

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.

President of the Republic of Belarus will pay a State Visit to Myanmar

AT the invitation of His Excellency Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, His Excellency Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Belarus, will pay a State Visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in the near future. — MNA



A worker is processing export fishery products at the cold storage facility.

Myanmar earns US\$200M from 160,000MT of fish exports in Apr-Oct

MYANMAR exported more than 165,000 metric tonnes of fish in the past seven months of the current financial year 2025-2026, beginning 1 April, bagging over US\$200 million, according to the Department of Fisheries.

Myanmar sent over 85,750 metric tonnes of fish by sea, with an estimated value of \$131.846 million. Over 79,350 metric tonnes of fish worth \$69.25 million were exported to neighbouring countries via the border channel. Myanmar’s fish export amounted to US\$421 million from about 400,000 tonnes in the past FY 2024-2025 (April-March).

Myanmar continues to steadily expand its seafood exports, delivering a wide range of marine products to 40 countries, including China, Thailand, Bangladesh and Japan, via both maritime and land routes. Seafood, including hilsa, rohu, catfish, seabass, eel, shrimp and crab, is shipped to foreign markets, according to the Myanmar Fisheries Federation. There are over 140 fishery cold storage facilities, and the department grants annual licence renewal. — NN/KK

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14 private banks join oil mill development loan scheme as PFIs



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## 2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

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

Union Election Commission

**2025**  
**General Election**  
Sunday, 28 December 2025

**33**  
Days

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

### New Generation Wunthanu Party delivers campaign speech

THE electoral speech of the New Generation Wunthanu Party is featured on page 10 of today’s issue of The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper.

### 4 special civil appeal cases passed judgements, 6 special civil appeal cases heard

A special appeal tribunal consisting of Union Chief Justice U Tha Htay and judges of the Supreme Court of the Union, Daw Thin Thin Nwet, Dr Ko Ko Naing, Daw Soe Khet Khet and Daw Thin Thin Cho was convened at the Supreme Court of the Union in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, and passed judgements for four special civil appeal cases: Nos 16/2025 (Mandalay), 23/2025 (Yangon), 24/2025 (Shan) and 25/2025 (Mandalay).

In addition, a total of six special civil appeal cases: Nos 21/2025 (Magway), 35/2025 (Ayeyawady), 36/2025 (Magway), 39/2025 (Yangon), 40/2025 (Mandalay) and 44/2025 (Magway) were heard. — MNA

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“ Towards 30 years of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action:  
UNiTE to End Violence Against Women”

### Bay of Bengal Condition

Issued at 4 pm MST on 24 November 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, a low pressure area may form over Extreme Southern parts of India, Comorin Area and adjoining Southwest Bay of Bengal, Sri Lanka, on 25 November 2025. — DMH

### Myanmar reports no new COVID-19 cases

THE Ministry of Health tested 63 samples from 8 pm on 16 November 2025 to 8 pm on 23 November 2025, and no new cases were detected. Therefore, no new casualties were reported.

Currently, there is no need to worry about infection and deaths from COVID-19, but all need to follow personal hygiene methods, and the high-risk groups.

- Elderly people (aged 60 and above)
- People with diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases, and cancer
- Pregnant women (especially those beyond the third month of pregnancy) are prioritized to receive COVID-19 booster shots.

More detailed COVID-19 information can be found on the website of the Ministry of Health, [moh.gov.mm](http://moh.gov.mm).

Myanmar CDC  
Public Health Department, Ministry of Health



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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)

Discussion on information and resilient, strong social community held in Taunggyi

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, who is also Chairman of the Working Committee on Information and Development of a Resilient and Strong Social Community, presided over a discussion on the information and development of a resilient and strong social community at City Hall of Taunggyi yesterday.

The event was attended by State ministers, departmental officials, representatives from Taunggyi University, University of Medicine, University of Computer Studies, Technological University, Nursing Training School, Midwifery Training School, ethnic literature and cultural groups, social associations in Taunggyi, and famous artistes from films and television series produced by MRTV-4.

In his opening speech, the



The discussion on the information and development of a resilient and strong social community is in progress yesterday in Taunggyi, attended by Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn.

Union Minister highlighted the need to be cautious and discerning about the dangers of fake

and false news, and to prioritize actions based on watching and listening to accurate informa-

tion reports. He stated that the government values and prioritizes the youth for the future

and also puts special emphasis on education. The multiparty democracy general election will be held soon, and eligible citizens aged 18 and above should fulfil their civic duty by freely and voluntarily casting their votes for individuals who can contribute to the development of the country and the region.

He donated 50 MRTV DTH receivers to the Shan State government. The Union Minister and the Shan State chief justice drew lots for 10 MRTV DTH receivers and presented the materials to the winners.

The ethnic literature and cultural groups performed a dance to the song “A Song for Unity,” and the Union Minister and the State Minister for Security and Border Affairs presented cash prizes to the performers. – MNA/KTZH

MoFA Deputy Minister receives Russian Ambassador



Russian Ambassador Mr Iskander Azizov calls on Deputy Minister U Ko Ko Kyaw yesterday.

DEPUTY Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Ko Ko Kyaw received Amba-

sador of the Russian Federation to Myanmar Mr Iskander Azizov at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

They cordially exchanged views on the matters relating to cooperation between Myanmar and Russia in the international arena.

Also, present at the meeting were senior representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and an official from the Embassy of the Russian Federation to Myanmar. — MNA

Voters Urged to Check Their Names on Updated Lists

THE second round of voter lists is announced at the ward or village-tract subcommissions from 21 November 2025 to 4 December 2025. If anyone’s name is not on the voter lists, please request it using Form 3. If anyone has any objections to the name and data, please submit their objection using Form 4. If anyone has any corrections to the data, please submit the application using Form 4-c. These forms are available free of charge at the relevant subcommissions.

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# NATIONAL

## Science Festival Myanmar 2025 held at Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University

THE Russian Rosatom and the Ministry of Science and Technology jointly organized the Science Festival Myanmar 2025 at Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University (NSPU) yesterday.

It was attended by Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw, Deputy Minister Dr Aung Zeya, Deputy Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Htein Lin, the Russian Ambassador to Myanmar and representatives and departmental officials, faculty members, students and invitees.

The video clips of 2023 and 2024 science festivals were screened, and the Union Minister made an opening speech, and Russian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr I K Azizov made a remark.

The Union minister and Rus-



The Science Festival Myanmar 2025, jointly organized by Rosatom and the Ministry of Science and Technology, underway yesterday, attended by Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Kyaw.

sian representatives presented awards to the winners of Splitting Colour, cash prizes and presents to the dance troupes, and observed the painting exhibition

and Project Shows of students.

The festival will be held on 24 and 25 November at the NSPU, featuring quiz competitions for nuclear technology for the basic

education students, and prizes will be presented to the winners. It will also screen the Oliver Stone "Nuclear Now", "ATOM Egypt ENG Master" and "The City Falls

Asleep" documentaries, and a knowledge sharing session under the topic of "Nuclear Technology in Everyday Life".

