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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 of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Governor of Novosibirsk, Russian Federation

A delegation led by Mr Andrey Aleksandrovich Travnikov, Governor of Novosibirsk of the Russian Federation, paid a courtesy call on Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing yesterday morning.

Also present at the call were Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Commission Member and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe, Union Ministers U Tin Oo Lwin, U Chit Swe, and Dr Chaw Chaw Sein, other officials, and the Governor of Novosibirsk, the Russian Ambassador to Myanmar, Mr Iskander Azizov, together with officials of the Novosibirsk Region Government.

During the call, the parties discussed and exchanged views on the enhancement of cooperation between Myanmar and the Novosibirsk region of the Russian Federation, the visit to Myanmar by the Governor and members of the Novosibirsk regional government, the observation of the country’s beauty, rich cultural traditions, and magnificence, the discussions with Myanmar government officials, the promotion of Myanmar’s cultural and natural attractions to Russian citizens, the implementation of the results of the bilateral discussions, and the directive from Russian President Vladimir Putin for the strengthening of cooperation between Myanmar and Novosibirsk region, and activities carried out by the Novosibirsk government.

They also discussed the matters pertaining to the prospects for the expansion of cooperation in various sectors,



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Russia’s Novosibirsk Governor Mr Andrey Aleksandrovich Travnikov exchange commemorative gifts during the latter’s courtesy call on the former yesterday.

including the economy, education, health, cultural exchange, and tourism promotion between Myanmar and the Novosibirsk region, the prospects for the promotion of trade through the export of products between Myanmar, the Russian Federation, and the Novosibirsk region, the prospects for the sending of cultural groups between

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2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

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

Union Election Commission



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

Kokang Democracy Unity Party (KKDUP) and Karen National Democratic Party (K.N.D.P.) deliver campaign speeches

THE electoral speeches of the Kokang Democracy Unity Party (KKDUP) and Karen National Democratic Party (K.N.D.P.) are featured on page 10 and 11 of today's issue of The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper.

Visitors flock to Bagan for Tazaungdine Festival despite bad weather

VISITORS flocked to the Bagan cultural zone during the Thadingyut open season and the Tazaungdine Festival. Hotels were booked in advance, and visitors thronged Bagan from 1 November until the full moon day of Tazaungmone. According to residents, if the weather is fine, the number of visitors will increase to the point where hotels, guesthouses, and monasteries are full.

"Even though it rained on the full moon day, visitors still flocked to Bagan. Hotels were packed with pre-booked tourists and pilgrims. If the weather had been good, there would have been even more travellers. The steady influx of visitors before the Tazaungmone full moon day made the pagodas crowded. It was heartening to see so many travellers continuously arriving in the Bagan cultural area. During the open tourism season, we invite everyone to visit the Bagan region, which is home to ancient cultural heritage, and to make merit," said Daw San San Myint, Assistant Director of the Department of Hotels and Tourism (Bagan Branch).

In addition to domestic travellers, international tourists also visited the Bagan cultural zone. Many offered oil lamps at 18 famous pagodas and per-



Visitors are seen in the Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone. PHOTO: ZWE MARN

formed acts of merit on the full moon day of Tazaungmone.

"Today, there are many pilgrims. If it doesn't rain, there will be even more. Nearly 8,000 tourists visited Htilominlo Pagoda during the Tazaungdine holidays, and almost 10,000 people visited on the full moon day. This is more than last year. Bagan is a place where Myanmar's cultural heritage is concentrated, so seeing Bagan really makes one love our country and respect our religion.

That's why Bagan warmly welcomes all domestic and international visitors," said U Tin Oo, Secretary of the Htilominlo Pagoda Trustees.

Recently, Myanmar has experienced heavy rain and strong winds due to a low-pressure area over the Bay of Bengal and a typhoon over the Philippine Sea, yet the Bagan region remained crowded with visitors performing good deeds during the religious festival. — Thitsa (MNA)/MKKS

Special Weather News

Issued at 4 pm MST on 4 November 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, due to the easterly waves and due to a Low-Pressure Area over the Northeast Bay and adjoining Eastcentral Bay of Bengal and off and along the Rakhine coasts, Myanmar; and due to the cumulonimbus clouds formed by strong convection rain or thunder-showers will be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan States with isolated heavy falls in some region during 5 November 2025 to 6 November 2025.

Occasional squalls with rough sea will be experienced off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach 35-40 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9-11 feet in off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

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

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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)

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing offers Matho golden lotus robes to Maravijaya Buddha Image



Acting President and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, and the congregation observe the offering ceremony of 15 sets of Matho golden lotus robes to the Maravijaya Buddha Image yesterday.

A gala ceremony to donate Matho golden lotus robes to the Maravijaya Buddha Image at the 2025 Tazaung-dine Festival took place at the auspicious time yesterday morning. Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission Senior General Min Aung Hlaing offered Matho golden lotus robes to the Buddha image at the ceremony. Officials from the Ministry of Reli-

gious Affairs and Culture, and regions and states, conveyed 15 sets of Matho golden lotus robes flanked by those in royal ceremonial regalia from the fountain square to the platform of the Maravijaya Buddha Image. Meanwhile, members of religious associations recited nine attributes of the Lord Buddha in Pali. The fifteen sets of Matho golden lotus robes were folded four times, and then these were kept on the golden lotus trays.

The Senior General paid homage to the Maravijaya Buddha Image and offered meals in the alms-bowl, fruits, flowers, water and oil lights. He offered 15 sets of Matho golden lotus robes made by 15 weaving teams representing regions and states, including the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, to the Buddha Image. Devotees kept these robes on the hand of the Buddha Image. They all shared merits gained with celestial beings and those from the 31 abodes.

The ceremony was also attended by Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, the wife of the Senior General, Commission Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Soe Win and his wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Commission member and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw and his wife, Commission member and Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe and his wife, Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo and his wife, commission members and their wives, Union-level dignitaries, Union ministers and their wives, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, officials and religious associations. Myanmar Buddhists weave Matho robes in their traditions to offer them to the pagodas in the month of Tazaung-mone. Weaving the robes started in the evening of the eve of full moon day. Before dawn on the full moon day, all process of making robes must be completed to offer them to the pagodas dedicating to the Lord Buddha. Such kind of ceremonies are held in various towns across the nation yearly. This year, well-wishers led by the Senior General and his wife offered Matho golden lotus robes to the Maravijaya Buddha Image which is the tallest carved marble Buddha image in the world. — MNA/TTA

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Religious sites across country hold Tazaungmone full moon lighting ceremonies

As the full moon of Tazaungmone, which coincides with Sanañaphala Day, is one of the significant days of Buddhism, the Myanmar people have been preserving a good tradition with lighting activities in the Tazaungdine festival yearly.

Buddhists observe the Sabbath by meditating, reciting the Pathana and Paritta, offering Kathina robes to the Sangha, and visiting religious monuments on that significant day.

Yesterday evening, Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Commission Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Soe Win and his wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Commission Member and Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe and his wife, Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo and his wife, Commission Member and Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air)



Acting President and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla light oil lamps at the Tazaungdine Festival held yesterday at Shwephonepawt Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw.



Locals enjoy the Tazaungdine Festival.

General Kyaw Swa Lin and his wife, Union-level dignitaries, Union ministers and their wives, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, lit candles, oil lamps, offered flowers and water dedicated to the Lord Buddha at Shwephonepawt Pagoda in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory and enjoyed the Tazaungdine lighting festival.

Roads, buildings and trees in the compound of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) were illuminated with multi-coloured lights to mark the Tazaungdine lighting festival. Families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) happily enjoyed

the festival.

Religious edifices in regions and states hosted Tazaungdine lighting festivals. Moreover, people joined ceremonies to pay homage to Shin Uppagutta, set oil lamps afloat on the water, offer Matho robes to members of the Sangha and Buddha images, and donate rice to members of the Sangha. Moreover, people participated in the charity fairs. The well-wishers also donated Cassia bud salad to each other, while some people freely discarded property for all.

During the Tazaungdine holidays, resorts, beaches and parks in regions and states were crowded with holiday-makers. — MNA/KTZH

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar ...

