

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.

New trade routes launched as border post closure aims to ease stranded cargo flow



Cargo vessels are seen transporting goods along the Yangon-Kawthoung-Ranong route.

With the temporary closure of the Myawady border trade post along the Myanmar-Thailand trade route, a new container ship-ping line linking Yangon, Kawthoung and Ranong has been launched to facilitate faster and more efficient import and ex-port of goods between the two countries.

ACCORDING to the Department of Trade under the Ministry of Commerce, further action will be taken once complete information has been sub-mitted regarding the goods

stranded along the border trade routes. At present, the Myan-mar-China border trade posts at Chinshwehaw, Lwe-je and Muse, as well as the Myanmar-Thailand border

trade post at Myawady, have been temporarily suspended. Consequently, arrangements are being made to handle the goods that have been strand-ed due to the temporary sus-pension of these posts.

The Muse border trade post has recently been ex-porting molasses to China and re-importing fuel into Myanmar.

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

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Objectives for 105th National Victory Day 2025

- ★ To preserve and protect the perpetuity and stability of the Union by all ethnic people as a national duty
- ★ To build a nation with human resources who have perfect knowledge and skills
- ★ To promote national education for the continued and sustainable development and prosperity of the nation
- ★ To preserve and safeguard national cultural characteristics from disappearing

Yangon committee backs expectant, new mothers at Dawbon clinic

YANGON Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Chairperson Daw Hnin Zar Chi Oo and committee members visited the maternal and child welfare association-operated maternity clinic in Dawbon Township, Botahtaung District, at around 12 noon yesterday to provide necessary support to expectant and new mothers.

During the visit, the chairperson, committee members, and officials from the Botahtaung District and Dawbon Township Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees presented nutritional supplements, including dried fish packs, eggs, iodized

salt, vitamin tablets, and diaper cloth, to five mothers who had recently given birth. Each mother also received K15,000 in cash assistance.

Following the donation, officials inspected the maternity home and gave guidance for further improvements. They also visited the traditional medicine herbal garden located in front of the maternity home. — Chit Su Wai (IPRD)/KZL

Officials from Yangon Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee provide nutritional supplements and diaper cloth to a mother who had recently given birth.



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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)

MoFA Union Minister delivers diplomatic briefing on Myanmar’s recent developments

A diplomatic briefing was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Yangon yesterday, in which Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe briefed ambassadors, heads of missions, diplomats, and representatives from United Nations agencies based in Yangon on the current developments in Myanmar.

The briefing was attended by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Kyaw Kyaw, UEC Member U Aung Lwin Oo, and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, and the Union Election Commission, as well as Ambassadors, chargés d’affaires, diplomats, and representatives from UN agencies. In his remarks, the Union minister explained the ongoing preparations for the forthcoming multi-party democratic general election, ensuring that the elections will be free, fair, and inclusive. He noted that no restrictions have been imposed on political parties or candidates wishing to contest the election, and that arrangements are being made to hold the elections in phases. He also briefed that local and international election observers, diplomats, international



Union Minister U Than Swe briefs on the current developments in Myanmar to ambassadors, heads of missions, diplomats, and representatives from United Nations agencies based in Yangon.

organizations, and media representatives have been invited and granted accreditation to monitor the electoral process, ensuring the election’s transparency. Regarding the peace process, the Union minister reiterated that the Government continues to invite Ethnic Armed Organizations and armed groups to participate in peace talks and the political process through dialogue. He also highlighted that armed groups based in border areas are operating online gambling, casinos, and online scams together with international criminal gangs. He stated that within an over two-year period, from October 2023 to November 2025,

a total of 67,982 foreign nationals from 52 countries who had illegally entered Myanmar through neighbouring countries were deported to their respective home countries. He further briefed that 99.5 per cent of illegal entries occurred through land routes from neighbouring countries, with most operations based in Kayin State, particularly in the Myawady and Maethawtalay KK Park areas, where online fraud activities are conducted. He also briefed that these gangs and armed groups have been getting internet, electricity, and financial transactions from neighbouring countries for their illegal activities. He therefore stressed the need



for greater cross-border cooperation to combat transnational crimes effectively. The Union minister also urged diplomats to convey the true situation on the ground in Myanmar to their respective governments. Officials from the Union Election Commission then conducted a demonstration of the Electronic Voting Machine (EVM), explaining the electronic voting system. Diplomats observed the voting process first-hand and engaged in questions and discussions regarding the system. Subsequently, officials from the Ministry of Home Affairs briefed participants on transnational crimes and drug eradica-

tion efforts, noting that most of the chemical precursors used in narcotics production are being trafficked into Myanmar from neighbouring countries. They highlighted the involvement of certain EAOs in these activities, which directly affect Myanmar’s internal political stability, and called for stronger cooperation and monitoring from neighbouring countries. Officials also presented video testimonies of individuals apprehended during operations against online gambling syndicates. Regarding the crackdown on KK Park, a scam hub in Myawaddy Township, the official explained that of the total 625 buildings, 148 have been demolished in the first phase, 62 in the second phase, and 425 buildings are planned for demolition in the next phases. They underscored the importance of cooperation among the country of origin, the destination country, and the transit country in addressing these transnational issues. The briefing concluded with a question-and-answer session, during which diplomats raised their queries and responsible officials provided clarifications. — MNA

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Meanwhile, preparations are underway to establish new trade routes to facilitate smoother and more efficient border trade operations. According to the current situation, trade be-

tween Myanmar and China is being carried out with certain restrictions. Therefore, new trade routes will be opened to ensure that trade activities continue without interruption, said Director Daw Cho Thet Mu of

the Department of Trade. Along the Myanmar-Thailand trade route, as the Myawady border trade post remains temporarily closed, a container shipping route between Yangon, Kawthoung and

Ranong has been launched to enable faster import and export of goods. Moreover, import licences have been issued, and trade activities are also being conducted through the Tachilek border trade post. — ASH/KNN

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NESP (2021-2030) Mid-Term Review Reference Group Meeting 1 held

THE Ministry of Education organized the first meeting of the Mid-Term Review (MTR) Reference Group for the National Education Strategic Plan (2021-2030) yesterday at the Conference Room of the Department of Monitoring and Evaluation, Ministry of Education, Nay Pyi Taw. Union Minister Dr Chaw Chaw Sein, Deputy Minister Dr Zaw Myint, directors-general, the rector of the Naypyitaw State Academy, deputy directors-general, directors, and responsible officials attended the meeting.

In her opening remarks, the Union minister stated that the National Education Strategic Plan (2021-2030) serves as a roadmap designed to provide quality education, equitable opportunities, and internationally



Union Minister Dr Chaw Chaw Sein speaks at the first meeting of the Mid-Term Review (MTR) Reference Group for the National Education Strategic Plan (2021-2030) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

competitive capabilities for future generations of the country. She noted that the implementation of the plan has now reached

its mid-term, and this is the best time for reflection, learning, and charting the path forward.