Organizing such a science festival broadens scientific knowledge and awareness, including nuclear science, among students from basic education levels up to university students, and young professionals serving in various sectors, fosters greater interest in science, inspires curiosity to explore new scientific fields, and strengthens the morale of young people in the education sector. Moreover, as nuclear-energy-related knowledge becomes more widespread within the country, it can significantly support national efforts aimed at developing the nation's science and nuclear energy sectors. — MNA/KTZH

## Myanmar delegation attends China-ASEAN legal cooperation forum, strengthens bilateral and regional legal collaboration



Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney-General Dr Htein Lin Oo speaks at the seventh China-ASEAN Legal Cooperation Forum in China on 21 November 2025.

AT the invitation of the China-ASEAN Legal Research Centre in Chongqing, a Myanmar delegation led by Dr Htein Lin Oo, Deputy Minister for Legal Affairs and Deputy Attorney-General, attended the seventh China-ASEAN Legal Cooperation Forum, held on 21 November.

The forum took place at 10 am on 21 November in the Changjiang Hall of the Chongqing Yuzhou Hotel. Attendees included Mr Chen Wenqing, Member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Secretary of the Political and Legal

Affairs Commission of the Communist Party of China (CPC) as well as Secretary of the China Law Society; Mr Yuan Jiajun, Member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Secretary of the Chongqing Municipal Committee; Deputy Prime Ministers, Chief Justices, Ministers and Deputy Ministers from the legal and judicial ministries of ASEAN member states; officials from the ASEAN Secretariat; the President, professors and students of the Southwest University of Political Science and Law; Professor Zhang Xiao Jun, Secretary-General of the China-ASEAN Legal Research Centre, along with centre members, as well as legal scholars

from China.

At the forum, Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney-General Dr Htein Lin Oo stated that the Ministry of Legal Affairs and the China-ASEAN Legal Research Centre had been continuing their cooperation through ongoing legal research activities. He added that both countries had been working together effectively to uphold the rule of law, achieving notable results in combating transnational crimes. He also noted that the Ministry of Legal Affairs was engaging in legal cooperation with ASEAN member states.

He further explained that bilateral meetings and discussions between the Ministry of Legal Affairs and the China-

ASEAN Legal Research Centre had helped to foster long-term friendship and mutual understanding. In line with the memorandum of understanding, both sides would continue to collaborate on legal analysis, review and implementation; student exchanges; and the delivery of legal training programmes.

In the afternoon, the Myanmar delegation, led by the Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney-General, met with a team headed by Yin Baohu, Deputy Secretary-General of the China Law Society. During the meeting, both sides exchanged views on legal cooperation between the Ministry of Legal Affairs and the China-ASEAN Legal Research Centre. — MNA/MKKS

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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)



228 illegal buildings tied to telecom fraud, online gambling demolished in KK Park

A further 101 illegal foreign nationals were detained in the Shwe Kokko area as authorities continued their intensified crackdown on unlawful activities.



Images reveal the demolition measures underway and immigration officers processing the deportation of undocumented foreign entrants.



THE government continues to conduct joint operations in the Shwe Kokko area and the KK Park area, where suspects commit telecom fraud and online gambling activities. The combined teams comprising security personnel and administrative bodies are involved in these operations, which include entering the areas, dismantling and removing illegal buildings, and taking further action in accordance with the law.

In wiping off telecom frauds and online gambling activities, buildings used in carrying out online gambling and fraud are being demolished in three sections in the Myawady-Maethawtalay (KK Park) area. So far, all 148 buildings have been demolished in the section 1 area. The buildings in Section 3 are also being dismantled starting from 17 November.

As 11 more illegal buildings were destroyed yesterday, a total of 80 buildings out of 425 illegal buildings have so far been demolished in the Section 3 area. Up to now, 228 buildings out of 635 unlawful buildings have been dismantled in the KK Park area.

Likewise, a similar operation is being conducted in the Shwe Kokko area, starting from 18 November. On the seventh day, yesterday, authorities searched one 17-storey building, four seven-storey buildings, one 13-storey building and four six-storey buildings in the Shwe Kokko area, but it was found that no one was involved in the telecom fraud and online gambling. Authorities found one Starlink satellite receiver, one router and 205 assorted computers there and continue the searching and clearing measures.

Yesterday, the authorities arrested 101 more foreign nationals, including 81 Chinese, 13 Vietnamese, two Ethiopians, two Indians, one Pakistani and two from Chinese Taipei, who have been hiding after committing online scams and gambling in the Shwe Kokko area, where they entered illegally via some neighbouring countries, including Thailand. According to the operations conducted in the Shwe Kokko area, 1,847 foreign nationals who entered Myanmar illegally were arrested together with 3,098 computers, 21,750 mobile phones, 102 Starlink satellite receivers, 22 routers and a large number of industrial materials used in telecom fraud and online gambling activities. Authorities systematically destroyed the seized materials and continue the operation to expose the offences.

The arrested foreign na-

tionals are being detained at the building in Lonhtin compound of Shwe Kokko Myaing Village, Pulwepu Village-tract in Myawady Township. Yesterday, the Illegal Foreigner Investigation Team verified 200 foreign nationals. The relevant departmental combined teams are carrying out the necessary processes, including collecting personal data and recording required documentation to enable their prompt repatriation to their respective countries as quickly as possible.

From 30 January to 24 November 2025, a total of 12,687 foreign nationals who had entered Myanmar illegally were detained. Of these, 12,343 individuals were screened to be

expelled, and 9,978 were systematically repatriated to their respective countries through Thailand in accordance with legal procedures. The remaining 2,709 foreign nationals are now ready to be transferred to their respective countries, and they are being properly held and cared for during this process.

The government considers the eradication of telecom fraud and online gambling crimes as a national responsibility and, to ensure that such activities can no longer operate within Myanmar, will continue its efforts in coordination not only with domestic forces but also with the governments of neighbouring countries. — MNA/TTA



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Strong sales continue as 695 Group C jade lots sold at 60<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Gems Emporium

THE eighth day of the 60<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Gems Emporium was held yesterday morning at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw. Local and foreign gem dealers viewed the display of Group C jade pieces at designated areas outside the hall.

At yesterday's emporium, 695 of the 750 jade lots in Group C were sold to local and foreign traders through the open tender system. Merchants were permitted to inspect Group C jade lots numbered 3651 to 4400 and submit their proposed prices into the respective tender boxes. Officials reviewed these proposals yesterday

evening, and the results will be announced on the morning of 25 November.

Yesterday evening, Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation and Chairman of the Central Committee of the Myanmar Gems Emporium U Khin Maung Yi, inspected the tender-opening process and gave necessary instructions to officials. Sales of the Group C jade lots will continue until 26 November. — MNA/MKKS



Gem merchants evaluate the gemstones and jade at the 60<sup>th</sup> Gems Emporium yesterday.

Tatmadaw ships continue medical services in Wakema



Healthcare services underway yesterday in Wakema Township, Ayeyawady Region.

TATMADAW Naval Hospital Ships named Shwe Puzun and Saku provided healthcare services to locals in Kanasogon village in Wakema Township yesterday. During the healthcare programme, the medical team provided healthcare to 615 locals.

The treatments includ-

ed general medical consultations for 262 patients, surgical care for 34 patients, obstetric and gynaecological care for 43 patients, paediatric treatments for 49 children, orthopaedic care for 70 patients, ear, nose, and throat treatment for 46 patients, ophthalmology services for

59 patients, and dental care for 52 patients.

