangaw	
		2.	Seikpyu	
		3.	Natmauk	
		4.	Myothit	
		5.	Ngaphe	
		6.	Salin	
		7.	Sedoktara	
		8.	Kanma	
		9.	Mindon	
		10.	Minhla	
		11.	Sinpaungwae	
8	Mandalay	1.	Singaing	
		2.	Kyaukpadaung	
		3.	TadaU	
		4.	Pyigyidagun	
		5.	Mahaaungmyae	
		6.	Wundwin	
		7.	Thazi	
		8.	Amarapura	
		9.	Madaya	
9	Mon	1.	Bilin	
		2.	Mudon	
		3.	Thanbyuzayat	
		4.	Ye	
		5.	Paung	
10	Yangon	1.	Bahan	
		2.	Pabedan	
		3.	Latha	
		4.	Kawhmu	
		5.	Kungyangon	
		6.	Dagon Myothi (North)	
		7.	Dawbon	
		8.	Pazundaung	
		9.	Hlaing	
11	Shan	10.	Shwepyitha	
		11.	Htantabin	
		12.	Hlegu	
		13.	South Okkalapa	
		14.	Kokoegyun	
		15.	Kyimyindine	
		16.	Insein	
12	Ayeyawady	1.	Ywangan	
		2.	Sesaing	
		3.	Kalaw	
		4.	Monghkat	
		5.	Monghsu	
		6.	Mongphyat	
		7.	Yaksawk	
		8.	Thantlang	
		9.	Mongyae	
		10.	Kunhing	
		11.	Mongton	
		12.	Mongyawng	
		13.	Mongyan	
		14.	Mongpan	
		15.	Maunkmai	
		16.	Mongkai	
		17.	Laikha	
13	Mawlaik	1.	Kyaunggon	
		2.	Kangyidaunt	
		3.	Thaboung	
		4.	KyaikLat	
		5.	Pyapon	
		6.	Bogalay	
		7.	Pantanaw	
		8.	Wakema	
		9.	Einme	

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Mol Union Minister receives Myanmar-Laos Friendship Association chairman

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn received Myanmar-Laos Friendship Association Chairman U Win Maung and his team at the Ministry of Information's meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, they exchanged

views on the issues being carried out by the Myanmar-Laos Friendship Association to enhance bilateral friendship, further enhance bilateral media cooperation, and share technologies for the development of the media sector. — MNA/MKKS



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn meets Myanmar-Laos Friendship Association Chair U Win Maung Yesterday.

MNREC Union Minister attends China's Eco Expo Asia 2025



The documentary group photo of the ECO Expo Asia Opening Ceremony, attended by Union Minister U Khin Maung Yi.

A delegation led by Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi participated in the 20th Eco Expo Asia 2025, held at the Hong Kong Asia World-Expo from 28 to 30 October, at the invitation of Mr TSE Chin-wan, Secretary for Environment and Ecology of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government of the People's Republic of China.

Yesterday, the opening ceremony of the Eco Expo Asia was held at the Hong Kong Asia World-Expo, with Mr TSE Chin-wan delivering the opening speech.

Then, Mr TSE Chin-wan, Union Minister U Khin Maung Yi, and the heads of the participating countries opened the exhibition.

At the Eco Expo Asia Conference – Government Session 1, the Union minister stated that Myanmar, a

country rich in biodiversity, forests, and natural resources, faces major environmental challenges similar to other Asian nations, and to address these, it has formulated and implemented strong policies, strategies, and action plans, such as the 2021 “National Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Action Plan (NDCs)” under the Paris Agreement and the ongoing “NDC 3.0”, to promote ecosystem-based and nature-based solutions, establish permanent forest areas, nature reserves, and forest plantations, reduce carbon emissions by 2030, and advance green development through public participation for sustainable development.

The Union minister highlighted that Myanmar has developed a green economy policy framework to promote low-carbon and responsible investments that prioritize

the efficient use of natural resources, implemented the Myanmar National Waste Management Strategy and Master Plan (2018–2030) and the Myanmar National Plastics Management Action Plan (2026–2035) to address plastic pollution, and stands ready to further accelerate its environmental conservation efforts in collaboration with regional and international partners to address shared environmental challenges.

The Union minister, accompanied by guests and diplomats, visited exhibitions on green projects, eco-friendly products, air quality purification, waste recycling and energy production, agricultural waste-based energy production, green building development, and green transportation, including electric vehicles, hybrid electric and gas vehicles, and hydrogen fuel vehicles.

They also attended a technical seminar on Hong Kong's strategy and work towards climate resilience, green investments, carbon neutrality and circular economy development, green building development and energy conservation, carbon market development and hydrogen-based transport sector development, and waste-to-energy production and utilization. — MNA/TH

CBM Governor receives Belarusian Ambassador

CENTRAL Bank of Myanmar Governor Daw Than Than Swe received Mr Uladzimir Baravikou, Hanoi-based Belarusian Ambassador and his delegation at the meeting hall of the Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

They discussed banking co-

operation between the central banks of Myanmar and Belarus, trade cooperation, and various currency transactions between the two countries.

The meeting was attended by the Vice-Governor and officials of the Central Bank of Myanmar. — MNA/MKKS



The Belarusian ambassador calls on Central Bank of Myanmar Governor Daw Than Than Swe yesterday.

U Thant Sin appointed as Ambassador of Myanmar to Nepal

THE Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Thant Sin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Korea, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Nepal. — MNA

Efficiently use the 2024 Union Report on Population and Housing Census

THE 2024 Union Report on Population and Housing Census reveals daily living patterns that illuminate the future of Myanmar. The statistical data in the report not only reflect the current state of the nation but also indicate the possible conditions that may arise tomorrow, serving as a mirror for the country’s prospects.

