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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.

NDSC offers Kathina robes to senior monks

The 2025 Kathina robe offering was valued at K167.79 million, comprising 49 Padethabin structures adorned with offerings worth K79.19 million and cash donations totalling K8.6 million.

THE National Defence and Security Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar held the Kathina robe offering ceremony for 2025 at the Aggadhipati Sasana Beikman in the precinct of Maravijaya Buddha Park of the Maravijaya Buddha Image in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory yesterday morning.

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla attended the ceremony to offer Kathina robes and alms to members of the Sangha.

Also, present at the ceremony were Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Presiding Patron of Thanlyin’s Minkyaung Pahtamabyan Buddhism Learning Centre Aggamaha Pandita, Aggamaha Saddhammajotikadhaja



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 offer Kathina robes and alms at yesterday’s event in Nay Pyi Taw.

Dr Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa, Secretary of SSMNC Presiding Patron of New Masoeyein Monastery of Mandalay, Dhammathameikdi Monastery Sayadaw Aggamaha Pandita, Aggamaha Saddhammajotikadhaja, Maha Dhammakathika Bahujanahitadhara Bhaddanta Vasettha Bhivamsa, Ovadacariya Sayadaws of Up-patasanta Pagoda Board of Trustees, and 27 invited members of the Sangha.

The Senior General paid homage to the Maravijaya Naungdawgyi Buddha Image in the Beikman building and offered meals in the alms-bowl, flowers, water, oil lights and fruits.

The Senior General, his wife and attendees viewed around the display of Padethabin structures decorated with offerings.

The Senior General, his wife and con-

gregation took the Nine Precepts from Thanlyin Minkyaung Sayadaw. Members of the Sangha recited the Metta Sutta.

The Senior General and his wife offered Kathina robes and alms to Thanlyin Minkyaung Sayadaw and Abbot of Sein Raza Sasana Linkaya Buddhism Learning Centre of Pobbathiri Township, Bhaddanta Vajirapani Lankara Bhivamsa.

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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.

### National Unity Party (NUP) and Arakan Front Party (AFP) deliver campaign speeches

THE electoral speech of the National Unity Party (NUP) and Arakan Front Party (AFP) is featured on page 10 and 11 of today's issue of The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper.

### Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Department of Rehabilitation Information Centre for Trafficked Persons (Yangon, Mandalay)

Yangon ☎ 01 8666619  
Mandalay ☎ 02 2830423

**Yangon address**  
64, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road,  
Mayangon Township.

The trafficked persons can  
contact and ask for help.

**Mandalay address**  
Near Shwegyin Than Lan, Boetawtoe  
Ward, Aungmyaythazan Township.

### Maravijaya Buddha Image in Nay Pyi Taw hosts Tazaungdine festival

THE three-day Tazaungdine festival at the Maravijaya Buddha Image, which is located in the Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw, will be held from 2 to 4 November with the lighting festival, release of hot-air balloons, music concert and Matho robe-weaving events.

In the square of the Maravijaya Buddha Image, there will be a recitation ceremony by the Buddhist people, a 9,000-candle lighting event and LED lighting decorations. In addition, there will be a Matho robe-weaving competition, a nighttime lantern release, and

hot-air balloon competitions.

In addition, the night market will feature MSME product booths, ethnic traditional foods, and over 300 booths selling local products and goods. In addition, games for fans, many famous singers such as Kai Za, Wai La, Nay Min Eain, Hlawn Paing, Shwe Htoo, G-Fat, Wai Gyi, He Lay, Phyto Gyi, will perform nightly, along with the music of Hi Bird Band and Runner Band, as well as the nightly dance performance of famous theatrical dancer Phoe Chit will be included. — ASH/MKKS

#### Myanmar Gazette

### Appointment of Head of Service Organization confirmed

THE National Defence and Security Council has confirmed the appointment of U Htet Shan Phyto, Director-General of the Union Minister's Office of the Ministry of Energy, on the expiry of a one-year probationary period.

### Special Weather News

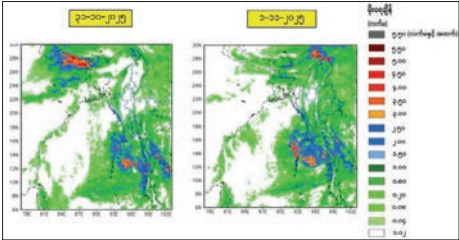
Issued at 4 pm MST on 30 October 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, due to the easterly waves and due to the unstable air condition over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Sagaing, and Magway Regions and Kachin, northern Shan States and fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, and Rakhine, and (southern and eastern) Shan States with regionally and isolated heavy falls in some region during 31 October 2025 to 5 November 2025.

Squalls with rough seas are likely at times in off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30-35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 8-10 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 strikes, lightning, hail, flash floods and landslides in hilly areas and near small rivers and to make necessary preparations for inland water transport, domestic flight and irrigation dams. — DMH



### Top websites and web portals to access Military Service Rules

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| 2. Ministry of Defence<br><a href="https://www.mod.gov.mm">https://www.mod.gov.mm</a>                            | 5. Myawady Webportal<br><a href="https://myawady.net.mm">https://myawady.net.mm</a>       |
| 3. Ministry of Legal Affairs<br><a href="https://www.mlis.gov.mm">https://www.mlis.gov.mm</a>                    | 6. Myanmar National Portal<br><a href="https://myanmar.gov.mm">https://myanmar.gov.mm</a> |



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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)

NDSC offers Kathina robes to senior monks

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The Commission Vice-Chairman, Vice-Senior General Soe Win and his wife Daw Than Than Nwe also donated Kathina robes and offerings to the SSMNC Secretary, Presiding Patron of New Masoeyein Monastery of Mandalay Dhammatheikdi Monastery Sayadaw. Commission member and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Commission member and Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe and his

wife, Commission member and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo and his wife, commission members and their wives, Union-level dignitaries, Union ministers and their wives, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives donated Kathina robes and alms to members of the Sangha. The Senior General and his wife, together with the congregation, listened to the question

and answer session of Member of the Nay Pyi Taw Sangha Nayaka Committee, Administrator Sayadaw of Ngwetaung Tawya Moastery of Tatkon Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Kodañña and Member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Abbot of Pyinmana’s Ohntaw Monastery Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Tissa. SSMNC Secretary Dhammatheikdi Monastery Sayadaw delivered a sermon while the

Senior General, his wife and congregation shared merits gained. After the ceremony, the Senior General and his wife, together with the congregation, offered day meals to members of the Sangha led by Thanlyin Minkyaung Sayadaw. Also, present at the ceremony together with the Senior General and his wife were 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 and officials. At the donation ceremony, the value of the Kathina robe offering for 2025 amounted to K167,790,400 including 49 Padethabin structures decorated with offerings worth K79,191,050 and K8,599,350 in cash. — MNA/TTA

Union Chief Justice attends Kachin State High Court foundation stone ceremony

UNION Chief Justice U Tha Htay attended the auspicious ceremony to lay the foundation stone for the new Kachin State High Court building at the designated construction site in Mankhein Ward, Myitkyina, at 9 am yesterday. The ceremony took place at the pavilion on the compound where the new building will be constructed. Kachin State Chief Minister U Khet Htein Nan, Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Aung Zaw Htwe, member of the National Defence and Security Council’s Central Advisory Body Daw Dwe Bu, Kachin State High Court Chief Justice Daw Aye Aye Maw and justices of the Kachin State High Court attended and took their designated seats. They

consecrated the site with perfumed water and performed the foundation stone laying rites. Union Chief Justice U Tha Htay poured ceremonial gold, silver and jewels to mark the auspicious occasion, and then inspected the construction area. The building will be constructed under strategic area (1), Strategic Goal 1.4 and Programme 1.4.1 of the third year work plan (2025) of the five-year judicial strategic plan (2023-2027). The four-storey reinforced concrete building, measuring 206 feet in length and 135 feet in width, will be constructed by G3 Group Limited. — Kachin State IPRD/KZL



Chief Justice of the Union U Tha Htay drives the ceremonial pile to lay the foundation stone for the new Kachin State High Court building.



NATIONAL

Basic and advanced military training for UTC teachers and students concludes

THE basic and advanced military training courses for UTC volunteer teachers and students, which began on 1 October 2025, successfully concluded yesterday. Closing ceremonies were held in Nay Pyi Taw Council, Bahtoo in southern Shan State, Chaungzon in Mon State, Hmawby in Yangon Region, Pathein in Ayeyawady Region, and Toungoo in Bago Region.

The chief ministers of relevant regions and states, commanders, relevant officials, coaches, teachers, students and invitees attended the event, and the chief ministers, commanders and officials delivered speeches respectively.

The officials presented gifts to the trainees and prizes to the prize-winning students. They also cordially greeted the trainees.

