

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.

MSME entrepreneurs urged to embrace tech-based production systems

The proposed expenditures and projects for the 2025-26 financial year are vital undertakings and rehabilitation efforts aimed at ensuring the State’s continued development and long-term benefit.

THE Union government held the meeting 4/2025 at its office yesterday afternoon, with an address by Prime Minister U Nyo Saw. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that the government, upholding Our Three Main National Causes, is implementing four objectives adopted by the National Defence and Security

Council. In the international landscape, the Head of State held meetings with international leaders several times, achieving their support for Myanmar and economic cooperation. Hence, ministries have to strive to implement relevant arenas successfully as technological advancement and foreign trade play a key role in the opportunities for development of the nation. Currently, the quick On Net2.0 system is being initiated in the trade system. So, it is necessary to systematically cooperate in the enhancement of the international market and trade sectors. As Myanmar is based on the agriculture and livestock businesses, rising per-acre yield of crops is the primary goal of the State. The Head of State has given guidance that it is necessary to improve the socioeconomic life of the people and ensure food security in accord with the motto: let us encourage production for the prosperity of the Nation. Under the supervision of the relevant ministries, crop development units and research units have to join hands in doing new research to achieve quality strains of crops in regions and states. With regard to the cotton crop, if farmers grow long staple cotton and quality strains of crops

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Prime Minister U Nyo Saw presides over the Union government meeting 4/2025 yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Myanmar and China to strengthen energy cooperation

A photograph of two men in dark suits sitting on a stage. They are facing each other, possibly in a discussion or interview. There is a large painting on the wall behind them.

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Continuous enrolment, citizenship verification underway at No 1 BEHS, Hsipaw

A photograph showing a group of children in school uniforms walking in a schoolyard. There are trees and a building in the background.

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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

2025

General Election

Sunday, 28 December 2025

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Days

- 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.



2024 Population and Housing Census



- The 2024 Population and Housing Census was conducted nationwide starting on 1 October 2024.
- The Union Report of the 2024 Population and Housing Census will be released on 27 October 2025.
- To obtain statistical data, visit the Department of Population’s website at www.dop.gov.mm.

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued at 7 pm Wednesday, 22 October 2025

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, the Well-Marked low-pressure area over the Southwest Bay of Bengal (off Tamil Nadu coast, India) still persists. It is likely to move northwestwards and may across North Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and South Andhra Pradesh coasts, India, during the next 24 hours. Weather is a few clouds over the North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

SPECIAL FEATURES: According to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, the Severe Tropical Storm “FENGSHEN” over the South China Sea has moved west-southwestwards and is centred at about 120 nautical miles northeast of Da Nang (Vietnam).

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 23 October 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Mandalay, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and southern Shan State, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon Region and Mon State and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway Regions and Chin, Rakhine States. In the area along the cumulonimbus clouds, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 4-8 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway, Taninthayi Regions and Chin, Rakhine States.

FORECAST FOR NAYPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 23 October 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 23 October 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 23 October 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 80 per cent. — DMH

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Appointment of Heads of Service Organizations

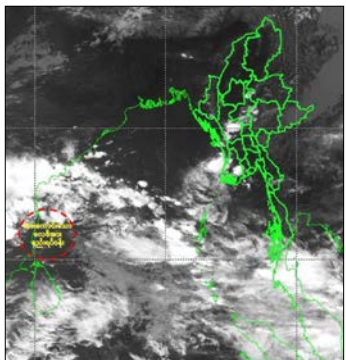
THE National Defence and Security Council has appointed the following individuals as Heads of Service Organizations, shown against each of their names on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
Dr Nu Nu Lwin Pro-Rector Naypyitaw State Academy Ministry of Education	Rector Naypyitaw State Academy Ministry of Education
Dr Naychi Lai Lai Thein Deputy Director-General Department of Advanced Science and Technology Ministry of Science and Technology	Director-General Department of Advanced Science and Technology Ministry of Science and Technology

Well-Marked Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 4 pm MST on 22 October 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)

Myanmar and Novosibirsk to enhance bilateral cooperation

NATIONAL Defence and Security Council Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe received a delegation led by Ms Anna Sergeyevna Vinnikova, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Novosibirsk of the Russian Federation, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed the enhancement of cooperation in trade and investment, industry, tourism, education, healthcare and cultural sectors of Myanmar and Novosibirsk.

Also present at the meeting

were Union Minister U Tin Oo Lwin, Deputy Ministers U Ko Ko Kyaw and U Min Min, whereas the Russian Deputy Minister was accompanied by the relevant Russian officials of the Cultural Ministry, Novosibirsk Administrative Office and the Government of Novosibirsk Region. — MNA/KTZH

National Defence and Security Council Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe meets Ms Anna Sergeyevna Vinnikova, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Novosibirsk of the Russian Federation in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.



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meeting the target production, it will benefit the State by emphasizing local sufficiency as well as exportation. Plans should be adopted to cultivate and produce bamboo-based products as pulp and paper, as the country produces a large volume of bamboo yearly. Manufacturing value-added rubber products using domestic rubber raw materials for export purposes is beneficial for the State. It is essential for all that a higher per-acre yield of crops benefits the farmers as well as the State. It is necessary to increase the per-acre yield of crops on the existing cultivable lands, rather than the expansion of sown acreage. The State economic promotion fund was spent on distributing fertilizers at fair prices to monsoon paddy farmers in August and September. Moreover, the drum seeders have been distributed to them. As such, farmers need to strive to meet the production target. Moreover, perennial trees must be grown

on a manageable scale in order to raise the forest coverage area in accordance with the motto: Let us protect our environment for the prosperity of the Nation.

In the industrial sector, priority must be given to the development of the micro, small and medium-sized enterprises as the basic economic force of a country. MSME businesspersons must be familiar with digital systems and technology-applied production systems, with their efforts in stable and development production leading to industrial development, rather than the profits.

With regard to illegal trade and taking action, the illegal trade is a primary hindrance to the trade development of the State, bearing the bad impacts on the socioeconomic sector. Hence, authorities need to make the illegal trade measures stricter and take action against offenders for seizures under the law.

In the education sector, efforts must be made for raising the learning opportunities for all,

enabling all citizens to complete the KG+9 scheme, encouraging basic education plus industrial, agriculture and livestock schools, supervising the processes for almost hundred per cent of students to pass the learning grades, teach them to complete learning and not to decline the number of students in promoting the learning grade in accord with the motto adopted by the State “Let us ensure education sector for the development of the Nation”.

In the health sector, as the Head of State adopted a policy that all hospitals must have doctors, health staff must be appointed for hospitals.

In the sports sector, the Head of State encourages the sports sector, aligned with the motto: Uplifting sports means protecting the State. As the construction of gymnasiums, swimming pools, 5,000-spectator-capacity stands, and synthetic rubber track and field facilities stadiums has been allowed in major cities of regions and states, emphasis must be

placed on nurturing new generation athletes in regions and states as part of uplifting the sports sector. Athletes need to make utmost efforts in their competitions in the XXXIII SEA Games in Thailand to uphold the honour of the State.

The Prime Minister continued to say that the finance and revenue sector. He said that the expenditures and projects proposed for the 2025-26 financial year are essential undertakings and rehabilitation works that must be implemented for the benefit of the State. Therefore, it is necessary to ensure their timely completion within the relevant financial year. In implementing these projects, emphasis must be placed on quality, adherence to procedures, rules, and regulations, and performing duties with full accountability and responsibility. As the taxation sector plays an important role, tax collection activities must be carried out extensively. Furthermore, all departments implement their respective projects in strict ac-

cordance with the laws, bylaws, directives, and procedures prescribed for each financial year.

In order to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election successfully, all electoral processes must be undertaken transparently, while emphasis must be placed on raising public awareness of using the Myanmar Electronic Voting Machine (MEAVM) in the election and raising the security measures during the election period. The attendees of the meeting were urged to give advice for the development of the State in respective sectors.

Union ministers read the letters and gave clarifications. The Prime Minister coordinated the discussions of the Union ministers and gave concluding remarks. Also, present at the meeting were Union ministers and officials together with the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman and the region and state chief ministers through videoconferencing. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

MoFA Union Minister receives UNRC/HC ad interim

U Than Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, received Ms Gwyn Lewis, United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator ad interim (UNRC/HC ai), yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw. During the meeting, they exchanged views on matters related to the existing and further cooperation between the Government of Myanmar and the United Nations agencies. Also, present at the meeting were senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA

Union Minister U Than Swe meets United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator ad interim (UNRC/HC ai) Ms Gwyn Lewis in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.