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Myanmar and the Russian Federation, including the Novosibirsk region, the prospects for the further strengthening of friendship and cooperation between Myanmar, the Russian Federation, and

the Novosibirsk region, the prospects for the further enhancement of bilateral cooperation, the prospects for ensuring a free and fair multi-party democratic general election in Myanmar and the continuation of the democratic path

after the election, and the friendly exchange of views between the Russian Federation and the Novosibirsk region regarding their support for the upcoming multi-party democratic general elections in Myanmar.

At the end of the call, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Governor of Novosibirsk Region exchanged gifts and posed for a group photo. — MNA/TH

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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)



Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla watched the “Great Russia and Siberia” variety show performed by “Chaldony” State Song and Dance Ensemble of Novosibirsk, the Russian Federation, at the Myanmar International Convention Centre I (MICC I) in Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday afternoon.

The event began with the national anthems of both countries, followed by opening remarks by the Acting President and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission.

In his speech, the Senior General warmly welcomed the audience to the performance by the “Chaldony” State Song and Dance Ensemble from Novosibirsk, Russia.

The occasion was a meaningful and significant time for enhancing friendship and cultural cooperation between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Russian Federation, which has already established more than 77 years of diplomatic relations based on mutual respect, understanding, and collaboration in various sectors, including culture, education, and arts.

He highlighted that the two countries have long maintained strong and lasting relations in multiple sectors, such as defence, education, science, technology, health, and culture, and the sector-wise cooperation between Myanmar and the Novosibirsk Region would continue to strengthen further.

Through the performance by the “Chaldony” State Song and Dance Ensemble, Myanmar audiences would not only appreciate the artistry and Siberian culture of the Novosibirsk Region but also reaffirm the deep and friendly ties between



Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla present the flower bouquets to performers from the Chaldony State Song and Dance Ensemble and the Department of Arts yesterday.

Acting President & SSPC Chairman attends “Great Russia and Siberia” Show by Chaldony Ensemble

the peoples of both nations.

He noted that art reflects the culture and spirit of humankind, transcending all barriers to share beauty, harmony, and peace, uniting people through friendship. Therefore, the event was not merely a cultural exchange or entertainment event but also an opportunity to further strengthen the warm and friendly relations between Myanmar and Russia.

Novosibirsk Governor, Mr Andrey Travnikov, then expressed gratitude to the Senior General for inviting him to visit Myanmar, and giving special interest to culture and arts of Siberians. He continued that

Myanmar’s religious and cultural heritage was profoundly rich and impressive, reflecting the sincerity and honesty of the Myanmar people. Although over a hundred ethnic groups live within the Russian Federation, they are all united by the same history and destiny.

He explained that the name “Chaldony” has deep historical significance, representing the ancient Siberians, Russians and the first pioneers and settlers of Siberia. The ensemble, he said, preserves the traditional customs, songs, and musical heritage of Siberia, and was honoured to perform in Myanmar to share Siberian culture,

art, and joy with the Myanmar people.

The Senior General and his wife, and other attendees, enjoyed performances by artistes from the Novosibirsk Chaldony State Song and Dance Ensemble and artistes from the Department of Fine Arts under the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture.

The performances included classical and traditional Russian songs and dances based on rich folklore, performed with vibrant movements and musical artistry. The ensemble also presented a song titled “Bread is Everything”, by offering the Senior General and his wife the

traditional Russian greeting of bread and salt, a symbol of friendship, gratitude, and hospitality.

After the event, the Senior General and his wife presented the flower bouquets to the artistes of the Chaldony State Song and Dance Ensemble and the Department of Fine Arts.

The Senior General and the Novosibirsk Governor exchanged gifts.

The artistes of Novosibirsk Chaldony State Song and Dance Ensemble presented the ‘Latt Ti’ song for the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and concluded the event. — MNA/KTZH

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Acting President and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents the first prize to the Amara Shwepyi Team from Mandalay for the Matho-robe weaving contest yesterday.

Chairman, together with his wife, the Governor of Novosibirsk and his delegation, toured the stone plaque chamber pagodas. During the visit, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman explained that the Maravijaya Buddha Image was built in an architectural style that beautifully combines traditional Myanmar customs with modern technology.

They also released a balloon commemorating the Russia-Myanmar friendship. The balloon, decorated with the word NOVOSIBIRSK, was launched gracefully into the sky.

The award ceremony was then held, during which commission members presented trophies, cash prizes, and certificates of honor to the teams that won awards for Best Discipline, Best Team Discipline, Best Visual Presentation, Best Team Robe Creation, Best Innovation, Best Team Dress, Best Balloon Flight, Best Team Coordination, Best Balloon Flight Record, and Best Team Tailoring in the hot-air balloon (Nyameegyi and Seinnapan) launching, and Matho-robe weaving competitions.

The Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief presented trophies, honourable mentions, and certificates to the teams with the most beautiful hot-air balloon (Nyameegyi and Seinnapan), as well as to the teams with the best group robe weaving in the

Acting President & SSPC Chair Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attends awarding ceremony of Maravijaya Buddha Image hot-air balloon launching and Matho-robe weaving competitions

The award ceremony for the 2025 Tazaungdine lighting festival, the hot-air balloon launch competition, and the Matho robe-weaving competition was held yesterday evening at the fountain square in the Maravijaya Buddha Garden in Dekkhinathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory. The ceremony was attended by Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

The ceremony was also attended by the Senior General's wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Vice-Chairman of the Commission Vice-Senior General Soe Win and his wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Commission Member and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw and his wife, Commission Member and Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe and his wife, Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye

Win Oo and his wife; other Commission Members and their wives, Union-level dignitaries, Union Ministers and their wives, a delegation led by Mr Andrey Aleksandrovich Travnikov, Governor of the Novosibirsk of the Russian Federation, who is on a goodwill visit to Myanmar, the Chairman of the Nay Pyi Taw Council, senior military officers and their wives from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief; the Commander of the Nay Pyi Taw Command and officials, competitors from Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, regions and states who participated in the hot-air balloon launching and Matho robe-weaving competition, as well as many pilgrims, and monks who came to observe the event.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman, along with his wife, first arrived at the square in front of the Maravijaya Buddha Image and offered flowers, water, and oil lamps to the pagoda.

They then lit candles together and circumambulated the Maravijaya Buddha Image. The Acting President and SSPC Chairman, along with his wife, rang the Saddadhipati Bell and warmly greeted the pilgrims.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman, together with his wife and other attendees, proceeded to the fountain square, where the ceremony was to be held, and warmly greeted the delegation led by Mr Andrey Aleksandrovich Travnikov, Governor of Novosibirsk.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman, together with his wife and other attendees, watched the hot-air balloon (Nyameegyi and Seinnapan) launch competitions.

While the balloons were being prepared and launched, ethnic cultural groups performed traditional dances, choreographed group dances, and songs.

The Acting President and SSPC

Matho-robe weaving competition. The Commission Member and Executive Chief presented trophies to the teams that achieved the best robe quality and best group weaving in the same competition. The Commission Member and Prime Minister presented trophies, cash awards, and certificates to the teams that won third place in the competitions.

Next, the Vice-Chairman of the Commission presented trophies, cash awards, and certificates of honour to the Ministry of Home Affairs team, which won second prize in the hot-air balloon (Nyameegyi and Seinnapan) competition, the Ministry of Legal Affairs team, which won second prize in the Seinnapan balloon launching competition, and the Manawmyay Weaving Team from Kachin State, which won second prize in the Matho-robe weaving competition.

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Reconstruction entails building a nation to have a secure and resilient future

❖ Reconstruction not only involves restoring what was lost but also entails building a nation that is secure and resilient in the future.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, at the opening ceremony of the Forum on Rebuilding Myanmar: Post-Earthquake Economic Recovery held on 30 May 2025)

Victorious
Tatmadaw members
welcomed in Hlegu

AFTER successfully defeating the terrorist insurgents in defence of the country, one regiment and three battalions returned to their respective units for training and were warmly welcomed yesterday evening in Intine Village- Tract, Hlegu Township, Yangon Region.