It has been found that in Myanmar, eight population censuses were conducted between 1872 and 1941, before regaining independence. After independence, nationwide population censuses were conducted in 1973, 1983, and 2014. With the 2024 census, a total of four censuses have been conducted in the post-independence

period. The population census can be regarded as a compass that indicates the path of development for our country. The population census serves as a fundamental cornerstone for governance and development of the nation. The data from the census can be regarded as the lifeblood of the country, providing a reliable foundation for planners and policymakers to effectively implement projects such as achieving better educational goals, improving healthcare services, creating employment opportunities, and expanding social welfare programmes. For the upcoming multiparty democratic general election to be held on 28 December, the accuracy and completeness of the voter list are fundamental to its success. In this regard, the population data from the current census serve as a useful resource. By providing information on population according to educational qualifications, types of occupation, and living patterns, the census creates a foundational source for planning and implementing necessary measures related to these factors, and it also allows for the training and development of the required workforce. Based on the workforce requirements of State-owned, private, domestic and foreign investment enterprises, the population data can also provide foundational information for calculating annual university admissions and vocational school enrollments. Furthermore, for workers in these sectors who need skill development or wish to enhance their qualifications, the data can support the planning and implementation of training programmes and professional skill courses as needed. The 2024 Population and Housing Census was successfully conducted entirely domestically, without foreign assistance, marking a national achievement that the country can be proud of. The results of the 2024 Population and Housing Census can be effectively utilized by policymakers, planners, and all users of statistical data. The release of the Union Census Report became a historic milestone on the global stage, reflecting the successful outcome achieved through the unity and collective effort of the people and citizens of Myanmar.

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THE imperialistic British Government started to rule parts of Myanmar in 1826 and the whole in 1886. Myanmar was first placed under a Chief Commissioner, then a Lieutenant Governor in 1897, and then a Governor in 1923, and ruled as part of British India until separation in 1937. In Myanmar itself, the Shan State, the Kayah State and the hill areas were administered separately from Myanmar Proper.

An appointed advisory Council was established in 1897, a partially elected legislative Council in 1923 and a bicameral legislative Council with an elected House of Representatives in 1937.

Under British rule, an economic transformation took place with economic capitalism through exploitation. Since our independence and sovereignty were lost, Myanmar’s patriotic leaders started an armed struggle against the British imperialists.

Myanmar nationalists knew that our independence depended on our nationalism, so they decided to fight in the national movement against the imperialistic British Government.

In 1884, the British Government opened the Rangoon College on the Montgomery Road, Rangoon. Likewise, in 1918, Judson College was opened in the Rangoon University Compound.

Rangoon College was under the management of Calcutta

University in India, according to the British Government’s colonial education policy. The patriotic national leaders who were named U Ba Phe, U Maung Gyi (MA), U Ba Yin and nationalists set up together the National Association as YMBA (The Young Men Buddhist Association) in 1906. The YMBA always struggle with its Motto “To uplift NATIONALITY, BUDDHIST RELIGION, BUDDHIST ERA (SAGANA) EDUCATION”.

Besides, the noble nationalist monk U OTTAMA, who subsequently played a leading part in the Myanmar National Movement against the strongly imperialistic British Government. The government feared that the YMBA movement would develop political activists; therefore, government servants were warned against taking part in the national movement.

In 1917, when a British parliamentary delegation toured India to report what reforms in the structure of government should be introduced, it did not include Burma in its itinerary. The YMBA, therefore, sent a delegation consisting mainly of barristers to travel to India to report to the parliament in London. It was found that Burma was not included in the proposed program of reforms to be granted to India. In 1919, another delegation of YMBA leaders was sent to appear before the British parliament. However, when the Government of India

as “marked by kindly or pleased appreciation ... given to, marked by, or arising from sympathy, compassion, friendliness, and sensitivity to others’ emotions” (Merriam-Webster).

Locally, in our Myanmar context, the Pali word “မုဒိတာ” (Muditā) has been rendered in Burmese Buddhist literature as “စာနာသော ထောက်ထားသော ဂြင်နာသော သမိတ္တဖြစ်သော ဝမ်းမြောက်ခြင်းမျိုး” —that is, joy in the good of others, untainted by self-interest or envy. It appears in Burmese English-Pali lexical resources as “Altruistic joy / Sympathetic joy” under the Pali term မုဒိတာ.

Sympathetic Joy in Everyday Life

While dictionaries define *sympathetic joy* as delight in others’ happiness, its real meaning is revealed through how we respond to success, prosperity, or happi-

The National Education Movement (1920) Against Imperialism For Our Independence

Act was finally passed in the same year by the British parliament, it was found that Burma again had been left out.

This was the signal for a nationwide protest, and the Burmese leaders felt that they must close ranks, agitate, and organize to grant the same measure of self-government as the Indians had been given. They also decided that the struggle was no longer social and religious but political, and religion and nationalism must now be separated. They feared lest their religion should become merely a tool of politics.

Accordingly, at a national convention, they merged the YMBA with various. Patriotic organizations, which had appeared like mushrooms in a matter of a few weeks, named the new organization the General Council of Burmese Association (GCBA). This action was most opportune, because as part of the protest against the exclusion of Bruma from the reforms, a nationalist movement called the “Wuntharnu movement” (ဝဏ္ဏာနုလှိုင်ရှားမှု) had suddenly ap-

peared and instigated a boycott of British goods.

In the wake of the Wuntharnu movement came the great university strike of December 1920, which was nationalism’s first open challenge to the authority of the British government. The new University of Rangoon was established by expanding and enlarging Rangoon College the control should remain in British hands. Thus, under the University of Rangoon Act, the administrative control was vested in a council whose members were government nominees and academic control the university civil service, but as no Burmese as yet had been appointed to that senior grade, the senate consisted entirely of British professors. The University of Rangoon officially came into being on 20 December 1920, but a few minutes after the classes had assembled, the students walked out in protest against what they considered to be an anti-national University Act. The strike soon spread to the schools, and although the government had hastily suspended classes, using

the approaching Christmas and New Year holidays as an excuse, the students refused to return to their homes but stayed on in the monasteries and pagoda platforms where they had taken shelter.

All monks and pilgrims shared their alms food with them, and soon the strike changed its original character and became a nationwide movement of protest against British rule in general. People vied with each other to provide food for the students to organize “parallel classes” so that the students would not miss their lessons. At first, the imperialistic British Government tried to subdue the nationalists by publishing list after list of students expelled from the university and from schools for taking part in the strike and also by giving written notices to those fathers who were government servants that they would be dismissed from service unless they called back their sons from the strike camps.

As the strike dragged on, the nationalist leaders organized the “Council of National Education”, and all the YMBA schools

voluntarily came under its jurisdiction, calling themselves “National School”. The government realizing that the situation was becoming wars for them, cancelled the expulsion lists and appointed a committee, some of whose members were from the ranks of the nationalist leaders, to amend the University Act. The students called off the strike, but many of the strikers never returned to the government schools and joined the new national schools. It was a great victory for the nationalists and the Rangoon University boycotters, and the strike was to have repercussions right up to the regaining of our independence in 1948.