She emphasized that the

Mid-Term Review (MTR) process should prioritize four key areas: documenting progress, addressing challenges, analyz-

ing new opportunities, and establishing consensus for future actions. To ensure the successful execution of the MTR process, she called for full collaboration among all departments, led by the Department of Monitoring and Evaluation, including the Ministry itself.

The meeting then continued as scheduled, and Dr Aung Kyaw, leader of the MTR Reference Group, explained the objectives and procedures of the Mid-Term Review. Afterwards, MTR Group secretary Dr Kyaw San Win presented proposals regarding the recruitment of experts for the MTR Team. The members discussed and supported the proposals, after which the meeting was adjourned. — MoE

Myanmar, China, Thailand students wrap up Yangon cultural exchange



The closing ceremony of the Student Cultural Exchange Programme in progress in Yangon yesterday.

THE closing ceremony of the Student Cultural Exchange Programme, organized under the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund (2025), was held yesterday evening at the Summit Parkview Hotel in Yangon.

The programme ran from 9 to 12 November.

At the ceremony, Deputy Minister for Education U Nay Myo Hlaing emphasized the importance of cultural and educational exchanges in human

resource development. He highlighted that such exchanges foster mutual respect, trust, equality, and understanding among nations, while also strengthening warm and friendly relations and enhancing educational coopera-

tion to support human resource development.

The Deputy Minister presented commemorative gifts to teachers and student representatives from China and Thailand. Representatives from the participating countries expressed their gratitude before attending a dinner reception hosted in their honour.

The ceremony was attended by officials from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Myanmar, the Ministry of Education, representatives and students from China, Thailand, and Myanmar, as well as education officers and school heads from the Department of Basic Education.

Earlier in the morning, the visiting teachers, students, and officials toured Basic Educa-

tion High School No 1 in Dagon Township, the National Museum, and the Secretariat, where they discussed measures to further strengthen cultural exchange and plan future programmes.

On 10 November, the deputy director-general of the Department of Basic Education briefed the students on the objectives of the cultural exchange programme. Student representatives from Myanmar, China, and Thailand delivered presentations on their respective education systems, customs and traditions, and cultures and arts.

On 11 November, the delegation visited the Practising High School of Yangon University of Education and the Shwedagon Pagoda as part of their cultural and educational study tour. — MNA/KZL

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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)



Gokteik Bridge restoration marks triumph in preserving historic landmark

UNION Minister for Transport and Communications U Mya Tun Oo, Deputy Minister U Aung Myaing, and relevant officials of Myanmar Railways, inspected the test run of the train on the Gokteik Bridge in Nawnghiko in Shan State (North) on 11 November.

The bridge was exploded by the terrorists on 24 August 2025, and engineers repaired the bridge successfully.

The Union minister and party inspected the concrete sleeper factory in Hsipaw Township, and the relevant officials of Myanmar Railways reported on the damage and losses of the factory, including 179 types of materials, vehicles and machinery worth K3,888.62 million due to the terrorist attacks starting from 11 November 2023. After hearing the report, the Union minister made proper instructions and observed the factory compound.



This photo shows the general view of Gokteik Viaduct.

The Union minister and party then visited the Myanmar Post and Telecommunication (Auto Exchange), the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology

(township office), the Hsipaw Railway Station and the Myanmar Post (Hsipaw office), and met the staff of affiliated departments at the Myanmar Post (Hsipaw

Office) and instructed them to work together among the departments, and presented foodstuffs and cash to the staff.

Similarly, the Union minister

met the staff of affiliated departments at the training hall of the Road Transport Administration Department in Kyaukme to encourage them, and presented foodstuffs and cash.

After the inspection tour to Kyaukme railway station, the Union minister and party headed to the Gokteik Railway Station in Nawnghiko. They watched the test run of the train that carried 209 tonnes of load, and took the RGC from the Gokteik Railway Station to the other side of the bridge.

The Gokteik Bridge was destroyed by the terrorists on 24 August 2025 and was repaired in its original style within 76 days.

The Union minister appreciated the efforts of the Myanmar Railway staff for repairing the bridge in a short period, and presented cash awards to them.

— MNA/KTZH

Yangon Transport Minister attends reading circle meeting

MINISTER for Transport and Communications of the Yangon Region government U Kyaw Kyaw Soe hosted a reading session with writers, teachers, and literary enthusiasts from districts and townships yesterday afternoon at the Information and Public Relations Office in Kyauktada Township, Yangon.

At the event, Deputy Director Daw Ohmar Cho of the Yangon Region Office of the Information and Public Relations Department explained the purpose of organizing the literary discussion.

Afterwards, Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Kyaw Soe (Maung Yoe-Ngaphe) delivered a talk on his National Literature Award-winning book of 2024, “Longing for My Dear Ngaphe Land, Our village Our traditions-2”.

The minister highlighted that the book mainly focuses on “Change” and “Tradition”, exploring how cherished traditional customs can stand firm amid the waves of modern transformation. He discussed how individuals can make the right choices in a world full of opportunities and challeng-



A reading session with writers, teachers, and literary enthusiasts in progress at the Information and Public Relations Department Office in Kyauktada Township, Yangon, yesterday. PHOTO: ZWE MARN

es, embracing both tradition and progress in harmony. He encouraged readers to appreciate the lovable essence of Myanmar’s traditional character while also adapting to constructive social evolution, thereby fostering the

development of society through the balance between tradition and change.

During the session, writers, teachers, and literary enthusiasts actively participated in an exchange of views on literature.

The reading circle was attended by officials from the Yangon (West) district and township management and administration committees, writers, teachers, and literary enthusiasts. — Thit-sa (MNA)/MKKS

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The government released the winners of the 2024 National Literary Awards, and here is an interview with two great writers who won the National Literary Awards.



U Kyaw Kyaw Soe
(Maung Yoe - Ngaphe)
(Yangon Region Transport Minister)

My pen name is Maung Yoe - Nga-

phe. I received the National Literary Award for my two books, “Longing for My Dear Ngaphe Land” and “Our Village, Our Traditions-2.” The main idea of my writings is based on “tradition” and “change”. In Myanmar, each ethnic group has its own customs and traditions. So, in my writing, I describe what tradition means and also explain the move because in today’s fast-developing world, everything is changing rapidly, and so I highlight the living style with “change” depending on the movement of time.

Tradition in our Myanmar society is

based on loving-kindness, love, mutual respect, helpfulness and community spirit. These beautiful traditions have long existed in the different communities of our people.

For the change, we have to accept the change that comes from science, technology, communication, art and culture. Just as we accept our traditions, we must also accept and adapt to modern changes. We need to know how to stand between tradition and change; on the other hand, we need to choose correctly in a world that is full of opportunities and challenges. Therefore, I write

this book for the reader to know what we should accept and what we should refuse between tradition and change.

I share the development of social community between the tradition and change, understanding the lovely traditions of Myanmar.