Moreover, eight patients underwent general surgery, six received eye surgery, 37 had x-ray examinations, 50 were tested using ultrasound, eight underwent ECG heart screenings, and 49 had laboratory tests. — MNA/KTZH

Tatmadaw seagoing hospital vessel continues medical services in Ngaputaw



Health services are being provided by the Thanlwin, the Tatmadaw Seagoing Hospital Ship, in Ngaputaw Township, Ayeyawady Region.

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

The medical team based at Seikta Thukha monastery in Kyonku village of Ngaputaw

Township offers medical services.

The medical team provided healthcare services for 137 general patients, 37 surgical patients, 23 obstetric patients, 32 paediatric patients, 79 orthopaedic patients, 24 ENT patients, 119 ophthalmology patients and 107 dental patients. In addition, nine general surgery patients, seven eye surgery patients, four X-ray patients, 85 ultrasound patients, 55 ECG patients and 27 laboratory test patients received the necessary diagnostic and treatment services. — MNA/KTZH

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(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)

Russia’s EMERCOM awards medals and certificates to MoD for earthquake rescue efforts

THE ceremony to present the honorary medals and certificates awarded by Russia’s EMERCOM to representatives from Myanmar’s Ministry of Defence for their outstanding efforts in earthquake rescue operations was held yesterday at the Hsinphyushin Hall of the Military Transit Camp in Nay

Pyi Taw. It was attended by Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung, Russian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Iskander Azizov, Adjutant General Lt-Gen Phone Myat, Senior Tatmadaw officers of office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), recipients of awards and relevant officials.



The awards event to honour the representatives from the Ministry of Defence for their excellent efforts in quake rescue operations in progress yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

The Russian Ambassador remarked and presented honorary medals and certificates to the outstanding representatives of the Ministry of Defence. The region’s chief minister expressed words of gratitude on behalf of the recipients and concluded the event. — MNA/KTZH

Lashio University reopens with ceremony attended by North-East Command Commander

THE reopening ceremony of Lashio University was held yesterday morning at the university in Lashio, Shan State (North). The ceremony was attended by Brig-Gen Aye Min Oo, Commander of the North-East Command, together with state government ministers, departmental officials, faculty

members, students, and invitees. The commander and officials first cut the ceremonial ribbon to inaugurate the archway of Lashio University and sprinkled scented water on the university signboard. They then observed students in their classes and offered words of en-

couragement. Afterwards, they inspected the renovation of the classrooms and addressed the necessary requirements. The commander and officials also visited Lashio Education Degree College, where they observed learning of students and toured the classrooms. — MNA/MKKS



North-East Command Commander Brig-Gen Aye Min Oo and dignitaries unveil the reopening launch yesterday.

Yangon Region clears K9.8B in hotel investments, creating 223 jobs



A glimpse of the hotel in Yangon Region.

THE Yangon Region Tourism Committee has approved hotel investment projects worth K9.878 billion, which are expected to create 223 job opportunities, according to the committee’s meeting 3/2025. “Among the approved pro-

jects are two hotel construction permits, three hotel business licences, 40 tour operator licences, and 11 domestic pilgrimage and travel service licences,” said an official from the Regional Tourism Committee. — ASH/MKKS



## Initiate mutual respect for women and girls without violent acts

Violence against women and girls remains one of the most prevalent and pervasive human rights violations in the world. Globally, almost one in three women has been subjected to physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence, non-partner sexual violence, or both, at least once in their lives.

Women, especially both wife and daughter, are neither slaves of the family as well as nor employees. They are all members of relevant families. Hence, no one, including husbands or brothers, as well as sisters does has the right to commit violence against those women at any age. Even though those women make mistakes, as they are all families, they need to negotiate with each other to search for the root cause of mistakes by seeking the best ways.

It is a scourge that has intensified in different settings, but this year, the campaign for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women focuses on one in particular: the digital realm. Violence against women on online platforms is, today, a serious and rapidly growing threat that seeks to silence the voices of many women, especially those with a strong public and digital presence in fields such as politics, activism, or journalism, according to the United Nations.

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It is a form of violence on the rise due to weak technological regulation, a lack of legal recognition of this type of aggression in some countries, the impunity of digital platforms, new and fast-evolving forms of abuse using AI, movements opposing gender equality, the anonymity of perpetrators, and the limited support for digital victims.

The 2025 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women launches the UNiTE to End Digital Violence against Women and Girls campaign, calling on governments, tech companies, donors, and individuals to take action. The campaign runs from 25 November to 10 December as part of the 16 Days of Activism, concluding on International Human Rights Day.

## World Philosophy Day

# A brief juxtaposition of Spinoza’s and Stephen Hawking’s philosophical determinism

By Dr Myint Zan

World Philosophy Day for 2025 is on 20 November. By chance or perhaps by (un?) intended(?) design, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), in 2002, declared the third Thursday in each year to be ‘World Philosophy Day’. That day is close to the birthday of the Dutch philosopher Baruch (‘Benedictus’) Spinoza (24 November 1632-21 February 1677).

**Brief juxtaposition of Marcus Aurelius ‘non-wish’ and Spinoza’s wish for their philosophical legacies**

Spinoza, who thrived’ over 350 years ago, had apparently copied his letters with his correspondents (at least those where he discussed philosophical issues) before he mailed them. Retrospectively, one can surmise

that Spinoza wished that many aspects of his philosophical thought, including those stated in his letters to be recorded for posterity. Spinoza had his wish (so to speak) fulfilled in the very year of his death in 1677. Spinoza’s friends were kind enough to arrange to publish all of his philosophical writings in the Latin language, including his letters, in a book titled Opera Posthuma in late 1677.

Contrast this with the Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius (26 April 121-17 March 180), who apparently asked his underlings (so to speak) to destroy his ‘diary’ (‘notes to himself’) after his death, which they did not ‘follow’. Now, more than 1900 years after Marcus’ birth, there are at least three or four versions of English translations alone. The title of the English translations is Medita-

tions of Marcus Aurelius. One has read that at the time of Spinoza’s death, there were about 160 books in his ‘library’.

One wonders whether Latin, Dutch or Portuguese translations of Meditations in Spinoza’s library. (Spinoza can read and write in those languages, perhaps) Apparently, unlike Marcus, there was no standing instruction from Spinoza to destroy his manuscripts and his correspondence. The fact that he even kept a copy of his own correspondence and those who wrote to him indicates that, as far as (not) preserving his philosophical legacy is concerned, Baruch Spinoza was ‘no Marcus Aurelius’.