According to Myanmar’s historical process, the development of the country always depends on patriotic nationalism for our independence and sovereignty. This fact is the best historical lesson and duty in our History of Myanmar.

During my student life at the state High school, I participated in the ceremony of annual national

By Sann Ni Lar Winn

day yearly. The students competed to entertain the audience with short plays, dancing, singing, etc. Our headmaster used to deliver lectures and explain the National Strike (1920) or the National Education Movement against imperialism for our independence. Then we marched to our national leader ‘Bogyoke Aung San’ monument and stood together in my native town, Sit Kwin, Tharawady District.

Besides, I had a good choice to interview with the YMBA leader U Maung Gyi MA (Retired Minister for Education) and the honorary patron of the golden jubilee anniversary, U Lu Phe Win (Retired archaeologist and the national strike leader), as a secretary of Yangoon University annual magazine according to the guidance of te Rector Dr Maung Maung Kha, professor U Tin Ohn (Soon, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs) and lecturer Dr Khin Maung Nyunt. At that time, the government of “The Revolutionary Council” celebrated the “Golden Jubilee Anniversary” of Myanmar National Day in 1970.

In the present time, we must try our best to develop highly qualified human resources required in building a peaceful, pleasant, modern and developed nation. What is HDI? The United Nations Organization (UNO) give a guide to the measurement of the country’s Human Development Index as follows.

- (1) Expectancy of Life and Birth
- (2) Adult Literacy Ratio
- (3) School and University Enrollment Ratio
- (4) Insame

Myanmar Education Goal is “To create an education system that can generate a learning society capable of facing the challenges of ‘the knowledge age’. I deeply urge every youth to become intellectual citizens and statesmen for our country, hailing the 105th Anniversary of Myanmar National Day.

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I Say What I See: Sympathetic Joy – The Happiness That Multiplies

A childhood memory rekindles the timeless virtue of Muditā - the pure gladness that celebrates others’ happiness without envy.

By @Editor

ness around us. In everyday social settings, it is often tested – not in grand gestures, but in quiet moments. When a colleague earns a promotion, a neighbour’s child wins a scholarship, or a friend’s business flourishes, our hearts instinctively react. Do we truly rejoice for them – or do envy and comparison quietly creep in?

Practising *sympathetic joy* in real life means **training the heart to celebrate others’ well-being without reservation**. In communities like ours, where success is often measured competitively and opportunities can be uneven, this attitude transforms social har-

mony. A simple congratulation, a heartfelt smile, or a sincere word of encouragement can uplift not only the recipient but also the giver.

In Myanmar’s cultural and religious landscape, such joy aligns with the Buddhist spirit of *Met-tā* (loving-kindness) and *Karuṇā* (compassion). It reminds us that one’s happiness need not threaten another’s; instead, it can inspire, strengthen, and connect us. *Sympathetic joy* is thus not merely an emotion; it is a **social virtue**, a bridge that turns others’ achievements into shared gladness and collective well-being.

A Memory of Sympathetic Joy

When I look back on my school days, I now realize that I had experienced *Muditā* long before I even knew the word. It was around 1969 to 1972, during my primary school years. In those days, our education system had three examinations in one academic year: the first preliminary test, the second preliminary test, and the final exam. The student with the highest total marks across all three would be recognized as the top of the class.

I often ranked second or third on that list of outstanding pupils, and I was content with it. My friend – bright, diligent, and truly gifted

– always stood first. He earned that position through effort and excellence, and I remember feeling genuinely happy for him. There was no jealousy, no bitterness, only admiration and quiet satisfaction that I could learn alongside someone so capable.

Back then, I didn’t know the word *Muditā*. I didn’t even think of it as a virtue. It was simply the way things were, being glad that a friend succeeded. But now, as years have passed and we have all grown older, I can see that it was *sympathetic joy* in its purest form. My old friend eventually became

a university rector before retiring – still as bright and steady as he was in our childhood. And I, who once rejoiced in his achievements as a schoolboy, still feel that same gladness today.

Conclusion: The Quiet Strength of a Joyful Heart

Looking back, that simple school memory carries a timeless lesson: *sympathetic joy* is not something we learn only from books or sermons. It is something that lives quietly within us, often unrecognized, from the time we first celebrate another’s success without expecting anything in return. As children, our hearts are pure enough to rejoice freely; as adults, we must rediscover that same purity amid the complexities of life.

In today’s world, where competition often overshadows compassion and comparison weakens

contentment, *Muditā* reminds us of a nobler path. Rejoicing in others’ happiness does not reduce our own; it multiplies it. It turns envy into admiration, rivalry into respect, and isolation into shared joy.

To feel *Muditā* is to strengthen the fabric of community – to weave together hearts that might otherwise grow apart. It is a quiet but powerful act of humanity. When we truly take delight in another’s good fortune, we not only elevate them, but we also elevate ourselves.

So, whether in classrooms of the past or workplaces of the present, the spirit of *sympathetic joy* continues to shine wherever kindness outpaces competition. The lesson I learned unknowingly as a boy remains true today: happiness shared is happiness doubled – a joy that endures beyond age, achievement, or time.



2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

Union Solidarity and Development Party talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

U Khin Ye, Chairman of the Union Solidarity and Development Party, presented the policy, stance and work procedures of his party on radio and television on the evening of 28 October.
The full text of the presentation is as follows: —



I respectfully wish all esteemed people to be blessed with auspiciousness. I am U Khin Ye, Chairman of the Union Solidarity and Development Party.

In our country, the multiparty democratic general election will be held starting from 28 December 2025.

Esteemed voters,

Our party has been observing the primary requirements and aspirations of the people for three years systematically. During the period, party officials invited experts and scholars from relevant subjects to hold several meetings and seek the best solutions for the future plans of the State.

Our discussions upholding Our Three Main National Causes were based on different perspectives and arenas. These were thoroughly mentioned in the electoral declaration of the party as the future commitments of the party.

Our party will always join hands with Tatmadaw with assistance in the defence sector of the State.

With regard to the rule of law sector, we will emphasize the comprehensive creation of linking many law enforcement forces such as the Myanmar Police Force, the Ministry of Immigration and Population, the Ministry of Finance, the Customs Department, the Judicial Department and the Legal Department.

