

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.



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views around the exhibition at yesterday’s literary awards event.

Developing nations honour literary scholars for their valuable contributions

All citizens should be guided and educated through literature so they can cultivate sound democratic practices, broaden their knowledge and wisdom, and acquire modern general knowledge.

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing pointed out that the Myanmar people have to strive to pass on invaluable literary and cultural heritage to new generations as a legacy. The awarding ceremony for winners of the National Literary Awards for Lifetime Achievement, the National Literature Award and the Sarpay Beikman

Manuscript Award for 2024 took place at the Myanmar International Convention Centre I in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, attended by Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla

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- Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the literary awarding ceremony
- 1. To honour the writers, the Literary Day has been marked since 1948 and has now continued for more than 70 years.
 - 2. All citizens should be guided and educated through “literature” so that they can cultivate good democratic practices, enrich their knowledge and wisdom, and acquire modern general knowledge.
 - 3. Myanmar people have to continue efforts for the flow of Myanmar literature to remain strong and enduring, able to adapt and thrive alongside changing times.

NATIONAL



2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

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

Union Election Commission



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

Mon Unity Party (MUP) and Social Economic Promotion Party deliver campaign speeches

THE electoral speeches of the Mon Unity Party (MUP) and the Social Economic Promotion Party are featured on pages 10 and 11 of today's issue of The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper.

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Notice to Voters on Second Public Display of Voter Lists

20 November 2025

1. The Union Election Commission has already publicly displayed the voter lists for twenty-one days as the first announcement for the multiparty democratic general election scheduled to begin on 28 December 2025. To ensure the completeness and accuracy of the voter lists, the Commission will display the lists for the second time for fourteen days from 21 November to 4 December 2025 at the respective ward and village-tract subcommissions and in the villages within those village-tracts. If the lists cannot be displayed in certain wards or village-tracts for unavoidable reasons, arrangements will be made for voters to inspect the voter lists at the relevant township subcommission offices. Voters can obtain complete and accurate voter lists only when they come to inspect the lists during the display period.
2. Voters are requested to inspect the lists and, if their names are not included, submit Form 3 to request inclusion. If individuals who should not be on the list are included, objections may be filed using Form 4. If information in the list is incorrect, corrections may be submitted using Form 4-C. All necessary forms can be obtained free of charge at the ward or village-tract subcommission offices. Once additions, deletions and corrections have been carried out, the voter lists will be publicly displayed for the third and final time during December 2025 for the upcoming general election.
3. Therefore, to obtain complete and accurate voter lists, the Union Election Commission respectfully requests that at least one member from every household inspect the lists without fail during the second public display period and cooperate fully in this process.

Union Election Commission

MPT donates 4,000 copies of books to libraries for Sarsodaw Day

TO mark Sarsodaw Day, MPT donated 4,000 copies of books at the Myanma Posts and Telecommunications Training Institute in Pazundaung Township, Yangon, yesterday morning.

General Manager U Ye Min Oo of the Management and Legal Affairs Department of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, first explained the reason for the donation and presented the book donation list to the Universities' Central Library.

Mr Hiroyuki Okai from the Operations Department of MPT-KSGM JO, along with officials, then presented 4,000 copies

of books on fiction, non-fiction, technology, science and general knowledge to representatives from the Universities' Central Library, the Library and Information Science Department (Yangon University Library), Sarpay Beikman and the National Library.

Dr Hlaing Hlaing Gyi, Librarian of the University's Central Library of Yangon University, also delivered a speech of thanks.

The first Literary Day ceremony in Myanmar was held on 15 November 1944 at the Myaing Theatre on the banks of Kandawgyi Lake in Yangon. Since then, Literary Day has been celebrated



The book donation event of MPT is in progress yesterday in Yangon. PHOTO: KO LWIN

every year on the First Waxing of Nadaw, and the noble tradition has continued to this day with poets' felicitation ceremonies, literary lectures and tributes to

veteran poets.

"This is the first time that MPT has donated books nationwide to commemorate Sarsodaw Day. We are delighted to be able

to donate across the country at the same time. We believe that by promoting the reading habit among young people in particular, we can contribute positively to development. We would like to express our special gratitude to every member of staff who contributed to this donation," said Mr Hiroyuki Okai of the Operations Department, MPT-KSGM JO.

The books were donated to libraries, public-centred libraries and the city libraries of the Department of Information and Public Relations in 13 regions and states, including Yangon. — Oktha/MKKS

NATIONAL

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)

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who presented awards to winners.

The Senior General and his wife visited the exhibition, which showcased biographies, photos, award-winning books and literary works of the literary award winners for 2024.

At the ceremony, the Senior General and attendees enjoyed a drama presented by artistes from the Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture and watched a video clip on the gratitude of Myanmar literature.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General stressed that the National Security and Peace Commission has adopted three guiding mottos, including “Let us ensure the education sector for the development of the Nation”. The term of education comprises intellect, knowledge and school learning education. Of them, literature is the most fundamental element of education, and literature can share education and knowledge.

He highlighted that every developing nation places great importance on literature and honours literary scholars who produce quality and valuable works.

He underlined that all citizens should be guided and educated through “literature” so that they can cultivate good democratic practices, enrich their knowledge and wisdom, and acquire modern general knowledge.

The Senior General noted that the Myanmar people have to strive to pass on invaluable literary and cultural heritage to new generations as a legacy, and they have to continue efforts for the flow of Myanmar literature to remain strong and enduring, able to adapt and thrive alongside changing times.

He recounted that the government, in consideration of the nation’s and the people’s interests, selects as National Literary Award winners the distinguished works of eminent writers who have produced knowledge-based and educational literature that disseminates modern knowledge and practical skills, as well as creative literature that inspires greater appreciation for the country, the people, and cultural traditions. To honour the writers, the Literary Day has been



Acting President and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing speaks on the literary awards occasion yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

marked since 1948 and has now continued for more than 70 years.

He unveiled that for the 2024 National Literary Awards, a total of 19 genres have been recognized. This year, 14 genres will be awarded under the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award. The “National Literary Award for Lifetime Achievement” has been presented annually since 2001. Up until last year, 48 distinguished writers have received this lifetime award, and this year, up to five doyen literati will be honoured.

He spotted that for 2024, out of 959 books published for the first time, 14 genres were selected from the 19 genres designated for the National Literary Awards. In the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award, 30 entries were chosen from 247 submissions across 14 genres as deserving of awards.

The Senior General underlined that Myanmar will hold the multiparty democratic general election on 28 December 2025. Meanwhile, preparations are being made to hold a free and fair election phase by phase.

He continued that as the election period approaches, maintaining national peace and stability is of utmost importance. While the Government is working to ensure political stability and the successful conduct of elections, citizens are also encouraged to participate responsibly as a national duty, helping ensure that the elections, representing the nation’s democratic process, are carried out successfully.

He noted that emphasizing the national interest, the successful implementation of a genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system requires the participation of the public. Citizens’ involvement is crucial not only for the successful conduct of multiparty general elections but also for the development of the Union, internal peace, and the continuous improvement of people’s socioeconomic life.

The Senior General and his wife presented certificate of honour, cash awards and gifts to the National Literary Award for Lifetime Achievement winners: doyen literati U Than Nyunt (Zin Min-Thameinhtaw), U Ko Ko (Ko-Tekkatho), Dr Daw Po (Ma Lay Po), Daw Tin Yi (Tin Yi Ma-NyaungU), and Dr Daw Khin Than Oo (Ma Moe Myay).

Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn presented a commemorative gift to mark the ceremony

to the Senior General and his wife.

Commission Member and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Commission Member and Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe, Commission Members General Maung Maung Aye, U Than Swe, Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin, Union Ministers U Tin Aung San and U Maung Maung Ohn presented prizes to winners in the National Literary Award and the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award.

On behalf of the National Literary Award for Lifetime Achievement winners, U Ko Ko (Ko-Tekkatho) spoke words of thanks.

The Senior General and his wife have documentary photos taken together with the winners and cordially greeted the winners, artistes and literati.

Also, present at the ceremony were commission members and their wives, Union ministers and their wives, Union-level dignitaries and their wives, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and deputy ministers.

After the ceremony, the Senior General and his wife and party had lunch together with the award winners, artistes and literati. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

Prime Minister delivers opening speech at 31st ASEAN Transport Ministers' Meeting and related events

THE opening ceremony of the 31st ASEAN Transport Ministers' Meeting and associated meetings was held yesterday morning at the Jasmine Naypyitaw Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw, where Prime Minister U Nyo Saw delivered a speech.

The meeting was attended by Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Mya Tun Oo, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Kao Kim Hourn, transport ministers from ASEAN member countries, departmental officials, and representatives from dialogue partner countries.

ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Kao Kim Hourn first delivered the opening remarks.

In his speech, the Prime Minister stated that, in line with the ASEAN Community Vision 2045, the ASEAN Community is based on three interconnected pillars — the political and security pillar, the economic pillar, and the social and cultural pillar — emphasizing the importance of integration and connectivity in realizing ASEAN's 2025 vision of



Prime Minister U Nyo Saw poses for the commemorative group photo alongside Transport Ministers from ASEAN member states at yesterday's event in Nay Pyi Taw.

a more integrated, vibrant, and people-centred ASEAN Community.

He also highlighted that this year marks the final year of the Kuala Lumpur Transport Strategic Plan (2016-2025) and the beginning of the ASEAN Transport Sectoral Plan (ATSP) (2026-2030), making it an important time for ASEAN transport cooperation, while also congratulating the

signing of the ASEAN-New Zealand Air Services Agreement, in accordance with the Declaration of the 47th ASEAN Summit, a significant milestone in strengthening air connectivity, facilitating trade and tourism, and deepening people-to-people ties.

The Prime Minister emphasized that transport connectivity is not only about infrastructure but also serves as a strategic

measure for stability, progress, and community building, adding that he believes this connectivity will drive further progress if countries work together, preserving the spirit of ASEAN partnership with mutual respect and solidarity.

He stated that a multiparty democratic general election will be held next December, marking an important milestone in restor-

ing democratic governance and promoting national unity, while expressing appreciation for the ASEAN community's understanding, support, and positive engagement regarding Myanmar's election, and conveying confidence that ASEAN will continue to emerge as a stronger, more united, and forward-looking community.

The Prime Minister expressed his gratitude to ASEAN member states, dialogue partners, and the ASEAN Secretariat for their continued cooperation and support, urged them to persist in implementing the shared vision of building ASEAN into a stable, peaceful, and prosperous region, and expressed hope that today's meeting would yield fruitful discussions.

The Prime Minister and other participants at the ceremony reportedly took a commemorative group photo and watched a video clip of the song "Strengthening Connectivity, Sharing the Future" before the opening ceremony was called off. — MNA/TH

MIFER Union Minister attends CPTPP-ASEAN Trade & Investment Dialogue

THE delegation led by Myanmar ASEAN Economic Minister, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Dr Wah Wah Maung, attended the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)-ASEAN Trade and Investment Dialogue via videoconference yesterday.

The dialogue aims to explore avenues for enhanced cooperation between CPTPP and ASEAN economies.

The dialogue was co-chaired by Hon Liew Chin Tong, Deputy Minister for Investment, Trade and Industry, Malaysia, and Senator Hon Don Farrell, Minister for Trade and Tourism, Special Minister of State and also participated by the Eco-



Union Minister Dr Wah Wah Maung joins the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership-ASEAN Trade and Investment Dialogue online yesterday.

nomic Ministers from ASEAN Member States and CPTPP, the ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General and the representatives.

The dialogue exchanged views on the WTO's multilateral trading system and reform processes, priority areas for facilitating trade and enhancing investment between ASEAN and

the Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) member countries, and areas such as trade diversification, including promoting trade in goods and services, digital trade, trade and investment facilitation, including non-tariff measures, and supply chain resilience. The ministers instructed senior officials from CPTPP

Parties and ASEAN Member States to plan towards the next dialogue, to be held in 2026, to explore potential areas for ongoing and practical cooperation. Afterwards, the ministers endorsed the CPTPP-ASEAN Trade and Investment Dialogue Joint Ministerial Statement.

During the dialogue, Union

Minister Dr Wah Wah Maung discussed the importance of deepening trade and investment cooperation between ASEAN and the CPTPP for mutual economic benefit. She highlighted that it is crucial to strengthen the multilateral trading system and enhance collaboration in key areas, such as digital trade and supply chain resilience, to deliver practical results.

The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) members are Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, Vietnam and the United Kingdom.

Together with the Union minister, senior officials joined the dialogue. — MIFER

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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)



31st ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting held in Nay Pyi Taw

PRIME Minister U Nyo Saw attended the 31st ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting (31st ATM) organized by the Ministry of Transport and Communications at the Jasmine Naypyitaw Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

In accordance with the agenda of the 31st ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting, Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Mya Tun Oo delivered a remark, stating that the transport sector plays an essential role in linking economic activities, facilitating smooth and easy trade, supporting socioeconomic development, and enhancing people-to-people connectivity. Over the past decades, the regional transport connectivity of ASEAN has strengthened and achieved significant progress in developing a long-term and sustainable transport sector, and such progress reflects the leadership of ASEAN in the transport sector. The collective efforts within the sector contribute to the goals of the Master Plan on



The 31st ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting is underway yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw, addressed by Union Minister U Mya Tun Oo.

ASEAN Connectivity 2025 and the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint.

He continued that this year marks the completion of the Kuala Lumpur Transport Strategic Plan, and also the beginning of new cooperation activities aligned with the ASEAN Transport Sectoral Plan (2026-2030).

The points discussed at the meeting play a key role in the strategic plans in the ASEAN transport development sector, and create a resilient and inclusive transport system for all in accordance with the fundamental principles such as partnership engagement, unity and mutual respect. Moreover, the

related meetings will be held with dialogue partners China, Japan and Korea.

The meeting was held with 10 approved programmes, and the ASEAN transport ministers approved the 2026 work plans, the Kuala Lumpur Transport Strategic Plan (2016-2025) Final report, the ASEAN Transport

Sectoral Plan (2026-2030), the ASEAN Regional Action Plan for Combatting Marine Debris, the ASEAN Roadmap for the EV, digital public transport and home-delivery service initiatives, and strategy plans for enhancing railway transport cooperation.

Then, the 24th ASEAN and China Transport Ministers Meeting, the 23rd ASEAN and Japan Transport Ministers Meeting, 16th ASEAN and Republic of Korea Transport Ministers Meeting and the attendees approved the ASEAN-China Transport Cooperation 2026-2035, the ASEAN-Japan Work Plan on Cooperation (2025-2026) and the ASEAN-Korea Transport Cooperation Roadmap (2026-2030).