At the welcoming ceremony, the victorious returning soldiers marched into their respective battalion headquarters accom-

panied by a military band. Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein and his wife, Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Pyae Sone Lin and his wife, members of the regional government and their wives, officials, artistes, ethnic community members, and the public greeted them with garlands, and the chief minister presented cash awards to the victorious Tatmadaw members.

— Zwe Htet Ko (IPRD)/GNLM



Tatmadaw members are seen being warmly welcomed in Yangon Region.

Triumphant Tatmadaw members greeted with ceremonial welcome

THE ceremony to welcome the returning members of the Tatmadaw from the frontiers, who fought bravely on the front lines and achieved victories, was held yesterday morning at the local battalion. It was attended by Lt-Gen Nyunt Win Swe of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Kayin State Chief Minister U Saw Myint Oo, departmental officials, local ethnic communities, teachers, students, traditional cultural groups, and the family members of Tatmadaw officers and other ranks, who greeted the returning soldiers with a grand



Tatmadaw members are pictured during the welcome ceremony in Kayin State.

welcome, adorned them with flower garlands, and celebrated with traditional dances.

Afterwards, a meeting to honour the returning members of the Tatmadaw was held at the hall of the local battalion in Hpa-an, where Lt-Gen Nyunt Win Swe and State Chief Minister U Saw Myint Oo delivered a tribute and presented awards to the soldiers.

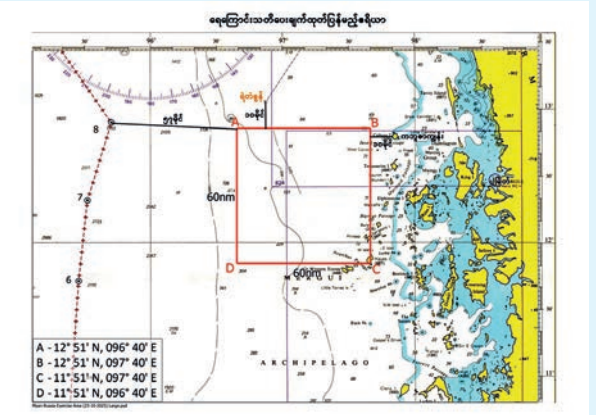
Afterwards, Lt-Gen Nyunt Win Swe and the Kayin State chief minister reportedly hosted a luncheon to honour the victorious Tatmadaw members.

— MNA/GNLM

Maritime & Aerial Warnings Issued for Maritime Security Exercise

1. The Maritime Security Exercise will be launched from 10 to 14 November 2025 in the northern waters of the Andaman Sea, and it will include sea, aerial and under-water exercises and live firing missions. The exercise area where the coordinates are drawn is 12° 51' of north latitude and 96° 40' of east longitude for Point A, 12° 51' of north latitude and 97° 40' of east longitude for Point B, 11° 51' of north latitude and 97° 40' of east longitude for Point C and 11° 51' of north latitude and 96° 40' of east longitude Point D and the maritime warning and

- aerial warning have been released.
2. Therefore, during the period of exercise, to ensure safety, the large and small ships, cargo ships, motor-boats, fishing boats, and mechanized rafts are strictly prohibited from entering, anchoring, fishing, or deploying fishing equipment within a five-mile radius of the designated area. Moreover, the aircraft and helicopters are also prohibited from flying below an altitude of 15,000 feet over the area during this period. — MNA



Promote public awareness to reduce tsunami risks

THE United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UN-DRR) launched the #GetToHighGround campaign in 2022 to promote awareness about reducing the risk of tsunamis. The campaign comprises the activities of citizens to participate in drills, runs, or walks along tsunami evacuation routes, which helps communities prepare for natural disasters and build their resilience. Thanks to these activities, raising public awareness helps reduce tsunami risk.

World Tsunami Awareness Day 2025 shines a spotlight on building resilient communities through the Tsunami Ready Programme – a global effort to turn awareness into action. This year’s campaign

Tsunamis are rare events but can be extremely deadly. In the past 100 years, 58 of them have claimed more than 260,000 lives, or an average of 4,600 per disaster, surpassing any other natural hazard. The highest number of deaths in that period was in the Indian Ocean tsunami of December 2004. Hence, not only the government but also relevant regional authorities have to emphasize public awareness of tsunamis and educate residents on how to manage themselves to escape from tsunamis and their impacts.

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Rescue squads must be formed in respective areas to perform search and rescue measures if a tsunami hits the regions. Moreover, tsunami early-warning systems must be facilitated in respective areas so as to save the people in time. Thanks to the government and donors, shelters must be built in safe places to accommodate the people when severe disasters, including tsunamis. On the other hand, relief supplies must be stockpiled as part of preparation for the people who faced the tsunami to be able to reduce tsunami risks.

champions proactive preparedness, uniting governments, scientists, local leaders, and the public to reduce tsunami risks together.

Tsunamis can be deadly, but they needn’t be. Early warning and early action are effective tools to protect people, saving lives, and preventing the hazard from becoming a disaster. To be effective, tsunami early-warning systems must cover every at-risk person, they must be multi-hazard, and communities must be prepared so they can act quickly.

The UN General Assembly designated 5 November as World Tsunami Awareness Day in December 2025, calling on countries, international bodies and civil society to raise tsunami awareness and share innovative approaches to risk reduction. World Tsunami Awareness Day was the brainchild of Japan, which, due to its repeated, bitter experience, has over the years

Nat Win The: The Subversion of Societal Stereotypes

The piece offers a critical analysis of a currently released film, highlighting its potential social impact and its merits as a worthwhile feature. I am informing the readership and contributing to the cultural commentary published through The Global New Light of Myanmar.

By Addams

A FILM’S greatest power lies not in its budget or entertainment value, but in its ability to inspire critical reflection within society. The horror genre rarely provides such a profound challenge, but ‘Nat Win The’ achieves this by highlighting the urgent need for critical thinking in Myanmar society – a crucial step toward cultivating a generation of logical thinkers and preventing the loss of valuable human resources. This film powerfully addresses gender bias by showcasing women’s strength, while simultaneously undermin-

ing deep-seated societal stereotypes about the supernatural.

The motion picture portrays the tragic consequences of intellectual immaturity, illustrating the urgent need for critical thinking in the community by showing the loss of an innocent person due to the collective, illogical decisions of the villagers. When there was a violent crime in their village, the innocent person was unjustly accused of being the criminal who killed a pregnant woman with psychological instability. The villagers found some blood on the long knife used by

the innocent man and assumed his guilt. Based on this, the chairman decided to send him to the other side of the river, despite his and his friend’s objections. The chairman made this decision by blindly accepting the real criminal’s suggestions – an idea that other villagers also agreed with. On the way to the other side, a fight broke out on the boat, which carried the innocent man, his friend, and two of the three criminals. The conflict drowned the boat, and all occupants died. This film demonstrates itself as an educational tool for society,

and pinpoints the importance of critical thinking in decision-making to foster the common good.

Furthermore, Nat Win The directly challenges the societal stereotype that the ability to speak with ghosts is a sign of evilness or ill fortune. This misconception is effectively dispelled by the main character’s assertion that communicating with supernatural beings should not be seen as a negative power. Instead, the film foregrounds that assisting these entities is a noble endeavour, thereby redefining ghosts not as terrifying figures but as

beings deserving of empathy.

In addition, the film powerfully addresses gender bias by emphasizing the central woman’s work throughout the narrative. She is initially reluctant to accept her gift as a spirit medium, and this ability, coupled with her gender, leads to deliberate discrimination by the villagers. This ostracism is maintained even when she uses her nightmares to reveal crimes unknown to the community. Her final decision to accept her true nature empowers her to perform a noble work, facilitating the su-

pernatural beings’ transition and highlighting a source of female strength that society initially rejected.

Ultimately, ‘Nat Win The’ was legendary for being an educational tool for society. It demonstrated women’s empowerment while simultaneously subverting deep-seated beliefs of society about extraordinary things. Therefore, it is obvious that producing such epic films hugely benefits society, decisively delivering metacognition to the targeted community.