As a writer, I hand over the things that I want to tell or share with my readers, and I am also happy that the government recognizes me. Being a writer, I will keep reading and writing as much as I can. I will try my best to contribute to nation-building and promoting social community standards.



Dr Tin Tun Oo
(Myanmar Press Council Chairman)

I am very happy that this book, which was loved and supported by readers, has now received recognition from our government. I am very thankful to my readers. This is my fourth time receiving the

National Literary Award. I received the first two in 1991 and 1994, and after nearly 30 years, I received another one for 2023. Now, I have won again for 2024, making it the fourth time.

The previous three awards were for works in applied science and pure science. This time, the award is for general knowledge (arts), which makes me even more satisfied because it’s in a different subject area.

To live a happy life, people need peace of mind, good health, and freedom from stress and sorrow. The title of my book, “Free from Stress and Sorrow”, may sound simple, but a more meaningful title could be “Overcoming Pressure and Removing

Sorrow.” Stress is something everyone faces, as it’s not easy to get rid of, especially mental stress. However, with the right methods, we can deal with and overcome it. Similarly, we can remove anxiety that we cannot handle if we face it properly. This book shares effective, science-based methods for reducing stress and sorrow, along with my own experiences and practical ways of living a peaceful life.

I have been writing articles for over 1,900 pages since 1972, and I have always loved literature deeply. I’ve written 33 books, including works on health, general knowledge, literature, youth education, travel, and psychology. I feel satisfied because my work benefits others and also

matches my interests and skills, and this is what I call job satisfaction.

What I want to say regarding literature is three A’s: Accept, Analyze, and Apply. Accept good and useful knowledge by reading as much as possible. Analyze it carefully, turning information and knowledge into your own wisdom and ideas. Apply that wisdom in real life, so you can live a healthy, successful, and happy life.

Being recognized again gives me more motivation to write. There are still many things to write about, because I believe in lifelong learning. I keep learning throughout my life so that I can continue writing useful and meaningful books for the public. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH

Training held to analyze yield gaps, boost paddy production

YANGON Region’s Department of Agriculture conducted a two-day OTO training course yesterday morning at its meeting hall in Insein Township, and it was attended by 60 agricultural experts from regional, district, and township levels. The course focused on studying and analysing yield gaps to achieve the target yield of paddy.

At the opening session, U Tint Naing, Head of the Yangon Region Department of Agriculture, said that in order to meet the target yield in paddy cultivation, officials regularly meet with farmers and conduct surveys among those with the highest and lowest yields. By analysing



Yangon Region’s Department of Agriculture conducts a training course on studying and analysing yield gaps to achieve the target yield of paddy in Insein yesterday. PHOTO: KO LWIN

factors that cause differences in yield — such as land conditions, seed varieties, pests, wa-

ter availability, and cultivation techniques — officials aim to narrow the yield gap and help

farmers achieve the target yield of paddy. He also encouraged the participants to focus on other

important crops.

The training is being conducted by Deputy Director Dr San San Win from the Yangon Region Plant Protection Department, Assistant Director Daw Khin Mar Cho from the Regional Planning Division, and Assistant Director U Aung Kyaw Naing from the Thanlyin District Office.

During the two-day course, they will work in collaboration with farmers to study and analyse the factors contributing to yield gaps, prepare survey questionnaires, record and verify data, and examine the necessary conditions for analysing paddy yield variations, to achieve target yields. — Okktha/MKKS

Peace process guided by 2008 Constitution and NCA

❖ “We are firmly adhering to the path set out in the 2008 Constitution and the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) in implementing the peace process. It is essential to ensure that this process proceeds without foreign interference and remains free from internal disruption, manipulation, or obstruction in the pursuit of lasting peace.”

(Excerpt from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman and Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the opening ceremony of the Peace Forum 2025 on 25 June 2025)

Direct yuan investment plan in Myanmar set in motion

MYANMAR has been implementing to permit investments made in Yuan Renminbi to spur investments in the country, according to a meeting held between the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and Myanmar-China Business Association on 8 November at the Yangon Region Investment Committee’s office.

As the Chinese yuan surges in global trade finance, Myanmar is also preparing to accept direct investment in yuan, said Dr Wah Wah Maung, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations.

The US dollar is the sole foreign currency allowed for foreign direct investment. At present, Myanmar is endeavouring to settle the yuan for direct investment by Chinese investors. Furthermore, yuan payment in domestic



The discussion is ongoing between the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and the Myanmar-China Business Association.

investment businesses, permit for carrying yuan, making payment directly in yuan to China’s Central Bank of Myanmar to facilitate the yuan-kyat exchange

and to open yuan bank accounts were also discussed. The ministry asked Chinese business entities to submit possible difficulties in direct yuan investment.

Myanmar and China, as members of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), have also signed a Myanmar-China investment promotion and protection agreement to safeguard bilateral investments and ensure smooth business operations. The ministry has allowed the formation of Myanmar-China Business associations in regions and states, and reached 25 associations so far.

China is the second largest investor in Myanmar, primarily in power, transport and communication, manufacturing, natural gas and agricultural businesses. — ASH/KK

TTI offers export business startup course on 17-21 Nov

THE Trade Training Institute (TTI) of the Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce will conduct intensive training on how to start export business (batch 16) from 9 am to 4 pm on 17 to 21 November 2025. The institute is located at 228/240, the corner of Strand Road and Shwelonthe Street.

The maximum number of trainees is 50. Interested individuals can register at the institute, providing an application form, three licence photos, a bachelor’s degree certificate, a matriculation pass certificate, a citizenship scrutiny card and other related documents.

Individuals can enquire about details through the contact numbers of the Institute at 01 8250871, 09 795308195, and 09 442134380. — NN/KK

Coffee land permits to be revoked for non-compliance

THOSE authorized growers who were granted a permit yet failed to commence operations in the coffee project area in Pyin Oo Lwin will face legal action, the PyinOoLwin Coffee Project Management Group notified.

The PyinOoLwin Coffee Project Management Group set up a coffee project area in Pyin Oo Lwin District to boost production.

Land areas designated for the coffee project are vacant, fallow and virgin lands. Those with permits are not allowed to be given away, sold, mortgaged, leased, or transferred by any means or land divided into separate lots. Therefore, those who fail to commence operations will get



The PyinOoLwin Coffee Park.

their land reclaimed.

Some growers are found reselling or transferring the permit to others. They will get prosecuted under the existing law, the Amendment to the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Management Law. The PyinOoLwin Coffee Project Management Group notified coffee growers to observe Subsections 16 (C) and 29 (A) of the law thoroughly. — NN/KK

Gold Market Rate as of
12 November 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,980,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

Efficiently use renewable energy for environmental conservation

RENEWABLE energy sources supplied more than 40 per cent of global electricity generation in 2024, driven by increased power production from solar and wind energy. The report stated that solar energy output has doubled over the past three years, making it the fastest-growing energy source in the world, according to the Think Tank Ember.