A total of 1,088 teachers and students of the 2024-2025 academic year attended the



The concluding ceremony for the basic and advanced military training for UTC volunteer teachers and students is in progress yesterday.

courses, which were conducted for 30 days. The training offered different subjects such as phys-

ical fitness, Myanmar martial arts, military drill, small arms, individual field expertise, tac-

tics, morale and ideology, engineering, first aid and shooting exercises. Moreover, it provid-

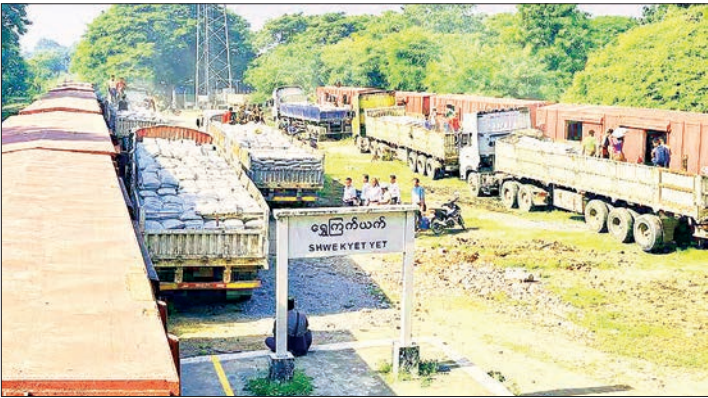
ed field trips for the trainees to widen their knowledge scope. — MNA/KTZH

Special train delivers cement to Sagaing for reconstruction

A special cargo train has delivered the construction materials required for rehabilitation and reconstruction work in Sagaing Region.

The train, carrying a total of 9,720 bags of cement weighing 486 tonnes, arrived at Shwekyatyet Station in Mandalay yesterday morning. Responsible officials inspected the consignment. The cement will be distributed for use in rehabilitation and reconstruction projects across the Region.

In addition, a total of 2,229.63 tonnes of HRB 500 steel bars, 49,000 roofing sheets (4-an-



This image shows the arrival of construction materials at the Shwekyatyet Station in Mandalay.

gle, 0.33 mm) and 19,460 bags of cement weighing 973 tonnes have been delivered for reha-

bilitation and reconstruction efforts in Mandalay and Sagaing Regions. — MNA/MKKS

Free Basic Real Estate Course Batch 52/2025 held

THE Myanmar Real Estate Services Association's Free Basic Real Estate Course (Batch 52/2025) was held for two days at the association's training hall on Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon. The course took place on 30 and 31 October.

The programme covered topics such as real estate laws, urban land and land management in Yangon, property sales systems, and essential knowledge for professional real estate agents. A total of 166 trainees attended the course. — MNA/MKKS



The opening of the 52<sup>nd</sup> basic real estate course is underway.

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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)



Mount Popa Geopark unveils 15 new sites for Tazaungdine holiday visitors

LOCATED near Kyaukpadaung Township in Mandalay Region, Mount Popa National Geopark – a lush tropical landscape rich in ancient geological heritage – has opened 15 designated sites for both local and foreign visitors to explore during the open travel season around the Tazaungdine holidays, according to the Mount Popa National Geopark Warden Office.

Visitors can observe naturally formed rocks that date back approximately 320,000 years, originating from an extinct volcano. During the monsoon season, they can also explore the forest areas, home to medicinal plants, sandalwood trees, and rare species such as the golden deer, the white-browed gibbon, and various bird species. As Myanmar’s first national geopark, Popa offers not only striking natural beauty but also valuable educational opportunities.

“During the Thadingyut holidays, Mount Popa attracted a large number of visitors, particularly during the Boe Taw Festival. Some travellers also visited the Popa Mountain National Geopark. The park currently features 15 designated

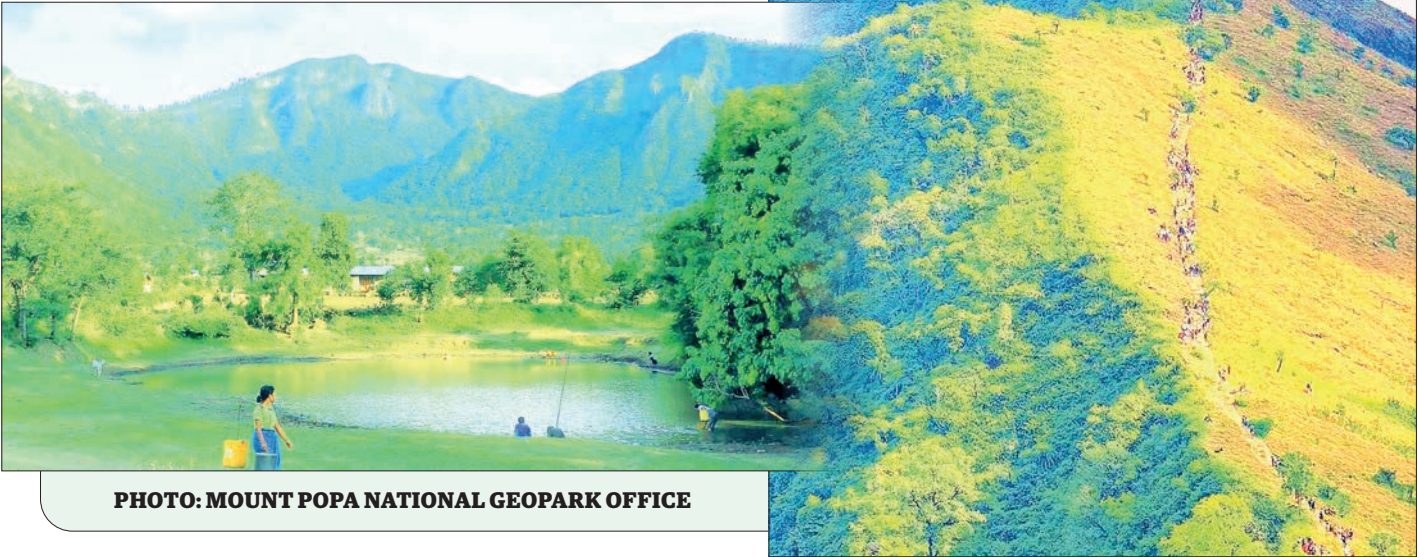


PHOTO: MOUNT POPA NATIONAL GEOPARK OFFICE

sites, with plans to add another 14. It will remain open throughout the Tazaungdine holidays for visitors to explore,” said an official from the Geopark Warden Office.

Situated along the route to the ancient cultural city of Bagan, the area provides accommodation for travellers and showcases the natural beauty of the dry zone, with verdant hills, rural landscapes, wildlife, and rare bird species. Visitors can enjoy relaxing walks and explore attrac-

tions such as Mount Popa Peak, volcanic rock formations, Ayeyawady sandstone layers, the Thonehtat Kwe volcanic fault, Ayeyawady rock strata, Taungni chalcedony and clay caves, herbal and educational centres, the sandalwood forest, the Myanmar golden deer compound, cliffside bird nests, highland viewpoints, basaltic streams, Hill Village viewpoints, Popa Cliffs chalcedony, the Taung Nya Hill viewpoint, the foot of Mount Popa,

and the Gaemo Lake area. In December, many travellers also hike to the summit of Mount Popa on foot.

Mount Popa National Geopark was officially inaugurated on 20 March 2024. A geopark serves to preserve geological heritage, biodiversity, culture, archaeology, and traditional lifestyles, while promoting education, research, and sustainable development for local communities. — Thitsa (MNA)/KZL

Hotel service training course opens to support tourism development



This image shows the course opening event at the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism (Mandalay).

TO support tourism development, the Mandalay Region government sponsored the opening ceremony of the Hotel Service Training Course at the Shwe Nan Htaik Hotel in PyinOoLwin yesterday afternoon. Mandalay Region Minister

for Economic Affairs U Thein Htay first delivered the opening address. This was followed by U Zaw Myo Latt, Director of the Mandalay Region Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, who provided details about the training course. A trainer then

gave a brief explanation of the training programme.

The course will train a total of 81 participants, including 39 trainees in the Food and Beverage Catering Course and 42 trainees in the Bedroom Maintenance Course, with sessions held for five hours per day.

The ceremony was attended by Mandalay Region Minister for Economic Affairs U Thein Htay, Director of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Zaw Myo Latt, staff and officials from relevant departments and hotel and tourism associations, trainees, and invitees. — Oattha/MKKS

Myanmar’s oldest citizen, 121, honoured with cash award

A ceremony was held on 28 October at the home of Daw Pan Nwe, a 121-year-old woman from Kawthoung, Taninthayi Region, who is recognized as the oldest grandmother in Myanmar, to present her with an honorary cash gift in recognition of her longevity.

Daw Pan Nwe, who resides on Pale Twin Road, Shwe Zin Yaw Ward, Kawthoung, received an honorary cash award of K1 million from the Department of Social Welfare, as well as additional gifts from the District and Township Women’s Affairs Committees and the Supervisory Committee for Maternal and Child Welfare.

In commemoration of the International Day of Older Persons on 1 October, the Department of Social Welfare, under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, coordinated with the Department of National Registration and Citizenship, under the Ministry of Immigration and Population, to identify and honour the two oldest citizens in Myanmar, each aged 121 years, with a cash award of K1 million.