I Say What I See: Equanimity – The Quiet Strength of Letting Go

In the final of the Four Sublime States, ဥပက္ခာ (Upekkhā) reveals itself not as indifference, but as the balance of mind that steadies compassion, joy, and kindness - tested most deeply in the struggles of real life.

By @Editor

IN the unfolding of the Four Sublime States (Brahmavihāra), the final and perhaps most elusive quality is ဥပက္ခာ (Upekkhā in Pali), often rendered in English as equanimity. The Oxford Dictionary of Buddhism describes it as “the emotionally detached state of one who witnesses without becoming emotionally involved”. At the same time, Webster’s Dictionary defines equanimity more broadly as “evenness of mind, especially under stress”. In Myanmar usage, U Tun Nyein’s English–Myanmar Dictionary conveys it as စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်း၊ စိတ်ညီညာခြင်း (တုန်လှုပ်မှုကင်းမဲ့ခြင်း၊ သွေးအေးမိခြင်း) – a calm and balanced disposition – while U Hoke Sein’s Pali – English – Myanmar Dictionary explains ဥပက္ခာ as လွတ်လျူခြင်း (detached neutrality), a state of looking on without clinging or aversion.

Etymologically, Upekkhā arises from the Pali roots upa (“upon, over”) and ikkhati (“to see”), literally meaning “to look upon”. It is not indifference, but rather a poised balance of mind that allows one to remain steady amidst gain and loss, praise and blame, joy and sorrow. As the culmination of the Brahmavihāra – following Mettā

(loving-kindness), Karuṇā (compassion), and Muditā (sympathetic joy) – Upekkhā completes the circle of sublime states, ensuring that love, compassion, and joy are held in wisdom’s steady embrace.

Yet Upekkhā is not confined to the pages of dictionaries or the halls of monasteries. It breathes within the social fabric of our daily lives. In a world marked by constant flux – political upheavals, economic uncertainties, shifting cultural values – the call for equanimity is not merely philosophical but profoundly practical. We see it in the quiet resilience of communities facing hardship, in the ability of individuals to remain steady amidst conflict, and in the calm discernment required to navigate the noise of public discourse.

In Myanmar society, the word ဥပက္ခာ often surfaces in conversations about fairness, patience, and the capacity to “look on” without bias. It is invoked when neighbours settle disputes without anger, when leaders are urged to act without favouritism, and when families strive to maintain harmony despite differences. In global contexts too, equanimity is increasingly recognized as a vital

quality for mental health, conflict resolution, and ethical leadership.

Thus, Upekkhā is not an abstract detachment but a living principle, one that steadies the heart in turbulent times and allows compassion, kindness, and joy to flourish without being overwhelmed. It is here, in the real-world settings of human interaction, that the true depth of this sublime state is revealed.

Still, the meaning of ဥပက္ခာ (Upekkhā) cannot be fully grasped through definitions or social observations alone. Its essence is revealed most clearly in the lived moments where balance is tested, when emotions surge, when attachments pull, when judgments arise. In these spaces, equanimity is not an abstract virtue but a lived discipline, shaping how one responds to both harmony and discord. To understand how Upekkhā breathes within the fabric of ordinary life, I turn to my own encounters, where theory met reality and the practice of equanimity was called upon in unexpected ways.

Conflict: The Accusation

During my time as a leader of our organization, entrusted with the responsibility of assisting sea-

farers in need, I faced an unexpected storm, not from outside, but from within. A few colleagues, driven by their own motives, accused me of embezzlement. The irony was sharp: every expenditure had been carefully recorded and audited by a respected CPA firm in Bangkok. Yet the slander spread, and the weight of betrayal pressed heavily on me.

Inner Struggle: Anger and Hurt

At first, anger rose in me. How could those I worked alongside, those who knew my dedication, turn against me with such baseless claims? The instinct to defend myself, to fight back, was strong. But as the days passed, I found myself reflecting more deeply. Was my role to cling to position and pride, or to safeguard the mission we had built together for the seafarers and their families?

Resolution: Letting Go

In that reflection, something shifted. I chose not to retaliate. Instead, I forgave them and stepped aside, allowing them to carry the organization forward without me. It was not resignation, nor was it indifference. It was a conscious decision to place the well-being

of the organization above my own ego. With or without me, I wished for its success. That was my genuine goodwill.

Reflection: The Spirit of Upekkhā

Looking back, I realize that what I practised, unknowingly, was a form of ဥပက္ခာ (Upekkhā), equanimity. It was not that I felt no pain; I did. It was not that I was indifferent; I cared deeply. But I chose balance over bitterness, forgiveness over retaliation. Even though the organization eventually fractured into three, I hold no regret for my decision. For in that moment, I learned that equanimity is not weakness, but the quiet strength to let go, to remain steady, and to keep goodwill alive even in the face of injustice.

In the end, the Four Sublime States – Mettā (loving-kindness), Karuṇā (compassion), Muditā (sympathetic joy), and Upekkhā (equanimity) – form not four separate virtues, but a single, interwoven fabric of the awakened heart. Loving-kindness opens us to others with warmth; compassion moves us to relieve their suffering; sympathetic joy allows us to celebrate their happiness.

Yet without equanimity, these qualities can falter; kindness may become attachment, compassion may sink into sorrow, joy may turn into envy.

It is Upekkhā that steadies them all, like the still axis around which the wheel of the Brahmavihāra turns. My own experience unexpectedly taught me this truth: when wronged, I could have clung to anger or pride, but instead I chose to let go, to forgive, and to wish well. That choice did not erase the sadness, nor prevent the eventual division of the organization, but it revealed to me the quiet strength of balance.

Thus, Upekkhā is not indifference, but the wisdom to remain steady in the face of life’s turbulence, to act with fairness and goodwill even when the heart is tested. It is the final jewel in the crown of the Brahmavihāra, completing the circle of sublime states and reminding us that true strength lies not in control, but in balance.

I say what I see: equanimity is not the absence of struggle, but the quiet strength to let go, to forgive, and to keep walking forward with balance.

China achieves thorium-uranium nuclear fuel conversion in molten-salt reactor

Molten-salt reactors, fourth-generation designs, use high-temperature molten salt as coolant, offering inherent safety, water-free cooling, atmospheric pressure operation, and high output – making them ideal for thorium utilization in nuclear energy.

CHINA has successfully achieved the first-ever thorium to Uranium nuclear fuel conversion in a Thorium Molten Salt Reactor (TMSR), and obtained valid experimental data following thorium fuel loading, confirming the technical feasibility of thorium utilization in a molten-salt reactor nuclear energy system, according to the Chinese Academy of Sciences’ Shanghai Institute of Applied Physics (SINAP) on Saturday.

The experimental TMSR, which was built by SINAP in collaboration with other Chinese institutions, is currently the only operational molten-salt reactor in the world loaded with thorium fuel. The realization of thorium-uranium conversion marks a milestone in TMSR development, providing core technical support and a feasible solution for China’s large-scale development and utilization of thorium resources, and for the future progress of advanced nuclear energy systems.

Molten-salt reactors are fourth-generation advanced nuclear energy systems that use high-temperature molten salt as a coolant. They boast inherent safety features, cool without water, run at atmospheric pressure, and deliver a high-temperature output. These features mean the reactors are widely recognized as the most suitable type for thorium resource utilization in nuclear energy production.

This technological route aligns particularly well with China’s abundant thorium reserves. It also allows for deep integration with industries such as solar power, wind power, high-temperature molten-salt energy storage, high-temperature hydrogen production, coal chemical engineering and petrochemical engineering, facilitating the construction of a complementary, low-carbon, integrated energy system. According to SINAP, the TMSR program was launched in 2011, achieving major progress from laboratory research to the engineering verification of core materials, equipment and technologies. With domestically developed core equipment and an independent supply chain, China has established complete TMSR technology and industrial chains in basic terms.

SINAP said that it will work with leading energy companies to consolidate the TMSR industrial and supply chains, and accelerate technology iteration and engineering application. The ultimate goal is to construct a 100-megawatt demonstration project and realize its demonstration application by 2035.