The report warned that due to the hot weather, the use of fossil fuel power plants has increased, leading to a rise in carbon dioxide emissions that contribute to global warming. It also noted that over the past five years, the two major neighbouring countries of Myanmar, both experiencing rapid economic growth, have expanded the use of fossil fuels among various methods to quickly meet their growing electricity demands.

The world is experiencing different natural disasters due to the impacts of climate change and global warming. On the

As part of conserving the natural environment as well as different communities of all living beings, efficient use of renewable energy will help the global countries in their sustainability of natural resources. The world population at present has to reduce the use of fossil fuels with a view to handing down a better environment as an inheritance to new generations.

other hand, armed conflicts and complicated political affairs of global countries cause fluctuations in prices for oil and natural disasters in the international market. These crises help leverage up use of renewable energy as a great chance for many countries across the world.

According to records, renewable energy sources grew by nearly 5 per cent annually between 2009 and 2019. In 2021, for the first time, wind and solar power together accounted for 20 per cent of global electricity generation. By 2024, renewable energy sources were able to produce over 40 per cent of the world's electricity, representing a major step forward toward creating a more sustainable planet.

The main types of renewable energy widely used around the world are solar energy, wind energy, hydropower, geothermal energy, biomass/ bioenergy, and tidal and wave energy. The major countries that make extensive use of these energy sources include

**China, the United States of

America, India, Germany, Norway, Japan, and Denmark.

Renewable energy offers many advantages; it does not require fuel like conventional power plants, has lower maintenance costs, helps reduce carbon dioxide emissions, promotes technological advancement, and produces very little environmental pollution. Therefore, for a world currently facing various hazards caused by fossil fuels, renewable energy can serve as a remedy to restore environmental and public health.

As part of conserving the natural environment as well as different communities of all living beings, efficient use of renewable energy will help the global countries in their sustainability of natural resources. The world population at present has to reduce the use of fossil fuels with a view to handing down a better environment as an inheritance to new generations.

IN TODAY'S Myanmar, the word handicap carries a meaning far beyond physical or mental limitation. It has become a description of the nation's entire condition: poverty amid natural wealth, division amid shared heritage, and ignorance amid the global flow of knowledge. These are the signs of a society that has handicapped itself.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing has publicly remarked that “the people lack education”. But he did not explain why this is so, or how such a condition came about. The truth is that education alone cannot thrive in a vacuum of inequality and exclusion. To rebuild the moral and intellectual foundation of the nation, Myanmar must embrace three universal principles – Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) – the very pillars that counteract handicap in any society.

Evidence of Myanmar's Handicap - A Regional and Political Perspective

The most visible evidence of Myanmar's current handicap lies in its standing among its neighbours and the conduct of its political actors. In recent Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) meetings, Myanmar's absence from high-level sessions and limited participation have highlighted how far the nation has fallen behind in regional cooperation. While other ASEAN members present coherent national strategies, Myanmar remains diplomatically isolated and internally fragmented.

In the domestic political arena, parties are now campaigning for the upcoming general election, but the process is widely criticised as lacking legitimacy. The mili-

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion: The Three Pillars to Heal Myanmar's Handicaps

By Khin Maung Myint

tary-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) has launched campaigns and public rallies, promoting slogans of a “stronger Myanmar” under its control. Meanwhile, some opposition or civil-society aligned groups have called the election a sham, urging boycotts or resistance.

This is not simply a political issue; it reflects deeper social and intellectual weakness. A country that cannot engage constructively with its regional partners or allow space for genuine pluralistic politics has handicapped its own voice. Its representatives are unable to speak confidently on matters of economy, environment, or security because the nation lacks the unity and institutional strength that come from equality, diversity, and inclusion.

Education levels, transparency, and civic participation – the true measures of national maturity – remain low compared to its ASEAN peers. While other nations invest in human capital, build inclusive systems, and allow open participation, Myanmar (under the current regime and through military-backed party channels) continues to invest in control, restrictions, and centralised power. The result is a self-imposed hand-

icap that no amount of rhetoric can disguise.

The lesson is clear: Without equality, diversity, and inclusion at home, Myanmar cannot stand as an equal among nations abroad. Its weakness in ASEAN forums mirrors its internal divisions, a reflection of how political exclusion and social inequality have crippled the country's development and reputation.

Equality - The Missing Foundation

Equality is the first step toward justice and progress. It means that every citizen, regardless of race, religion, gender, or region, deserves the same opportunity to learn, work, and live with dignity.

In Myanmar, power and privilege have long been concentrated in the hands of a few, while millions remain voiceless. Rural communities are left behind; ethnic minorities are marginalised; women's voices are underrepresented.

True equality is not about giving everyone the same, but ensuring everyone has what they need to succeed. It demands fair access to education, healthcare, and employment – not as a favour from the state, but as a right of citizenship. Without this foundation,



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any talk of national development remains hollow.

Diversity - Myanmar's Untapped Wealth

Myanmar is home to more than 130 ethnic groups, each with its own language, traditions, and wisdom. Yet, instead of celebrating this richness, successive generations have treated diversity as a source of division.

Decades of armed conflict have arisen not from difference itself, but from the refusal to respect difference. When diversity is suppressed, unity becomes forced; when it is valued, unity becomes natural.

Across the world, diversity has proven to be a source of creativity and strength. In business, science, and governance, societies that welcome varied perspectives thrive. Myanmar's path to national harmony will depend on whether it can transform diversity from a problem to be managed into a treasure to be shared.

Inclusion - The Practice of Belonging

Inclusion gives life to equality and diversity. It means that every citizen – whatever their background or belief – feels recognised, heard, and empowered to participate fully in national life.



Myanmar's greatest wounds stem from exclusion: exclusion of minorities from power, exclusion of the poor from opportunity, and exclusion of the educated from decision-making.

When inclusion is absent, even education becomes mechanical – producing conformity instead of creativity, obedience instead of understanding.

But inclusion turns education into a living force. It teaches people not just to read and write, but to think, question, and contribute. Inclusion is not charity; it is the essence of democracy.

A Way Forward (Aligned with

Some Party Campaigns)

While parties such as the USDP promote a narrative of stability and state strength, other parties or civil groups emphasize democratic reform, education expansion, social inclusion, and ethnic rights.

To overcome its national handicap, Myanmar must rebuild upon these three moral pillars – Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion. These pillars resonate strongly with parties advocating for federalism, citizen participation, and education reforms, and can serve as a bridge between the different political visions.

When every citizen has equal opportunity, when every community's identity is respected, and when all are included in shaping the nation's future, Myanmar will no longer be a handicapped society. It will be a nation renewed – strong in unity, rich in difference, and wise in compassion.