Myanmar and Novosibirsk to promote sector-wise cooperation



The Russian delegation led by Deputy Minister Ms Anna Sergeyevna Vinnikova, the Novosibirsk of the Russian Federation, views the scale model of the the Maravijaya Buddha Image in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

DEPUTY Ministers of the ministries concerned received the Russian delegation led by Ms Anna Sergeyevna Vinnikova, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Novosibirsk of the Russian Federation, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. They openly exchanged views on bilateral cooperation on religious and cultural affairs, tourism industry and also in various sectors, including education, healthcare and farming industry, enhancement of bilateral trade and expansion of the Myanmar-Novosibirsk flight. Also, present at the meeting were Deputy Ministers for Religious Affairs and Culture Daw Nu Mra Zan and U Aye Tun, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Tin Htut, Deputy Minister for Commerce U Min Min, Deputy Minister for Education U Nay Myo Hlaing, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Phyo Zaw Soe and other relevant officials. The Russian delegation visited the Maravijaya Buddha Image on the same evening. — MNA/KTZH

Severe Tropical Storm “FENGSHEN” News, No 6, 2025

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Severe Tropical Storm “FENGSHEN” Condition

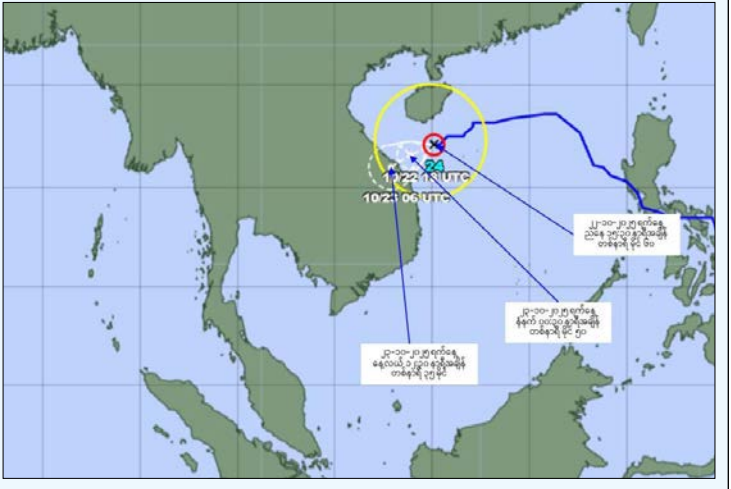
According to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, the Severe Tropical Storm “FENGSHEN” over South China Sea has moved west-southwestwards and is centred at about 125 nautical miles Northeast of Da Nang (Vietnam).

Position of Severe Tropical Storm “FENGSHEN”, center pressure and wind

The Severe Tropical Storm “FENGSHEN” is located at Latitude 17.1 degree North and Longitude 110.1 degree East, centre pressure of Severe Tropical Storm “FENGSHEN” is 990 hPa and maximum wind speed near the center is 60 miles per hour at 3:30 pm MST today.

Next 48 hours forecast

It is likely to move west-southwestwards and may cross near Da Nang, Central coastal areas of Vietnam during the next 24 hours. Thereafter, it may pass over the inetior part of Vietnam to Loas as a tropical storm on 24 October 2025. — DMH



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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)

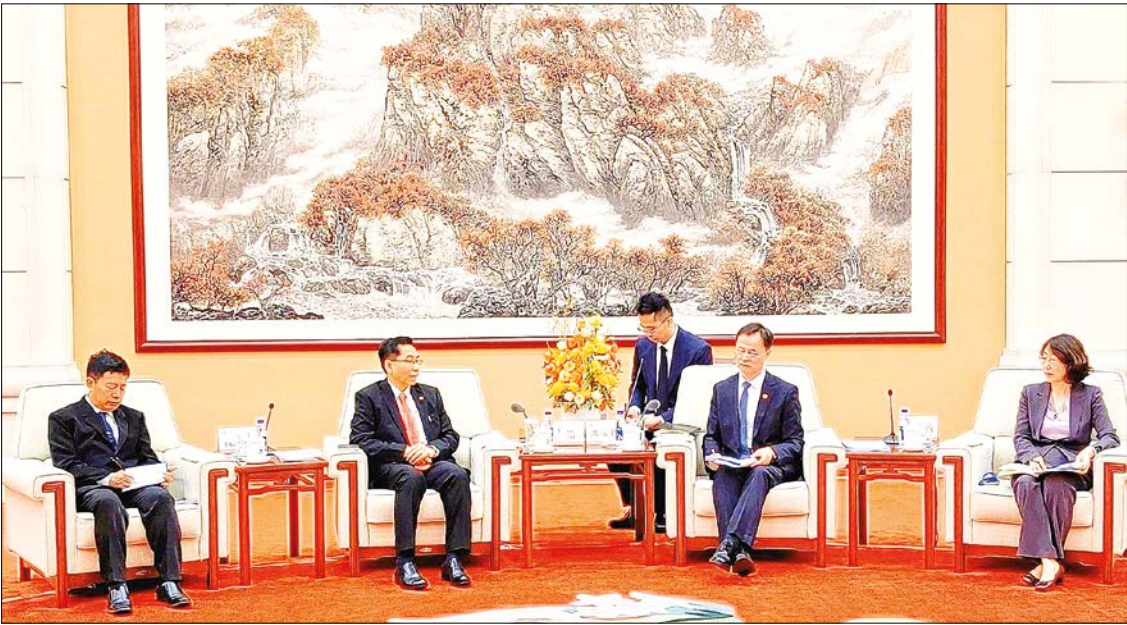


Myanmar and China to strengthen energy cooperation

THE Myanmar delegation, led by Union Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin, met the delegation led by China National Oil & Gas Exploration and Development Corporation (CNODC) Chairman at the CNODC office in China yesterday.

During the meeting, the Union minister discussed the matters related to jointly co-operate for the exploration, drilling, and production of oil and natural gas in Myanmar’s promising offshore areas, sending of trainees to management, economic, and legal aspects of offshore projects, exchange of working groups to ensure the close relationship and proper assistance to develop the human resource development that is required in Myanmar’s energy sector.

He then met the delegation led by the Chairpersons of Canadian Foresight Group (CFG) and China Oilfield Services Limited (COSL), and discussed the exploration-related matters in the mutually promising offshore



Union Minister U Ko Ko Lwin holds talks with China National Oil & Gas Exploration and Development Corporation Chairman yesterday in Beijing, China.

fields as quickly as possible. On 21 October, the Union minister received the groups led by CNPC Vice-Chair at the China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC). During the meeting they openly discussed enhancement of bilateral cooperation in oil and natural gas sector, more invest-

ment in promising oil and natural gas projects, transmitting of natural gas through the existing Southeast Asia gas pipeline, further cooperation to explore, drill, and produce in new offshore areas, using the full capacity of Southeast Asia’s oil and gas pipelines, creating opportunities for interested companies to in-

vest in replacing and upgrading onshore pipelines to meet the standards, continuous supply of crude oil and natural gas needed for the expansion and construction of new oil refineries and pipeline security and peace and stability measures in the areas along the pipeline areas. The Myanmar delegation

then had lunch together with the delegates led by the Chair of Sino-Pipeline International (SPI), which will implement the Thanbayakan Oil Refinery project.

During the lunch, they discussed connecting pipelines to transport the crude oil and natural gas needed for new oil refinery projects, conducting initial studies to fully use the capacity of existing crude oil and natural gas pipelines and further cooperating on these efforts.

The Union minister also received the heads of the energy sector, and the meeting focused on exploration, drilling of oil and natural gas, establishment of oil refinery and other energy-related matters.

During the visit to China, the Myanmar delegation visited BGP, a leading geophysical service company, and studied practical use of 3D Seismic, technologies for oil and natural gas exploration and production of seismic measurement equipment. — MNA/KTZH

MoFA Deputy Minister receives ICRC Resident Representative



The ICRC Resident Representative calls on Deputy Minister U Ko Ko Kyaw yesterday.

U Ko Ko Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, received Mr Arnaud de Baecque, Resident Representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to Myanmar, yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on matters related to existing and further activities of the ICRC in Myanmar. Also, present at the meeting were senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA

Yangon Transport Minister delivers literary talk at Yangon Nursing University

YANGON Region Minister for Transport U Kyaw Kyaw Soe (pen name Maung Yō–Ngaphe) delivered a literary talk entitled “Mentor” to students at the University of Nursing (Yangon) in Lanmadaw Township yesterday afternoon.

The event began with opening remarks by Dr Wai Wai Oo, Pro-Rector of the University of Nursing (Yangon). The minister discussed the concept of “Mentor” and shared his article “Longing for the Land of Ngaphe (Our Village, Our Tradition)”, emphasizing that doctors and nurses should think with

their minds, decide with their hearts, and care for patients with their words and hands. He also offered insights into literature, ethics, and humanity.