SOURCE: Xinhua



China has established complete and independent TMSR technology and industrial chains. PHOTO: CHINA IAEA NUCLEAR COOPERATION OFFICIAL WEBSITE



2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party (KKDUP) talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

U Yan Kyin Kan, Chairman of the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party (KKDUP), presented the policy, stance and work procedures of his party on radio and television on the evening of 4 November.
The full text of the presentation is as follows: -



I extend my respectful greetings and best wishes to all our Union-born national brethren, and to all Myanmar citizens and working people across the nation, wishing everyone complete happiness, peace of mind, and good health.

I am Yan Kyin Kan, Chairman of the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party (KKDUP). I will present the policy, stance, and work procedures of our party to the entire Kokang ethnic people as well as all the national people.

Esteemed national brethren of the Union,

Our Kokang Democracy and Unity Party (KKDUP) was established in 1989 during Myanmar’s political reform period, in accordance with the Political Parties Registration Law, and rules, and regulations. The party was founded under the leadership and guidance of the prominent Kokang leaders, who carried on a long and distinguished historical tradition.

Accordingly, the party has re-registered as required by law, rules, and procedures in line with

political necessities, and has continued its political journey. As a result, it is an ethnic political party that has gained considerable experience throughout its political endeavours.

In the 2015 multiparty democratic general election, our party contested in Lashio, Hsenwi, and Kunlong townships, and won seats in both the Pyithu Hluttaw from Kunlong Township and the Shan State Hluttaw. Thus, it has also gained appropriate parliamentary political experience.

To present the policies, stances, activities, objectives and visions of the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party (KKDUP), the Kokang ethnic people are a national group living in the hilly border regions. Although they are now residing across Myanmar, the majority still lag in education, social affairs, health, and economic development. While they are citizens of the Union and recognized as a national ethnic group, they still need to gain proper awareness of both their national duties and the ethnic rights they deserve.

The Kokang Democracy and Unity Party (KKDUP) was founded to represent the Kokang ethnic people, who still face many needs that must be addressed through political means, including gaining proper knowledge in education, health, social, and economic affairs, and fully enjoying the ethnic rights they deserve. The party emerged to enable the Kokang people to live together in equality and harmony with other ethnic groups.

Since the Kokang ethnic people live alongside all other Union-born national brethren, improving their social conditions, including education, health, and economic development, is essential. Only then can they participate in advancing a State

based on democracy and a federal system, as envisioned by the government, without being marginalized. By standing and moving forward together with other ethnic communities, they can become valuable citizens contributing meaningfully to the nation.

In particular, within Myanmar’s changing political landscape, it is essential to have a genuine spirit of union and a correct, principled perspective and mindset as Union-born ethnic people.

Moreover, the party firmly upholds the policies and principles that aim to work together with all ethnic people to ensure non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. It also seeks to help all ethnic communities build a new, peaceful, and secure social framework where everyone can live well. In this way, the Kokang ethnic people stand ready to represent their entire community and fulfil their historical responsibility.

Moreover, the party aspires to firmly advance politics based on fundamental principles that allow it to operate and progress without bias.

The above presentation sincerely outlines the policies, principles, activities, and aspirations of the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party (KKDUP).

May all Union-born Kokang ethnic people and all national brethren live in peace and serenity.



Taunggyi Tazaungdine Festival extends for next 3 days

THE current weather makes contested hot-air balloons unable to release, and due to this situation, the Taunggyi Tazaungdine Festival has been extended for next three days, according to sources.

The festival has initially planned from 29 October to 4 November, however it will now continue until 9 November.

The release of hot-air balloons was suspended for last three days due to the abnormal weather but some contested groups set off the Nyameegy balloon for the audience who didn’t go

back and waited to see the event. “The fogs will make hindrance to see the balloon flying beautifully and the strong wind will make the balloon hard to fly. However, we released the balloon bearing losses because we feel sorry for visitors who came here from distant areas to enjoy this festival,” said an official from the well-known contested group, the southern hot-air balloon.

Releasing of daytime balloons started on 27 October as many balloons were registered for the festival but contested groups couldn’t make as



This image captures the Taunggyi Tazaungdine hot-air balloon festival.

planned because of the weather. According to the list of balloons registered for this year’s festival, there are total 375 daytime balloons and 80 night balloons, of which there are 37 Seinnapan balloons, 25 22-foot balloons and 18 25-foot balloons.— Htun Htun/ZS

2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION



Karen National Democratic Party (K.N.D.P.) talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

Naw Thazin Tope, Second Secretary of the Karen National Democratic Party (K.N.D.P.), presented the policy, stance and work procedures of her party on radio and television on the evening of 4 November. The full text of the presentation is as follows: —



May everyone in Myanmar live in auspiciousness, and may all citizens enjoy good health and well-being. First of all, I extend my best wishes to you. I am Naw Thazin Tope, Second Secretary of the Central Committee of the Karen National Democratic Party (K.N.D.P.). I will now present the principles, policies, and future activities of the Karen National Democratic Party.

The Karen National Democratic Party (K.N.D.P.) aims to work together with all citizens of Myanmar's ethnic communities living within Kayin State to build a peaceful and prosperous Kayin State, thereby contributing to the construction of a strong and united Myanmar in the future.

The Karen National Democratic Party (K.N.D.P.) is a political party that represents the Karen ethnic people living together in Kayin State, as well as all other ethnic groups and communities.

Therefore, the party is participating in the 2025 election to work together with the Kayin ethnic people, other ethnic groups, and communities living in Kayin State to jointly address and find solutions to the social, political, and economic challenges they currently face.

I will now present the five political policies of the Karen National Democratic Party (K.N.D.P.) -

These are: to build a nation where all eight ethnic groups and communities can live together equally and harmoniously; to stand independently in a democratic manner, according to the will of the people, without accepting the influence or pressure of any individual, organization, or political party; to form alliances with political parties that share the same objectives and goals, and to jointly work on national development and peacemaking efforts; to undertake amendments and supplements to the Constitution to construct a Union based on democracy and a federal system; and to assess the changing conditions across the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and follow a neutral, moderate path that ensures harmony and balance.

I will now present the plans of the Karen National Democratic Party (K.N.D.P.). These are:

To formulate and implement short-term, medium-term, and long-term policies on education and livelihoods for Kayin youth and other ethnic minority youth living in Kayin State; to develop and implement policies in collaboration with the Union government that can address the difficulties and problems faced



by migrant workers; to collaborate with the Union government in formulating and implementing technical and investment policies aimed at advancing the agricultural and livestock sectors.

To coordinate with the Union government in formulating and implementing policies for livelihoods that conserve the natural environment and minimize environmental degradation, and to work with relevant stakeholders and organizations in Kayin State to develop and implement policies promoting stability, peace, and comprehensive development.

To formulate and implement effective policies, in coordination with relevant organizations, that ensure all prisoners serving sentences under the law can live in prison according to international human rights standards and receive fair and just opportunities for release and peaceful reintegration;

To implement policies based on standards that promote the rights of every citizen in education, health, and social affairs; to join hands with the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs in implementing international conventions regarding the rights of women and children; to work together with the Union government to prioritize and address the needs and resettlement programmes for people displaced by armed conflicts;

To formulate and implement laws and policies that recognize and respect the traditional land management practices of ethnic communities, and to undertake actions that ensure sustainable development based on human knowledge and human resource capacities.

The Karen National Democratic Party (K.N.D.P.) is a political party formed to serve the interests of all Kayin people according to their aspirations. It emerged from the reunification of four Kayin-based parties in Kayin State, which had been established before 2017.

We vow to strive for and implement efforts to ensure a better future for Kayin State and all Myanmar citizens living within Kayin State.

- * Vote for K.N.D.P. to bring an end to conflicts.
- * Vote for K.N.D.P. to achieve equal and balanced development.
- * Improve the livelihoods of the people with the emblems Buffalo horns, Frog drum, and Red sun.

The translated presentation of Saw Min Min Myaing, Central Executive member of the Karen National Development Party (K.N.D.P.) in Myanmar, from the Poe Kayin language —

Esteemed gentlemen and beloved national brethren, I sincerely wish you auspiciousness, prosperity, completeness, peace, and happiness.