We have decided to extend the establishment of necessary security organizations of MPF, including the wildlife conservation police corps and the Myanmar cultural region protection police corps.

We will establish a system linking every household within the jurisdiction of each police station to the respective station, and set up a networked communication system connecting nearby police stations in real time.

In the administration sector, we will especially focus on the transformation of the government administrative system to the public administration system and removing the red-tape system, which hinders the work process of the administrative mechanism.

In the judicial sector, we will set up a systematic monitoring mechanism to prevent partisanship, bias, and corruption, and work to ensure the emergence of an independent and fair judicial system.

Regarding basic living standards, we will ensure the smooth and swift flow of commodities by removing all existing obstacles. We will promote the development of the agriculture and livestock sectors, as well as the fishery and forestry sectors.

Special zones will be designated, such as crop zones, livestock zones, rubber zones, fisheries zones, and horticulture zones, where inputs can be imported at reduced taxes. These measures will help lower commodity prices and simultaneously create new employment opportunities.

Moreover, we will scrutinize the monetary, financial, export and import and trade policies in the economic sector, and these must be appropriate for the State and the entire people.

Esteemed voters,

In related sectors, our party will help Myanmar farmers gradually be free from debt in the agricultural sector, providing guaranteed support within a single government term.

In the labour sector, free and fair elections will bring stability and peace, attracting direct foreign investment and thereby creating more employment opportunities. To fully benefit from this, domestic vocational schools will be organized to meet ASEAN standards, enabling people to take advantage of the emerging job opportunities.

We will increase employees' wages to align with current conditions, supplement and enact laws protecting workers' rights, and coordinate with foreign governments to ensure that all Myanmar workers abroad have legal status. We will also facilitate the lawful and smoother transfer of their remittances to their families.

In the civil service sector, we will raise basic salaries to align with current conditions and enact the necessary laws and regulations to prevent commodity price increases from eroding their value.

We will make arrangements for retired civil servants to live in accordance with modern standards. Laws and plans will be established to provide care for the elderly, women, pregnant mothers, and persons with disabilities, as well as to create employment opportunities for those in need.

In the education sector, we will strengthen and implement a system of free education up to the middle school level. For children who cannot attend school due to family or living conditions, an "informal school education system" will be implemented as an alternative, ensuring that no child of school age is left out of the education system.

Next, committees will be formed to develop curricula that meet international education standards. School curricula will be designed to ensure that students become citizens who respect civic ethics, democratic principles, human ethics, and the rule of law.

Regarding the youth and women's sector, today's actions are being carried out to produce positive results for the next generation. The needs of future youth, such as resolving conflicts and addressing technological gaps, will not be neglected. Instead, these efforts will be progressively developed and implemented so that young people can serve as a valuable human resource for building a modern, advanced, and developed nation.

In the health sector, we will expand and strength-

en basic healthcare services, broaden access to healthcare systems so that everyone in rural areas can receive care within reach. Public hospitals will be upgraded, healthcare personnel recruited, and medical treatment costs reduced and subsidized to improve overall healthcare provision.

Organizations similar to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will be established to regulate domestically produced and imported foodstuffs in order to comply with health and safety standards.

To increase revenue from the tourism sector, we will coordinate with travel agencies and Myanmar embassies abroad to attract more tourists. We will also develop safe and appealing destinations, modern recreational and accommodation facilities, efficient transportation and communication systems, and streamlined visa services for inbound travellers.

We will adopt the plans to protect high-value underground and aboveground natural resources across the nation and seek the legal market for the State.

The State has agreed to amend the Constitution in principle. Hence, we will continuously coordinate amendments to the Constitution and insert additional provisions in a political way based on Our Three Main National Causes.

In the ethnic affairs sector, we will prioritize the development of ethnic languages, literature, arts, and culture. We will accelerate development projects in border areas, transform diversity into a source of strength, and foster a spirit of shared ownership of the land and resources. Collaborative efforts will be emphasized to build a beautiful and united future.

The internal peacemaking sector is a gradual, step-by-step process. It will be carried out in accordance with the existing political culture, focusing on dialogue and negotiation, resolving political issues through political means, and ensuring inclusive participation, progressively making each stage more complete and effective.

Esteemed voters,

From the perspective of our party, history clearly demonstrates that we could implement effective administration, ensure stability of the State and development, and expand our capacity in the field of international relations.

By supporting and voting for our Union Solidarity and Development Party, which stands as a strong, well-organized, and capable leadership body, everyone can collectively work to build a "Stronger Greater Myanmar". Our party already has precise plans and processes in place to implement its future programmes. In conclusion, I'd like to say we are always welcome to those wishing to discuss these matters in detail, at any time.

Thank you all.



NATIONAL

Myanmar Naval Delegation returns from Russia goodwill visit

THE delegation of Tatmadaw (Navy) led by Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Htein Win, who paid a goodwill visit to the Russian Federation at the invitation of Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Navy Admiral Aleksandr A Moiseev to further enhance friendship and cooperation between the two navies, returned to Yangon by air on the morning of 27 October.

Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Pyae Sone Lin, senior Tatmadaw officers, Russian Military Attaché to Myanmar Colonel Kurchenko Sergey Semenovich, and responsible officials welcomed the delegation at Yangon International Airport.

During the trip, the Tatmadaw (Navy) delegation visited the No (19) Submarine Brigade of the Russian Navy's Pacific Fleet in Vladivostok on 21 October, where they were warmly received with

a guard of honour by Rear Admiral A U Sysoev, Commander of the Primorskaya Flotilla, and senior officers. The delegation observed the Russian Navy ship Hero of the Russian Federation Aldar Tsydenzhapov and the submarine Komsomolsk-on-Amur, took commemorative photos, and visited the Pacific Fleet Museum. They then visited the Pacific Fleet Headquarters, where they were welcomed with a guard of honour by Pacific Fleet Commander Admiral Viktor N Liina and senior officers. Both sides cordially exchanged views on bilateral naval cooperation and training matters before visiting the Russian My History Museum.

On 23 October, the delegation visited the JSC Admiralty Shipyard in Saint Petersburg, where shipyard officials explained shipbuilding and repair



Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Htein Win holds talks with Russia's Pacific Fleet Commander Admiral Viktor N Liina on bilateral naval cooperation training.

works. They also toured the shipyard's museum. Afterwards, they visited JSC Middle Nevsky Shipbuilding Plant to study the construction of vessels using advanced Glass Reinforced Plastics (GRP) technology and held discussions with responsible personnel.