**Spinoza’s stone analogy**

This article will address the issue of philosophical determinism that can be discerned in the following paragraph (in English

translation) in one of Spinoza’s letters:

Further conceive, I beg, that a stone while continuing in motion should be capable of thinking and knowing, that it is endeavouring, as far as it can, to continue to move. Such a stone, being conscious merely of its own endeavour and not at all indifferent, would believe itself to be completely free, and it would think that it continued in motion solely because of its own wish. This is that human freedom, which all boast that they possess, and which consists solely in the fact that men are conscious of their own desire, but are ignorant of the causes whereby that desire has been determined. (Letter to GH Schaller, October 1674)

Among others, the three sentences in English translation

above ‘determine’ (pun intended) that Spinoza was a philosophical determinist. Without distorting Spinoza’s message, it can perhaps be deemed that if a stone were to have human consciousness or simply can think like a human, that stone, like humans, including some philosophers, would have thought that it is moving on its own out of its own free will. Spinoza apparently rejected that humans have free will. Though not manifestly stated in the above excerpt, Spinoza apparently was of the view that human lives and their ‘trajectories’ have already been determined.

**Stephen Hawking’s rejection or scepticism of the criminal law doctrine of ‘diminished responsibility’**

If one fast forward from the late 17th century to the late 20th

century astrophysicist Stephen Hawking (8 January 1942- 18 March 2018) in a lecture given in March 1990 also expressed his opinion (or is it non-belief) in human free will (as reproduced in the essay ‘Is Everything determined?’ in the book Black Holes and Baby Universes, first published 1993).

Under the concept of diminished responsibility in British criminal law, a few criminal defendants’ culpability can, in exceptional circumstances, be reduced or even more rarely, they can be acquitted of their crimes on grounds of ‘diminished responsibility’. The thrust of the idea behind Hawking’s radical and novel proposal is that, since all human beings’ actions are determined, why give special preference to those criminal defendants from

the rare defence of ‘diminished responsibility’ (say on grounds of insanity)?

Hawking seems to be saying: do not accept (a few) criminal defendants’ claims of diminished responsibility and their claims that ‘I could not help myself’ since other criminals, indeed all human beings in their actions, cannot but help themselves also.

In the ‘mother country’ of Great Britain, as well as its former colonies from Australia through India and Malaysia to Zimbabwe, as far as this writer is aware, the criminal law doctrine of ‘diminished responsibility’ has not been abolished.

**A Spinozist ‘take’ on Stephen Hawking’s philosophical determinism?**

Curiosity: If Spinoza were to

come back, would he have agreed with Hawking’s version of philosophical determinism? Would Spinoza, after studying a bit of modern criminal law and criminology, agree with Hawking’s suggestion that the legal doctrine of diminished responsibility be altogether abolished?

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## The Unspoken Emotional Boost We Forget About

By Laura Htet (UDE)

parents, or friends but as human beings whose presence matters. Someone thought of us. Someone



Birthdays offer a subtle yet powerful emotional uplift in our hectic lives, serving as a gentle reminder that we matter beyond our daily roles.  
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remembered. And in that fleeting moment, our hearts feel lighter, warmer, and seen.

We have all experienced birthdays that surprised us with acts of

love and care. A colleague bringing a cupcake, a family member preparing a favourite dish, or a friend sending a message after months of silence – these gestures, though seemingly small, leave lasting impressions. They prove that our lives touch others, that we are remembered, and that our stories are part of someone else’s heart. Birthdays, in these subtle ways, remind us of our value beyond the roles we play in daily life.

Traditions also quietly strengthen the meaning of birthdays. Some of us grew up blowing candles with laughter ringing through the house. Others celebrated with prayers, blessings, or simple family meals. Each tradition, whether loud or silent, carries the same underlying message: our existence is worthy of recognition. Another year passing is not merely a number; it is a testament to every joy we embraced, every challenge we faced, and every lesson we learned. Birthdays remind us that life is not only about

achievements or success but also about growth, resilience, and the journey itself.

Reflection is a natural companion to a birthday. It encourages us to look back at the year we have completed, to acknowledge triumphs, appreciate struggles, and recognize the people who supported us. Often, we focus too heavily on what we have not achieved, overlooking the quiet victories that happen daily. A birthday gently nudges us to recognize growth in the small, steady steps we take every day, reminding us that resilience is not always loud, but it is always present. These moments of introspection allow us to reconnect with our inner selves, a space we rarely visit in the midst of life’s constant noise.

There is also a spark of hope that birthdays carry, subtle yet powerful. On this day, we allow ourselves to imagine possibilities and new beginnings. Even in the midst of difficult times, a birthday offers a gentle promise: the

chance for renewed courage, for brighter days, and for the pursuit of dreams we may have postponed. Hope does not shout; it whispers, encouraging us to keep moving forward with quiet confidence and a sense of renewal that extends far beyond a single day.

Birthdays reconnect us with others in meaningful ways. A simple “Happy Birthday” message can bridge months or years of silence, soften distance, and remind us of shared bonds. For those who sometimes feel alone, this connection carries extraordinary warmth. And when we celebrate someone else’s birthday, the joy multiplies. The laughter, smiles, and shared moments create memories that linger in our hearts, strengthening relationships and enriching our lives in ways ordinary days cannot. Through birthdays, we are reminded of the subtle power of human connection, of care expressed in small gestures, and of love spoken in ways beyond words.

As we grow older, our feelings to-

ward birthdays may shift. Some of us shy away from celebrating age, while others think the day holds little meaning. Yet, the emotional boost never fades. Each birthday is a reminder that life continues, that we grow wiser, and that every passing year brings new experiences, lessons, and opportunities for gratitude. Ageing is not a loss; it is a quiet victory, a testament to endurance, growth, and life itself.

Perhaps the greatest gift of a birthday is the permission it grants us – to pause, reflect, and honour ourselves. It reminds us that we do not need an achievement or a grand event to deserve celebration. Simply existing, continuing, and embracing life is reason enough. The smallest moments – a calm morning, a thoughtful note, or a quiet reflection – can become deeply meaningful, nourishing the spirit in ways no outward display can match. These gentle reminders of our worth and the life we have lived help us feel lighter, more grounded, and more present.

Ultimately, birthdays are far more than candles, cakes, or wishes. They are subtle, yet profound, celebrations of life itself. They re-

mind us that we are here, that we matter, and that our journey – every step, stumble, and triumph – is significant. When we recognize this truth, we begin to see birthdays not as ordinary markers of time but as gentle, emotional beacons that illuminate our lives with value, love, and hope. Each year, they quietly whisper the same message: we are seen, we are cherished, and our presence in this world is a gift that deserves celebration.

In a world that often rushes past the moments that truly matter, birthdays provide a pause for gratitude, reflection, and renewal. They remind us that life is precious, that relationships are worth nurturing, and that the small acts of love, remembrance, and connection are what make our journey meaningful. As the candles are blown out and the day comes to a close, the quiet magic of a birthday remains. It lingers in the warmth of wishes, the memories shared, and the hope carried into the year ahead. Birthdays teach us to honour ourselves, embrace our journey, and cherish the extraordinary gift of simply being alive.





# 2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

## New Generation Wunthanu Party talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

U Aye Lwin, Vice-Chairman of the New Generation Wunthanu Party, presented the policy, stance and work procedures of his party through radio and television on the evening of 24 November.  
The full text of the presentation is as follows: -



**Esteemed people of Myanmar,**

I am U Aye Lwin, Vice-Chairman of the New Generation Wunthanu Party. The party's registration number is 61. According to the needs of the State, the party was established to nurture the younger generation to take an interest in national politics and enable them to enter Hluttaw with new ideas and fresh perspectives.