The 31st ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting hosted by Myanmar was attended by the ministers from ASEAN countries and dialogue partners, the ASEAN Secretary-General, and senior officials, totalling 187 delegates. The Philippines will host the meeting in 2026. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar attends SCO meetings in Moscow, reaffirming commitment to sustainable development goals

A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister U Kyaw Htin of the Ministry of National Planning attended the meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member states, along with the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Forum on Sustainable Development, held in Moscow, Russia.

On 17 November, the deputy minister took part in the discussion under the section titled “Achieving Sustainable Development Goals in SCO Member States and Partner Countries” at the SCO Forum on Sustainable Development, held at the Moscow ESG Centre in Moscow.



Deputy Minister U Kyaw Htin joins the meeting of the Council of Heds of Government of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member states, held in Moscow, the Russian Federation.

The deputy minister stated that Myanmar is giving priority to the successful implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

and its 17 goals, integrating the SDGs as national priorities within Myanmar’s development plans and policy frameworks in line with the principle of “Leave

No One Behind”. He noted that Myanmar has made progress in several SDG-related areas, including poverty reduction, education, health, energy, environmental conservation and climate-related actions. At the same time, he highlighted the challenges faced, such as limited financial resources, the need for improved statistical and institutional capacity, and the impact of global economic uncertainties.

He emphasized that no country can achieve sustainable development through its own efforts alone, and that continued regional cooperation, access to finance and technology, effective partnerships and mutual

learning among countries are essential. In this regard, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization plays an important role in supporting efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. He added that SCO member states possess diverse experiences, abundant resources and shared aspirations, and that Myanmar will continue to work closely with member states and dialogue partners within the SCO cooperation framework.

This year’s SCO Forum on Sustainable Development was attended by a total of 34 delegates from 15 countries, including SCO member states. — MNA/MKKS

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Nay Pyi Taw celebrates World Children’s Day with performances and awards

THE ceremony to mark World Children’s Day and the 36th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child was held yesterday afternoon at the combined meeting hall of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw.

The event was attended by Union Minister Dr Soe Win, Chair of the National Committee on the Rights of the Child, along with deputy ministers who are committee members, the Chair of the Nay Pyi Taw Committee on the Rights of the Child, a member of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, the permanent secretary,



World Children's Day celebrated yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw, attended by Union Minister Dr Soe Win.

departmental officials, members of child rights committees and representatives from international non-governmental organizations.

At the ceremony, the Union Minister highlighted that the 44th

United Nations General Assembly adopted the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child on 20 November 1989 to ensure the protection and promotion of children’s rights worldwide. He noted that 20 November

has been designated as World Children’s Day by the United Nations and has been observed for 36 years, adding that the global theme set by the United Nations for this year was “Listen to Children: My Day, My Rights”.

He urged all relevant sectors to take into account the ideas, wishes and needs of children when implementing programmes for them, and to continue collaborative efforts to ensure that every child fully enjoys their rights, develops a bright future and grows into adulthood in a peaceful and happy environment.

A documentary video on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child was then screened, followed by cultural performances by children. The Union Minister presented commemorative gifts and honorary cash awards to the participating children. — MNA/KZL

Condition of La Nina in November 2025

Issued at 20 November 2025

- (a) The Sea Surface Temperature (SST) over Tropical Pacific Ocean near the Equator and atmosphere phenomena reaches weak La Nina condition. According to the International Meteorological Agency, Numerical Weather prediction models are expected to continue weak La Nina level during the third 10 days of November.
- (b) Although the La Nina conditions occur at Pacific Ocean, more frequently occurs Easterly Waves, more low-pressure areas may form over the the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal, decrease in night temperatures in some Regions and States, untimely rainfall will occur due to the impact of La Nina.
- (c) La Nina Condition will be updated in time. — DMH

Authorities detain 670 foreign suspects in telecom fraud, verify 400



Immigration processes underway for the deportation of undocumented foreign entrants.

THE authorities detained 265 foreign suspects who illegally entered Myanmar through border routes from Thailand and some neighbouring countries and conducted online gambling and telecom fraud in Myawady-Shwe Kokko of Kayin State, and verified 200 suspects on 19 November. Similarly, another 405 more undocumented foreigners were also detained, and 200 suspects were verified on 20 November, and a total of 1,016 suspects have been uncovered to date.

These 1,016 foreign suspects were detained at the building of Lonhtinwun of Shwe Kokkomyaing Village of Pulwepu Village-tract in Myawady Township, and the officials collected their personal data to ensure the quick transfer to their respective countries.

Kayin State Security and Border

Affairs Minister Colonel Min Thu Kyaw and officials, Tatmadaw and BDF officials inspected two one-storey buildings, two six-storey building eight seven-storey buildings, six 12-storey buildings, two 13-storey buildings, and two 14-storey buildings, totalling 22 buildings starting from 18 November, and seized 2,653 computers and monitors, and 21,750 mobile phones from these buildings.

A total of 11,856 foreign nationals who illegally entered Myanmar were detained from 30 January to 16 November 2025, 11,440 of whom were verified. A total of 9,978 foreign nationals have been handed over to the relevant countries under the law and procedures through Thailand. Now, it is ready to hand over the remaining 1,878 foreign nationals to the relevant countries. — MNA/KTZH



Information Centre for Trafficked Persons (Yangon, Mandalay)

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Mandalay

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

NATIONAL

A strong economy reinforces the nation's political strength

❖ “The economy is a fundamental factor in a nation’s standing. Only with a robust economy can political strength be enhanced, paving the way for overall national development.”
(Excerpt from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman and Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the State Administration Council meeting of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 30 July 2025)

Joint inspection teams continue crackdown on telecom fraud, online gambling, and related crimes in KK Park and Shwe Kokko

SERVING as the national duty, the Government of Myanmar is carrying out efforts to combat online fraud and online gambling activities that pose a threat internationally and globally.

Most of the offenders who committed telecom fraud and online gambling illegally entered the Shwe Kokko and KK Park area, where fighting has occurred after 2021, located at a far distance from Myawady, via neighbouring countries. These are the areas where ethnic armed organizations (EAOs), KNU, KNLA and some NCA signatory groups, as well as so-called Border Guard Forces, have been operating their businesses. Unscrupulous businesspersons contact these groups to commit telecom fraud and online gambling. Hence, security forces performed the operations of controlling the areas and security measures in Myawady and the surrounding areas. When the areas can store peace and stability, the operation of combatting online fraud and gambling was

launched. Afterwards, security forces continuously wipe out telecom fraud and online gambling in the Shwe Kokko and KK Park areas.

In this regard, those arrested for involvement in online fraud and online gambling schemes are being scrutinized as necessary and are formally transferred to their respective countries. At the same time, to ensure that online fraud and online gambling activities cannot re-establish themselves in the area, and to prevent the recurrence of criminal oper-

ations, buildings constructed without permission in those locations are being completely demolished. These demolition operations are being carried out systematically, using machinery for organized destruction as well as advanced demolition technologies involving controlled blasting.

Up to 6 pm yesterday, a total of 182 buildings out of 635 buildings used in the online fraud and gambling were demolished in the Myawady-Maethawthalay (KK Park) area, and the demolition operation

is being conducted for the remaining 435 buildings.