Students later discussed

the literary themes presented during the session, after which the minister exchanged views and delivered an analytical conclusion on the topics discussed.

— Oattha/KZL



The literary talk is underway yesterday at the University of Nursing in Yangon. PHOTO: KO LWIN

NATIONAL

Upper Myanmar Amateur Open 2025 to run for three days

THE Upper Myanmar Amateur Open 2025 will be held for three days, according to the Myanmar Golf Federation.

Under the guidance of MGF, the MGF subcommittee for upper Myanmar will organize the competition scheduled from 2 to 4 December, at the Shwe Mann Taung Golf Course in Mandalay, in accordance with R&A rules limited, USGA rules of golf 2023, and local rules.

Amateur players (men) hold a 0-12 handicap, and women players who have been initially registered will need to make the registration by dialling U Min Naing's phone 09 2015467 and U Than Zin's phone 09 2026566, said MGF.

The first Thadingyut golf tournament, Tour Pro and the friendly tournament, Senior Pro of the Pro Myo Win Aung Association (PMA), was held from 15 to 18 October at Yay Dagun Taung Golf Course in Mandalay. — MT/ZS



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Russian Novosibirsk Tourist Board, UMTA discuss tourism cooperation



The group photo of the meeting between the visiting Russian Novosibirsk and the UMTA.

THE Union of Myanmar Travel Association (UMTA) met with the visiting Russian Novosibirsk Tourist Board to promote tourism cooperation between Myanmar and Russia, according to the UMTA.

The meeting was held to explore mutually beneficial opportunities for the development of tourism between the two countries. It took place at the Lotte Hotel Yangon on the afternoon of 21 October.

The Myanmar team includes UMTA chair U Kyaw Bone Naing, UMTA executives, UMTA member Daw Dalia Win of Peacock Travel arranging Russian tours, and the executives from the affiliated Myanmar Tourism Marketing Association (MTM).

During the meeting, the two parties discussed the development of tourism cooperation between Myanmar and Russia, to attract more tourists and to increase the awareness of Russian citizens about the attractions in Myanmar.

In the current tourist season, foreign tourist arrivals to Myanmar include travellers from Russia, India, Nepal, Japan, Korea, China, Germany, Indonesia, Spain and Malaysia, according to the tourism circle. — MT/ZN

Govt allocates K60B for HIV ART drug purchases

THE government has increased funding to K60 billion in the fiscal year 2025-2026 for the purchase of ART drugs and medical supplies for the treatment of HIV patients.

This was stated by the deputy minister of the Ministry of Health, Dr Aye Tun, at the Coordination Meeting on the findings of the review of HIV/AIDS control projects held on 21 October.

During the meeting, the deputy minister said that despite the recent decline in HIV infection rates across Myanmar, Concentrated Epidemic Infection continues to exist among members of the target group, and the ministry is considering HIV/AIDS as a priority public health issue.



This photo shows ART drugs being provided to an HIV patient in a clinic run by an NGO. PHOTO: RMO

Currently, the ministry is working on the development of a National Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS (2027-2030), and it has allocated K33.6 billion for the procurement of ART drugs and medical supplies in the financial year 2024-2025.

ART and first-line drugs for the treatment of TB have been procured with 100 per cent State funding since 2015. The drugs are distributed to hospitals under the ministry and to INGO/NGO pharmacies according to the number of patients. Additionally, annual needs are estimated, and the necessary funds are included in the budget to ensure the availability of ART and TB drugs to patients. — Htun Htun/ZN

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People urged to safeguard nation in unity through Union spirit

- ❖ It is essential for all citizens to stand united with a strong spirit of Union and collectively safeguard and protect the nation in building a Union based on democracy and federalism.
- ❖ The Union spirit is a root cause in the independence struggle in the country's history, as well as a foundation for shaping a future democratic nation.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the ceremony to mark the 80th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day, which falls on 27 March 2025)

Real-time CCTV monitoring at oil storage sites set for year-end completion

REAL-TIME online monitoring and CCTV installation will be conducted at petrol stations and oil storage facilities by the end of the year. With Myanmar's transition to a market-oriented economy system in 2010, the government allowed the private sector to import, store and distribute petrol. Those engaged in the fuel oil supply chain are making efforts to enhance safety and operational efficiency in modern oil storage facilities like those of the regional and neighbouring countries, ensure oil sufficiency, quality and consistency measurement for domestic consumption and have a reasonable market price for people. Therefore, a real-time online monitoring system with CCTV installation is implement-



Cars queue up for refuelling at Yangon petrol station.

ed at the petrol stations and oil storage facilities by December 2025. Furthermore, CCTV maintenance, troubleshooting and upgrading is also carried out at the stations. The Ministry of Energy is coordinating matters to facilitate the process. This effort is to meet domestic energy consumption and ensure energy safety, monitor the supply chain from import

to end user, support real-time management at fuel stations and regulate the whole supply chain, including importers, traders, companies and institutions through an online monitoring system. Those engaged in the private sector must seek a business licence to operate petroleum and petroleum product businesses in line with the Petroleum and Petroleum Product Law. They must strictly adhere to the law, Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, and safety measures to ensure fuel supply and security. The ministry is closely monitoring and regulating the private business entities to abide by the law, standards, rules and regulations of the ministry. — NN/KK

CBM to pump US\$30M to fuel oil sector

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 21 October that it would inject US\$30 million into the fuel sector. CBM also sold over \$1.7 million to edible oil-importing companies on that day in addition to sales of 753,600 yuan. CBM sold \$587,750 to edible oil-importing companies, in addition to an injection of over 259,190 yuan into the market. CBM sold \$893,300 to fuel oil-importing companies and over \$396,500 to fuel oil-importing companies on 16 October, in addition to an injection of 300,000 yuan. CBM sold over \$1.19 million purchased from the



An aerial drone view of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) in Yangon. companies working on a Cut, Make, and Pack basis, to edible oil-importing companies on 15 October. CBM announced on 14 October that it would pump \$27 million into the fuel oil sector. Furthermore, CBM sold over \$1.79 million to the edible oil-importing companies from the foreign reserves purchased from CMP companies, in addition to an injection of over \$1.455 million into the market. CBM pumped over \$39 million purchased from companies working on a Cut, Make, and Pack basis into the market in September 2025. Moreover, CBM also injected over \$680,000, 6.2 million yuan and 300,000 baht into the mar-

ket through the foreign exchange market online trading platform last month. CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March 2024, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

Non-payment of annual patent fee results in lapse

IF patent holders fail to make an annuity within the grace period, the patent will lapse and the rights will be abandoned, the Intellectual Property Department announced on 21 October. The department announced rules regarding annuities to protect the exclusive rights to the patent or utility model (petty patent). Annual fees specified within six months before the payment due date must be paid according to the fees stipulated in the Notification 2/2024 in seeking a grant for the patent or utility model (petty patent) and appointment of representative (Patent or Utility Model). Annual fee must be paid starting from the second year and the third year from the filing of applications for a patent or a utility model. Penalty for late patent annuity is 50 per cent of the annual fee payable for the current year. Failure or missed patent annuity will result in the grant of a patent/utility model or patent/utility model registration being null and void. — NN/KK

Abide by the laws in conducting party campaigns and the election process

A FREE and fair multiparty democratic general election, Part I, is scheduled to be held on 28 December 2025, and the election day is gradually approaching. In preparation for voting, the initial voter lists have already been announced. If there are any necessary updates, eligible individuals can submit the required forms at the designated election sub-commission offices, after which the final verified voter lists will be released.

The Union Election Commission has been continuously issuing announcements in accordance with its procedures regarding the actions to be taken or avoided by voters, political parties, and candidates. While all political parties are allowed to participate and compete in the election, they can do so only in accordance with the laws and regulations that have been prescribed.

Candidates nominated their lists at the relevant election sub-commissions from 8 September to 22 September. The sub-com-

mission offices then verified these candidates from 23 September to 4 October in accordance with the relevant Hluttaw Election Law and related rules. The finalized lists of verified candidates were simultaneously announced at the respective sub-commission offices on 19 October. Candidates representing political parties under the first-past-the-post system, candidates under the proportional representation system, or independent candidates must conduct their campaigning and vote-gathering activities in accordance with the law. To ensure freedom, fairness, and a peaceful election, all election-related gatherings, speeches, and voter mobilization must be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the relevant laws and rules. The UEC has announced that a 60-day campaign period for voter mobilisation has been authorized for the upcoming general elections, which will begin on 28 December, running from 6:00 am on 28 October to 12:00 midnight on 26 December. Announcements regarding election-related gatherings, speeches, and voter mobilization have been issued, and political parties are now allowed to present their policies, positions, and activities through state radio and television programmes. Political parties must respect and comply with the Election Law while conducting voter mobilization and carrying out all party operations. As they seek the support of the public to lead the nation, they must set an example by adhering to the relevant laws and rules. Hence, they have to educate and guide their members and supporters to abide by the laws. An election cannot be conducted by a commission alone; it can only be carried out as a free, fair, and honourable process when the political parties competing in the election, the Hluttaw candidates, and the voting citizens actively participate and cooperate in their respective capacities.