The flag of our New Generation Wunthanu Party features a yellow background with a single white star at the upper right corner, along with a fully emblematic white elephant bearing traditional regalia, and a young leader seated on the elephant. The yellow background symbolizes unity, solidarity, harmony, dignity, and stable authority. The white star represents eternal stability, cohesion, purity, and the presence of an inherent guiding light. The white elephant signifies enduring sovereignty and military victory. The young leader on the elephant symbolizes the new generation of youth who will carry forward, with full strength, the responsibility to safeguard and build a modern, developed new nation.

The main objective of our New Generation Wunthanu Party is to establish a modern, developed nation of international standards that enjoys durable peace, ends armed conflicts, and prioritizes ethnic unity and solidarity. Given the current global and Myanmar political landscape, this is no longer a time for blaming one person or another. Instead, for the well-being of our country, our people, and our regions, all new-generation youths who genuinely possess patriotism, a spirit of public service, and the Wunthanu mindset must open their eyes and ears and strive with determination so

that we can stand on equal footing with the world. Therefore, elections are the lifeblood of democracy. The country's political future will also be determined by the votes cast by the electorate in this election. To build a modern, developed multiparty democratic nation, I do not simply urge our people to vote for our party. Rather, for the well-being of our country, our people, and our regions, I would like to encourage everyone to elect and support any individual who truly possesses the spirit of public service and the Wunthanu mindset, and who is genuinely committed to taking the lead and working for the greater good. From now onward, the representatives of our New Generation Wunthanu Party will work with the mindset of the youth – new attitudes, new thinking, and new perspectives – to help establish national stability and a modern, developed multiparty democratic government. We will work to ensure that the country's development initiatives are led by civil servants who are free from party politics and personal cult. Our candidates who will contest the election are committed to serving with a genuine spirit of public service. They will address the needs of the people not only within the Hluttaw but also outside the Hluttaw, carrying out their duties in accordance with the law.

We will work to build a modern, developed nation grounded in the principles of Wunthanu ethics and in accordance with the Constitution, under a multiparty democratic system. Guided by a non-aligned foreign policy, we will seek to establish international partnerships and build friendly relations based on global and ASEAN countries. We will also place special emphasis on strengthening durable peace and stability, the rule of law, and safe, secure transportation networks across all regions of the Union.

We will work to support micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and heavy industries to meet the international standards to be able to increase production in addition to upgrading the agricultural sector. We will emphasize systematic management of invested natural resources, and creation of employment at home and overseas in accord with the global economy. Moreover, we will strive to ensure the prosperity of the State, have equitable development for all ethnic people, ensure food security, and stabilize commodity

prices.

We will work to ensure free education and free healthcare services for all ethnic nationalities in the country, and to advance genuine public welfare activities as well as environmental conservation efforts. To build a modern, developed multiparty democratic nation, we will support the new generation of youths not only in receiving basic and higher university education, but also in studying space science, nuclear science, and nano-electronics technologies, thereby strengthening the country's human resource development.

Our New Generation Wunthanu Party will compete in the constituencies of Mandalay Region in the coming election. The majority of candidates are at a young age, and they value nationality, language and religion. We arrange the participation of the party's candidates who have been trained to be able to take a leading role and have nurtured those candidates to lead the future of the State.

Esteemed people, our New Generation Wunthanu Party or the Elephant Party, which is precious for the State, has pledged to actively take part in the initiatives to ensure a durable peace which reflects the genuine wish of the people, uphold the rule of law and carry out philanthropic works. Our party will take a leading role to have more improvement of the industrial sector of Mandalay Region and work to support the farmers and workers to have greater benefits while arranging the overall development of various sectors, including education, healthcare, social and economic sectors.

In conclusion, our New Generation Wunthanu Party wishes to build the State to an international level with the genuine Wunthanu mindset with full strength and free from corruption in cooperation with relevant departments. Hence, we request the people to cast votes for our New Generation Wunthanu Party (Elephant Party). Thank you all.



## Kawthoung holds training on ward/village subcommission guidelines for 2025 elections

A training session on ward/village subcommission operational guidelines was held yesterday morning at the Hanthawady meeting hall of the Township General Administration Department in Kawthoung Township, Taninthayi Region, to ensure the successful conduct of the 2025 multiparty democratic general elections.

At the training, U Nang Lin Htet, Chairman of the Township Management and Administration Committee, delivered a speech on ensuring the successful holding of the 2025 multiparty democratic general elections. District and township election officials then explained

the ward/village subcommission operational guideline manual to subcommissions from each ward and village in Kawthoung Township.

The manual was prepared by the Union Election Commission in accordance with the Hluttaw Election Law. — District IPRD/MKKS



The training on ward and village subcommission guidelines for 2025 elections is in progress yesterday in Kawthoung.



NATIONAL

14 private banks join oil mill development loan scheme as PFIs

FOURTEEN private banks have agreed Participating Financial Institutions (PFIs) to operate the oil mills development loan programme, implemented under the State Economic Promotion Fund, in collaboration with the Myanmar Edible Oil Millers Association.

Earlier, Myanma Economic Bank and Myanma Agricultural Development Bank only operated the oil mills development loan programme. At present, 14 private banks have joined this programme as PFIs.

Involvement of private banks will help oil millers across the country get easy access to loans, upgrade oil mills, distribute high-quality edible oil and reduce palm oil imports.

The domestic consumption of palm oil is estimated at one million tonnes per year, and palm oil worth about US\$800 million is imported. There are over 4,250 oil mills running across the country, with over 230 large mills, over 920 medium-scale mills and over 3,100 small-scale mills.

The State Economic Promo-



This image displays workers working at a domestic oil mill.

tion Fund allocated K50 billion loans for oil mill businesses in order to reduce edible oil imports, buy raw materials, achieve

self-sufficiency, expand, upgrade mills, and develop necessary equipment and new mills. The State Economic Promotion Fund

allocated K50 billion loans for oil mill development, with five per cent interest per annum. — ASH/MKKS

Shan State government invites bids to build CCTV control centre

THE Shan State government invited local business entities to submit a bid to construct the CCTV control centre (two-storey 52' x 36' RC building) to support city management and urban policy when the Shan State government implements Taunggyi as a Smart, Safe and Happy City in the 2025-2026

financial year, according to the Taunggyi City Safety City Implementation Tender Committee.

The tender form is available at the Shan State government office (divisions 3 & section 5) starting from 25 September, and the tender submission deadline is 9 December 2025, within office hours.

Individuals can enquire about details through the Shan State government's administration and logistics division at 081 2202208, according to the Shan State government office's Taunggyi Safe City implementation tender committee. — NN/KK

YSX stock trading values top K530M in Oct

THE grand trading value of the eight listed companies on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) exceeded K530 million from 151,197 shares traded in October 2025, according to YSX's statistics.

At present, shares of eight listed companies – First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB), TMH Telecom Public Co Ltd (TMH), the Ever Flow River Group Public Co Ltd (EFR), Amata Holding Public Co Ltd (AMATA) and Myanmar Agro Exchange Public Co Ltd (MAEX) are traded in the securities market.