The two oldest citizens recognized nationwide are Daw Pan Nwe from Kawthoung, Taninthayi Region, and U Thein Aung from Htantabin Township, Yangon Region. — ASH/KNN



NATIONAL

Deepawali Laxmi Puja and Lighting Festival celebrated in Yangon

DEEPAWALI Laxmi Puja and lighting festival was organized by Myanmar-India Friendship and Development Association with the collaboration of the Indian Embassy to Myanmar at Myawady Media Centre in Yankin Township in Yangon yes-

terday. Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Abhay Thakur, Myanmar-India Friendship and Development Association Patron and Education Committee Chairman U Nay Oke (Saint Paul) and Myanmar-India Friendship

and Development Association Chairman U Zaw Zaw Naing and relevant officials first offered flowers, water, oil lamps and fruits to the Buddha image at the Maha Laxmi Goddess temple in Baukhtaw Butayon Street in Yankin.

For the lighting festival at Myawady Media Centre, Chargé d’Affaires of the Embassy of India to Myanmar, Chairman of the Myanmar-India Friendship and Development Association, and Chairman of the All-Myanmar Hindu Central Council cut the

ceremonial ribbon to inaugurate the event.

The Indian Ambassador and relevant officials pressed the electric button to inaugurate the signboard of Deepawali Laxmi Puja and lighting festival, and lit the oil lamp together with the guests.

The ambassador and relevant officials made remarks, and festival organizing committee chairman Mr Naresh Kumar expressed gratitude.

The Indian Embassy hosted a dinner event and performed Myanmar-India cultural dances.

The event was attended by YMBA (Central) Chairman U Ye Tun, Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group (Central) Chairman U Wunna, Indian diaspora members, and invitees from Hindu associations. — MNA/KTZH



Indian Ambassador Mr Abhay Thakur and Myanmar-India Friendship and Development Association Patron U Nay Oke (Saint Paul) press the ceremonial button to unveil the Deepawali Laxmi Puja and Lighting Festival yesterday in Yangon.

MoEP implements measures to boost electricity generation

THE Ministry of Electric Power is working in various ways to generate more electricity from the existing generations, said Union Minister U Nyan Tun.

He made the remarks at a meeting with employees at the Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation (YESC) headquarters in Ahlon Township, Yangon, on 27 October.

The ministry is planning to expand power generation to meet the demand in Yangon Region, as well as to increase the transmission capacity. The Union minister urged that all must work together on projects to improve

the availability of a stable power supply, and to make spot checks, cross checks, counter checks and surprise checks to ensure there is no illegal power theft.

Moreover, he emphasized collecting 100 per cent of utility bills to avoid waste, to prevent misuse, and to supervise correct readings.

The Union minister also said that the ministry is a public service department, so the people should be treated properly and kindly to provide the best service, and all should work together to improve the ministry’s image. — Htun Htun/ZN



A meeting with employees on the status of electricity supply in Yangon Region.

Myanmar, Chinese cardiologists treat children with congenital heart disease at Yankin Hospital



The donation ceremony of the Yunnan Provincial Department of Foreign Affairs in progress yesterday in Yangon. PHOTO: KANU

AS part of Myanmar-China friendship, the Department of Paediatrics from Yankin Children’s Hospital (Yangon) and the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences from Fuwei Hospital of Yunnan Province of the People’s Republic of China jointly diagnosed and treated children with congenital heart disease at Yankin Children’s Hospital yesterday.

A total of 28 children with congenital heart disease, who

were being treated at Yankin children’s hospital, were examined, and arrangements are being made to take, children who need surgery to Fuwei hospital of Yunnan Province of the People’s Republic of China, for treatment, as they have previously provided free transport.

As a part of the China-Myanmar Friendship Health Support, the Yunnan Provincial Department of

Foreign Affairs donated nutritional supplements to children with congenital heart disease aged six months to nine years old who are undergoing heart treatment at Yankin Children’s Hospital on 25 October in cooperation with the Kunming Yundi Behaviour and Health Research Centre (China) and the Myanmar-China Relations Association. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/MKKS



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Everyone born and raised on this land is responsible for being loyal to the nation

❖ In accordance with the saying, “One must be grateful to those who have provided for them,” those who were born and raised on this land are responsible for remaining loyal and grateful to the nation.

(An excerpt from the greetings extended by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, at the meeting with trainees, administrators and instructors of the basic and advanced maritime and aviation courses 1/2025 held on 21 May 2025)

Myanmar and Russia hold panel on anti-corruption in public procurement

A panel discussion titled “Respecting and Complying with Anti-Corruption Provisions in Public Procurement Processes” was held yesterday afternoon via videoconference at Meeting Hall 2 of the Anti-Corruption Commission Office. The event took place under the 2024-2026 co-operation programme between the Anti-Corruption Commission of Myanmar and the Office of the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation.

The Commission Office’s Permanent Secretary, U Htein Lin, along with the deputy director-general, directors and other officials, attended the discussion.



The panel discussion on Respecting and Complying with Anti-Corruption Provision in Public Procurement Processes’ is underway yesterday.

Representatives from the Russian Prosecutor General’s Office and the Anti-Corruption Commission delivered the opening remarks.

Officials from the Russian Prosecutor-General’s Office presented discussions on several topics, including “Anti-Corruption Programmes and the Participation of Prosecutors in International Events (Meetings, Workshops, Forums),” “Prosecutorial Oversight of Compliance with Anti-Corruption Laws in

Public Procurement Processes,” and “The Use of Modern Technologies in the Activities of the Prosecutor General’s Office of the Russian Federation”.

Subsequently, officials from the Anti-Corruption Commission addressed subjects such as “Taking Action in Accordance with the Anti-Corruption Law against Corruption Cases Arising in Public Procurement Processes” and “Participation in International Anti-Corruption Activities and Events (Meetings, Workshops, Forums)”. Participants also engaged in an exchange of questions and answers on matters of mutual interest. — MNA/KZL

Over K1.1 bln worth of drugs seized in Pinlaung and Pyigyidagun



An arrestee is seen alongside seized drugs and vehicle.

A combined team, including members of the Drug Enforcement Division, seized narcotics and stimulants worth over K1.14 billion in Pinlaung Township and Pyigyidagun Township, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

Acting on information, the team intercepted a Dongfeng vehicle driven by Shaing Bo (aka) Nga Mawk near Leinli Village, Pinlaung Township, at about 4.30 pm on 23 October. The authorities seized 74 kilogrammes of heroin

blocks, 9 kilogrammes of Happy Water, 1,000 ecstasy tablets, 11.2 kilogrammes of ketamine, and 114,000 stimulant tablets.

Following the investigation, at about 2.30 pm on 24 October, the team seized a NISSAN twelve-wheel truck driven by Zin Phyoo Oo (aka) Ko Phyoo between 55<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> Streets and between 141<sup>st</sup> and 142<sup>nd</sup> Streets in Pyigyidagun Township, along with 6.17 kilogrammes of crystal methamphetamine (Ice) and 775 grammes of Happy Water.

In total, the seizures included 6.17 kilogrammes of ice (valued at approximately K15.425 million), 74 kilogrammes of heroin blocks (valued at approximately K14.8 million), 9.775 kilogrammes of Happy Water (valued at approximately K63.3 million), 1,000 ecstasy tablets (valued at approximately K4.5 million), 11.2 kilogrammes of ketamine (valued at approximately K11.2 million), and 114,000 stimulant tablets (valued at approximately K5.7 million), with a total value exceeding K1.149 billion.

According to the findings, the owner of the two vehicles, Ye Soe Oo (aka) Ye Naing, who remains at large, transported narcotics and stimulants from Myawady to Hpa-an and Mandalay through Yaza Lin (aka) Maw Si, also still at large, and through Shaing Bo (aka) Nga Mawk. Action has been taken against the offenders under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, and efforts continue to expose accomplices in the drug-trafficking network, the Myanmar Police Force said. — MNA/KZL

Myanmar detains 51 illegal immigrants, uncovers 143 undocumented entrants from 17 nations

MYANMAR detained 28 Indonesians, 20 Filipinos, two Nepalis and one Vietnamese, totalling 51 individuals, involved in telecom fraud and other criminal activities in Kayin State, yesterday, and also another 143 foreigners from 17 countries were identified.

Between 30 January and 30 October 2025, a total of 10,691 illegal immigrants were identified and detained in Myanmar. Of this number, 9,365 individuals have already been deported through Thailand to their respective countries, while arrangements are being made to deport the remaining 1,326 individuals. These individuals are currently under detention while awaiting repatriation. The government is strictly cracking down on online scams and online gambling by cooperating with other countries, including neighbouring countries. — MNA/KTZH



Immigration processes are underway for the deportation of undocumented foreign entrants.



## Reduce air pollution to shape a healthy environment

As the world’s population continues to grow year by year, air pollution has become a significant environmental issue due to expanding industrial activities and modern machinery. While a single country cannot eliminate air pollution on its own, it must be recognized that if all nations make concerted efforts and cooperate, air pollution can be reduced to some extent.

Air pollution is occurring as a result of global warming, climate change, and the simultaneous advancement of technology. The large amounts of carbon dioxide and other gases released from factories, industrial plants, and motor vehicles enter the atmosphere and cause air pollution. The effects not only threaten human health but also endanger the lives of animals and the growth and survival of trees and plants.