Another operation has been conducted to take security measures in the Shwe Kokko area since 18 November. Till 6 pm today, the third-day operation was conducted, and industrial materials used in online fraud and gambling were seized from six buildings constructed without permission till 6 pm. In the operation conducted in Shwe Kokko area, the security forces arrested three Vietnamese, 23 Kenyans, 85 Ethiopians, one Namibian, 168 Indonesians, 15 Ugandans, 10 Nepalis, 43 Indians, one Zimbabwean, 13 Filipinos, 21 Pakistanis, four Bangladeshis, three Sierra Leoneans, one Liberian, seven Nigerians, one Egyptian, one Sri Lankan, two Kazakhstanis and three Uzbekistanis, totalling 405, who attempted to flee away, at the junctions of the area. Hence, the security forces impounded 1,016 foreign nationals who illegally entered Myanmar along with 2,653 computers, 21,750 mobile phones and other industrial materials used in tele-

com fraud and online gambling in the Shwe Kokko area.

Those 1,016 foreign nationals are detained at a building in Lonhtinwun, Shwe Kokko Myaing Village, Pulwepu Village-tract of Myawady Township. The Illegal Foreigner Investigation Team has examined 600 of them so far. To enable their prompt repatriation to their respective countries, the relevant departmental combined teams are carrying out the necessary processes, including collecting personal data and recording required documentation.

The Government of Myanmar, treating the suppression of online fraud and online gambling offences as a national responsibility, will continue efforts to eliminate these activities within the country. These efforts will be carried out not only through domestic mechanisms but also in co-ordination with neighbouring governments so that these telecom fraud and online gambling groups cannot base themselves in Myanmar. — MNA/TTA



Verification processes underway for undocumented foreign entrants.



Images from the left shows the systematic demolition measures, workstations used in telecom fraud and online gambling, and seized related items.

Strive at SEA Games to fulfil the hopes of the nation and its people

THE XXXIII Southeast Asian Games, to be held in Thailand from 9 to 20 December 2025, will begin in just a few days. At present, all the athletes who will take part in the competition are fully prepared in every aspect — physically, mentally, and in terms of sporting knowledge and skills.

People across the country are aware that the athletes have been training intensively and preparing with full determination, perseverance, and discipline, in line with the saying “the competition begins long before entering the arena”. Because of this, the public is eager to support the athletes wholeheartedly and is hopeful for their success in every event of the competition.

The upcoming XXXIII Southeast Asian Games will be an important opportunity for the athletes representing Myanmar to win medals for the nation and to demonstrate in practice that they are outstanding and exemplary sportsmen and sportswomen. They must seize this opportunity and work to bring honour to the country. The State and the entire public are already waiting with confidence and high expectations for the Myanmar teams to return with success.

The Myanmar sports delegation will compete in 38 of the 54 sporting events at the XXXIII Southeast Asian Games. To ensure that athletes compete at a high level and gain international experience, the State arranged for athletes to participate abroad 119 times in 29 sports. In addition, athletes were sent abroad to take joint training 30 times for 16 sports, and five foreign coaches were hired with State funds to provide training.

In training the national athletes, 14 awareness sessions were held on sports medicine, psychology, and anti-doping. Medical supplies were also provided for the national athletes, while expenses for meals, allowances, training equipment, and competition materials for the training camps were covered by the State budget.

In the previous XXXII Southeast Asian Games, the Myanmar team competed in 19 sports and won a total of 114 medals: 21 gold, 25 silver, and 68 bronze. The State awarded a total of K333.3 million in prize money for these achievements. It is learned that, in the upcoming XXXIII Southeast Asian Games, the State will also appropriately honour and reward the athletes who win medals.

The Myanmar sports delegation must strive to win more medals in the XXXIII Southeast Asian Games than in previous competitions. They must work to advance and record their history of achievements and contribute to further elevating the honour of the State.

Myanmar’s Iconic Railway Landmark

By Min Min Zan

FEW structures in Myanmar capture the imagination quite like the Gokteik Viaduct. Rising majestically above the rugged terrain of northern Shan State, this engineering marvel has stood for more than 125 years as both a vital railway link and a symbol of human ingenuity. Recently, thanks to timely repair and restoration efforts, the bridge has been returned to service, reminding us once again of its enduring importance as a national treasure and a beloved landmark.

A Bridge of History and Heritage

Myanmar is home to countless historical sites and cultural treasures, each carrying the stories of generations past. Among these, the Gokteik Viaduct holds a special place. Constructed in the late 19th century, it was once the second-highest bridge in the world and remains the highest in Myanmar. More impressively, it is recognized internationally as the world’s highest railway viaduct – a feat that continues to inspire awe among engineers, historians, and travellers alike.

Stretching 2,260 feet in length and perched at an elevation of about 1,100 feet above sea level, the bridge connects Nawngkhio with Hsipaw along the Mandalay-Lashio railway line. Its sheer scale and daring design reflect the ambition of its builders, who sought not only to overcome the challenges of geography but also to create a lasting monument to progress. For more than a century, the bridge has carried trains across deep valleys and lush landscapes, offering passengers breathtaking views of Myanmar’s natural beauty.

Engineering Excellence and Natural Splendour

The Gokteik Viaduct is more than a piece of infrastructure – it is a masterpiece of engineering. Its steel trestles and towering piers were designed to withstand both the weight of heavy trains and the test of time. The bridge’s construction techniques, remarkable for their era, continue



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to impress modern engineers who study its resilience and design.

Yet the bridge’s appeal is not limited to its technical achievements. Nestled amid rolling hills, dense forests, and dramatic cliffs, it offers travellers a unique blend of human innovation and natural wonder. Crossing the bridge is not merely a journey from one town to another; it is an experience that immerses visitors in the grandeur of Myanmar’s landscape. For residents, the bridge is a source of pride, while for international tourists, it is a destination that combines adventure with cultural discovery.

cal issue; it was a reminder of the fragility of heritage sites and the importance of preserving them. Myanmar’s citizens have long recognized the need to protect their historical treasures, and the Gokteik Viaduct is no exception. Its survival and continued use depend on collective efforts to safeguard it for future generations.

Swift Restoration Efforts

In response to the damage, officials and staff from Myanma Railways acted quickly. Steel beams produced by the Myanma Railways’ Bridge Workshop in Yangon were transported to the site, and within just 76 days, the damaged section was repaired and restored. This achievement is remarkable not only for its speed but also for its precision. Restoring a bridge of such scale and complexity requires immense skill, coordination, and dedication.

On 12 November, the repaired bridge was tested when a train weighing 209 tonnes successfully crossed it. The test confirmed the safety and stability of the restoration, allowing railway services to resume. For residents and travellers alike, the reopening of the

bridge was a moment of relief and celebration. It demonstrated the resilience of both the structure and the people committed to preserving it.

Tourism and Cultural Significance

Although the repaired section has not yet been fully restored to its original historic architectural design, the bridge has once again become a hub of activity. Scenic-view RBE trains, which previously operated between Aungpinlal Station and Gokteik Station, have resumed service. These trains offer passengers the chance to enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding landscape, making the journey across the bridge as memorable as the destination itself.

For tourists, the Gokteik Viaduct remains one of Myanmar’s most iconic attractions. Its combination of history, engineering, and natural beauty makes it a must-see for anyone exploring the country. Visitors can walk along nearby paths, take photographs of the sweeping vistas, and marvel at the bridge’s towering steel structure. The experience is both

exhilarating and peaceful, offering a rare opportunity to connect with Myanmar’s heritage while enjoying its scenic environment.