MTSH topped the trading on equity with over K191 million from 56,183 shares, followed by FMI with stocks worth K139 million from 17,005 shares, EFR with K61.35 million from 32,959 shares, FPB with over K51.6 million from 21,830 shares, MAEX with K41.65 million from 12,350 shares, MCB with K20.4 million from 2,602 shares, TMX with K15.86 million from 5,705 shares and AMATA with K8.6 million from 2,563 shares.



The stock share index panel of Yangon Bourse.

The stock trading values were estimated at K867.2 million with 321,817 shares traded in September.

The stock trading in October is down by over K336.48 million (170,620 shares) compared to that of September.

The YSX launched in 2015. It conducts stock investment webinars and training courses to disseminate rules and regulations regarding the stock exchange and shared trading among the public. — NN/KK

Myanmar watermelons and muskmelons fetch strong prices

GOOD-QUALITY melons and muskmelons, which are being exported to China, have enjoyed good prices, despite the limited quantity, according to border wholesale trading centres.

Exports have continued through Mongla, with both fruits enjoying a good price of between five and six yuan per kilo, said Khwarnyo fruits wholesale trading centre.

However, unqualified rain-fed melons can't endure the longer journey, making the export of the quantity of goods still low.

“Muskmelons, which were grown with the expectation of the Muse trading route, have been exported through Mongla only for now. Even if it costs more and takes the journey longer, there is no option but to transport them to their destination when the time arrives. The price of melon and muskmelon is good,” said the person in charge of the fruits wholesale trading centre.

Despite a good price, good-quality melon and muskmelon are being exported in limited quantities. — MT/ZS



This image reveals a lorry carrying fruits to China.



# NATIONAL

## Ayeyawady Region plans to set 100,000-acre rice export zone under contract farming system

ACCORDING to the Ayeyawady Region Government, plans are underway to implement a 100,000-acre rice export zone in the Ayeyawady Region under a contract farming system.

In implementing this 100,000-acre rice export zone through contract farming, discussions have been held on designating district-level areas for businesses that will invest in the Ayeyawady Region and operate under the contract farming system.

“Aiming to produce quality rice, those participating in the export zone will work on the basis of four key elements:



This image shows a thriving rice field in Ayeyawady Region.

seed, land, water and technique. Efforts are also being made to ensure that domestic rice farmers receive fair and appropriate profits in line with global rice prices,” said

an official from the Ayeyawady Region Government.

The Ayeyawady Region Government will also oversee the operation of rice mills in the region to ensure high standards, and will monitor the management of waste materials produced by gasifier systems that use rice husk fuel, so that they do not harm or pollute the natural environment and that all activities comply with stipulated rules and regulations.

The Ayeyawady Region is a region that has been successfully implementing agricultural, livestock and related industries.— ASH/KNN

## Taungwine hiking season kicks off in Mawlamyine on 1 Dec

THE Taungwine hiking season in Mawlamyine, Mon State, which has gained significant interest among locals and travellers, will begin on 1 December, according to the Tharthana Nwe Foundation.

The two months, from December to January annually, have been designated as the hiking season. Starting from the morning of 1 December, the season for public health hiking and pilgrimage will begin.

“There are quite a lot

of hikers. It is much more crowded on weekends. Many locals as well as pilgrims are very interested,” said a local.

To ensure the safety of hikers during the two-month hiking season, cars, motorbikes, and bicycles (excluding those of authorized personnel and the hilltop monastery) will be prohibited from ascending the mountain from 4:30 am to 9:00 am on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays.

Cars and motorbikes can

be left at the free parking areas at the entrance from 4:30 am to 9 am, and car owners are advised to park systematically in the car park.

Hikers are advised not to smoke and to properly dispose of trash in the designated bins, and vendors are instructed not to sell their goods on the concrete path and to avoid selling food that produces offensive odours, alcohol, and beer, according to the Thathana Nwe Foundation Sayadaw. — MT/ZN



This image captures hikers on Mawlamyine's Taungwine in the previous year.

## Holidaymakers begin planning for Dec break



Photos showcase tourist attraction places in Hpa-an.

FOR the coming Kayin New Year Day and December holiday, local visitors have made preparations for their planned trips by connecting with car rental services as well as by the management of travel companies.

Those who have planned to take a pilgrimage tour or vacation during the December holidays said they have now started making preparations.

“Our family has hired a car to visit Kyaiktiyo and Bago on Kayin New Year's Day. We have a three-day holiday, so it is convenient for travelling. Some people have planned to go visit Bagan,” said a woman.

Some people have made preparations for going on vacation in Bagan-NyaungU-Popa, PyinOoLwin, Taunggyi, Kalaw, Pindaya, Inlay, Hpa-an, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Bago and Zalun as well as resorts near Yangon, during the December holidays.

As of Thadingyut, the visitor arrivals to Bagan have been large, visibly on public holidays and weekends, and they haven't stopped even on weekdays, sources from Bagan.

Likewise, there is the arrival of foreign tourists, and the majority are from Russia, China, South Korea, Japan, Germany and Malaysia. — MT/ZS



# Beijing airports see robust growth in export value

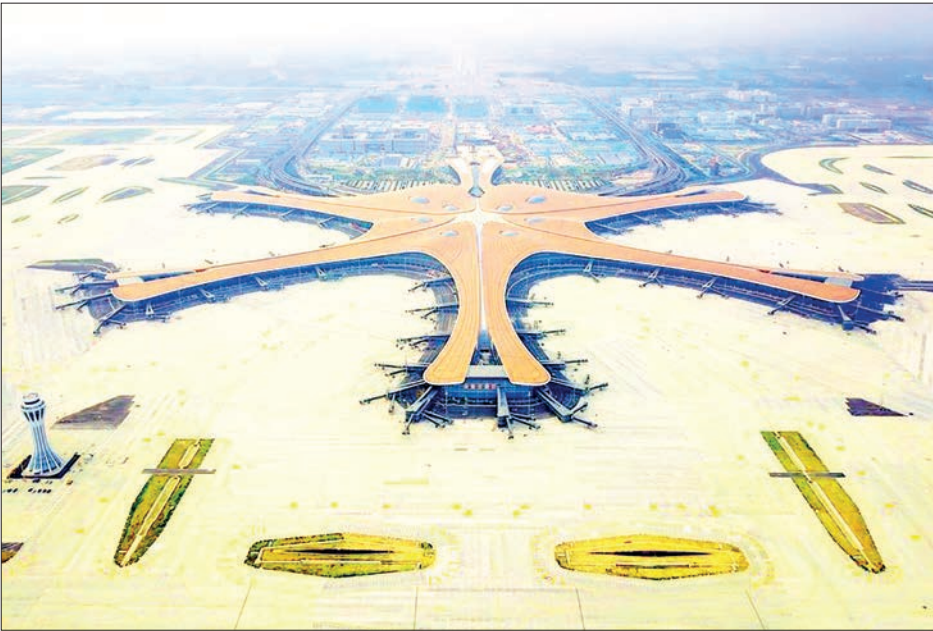
EXPORTS flowing through Beijing's two major airport hubs rose steadily in the first 10 months of the year, highlighting the growing role of high-tech and green sectors in the Chinese capital's outbound trade, according to Beijing Customs.