Similarly, on 24 October, the delegation visited the headquarters of the Russian Navy in Saint Petersburg, where Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Navy Admiral Aleksandr

A Moiseev and senior officers welcomed them. The two naval commanders inspected the guard of honour, received the salute, and posed for commemorative photographs. They then held cordial discussions on enhancing cooperation and naval training between the two navies, followed by a tour of the office, conference hall, and library of the Russian Navy Headquarters. In the evening, the Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Navy hosted a dinner in honour of the

Myanmar delegation.

During the trip, the delegation also visited the Hermitage Museum in Saint Petersburg and the Special Technology Centre (STC), which develops and produces innovative products using advanced technologies. The delegation met with Mr Evgeny Grigoryev, Chair of the Committee for External Relations of Saint Petersburg, on 25 October and discussed friendship and cooperation between the two countries. — MNA/KZL

Myanmar delegation attends India Maritime Week 2025

A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Aung Kyaw Tun attended the India Maritime Week 2025, being held at the NESCO Exhibition Centre in Mumbai, India, from 27 to 31 October.

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways of India organized the event to explore opportunities to enhance seaport infrastructure, upgrade port management operations and promote investment in the maritime transport sector.

Ministers and deputy ministers from Liberia, Mauritius, Myanmar, the Netherlands, Norway, Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, and Antigua and Barbuda attended the event.

During the meeting on 27 October, the deputy minister



MoTC Deputy Minister U Aung Kyaw Tun participates in the India Maritime Week 2025, held in Mumbai, India, on 27-31 October 2025.



discussed the cruise passenger economy, carbon reduction in the maritime transport sector, the development of transforming into engine ports, strengthening the supply chain for cargo distribution, blue economy financing and investment, digital transformation and emerging technologies

in the maritime sector; maritime safety and security, port development along the Indo-Pacific region, and human resource development.

He also attended the ministerial meeting, and discussed the matters related to strategic location of Myanmar connecting

south and southeast Asia, Myanmar's ports-Yangon, Thilawa, and Kyaukpyu which serve as vital links between Myanmar and regional and global markets and efforts of Myanmar in providing training for maritime professionals and seafarers to be in line with the provisions of the International

Maritime Organization (IMO).

He then stated that the India-Myanmar Coastal Shipping Agreement has been signed, and new trade routes will be opened, leading to improved regional connectivity. Under the BIMSTEC Coastal Shipping Agreement, seamless maritime connections across the Bay of Bengal can be established, and that will support a collaborative blue economy among all coastal countries. Ensuring a well-functioning global maritime supply chain cannot be achieved by a single coastal nation alone but requires joint efforts from all coastal countries. Myanmar is committed to working in cooperation with regional partners such as ASEAN and BIMSTEC to enhance the development of the maritime trade sector. — MNA/KTZH

NATIONAL

BE Falls (Pwe Kauk) Resort in PyinOoLwin draws 2.5 million visitors by 27 Oct

THE number of visitors to the BE Falls or Pwe Kauk Waterfall Resort in PyinOoLwin has reached 2.5 million from its opening date up to 27 October.

The waterfall underwent an upgrade to become an international-standard resort and first opened in December 2021.

A special 2.5 Millionth Visitor Celebration was held, including lucky draws such as honorary gifts, a Gold Card for one year of free entry, a commemorative Trophy, and other BE Falls gifts. Furthermore, the female winner was given the chance to enjoy a day of memorable experiences with the Pwe Kauk Waterfall family.

On 2 October 2025, the resort also launched the exciting Dinosaur Kingdom, where visitors can see large dinosaurs that appear realistic, just like those seen in the Jurassic Park movies, and learn about the interesting creatures. Other attractions include the bumper cars, tea cups, roller coaster, and carousel (merry-go-round),



Visitors at the BE Falls Pwe Kauk Waterfall Resort.



beautiful flower gardens, elephant performances, the 5D LED Glass Bridge, and the Sky Cable Car, which offers stunning views of the surrounding mountains, forests and waterfalls. — MT/ZN

Yellow-bellied toad recorded in Myanmar for the first time in Kachin State

ACCORDING to a release by Native Species Conservation and Identification in Myanmar, the large-webbed bell toad, a species with no previous record of being found in Myanmar, has been documented for the first time in Kachin State.

The first new record paper for this toad was written by Ko Win Paing Oo, an admin of the NSCI group, and was announced via its social media page on 27 October.

NSCI stated that this venomous toad, scientifically named *Bombina maxima*, was only found in China. The current documentation marks its first record in Myanmar.

The post stated: “It was discovered by NSCI member Ko Than Htike Aung in Chipwe Township, Kachin State, at an altitude of 1,530 metres above sea level. Our team decided to prepare a paper using these photos, in consultation with Ko Than Htike Aung.”

Therefore, this record is a testament that many undocumented species still exist in Myanmar, species that countless scholars have not discovered across generations. — MT/ZN



The large-webbed bell toad, first documented and found in Kachin State, Myanmar.

Manual test vouchers for Dec JLPT to be issued in Nov

FOR the Japanese Language Proficiency Test scheduled in December 2025, manual test vouchers will be issued in November, said the JLPT organizing committee, Myanmar Association of Japan Alumni (MAJA).

Novices, monks and nuns and under-10-year-old candidates can come to take it at the Yangon test site located in Thingangyun Township, from 9 am to 3 pm on 5-7 November pm and at the Mandalay test site located in Chanayethazan Township.

Language schools will need to come by 5 November, along with the vouchers they have received when the application was submitted. Candidates will need to thoroughly check their preferred exam level, seat number, name



JLPT test-takers are in line to submit their application forms.

and date of birth, test site and test timetable.

A candidate who can't prove any type of original ID card (10-year-old ID or 18-year-old ID, valid driving licence or passport, birth certificate (only for under 10 years old) and religious membership ID (only for novices, monks and nuns) along with a manual test voucher won't be allowed to sit the exam.

For more information, enquiries can be made to the Yangon office 01 7571015 and the Mandalay office 09 255162533, said MAJA. — MT/ZS

Yangon Zoo to host 4-day Tazaungdine Fair

TO celebrate the Tazaungdine Festival, the Yangon Zoo will hold a Tazaungdine market fair for four days from 1 to 4 November.