A Symbol of Resilience and Progress

The successful restoration of the Gokteik Viaduct within 76 days is more than a technical accomplishment; it is a symbol of resilience. It reflects the determination to protect and preserve Myanmar’s heritage, ensuring that future generations can continue to enjoy and learn from it. For local communities, the bridge is not only a landmark but also a vital part of daily life, supporting transportation, commerce, and tourism. Its restoration contributes directly to socioeconomic development in the region, strengthening connections between towns and fostering growth opportunities.

Moreover, the bridge’s story serves as a reminder of the importance of heritage preservation. Historical structures like the Gokteik Viaduct are irreplaceable; once lost, they cannot be recreated in their original form. Protecting them requires

vigilance, care, and collective responsibility. The restoration of the bridge demonstrates what can be achieved when communities and institutions work together towards a common goal.

Looking Ahead

While the bridge has been repaired and reopened, further work remains to fully restore its historic architectural design. This ongoing effort will ensure that the bridge not only functions as a railway link but also retains its original character as a heritage landmark. As restoration continues, the bridge will stand as a living testament to Myanmar’s history, culture, and engineering achievements.

For travellers, the Gokteik Viaduct offers more than a crossing; it offers a journey into the past, a glimpse of human ingenuity, and an encounter with natural beauty. For locals, it is a source of pride and a foundation for progress. And for the nation as a whole, it is a reminder of the enduring value of heritage and the importance of preserving it.

The Gokteik Viaduct is not merely steel and stone; it is a story of endurance, innovation, and cultural pride. Its restoration within 76 days stands as a remarkable achievement, ensuring that this iconic landmark continues to serve both practical needs and symbolic purposes. As trains once again cross its towering spans, passengers are reminded of the bridge’s timeless legacy – a legacy that belongs not only to Myanmar but to the world.

By preserving and celebrating the Gokteik Viaduct, Myanmar honours its past while building its future. The bridge remains a beacon of heritage, a marvel of engineering, and a destination of beauty – an enduring reminder that history, when cared for, can continue to inspire for generations to come.

(“Honouring the responsible officials and the brave heroes from the Railway Department who restored a Myanmar heritage site within a short period of time.”)

Grinding Rice Mill

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo’s Song)

When golden Kawe blossoms again,
In the Tazaungmone month, arranging them,
At the holy monk’s monastery,
We hold the Kathina (Kahtane) ceremony.
We young ladies enjoy ourselves.
With pleasant songs between our own ages,
In the moonlight of beauty,
We are also happy
To tread with friends the grinding rice mill,
Delightful, peaceful, and still.



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2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

Mon Unity Party (MUP) talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

Min Aung Htoo, member of the Central Executive Committee of the Mon Unity Party (MUP), presented the policy, stance and work procedures of his party through radio and television on the evening of 20 November. The full text of the presentation is as follows: -



Everybody, Mingalaba!

I respectfully extend my greetings and best wishes for the full attainment of all auspiciousness to all esteemed voters, people, and national brethren. I am Min Aung Htoo, a Central Executive Committee member of the Mon Unity Party (MUP). First of all, I would like to say that I am pleased to have this opportunity to present on behalf of the Mon Unity Party (MUP).

In the multiparty democratic general election to be held on 28 December, a total of 38 candidates from our party will compete in all constituencies of Mon State.

As the selection of voters is crucial for our political parties to serve the interests of the State and the people in pursuit of the political stances and policies of parties, I would like to present the political visions, policies and work procedures in brief of our party to the people.

The Mon Unity Party (MUP) is a political party representing ethnic people. Although it is a party to operates its activities in just Mon State, I believe that we can play an important role in the political process of building a Union based on peace and a federal system. Such a Union will be peaceful and prosperous for all ethnic groups politically. Hence, I would like to express our belief that our party can participate in the important sector of the political process of building the Union.

Esteemed people and national brethren,

At a time when the country is facing political tensions and various forms of conflict, there will naturally be differing views and reactions regarding the upcoming election. The Mon Unity Party (MUP) believes that we

must navigate the political developments, setbacks, challenges, and the shifting realities – whether favourable or unfavourable – in ways that minimize harm to the nation and its people, and find solutions to move forward. The Mon Unity Party (MUP) will continue to work diligently towards our ultimate political goal so as to build a peaceful and harmonious Union for all citizens.

The Mon Unity Party (MUP) will compete in the upcoming election to help solve the political, economic and social difficulties not only voting people from Mon State but all ethnic people from the Union face in order to stand as a strong political party on which the people can rely.

I would like to submit my presentation in summary on the policy and work procedures of the Mon Unity Party (MUP) for serving the interests of the State and the people....

In the political sector, our party aims to strengthen the multiparty democratic system and to work together on constitutional amendments and other necessary measures toward building a Union based on democracy and a federal system, thereby upholding justice, freedom, and equality in line with universal values. In addition, we will continue to support and advance ongoing peace processes.

In the economic sector, we will work to modernize the agricultural sector and to systematically produce industrial raw materials, including locally produced rubber as well as finished goods. We aim to expand job opportunities, improve transport and connectivity, promote economic projects linked to international markets, develop the energy sector, and increase the production and use of renewable energy. In addition to these priorities, we will also implement other necessary programmes.

In the social sector, we will emphasize encouragement to initiate an all-inclusive healthcare system with equal rights for the people from rural and urban areas, operating the elderly care and those with disabilities, improvement of the healthcare standard at hospitals and clinics, and safety for foodstuffs. With regard to the education sector, we will help implement the literacy campaign for all people and the free compulsory basic

education system while encouraging the private education system to meet the set standards. In addition, we will work to support the enhancement of higher education and professional education to meet the international standard.

Moreover, we will participate in the development of women and youth sectors in various ways and means. Furthermore, we will manage environmental conservation, protection of mangrove forests, prevention of natural disasters, relief and rescue measures and rehabilitation efforts in time.

In the ethnic nationalities sector, we will help formulate necessary laws and rules in order to protect and uplift the rights of ethnic groups while placing emphasis on the improvement of customs and traditions of ethnic groups.

Finally, our Mon Unity Party (MUP) will work together with ethnic nationalities across the country to achieve nationwide peace and to build a Union based on democracy and a federal system for all Mon people living throughout Myanmar, as well as for all national brethren. With the support of voters and the cooperation of relevant stakeholders, we will continue implementing the policies and programmes outlined above. Regardless of the outcome of the election, the Mon Unity Party (MUP) will continue to carry out its policy and programmes in the interest of the people, the region, and the country.

Whatever challenges or difficulties may arise, I, on behalf of the Mon Unity Party (MUP), would like to urge all our national brethren to support the Mon Unity Party (MUP), which does not shy away from political responsibilities and to join us in taking the first collective steps toward meaningful change.

Thank you all very much.



Polling station officers under training in Mongphyat Township

A ceremony to launch the training course on polling station officers and deputy officers, as well as ward/village-tract election subcommission members, took place at the hall of Mongphyat Township General Administration Department, Shan State (East), on 19 November.

On the occasion, members of the Union Election Commission U Myint Oo and U Myo

Maung explained plans to hold the 2025 election in phases, guidelines, duties and authority for the polling station officers and deputy officers, duties and functions of voting list inspectors, the voting machine handlers, use of Myanmar Electronic Voting Machine (MEVM), provisions of the Hluttaw election rules and effort for holding the election successfully.

The training course is being attended by 124 trainees. It will last from 19 to 21 November.

The ceremony was also attended by local authorities from Mongphyat and Mongyawng townships, departmental officials, chairmen and officials from Tachilek District and Mongphyat Township Election Subcommissions. — MNA/TTA



Officials oversee the training for polling booth officers in Mongphyat Township, Shan State (East).