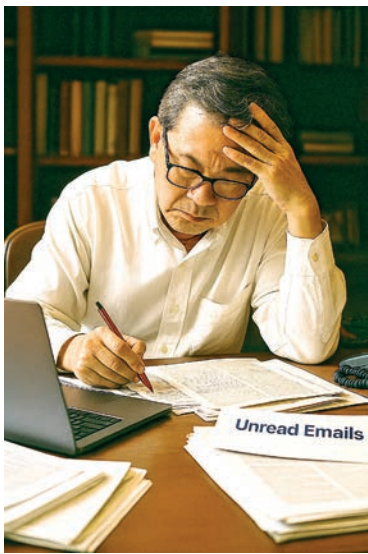
“A nation handicapped by inequality cannot stand;

A nation divided by fear cannot grow;

But a nation united in dignity can heal itself.”

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Chief Editor handles ethical dilemmas, deadlines.

EVERY morning, thousands of readers across Myanmar and most of the embassies in Myanmar unfold the pages of “The Global New Light of Myanmar”, seeking clarity, insight, and connection to the world around them. The headlines speak of politics, economics, education, and global affairs. But behind each carefully chosen word lies the quiet labour of a person rarely seen – someone whose name may not appear on the front page, yet whose fingerprints are everywhere. This is the life of a Chief Editor:

The Invisible Architect of Pub-

Behind the Morning Light

By Ms Monn

lic Discourse

The Chief Editor is not merely a gatekeeper of grammar or a manager of deadlines. They are the invisible architect of public discourse. At “The Global New Light of Myanmar”, this role carries particular weight. As the country navigates complex transitions, the editor must balance truth-telling with responsibility, urgency with

reflection, and national interest with global relevance.

Each day begins before dawn. While the city sleeps, the editor is already scanning news wires, reviewing drafts, and coordinating with reporters. The goal is simple but daunting: to deliver a newspaper that is accurate, timely, and meaningful. But beneath that goal lies a thousand decisions—what

to include, what to omit, how to phrase a headline, and how to ensure that every story meets ethical and editorial standards.

A Life of Relentless Precision

The editor's desk is a battlefield of ideas. Articles arrive in waves – some raw, some refined. The editor reads not just for grammar or style, but for coherence, fairness, and impact. A misplaced

word can distort meaning. A missing context can mislead. Every sentence is weighed, every fact verified.

There are moments of tension. A breaking story may conflict with official narratives. A sensitive topic may stir public emotion. The editor must decide: publish or hold? Rephrase or push back? These are not just editorial choices – they are moral ones.

And yet, the editor presses on. With each decision, they carry the burden of public trust. They know that readers rely on the newspaper not just for information, but for orientation in a rapidly changing world.

Behind the polished pages lies a human cost.

The Chief Editor's life is one of long hours, interrupted meals, and postponed holidays. The phone never stops ringing. Emails pile up – some remain unread for days, buried beneath the avalanche of urgent messages and last-minute revisions. Important notes from

junior reporters, layout queries from the design team, even a kind message from an old friend – lost in the noise of a relentless inbox. Deadlines loom like shadows at every hour: There is little room for rest, and even less for reflection.

Family life often takes a backseat. Children grow up with a parent who is always “almost home.” Friends learn to accept last-minute cancellations. The editor's world revolves around the newsroom — a place of constant motion, where silence is rare and solitude rarer still.

NATIONAL

5 Chinese textile firms invest in Myanmar after trade fair success

ACCORDING to Mr San Khun, CEO of the Chinese Textile & Garment Association in Myanmar (CTGA), five Chinese textile firms — Semir, Balabala, Jeanswest, Bosideng, and Baleno — have invested in Myanmar following the successful organization of the Myanmar Textile and Machinery Trade Fair 2023 and the Myanmar Textile and Machinery Trade Fair 2024.

The third Myanmar Textile and Machinery Trade Fair 2025 will be held for three days from 5 to 7 December at the Yangon Convention Centre (YCC) within the Inya Lake Hotel compound. Around 100 Chinese and Myanmar garment manufacturers

will participate in the exhibition to be jointly organized by the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) and the Chinese Textile & Garment Association in Myanmar (CTGA), with the support of the Department of Commerce of Zhejiang Province, China.

About 10 Chinese firms and over 100 exhibitors specializing in textiles, garments, related accessories, and garment machinery will showcase their products at the fair. In addition, Made-in-Myanmar products from small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) will be featured to promote the local market. — ASH/MKKS



This photo captures the 2024 Myanmar Textile and Machinery Trade Fair held in Yangon. PHOTO : XINHUA



This photo shows flats in the Yoma Yeiktha Housing Project.

Yoma Yeiktha keys handed out from 17 Nov

THE Department of Urban and Housing Development (DUHD) has announced that for the apartments sold under the Yangon Region Government's plan in the Yoma Yeiktha Housing Project, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, the issuance of occupancy notices and apartment keys, and the handover of apartments will commence from 17 November.

The schedule for issuance of occupancy notices is

for Building 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 64, 65, 66, and 67 on 17 November; for Building 19, 20, 22, and 24 on 18 November; and for Building 38, 39, 40, 41, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, and 50 on 19 November at 228/234, Bogyoke Aung San Road, Botahtaung Township, from 10 am to 3 pm.

The handover of apartments will proceed at the Yoma Yeiktha Housing Project, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, from 10 am to 3 pm on 20-22 November for respec-

tive buildings.

Those who wish to withdraw the notices and keys in person must bring the original challan, original and copy of the notice and original and copy of the national registration card. Representatives must bring original challan, original and copy of notice, original power of attorney, copy of purchaser's CSC, and original and copy of representative's CSC, the DUHD announced. — MT/ZN

CBM sells over US\$760K to edible oil importers

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$762,760 to edible oil-importing companies on 11 November 2025, along with an injection of \$660,000 purchased from CMP companies to the market.

CBM sold \$800,000 to edible oil-importing companies on 10 November; in addition to an injection of 300,000 yuan into the market.

CBM announced on 8 November that it would inject \$30 million into the fuel sector. Furthermore, CBM sold \$698,900 to edible oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM also sold \$600,000, purchased from CMP companies, to edible oil-importing companies on 7 November.

CBM sold \$2.37 million to edible oil-importing companies on 6 November, along with an injection of \$58,400 and 400,000 yuan into the market.

CBM sold \$2.44 million, purchased from CMP companies, to edible oil-importing companies on 5 November; in addition to an injection of over 1.544 million baht into the market.

CBM injected over \$2.48 million, 5.75 million yuan and 4.98 million baht in October, along with sales of over \$54 million purchased from CMP companies.

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



The Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM), Yangon Branch.

NATIONAL

Mandalay Myoma Band pre-century singing contest set

THE Mandalay Myoma Amateur Musical Association will hold a singing competition featuring Myoma songs as a commemorative event for its 100th anniversary, according to the band’s meeting on 11 November.

“We will hold a singing competition featuring songs composed by our master composers. The first prize will be awarded K10 million, the second prize K5 million, and the third prize K2.5million. We also plan to award seven consolation prizes. At the festival, we will also have musicians from Yangon to perform alongside the Myoma members,” said Dr Hla Khaing, Chairman of the association.