Tazaungdine, a traditional festival expressing the beauty of Myanmar culture and customs and celebrated with fun activities, is just a few days away.

At the market fair, local products such as handicrafts, foods and souvenirs will be exhibited, and visitors can also enjoy entertainment programmes, magic shows and the beautiful environment that is perfect for taking photos.

People are invited to come and enjoy the four-day market fair to spend Tazaungdine with their beloved family or friends, said the zoo.

In Thadingyut, loads of visitors enjoyed the Yangon Zoo's Thadingyut Market Fair that took place from 4 to 7 October. — MT/ZS



The Thadingyut Market Fair in vibrant celebration at the Yangon Zoo.

NATIONAL

Twantay Shwesandaw to host 130th Mathoe Robe-Weaving Ceremony

THE 130th Mathoe Robe-Weaving Ceremony and the 48th Procession of the 28 Buddha images will be held at the Shwesandaw Pagoda in Twantay Township on the 14th waxing day and the full moon day of Tazaungmone, according to U Aye Ko, Chairman of the Shwesandaw Pagoda Board of Trustees.

The Mathoe Robe-Weaving Ceremony will involve seven weaving teams, and the robes will be presented to the Buddha



This photo showcases the 126th Mathoe Robe-Weaving Ceremony at Shwesandaw Pagoda in Twantay Township.

images at designated temples within the Shwesandaw Pagoda compound at 4:30 am on the full moon day of Tazaungmone.

“This year, the Mathoe Robe-Weaving Ceremony will not be held as a competition, allowing participants to weave the robes in a calm and peaceful atmosphere. As in previous years, the Amara, Sambula, Suchita, Maddi Devi, Gotami, Sujata, and Papavadi looms will be featured. The robes will be offered to the main Buddha im-

age as well as other designated Buddha images around the pagoda,” said U Aye Ko.

The seven looms will be operated by Shan women from four Shan villages in Twantay Township, namely Shansugyi, two villages at Nyaungdaga, Nkhonemasan, Shwesandaw, and Kunggyi. At 2 pm on the full moon day of Tazaungmone, 28 Buddha images will be carried in a procession around the city and nearby neighbourhoods. — ASH/TH

Filming ceremony for Myanmar movie ‘House No Ka/9’ held in Yangon

THE filming ceremony for the Myanmar film titled ‘House No Ka/9’ was held on 27 October at the Kyaikkasan Pagoda in Thingangyun Township, Yangon Region, according to the film’s director, Min Sanay.

The story of the film was written by Min Yu and May Thu Htun, with the screenplay also penned by May Thu Htun. The film is being directed by Min Sanay under Verden Production.

Director Min Sanay explained, “This film features a large number of actors, each with

their own distinctive role and significant scenes. Every character is vital to the storyline. It’s going to be a true horror film, carefully crafted to be both suspenseful and terrifying. There will be plenty of genuinely frightening moments, and I can confidently say that the audience will feel so tense they might forget to breathe”.

The main cast includes Nay Htoo Naing, Nakkhat, Zaw Shine Htet, Min Thu, May Thu Htun, Hnin, Hannah, and Moe Kaung Kin, among others. — ASH/KZL

Myanmar deports 26 Indonesians, detains 168 undocumented foreign entrants

MYANMAR deported 26 Indonesians involved in telecom fraud and other criminal activities in Kayin State via the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge II yesterday.

Myanmar authorities officially handed the deportees the necessary legal documents to ensure their smooth repatriation.

Similarly, the authorities detained 168 foreign nationals — 60 from Pakistan, 56 from Kenya, 41 from Ethiopia, and 11 from India, who illegally entered Myawady-Maethawtalay (KK Park area) through illegal routes.

Between 30 January and 28

October 2025, a total of 10,287 illegal immigrants were identified and detained in Myanmar. Of this number, 9,365 individuals have already been deported through Thailand to their respective countries, while arrangements are being made to deport the remaining 1,275 individuals. These individuals are currently under detention while awaiting repatriation.

The government is strictly cracking down on online scams and online gambling by cooperating with other countries, including neighbouring countries. — MNA/KTZH

Training courses in hotel service and Myanmar martial arts open to boost security skills

WITH the support of the Mandalay Region Government, the opening ceremony for the Hotel Service Training and Myanmar Traditional Martial Arts Course for Hotel Security Capacity Building was held yesterday morning at the Aung San Hotel in Mandalay.

Mandalay Region Minister for Economic Affairs U Thein Htay delivered the opening address. This was followed by explanations of the course details by U Zaw Myo Latt, Director of the Department of Hotels and Tourism, Dr Maung Maung Lay, Chairman of the Regional Myanmar Martial Arts Subcommittee, and the hotel service course instructors.

A total of 132 trainees are

taking part in the programme, comprising 99 trainees in the Hotel Service Course, including the Receptionist Course, the Bedroom Maintenance Course, and the Food, Beverage and Catering Course, and 33 trainees in the Myanmar Traditional Martial Arts Course. The Hotel Service Course will run for two weeks, five hours per day, while the Myanmar Traditional Martial Arts Course will be conducted over one month, from 28 October to 28 November.

The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism continues to conduct training courses on hotel management and related subjects across various regions in collaboration with private asso-

ciations involved in the hotel and tourism sectors. The aim is to systematically promote the tourism industry, develop human resources, create employment opportunities, reduce poverty, and enhance the quality of hotel services.

The ceremony was attended by Mandalay Region Minister for Economic Affairs U Thein Htay, Director of the Department of Hotels and Tourism U Zaw Myo Latt, officials from relevant departments, trainers, teachers and members of the Regional Myanmar Martial Arts Subcommittee, representatives from hotel and tourism associations, trainees, and invitees. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/MKKS



The course opening in progress at the Department of Hotels and Tourism (Mandalay)

Exports, consumption boost South Korea growth in third quarter

SOUTH Korea's economy grew 1.2 per cent in the third quarter, preliminary data from the central bank showed Tuesday, with consumption boosted by government vouchers and exports remaining strong despite global trade tensions.