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Social Economic Promotion Party talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

U Min Zaw, Secretary of the Social Economic Promotion Party, sent a presentation manuscript on policy, stance and work procedures of their party through the Union Election Commission. The full text of the presentation manuscript is as follows: -

On behalf of the Social Economic Promotion Party, we would like to first express our special thanks to the leaders of the State and the Chairman and officials of the Union Election Commission for arranging the opportunity for our party to present the policies and work procedures to the people.

Our Social Economic Promotion Party will compete in constituencies of Mandalay Region in the genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic general election to be held in 2025. As our party was born together with the people, we share equally with the people the social, economic, and political tensions currently affecting the entire nation. Hence, if the people trustfully join hands with our party to serve their interests, we will take these responsibilities while setting aside our self-interest.

I would like to present the definition of the party's title.

It is true that all of us, as human beings, are facing social, economic, and political difficulties. Our party chose the name Social Economic Promotion Party (S.E.P.P) with the desire to address these difficulties and to improve the social, economic, and political conditions of the people. Although our original aim was to compete nationwide, due to certain circumstances, we were only able to participate in one region, Mandalay Region. We would like to inform the parents and the public in advance that in future elections, we intend to operate on a nationwide scale.

I will continue my presentation on the logo, policy, vision and mottos of our Social Economic Promotion

Party.

With regard to the colours of the logo of our party are:

The party logo primarily represents four colours and depicts, within its logo, human beings coming together with the aim of building a modern and developed new nation.

Purple — represents dignity, profundity, uniqueness, and positive imagination.

Red — represents strength, courage, and bravery.

Yellow – represents happiness and flourishing of religion and faith.

Green — represents peace, development, vitality, and health.

Along with the symbolic meanings of these colours, it signifies that all citizens, united in spirit and solidarity, will enjoy equal rights, and that the party will take a leading role in implementing the national cause with collective strength and unity.

In presenting the policies of the party -

We will prioritize seeking the attitude and aspiration of the ethnic people based on the national unity to implement the rights of citizens for them to have full rights in multiple sectors, including health, education, social and economic activities.

Objectives and visions of the party are: -

Ensuring job opportunities and a secure basic income for everyone.

Establishing a genuine, well-disciplined multiparty democratic system and a people's government.

Ensuring that candidates chosen by the party truly reflect the people's elected representatives.

Mottos of the party are: -

The people's government must be the people.

The power of the people must be owned by the people.

Votes of the people must be given to the people.



The party must always be for the people, and the people must not be for the party.

All ethnic people are aware that the current political difficulties in the country are not caused solely by internal issues but also involve interference and influence from foreign countries. Our party believes that, since our nation is home to many ethnic groups living together, it would be most appropriate to address these challenges through political means to achieve a durable peace.

In conclusion, I would like to urge all national brethren to help ensure the stability and peace of the Union of Myanmar by casting their votes in the multiparty democratic general election of 2025, and we present the message: "Vote for S.E.P.P to improve the lives of the people".

Electoral training for polling station heads, members opened

AN electoral training course for the polling station officers, deputy polling station officers and members of Dawbon township was organized at the Py-inya Hall of BEHS 1, aiming at successfully holding the 2025 multiparty democratic general election in Dawbon Township,

Botahtaung District in Yangon Region.

Speaking at the event, Township Management and Administration Committee Chairman U Htoo Htet made an opening speech, and Township Election Subcommission Chairman U Thaung Win Sein briefed

on the intention of the training course. Four trainers delivered the needed guidance for polling station officers, deputy polling station officers and members, and 76 trainees joined the training, which will be conducted on 20-21 November. — Chit Su Wai (IPRD)/KTZH



The electoral training for polling-duty personnel underway in Dawbon Township, Botahtaung District, Yangon Region.



The MEVM installation technique course in progress yesterday in Ye Township, Mon State.

Ye Township conducts course on installation technique of MEVM

A ceremony to open the course on installation techniques for the Myanmar Electronic Voting Machine to be used in the 2025 multiparty democratic general election was held at the hall of Ye Township General Administration Department in Mon State yesterday.

Staff Officer U Aung Ko Latt of the Ye Township Election Subcommission explained the technique to handle the voting

machine, parts of the machine, the usage process and preparatory measures.

The ceremony was attended by Acting Ye Station Commander Lt-Col Khaing Zaw, district and township officials, members of the township election subcommission and course instructors and supervisors.

A total of 50 trainees are attending the course. — Min Min/TTA

NATIONAL

Tatmadaw hospital ship continues medical mission, welcomes first newborn of voyage in Hainggyikyun

THE Tatmadaw mobile specialist medical team from the Tatmadaw Hospital Ship Thanlwin, which is providing healthcare services in villages in Cocokyun Township in Yangon Region and Hainggyikyun Township in Ayeyawady Region, continued delivering medical care yesterday morning to 530 local people from Hainggyikyun and nearby villages in Ngaputaw Township at the local Tatmadaw hospital.

The team, comprising Tatmadaw medical specialists, doctors and nurses, provided healthcare services for 192 general patients, 59 surgical patients, 16 obstetric patients, 42 paediatric patients, 79 orthopaedic patients, 49 ENT patients, 78 ophthalmology patients and 15 dental patients. In addition, 10 general surgery patients, seven eye surgery patients, 18 X-ray patients, 36 ultrasound patients, 27 ECG patients and 48 laboratory test



This image captures Hainggyikyun residents receiving healthcare services from the Tatmadaw mobile specialist medical team.

patients received the necessary diagnostic and treatment services.

Furthermore, medical specialists from the team successfully conducted a Caesarean delivery at 7:51 am for Daw Phyu Phyu Thin from Sanpya Village in Hainggyikyun, who gave birth to a baby girl weighing five

pounds and four ounces. Both the mother and the newborn are in good health. Officials presented cash assistance and gifts to the newborn, who is the

first baby delivered during the current mission and has been named Thin Thanlwin. Since 2016, the Tatmadaw Hospital Ship Thanlwin has assisted 22 mothers during 18 missions and 23 mothers during the current 19th mission.

Likewise, officials met May Thanlwin, the first baby successfully delivered on 2 March 2016 during the initial voyage of the hospital ship. Now aged ten, she was invited on board, where officials provided cash assistance, nutritious food items and a health check.

Tatmadaw officials continued to support local patients receiving treatment, including distributing eyeglasses to eye surgery patients, providing nutritious food and arranging transport services for patients through shuttle vehicles to ensure convenience. Breakfast was also provided to the patients. — MNA/KZL

Strong trading interest drives ongoing sales at 60th Myanmar Gems Emporium



Gem merchants evaluate gemstones and jade at the 60th Myanmar Gems Emporium yesterday.

THE fourth day of the 60th Myanmar Gems Emporium was held yesterday morning at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw, attracting a large number of gem merchants.

At yesterday's emporium, 160 gem lots were sold to local and foreign traders through the

open tender system. Merchants were allowed to inspect jade lots numbered 1 to 1,000 and submit their proposed prices into the respective tender boxes. Officials will review the bids and announce the jade lots to be sold on the morning of 21 November.