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CONNECTING ON THE UNIVERSAL DANCE OF WORDS

PROVERBS and sayings are crucial to understanding and preserving a culture because they reflect shared values, beliefs, and wisdom passed down through generations.

မိဘကျေးဇူး မြင်းမိုင်ဦး
“Parents’ kindness is as high as Mount Meru.”

“မိဘကျေးဇူး မြင်းမိုင်ဦး” ဆိုတာ မြန်မာလူမျိုးတွေ အမြတ်တနိုးထားပြီး ပြောဆိုလေ့ရှိတဲ့ ဆိုရိုးစကား (သို့မဟုတ်) စကားပုံ တစ်ခုပါ။ ရိုးရိုးရှင်းရှင်း ပြောရရင်တော့ မိဘတို့ရဲ့ ကျေးဇူးတရားဟာ တိုင်းတာမခံနိုင်လောက်အောင် ကြီးမားမြင့်မြတ်တယ် လို့ ဆိုလိုတာပါပဲ။

“မြင်းမိုင်ဦး” ဆိုတာက ဗုဒ္ဓဘာသာကျမ်းဂန်တွေထဲမှာ ဖော်ပြထားတဲ့ အလွန်အမင်း မြင့်မားပြီး ခမ်းနားကြီးကျယ်တဲ့ မြင်းမိုင်တောင်ကြီးကို ရည်ညွှန်းတာ ဖြစ်ပါတယ်။

ဒါကြောင့် မိဘတွေရဲ့ ကျေးဇူးတရားဟာ အဲဒီမြင်းမိုင်တောင်ကြီးလောက်ကို ကြီးမား၊ လေးနက်ပြီး အမြင့်မြတ်ဆုံးဖြစ်တယ် လို့ နှိုင်းယှဉ်တင်စားပြထားတာပါ။

မိဘတွေဟာ သားသမီးတွေကို မွေးဖွားပေးခြင်း၊ ကျေးမွေးပြုစုစောင့်ရှောက်ခြင်း၊ ပညာတတ်အောင် သင်ကြားပေးခြင်း စတဲ့ ကျေးဇူးပေါင်း မြောက်မြားစွာ ပေးဆပ်ထားကြပါတယ်။ အဲဒီကျေးဇူးတွေကို ဘယ်အရာနဲ့မှ လဲလှယ်လို့ မရ၊ နှိုင်းယှဉ်လို့ မရနိုင်လောက်အောင် ကြီးမားလွန်းတယ် ဆိုတာကို ဒီစကားပုံကနေ ဖော်ညွှန်းပြသနေတာ ဖြစ်ပါတယ်။

In Myanmar, there’s an old saying: “Parents’ kindness is as high as Mount Meru.” Mount Meru is a huge, magical mountain in Buddhist stories – it’s the biggest and most important in the world.

This saying means that what parents do for their children is incredibly great and special.

Parents give life, take care of their kids with love, feed them, and teach them right from wrong. Their kindness is so big that it can never be fully repaid.

The proverb reminds children to always respect their parents deeply. They should love and care for them, especially when their parents grow old. In Myanmar culture, taking care of your parents is one of the most important duties in life.

USAGES
1. Go to great lengths
Definition: To make a big effort to achieve something or help someone.
Example: Parents go to great lengths to make sure their children are safe and happy.

2. Bend over backwards
Definition: To do everything possible to help or please someone.
Example: She bent over backwards to support her son’s education, working two jobs to pay for school.

3. Move heaven and earth
Definition: To do whatever it takes, no matter how difficult, to achieve something.
Example: A loving father will move heaven and earth to protect his children.

4. Give the shirt off one’s back
Definition: To give someone anything, even if it means sacrificing your own needs.
Example: Her parents would give the shirt off their backs just to see her smile.

“မလျှာတတ် ဈေးရောင်း”
“If You Can’t Donate, Sell Wisely”

လူတိုင်းမှာ “လက်ထဲမှာ ငွေကြေးပြည့်စုံလာရင် အများအကျိုးအတွက် ကြီးကြီးမားမား လှူဒါန်းမယ်” ဆိုတဲ့ ရည်ရွယ်ချက် မရှိသူ မရှိသလောက်ပါပဲ။ ဒါပေမဲ့ လက်ရှိ ဘဝရပ်တည်ဖို့ ရုန်းကန်နေရချိန်၊ ဝင်ငွေကလည်း နည်းပါးနေချိန်မှာ ဘယ်လိုလုပ် ကုသိုလ်ရအောင် ဖန်တီးမလဲ?

အဲဒါကတော့ “မလျှာတတ် ဈေးရောင်း” ဆိုတဲ့ ဆိုရိုးစကားလေးပါပဲ။

ငွေကြေးအင်အားသုံးပြီး ခမ်းနားကြီးကျယ်တဲ့ အလှူအတန်းတွေ မလုပ်နိုင်သေးရင်တောင် ကိုယ်ရဲ့ နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းခွင် (ဈေးရောင်းခြင်း) ကနေတစ်ဆင့် လှူဒါန်းခြင်းကုသိုလ်ကို ရှာယူလို့ရတယ် လို့ ဆိုလိုတာ ဖြစ်ပါတယ်။

ဒါဟာ ကိုယ့်ရဲ့ စီးပွားရေးလုပ်ငန်းကို အမှီပြုပြီး နေထိုင်နေရတဲ့ ဈေးသည်တစ်ဦးအတွက် အလွယ်ဆုံးနဲ့ အထိရောက်ဆုံးသော ဒါန ဖြစ်ပါတယ်။

“ပိုပိုသာသာ” ပေးခြင်းက ဘာကြောင့် ကုသိုလ်ဖြစ်စေသလဲ? ဈေးရောင်းတဲ့အခါ ရောင်းသူနဲ့ ဝယ်သူကြားမှာ တင်းကျပ်တဲ့ စီးပွားရေးစည်းမျဉ်းတစ်ခုရှိပါတယ်။ ဒါပေမဲ့ “မလျှာတတ် ဈေးရောင်း” ဆိုတဲ့ အယူအဆက ဒီစည်းမျဉ်းကို စေတနာနဲ့ ဖြေလျှော့လိုက်တာပါ။ ရောင်းသူက ဝယ်သူအပေါ် တွက်ကပ်မနေဘဲ “ပိုပိုသာသာလေး” ထည့်ပေးလိုက်တာဟာ ပေးကမ်းချင်စိတ် (စာဂ) ရှိကြောင်း ပြသရာရောက်ပါတယ်။ ဒီစေတနာဟာ ပေးသူရဲ့ စိတ်ကို အတ္တကင်းအောင် ပြုပြင်ပေးပါတယ်။

ဝယ်သူကလည်း သူထင်ထားတာထက် ပိုရလိုက်တဲ့အခါ စိတ်ထဲမှာ ကျေနပ်ပျော်ရွှင်မှု ဖြစ်သွားပါတယ်။ “ဒီဈေးသည်က သဘောကောင်းလိုက်တာ” လို့ သူများအပေါ် မေတ္တာစိတ် ဖြစ်ပေါ်စေပါတယ်။ ဈေးရောင်းတဲ့သူဟာ ရမယ့်အမြတ်ငွေအပေါ်မှာပဲ မျက်စိမိုက် စွဲလမ်းမနေဘဲ၊ လူမှုဆက်ဆံရေးနဲ့ ကိုယ့်ရဲ့ စေတနာကို ဦးစားပေးလိုက်ခြင်းဟာ လောဘစိတ်ကို လျှော့ချရာ ရောက်ပါတယ်။ ဒီလို စိတ်ထားမျိုးဟာ ဘယ်လို အလှူဒါနမျိုးနဲ့မှ မလဲနိုင်တဲ့ မွန်မြတ်တဲ့ ကုသိုလ်ပါပဲ။

ဒီစကားပုံရဲ့ အနှစ်သာရကို ခေတ်သစ်စီးပွားရေးနဲ့ ချိတ်ဆက်ကြည့်ရင် “ဝန်ဆောင်မှု ထူးချွန်ရေး (Customer Service Excellence)” ဆိုတဲ့ အချက်နဲ့ တူနေပါတယ်။