As part of its air pollution prevention efforts, Myanmar has been collaborating with neighbouring countries on transboundary smoke and haze control initiatives in line with the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (AATHP) and its subsequent roadmaps, which provide a legal framework and action plans for preventing and mitigating haze. Local communities are being educated about the harmful effects of smoke and haze and are encouraged to adopt preventive practices, particularly avoiding the burning and clearing of fields before the next planting season, to prevent the occurrence of smoke and haze in their areas.

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In addition, due to shifting cultivation practices, experts and relevant officials are educating local farmers about soil degradation and deforestation and are helping them adopt better agricultural techniques. Most importantly, everyone, both locally and globally, should act responsibly to prevent air and environmental pollution through their own behaviour. Only by doing so can people live in a cleaner environment and maintain their long-term health.

The main contributors to air pollution are gases that contaminate the atmosphere, such as carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, and other unpleasant-smelling substances. Smoke and gas emissions from factories and industrial plants, as well as exhaust fumes from various motor vehicles, also pollute the air. In particular, due to the increasing global consumption of fossil fuels, the release of carbon dioxide has risen significantly, gradually bringing air pollution to its highest levels.

Carbon monoxide emissions from motor vehicles can disrupt the oxygen transport in the blood, reducing oxygen supply to the brain and heart, which can severely harm human health. Deforestation also contributes to air pollution, and the burning of leaves, garbage, plastic waste, and harvested fields, as well as fumes from agricultural chemicals, further pollutes the atmosphere.

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ELECTIONS are one of the most important parts of a democratic system because they give citizens the right to choose their leaders and take part in shaping the future of their country. Through voting, people can express their opinions and make their voices heard in the decision-making process. In Myanmar, the upcoming general election, which will be held on 28 December, is an important event for all citizens. It gives the people a chance to select representatives who will work for the progress and stability of the nation. However, many people often ignore the importance of voting or feel that their single vote does not matter. The purpose of this article is to explain why voting is a vital civic duty and to discuss the possible consequences when citizens fail to participate in elections. Understanding these points will help everyone become more responsible and active members of society.

### The Meaning and Power of Voting

Voting is one of the most powerful ways for citizens to take part in their country’s political life. It allows people to influence important decisions and choose leaders who represent their ideas and values. When citizens cast their votes, they are not only selecting candidates but also expressing their hopes for a better future. Each vote is

a voice that contributes to how a nation is governed and what direction it will take. In a democratic society, the government’s power comes from the people, and voting is the main tool that connects citizens to their leaders. Even a single vote can make a difference in shaping leadership, creating fair laws, and promoting national development. Therefore, voting is not just a right; it is also a responsibility that gives every individual the power to build a stronger and more just society.

### Citizen Rights and Responsibilities

In a democracy, voting is not only a basic right but also an important civic duty that every citizen should take seriously. Having the right to vote means having the power to influence how the country is governed, but using

that right shows a person’s sense of responsibility towards the nation. When citizens participate in elections, they help shape the government and contribute to the common good of society. Voting shows that people care about their community and are willing to take part in improving it. It is

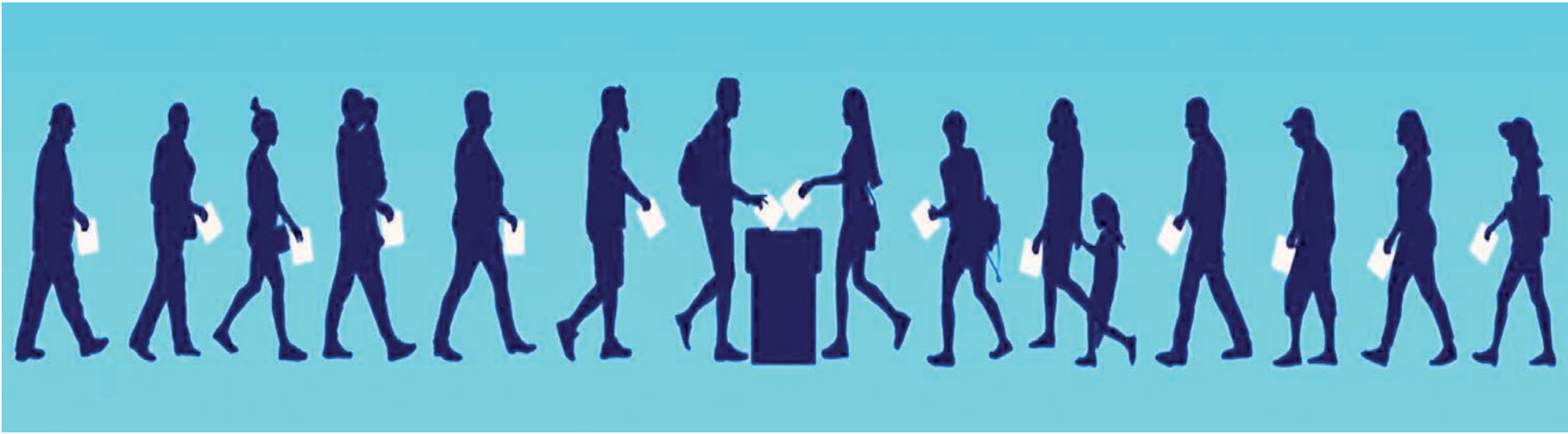
also a way to hold leaders accountable and to make sure that the government reflects the will of the people. By voting, citizens demonstrate their active involvement and commitment to building a fair, peaceful, and progressive society where everyone’s voice truly matters.

### Consequences of Not Voting

Choosing not to vote can lead to many negative outcomes for both individuals and the country as a whole. When people do not vote, they lose the chance to make their voices heard and to influence the direction of their nation. This silence allows others

# Electoral Voting and the Rights of Citizens in Myanmar

By Yin Nwe Ko



to decide on important issues that affect everyone’s lives. As a result, citizens may end up being governed by leaders who do not truly represent their values, needs, or interests. Moreover, failing to vote weakens the ability of people to protect their personal and community rights, as decisions will be made without their participation. Non-voters may also be seen as disengaged or irresponsible, showing little concern for the future of their country. Therefore, not voting means giving up one’s power and responsibility in shaping

various social and political factors. Many citizens still hesitate to vote because they lack trust in the electoral process or doubt that their votes will truly make a difference. In some areas, limited access to information and difficulties in reaching polling stations have also discouraged people from participating. Additionally, voter apathy – when people feel indifferent or disconnected from politics – has reduced overall engagement. These issues highlight the need for greater public awareness and confidence in the democratic process. As the upcoming election on December 28 approaches, it is important to encourage all eligible citizens to take part actively. Increasing voter participation will help ensure fair representation and strengthen democracy in Myanmar.

### Recommendations to Encourage Voting

To strengthen democracy and increase voter participation in Myanmar, several practical steps can be taken. First, access to reliable information and civic education should be improved so that citizens clearly understand the importance of voting and how the election process works. When people are well-informed, they are more confident and motivated to take part in elections. Second, special awareness campaigns should target young people and students, as they represent the future of the nation. Encourag-

ing a fair and democratic society. **Voter Participation Trends in Myanmar**

In recent years, voter participation in Myanmar has shown both progress and challenges. While some elections have seen strong public interest, others have experienced lower turnout due to

# Two Contradictory Processes in Education: Memory Vs Forgetting

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo’s Song)

MOST students would like to memorize by heart the studies that they have conducted at any time. That is to say, the majority of students have little desire to revise or recall school lessons which they have taken. This may be just because they themselves are bored with their lessons, or they got exhausted while they were studying, or they do not want to give time to their studies any more at all. Whatever reason it is, we are certain that memory and forgetting usually go hand in hand through a learning process in education as a contradiction in terms of study. Here, some can

think that having learnt studies by rote will depend on a student’s memory or natural intelligence. It is an undeniable fact, simply because a person’s born voice, intelligence and genes must never be changed even by himself. Hence, a student of high intelligence, generally speaking, can store as many studies in their brain as possible in the long term, whereas a student of low intelligence will be able to do so to some extent in the short term. But forgetting does not occur due to a student’s memory alone. A forgetting process can come about due to types of memory and learning inhibition, as well

as learning styles.

Technically, there are three types of memory which a person has: episodic memory, semantic memory, and procedural memory. An episodic memory means that a person likes to remember an event from beginning to end or only in parts. For example, a student can tell his first day of school, describing what he did on that day, such as crying out loud or sitting still for fear of seeing the headmaster. Semantic memory refers to the fact that a person can see or get general terms or detailed information about something or someone around them. Owing to this semantic memory,

students can talk about the literal meanings or connotations of words on some subject matter with their eyes shut. At last, a procedural memory implies that a person is given to doing something in the same serial order. For instance, a student rides a bicycle, plays football or plays the guitar well with the help of his procedural memory.