The 60th Myanmar Gems

Emporium is scheduled to run from 17 to 26 November. A total of 443 pearl lots and 67 gem lots have already been sold to local and foreign merchants through the open tender system. The remaining jade lots will continue to be sold via open tender. — MNA/MKKS

Rakhine to mark 51st State Day with cultural shows and festive events

THE 51st Rakhine State Day will be held in a lively and festive manner on 15 December at the U Ottama Hall in Sittway, Rakhine State, according to U Hla Thein, Advocate-General of Rakhine State and a member of the Rakhine State Government.

The event will feature traditional Rakhine dances, as well as musical performances and sports competitions.

U Hla Thein said, "As in previous years, this year's Rakhine State Day ceremony will also be held on a grand scale. There will be musical entertainment programmes and sports events. On that day, outstanding individuals from Rakhine State who have excelled in their respective fields will be presented with awards for excellence in administration, agriculture, industry, and social affairs, along with certificates of honour from the chief minister".

According to the Rakhine State Government, a leading committee and various working committees have been formed and are carrying out prepara-



This image showcases a traditional Rakhine dance.

tions to ensure the success of the celebrations. Under the 1974 Constitution, 15 December was designated as Rakhine State Day starting from 1975, and it is a day of great pride for the people of Rakhine. Each year, the people of Rakhine have celebrated the occasion with dignity and pride. Rakhine State Day is a significant and auspicious occasion for the Rakhine people to express their national pride and honour. Like other ethnic groups in Myanmar, they mark the day by displaying and preserving their cultural heritage through the use of the state flag, state emblem, and traditional attire. — ASH/MKKS

Myanmar footwear to penetrate Bangladesh market

MYANMAR MSME Cluster Footwear Manufacturers Federation (Central) stated that negotiations are underway to export Myanmar’s footwear to the Bangladesh market by sea trade.

Myanmar used to deliver 100,000 pairs of slippers made in Myanmar per day in 2010 through border points. The footwear export halted in late 2015.

“Footwear for both male and female is exported to Bangladesh. They prefer durable Myanmar slippers made from tyres. The daily purchase or-

der is estimated at 100,000 pairs. Footwear exports went to Bangladesh via Buthidaung and Maungtau border posts and came to an abrupt stop because of border conflicts in 2015,” said an official of the federation.

The federation aims to go to Bangladesh for ocean freight export negotiations next year. Myanmar can supply about 200,000 pairs per day, as Bangladesh has a strong demand. If the negotiation goes well, we will build an industrial ward to supply a million pairs of footwear per month.

Made in Myanmar footwear has already gained market shares in Bangladesh. The slipper price is around K5,000 per pair for males and K3,500-K4,000 per pair for females. We could supply the slippers according to that price,” he continued.

The federation is also seeking approval from the ministries concerned to grant plots of land to create an industrial ward for footwear manufacturers in the four satellite Dagon Myothit townships and North Okkalapa Township. — ASH/KK



Made in Myanmar flip-flops are seen being displayed at a market fair.

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

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 19 November that it would sell US\$30 million to those engaged in the fuel oil sector.

CBM also sold over \$1.4 million to edible oil importing companies in addition to the injection of over 396,480 yuan into the market on that day.

CBM sold over \$1.425 million, purchased from CMP companies, to edible oil - importing companies on 18 November.

CBM sold 300,000 yuan to importers of herbicide, fertilizer, tar, pharmaceuticals and raw materials, industrial raw materials, construction materials, auto parts and accessories of motorcycle, telecommunication equipment, feedstuffs, packaging materials, steel, consumer goods and food commodities on 17 November.

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



Vehicles are refuelling at the petrol station in downtown Yangon.

NUAC to conduct filmmaking course on 1 Dec

THE Department of Cinematography and Drama Faculty under the National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon) will offer a filmmaking diploma on 1 December 2025.

The Filmmaking Course is open instead of a Filmmaking (Photography) course. This is a nine-month course with three levels. Those who hold a bachelor’s degree and those who attended grade 12 are eligible to attend this certificate course. Those who passed the matriculation exam or those who hold a bachelor’s degree can continue to pursue a Diploma in Arts (Filmmaking).

The course will cover photography, script, directing, editing, acting, art management, and film production management. Those interested individuals can apply for it through the contact numbers of the Student Affairs Division of the university at 09 421012808, 09 7881891, and 09 250088268 starting from 13 November. — NN/KK

MGMA to open 263rd Basic Sewing Machine Operator Training

MYANMAR Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) will conduct Basic Sewing Machine Operator Training (Batch 263) from 24 November to 12 December 2025 at Myanmar Garment Human Resources Development Training Centre (MGHRDC) in Insein Township, Yangon Region.

The course will provide practical and technical approaches to sewing machines, different sewing methods, labour laws and practices.

This training will also help those seeking jobs from regions outside Yangon connect with garment factories, with a view to creating job opportunities. Upon completion of the training, the trainees will receive a stipend of K15,000.

Those who wish to attend the training can enrol by contacting MGHRDC at the following numbers: 09 940858350, 09 450723262, 09 784085794, 09777367771, and 09952802635. — NN/KK



Female workers manufacture garments at a Cut-Make-Pack facility.



People visit the 29th Cairo Information and Communications Technology (ICT) exhibition in Cairo, Egypt, 19 November 2025. Egypt on Wednesday wrapped up the 29th Cairo Information and Communications Technology (ICT) exhibition, held 16-19 November under the theme “AI Everywhere”. **PHOTO: AHMED GOMAA/XINHUA**

Cairo IT exhibition concludes, highlighting AI, digital innovations

EGYPT on Wednesday wrapped up the 29th Cairo Information and Communications Technology (ICT) exhibition, held 16-19 November under the theme “AI Everywhere”.

Hosted at the Egypt International Exhibition Center in New Cairo, the event featured more than 500 exhibitors, including ministries, national institutions, and global tech companies, showcasing innovations in AI, 5G, cybersecurity, cloud computing, smart infrastructure, and digital education.

“This exhibition has become a key annual platform for ministries, banks, telecoms, and technology leaders to present innovations,” said Mohamed Lotfy, the event’s media director. The four-day event included more than 90 discussion sessions with nearly 500 speakers and concluded with around 27 major partnership agreements.

Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly inaugurated the event, highlighting ICT as a strategic sector that drives jobs, exports, and economic growth. — Xinhua

Emirates orders 8 additional Airbus A350-900 aircraft at Dubai Airshow 2025

EMIRATES on Thursday announced orders for 8 additional Airbus A350-900 aircraft, powered by Rolls-Royce Trent XWB84 engines, at the Dubai Airshow 2025.

Worth US\$3.4 billion at list prices, this top-up order will boost the airline’s A350-900 fleet to a total of 73 units when all deliveries are completed.

To date, Emirates has received delivery of 13 A350 aircraft. Emirates’ additional A350-900s ordered today are expected to be delivered during 2031. — ANI



Emirates announced orders for 8 additional Airbus A350-900 aircraft at the Dubai Airshow 2025. **PHOTO: DUBAI AIRSHOW 2025**

Vietnam records 18 billion cashless transactions in 9 months

VIETNAM recorded about 18 billion cashless transactions in the first nine months of this year, with total values exceeding 260 quadrillion Vietnamese dong (about US\$9.9 billion), Vietnam News Agency reported on Thursday, citing the State Bank of Vietnam.

Of the total, internet-based payments reached 3.4 billion transactions worth more than 76 quadrillion Vietnamese dong (about \$2.89 billion), according to the central bank’s payment department. — Xinhua

Changing Trade Name For Registered Pesticide

The Pesticide manufactured by **Eastchem Co.,Ltd** and distributed by **AgriSync Power Co.,Ltd** is changing trade name as follow.