သင်ကသာ ပိုပြီး စေတနာထားတယ်၊ “အမြဲပေးတယ်” ဆိုရင် သင့်ဆိုင်ကိုသာ ပြန်လာမယ့် သစ္စာရှိ ဖောက်သည်တွေကို ခိုင်မာစွာ ရရှိပါလိမ့်မယ်။ လူတွေဟာ တစ်ခုခု ပိုရရင် သင့်ရဲ့ ကောင်းမွန်တဲ့ စေတနာကို အခြားသူတွေကို လက်ဆင့်ကမ်း ပြောပြတဲ့အတွက် ရိုးသားတဲ့ စီးပွားရေးသမားအဖြစ် နာမည်ကောင်း ရလာပါလိမ့်မယ်။

ဒါကြောင့် “မလျှာတတ် ဈေးရောင်း” ဆိုတာ စေတနာနဲ့ ဈေးကွက်ရှာဖွေရေးကို ပေါင်းစပ်ပေးလိုက်တဲ့ ရှေးခေတ်မြန်မာတို့ရဲ့ လိမ္မာပါးနပ်တဲ့ စီးပွားရေးအတွေးအခေါ် လို့ ပြောရင် မှားမယ်မထင်ပါဘူး။

The ancient Myanmar proverb “If You Can’t Donate, Sell Wisely” offers a practical and moral guide for those who wish to do good but lack wealth.

Rooted in Buddhist values, it encourages people—especially vendors or shopkeepers—to turn their everyday work into an act of kindness and spiritual merit.

Selling wisely means going beyond profit, offering fair prices, adding small extras, or simply being kind and honest.

This creates a cycle of generosity that benefits both seller and buyer. The seller nurtures a compassionate heart and resists greed, gaining inner peace and spiritual merit.

The buyer, receiving thoughtful service, feels valued and often returns—helping the business grow through word of mouth.

This old wisdom remains highly relevant today, resembling modern concepts of excellent customer service and ethical business practices.

It shows that generosity isn’t limited to donations—simple, kind actions in daily life can also build strong relationships, a good reputation, and a fulfilling life. Ultimately, the proverb teaches that success comes from blending hard work with a generous spirit.

USAGES
1. Go the extra mile
Definition: To do more than what is expected or required.
Example: The shopkeeper always goes the extra mile by giving customers a little free sample with every purchase.

2. Fair and square
Definition: Honest and fair; following the rules without cheating.
Example: The vendor earned his customers’ trust by dealing fair and square, never overcharging or hiding costs.

3. A good turn deserves another
Definition: If someone does something kind, you should return the favour.
Example: He always treats his customers kindly, knowing that a good turn deserves another—they keep coming back.

4. What goes around comes around
Definition: The way you treat others will eventually come back to you, good or bad.
Example: She believes in honesty and generosity because what goes around comes around—her business keeps growing.

“မယားနေစ ကြောင်သေမှ”
“Wife arrives, the cat must die”

မြန်မာ့ယဉ်ကျေးမှုမှာ ကာလကြာရှည် တည်ရှိခဲ့တဲ့ ဆိုရိုးစကားတွေထဲမှာ “မယားနေစ ကြောင်သေမှ” ဆိုတဲ့ စကားပုံက တော်တော်လေး စိတ်ဝင်စားဖို့ ကောင်းသလို၊ ခေတ်အမြင်အရ အငြင်းပွားစရာလည်း ဖြစ်ပါတယ်။ ဒီနေ့ခေတ်မှာ ဒီစကားပုံကို ဘယ်သူမှ လက်ခံ ကျင့်သုံးတော့မှာ မဟုတ်ပေမယ့်၊ ဒီစကားလုံးတွေရဲ့ နောက်ကွယ်က ရှေးလူမှုဘဝနဲ့ အိမ်ထောင်ရေးအပေါ် ထားရှိတဲ့ ရှေးအမြင်ကိုတော့ လေ့လာသိရှိထားသင့်ပါတယ်။

ဒီစကားပုံကို အပေါ်ယံကြည့်ရင် အိမ်ထောင်စပြုတဲ့နေ့မှာ “ကြောင်တစ်ကောင်ကောင်ကို ရက်ရက်စက်စက် သတ်ပြရမယ်” လို့ ထင်မှတ်စရာရှိပါတယ်။ ဒါပေမဲ့ တကယ့်ဆိုလိုရင်းက အဲဒီလို တိရစ္ဆာန်သတ်ဖြတ်ခိုင်းတာ မဟုတ်ပါဘူး။

အိမ်ထောင်ပြုပြီးစ၊ ဇနီးသည်အသစ်စက်စက် အိမ်ကို စတင်ရောက်ရှိလာတဲ့အခါမှာ ယောက်ျားဖြစ်သူက “ငါဟာ ဒီအိမ်ရဲ့ အကြီးအကဲ၊ အဆုံးအဖြတ်ပေးသူ အာဏာပိုင်ရင်” ဆိုတာကို ဇနီးသည်ကို ရှင်းရှင်းလင်းလင်း သိအောင် ပြသရမယ်လို့ ဆိုလိုတာပါ။

ဇနီးသည်ရဲ့ရှေ့မှာ အိမ်တွင်းပိုင်ဆိုင်မှုတစ်ခုခု၊ ဒါမှမဟုတ် တိရစ္ဆာန်လေးတစ်ကောင်ကို ပြင်းပြင်းထန်ထန် နှိပ်ကွပ်၊ ဖျက်ဆီးပြခြင်းအားဖြင့် သူ့ရဲ့ ဒေါသနဲ့ အာဏာကို ပြသတဲ့ “သတ်ပေးနည်း” တစ်ခုကို ဥပမာပေးထားခြင်း သာ ဖြစ်ပါတယ်။

ဒီလို ကြမ်းတမ်းတဲ့ နည်းဗျူဟာကို ရှေးတုန်းက ယောက်ျားတွေ သုံးခဲ့ရတဲ့ အဓိက ရည်ရွယ်ချက် (၃) ခု ရှိပါတယ်။ အာဏာ အခိုင်အမာ တည်ဆောက်ဖို့၊ ကြိုတင် ခြောက်လှန့်

ထားဖို့၊ အိမ်ဦးနုတ် နေရာယူဖို့ ဖြစ်ပါတယ်။ ခေတ်သစ် လူ့ဘောင်အမြင် နဲ့ ပြောရရင်တော့ ဒီစကားပုံဟာ ဒီခေတ်ရဲ့ တန်ဖိုးထားမှုတွေနဲ့ လုံးဝ ဆန့်ကျင်ဘက် ဖြစ်နေပါပြီ။

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ဒါကြောင့် “မယားနေစ ကြောင်သေမှ” ဆိုတဲ့ စကားပုံဟာ ရှေးခေတ်ရဲ့ ယောက်ျားကြီးစိုးတဲ့ လူနေမှုစနစ်အောက်က ရက်စက်တဲ့ နည်းဗျူဟာတစ်ခုကို မှတ်တမ်းတင်ထားတဲ့ သမိုင်းဝင် စကားတစ်ခုအဖြစ်သာ ကျန်ရစ်ခဲ့ပါတော့တယ်။

The old Myanmar proverb “Wife arrives, the cat must die” reflected a time when marriages were deeply unequal.

It symbolized the belief that a husband should immediately assert dominance when his new wife entered the home.

The “cat dying” was not literal but a metaphor for a shocking or cruel act meant to instil fear and ensure obedience.

Acts like breaking objects or harming a pet were used to demonstrate the husband’s control, reinforcing the idea that his word was law.

This approach was thought to maintain peace and order by preventing the wife from gaining influence in the household.

However, such thinking relied on fear and intimidation.

Today, this proverb is widely condemned as promoting abuse and outdated gender roles.

Modern relationships emphasize equality, mutual respect, and open communication.

Instead of fear-based control, healthy marriages are now built on kindness, shared responsibility, and love—reflecting progress in how families and partnerships are understood.

USAGES
1. Lay down the law
Definition: To assert authority by telling others what they must do.
Example: As soon as they got married, he laid down the law about how things would be run in the household.

2. Put your foot down
Definition: To use your authority to stop something or to make a firm decision.
Example: He put his foot down early in the marriage to show he was in charge.

3. Wear the pants (in the relationship)
Definition: To be the one who controls or makes decisions in a relationship.
Example: Everyone could see he wore the pants in the marriage from day one.

4. Set the tone
Definition: To establish the mood, style, or attitude that will be followed.



မိဘကျေးဇူး မြင်းမိုင်ဦး
“Parents’ kindness is as high as Mount Meru.”