Also, depending on the time a memory takes, memories are psychologically divided into two types. They are nothing but a short-term memory and a long-term memory. Simply and clearly, a short-term memory is a type of memory with which a person

forgets something soon after he sees or knows it. In my personal opinion, this memory may be closely connected to a student’s intelligence. As always, less intelligent students have a short memory; apart from that, they have a good memory for what they want to. On the other hand, highly intelligent students have a long memory for the simple reason that whilst studying, they often use mnemonics, especially created by themselves if necessary, first-hand experience or down-to-earth thoughts connected with school lessons whenever possible. Really and truly, it cannot be said that any



Revision should be done as often as possible to avoid losing new knowledge or committing errors in studies. **ILLUSTRATION: STOCKCAKE**

intelligent student ever forgets all things. To be said as a proverb, to forget is human nature only. Not only students but also teachers sometimes lose their memory for a while throughout the teaching-learning process of education.

On top of that, memory loss can happen on account of learning inhibition – the interference

in a teaching-learning process by restricting or preventing the subject matter of study. There are found two types of learning inhibition have been found, namely proactive inhibition and retroactive inhibition. Proactive inhibition is defined as the process in which the first learned thing interferes with the second one for a student. For example, a student learns history and then English. If he does not absorb English quite well, he is certain to get interfered with proactive inhibition. Conversely, retroactive inhibition is the process in which the first learnt thing interferes with the second one. For instance, a student studies geography and then science. After science, he tries to think back to geography, but is unable to do so, just because of retroactive inhibition. Forgetting the subject matter that to has studied before will be on the same lines.

ing them to see voting as both a right and a responsibility can help build long-term civic habits. Third, community organizations, social groups, and local leaders should work together to promote voter participation through discussions, events, and outreach programs. By spreading knowledge and inspiring civic pride, these efforts can help create a culture of active citizenship where everyone takes part in shaping the country’s future.

In conclusion, voting is one of the most vital rights in a democracy, giving citizens the power to shape their nation’s future. It represents freedom, equality, and the collective voice of the people. *When individuals choose not to vote, they risk losing their influence in important decisions and allowing others to decide for them. Non-participation weakens democracy and can lead to leadership that does not truly reflect the will of the people.* Every vote counts and contributes to building a fair, peaceful, and prosperous society. Therefore, all eligible citizens should recognize their responsibility and take part in the upcoming election on 28 December. By voting, they not only exercise their democratic right but also show their commitment to the progress and stability of Myanmar. Active participation in elections is the key to a stronger and more representative democracy.

As far as I can see, many students encounter retroactive inhibition in their studies. On no account should students try to recall the first known thing immediately after the second one, therefore.

So, what should students do in order not to forget school lessons over a relatively long period? They must have a deep understanding of school studies, perform insight learning, do practice and repetition of these studies as often as possible. Needless to say, practice makes perfect, which means that the more practice students do as regards their school studies, the fewer careless mistakes or flaws resulting from a forgetting process they are inclined to commit. And unless a student wants to forget something new to learn or make a mistake on study, revision or repetition should be done by students as many times as they can.





# 2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

## National Unity Party clarifies its policy, stances, procedures

National Unity Party (NUP) Chairman U Han Shwe presented policies, stances, procedures and other matters of the NUP through broadcast media (radio, MRTV) on the evening of 30 October. The full speech by the NUP chair is as follows: —



**To Esteemed voters,**

Wishing you good health and happiness!

I, U Han Shwe, Chairman of the National Unity Party, would like to extend my gratitude to the State officials and the Union Election Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for allowing me to address our party’s policies, stances and procedures through broadcast media. I’d like to express my immense happiness to have a chance to engage directly with the voters who will shape the future of our nation and people.

**Esteemed voters,**

During a brief explanation of the party, establishing a political party must have fundamental, precise and strong political policy, a political spectrum, political practices and organizational structure. Our party has a firm policy guideline based on “**for the well-being of the people**”. Our party’s political ideology is not the pursuit of individual and group self-interest, yet prioritize the well-being and common interest of the majority or the entire community, including distinct groups like farmers, workers, professionals and business people. Our party upholds the principle that the **people are our mother and father**, with a people-centric model of governance that prioritizes the interests of citizens. The party’s ideas, concepts and practical actions are not carried out with the conviction that they must not harm the public interest, yet must bring the benefit of the people.

The guiding principles of our party are “**Myanmar Way for People’s Benefit**”, clearly stating that the policies set for the nation and people must be closely aligned with the interests of the people, such as farmers, workers, intellectuals, intelligentsia, business people and so on.

While putting those policies and principles into practice, we must explore doctrines, principles and practices in line with the Middle Way, acknowledging mistakes and working to overcome them.

Our party is the longest-standing political party

with a dignified history in the multiparty democratic system, marking its 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 24 September 2025. The long-standing history is built on the members’ affection, respect and trust for the party, their perseverance, diligence, efforts and unity. Through the long history, the party faced different challenges with calm and mature presence and fostered qualities like tolerance, patience and forgiveness, resulting in a positive outcome. Responding to criticism and fault-finding directed at the party calmly, with resilience and mature approaches, resolved problems amicably and increased the number of friends without enemies. In dealing with officially registered parties under the Political Parties Registration Law in the multiparty democratic system, we do not hold attitudes of major parties or minor parties and treat all parties equally with respect and work together.

**Esteemed voters,**

Our party, named after NUP, represents of variety of ethnic people, established party committees in regions and states with members of ethnic groups actively participating in the operations. A total of 103,745 out of 151,900 members submitted in accordance with the rules and directives issued by the Union Election Commission and were approved. The National Unity Party has also formed township committees in 285 townships and district committees.

The NUP commemorated events and days of significance (Independence Day, Union Day, Workers’ Day, Peasants’ Day, International Women’s Day, International Youth Day, including the anniversary of the party) at central committee headquarters and offices in regions and states, with a view to strengthening patriotism, religion, national unity and solidarity.

**Esteemed voters,**

I would like to address the topic of **Peace and Stability across the nation**. Ethnic unity is a crucial prerequisite for peace and stability. Since the core of our nation’s politics is national unity and solidarity, we must find a bottom-up approach where different ethnic groups recognize this and come together voluntarily to engage in a practical dialogue to achieve common goals.

NUP fully embraces democracy and enormously believes in the federal system. Our party has firmly established three stances related to our approach to the ethnic people:

1. Ensuring equality for all ethnic groups, without any special privileges for any
2. Supporting cultural preservation and entity, ensuring each ethnic group thrives and sustains its existence in terms of language, culture and tradition
3. Achieving ethnic equity, uniform and balanced

development  
**Esteemed voters**

Our party’s conviction is that peace cannot be achieved through the accumulation of weapons. Nonetheless, it comes through dialogue and intense negotiations. We actively participated in drawing a political framework to secure the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement to pursue peace and national reconciliation through political dialogue. We also joined the peace conferences at different levels. The party vowed to continue to strive vigorously to foster peace and stability across the nation.

**Esteemed voters**

The National Defence and Security Council and the Union Election Commission announced that a multiparty democratic general election will be held on 28 December 2025 and in January 2026. I strongly believe that this election is genuinely needed for the nation and the people. I anticipate it will contribute to a certain degree of progress towards the nation’s stability and peace. I would like to encourage people to participate in elections if they truly desire democracy.

Democracy and elections are inseparable like the head and tail of a coin. I earnestly urged all voters to cooperate in ensuring a peaceful and inclusive election.

Our party considers a successful election as its primary responsibility. We have already submitted a list of 703 candidates standing for the NUP in the election to the Union Election Commission to run for seats in Hluttaw, making the party the second-largest party in terms of candidates competing across the nation. NUP prioritized a balance in choosing candidates by identity characteristics like gender, age and ethnicity.

**Esteemed voters**

The NUP has already respectfully and publicly clarified and declared the party’s election manifesto to the people, pledging to improve access in various sectors: economic system, political system, social affairs, education, healthcare and socioeconomic inequalities if elected to office. We will wholeheartedly welcome and accept the outcome of the election that will be decided by the people. At a time when voters express their aspiration, I like to mobilize voters and encourage them to cast a ballot for the National Unity Party, featuring the symbol of the rice ear and pinion emblem.

May people be endowed with physical health, well-being and happiness!



## MEVM installation training begins in Muse

A training course on installing the Myanmar Electronic Voting Machine (MEVM) was conducted yesterday morning at the General Administration Department in Muse, Shan State (North).

At the event, the Secretary of the

District Election Subcommittee and the Chairman of the Township Management and Administration Committee gave speeches. Next, the Township Election Subcommittee Secretary explained in detail the installation pro-

cess of the MEVM. The polling station supervisor, deputy supervisor, and ward or village-tract clerks who attended the event installed and tested the voting machines and carried out trial voting. — Cherry Myay (Muse)/TH





# 2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION



## Arakan Front Party clarifies its policy, stances, procedures

Arakan Front Party (AFP) Chairman Dr Aye Maung presented policies, stances, procedures and other matters of the AFP through broadcast media (radio, MRTV) on the evening of 30 October.  
The full speech by the AFP chair is as follows: —



Mingalaba!

**Dear fellow citizens of the Union,**

First of all, I would like to extend my best wishes for your physical and mental well-being. I am Dr Aye Maung, Chairman of the Arakan Front Party (AFP).

Every Union-level political party seeks governmental authority to implement its political, economic, and social objectives. Similarly, region- and state-based parties aim to lead their respective governments and hold key positions such as speaker or deputy speaker in the regional or state Hluttaw.