No.	Previous Name	New Name	Registration No.
1	Ramec 200 SC	Poe Cover	P2023-5221

Any Objection regarding to this changing can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board within (14) days.

AgriSync Power Co.,Ltd.
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DISTRIBUTER CHANGING

The manufacture of **Shandong Binnong Technology Co.,Ltd** have registered the following products in Pesticide Registration Board of Myanmar to distribute in Myanmar. Now, we have to change from old distributor name “**Myanmar Golden Byter Co.,Ltd**”, to new distributor name “**Pure Crop Chemical Co.,Ltd**”. If any object or enquiry, please contact to Pesticide registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayint Naung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon, from here to next 14 days. Pure Crop Chemical Co.,Ltd. Ph-09401573814

Sr.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration No.
1.	BNS Pyrac 250 EC	Pyraclostrobin 250g/l EC	P2021-4653

DISTRIBUTER CHANGING

The manufacture of **Tonghua Pesticide Chemical Industry Stock Co.,Ltd** have registered the following product in Pesticide Registration Board of Myanmar to distribute in Myanmar. Now, we have to change from old distributor name “**Friends’ Helper Co.,Ltd**”, to new distributor name “**Taw Win Dar Co.,Ltd**”. If any object or enquiry, please contact to Pesticide registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayint Naung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon, from here to next 14 days. Taw Win Dar Co.,Ltd. Ph-09401573814

Sr.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration No.
1.	TH-Kywe Wa 84 WP	Copper Oxychloride 84% WP	P2020-4878

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SINAR SOLO VOY.NO. (209N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **21-11-2025** 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.

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SPORTS

Morocco captain Hakimi named Africa's best footballer of 2025

MOROCCO'S national team captain and Paris Saint-Germain defender Achraf Hakimi was named Africa's Men's Player of the Year in Rabat on Wednesday.

Facing strong competition from Liverpool's Egyptian forward Mohamed Salah and Victor Osimhen of Nigeria and Galatasaray, Hakimi claimed the award after an exceptional sea-

son where he helped PSG win the UEFA Champions League, French Ligue 1, French Cup and UEFA Super Cup.

Hakimi became the fifth Moroccan in history to win the title, with former international Mustapha Hadji being the last Moroccan to win a continental or global individual award in 1998.

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LPGA's 2026 schedule has 33 events, record \$132 million

THE LPGA Tour announced its 2026 schedule on Wednesday with 33 events worldwide and a record total prize fund of \$132 million.

On the eve of the season-ending Tour Championship at Naples, Florida, the series looked ahead to next year, a campaign that will include the Solheim Cup in the Netherlands next September.

"I'm incredibly proud of what we've built and even more excit-

ed about where we're headed," LPGA commissioner Craig Kessler said.

"This schedule reflects the work we've put into elevating our courses, improving our routing, and continuing to grow purses."

The tour will visit 13 nations next year, including two swings through Asia and another into Europe.

Women's majors begin with the Chevron Championship in Houston on 23-26 April. — AFP

Arsenal beat Real Madrid as Man Utd lose in Women's Champions League

ENGLAND striker Alessia Russo scored twice as holders Arsenal overcame Real Madrid 2-1 in the Women's Champions League on Wednesday, while Manchester United suffered their first loss of the league phase.

Arsenal fell behind on a bitterly cold night at Meadow Park to Scotland international Caroline Weir's goal just before half-time, but Russo rescued the Gunners with a pair of second-half headers.

Russo looped a header over Madrid goalkeeper Misa Rodriguez to bring Arsenal level and then headed in the winner from a corner to end the Spanish side's unbeaten record in the competition.

Arsenal are eighth in the 18-team table with six points, having alternated wins and losses in their first four games.

"It was a really important win," Russo told Disney+.

"We've probably not had the results that we've wanted... but it was important

to come here and pick up a result tonight in the Champions League, so we are really happy."

United slid to a 5-2 loss at Wolfsburg as Dutch internationals Ella Peddemors and Lineth Beerensteyn both struck twice.

Fridolina Rolfo headed United in front in Germany as Marc Skinner's team began well in their search for a fourth successive win in Europe. — AFP



England striker Alessia Russo (L) got both goals for Arsenal in their win over Real Madrid. **PHOTO: AFP**



Russia cannot be dependent on foreign AI networks, it's matter of sovereignty: Putin

RUSSIA cannot allow itself to become dependent on foreign neural networks — this is a matter of sovereignty, President Vladimir Putin said.

“We cannot permit a critical dependence on systems controlled by others. For Russia, this is a matter of state, technological, and, I would even say, value-based sovereignty,” Putin said at the “Journey into the World of Artificial Intelligence” conference.

Other key statements by President Vladimir Putin at the “Journey into the World of Artificial Intelligence” conference:

- Russia needs a central headquarters to manage the AI industry
- Products developed by Sberbank and Yandex are among the best in the world
- The development of Russian AI systems must remain fully under the control of Russian specialists
- Entire states — not only major tech companies — are now competing to develop their own AI language models
- AI models are becoming one of the most important tools for information distribution and are already influencing global processes
- Russia should develop its own full set of technologies in the field of generative AI
- Generative AI technologies are strategic for Russia's future
- Russia must continuously move forward in the development of AI — SPUTNIK

Putin emphasized Russia's opposition to critical dependence on foreign-controlled systems, framing it as essential for the country's state, technological, and value-based sovereignty.



Putin spotlights Russia's strategic advancements in AI, international collaboration with BRICS partners and China, ethical governance, and initiatives to position Moscow as a global AI hub. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

C919 debuts at Dubai Airshow as industry warms to Chinese aerospace manufacturing

CHINA'S C919 has drawn steady crowds at the ongoing 19th edition of Dubai Airshow, where industry professionals and trade visitors are lining up for a closer look at the country's first homegrown large passenger aircraft.



A UAE visitor sits on a C919 aircraft during the 19th edition of the Dubai Airshow in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), 17 November 2025. **PHOTO: WEN XINNIAN/XINHUA**

A C919 brought by its manufacturer, the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC), performed flying demonstrations during the show. A second one, operated by China Southern Airlines, is on static display, drawing representatives from airlines, leasing companies, and engineering firms.

After touring the aircraft, Saeed Alhefeiti, media manager for the Government of Fujairah, one of the seven emirates in the United Arab Emirates, said that the experience was “very impressed” and he believed the C919 “has a bright future” in the Middle East market.

Inside the cabin, staff briefed visitors on C919's configuration and performance. It can seat 158-192 passengers and has a range of 4,075-5,555 kilometres, according to COMAC.

Eight years after the C919 made its maiden flight in China's Shanghai, COMAC has so far delivered 26 units, which are now flying more than 30 routes.

Dawood Abdullah, senior corporate planning executive at Pakistani private airline AirSial, said the C919 could “be a game changer” in the market. “It brings fresh momentum and healthier competition.” — Xinhua

Vietnam's public transport to run on green energy

VIETNAM aims for all public transport vehicles in the capital Hanoi and the southern hub Ho Chi Minh City to use clean, green and environmentally friendly energy by 2030, Vietnam News Agency reported Thursday.

The target was set under a newly approved national action plan on pollution mitigation and air quality management.

The plan, designed for the period from 2026 to 2030 with a vision towards 2045, also called for policies to support the transition of technology-based delivery and ride-hailing vehicles to clean, green and environmentally friendly energy. — Xinhua