Gross domestic product (GDP) rose 1.2 per cent during the July–September period compared to the previous quarter, according to the Bank of Korea. “Private consumption grew by 1.3 per cent, as expenditures on both goods and services increased,” the bank said in

a statement. Compared to the same quarter last year, the economy grew 1.7 per cent, it added. President Lee Jae Myung's administration issued vouchers this year worth at least 150,000 won (\$104) per person, regardless of income level, aimed at boosting waning consumption. That sparked the fastest growth in consumer spending in three years, with a 1.3 per cent quarter-on-quarter increase. “Consumption is likely to ease soon as the government vouchers expire at the end of November”, said Shivaan Tandon,

an analyst at research firm Capital Economics. Asia's fourth-largest economy had expanded by 0.7 per cent in the second quarter. The latest data comes as Seoul works to finalize a trade deal with Washington to avoid steep US tariffs and implement South Korea's pledge to invest \$350 billion in the United States.

South Korea, which is heavily reliant on exports, saw outbound shipments rise by 1.5 per cent quarter-by-quarter, driven by sustained demand in the semiconductor sector. — AFP



Trucks transport shipping containers at a port in Pyeongtaek on 31 July 2025. PHOTO: AFP

Amazon to cut 30,000 corporate jobs



An employee carries sorting bags at Amazon's DUR3 Delivery Station in Milpitas, California on 22 October 2025. PHOTO: AFP

AMAZON plans to lay off roughly 30,000 corporate employees starting on Tuesday, local media re-

ported Monday.

Employees are expected to be notified of the layoffs by email beginning Tuesday morning. The cuts would affect nearly 10 per cent of its corporate workforce.

As the second-largest private employer in the United States, Amazon has more than 1.54 million employees worldwide, mostly in warehouses and roughly 350,000 in corporate roles.

It marks another round of the company's rolling layoffs since 2022, which have resulted in more than 27,000 employees losing their jobs.

According to Layoffs.fyi, which tracks job reductions in the tech sector, more than 200 tech companies have laid off about 98,000 employees so far this year. The largest wave of tech layoffs occurred in 2023, when nearly 1,200 companies cut more than 260,000 jobs, it said. — Xinhua

TikTok, Meta, Snap agree to comply with Australia's under-16 social media ban

SOCIAL media companies TikTok, Meta and Snap told the Australian parliament on Tuesday that they will comply with the nation's world-first social media ban for under-16s.

Under laws passed by the Australian government in 2024, children younger than 16 will be blocked from holding accounts on social media platforms from 10 December 2025.

Addressing a senate inquiry on Tuesday, executives from TikTok parent company ByteDance, Snapchat owner Snap and Meta, parent company of Facebook and Instagram, said they would comply with the ban and start deactivating children's accounts once the law takes effect. — Xinhua

Telecom giant KDDI to launch AI-powered news search service in Japan

KDDI Corp plans to partner with US tech giant Google to launch a news search service using generative artificial intelligence in Japan as early as spring 2026, sources familiar with the matter said Tuesday.

The service, to be provided by KDDI and Google Cloud Japan, aims to prevent copyright infringement by restricting searches to content from domestic media affiliated with the programme, the sources said. It will use Google's Gemini generative AI model.

The AI will not independently collect information from the internet, and source articles will be cited clearly. It has not yet been decided how the news articles will be pre-

sented, the sources said.

Telecom giant KDDI seeks to deepen its connection with customers through the initiative that is expected to involve six news companies, including online media.

The plan comes as unauthorized use of articles by generative AI is becoming a global issue.

In August, major Japanese daily publishers Nikkei Inc. and The Asahi Shimbun Co filed a lawsuit with the Tokyo District Court against US startup Perplexity AI Inc, seeking an injunction and damages for alleged copyright infringement.

Three newspaper companies under Yomiuri Shimbun Holdings also filed a similar lawsuit with the court. — Kyodo

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Hungarian teen Marton wins second world taekwondo title

HUNGARY’S 19-year-old Luana Marton captured her second world title at the World Taekwondo Championships on Tuesday, defeating Brazil’s Milena Titoneli 2-0 in the women’s 67-kilogramme final.

Marton took the opening round 8-1 with an aggressive attacking display. In the second round, she used her close-range advantage to maintain control and held her lead to the end, sealing a 2-0 victory and the gold medal.

Two years ago, Marton claimed her first world title in the women’s 57 kilogrammes at the Baku World Championships, becoming the first Hungarian woman to win a senior world championship gold in taekwondo.

This time she competed alongside her twin sister, Viviana Marton, an Olympic champion, who will take part in the women’s 62-kilogramme division.

“My feeling is crazy. I don’t know if this is real or not. It feels like a dream. I worked so hard for this moment, and I think it’s magical,” said Marton after the match.

“It was really tough. My opponent was very strong and professional. I just tried to stay focused and keep my rhythm. I told myself I wanted to be perfect, not just good, and that made the difference,” she added. Nigeria’s Elizabeth Oluchi Anyanacho and Spain’s Lena Moreno Reyes shared the bronze medals.

China’s Song Jie faced Marton in the quarterfinals but lost 2-1, missing out on a semifinal berth. “Overall, I was in good form,” said Song. “In the first round, I followed the coach’s tactical plan, but in the next two rounds, I focused too much on one point and failed to adjust in time. Compared with my first world championships, I felt more relaxed this time.”

In the men’s 68kg final, Thailand’s world No 1 Banlung Tubtimdang defeated South Korea’s Seong Yu-hyeon 2-0. Tubtimdang had previously won bronze in the men’s 63-kilogramme event at the 2023 Baku World Championships. “I’m really happy. Last year I trained very hard, and now I finally achieved something. It feels incredible,” he said. — Xinhua



Luana Marton (L) competes in the women’s 67-kilogramme final against Milena Titoneli of Brazil. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Atletico win at Betis to bounce back from Arsenal drubbing

ATLETICO Madrid earned a solid 2-0 win at Real Betis on Monday to move fourth in La Liga and bounce back from their Champions League thrashing by Arsenal.

Diego Simeone’s side lost 4-0 last week in north London but put that defeat behind them with a strong display at La Cartuja stadium, where Betis are playing on a temporary basis.

They were able to record only their second clean sheet in their last nine games across all competitions and their first away win of the season.

The coach’s son Giuliano Simeone opened the scoring with Alex Baena netting the second before half-time.

“This is an important win, hard-fought, and I’m happy,” Atletico goalkeeper Jan Oblak told Movistar.

“I hope we continue like this, away from home, not just at home... it was a great game from the whole team and a big effort.”