I am Saw Min Min Myaing, Central Executive Committee member of the Karen National Democratic Party (K.N.D.P.). I will contest as a candidate for the Kayin State Hluttaw in the multiparty democratic general election 2025.

The multiparty democratic general election is the lifeblood of democracy. Everyone must contribute and cooperate for the development of the nation and the state.

We will strive to preserve and promote Kayin literature, culture, and traditions, as well as to safeguard the national heritage passed down and protected by our ancestors and elders as the rightful legacy of the Kayin people. We will also work to uphold and promote significant Kayin national occasions such as Kayin New Year Day, the traditional Kayin Wrist-Tying Ceremony, and Kayin National Day.

The “Buffalo Horns and Frog Drum with Nine Rays” is the emblem of the Karen National Democratic Party (K.N.D.P.). Please remember it well. I would be deeply grateful if you cherish the Kayin people and hold the K.N.D.P. in high regard. In the 2025 election, all esteemed Kayin voters need to consider our party to cast their votes.

May everyone be healthy. May you succeed in all things.

The translated presentation of Saw Min Min Myaing, Central Executive member of the Karen National Development Party (K.N.D.P.) in Myanmar, from the Sakaw Kayin language —

May you be peaceful, prosperous, and blessed with all virtues.

The multiparty democratic general election 2025 is of great importance for the nation and the people. It will not only reflect the will of the people but also make them aware of the matters that need to be carried out for the country.

We must prioritize non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty, and act step by step to uphold these principles. As voters, the public must cast their votes correctly and without error. Each vote is precious, and it must be used wisely. Cast your vote for the “Buffalo Horns, Frog Drum, and Red Sun” emblem of the Karen National Democratic Party (K.N.D.P.). For the sake of Kayin State and its people, ensure that your vote does not go to waste—vote for our K.N.D.P.

Please cast your vote for the Karen National Democratic Party (K.N.D.P.).

May everyone be healthy. May you succeed in all things.



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Maravijaya Buddha Lighting and Hot-Air Balloon Festivals conclude successfully

THE final day of the Tazaungdine lighting festival and hot-air balloon releasing festival at Maravijaya Buddha Image in Nay Pyi Taw was crowded with large numbers of visitors from across the nation yesterday.

On the full moon day of Tazaungmone, the road to the Maravijaya Buddha Image was packed with the pilgrimage vehicles and private cars, and the traffic police systematically managed the traffic so that no traffic jams.

The officials also provided security checks in front of the archways of the pagoda, took the monks, the disabled and the elderly to the pagoda with small vehicles systematically



traditional snacks at relevant stalls. In addition, renowned artistes perform song entertainment, whereas theatrical troupes present theatrical performances.

Yesterday night, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the Ministry of Legal Affairs competed in the release of Seinnapan hot-air balloons and the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, and the Ministry of Construction competed in the release of night hot-air balloons.

The officials also presented awards to the prize-winning looms. The Tazaungdine lighting festival, Market Fair, drama,



Photos capture the successful conclusion of the Maravijaya Buddha Lighting and Hot-Air Balloon Festivals in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: PHOE PYAE SONE/THIHA

and gave directions to the locations for oil lamps, hot-air balloon releasing, marketplaces and so on.

Moreover, the weaving ceremony of Matho golden lotus robes was organized at Maravijaya Buddha Image with 15 looms on 10 November to be able to donate the golden lotus robe to the Buddha Image on the full moon day of Tazaungmone.

During the Tazaungdine lighting festival, religious associations recited religious verses and offered 9,000 oil lights on the platform of the image.

Moreover, the hot-air balloons were released, and these venues were crowded with locals and visitors. Fireworks were also launched, and night hot-air balloons and Seinnapan hot-air balloons were released.

In the precinct of Buddha Park, all structures are illuminated with LED lights. Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) display and sell domestic products, foodstuffs, personal goods and Myanmar and entertainment programmes by famous singers were held from 2 to 4 November, allowing visitors to enjoy the Maravijaya Buddha Image Lighting Festival, the market, and performances while making merits. — Myo Sett Thi/Jaing Law/ KTZH

Mandalay packed with visitors on Tazaungmone full moon day



ON the full moon day of Tazaungmone (Samañaphala Day), the pagodas in and around Mandalay were packed with many people, enjoying the holiday and doing meritorious deeds.

Starting from dawn, people offered candle lights, lotus robes and Kathina robes at the pagodas and monasteries as is the custom. At the Maha Muni Buddha Image, one of the most famous pagodas, the monks washed the face of the Buddha statue and offered lotus robes.

Donors and well-wishers were busy doing

Holidaymakers throng the area around the moat of Mandalay Palace.

good deeds at Mandalay Taungdaw Sutaungpyae Pagoda, Kuthodaw Pagoda, Kyauktawgyi Pagoda, Aungdawmu Pagoda, Shwekyimyin Pagoda, Swetawmyat Pagoda (Mandalay), and the Jade Pagoda.

In the evening, the city was also alive with the people lighting the candles and donating the Mezali Phu (buds of Cassia siamea) salad (traditional and seasonal salad), and they enjoyed it the full moon day of Tazaungmone happily.

Moreover, the other famous places around Mandalay, such as City Garden, resorts, Taungthaman Lake, and the U Bein Bridge, were also filled with recreational enthusiasts. — Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)/KTZH

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Yangon devotees offer Kathina robes at major pagodas on Tazaungmone Full Moon Day

YANGON witnessed a large gathering of devotees performing meritorious deeds at the sacred Shwedagon Pagoda and other renowned pagodas and temples on the Tazaungmone Full Moon Day (Samañaphala Day) yesterday.

The Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees organized the 1387 Myanmar Era Thadingyut Full Moon Day (Samañaphala Day) ceremony in the morning at designated venues on the pagoda platform. Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, the commander of Yangon Command, regional ministers, members of the board of trustees, officials, members of religious associations, contestants of the 37th Matho Robe-Weaving Contest, and residents attended the event. They carried golden Kathina robes and offerings, and circumambulated the pagoda from the Aung Myay platform before paying homage to the Buddha images.

Later, the Chief Minister, the Commander, and officials offered the golden Kathina robe to the sacred Buddha Image enshrined atop the pagoda, followed by offerings of golden



Pilgrims throng the platform of the Shwedagon Pagoda on the Tazaungmone Full Moon Day.

Kathina robes to the Kassapa, Konagamana, Kakusandha, and Gautama Buddha images at the sacred shrines by the Trustees and religious associations.

Subsequently, Trustees, religious groups, and officials offered alms, flowers, water, fruits, oil lamps, and incense at the pagoda’s offering chamber, and presented alms to the Ovacariya Sayadaws and members of the Sangha. The ceremony continued with the administer-

ing of the Five Precepts and water-pouring rituals at the historical Buddha Image compound. Lay devotees received the Five Precepts administered by the Chairman of the Yangon Region Sangha Nayaka Committee, Dr Bhaddanta Aggasami, and made donations to the Ovacariya Sayadaws.

Afterwards, devotees listened to a sermon delivered by the presiding Sayadaw of Nyaungdon Pariyatti Monastery,

Bhaddanta Narada, and shared merits by pouring water.

Similarly, the 41st Kathina Golden Robe Offering Ceremony was held at the Botahtaung Pagoda, where the Chief Minister, the Commander, regional ministers, Trustees, religious associations, and donors offered golden robes to the Buddha images within the pagoda compound.

The Chief Minister and party later visited the Sule Pagoda Kathina robe offering ceremo-

ny, received the Five Precepts, offered donations to the Ovacariya Sayadaws, listened to a sermon, and shared merits by pouring water before offering golden Kathina robes to the Buddha images inside the pagoda precincts.

In the same manner, ceremonies were also held at other famous pagodas, including the Thiri Mingalar Kaba Aye Pagoda, the Maha Wizaya Pagoda, and the Shwe Bone Pwint Pagoda. Devotees offered food, flowers, water, and fruits to the Buddha images, while trustees and associations recited the Samañaphala Sutta and shared prayers of loving-kindness.