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“If You Can’t Donate, Sell Wisely”



“မယားနေစ ကြောင်သေမှ”
“Wife arrives, the cat must die”

Example: He believed it was important to set the tone on the first day his wife moved in.

NATIONAL

Continuous enrolment, citizenship verification underway at No 1 BEHS, Hsipaw

FOLLOWING the completion of a counter-terrorism operation by the Tatmadaw (Armed Forces) to ensure peace and stability for the public and the subsequent regaining of full control over Hsipaw Township, Shan State (North), intensive and timely recovery work is being carried out. These efforts focus on restoring the government's administrative machinery, enabling children to continue their education, reinstating public healthcare services, and undertaking general rehabilitation tasks.

To ensure that the educational sector for students in and around Hsipaw is not adversely affected, and to facilitate the smooth operation of public health services, members of the Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force, the Fire Services Department, departmental staff, and residents today carried out joint



Schoolchildren walk into the Basic Education High School No 1, Hsipaw, yesterday.

cleaning and sanitation work at No 3 Basic Education High School and the People's Hospital in Hsipaw.

Furthermore, student enrolment for school-age children

commenced at No 1 Basic Education High School in Hsipaw.

In addition, since 21 October, No 1 Basic Education High School in Hsipaw has been accepting school-age children ac-

ery and supplies provided by the Ministry of Education, and departmental officials are providing necessary assistance.

Immigration and Population has opened a temporary branch office at the Konedaw Pariyatti Teaching Monastery in Hsipaw. They have begun operations to verify household registrations for the local ethnic people and to process citizenship scrutiny cards. Security forces are also undertaking mine-clearance operations at departmental offices and areas heavily used by the public throughout Hsipaw.

Security forces are continuing their area security and dominance duties to ensure the long-term development and stability of Hsipaw Township, allowing the local ethnic residents to resume their social and economic activities peacefully. — MNA/MKKS

Counter-argument to false information

Khit Thit spreads false report of illegal detention at DaikU Prison

THE Facebook page Khit Thit Media published a misleading report on 11 October claiming that 16 political prisoners at the DaikU Prison were unlawfully confined together.

Investigation revealed that on 2 October, inmate Kyaw Ye Lwin, tasked with supervising fellow prisoner Win Thura – serving sentences under Terrorist-50(H) and Penal Code 302(2)/114 – had instructed him to dispose of leftover food and fish bones in the designated trash containers, not to throw them into the water tank. During this process, a minor altercation occurred between Kyaw Ye Lwin and Win Thu Ya.

Following the incident, two involved prisoners were questioned by the dormitory officer, while other inmates, including Nyan Lin Naing, attempted to form groups and incite unrest inside the dormitory. The responsible security officer clarified that the two involved prisoners would be handled in accordance with prison regulations, and other unrelated inmates were instructed to return to their dormitories. Despite this, some continued to make noise, potentially affecting prison security.

Authorities emphasized that, under Prison Law Section 438, the temporary separation of the two prisoners was a standard security measure, and the incident has been properly investigated and managed according to the law. The Khit Thit Media report was therefore misleading, intended to create public misunderstanding and misrepresent prison procedures. — MNA/KZL

Myanmar deports 9,339 foreigners linked to telecom fraud

AUTHORITIES in Myanmar have identified, detained, and repatriated foreigners involved in telecom fraud, online gambling, and related criminal activities in Kayin State, including the Myawady, Shwe Kokko, and KK Park areas.

Many had entered Myanmar illegally through border routes after transiting neighbouring countries, including Thailand. They were deported via the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge II in line with legal procedures, with consideration for humanitarian grounds and friendly bilateral relations.

From 30 January to the present, authorities screened and detained 9,506 illegal entrants arriving via border routes and Yangon International Airport, covering 40 countries. This includes 8,710 men and 796 women entering through border routes, and 44 men and one woman arriving via Yangon Airport. In total, 9,551 foreigners, including 8,754 men and 797 women, have been registered and handled by the authorities.

Of these, 9,339 individuals – 8,560 men and 779 women – have been formally handed over to the relevant countries with complete documentation

through coordinated departmental efforts at the Friendship Bridge. The remaining 212 individuals (194 men and 18 women) are being properly sheltered and are ready for repatriation.

The Myanmar government continues to actively cooperate with neighbouring countries, regional partners, and international organizations to expose and take strong action against those operating online scam centres and foreign masterminds behind such crimes, while ensuring prompt deportation of distressed or trafficked foreign nationals. — MNA/KZL

Top websites and web portals to access Military Service Rules

1. Office of the State Administration Council
<https://sacoffice.gov.mm>

2. Ministry of Defence
<https://www.mod.gov.mm>

3. Ministry of Legal Affairs
<https://www.mlis.gov.mm>

4. Ministry of Information
<https://www.moi.gov.mm>

5. Myawady Webportal
<https://myawady.net.mm>

6. Myanmar National Portal
<https://myanmar.gov.mm>

NATIONAL

Mystery thriller series ‘Yin’ to premiere on Hey Play App & YouTube

ACCORDING to director Ye Yint Thitsa, the drama series titled ‘Yin’ will be released during the final week of October on both the Hey Play application and its YouTube channel.

The screenplay and story of ‘Yin’ were written by Maung Thitsa and Yan Naing Htun, while Ye Yint Thitsa directed the series for Zabumin Entertainment. It is described as a mystery thriller drama series.

Director Ye Yint Thitsa said, “This series is made especially for audiences who enjoy suspenseful and thrilling stories. It’s filled with mystery, emotion, love, and excitement — a truly captivating series that viewers can look forward to”.

The cast of the series includes Min Bone Myat, Min Taw Win, Kyaw Zin Min Myat, Kyaw Zin Htut, Maw Kunn Thit, Htoo Myat Paing, Sett Htoo Thit, Albert Paing, Su Htet Htet Kyaw, Aw Myat Khin, May Khun Ar, Mary Maung, Zaw Win Maung, Linn Myat, Yoon Waddy Hlaing, AD Oo, IV May, Bhone Khant Linn, and many other actors and actresses. — ASH/MKKS

Music duo to stage Perfect Harmony Night live show in Yangon

VOCALISTS Phyo Pyae Sone and Jewel will jointly stage a live show titled **Perfect Harmony Night** at Yangon Social F&B, Music, Kids Playground in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, according to Phyo Pyae Sone.

The concert will feature musical accompaniment by the Daily Gita band, which will provide live instrumental support for the performers.

Phyo Pyae Sone said, “To welcome the early winter season and bring its spirit to life, we will hold the ‘**Perfect Harmony Night**’ concert at 7 pm on 7 November (Friday) at the Yangon Social. We invite everyone to come and enjoy a night filled with beautiful love and sentimental songs that best fit the winter mood, together with the Daily Gita band”.

Yangon Social Bar, formerly known as Inya Lake Garden Food Hall & Entertainment, was rebranded and reopened as Yangon Social F&B, Music, and Kids Playground, and it will continue to host live music events. — ASH/KZL



This photo features the ceremony of offering the Matho Thingan to the Buddha on the full moon day of Tazaungmone (Samañaphala Day) in 1386 ME.

Shwedagon to host 37th Matho Thingan offering and Samañaphala Day

THE 37th Matho Thingan (Robe) Offering Ceremony and Samañaphala Day will be held at designated locations around the Shwedagon Pagoda on the eve of the Tazaungmone full moon and on the full moon day itself, according to U Bo Thin, a member of the pagoda’s board of trustees.

“Devotional activities will begin with worship at the ancient Buddha statues by circumambulating the Pagoda at 6 pm on the evening before the Tazaungmone full moon day (3 November). The opening of the robe-weaving competition will be held at the southwest corner of the Shwedagon Pagoda, followed by the awards ceremony at 11 pm. The robes woven during the competition will then be crafted into the ‘golden lotus robes’. On the morning of 4 November, the full moon day, the golden lotus robe will be ceremoniously presented to the Padamyar Myetshin Buddha image on the upper terrace, along with other Buddha images throughout the pagoda. Further, the Samañaphala Day alms offering to the Shwedagon Pagoda and its senior monks will commence at 5 am in the southern guest hall. Sermons on Samañaphala by the monks and a merit-sharing activity are scheduled for 6 am,” U Bo Thin stated.

The 37th Shwedagon Pagoda Matho Thingan Competition is scheduled for 3 November, with the Matho Thingan Making Competition Award Ceremony to follow on the Tazaungmone full moon day. Nine teams will take part in the competition. The first prize is set at K4 million, the second at K3.5 million, the third at K3 million, the fourth at K2.5 million, and five teams will each receive K1.5 million as consolation prizes.