The band, established in Mandalay Region, has previously held its 50th and 75th anniversary celebrations and plans to hold its 100th anniversary event at the

end of 2025. “To commemorate the Mandalay Amateur Myoma Musical Association’s 100th anniversary, we are making arrangements to collaborate with renowned artists and Myoma’s permanent singers to release and distribute free memorable songs, and to publish a commemorative magazine in mid-November,” he stated.

The Amateur Myoma Musical Association was founded in 1925, led by Sayar Alinga Kyaw Swa Myoma Nyein. In 1928, U Taw Lone, along with U Kyaw Nyein (Myoma Nyein), U Gyi Ngwe, U Thant Zin, and U Yin Kalay, formally organized the band within the compound where U Thant lived in Dadan Quarter. The first singers were U Nyi and U Pu Ant. It is now located at the corner of 86th and 21st streets. — Htun Htun/ZN



This photo displays performances by the Amateur Myoma Band.

2-day MYM Cup tee-off in Yangon



The 2025 MYM Cup is in swing.

THE two-day 2025 MYM Cup, which aims to encourage developing new golf stars of the next generation and establish a friendship network in economic, social and health sectors, has been in progress at Yangon Golf Club (Danyingone), according to the Myanmar Golf Federation.

It is the 8th golf tournament of Man City Golf Club, representing the upper Myanmar and Yunlong Golf Club, representing the

lower Myanmar. The four-ball match play was held on the first day, 11 November and individual match play was held on the second day, 12 November 2025, similar to the Ryder Cup.

MGF chair and vice chairs, the two clubs’ chairs and vice chairs and executive members, players and guests attended the opening ceremony of the 2025 MYM Cup. — MT/ZS

Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Archaeology to be opened in 4th week of Nov

THE Department of Archaeology and National Museum under the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture invited interested individuals to attend the Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Archaeology (PGDAA) for the 2025-2026 Academic Year.

The Department of Archaeology and National Museum and National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon) will offer PGDAA starting from the fourth week of November at the Field School of Archaeology (Pyay) in Bago Region.

The civil service personnel need to present approval from the head of the respective department. The application form can be taken out from the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) and Yangon branch on Pyay Road, Hlaing Township, Mandalay branch on 28th Street between 70th and 71st Streets in Mandalay, National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon) in Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon, the Field School of Archaeology (Pyay) in Bago Region. The

deadline for submission of the application is in the third week of November.

Individuals can enquire about details through the contact numbers 09 400301289 and 09 400423341 of the Field School of Archaeology (Pyay), 067 408039/408040 of the department head office in Nay Pyi Taw, 01 590252 of the National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon), 02 4060061 of the Mandalay department branch and 01 512136 of the Yangon department branch. — NN/KK

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https://sacoffice.gov.mm | 4. Ministry of Information
https://www.moi.gov.mm |
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WORLD



This image captures a moment of local life along the Capibaribe River in the city of Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/UNEP

Brazil unveils Amazon transport alliance for sustainable connectivity

The alliance marks a new stage in regional cooperation and underscores Brazil's commitment to efficient, low-carbon and climate-resilient transport.

BRAZIL on Tuesday announced the creation of the Alliance for Sustainable, Resilient and Integrated Transport in the Amazon, a regional initiative aimed at boosting connectivity, cutting emissions and promoting sustainable development across the rainforest.

Backed by the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank, the initiative, unveiled by Brazil's Ministry of Ports and Airports during the 30th UN Climate Change Conference, commonly known as COP30, brings together Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru and Suriname.

Ports and Airports Minister Silvio Costa Filho said the alliance marks a new stage in regional cooperation and underscores Brazil's commitment to efficient, low-carbon and climate-resilient transport, "placing the Amazonian biome at the center of global climate action." — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Gain in elderly jobs pushes S Korea's employment higher in Oct

SOUTH Korea's employment rose for the 10th straight month in October due to an increase in elderly jobs, statistical office data showed Wednesday. The number of employed people aged 15 and older gained 193,000, or 0.7 per cent, from a year earlier to 29,040,000 in October, continuing to grow since January, according to the Ministry of Data and Statistics.

The overall job growth was driven by the elderly. The number of jobs for those aged 60 and older expanded 334,000 in October on a yearly basis, and the figure for those in their 30s climbed 80,000.

Employment among those aged 15-29 dived 163,000, while jobs for those in their 40s and 50s reduced 38,000 and 19,000 each.

The number of jobs in the health and social welfare service, the arts, sports and leisure service, and the wholesale and retail sectors picked up 280,000, 70,000 and 46,000 each.

Employment among manufacturers diminished 51,000 in October compared to the same month of last year, keeping a downward trend for the 16th successive month. — Xinhua

China's recycled non-ferrous metals industry undergoing rapid expansion

CHINA'S recycled non-ferrous metals industry has posted rapid growth during the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025), with its annual production of recycled non-ferrous metals expected to reach 20 million tonnes this year, per the latest industry data.

The domestic output of recycled non-ferrous metals has grown at an average annual rate of 7.2 per cent since 2021, reaching 19.15 million tonnes in 2024, the data shows. During the 2021-2024 period, China accounted for a third of the world's total production of recycled non-ferrous metals, Ge Honglin, president of the China Non-Ferrous Metals Industry Association, said at a recent industrial convention in Chengdu, the capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province.

This rise in production contributed to saving 3.6 billion tonnes of mining resources during the 2021-2024 period, and to reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 560 million tonnes, according to data from the association. — Xinhua

Behind the Morning Light

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Yet, despite the exhaustion, there is a quiet pride. The editor knows that their work matters. They are shaping how a nation sees itself. They are helping citizens make sense of chaos. They are, in their own way, serving the public good.

Integrity in the Face of Pressure

In Myanmar's media landscape, editorial independence is both precious and precarious. The Chief Editor must navigate political sensitivities, institutional expectations, and public scrutiny.

tiny. There are pressures – from above and below. There are risks, professional and personal.

But integrity is non-negotiable. The editor must stand firm, even when it is inconvenient. They must protect their team, even when it is unpopular. They must uphold journalistic standards, even when it is difficult. This is not heroism. It is discipline. It is the quiet resolve to do what is right, even when no one is watching.

A Voice Without a Byline

Ironically, the Chief Editor's voice is everywhere and nowhere. They shape every ar-

ticle, yet rarely sign one. They guide every issue, yet remain behind the scenes. Their influence is profound, yet invisible. But those who work with them know. Reporters feel the editor's presence in every revision. Designers sense their vision in every layout. Readers, though unaware, benefit from their judgment every morning. The editor does not seek recognition. Their reward is the paper itself – a daily testament to teamwork, truth, and tenacity.

Empathy in Editorial Leadership

What makes a great editor

is not just skill, but empathy. The ability to listen, to understand, to support. The newsroom is a place of stress and ambition. Writers wrestle with words. Photographers chase fleeting moments. Interns stumble through first drafts. The Chief Editor must be a mentor, a coach, a counselor. They must nurture talent, resolve conflicts, and inspire excellence. They must create a culture where truth is valued and people are respected. Empathy is not weakness. It is a strength. It is what allows the editor to lead not just with authority, but with humanity.