Combined exports via Beijing Capital International Airport and Beijing Daxing International Airport reached 214.64 billion yuan (about US\$30.28 billion) during the period, up 8.3 per cent year on year.

In total, Beijing re-

corded 2.67 trillion yuan in goods trade in the first 10 months, with exports reaching 515.69 billion yuan, up 2.8 per cent, a record high.

In the first 10 months, Beijing's emerging industries showed strong momentum. Exports of green and low-carbon products climbed 22.4 per cent from a year earlier, while biomedicine exports rose 15.8 per cent and information technology products increased 14 per cent. These sectors have become key drivers of regional export



growth, customs data showed.

Beijing is targeting ambitious milestones for its two major airports, aiming to achieve a combined passenger throughput of over 160 million and a total freight and mail throughput of more than 2.5 million tonnes by 2030. — Xinhua

This aerial photo taken on 25 June 2019 shows the terminal building of the Beijing Daxing International Airport in Beijing, capital of China. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

# Singapore's core inflation rises to 1.2% in Oct

SINGAPORE'S core inflation rose to 1.2 per cent year on year in October, up from 0.4 per cent in September, according to official data released Monday.

In a joint statement, the Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Monetary Authority of Singapore said the increase was driven by higher inflation in services, food, and retail and other goods, as well as a milder decline in electricity and gas prices.

On a month-on-month basis, core consumer prices



People gather at the Marina Bay waterfront as a boat passes in Singapore on 21 November 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

es rose 0.5 per cent. The core Consumer Price Index, which excludes accommodation and private

transport costs, is viewed as a key measure of underlying, demand-driven inflation. — Xinhua

# Vietnam's 10-month cashew nut export reaches nearly US\$4.3 bln

VIETNAM shipped nearly US\$4.3 billion worth of cashew nuts abroad in the first ten months of the year, marking a 19.4 per cent increase compared with the same period in 2024, local daily Baodautu reported Monday.

Citing the Department of Vietnam Customs, the report said the country sold 628,000 tonnes of cashew nuts during the ten-month

span, a year-on-year rise of 2.8 per cent. China emerged as the leading buyer, spending more than \$910 million on this Vietnamese agricultural product, a 53.7 per cent surge year on year. The average export price of Vietnamese cashew nuts reached \$6,811 per tonnes during the ten-month period, up 16.2 per cent from the same period last year. — Xinhua

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ROLLING UPDATES  
WORLD

Pope heads to Türkiye, Lebanon in first overseas trip

POPE Leo XIV embarks on his debut overseas trip Thursday, travelling to Türkiye and Lebanon to promote Christian unity and urge peace efforts amid heightened tensions in the Middle East.

The six-day trip is the first major international test for the US pope, who was elected head of the Catholic Church in May and whose understated style contrasts with that of his charismatic and impulsive predecessor, Francis.

In Türkiye, Leo will celebrate the 1,700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, where the Creed — a foundational declaration of the Christian faith — was

written.

While the Chicago-born pontiff’s upcoming visit has so far garnered little attention in the predominantly Muslim country, where Christians represent only 0.2 per cent of the 86 million inhabitants, it is eagerly awaited in Lebanon.

Lebanon has long been held up as a model of religious coexistence.

But since 2019, it has been ravaged by crises, including economic collapse which has caused widespread poverty, a devastating blast at Beirut port in 2020, and the recent war with Israel.

“The Lebanese are tired,”



Pope Leo XIV (C) gestures to the crowd from the popemobile as he leaves at the end of the mass of Jubilee of Choirs and Choral Society at St Peter’s Square in The Vatican on 23 November 2025. PHOTO: AFP

said Vincent Gelot, director of the Lebanon and Syria office for l’Oeuvre d’Orient, a Catholic organisation that supports Christians in the Middle East. “They expect a frank word to the Lebanese elite, as well as strong and concrete actions,” he told AFP. — AFP

Japan, India agree to steadily carry out agreement on security, economy



Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi (L) shakes hands with her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi on the sidelines of a Group of 20 summit in Johannesburg on 23 November 2025. PHOTO: KYODO

THE leaders of Japan and India agreed Sunday that their countries will steadily implement the agreement made at their August summit to strengthen security cooperation and economic partnership.

During their talks on the

Foreign Ministry.

To South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, Takaichi conveyed Japan’s intention to enhance cooperation between the public and private sectors to build a predictable global supply chain, including for mineral resources, as part of its economic security efforts.

She emphasized the importance of ensuring an investment environment in South Africa that enables Japanese companies to operate stably, during her summit with Ramaphosa, the ministry said.

In a separate meeting, Takaichi told German Chancellor Friedrich Merz that security in Europe and the Indo-Pacific is inseparable, with the two leaders agreeing to bolster cooperation across a wide range of fields.

Takaichi also held talks with French President Emmanuel Macron, expressing hope that Japan and France can work closely together for the success of next year’s Group of Seven meetings, which France will chair, the ministry said. — Kyodo

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ethiopian volcano erupts after 12,000-year dormancy

A volcano in Ethiopia’s northeastern region erupted for the first time in nearly 12,000 years, sending thick plumes of smoke up to 14 kilometres (nine miles) into the sky, the Toulouse Volcanic Ash Advisory Centre (VAAC) said.

The Hayli Gubbi volcano, located in Ethiopia’s Afar region about 800 kilometres (500 miles) northeast of Addis Ababa near the Eritrean border, erupted on Sunday for several hours.

The volcano, which rises about 500 metres in altitude, sits within the Rift Valley, a zone of intense geological activity where two tectonic plates meet.

Ash clouds from the volcano drifted over Yemen, Oman, India, and northern Pakistan, the VAAC said. — AFP

Indian capital grapples with lingering air pollution

THE air quality in Delhi and its surrounding areas turned hazardous on Monday, with a thick blanket of smog engulfing several areas in the Indian capital city.

According to the Central Pollution Control Board, many areas, particularly in the eastern parts of Delhi and the adjoining areas, witnessed an Air Quality Index (AQI) of around 450, which was considered “severe” in terms of air pollution standards.

Over the past couple of days, the overall air quality has been poor in Delhi and its adjoining areas, causing some people to experience difficulty in breathing. The number of patients suffering from respiratory ailments increased manifold at several government-run hospitals, local media reported.

As a precautionary measure, authorities in Delhi issued health advisories directing the locals not to indulge in outdoor physical activities unless very necessary. — Xinhua



SPORTS

Ski jumping: Maruyama makes flying start to season with 2 World Cup wins



Japan's Nozomi Maruyama competes en route to winning the women's ski jumping World Cup event in Lillehammer, Norway, on 23 November 2025. PHOTO: KYODO

JAPAN'S Nozomi Maruyama made a perfect start to the Olympic season in the women's ski jumping after winning both World Cup events over the weekend, becoming the third Japanese winner on the circuit in the process.

After securing her first title in the season opener on Saturday, the 27-year-old stormed to another overwhelming victory on Sunday after putting together 134- and 133-metre jumps for 283.6 points in Lillehammer, Norway.

Home favourite Heidi Dyhre Traaserud was second on 254.8 and Nika Prevc of Slovenia third on 250.4. Japan's nine-time World Cup event winner Yuki Ito was sixth, while world record 63-time winner Sara Takanashi was 14<sup>th</sup>.