The Arakan Front Party (AFP) believes that nation-building – essential for helping the Myanmar people overcome current political, military, and economic crises, along with natural and man-made disasters – is of paramount importance. The Party therefore regards participation in key pillars of Nation building and State building – political stability, National security, the rule of law, peace, national reconciliation, and national unity – as both practical and essential.

The AFP also prioritises the stability and peace of Rakhine State, the repatriation of displaced persons, and the reconstruction of rural and urban communities to restore the people’s livelihoods, contributing fully to these reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts through both short- and long-term policies and programmes.

**Dear fellow citizens,**

Recognising the geopolitical and strategic importance of Rakhine and the potential for foreign influence, the AFP was founded to establish a strong, principled, and united political system. It aspires to represent the educated Rakhine people as a patriotic, visionary, and moderate nationalist force capable of addressing regional challenges.

**Dear esteemed citizens,**

I would now like to present the seven founding objectives that AFP laid down at the time of its establishment.

- To strive for Rakhine State to stand with dignity within the Union as a state fully entitled to the rights of democracy and federalism;
- To cooperate and work together with other ethnic nationalities in building a Union based on democratic and federal principles;
- To promote and safeguard the interests of the Rakhine people, Rakhine ethnic groups, and other ethnic nationalities residing within Rakhine State, and to protect these interests for their long-term sustainability;
- To work towards the genuine flourishing of the

democratic system;

- To strive for the unity of the Rakhine nationals and for the emergence of a clean and strong political system;
- To priorities and endeavour to safeguard the western border security of the Rakhine region, which not only concerns the existence of the Rakhine nationals and Rakhine State but also poses a potential threat to the sovereignty of the entire Union;
- To exert utmost efforts for the stability, peace, and development of Rakhine State.

**Dear esteemed citizens,**

Among the plans of the Arakan Front Party (AFP), the following are of particular importance:

- To work together with other ethnic nationalities to ensure that the Rakhine people fully enjoy their rights within the Union, which is to be built upon democratic and federal principles;
- To strive for the emergence of a Union founded on democracy and federalism;
- To promote democracy, improve human rights, and uphold the rule of law;
- To work towards achieving internal peace;
- To make efforts to amend or rectify matters inconsistent with the democratic and federal principles upon which the Union is to be based;
- To protect and promote the interests of ethnic farmers in Rakhine State;
- To safeguard and advance the interests of ethnic workers in Rakhine State;
- To ensure that the Rakhine people receive the maximum possible benefits from foreign investments operating within Rakhine State;
- To discover, preserve, and promote Rakhine literature, culture, customs, and other heritage, and to work for the inclusion of major Rakhine historical and cultural sites on the World Heritage List;
- To improve opportunities and conditions in education, healthcare, social welfare, and the economy;
- To prioritize and strengthen the security of Rakhine State’s western border areas;
- To ensure that all ethnic nationalities of Myanmar, including the Rakhine people, can work safely and securely abroad and return to their homeland with dignity;
- To create employment opportunities within Rakhine State so that displaced Rakhine people can resettle in their native areas;
- To cooperate with the international community in efforts to mitigate global warming and to contribute to related initiatives within Rakhine State;
- To actively participate, to the fullest extent possible, in disaster relief and rehabilitation efforts in response to natural and human-induced disasters affecting Rakhine State;
- To strive for the emergence of industrial zones and promote local and border trade for the development of Rakhine State;
- To continuously build and strengthen the Party’s policy framework and human resource capacity in preparation for taking on responsibilities should the opportunity arise to lead the Rakhine State

Government;

- To strive for the physical, intellectual, and moral development of Rakhine youth and sub-ethnic Rakhine youth;
- To explore and implement effective strategies for the eradication of narcotic drugs.

**Dear esteemed citizens,**

The short-term and long-term priority plans of the Arakan Front Party (AFP), particularly emphasising the current military and political crises, are as follows:

- To work in collaboration with all relevant parties until peace is fully restored across the Union;
- To strive for the establishment of a Union based on democracy and a federal system;
- To dedicate efforts towards peace, stability, and socio-economic development in the Rakhine region;
- To actively ensure the mental and emotional well-being and security of the people;
- To facilitate the return of Rakhine conflict-displaced persons to their homes and strive for the restoration of their socio-economic livelihoods;
- To address the difficulties faced by the Rakhine population due to high transportation costs and the resulting high prices of basic food and consumer goods;
- To promote peaceful, harmonious, and law-abiding coexistence among the various ethnic groups in Rakhine State;
- To participate actively in nation-building and reconstruction efforts;
- To engage in the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the Rakhine region.

**Dear esteemed citizens,**

For our party to effectively implement its policies and programmes, its nominated candidates must be elected to the respective legislatures.

Both the party and its candidates must earn public confidence through knowledge, integrity, courage, and moral character. They must be honest, dedicated, and diligent in serving the nation, its regions, and all ethnic communities.

**Dear fellow citizens of the Union,**

**Dear Rakhine nationals and members of the Rakhine community,**

We respectfully urge voters to assess the party and its candidates carefully and to cast their votes for those who embody integrity, intelligence, and devotion to Rakhine State, the Union, and lasting peace and development.

**Dear citizens of the Union,**

May you soon experience peace, stability, security, and development. May Rakhine State achieve peace and stability as quickly as possible. May all those displaced by conflict be able to return to their homes swiftly.

Arakan Front Party  
(Central Executive Committee)





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Mills purchase export rice at fair rates despite price drop

THE international rice price has fallen by 40 per cent compared to last year, leading to a decline in export price of rice such as Ae-ma-hta and Ngasein, but respective mills are buying wet paddy at K1.1-1.2 million and dry paddy at K1.3-1.4 million, according to the Myanmar Rice Federation.

Following the negotiations to boost exports and enable a fair market price for exporters, millers and farmers, mills are buying at these rates, it stated.

However, recent social media reports have suggested that the price of rice has fallen to K800,000. These reports are just a copy and share from social media without concrete data on



A farm in the export zone that only grows export rice varieties.

producing villages, farmers, rice type, fertilizers and agricultural chemicals.

MRF has suggested that if the price is really that low, the complete data should be sent to the federation, which will then negotiate fair prices.

Sinthukha, Manaw Thukha, Phantee Thukha, and 90-day varieties should be given priority as they have export markets in China, it said.

If the price of wet rice falls below K1.1 million, the farmers are advised to send their village name, farmer name, rice variety, estimated baskets to sell and contact numbers to the MRF at 01 21826668 and 01 230112829. — MT/ZN

Rice warehouses handling over 25 tonnes must register on MyRO



Rice sacks are neatly stacked in a warehouse.

THE Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) has informed warehouse operators and wholesalers to register on MyRO at [www.myro.com](http://www.myro.com).

mm for the procurement of over 25 tonnes of rice, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Those registered warehouses need to update their full inventory list correctly on their account within the first seven days of every month. The warehouse operators will face action or get their registration and permits suspended or both if they are found failing to abide by the rules during inspection, according to Order 82/2024.

Individuals can enquire details of the registration at the nearest office in the regions and states, or through the website. — ASH/KK

CBM to sell over US\$1M to edible oil importers

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$1.037 million to edible oil-importing companies on 29 October, in addition to an injection of over 821,000 yuan into the market.

CBM announced on 28 October that it would sell \$22 million and 100 million baht to those engaged in the fuel oil industry.

Furthermore, CBM sold over \$1.3 million, purchased from CMP companies, to edible oil-importing companies in addition to sales of 180,000 yuan in the market on that day.

CBM pumped over \$1 million into the edible oil import sector and \$290,000 into the fuel oil import sector on 27 October, in addition to sales of 300,000 yuan in the market.

CBM sold over \$1.988 million to edible oil-importing companies and \$242,600 to fuel oil-importing companies on 24 October.

CBM pumped over \$39 million purchased from CMP companies into the market in September 2025. Moreover, CBM also injected over \$680,000, 6.2 million yuan and 300,000 baht into the market through the foreign exchange market on-

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

Oil meal prices surge

THE Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization stated that oil meal prices soared in late October in the Mandalay commodity depot on account of high demand from feedstuff processing plants.

The meal prices of oil crops (peanut, sesame, sunflower, mustard) have grasped a firm market like pulses and maize.

Under the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund (2025), an inception workshop for conducting research and development activities for the soybean crushing project to ensure self-sufficiency of cooking oil and soybean meal was held on 22 October at Nawarat Hall in Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw. Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung stated that the ministry has been implementing development projects to enhance the socioeconomy of the rural community with the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund. The Establishment of a Soybean Processing Plant through Research and Development for Cooking Oil and Soybean Meal Sufficiency in Myanmar is a new initiative by the Department of Agricultural Research by reflecting on past achievements.

Myanmar has to import almost 58 per cent of its edible oil consumption from international markets, leading to an outflow of foreign currencies. The soybean meal is of vital importance for the livestock sector since 0.6 million metric tonnes of soybean meal are annually brought into the country. The ministry is endeavouring to fulfil the need for local consumption with local products. This project is a strategic approach to tackle those needs with domestic capabilities, research and technology and produce quality soybeans. The main objectives of this project are strengthening the whole value chain from soybean cultivation to the value-added products like cooking oil and soybean meal, the Union minister added. — NN/KK



Joint Red Cross training in Yangon enhances commercial first aid marketing skills

THE Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) Resource Mobilization and Utilization Department, in collaboration with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), opened the Marketing Management Training for Commercial First Aid course at the Chatrium Hotel in Yangon from 28 October to 30 October.