The Light Behind the Light

As readers sip their morning tea and browse the headlines, few pause to consider the labour

behind the news. Fewer still think of the editor – the person who stayed up late, rose early, and agonized over every comma. But perhaps we should. Behind every edition of "The Global New Light of Myanmar" is a person who believes in the power of words, the importance of truth, and the dignity of public service. The Chief Editor is not just a professional. They are a steward of trust, a guardian of integrity, and a quiet force for clarity in a noisy world.

In Sum, though his name may not appear on the front page, his spirit shines through every line – like the morning light they help deliver, day after day.

"With respect and tribute to the Chief Editor and all editorial team members."

Indian airline IndiGo to launch 1st-ever direct flights to Cambodia's Siem Reap

INDIAN airline IndiGo will operate direct flights between India's Kolkata and Cambodia's cultural province of Siem Reap, starting from Thursday, Cambodian Minister of Tourism Huot Hak said on Wednesday.

This will mark the first time an Indian carrier offers direct flight connectivity between the two countries.

IndiGo will operate these flights three times a week, every Monday, Thursday and Saturday,

using its Airbus A320neo aircraft, according to the airline's press release.

Siem Reap is home to the UNESCO-listed Angkor Archaeological Park, which is Cambodia's most popular tourist destination. — Xinhua



Passengers queue to check in at the Siem Reap Angkor International Airport in Siem Reap province, Cambodia on 16 October 2025. **VAN POV/XINHUA/FILE**

India's wholesale inflation likely turned negative in October: Report

WHOLE Price Index (WPI) or wholesale inflation in India has likely turned negative in October 2025, partly due to the base effect and largely driven by the fall in food prices, according to an assessment made by Union Bank of India.

Wholesale Price Index (WPI), according to their assessment, likely turned negative in October 2025 at (-) 1.42 per cent, compared to 0.13 per cent in September 2025 and 2.75 per cent in October last year.

"Apart from the high

base effect, the decline in WPI was largely driven by a sharp fall in the food WPI, even as core WPI remained in positive territory," the Bank said in its report post assessment.

Both food and fuel continued to remain negative in September 2025.

The high base effect was also instrumental in keeping both headline and food inflation subdued, as the headline WPI and food WPI in October 2024 likely stood at 2.75 per cent and 12.1 per cent, respectively. — ANI

World wine output set for modest 2025 recovery: industry body

GLOBAL wine production is on course for a modest recovery in 2025 after suf-

fering a sharp downturn last year, the industry's international body said



Despite a slight rebound this year, global wine production is still below recent averages. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/PIXABAY**

Wednesday.

Output will, however, continue below recent averages as climate change and changing consumer habits take their toll, the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV) said in a statement.

Wine production is projected to total some 232 million hectolitres, an increase of three percent over 2024 which saw the industry's worst yearly output since 1961.

The OIV gathers data from 29 countries representing 85 per cent of the

world's wine production.

The outlook for 2025 confirms "a period of persistently reduced global supply, impacted by climatic challenges and evolving consumption models", it said. The European Union, which accounts for 60 per cent of global wine production, continues to face "high climatic variability", with France and Spain recording very low harvests, Italy recovering to near-normal levels, while some central and southeast European countries have improved on recent averages. — AFP

Railway company employee drives trains without licence in central Japan

A railway company employee, aspiring to be a train driver, manoeuvred trains with passengers onboard for a total of 16 minutes without a license, the operator in central Japan said Wednesday.

No one was injured when the employee, in his 20s, drove a two-car train with around 10 passengers on two occasions — in June for about three minutes and about 13 min-

utes in July, according to Yoro Railway Co., based in Gifu Prefecture.

He asked the licensed drivers operating the trains to cede control. No delays or overruns were reported as a result, the operator said, adding that it still plans to punish him.

He had received training to become a train driver since February, but he dropped out in March. — Kyodo

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V UNI ACCORD VOY.NO. (835N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V UNI ACCORD VOY.NO. (835N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **13-11-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Phone No: **2301185**

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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V BEYPORE SULTAN VOY.NO. (25038)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V BEYPORE SULTAN VOY.NO. (25038)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **13-11-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD



A Russian serviceman of the Centre group of forces prepares an Orlan-30 reconnaissance unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) for flying in the Avdiivka sector of the front line amid Russia’s military operation in Ukraine, Russia. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

Russia establishes unmanned systems forces

UNMANNED systems forces have been officially established in Russia, with regular regiments now formed, the unmanned systems forces deputy chief, Col Sergei Ishtuganov, said. “Regular regiments and other units have been created,” Ishtuganov

said. An organizational and staffing structure has already been approved for the new branch, and its chief has been appointed, the colonel said. Military command bodies have also been set up across the country, he added.

In December 2022, Ishtuganov, then a lieutenant colonel and deputy commander of the 31st Separate Guards Airborne Assault Brigade, was awarded the Gold Star medal of the Hero of Russia by Russian President Vladimir Putin. — SPUTNIK

US carrier arrives in Caribbean, raising tensions with Venezuela

THE world’s largest aircraft carrier, the USS Gerald R Ford, arrived in the Caribbean Sea, the US Navy announced on Tuesday, fueling speculation that Washington is targeting Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro as part of what the Trump administration calls an anti-narco-terrorism campaign. With the deployment of the Gerald R. Ford Carrier Strike Group, US forces in the Caribbean now exceed 15,000 personnel – the largest military buildup in the region in decades. “These forces will enhance and augment existing capabilities to disrupt narcotics trafficking and degrade and dismantle Transnational Criminal Organizations,” said Pentagon spokesperson Sean Parnell in the US Navy’s statement. The first-in-class carrier, carrying more than 4,000 sailors and dozens of tactical aircraft, can si-

multaneously catapult launch and recover fixed-wing aircraft day and night in support of tasked operations, according to the statement. Alongside Gerald R Ford, the carrier strike group includes nine embarked squadrons of Carrier Air Wing

Eight, Destroyer Squadron Two’s Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers USS Bainbridge and USS Mahan, and the integrated air and missile defense command ship USS Winston S Churchill, said the statement. — Xinhua



The USS Gerald R Ford, a US Navy aircraft carrier. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/US NAVY/FILE**

China expresses condolences to victims in suicide bomb blast in Pakistan: spokesperson

CHINA strongly condemns a suicide bomb attack in Pakistan, deeply mourns the victims, and extends sincere sympathies to the families of the injured and the victims, Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Guo Jiakun said here on Wednesday. According to media reports, at least 12 people were killed and many others injured as a result of the explosion in the vicinity of a court in Islamabad, Pakistan on Tuesday. “As far as I know, there are no Chinese casualties at present,” Guo told a regular press briefing. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Iran extends condolences to India over tragic blast near Red Fort in Delhi