Giuliano Simeone fired the visitors ahead in the opening stages with a neat volley from the edge of the box.



Real Betis’ Spanish defender (5) Marc Bartra (R) goes for a header as Atletico Madrid’s Slovenian goalkeeper (13) Jan Oblak defends during the Spanish league football match between Real Betis and Club Atletico de Madrid at the Cartuja Stadium in Seville on 27 October 2025. PHOTO: AFP

Star summer signing Baena curled home his first goal for the club before half-time to double the Rojiblancos’ lead.

Real Betis were the better team in the second half and hit the crossbar from Abde Ezalzouli’s free-kick, but Atletico’s defence held firm.

Atletico trail La Liga leaders Real Madrid by eight points, although they are the only team to inflict defeat on their city rivals.

“Our first win on the road

and we’re very happy for the great work the team did,” said Giuliano Simone, who dedicated the goal to his recently-born nephew Faustino in his celebration, making the letter F with his fingers.

Faustino’s birth made Atletico coach Diego Simeone a grandfather.

“Nothing changes for me,” said the Rojiblancos boss, smiling, while also congratulating his son on his good performance. — AFP

Vinicius plays down Clasico rift

REAL MADRID’S Brazilian winger Vinicius Jr has apologized for his behaviour after being substituted in the second half of his side’s 2-1 win over FC Barcelona on Sunday.

Real Madrid coach Xabi Alonso replaced Vinicius by Rodrygo, which enraged the winger. Vinicius walked off the pitch, shouting and making angry gestures, before storming down the players’ tunnel, in actions that provoked almost as many headlines as the match result.

Vinicius later returned to the Real Madrid dugout and picked up a booking after being involved in the angry scenes between both sets of players at the final whistle as the Real Madrid players recriminated with Lamine Yamal for comments, he had made before the match implying that Real Madrid “robbed” games. — Xinhua

Clasico red card could be blessing in disguise for Barca’s Pedri

BARCELONA midfielder Pedri has got a 10-day rest as he was sent off in the injury time of the Clasico against Real Madrid on Sunday.

Pedri will miss his side’s next La Liga match against Elche through suspension. It’s never good to be without a key player, especially one who has been the driving force in the team this season, but Pedri’s suspension could actually be a blessing in disguise at the start of a packed fixture calendar.

The 2024-25 campaign finally saw Pedri put the long history of muscle problems that had haunted him in the wake of his marathon breakthrough season in 2020-21 behind him.

That year saw Pedri play over 70 competitive matches when he was just 17 and 18 years old and ended with him taking part in both the European Championships and the Olympic Games.

It was no surprise that muscle problems stopped him in his tracks the following year in which he only played 12 league matches, while the two years after saw him limited to 26 and 24 games in La Liga, with doubts over whether he would ever fully recover.

Those worries were put to bed last season with 59 games as Barca won the league and Copa del Rey and reached the semifinals of the Champions League. — Xinhua



THE UN estimated Tuesday that nations' carbon-cutting pledges imply a far-from-sufficient 10-per-cent emissions cut by 2035, cautioning that it was unable to provide a robust global overview after most countries failed to submit their plans on time.

With just days to go before tense COP30 climate talks in Brazil, UN Climate Change provided an emissions calculation alongside its formal assessment of national 2035 pledges.

The extra calculation incorporated elements from major polluters such as China and the European Union, which have not submitted full official updated pledges.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said last week that slow action from nations meant it was "inevitable" that efforts to limit temperature rise to 1.5C would fail in the short term, unleashing devastating impacts during a period of overshoot as countries worked to pull temperatures back down again by the end of the century.

UN climate chief Simon Stiell said the estimated 10-per-cent emissions cut suggested that "humanity is now clearly bending the emissions curve downwards for the first time, although still not nearly fast enough". The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has said emissions must fall 60 per cent by 2035, from 2019 levels, for a good chance of limiting global warming to 1.5 Celsius above pre-industrial levels — the more ambitious goal of the Paris climate deal.

"The science is equally clear that temperatures absolutely can and must be brought back down to 1.5C as quickly

World far off track to meet climate goals: UN



This view shows the COP30 logotype at Docks Station in Belem, Para state, Brazil on 24 October 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

as possible after any temporary overshoot, by substantially stepping up the pace on all fronts," Stiell said in a statement.

The two-week COP30 climate negotiations in the Amazon, which start on 10 November, are tasked with galvanizing momentum in the face of a hostile

United States, geopolitical tensions, economic concerns and fears that the most ambitious climate targets are already slipping out of reach. — AFP

Russia awaits positive US response to Putin's new START proposal – Lavrov

RUSSIA expects to receive a positive response from the United States to Russian President Vladimir Putin's proposal

on the New START (New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty), Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Tuesday.



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov speaks during the 3rd Minsk International Conference on Eurasian Security in Minsk, Belarus. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

Progress is evident, but a "different atmosphere" in Russia-US relations is needed to advance the treaty, the top Russian diplomat said.

He added that while Moscow is ready for talks, it requires guarantees that a Putin-Trump summit would yield concrete results.

Moscow is interested in cooperation with the United States in air travel, but it is not currently a priority for Washington, Lavrov also noted.

Moscow hopes President Trump is seeking a sustainable peace in Ukraine, rather than paving the way for arms shipments to Kyiv, Russia's diplomacy chief stated. — SPUTNIK

Indonesia aims to operate 1st nuclear power plant by 2032 to support energy transition

INDONESIA expects to operate its first nuclear power plant by 2032 as part of efforts to achieve net zero emissions by 2060, according to Deputy Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Yuliot.

Speaking at the Nuclear Energy Regulatory Agency Executive Meeting on Monday, Yuliot said nuclear power is now seen as a strategic option to ensure national energy security and sustainability.

"Nuclear power plants are no longer considered a last resort, but rather a crucial part of national energy planning," Yuliot said, adding that the policy aligns with Indonesia's long-

term development plan and the recently issued government regulation on national energy policy.

Under the government's roadmap, nuclear power is projected to account for five per cent of Indonesia's energy mix by 2030 and 11 per cent by 2060.

While the prospects are promising, Yuliot acknowledged challenges related to funding, construction time and public safety concerns.

The government, he added, will strengthen mitigation measures, regulatory oversight and international cooperation to ensure safety and efficiency in nuclear operations. — Xinhua