The course was opened to ensure that Commercial First

Aid (CFA) activities are carried out systematically in accordance with the CFA Guidelines, to provide participants with an understanding of the fundamental concepts of marketing and to facilitate the implementation of income-generating activities.

It is known that the opening ceremony featured welcome addresses by the President of the Myanmar Red Cross Society, Professor Dr Myo Nyunt, the National Society Development



Attendees pose for the commemorative group photograph at the opening ceremony of the Marketing Management Training for Commercial First Aid course.

Delegate for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Ms Laura Martinez, and the Corporation Specialist from the International Committee of the Red Cross, Daw Aye Thanda Tun.

A total of 28 Red Cross volunteers, who are the marketing focal points from Kachin State, Kayin State, Mon State, Yangon Region, Mandalay Region, and Ayeyawady Region, attended the training course. — ASH/ KNN

MoH appoints 174 new nurses

THE ceremony of appointing 174 new nurses who completed the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) was held on 29 October at the Ministry of Health in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the ceremony, the Health Union Minister presented a letter of order to two BSN fresher nurses on behalf of a total of 174, of them 84 completed BSN from the University of Nursing, Yangon and 90 completed BSN from



The ceremony of appointing new nurses was held.

the University of Nursing, Mandalay.

At the event, the Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win said the newly appointed nurses are supposed to serve healthcare for the public in different areas they are assigned, and he wants them to be

qualified and follow their professional ethics.

Using their basic nursing and midwifery skills, he wants them to be good, skilled nurses who want to serve the public with a good attitude, to have good behaviours, to be disciplined, and to be friendly to the public.

The Ministry of Health will continue appointing 3,287 new nurses in December 2025 and February 2026. — MT/ZS

Premiere show hosts for Myanmar film ‘Yinn’

THE premiere show for the major Myanmar film entitled ‘Yinn’ was held on 29 October at the Kanthaya Mingala Cinema in Yangon Region, according to actor Maw Kun Thit.

“I play a strong character in the drama series ‘Yinn’. I have performed a lot of bad characters. I think the fans will hate me. Although all the actors and actresses meet, they are not compatible with each other. I asked the director that the one who is friendly with me. He said that no one is compatible with me, so I have to argue with all. I have never played a villain character. It is an educational drama, so the fans will be educated after watching it. I apologize in advance for people hating me,” said actor Maw Kun Thit.

The actors in the drama series are Min Phone Myat, Min Taw Win, Kyaw Zin Min Myat, Kyaw Zin Htut, Maw Kun Thit, Htoo Myat Paing, Set Htoo Thit, Albert Paing, Su Htet Htet Kyaw, Aw Myat Khin and many others.

The 12-episode crime, drama and suspense series ‘Yinn’ began airing at 9 am on 25 October every Saturday and Sunday on the Hey Play App and Hey Play YouTube Channel, and at 8:30 pm on Fortune TV every Saturday and Sunday. — ASH/MKKS



This photo shows artistes from the film ‘Yinn’.

Bringing the highlands to Mandalay: Taunggyi-born vocalists to celebrate Tazaungdine



This image displays a promotional poster for the Taunggyi Artists' Festival Night music concert.

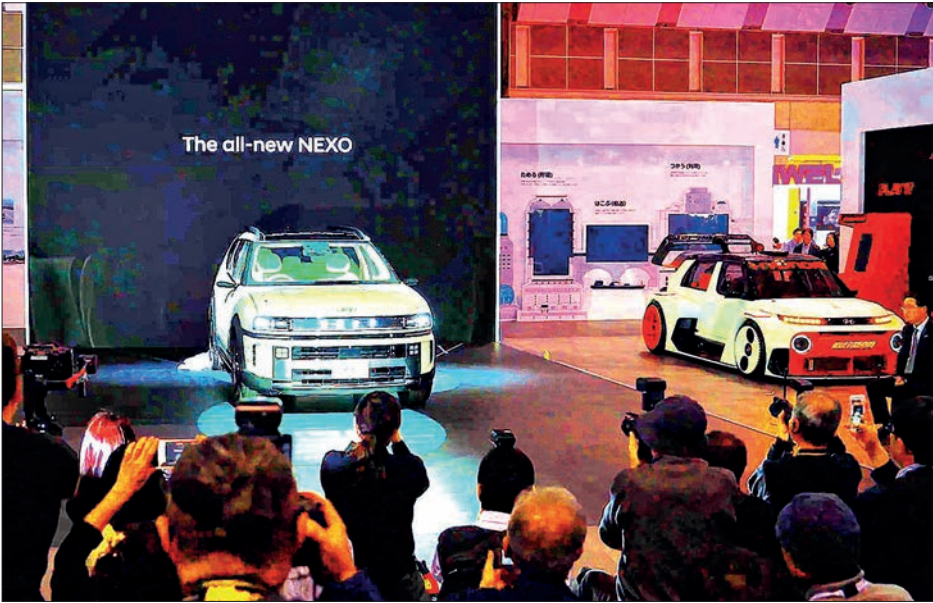
A music concert titled “Taunggyi-born Vocalists’ Festival Night”, featuring six artists native to Taunggyi, will be held at The Square Theatre Bar in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Region, at 5 pm on 4 November.

The event aims to capture the unique spirit of Taunggyi during the Tazaungdine Festival period. According to the organizer, “Taunggyi and the Tazaungdine Festival are inseparable. It would be wonderful if audiences could enjoy this distinct atmosphere at The Square Theatre”.

The concert will showcase the six vocalists from the Shan highlands, who will be accompanied by graceful Shan dances. The organizer added, “You will feel as though you are back in the highlands, and you can listen again to the timeless songs that have stayed with us since childhood. So, let us all meet at The Square Theatre”.

The six Taunggyi-born vocalists scheduled to perform are Graham, Bo Phyu, Han Htun, Hlaing Oo Maw, Ko Aung, and Naing Wan, who are expected to deliver their best performances for the audience. — ASH/KZL





At the Japan Mobility Show in Tokyo, which kicks off on Thursday, Hyundai Motor and Kia are expected to make their first joint appearance. PHOTO: ANI

# Hyundai, Kia enhance green vehicle lineup in Japan

SOUTH Korean automakers Hyundai Motor Co and Kia Corp are ramping up efforts to expand their presence in Japan with new hydrogen and electric vehicles (EVs), as per a report by Pulse, the English service of Maeil Business News Korea.

At the Japan Mobility Show in Tokyo, which kicks off on Thursday, Hyundai Motor and Kia are expected to make their first joint appearance, targeting a market traditionally dominated by domestic automakers and internal combustion engine vehicles.

The report stated that before the event on Wednesday, Hyundai premiered The All-New NEXO, its latest hydrogen fuel cell electric SUV, while Kia debuted its PV5 purpose-built electric van. Local sales are set to begin in the first half of next year. Kia also showcased its INSTER, known in Korea as the Casper Electric, and KONA Electric. The automaker said it plans to enter Japan's electric van market next year with the PV5.

"The company expects rising demand as Japan aims to have 30 per cent of new car sales be electric by 2030," the release said. — ANI

# Kyrgyzstan's e-commerce market grows 15% in 2025

KYRGYZSTAN'S domestic e-commerce market in 2025 is estimated to have reached 525 million US dollars, up 15 per cent from last year, Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Adylbek Kasymaliev said Thursday.

Speaking at the E-commerce EXPO Central Asia 2025 in Bishkek, Kasymaliev said online purchases in the first half of the year totalled about 1 million transactions worth \$19.4 million — a 56-per-cent increase from the same period in 2024, according to the Cabinet's press service.

Kasymaliev described e-commerce as a powerful driver of economic growth and investment, saying it has brought major structural changes to the national economy.

"For Kyrgyzstan, e-commerce has become not just a new sector, but a powerful tool for economic growth and integration into regional and global supply chains. — Xinhua

# Universal says struck first licensing deal for AI music

RECORDING industry giant Universal Music Group said Thursday it had struck a licensing deal with AI music generation startup Udio, in an industry-first tie-up aiming to launch an AI creation platform next year.

Universal and Udio said in a statement that their platform, as yet unnamed, "will be powered by new cutting-edge generative AI technology that will be trained on authorized and licensed music".

They added that they had settled an outstanding copyright infringement case, without specifying the financial terms.

The agreement comes as artists, from authors to musicians and video game developers, fear eventual replacement by AI models trained on decades of human-produced creative output, while music streaming platforms already report a rising flood of computer-generated songs.

AI firms from industry leader OpenAI to music specialists like Udio and competitor Suno have been accused by major record companies of using their songs to "train" artificial intelligence models which can produce music that apes human artists. — AFP



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# Alphabet posts record quarterly consolidated revenues

ALPHABET Inc, the parent company of Google, on Wednesday reported record third-quarter consolidated revenues of US\$102.3 billion, a 16 per cent increase from the same period last year.