IRAN on Wednesday offered formal condolences to India over the tragic blast near Delhi’s iconic Red Fort on Monday evening that claimed at least eight lives and left several injured. In a statement, Esmail Baqaei, Spokesman for Iran’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, conveyed the sympathy of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the government and people of India, with special regard to the families of the victims. “In the aftermath of the explosion in New Delhi, Esmail Baqaei, Spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, conveyed the condolences and sympathy of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the government and people of India, particularly to the families of the victims,” the Iranian Foreign Ministry posted on X. — ANI

All 20 Turkish soldiers confirmed dead after military cargo plane crash in Georgia

All 20 Turkish military personnel on board a C-130 cargo aircraft have died after the plane crashed in Georgia near the border with Azerbaijan, the Turkish Defense Ministry announced Tuesday. Turkish and Georgian authorities launched coordinated search-and-rescue efforts immediately following the crash report, the defense ministry said. The aircraft, en route from Azerbaijan to Türkiye, lost radar contact 27 minutes after entering Georgian airspace before crashing approximately 5 kilometers from the Azerbaijani border in Georgia’s Signagi region, according to Georgia’s Ministry of Internal Affairs. A large security perimeter was established around the crash site, with numerous ambulances and firefighting teams deployed to the scene, the semi-official Anadolu Agency reported. Video footage from Turkish news outlets showed the aircraft descending in a spiral while trailing a plume of white smoke. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Narita airport preps easy-to-see help for Tokyo Deaflympics delegates

WITH the Deaflympics set to open in Tokyo on Saturday, Narita airport near the Japanese capital is seeking to ensure accessibility for the deaf and hearing-impaired, counting on easily recognizable "pictogram" signage and written communication.

The airport, serving mainly international flights, will be among the country's major transport hubs preparing to accept delegates from abroad for the 12-day sporting event, as or-

ganizers say over 3,000 athletes from 80 countries and regions are expected to participate.

"We want to thoroughly simulate interactions with arrivals and be ready for them," one airport staffer said.

At the airport, fillable inquiry sheets are prepared for visitors seeking information about train transfers from the airport, while pictograms indicate the direction of facilities such as banks and elevators.

— Kyodo



This photo shows Akane Kitayama (R) and Naoki Kondo, who handle information and guidance duties at Narita airport in Narita, Chiba Prefecture, on 7 November 2025. PHOTO: KYODO

Tuchel warns Bellingham must fight for England berth at World Cup



England midfielder Jude Bellingham.
PHOTO: AFP/FILE

THOMAS Tuchel has warned Jude Bellingham that the Real Madrid midfielder faces a fight to earn a place in England's starting line-up at the World Cup.

Bellingham is back in Tuchel's squad for their final World Cup qualifiers against Serbia and Albania this week after being left out of the last international gathering in Oc-

tober.

The 22-year-old had just returned from shoulder surgery when Tuchel opted against selecting him for the Wales and Latvia matches last month, allowing Aston Villa's Morgan Rogers to shine in the number 10 role for England.

Rogers' impressive performances have presented Tuchel with an intriguing dilemma as

he looks ahead to next year's World Cup in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

"Rather than finding a position for the best players to have them on the field, it is maybe better to put everyone in their best position and have a competition," Tuchel told reporters on Wednesday when asked if he would try to fit both players into his team. — AFP

Joshua decision on 2025 bout imminent - promoter

A decision on whether former world heavyweight boxing champion Anthony Joshua will fight in 2025 will be made later this week, promoter Eddie Hearn said Wednesday.

Joshua has been out of action for almost 14 months since he suffered a dramatic fifth-round stoppage loss to fellow British heavyweight Daniel Dubois in September 2024.

Defeat checked the 36-year-old's progress under trainer Ben Davison and another shot at the world title, but Hearn said a tune-up bout could take place before this year is out.

"We will make a decision this

week in terms of if he will fight this year," Hearn told Sky Sports.

"We have to decide by this week-end basically.

"It doesn't really matter where it is. You won't know about it until maybe even fight week. Honestly. That's the whole purpose of it." Hearn added: "I think it would be so good for him but bizarre at the same time, because there's no money in the fight. We're not going to start using him to sell tickets. Literally he will just pop up on a show.

"He's really up for it. I think it would be so good for him. I'd love him to go in there and just smash someone up." — AFP



Former world heavyweight boxing champion Anthony Joshua.
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China, Spain to build more strategically resilient, dynamic, internationally influential bilateral ties: Xi

Xi noted that over 50 years of diplomatic relations, both countries have consistently advanced their bilateral relationship with a strategic and long-term perspective.



Chinese President Xi Jinping holds a welcome ceremony for King Felipe VI of Spain at the square outside the east gate of the Great Hall of the People prior to their meeting in Beijing, capital of China, 12 November 2025. PHOTO: XIE HUANCHI/XINHUA

CHINA is willing to work with Spain to build a more strategically resilient and dynamic comprehensive strategic partnership with greater international influence, Chinese President Xi Jinping said on Wednesday.

Xi made the remarks when meeting with King Felipe VI of Spain, who is on a state visit to China, in Beijing. It marks King Felipe VI's first state visit to the country after his enthronement, and the first visit by a Spanish monarch to China in 18 years.

Welcoming King Felipe VI to China, Xi noted that both China and Spain boast profound historical and cultural heritage. Over the past more than 50 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations, the two countries have consistently approached and advanced their bilateral ties from a strategic and long-term perspective, Xi said.

The two countries have respected and supported each other, and helped each other succeed, setting a model of friendly coexistence and common development among countries with different historical and cultural backgrounds and social systems, Xi said. — Xinhua

Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia establish 1st joint business council

Sri Lanka and Saudi Arabia have established their first-ever Joint Business Council, marking a major step towards strengthening economic cooperation between the two countries, a senior Sri Lankan minister said on Wednesday.

Vijitha Herath, Sri Lanka's minister of foreign affairs, foreign employment, and tourism, announced the launch in a post on social media platform X, saying he witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Federation of Saudi Chambers (FSC) and the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka at the FSC headquarters in Saudi capital Riyadh on Tuesday. — Xinhua

Stronger South-South cooperation urged at COP30 to advance global climate governance

AT the ongoing 30th UN Climate Change Conference (COP30), which opened here on Monday, leaders and experts called for stronger South-South cooperation to advance global climate governance.

"We find ourselves here in Belem, at the mouth of the Amazon," said Simon Stiell, executive secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), noting that just as the river is nourished and strengthened by over a thousand tributaries, the COP process must be supported in a same way – powered by the many streams of international cooperation.

"This COP must ignite a decade of acceleration and delivery," said UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres at the opening plenary of the World Leaders Climate Action Summit ahead of the conference, adding all parties can

"choose to make Belem the turning point."

Guterres called for a clear roadmap to mobilize 1.3 trillion US dollars annually for developing countries by 2035. — Xinhua



Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva speaks during the opening ceremony of the 30th United Nations climate change conference in Belem, Brazil, 10 November 2025. PHOTO: LUCIO TAVORA/XINHUA