Arrangements have been made for pilgrims attending the Matho Thingan Offering Ceremony and the Samañaphala Day observances to stay overnight in designated shelters, where they may engage in merit-making activities. — ASH/TH

Myanmar launches plan to raise rubber yield above 1,000 pounds per acre

ACCORDING to the Perennial Crops Division under the Department of Agriculture (Head Office), plans are currently being implemented to increase the yield of rubber — an industrial crop — to more than 1,000 pounds per acre as a national production target.

Efforts to achieve this target will help boost Myanmar’s overall rubber production and exports, potentially increasing the country’s export earnings by approximately one billion US dollars.

A responsible official from the Perennial Crops Division stated, “We have conducted research and formulated methods that both entrepreneurs and farmers can apply to increase rubber yields. We are also striving to secure a greater share in the global rubber market. In order to raise productivity, replanting new, high-quality and pure varieties to replace old and senile rubber

trees in ageing plantations will further enhance yield levels. These high-quality and pure rubber varieties can be obtained not only from the seed production farms under the Perennial Crops Division of the Department of Agriculture but also from licensed private seed producers”.

During the 2024–2025 financial year, the average yield from tappable rubber plantations was 727.48 pounds per acre. At present, in 2025, Myanmar has



A glimpse of rubber production activities in a rubber plantation.

over 1.5 million acres of rubber plantations, mainly cultivated in Tanintharyi and Bago Regions, and the Mon, Kayin, and Shan States. Currently, about 75 per cent of Myanmar’s rubber exports go to China, while other export destinations include Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, India, and Japan. — ASH/KNN

ECONOMY
WORLD

Trump’s plan to import
Argentine beef triggers
backlash from US ranchers

Former US President Donald Trump proposed importing beef from Argentina to lower domestic US beef prices, while aiding Argentina as a strong ally.



Argentina is one of the world’s biggest exporters of beef. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

US cattle producers have voiced strong opposition to US President Donald Trump’s suggestion to import beef from Argentina.

Trump told reporters Sunday that the United States could “buy some beef from Argentina”, adding the move “will bring our beef prices down” and “help Argentina, which we consider a very good country, a very good ally”.

In a press release issued

Monday, the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA) warned that such imports would harm domestic cattle producers and interfere with free-market principles.

The NCBA’s family farmers and ranchers have numerous concerns with importing more Argentinian beef to lower prices for consumers, said NCBA CEO Colin Woodall. “This plan only creates chaos at a critical time of the year

for American cattle producers, while doing nothing to lower grocery store prices.”

Woodall pointed out that the trade relationship between the two countries is heavily imbalanced, noting that in the past five years, Argentina has sold more than US\$801 million of beef into the US market, while the US has sold just over US\$7 million worth of American beef to Argentina.

— Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cambodia’s trade with ASEAN exceeds
US\$12 bln in first 9 months of 2025

CAMBODIA’S trade volume with its fellow ASEAN member states hit US\$12.28 billion in the first nine months of 2025, a year-on-year increase of 4.78 per cent, said an official report on Wednesday.

The country exported products worth \$4.47 billion to other ASEAN countries during the January-September period this year, up 17.5 per cent year-on-year, while its total import amounted to \$7.81 billion, down 1.35 per cent, said the report compiled by the Ministry of Commerce.

Cambodia’s trade volume with the ASEAN accounted for 25.6 per cent of the kingdom’s total trade volume of \$47.89 billion in the first nine months of 2025, the report said. — Xinhua

Uzbekistan’s foreign trade up 22.9% in first
9 month

UZBEKISTAN’S foreign trade rose by 22.9 per cent in January-September 2025, the National Statistics Committee said in a statement on Tuesday.

During the nine months, Uzbekistan’s foreign trade has amounted to US\$59.8 billion — an increase of \$11.14 billion, or 22.9 per cent compared with the same period in 2024, according to the statement. Exports reached \$26.68 billion, while imports totaled \$33.11 billion, it said.

In September, Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev announced that Uzbekistan aims to join the ranks of upper-middle-income countries by 2030. — Xinhua

India’s supportive policies, funding
drive rapid green energy transition in
subcontinent: S&P

INDIA’S ambitious renewable energy initiatives are on track and the country is currently leading the pack in South and Southeast Asia. According to a report by S&P Global Ratings, India has made good progress in renewable capacity additions, significantly outpacing coal.

As per the S&P Global Ratings report on energy transition in South and Southeast Asia, other countries in the region risk missing their targets and will require economic and scalable renewable power (Indonesia) or stronger grid networks (the Philippines, Vietnam).

“A larger scale of execution, bigger hybrid projects, rising storage tenders and robust private sector funding will likely drive these gains,” it said. — ANI

Eurostar plans double-decker train
amid competition threat

EUROSTAR said Wednesday it will run double-decker trains through the Channel Tunnel for the first time, as it faces potential competition on its routes between London and mainland Europe.

A 2.0-billion euro (\$2.3-billion) investment in up to 50 electric double-decker trains built by French group Alstom could help

Eurostar reach 30 million annual passengers by the new decade, up around 50 per cent from current traveller numbers. It comes as other European operators are eyeing the cross-Channel route linking England with France, which could break Eurostar’s three-decade monopoly on passenger services. Italy’s Tren-

italia, the UK’s Virgin, Spain’s Evolyn, and the Dutch startup Heuro have all indicated interest. Eurostar chief executive Gwendoline Cazenave said the company’s “milestone order” for Alstom trains “marks the concrete realisation of Eurostar’s ambitious growth strategy -- to reach 30 million passengers”. — AFP



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India’s festive spending peaks with Rs5.40 lakh crore in goods

SALES of Rs 5.40 lakh crore in goods and Rs 65,000 crore in services across the country marked India’s highest-ever Diwali season turnover, underscoring a historic surge in retail trade and consumer spending during the 2025 festive season.

According to the latest survey by the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), this year’s Diwali sales reflected a

remarkable 25 per cent jump compared to 2024’s Rs4.25 lakh crore.

The findings, compiled by the CAIT Research & Trade Development Society, are based on a pan-India survey conducted across 60 major distribution centres representing Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 cities between Navratri (September 29) and Diwali (October 20). The study evaluated sales performance, consumer

sentiment, and the economic influence of GST rationalization and the government’s call for Swadeshi adoption.

CAIT’s report attributed this record-breaking performance to two major factors — the rationalization of GST rates across key consumer categories and the strong public response to Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s “Vocal for Local” campaign. — ANI



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‘Mixed performance’: Heineken beer sales down

DUTCH brewer Heineken Wednesday reported a steep drop in beer sales in the third quarter, driven by a sharp decline in the United States and Europe and a “challenging” economy. The Amsterdam-based firm, the world’s second-largest brewer after AB InBev, predicted its profits for the year would likely come towards the bottom end of its forecasts given the difficult conditions. Heineken said it sold 59.0 million hectolitres of beer worldwide in the third quarter. This was down on the 62.3 million sold in the second quarter, and also lower than the 61.9 million in the third quarter of last year. — AFP



Heineken beer sales are dwindling. PHOTO: AFP

Chinese commerce minister meets with Airbus CEO

CHINA’S Commerce Minister Wang Wentao met with Airbus CEO Guillaume Faury in Beijing on Tuesday, according to a statement released by the Ministry of Commerce on Wednesday.

Wang noted that China’s market has continued to expand steadily in recent years, becoming the world’s second-largest consumption market as well as the second-largest import market.

The country will further advance Chinese modernization and foster new quality productive forces, the minister said, adding that this will create vast opportunities for foreign enterprises, including Airbus.

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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

China completes world's first wind-powered underwater data centre

An initiative in the integrated development of Underwater Data Centre (UDC) projects and offshore renewable energy has been successfully completed.



A drone photo taken on 18 February 2025 shows Hainan's commercial underwater intelligent computing cluster being lowered into the sea near Lingshui Li autonomous county in South China's Hainan province. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

CHINA on Tuesday completed construction of the world's first wind-powered underwater data center (UDC) project in east China's Shanghai Municipality, setting a benchmark in terms of the green development of computing infrastructure.

Located in the Lin-gang Special Area of China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone, this UDC project received an investment of 1.6 billion yuan (about US\$226 million) and has

a total power capacity of 24 megawatts, according to the administrative committee of the Lin-gang Special Area.

The administrative committee said the completion of this initiative marks a breakthrough in the integrated development of UDC projects and offshore renewable energy. It provides a concrete example of green and low-carbon development of computing infrastructure and local con-

sumption of offshore wind power on a demonstration scale. Compared to traditional land-based data centers, the underwater project is designed to use over 95 per cent green electricity — reducing power consumption by 22.8 per cent, and water and land use by 100 per cent and more than 90 per cent, respectively, said Su Yang, general manager of Shanghai Hicloud Technology, which is one of the project contractors. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

New Japanese PM likely to scale back fiscal goals to keep inflation in check

NEWLY elected Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi is expected to scale back her initial plan to spur demand with aggressive fiscal spending to avert a possible spike in inflation.