"I was able to fly with confidence from the first jump," said Maruyama, who missed out on

the Beijing Olympics in 2022 after suffering left knee anterior cruciate ligament damage in October 2021.

"I'm starting to manage to do things that I want without thinking. (But) I'm wondering how things got this much better, and I'm left surprised."

After stunning her rivals with her big jump during the qualification despite starting from a lower position on the hill than most, Maruyama cruised to the win with a margin equivalent to 16 metres in distance.

"I want to produce jumps that energize everyone watching," Maruyama said.

Japan's Ryoyu Kobayashi won the men's event for his first victory of the season and 36<sup>th</sup> of his career after he flew 138 and 139.5 metres for 290.5 points. Domen Prevc of Slovenia was second on 287.3 and Felix Hoffmann of Germany third on 286.2.

"No way I thought I'd win it, but I managed to concentrate. It was a good performance," Kobayashi said. "The season has just begun. I hope to build on this." — Kyodo

Pulisic fires AC Milan to derby glory as Roma move top of Serie A

CHRISTIAN Pulisic fired AC Milan to derby victory with the only goal in Sunday's 1-0 win over Inter Milan, moving his side up to second in Serie A and within two points of new leaders Roma.

USA forward Pulisic pounced for his fifth goal of the season in the 54<sup>th</sup> minute after Inter goalkeeper Yann Sommer weakly palmed away Alexis Saelemaekers' low shot, Milan's only true opportunity of a tense encounter at a boisterous San Siro.

Pulisic has been excellent this season, with two assists to go with his joint league-leading goal tally for Milan, who have a great record against the top teams but have dropped points to the lesser lights.

"Often you're more on it for a big match, and we need to understand that we're vulnerable when we let the intensity drop," said Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri.

But Milan also had Mike Maignan to thank for the three points as the France goalkeep-

er kept out Hakan Calhanoglu's penalty in the 74<sup>th</sup> minute and tipped a Lautaro Martinez volley onto the post eight minutes before half-time.

Francesco Acerbi thumped a header onto the woodwork 10 minutes before as Inter dominated the play but couldn't find their way past Maignan.

Inter sit fourth, a point behind Milan and champions Napoli, and narrowly above high-flying Bologna.

Cristian Chivu's team now turn their attentions to Wednesday's Champions League clash at Atletico Madrid, where they can take another step towards direct qualification for the last 16 after winning all four of their previous matches.

"We're on the right track. We believe in the coach and the project, and we can't change our minds about that because of one defeat," said Marcus Thuram.

"We've got things we need to improve, but we can't throw everything out the window." — AFP

Real Madrid's lead cut to one point with Elche draw in La Liga

REAL Madrid's lead at the top of La Liga was cut to one point after a 2-2 draw in a chaotic game away to Elche on Sunday.

All of the goals came in the second half, with Aleix Febas putting Elche ahead after getting in behind Trent Alexander-Arnold eight minutes into the second half.

Dean Huijsen headed Real Madrid level in the 78<sup>th</sup> minute, but Elche was back ahead again six minutes later when Alvaro Rodriguez cut inside to beat goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois with a low shot.

Jude Bellingham saved a point for Real Madrid with an 87<sup>th</sup>-minute tap-in after good work from Kylian Mbappe and Huijsen, with Elche asking for

a foul from Vinicius Jr on goalkeeper Inaki Pena which the VAR did not give.

The home side ended the game with 10 men as Victor Chust was sent off in the 96<sup>th</sup> minute. Atletico Madrid won 1-0 away to Getafe, whose defender Domingos Duarte deflected Giacomo Raspadori's cross into his own net. — Xinhua



Kylian Mbappe (C) of Real Madrid dribbles the ball during the La Liga football match between Elche and Real Madrid in Elche, Spain, on 23 November 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA





# At Chengdu fair, EU businesses see China as a future co-builder

**T**HE 18<sup>th</sup> Europe-China Business & Technology Cooperation Fair concluded Friday in Chengdu, southwest China's Sichuan Province, with more than 600 government officials, business leaders and experts from over 20 countries attending the event.

Jointly hosted by the China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC) and the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China, the fair serves as a high-level platform for precise match-making between European and Chinese businesses. Its goal is to foster meaningful and sustainable cooperation across a range of sectors.

Since its inception, the fair has attracted over 12,600 Chinese and European companies, facilitated nearly 30,000 matchmaking sessions, and led to more than 3,300 intent cooperation agreements, according to the CCOIC.

Under the theme "Mutual Trust and Connectivity, Shared Success and Prosperity," this year's event underscored a growing consensus among European stakeholders that China is not a dependency, but a vital partner with ample room for collaboration.



Participants attend the Europe-China B2B Matchmaking Meeting during the 18<sup>th</sup> Europe-China Business & Technology Cooperation Fair in Chengdu, southwest China's Sichuan Province, 20 November 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Zoltan Hidveghy, managing director of PTE Inno Capital, the technology transfer arm of Hungary's University of Pecs, came to Chengdu looking for partnerships in research, biotech and

commercialization.

"We are here to explore opportunities, not exactly investment in the traditional sense, but possibilities for collaboration," said Hidveghy, whose

university is developing an industrial park in Hungary and generates significant research and development (R&D) through its some 20,000 students and 11,000 staff. — Xinhua

## US, Ukraine draft "updated and refined" peace framework in Geneva talks: White House

THE White House said on Sunday that the United States and Ukraine drafted an "updated and refined" peace framework during talks in Geneva, Switzerland.

Both sides agreed to continue to work on joint proposals in the coming days, according to a joint statement released by the White House. And final decisions under this framework will be made by the presidents of Ukraine and the United States.

The statement also noted that Ukraine expressed its gratitude to the United States and to US President Donald Trump.

Earlier on Sunday, Trump lashed out at Ukraine in a social media post, accusing its leaders of being ungrateful. "Ukraine's leadership has expressed zero gratitude for our efforts," he wrote.

Representatives from the United States, Ukraine and European countries met in Geneva on Sunday as the White House pushes for agreement on a 28-point plan to end the Ukraine crisis.



US Secretary of State Marco Rubio (R) and Andriy Yermak, head of the Ukrainian Presidential Office, meet the press at the United States Mission to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland, 23 November 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Following a meeting between the Ukrainian delegation and national security advisers from Britain, France

and Germany, the Ukrainian side held bilateral talks with the US representatives. — Xinhua

## South Korea president warns of risk of accidental clashes with North

SOUTH Korean President Lee Jae Myung warned Monday of the risk of accidental clashes with North Korea, which has cut off all channels of communication with Seoul.

Lee, who has taken several steps to ease tensions since taking office in June, has offered discussions with the North without preconditions, in contrast to his hawkish conservative predecessor.

Pyongyang has yet to respond to Lee's overtures.

"Inter-Korean relations have, regrettably, turned very hostile and confrontational," Lee told reporters on a flight from South Africa, where he attended the G20 summit, to Türkiye.

"There is not even the most basic level of trust, and North Korea is making extremely extreme statements and taking extremely extreme actions," he said, giving examples of recent cases of North Korea installing triple layers of barbed-wire fences on the border. — AFP