Across the country, Buddhists offered golden Kathina robes, held Samañaphala Day ceremonies, listened to Buddhist sermons, and organized communal Kathina ceremonies in wards and streets. Donors also provided meals to pilgrims, while pagodas, public parks, and homes were illuminated with colourful lights, oil lamps, and candles. Nibbana market fairs were held in various streets and wards. — Ko Ko Zaw (MNA)/KZL

MoI Dy Minister tours Guangxi media and technology centres to strengthen China-Myanmar cooperation

DEPUTY Minister for Information U Ye Tint and delegation, who attended the opening ceremony of the 2025 ASEAN Partner Media Cooperation Week jointly organized by the China Media Group (CMG) and the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Government, visited Guangxi Shanhai Xincheng Cultural Media Development Co Ltd, China-ASEAN Artificial Intelligence Collaborative Innovation Centre, and Mingyu Technology Co Ltd on the afternoon of 3 November.

Yesterday morning, the deputy minister and his delegation visited the Guangxi Television Station to observe broadcasting operations, to further strengthen China-Myanmar friendship and promote deeper cooperation in the media sector. They later travelled to the Qin Xiu Mountain Range for an observation tour: — MNA/MKKS



Deputy Minister U Ye Tint and Myanmar’s delegation are pictured during their observation tours in China on 3-4 November 2025.

Acting President & SSPC Chair Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attends awarding ceremony ...

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Afterwards, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman presented trophies, cash awards, and certificates of honour. The awards were given to the Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee team, which won first prize in the Nyameegyi hot-air balloon competition, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement team, which won first prize in the Seinapan hot-air balloon competition, and the Mandalay Region Amara Shwepyi weaving team, which won first prize in the Matho-robe weaving competition.

After the award ceremony, fireworks were set off, and traditional cultural groups from the competing teams, along with guests from Novosibirsk, joined in the celebration, bringing the event to a successful close.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman, and his wife, also warmly

greeted the Governor and his delegation, as well as other guests who attended the lighting ceremony of the Maravijaya Buddha Image.

The Tazaungdine Lighting Festival was held from 2 to 4 November at the Buddha Park of Maravijaya pagoda in Dekkhinathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory. During the festival, recitation groups chanted prayers in the pagoda’s courtyard, lit 9,000 candles, set off fireworks, released Nyameegyi and Seinapan, offerings of Matho-robes, decorated the Buddha Garden with LED lights, and showcased local products, food, and consumer goods from small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), as well as traditional Myanmar snacks. Artistes also presented music and drama performances, and the event was reportedly held in a lively atmosphere. — MNA/TH

Nintendo lifts FY 2025 net profit outlook to 350B yen on Switch 2 sales

NINTENDO Co on Tuesday revised upward its net profit forecast for fiscal 2025 to 350 billion yen (\$2.28 billion) from 300 billion yen on strong demand for its Switch 2 gaming console.

The revised outlook for the current business year ending March represents a 25.5 per cent rise from a year earlier. The company also said it aims to sell 19 million Switch 2 consoles, up from the previously forecast 15 million, and 48 million copies of game software for the new device, compared with a projection of 45 million units.

“(The Switch 2) is off to a very good start, even compared to our previous consoles,” President Shuntaro Furukawa said during an online press conference.

He attributed the success to global events that offered hands-on experiences and to the new model’s compatibility with games made for the older Switch.

Furukawa noted that the year-end shopping season — the first for the Switch 2 — will be crucial, adding that the company is prepared to expand production capacity in response to demand.

Nintendo has revised its operating profit estimate to 370 billion yen, up from its earlier projection of 320 billion yen. It expects sales to increase to 2.25 trillion yen, up from the previously estimated



A man walks past Super Mario Galaxy posters at the Nintendo Tokyo store in Tokyo on 4 November 2025. PHOTO: AFP

1.90 trillion yen.

The Kyoto-based company said the revised forecast reflects the tariff imposed at the end of September by US President Donald Trump, which is expected to impact profits by tens of billions of yen.

For the first fiscal half, Nintendo reported an 83.1 per cent jump in net profit to 198.94 billion yen. Operating profit grew 19.5 per cent to 145.18 billion yen, while sales more than doubled to 1.1 trillion yen from 523.3 billion yen a year earlier.

The company released the long-awaited Switch 2 in June, selling 10.36 million units through September, up from 4.72 million units of the previous model a year earlier.

Nintendo sold 20.62 million copies of game software in the same period for the new console, boosted by the popularity of titles such as “Mario Kart World”, which was released in June, and “Donkey Kong Bananza”, which went on sale in July. — Kyodo

Thailand’s business sentiment improves in Oct

THAILAND’S business sentiment improved for a third straight month in October, driven by the non-manufacturing sector due to the tourism high season and government stimulus measures, data from the central bank showed on Monday.

The business sentiment index (BSI) was recorded at 48.7 last month, up from 48.0 in September, marking the highest level since March.

The non-manufacturing index grew, especially in the hotel and restaurant and the passenger transport sectors, fuelled by long-haul tourist arrivals, the central bank said in a statement.

Confidence among the retail trade sector strengthened, boosted by the government’s co-payment programme aimed at stimulating spending toward the year-end. — Xinhua

Ford US sales up 1.6% in Oct

FORD Motor Company sold 175,584 vehicles in the United States in October this year, up 1.6 per cent year on year, the company reported on Monday.

The US automaker saw an increase of 3.4 per cent in internal combustion vehicle sales in October, while sales of electric vehicles and hybrid vehicles dropped 24.8 per cent and 4.0 per cent, respectively.

Ford sold a total of 1,834,492 vehicles in the United States during the first 10 months this year, up 6.6 per cent year on year. F-Series sales through October totalled 688,510 units, up 11.4 per cent.

Ford is not the only automaker that has reported a sales drop in electric vehicles, as Kia, Hyundai Motor and Toyota Motor have also reported sharp year-on-year declines, local media reported. — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MTT SAPANGAR VOY.NO. (542W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MTT SAPANGAR VOY.NO. (542W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **4-11-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP/MITT** where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S MAERSK A/S

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MOON LIGHT VOY.NO. (ML004)

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Agent For:

M/S THURIYA SANDAR WIN COMPANY LIMITED

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M.V XO LUCKY VOY.NO. (X2522E)

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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S TI2 LOGISITCS PTE LTD

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M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY.NO. (273W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY.NO. (273W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **5-11-2025** 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.

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SPORTS

Three Spanish clubs face Champions League tests on the road

THREE Spanish clubs are on the road for Wednesday’s Champions League matches, with FC Barcelona traveling to Belgium to face Club Brugge, Athletic Club Bilbao visiting the site of a legendary comeback and Villarreal eyeing a strong opportunity for an away win in Cyprus.

Barcelona coach Hansi Flick will have Dani Olmo and Robert Lewandowski fit for the match against Club Brugge. However, midfielder Pedri and forward Raphinha are unavailable for the trip. Lamine Yamal, who is managing a pelvic injury, could start on the bench. If he does, Lewandowski would lead the attack with Ferran Torres on the right.

Athletic Club Bilbao travels to play Newcastle United, a fixture that evokes memories of a famous UEFA Cup clash from the 1994-95 season. In that second-round tie, Athletic overturned a 3-0 deficit against a

Newcastle side that was then leading the Premier League. The Spanish club fought back to 3-2 in England before advancing on away goals after a 1-0 win in Bilbao.

Athletic arrives in poor form after consecutive defeats in La Liga. With key players such as Nico Williams not fully fit, the Basque side will need to be at its best to contain Newcastle’s attacking talents, including Anthony Gordon, Nick Woltemade and midfielder Bruno Guimaraes.

Newcastle lost to West Ham United at the weekend, but a great atmosphere is expected at a packed Saint James’ Park on Wednesday.

Villarreal has yet to find its footing in this Champions League campaign, but coach Marcelino Garcia Toral’s side has a prime chance for its first win when it travels to face Pafos FC, which is currently second in the Cypriot league. — Xinhua

Football star David Beckham hails knighthood as ‘proudest moment’

FORMER England football captain David Beckham on Tuesday received his knighthood from King Charles III at Windsor Castle, calling it his “proudest moment”.