The company's net income for the third quarter surged to \$34.98 billion, up 33 per cent year over year.

Google Services total revenues increased 14 per cent to \$87.1 billion, reflecting robust performance across Google Search and other, Google subscriptions, platforms, devices, and YouTube advertisements.

Google Cloud revenues increased 34 per cent to \$15.2 billion, led by growth in Google Cloud Platform across core products, artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure and generative AI solutions. — Xinhua

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SPORTS

Hungary eyeing short track speed skating glory at 2026 Winter Olympics

WITH 100 days remaining before the Milan-Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games, Hungary's delegation is aiming to shine in short track speed skating and figure skating, Hungarian Olympic Committee (MOB) officials said here Wednesday.

MOB president Zsolt Gyulay said Hungary plans to send 17 to 19 athletes in short track speed skating, figure skating, cross-country skiing, curling and snowboarding.

"We expect to earn valuable points and possibly one or two

medals. Our strongest side is the short track, and we also have a chance in figure skating. But it is very competitive," Gyulay told Xinhua.

Hungary is among the few nations to have participated in all 24 editions of the Winter Olympic Games, winning 10 medals, including two golds, two silvers, and six bronzes.

In recent years, short track speed skating has gained popularity in Hungary, driven by the historic successes of its leading athletes — Xinhua



Lajos Kosa, president of the Hungarian National Skating Association, is interviewed at a press conference organized by Hungarian Olympic Committee to celebrate the 100-day countdown to the opening of the Milano-Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games in Budapest, Hungary on 29 October 2025. PHOTO: ATTILA VOLGYI/XINHUA



Myanmar fighter Thant Zin to compete at ONE Friday Fights 132

MYANMAR youth fighter Thant Zin will compete in the ONE Friday Fights 132 event to be held in Thailand on 7 November.

Thant Zin will face experienced Thai fighter Khunponnoi, aiming to end his current losing streak. Thant Zin has fought five bouts under ONE, winning two and losing three, with three

consecutive defeats in his latest appearances. He therefore needs to push hard to stop the run of losses.

Khunponnoi has fought nine bouts under ONE, winning seven and losing two. He is also known for defeating Myanmar fighters Son Rak and Moe Htet Aung. — Chit Ko Ko/KZL

Arteta hails 'special' Dowman after 15-year-old makes historic Arsenal start

MIKEL Arteta hailed Max Dowman's "special" performance after the 15-year-old prodigy became Arsenal's youngest-ever starter in Wednesday's 2-0 win over Brighton in the League Cup fourth round.

Ethan Nwaneri and Bukayo Saka scored in the

second half at the Emirates Stadium as Premier League leaders Arsenal earned a quarter-final at home to Crystal Palace.

But it was Dowman, still two months shy of his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, who stole the show with a dazzling display that climaxed when he was given a

standing ovation after coming off in the second half.

Gunners boss Arteta was delighted with Dowman's composed performance, which belied his tender years, even if his shy response to being picked was more in keeping with someone still of school age. — AFP

Esports Olympics no longer to be held in Saudi Arabia

SAUDI Arabia will no longer stage the inaugural Esports Olympics scheduled to be held in 2027, the International Olympic Committee announced on Thursday.

The IOC and the Saudi National Olympic Committee "mutually agreed that they will end their cooperation on the Olympic Esports Games", a statement said.

The first Esports Games was originally slated to be held this year in Riyadh but were postponed in February.

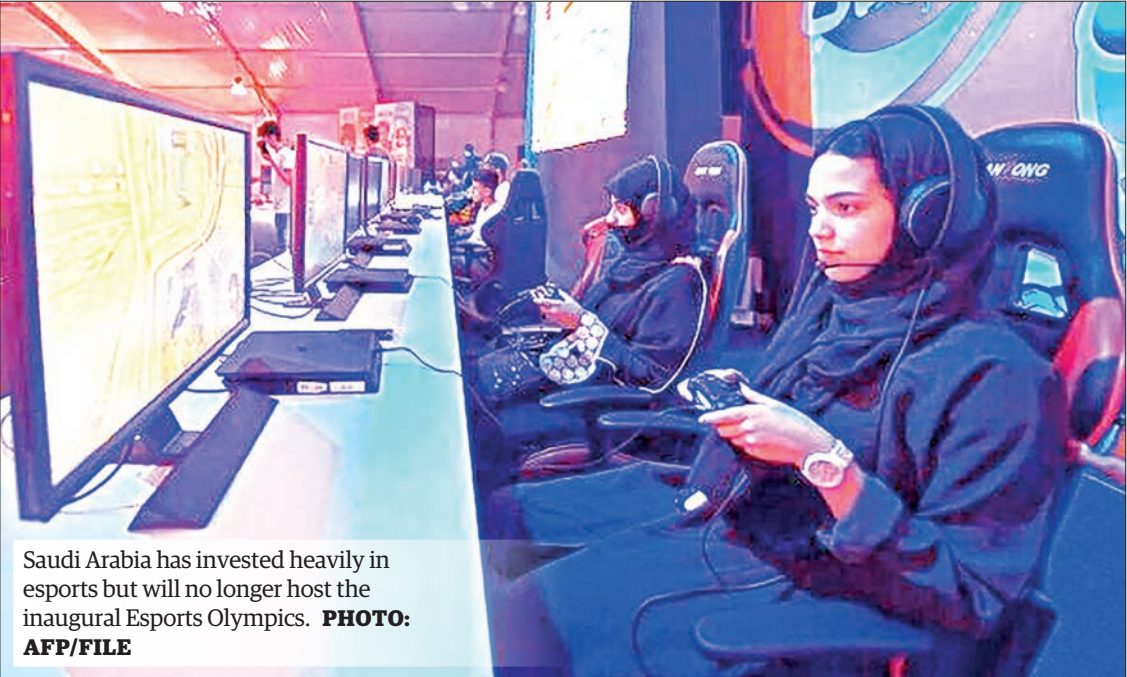
The Saudis were guaranteed the hosting of the Games for 12 years from 2025, when the agreement was first an-

nounced by the IOC in July last year.

Then-IOC president Thomas Bach had been influential in the creation of the event but has since been replaced at the helm by Kirsty Coventry.

Olympic Esports Series competitions, smaller virtual sports events run by the IOC, were held in 2021 and 2023. They were widely panned by gaming critics over the lack of traditional esports titles however.

"Recently, the two parties and the Esports World Cup Foundation sat down again and reviewed this initiative," the IOC statement added. — AFP



Saudi Arabia has invested heavily in esports but will no longer host the inaugural Esports Olympics. PHOTO: AFP/FILE





## Xi says China's development goes hand in hand with Trump's vision to "Make America Great Again"

*Xi expressed readiness to collaborate with US President Trump to establish a strong foundation for bilateral relations and foster a positive environment for the development of both countries.*

**C**HINESE President Xi Jinping said here Thursday that China's development and revitalization goes hand in hand with US President Donald Trump's vision to "Make America Great Again".

He made the remarks during a meeting with Trump after landing in Busan for the 32<sup>nd</sup> APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Gyeongju, and a state visit to South Korea.

Xi said the two countries are fully able to help each other succeed and prosper together.

"China and the United States should be partners and friends. That is what history has taught us and what reality needs," he said.

Xi also said he is ready to continue working with Trump to build a solid foundation for China-US relations and create a sound atmosphere for the development of both countries. — Xinhua



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with US President Donald Trump in Busan, South Korea, 30 October 2025.  
**PHOTO: HUANG JINGWEN/XINHUA**

## Digital rouble to make it possible to track budget spending: Central Bank head



The digital rouble is a new form of Russia's national currency set to complement cash and non-cash versions. Its full rollout is anticipated to begin in September 2026, with the Central Bank of Russia expecting it to become widely used within five to seven years. **PHOTO: SERGEI ILNITSKY / TASS**

**T**HE digital rouble will make it possible to track budget spending, Russian Central Bank Governor Elvira Nabiullina said on Thursday.

"The digital rouble will, by the way, make it possible to track in the budget whether money is being spent specifically on equipment purchases or construction work," Nabiullina said, speaking in the State Duma.

The digital rouble is a new form of Russia's national currency, complementing the existing cash and non-cash forms. It does not cancel or replace them. Large-scale adoption of the digital rouble is expected to begin in September 2026, and the Bank of Russia believes it will become a common means of payment within five to seven years. — SPUTNIK

## APEC growth projected at 3.1% in 2025

**E**CONOMIC growth in the APEC region is projected at 3.1 per cent in 2025, slightly higher than earlier estimates, according to the latest APEC Regional Trends Analysis.

The upgraded forecast was supported by resilient trade and strong demand for high-tech goods, according to the report.

However, the report warned that growth could ease to 2.9 per cent in 2026 as public debt rises and temporary drivers fade.

Trade expanded solidly in the first half of 2025, with export and import values rising by 6.5 per cent and 6.1 per cent, respectively.

Export growth is expected to slow to around one per cent next year as trade tensions persist, the report predicted. General government gross debt in APEC is projected to exceed 110 per cent of GDP by 2026, a significant increase from earlier forecasts. — Xinhua