Takaichi has been a vocal advocate of "Abenomics", a mix of government spending and monetary stimulus pursued by former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, but has committed to evolving her economic policies as part of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's coalition with the Japan Innovation Party.

The JIP's pledge to boost growth through regulatory reforms and improve public finances through reduced spending "will tone down Takaichi's (policy) ambitions," Takahide Kiuchi, executive economist at Nomura Research Institute, said. — Kyodo

Paetongtarn Shinawatra resigns as Pheu Thai Party leader

THAILAND'S former Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra announced her resignation as Pheu Thai Party leader on Wednesday, a move that follows a Constitutional Court ruling that previously removed her from office. In a statement, Paetongtarn expressed her intention to initiate a comprehensive "overhaul" of the party before the next election.

"I firmly believe that this transformation must begin without delay. Therefore, I have chosen to step down as party leader to allow the party the freedom to reinvent itself and build a stronger, more complete organization," she said. — Xinhua

Kremlin shrugs off rumours, highlights huge prep effort for Putin-Trump summit

THE date for the meeting between Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Donald Trump has not been set, it is yet to be determined, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, Trump would not confirm any sort of cancellation of his meeting with Putin in Budapest, telling reporters he prefers to avoid a wasted meeting and will monitor developments. — SPUTNIK

Capital Area Food Bank provides free food to US federal employees, contractors amid govt shutdown

STARTING this week, the nonprofit Capital Area Food Bank started to provide special free food distributions to US federal employees and contractors.

Over the past weeks, the impact of the government shutdown has gradually become apparent. About 750,000 federal employees in so-called

"non-essential" positions have been furloughed without pay, while hundreds of thousands in "essential" roles remain on the job — also without pay.

Against the backdrop of rising food prices and high mortgage costs, the inability to receive timely paychecks has placed significant financial pressure on many federal workers. — Xinhua



Federal employees and contractors receive food items during a free food distribution in Hyattsville, Maryland, the United States, on 21 October 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

SPORTS

Arsenal's Gyokeres
'hungry' to build on
Champions League double

VIKTOR Gyokeres says he is eager to respond to manager Mikel Arteta's call to take his goal-scoring momentum into the Premier League, after Tuesday's impressive performance against Atletico Madrid.

Attacker Gyokeres ended a run of seven games without a goal by scoring twice in Arsenal's 4-0 rout of Atletico in the Champions League at the Emirates Stadium.

It took the 27-year-old's tally for the Gunners to five goals following his £58 million (\$77 million) transfer from Sporting Lisbon, where he scored 97 times in 102

appearances. Gunners boss Arteta challenged Gyokeres to keep the goals coming, with Arsenal back in domestic action against London rivals Crystal Palace at the Emirates on Sunday.

"I'm more hungry now," said Gyokeres. "You always want to contribute with work rate and other stuff, but when you score goals as well, it's a bit special. So that's something I always want to do. — AFP



Arsenal striker Viktor Gyokeres (C) celebrates with teammates at the Emirates Stadium after scoring their fourth goal during a 4-0 win over Atletico Madrid in the Champions League. **PHOTO: AFP**

Chelsea joins race to sign Vitor Roque

CHELSEA is considering a move to sign in-form Palmeiras striker Vitor Roque, according to media reports in Brazil.

But the Premier League side faces competition for the 20-year-old's signature from

London rivals Tottenham and West Ham, news outlet Lance reported.

It added that Chelsea had made preliminary enquiries with a view to securing the forward in the January trans-

fer window. Roque has scored 13 goals in 26 league outings for Palmeiras this year in addition to four goals in eight Copa Libertadores matches for the Sao Paulo club. — Xinhua

Gordon grateful for
Mourinho praise after
Newcastle beat Benfica



Newcastle midfielder Anthony Gordon celebrates after scoring the opening goal of a 3-0 Champions League win over Benfica at St James' Park. **PHOTO: AFP**

NEWCASTLE attacker Anthony Gordon said being lauded by Benfica boss Jose Mourinho after the Magpies' Champions League win at home to the Portuguese side on Tuesday was a "big compliment".

The 24-year-old England forward scored the first goal — his fourth in the competition in three games this season - and made the last in a 3-0 victory at St James' Park as the Magpies overwhelmed Benfica to the delight of a crowd of more than

52,000 people. There were plaudits aplenty for Gordon following the game but it was the words of Mourinho, who went over to talk to the former Everton frontman on the final whistle, that really hit home. Asked what the veteran Portuguese boss had told him, Gordon replied: "He said 'You're too much', which is a big compliment for me because as a kid, he was my favourite manager in the world growing up. — AFP

New Asian Tour event 'like a
major' for Filipino golfers

VETERAN Angelo Que said Wednesday that the high quality of the field for this week's Asian Tour event made it "like a major" for him and his fellow Filipino golfers.

For champions Patrick Reed, Dustin Johnson and Charl Schwartzel, plus 2010

British Open winner Louis Oosthuizen, lead the most prestigious lineup ever assembled for a golf tournament in the Philippines. Que, a 46-year-old three-time winner on the Asian Tour, said he was honoured to be teeing up alongside golfing royalty in the inaugural International Series Philippines, beginning Thursday. The tournament is one of nine enhanced events of the Asian Tour this season that carry a \$2 million prize fund, far bigger than regular Asian Tour events. "The International Series is on a different level when it comes to competition," Que told reporters at Sta. Elena Golf Club, south of Manila. "The level of play with these players are so different. It's just another event for them. But to us, yes, it is somewhat like a major." — AFP

Dustin Johnson is one of four major winners teeing up for the Inaugural International Series Philippines this week. **PHOTO: AFP**





Russian upper house denounces Russia-US plutonium disposal deal

In 2016, Russia suspended the Plutonium Management and Disposition Agreement with the United States, citing several reasons in an explanatory note.

RUSSIAN Federation Council denounced at a meeting on Wednesday the Plutonium Management and Disposition Agreement between Russia and the United States, which is no longer necessary for defence purposes, its handling and cooperation in this area.

The explanatory note said that in 2016, the agreement and its protocols were suspended by decree of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The reasons for this were a fundamental change in circumstances — the imposition of US sanctions against Russia, the adoption of a law on support for Ukraine that allows for interference in the country's internal affairs, NATO expansion to the east, the buildup of the US military presence in Eastern European countries, and the US intention to change the plutonium disposition procedure stipulated in the agreement without the consent of Russia. — SPUTNIK



An interior view shows the Unit No 4 with the BN-800 fast reactor running on uranium-plutonium mixed-oxide (MOX) fuel at the Beloyarsk Nuclear Power Plant in Sverdlovsk Region, Russia. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

India's economy remains resilient amid global headwinds: RBI Bulletin

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI), in its latest State of the Economy article published in the RBI Bulletin of Oc-

tober 2025, noted that while the Indian economy is not immune to global headwinds, it continues to demonstrate

resilience.

The bulletin attributed this resilience to strong and durable macroeconomic fundamentals, including low inflation, robust balance sheets of banks and corporates, adequate foreign exchange reserves and a credible monetary and fiscal framework.

It says, "While the Indian economy is not immune to global headwinds, it has so far exhibited resilience, driven by a focus on strong and durable macroeconomic fundamentals — including low inflation, robust balance sheets of banks and corporates, adequate foreign exchange reserves and a credible monetary and fiscal framework."

Amid renewed trade tensions and rising protectionism across advanced economies, the RBI emphasised that the domestic economy remains on a steady path, supported by structural reforms and sustained domestic demand. — ANI



This resilience is linked to strong macroeconomic fundamentals such as low inflation, robust balance sheets of banks and corporates, adequate foreign exchange reserves, and a credible monetary and fiscal framework. **PHOTO: ANI**

OpenAI introduces new browser Atlas in direct challenge to Google

OpenAI on Tuesday unveiled Atlas, a new web browser powered by ChatGPT at its core.

OpenAI said that while Atlas resembles traditional web browsers in appearance and function, it is fundamentally built around the company's generative chatbot, ChatGPT. This integration enables users to seamlessly summon ChatGPT as they browse, generating summaries, answering questions, and performing tasks directly on any webpage.

"A browser built with ChatGPT takes us closer to a true super-assistant that understands your world and helps you achieve your goals," the company said in a statement.

OpenAI CEO Sam Altman described Atlas as a once-in-a-decade opportunity to reinvent the web browsing experience. — Xinhua