The football star, 50, who played 115 times for England as well as for some of the world’s most high-profile clubs including Manchester United and Real Madrid, was knighted for services to sport and charity.

Beckham said it was “quite a moment” for a boy from the east end of London to be “here at Windsor Castle, being honoured by His Majesty the King — the most important and the most respected institution in the world”.

“This is without doubt my proudest moment,” he told the PA news agency.

Beckham, known as a stylish dresser, wore a grey suit made by his pop star-turned



Former England footballer David Beckham (L) poses next to his wife singer and fashion designer Victoria Beckham (R) with his medal after being appointed as a Knight Bachelor (Knighthood) for services to sport and charity at an investiture ceremony at Windsor Castle on 4 November 2025. PHOTO: ANDREW MATTHEWS / POOL / AFP

fashion designer wife Victoria. She accompanied him to the ceremony at Windsor, west of London, along with his parents Ted and Sandra.

Beckham has been known as “Sir David” since the honour was announced in June while Victoria, a former member of the Spice Girls, became “Lady Beckham”.

Asked whether he managed to speak to Charles during the ceremony, Beckham said Charles had been “quite impressed with my suit”. — AFP

Khaka lifts Sunderland into fourth after Everton draw

SUNDERLAND climbed into the Premier League’s top four after Granit Khaka’s deflected strike salvaged a 1-1 draw at home to Everton on Monday.

The Black Cats would have moved up to second with victory, but were outplayed in the first half and trailed to Iliman Ndiaye’s brilliant individual effort.

Everton were left to regret not making more of their first half dominance as Thierno Barry missed a glorious chance and Jack Grealish hit the post.

Sunderland took less than a minute of the second period to hit back when Khaka’s strike flicked off James Tarkowski to beat England goalkeeper Jordan Pickford on his return to the Stadium of Light.

The home side then looked the more likely to claim all three points but Wilson Isidor fluffed Sunderland’s best chance to snatch victory.

“The first 25 minutes was not good enough,” Khaka told Sky Sports. “At this level, you get punished but the second half was very good.”

A point at least maintains Sunderland’s unbeaten home record and their impressive start to a first top flight campaign in eight seasons.

Everton edge five points clear of the bottom three in 14th, but the Toffees glaring lack of a prolific number nine again cost



Sunderland’s Swiss midfielder #34 Granit Khaka (R) celebrates scoring their first goal to equalize 1-1 during the English Premier League football match between Sunderland and Everton at The Stadium of Light in Sunderland in north east England on 3 November 2025. PHOTO: ANDY BUCHANAN / AFP

them victory.

“For 20 to 30 minutes I thought I’d be disappointed going home with a point. By the end of the game, I was pleased we got a point from it,” said Everton boss David Moyes.

“We missed a big chance to make it 2-0 and because we don’t get that it gave Sunderland a bit of confidence and gave the crowd something to get behind.”

A moment of magic gave the visitors the lead on 15 minutes as Ndiaye danced his way through four Sunderland defenders before firing into the top corner for his fourth goal of the season.

Grealish then hit the post from long range but it is Barry’s miss that will live long in the memories of the travelling support heading back to Merseyside. — AFP

Fiorentina sack Pioli after winless start in Serie A

SERIE A strugglers Fiorentina dismissed coach Stefano Pioli on Tuesday with the club bottom of the table after a 10-match winless run to start the season.

Fiorentina are off to their worst top-flight start in club history, picking up just four points so far after finishing sixth last season.

Pioli, 60, returned to Fiorentina for a second spell in July after less than a year in charge of Saudi side Al-Nassr. Before that he spent five years at AC Milan but left at the end of the 2023-24 season.

He becomes the third coach in Serie A to lose his job this term. Juventus moved on from Igor Tudor last week while Genoa parted ways with Patrick Vieira. Fiorentina named Daniele Galloppa as his replacement on a temporary basis but are reportedly considering Roberto D’Aversa, who has coached Parma, Lecce and Empoli, and former Torino boss Paolo Vanoli as the successor to Pioli. — AFP



Xi urges enhanced cooperation, better synergy of development strategies with Russia

CHINESE President Xi Jinping met Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin on Tuesday in Beijing, calling for enhanced cooperation on multiple fronts and better synergy of the two countries' development strategies.

Xi said that since the beginning of this year, China and Russia have steadfastly navigated a turbulent external environment with great composure, aiming for higher-level and higher-quality development goals. He added that maintaining, consolidating and advancing bilateral relations is a strategic choice for both sides.

Noting that new blueprints for bilateral ties were charted during his meetings with Russian President Vladimir Putin this year, Xi said the two countries should maintain close coordination, fully implement the important common understandings reached by the two leaders, and work to expand the pie of cooperation with an eye

on the fundamental interests of the two countries and their peoples, so as to contribute more to world peace and development.

Xi urged efforts to steadily expand mutual investment and enhance cooperation in traditional fields such as energy, connectivity, agriculture and aerospace, tap into cooperation potential in new sectors such as artificial intelligence, digital economy and green development to foster new growth drivers for bilateral cooperation, and facilitate closer people-to-people exchanges.

He noted that the Recommendations of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee for Formulating the 15th Five-Year Plan for Economic and Social Development, adopted at the fourth plenary session of the 20th CPC Central Committee, have made top-level design and outlined the strategic blueprint for China's economic and social development in the next five years. — Xinhua



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, 4 November 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

EU in last-ditch push to seal climate targets before COP30

EU environment ministers Tuesday launched a last-ditch bid to reassert the bloc's climate ambitions by nailing down key emissions targets in the run-up to the UN's COP30 summit in Brazil.

The European Union's member states have been haggling for months over two separate targets for slashing greenhouse-gas emissions: one for 2035 they must bring to the UN climate talks, and the other for 2040.

"This is a crucial day," French Environment Minister Monique Barbut told reporters as the final negotiations began in Brussels — warning that turning up empty-handed at the 10-20 November talks in Belem would spell "disaster" for the EU.

Behind only China, the United States and India in terms of emissions, the EU has



Partial view of the Hangar Convention and Exhibition Centre of the COP30, the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Belem, Para State, Brazil, taken on 3 November 2025. PHOTO: AFP

been the most committed of the major polluters to climate action and has already cut emissions by 37 per cent compared to 1990.

But after blazing a trail, the EU's political landscape has shifted right, and climate concerns have taken a back seat to defence and competitiveness — amid concerns in some capitals that greening Europe's economy is harming growth.

"It takes 27 to tango," summed up the bloc's environment chief Wopke Hoekstra as he headed into Tuesday's talks.

The most urgent challenge for ministers is to reach a unanimous deal on an EU emissions target for 2035, known as a Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), which Paris Agreement signatories are supposed to bring to the COP30. — AFP

Food parcels delivered to one mln Gazans since ceasefire: UN

THE United Nations said Tuesday it had distributed food parcels to one million people in Gaza since the ceasefire, but warned it was still in a race to save lives.

The UN's World Food Programme stressed all crossing points into the Gaza Strip should be opened to flood the famine-hit Palestinian territory with aid, adding that no reason was given why the northern crossings with Israel remained closed.

"Three and a half weeks into the ceasefire in Gaza, we have distributed food parcels to around one million people across the Gaza Strip," said the WFP's Middle East spokeswoman Abeer Etefa.

"That's part of the broad operation to push back hunger in Gaza," she told reporters in Geneva, speaking from Cairo.

WFP aims to reach 1.6 million people in the territory with parcels, which provide enough food for a family for 10 days.

However, to get operations running at the level required, "we really need more access, more border crossings to be opened and more access to key roads inside Gaza," said Etefa.

The US-brokered ceasefire between Israel and Hamas came into effect on 10 October.

Etefa described how the WFP was scaling up operations in Gaza and opened 44 of the 145 food distribution points it hopes to run.

An estimated 700,000 people are now receiving fresh bread daily, supplied through 17 WFP-supported bakeries: nine in south and central Gaza, and eight in the north. The agency is hoping to get 25 up and running.

Etefa said while food consumption levels had increased slightly thanks to the humanitarian aid and commercial trucks now allowed to enter, they remained well below pre-conflict levels. — AFP