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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.

**Eradication of online scams and online gambling prioritized in border areas**

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Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views round textile products at the booth of MSME exhibition in Mawlamyine yesterday.

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Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said so at the meeting with departmental officials and town elders at the Mon State Hall in Mawlamyine yesterday morning and discussed regional development measures.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior

General said that efforts are being made with priority to prevent online scams and online gambling in border areas. Infrastructure used as operational bases for these activities is being dismantled and cleared, and further decisive action will continue to completely eliminate them.

He continued that due to declining peace and stability in the border areas, some border gates have had to be closed. It has been found that some service personnel as well as certain ethnic armed organizations that have signed peace agreements with the government, have been involved in illegal trade for their own benefit, without maintaining loyalty

to the State.

He underscored that such illegal trade not only prolongs the existence of armed groups in the border regions but also causes losses to the State, as revenue and taxes that should be collected are not received.

With regard to development activities, the Senior General highlighted that upgrades of the pedestrians along the strand road in Mawlamyine are being carried out to allow the public to freely relax and enjoy recreational activities, including the construction of spaces for physical exercise. Efforts are also underway to expand Mawlamyine Airport,

accommodating domestic airlines and enabling additional runway extensions. Similarly, railway lines are being upgraded to enhance the rail transport sector.

He stressed that although the government has been constructing basic infrastructure, reconstruction efforts are ongoing to repair damage caused by certain destructionists. As a result, the progress of further national development projects has been delayed.

He unveiled that plans are underway to disburse more loans from the State economic promotion fund to agriculture, livestock and production activities.



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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.

**The 88 Generation Student Youths (Union of Myanmar) Party, and Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics Party deliver campaign speeches**

THE electoral speeches of the 88 Generation Student Youths (Union of Myanmar) Party and the Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics Party are featured on pages 10 and 11 of today’s issue of The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper.

**Notice on Early Voting Arrangements for University and College Students**

15 November 2025

AS universities, degree colleges, and colleges administered by the relevant Union ministries will soon reopen, students will be attending classes on 28 December 2025, when the date scheduled for the election.

Among these students, those who will be studying at universities, degree colleges, or colleges located outside the constituencies where their names are registered on the voter lists are also included.

Among the students who will be away from their registered constituencies, the eligible voters, who will be 18 years of age on 28 December 2025, to cast a vote according to the law, may cast advance votes to ensure they do not lose their right to vote. They can cast early votes showing their national identity cards or student identity cards issued by their relevant universities, degree colleges and colleges from 9 am to 4:30 pm between 17 and 21 November 2025 at the registered ward or village-tract subcommission offices before going to these institutions.

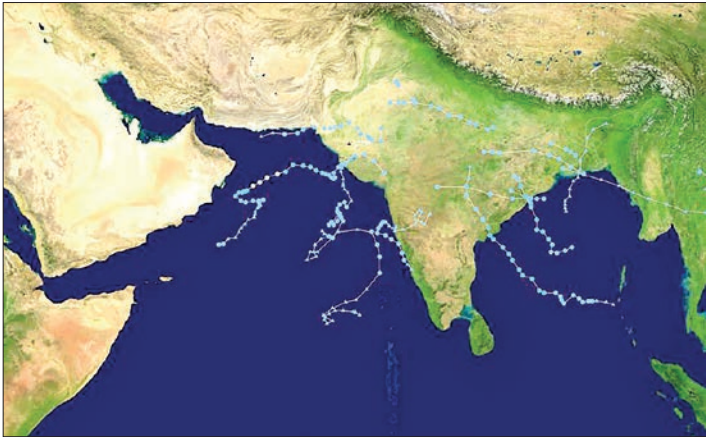
Union Election Commission

**Northern Indian Ocean experiences 2 cyclones, 3 depressions, 7 LPAs over six months**

DURING the six-month period from 24 May to 14 November 2025, the Northern Indian Ocean saw the formation of two cyclones, three depressions, and seven low pressure areas, said meteorologist U Win Naing, citing the MMWeather site homepage.

The detailed forecasts showcased occurrences during 24-25 May - depression in the Arabian Sea; 29-30 May-deep depression in the Bay of Bengal (BOB); 14-20 July-depression in the BOB; 15-16 July- land depression over North India; 25-27 July- depression in the BOB; 18-19 August-depression in the BOB; 6-11 September-land deep depression over Northwest India and Pakistan; 26-28 September-depression in the BOB; 1-3 October-deep depression in the BOB; 1-7 October- the first cyclone “Shakti” in the Arabian Sea; 22 October - 1 November- depression in the Arabian Sea; 25-30 October- the second cyclone “Montha” in the Northern Indian Ocean which resulted in nine fatalities US\$ 603 billion damage.

The upper air cyclonic circulation (UACC) currently forming in the Southern Bay of Bengal is expected to continue moving west and could intensify into a depression and the extreme weather La Niña began in October and could persist until February 2026, he also predicted. — Htun Htun/ZN



Name	Date	Peak intensity	Wind speed	Pressure	Area affected	Damage	Deaths	Rel.
ASHI	24-25 May	Depression	100 km/h	1000 hPa	Arabian Sea South of India	Minor	None	
ASHI	29-30 May	Deep Depression	120 km/h	980 hPa	Bay of Bengal	Minor	None	
ASHI	14-20 July	Depression	100 km/h	1000 hPa	Bay of Bengal	Minor	None	
ASHI	15-16 July	Land Depression	100 km/h	1000 hPa	North India	Minor	None	
ASHI	25-27 July	Depression	100 km/h	1000 hPa	Bay of Bengal	Minor	None	
ASHI	18-19 Aug	Depression	100 km/h	1000 hPa	Bay of Bengal	Minor	None	
ASHI	6-11 Sept	Land Deep Depression	120 km/h	980 hPa	Northwest India and Pakistan	Minor	None	
ASHI	26-28 Sept	Depression	100 km/h	1000 hPa	Bay of Bengal	Minor	None	
ASHI	1-3 Oct	Deep Depression	120 km/h	980 hPa	Bay of Bengal	Minor	None	
ASHI	1-7 Oct	Cyclone	150 km/h	950 hPa	Arabian Sea	Minor	None	
ASHI	22 Oct - 1 Nov	Depression	100 km/h	1000 hPa	Arabian Sea	Minor	None	
ASHI	25-30 Oct	Cyclone	150 km/h	950 hPa	Northern Indian Ocean	Minor	9	US\$ 603 billion

Conditions showing the low pressure areas, depressions, and land depressions that occurred in the Northern Indian Ocean during 2025.

**Low-Pressure Area Condition**

Issued at 2 pm MST on 16 November 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 12:30 pm MST today, the low-pressure area has formed over the Southwest Bay of Bengal, off the Sri Lanka Coast. It is likely to move slowly West-Northwestwards during the next 24 hours.— DMH



# NATIONAL

## Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

ARMED terrorists have been launching attacks by using residential homes and administrative buildings in towns and villages as cover, where they have forcibly settled. They aim to shield themselves from Tatmadaw counterattacks while also persuading temporarily displaced persons to return to their native areas and recruiting new members. That enables terrorists to use civilians as human shields. Tatmadaw is committed to safeguarding the sovereignty of the State and will respond to these threats based on intelligence and prevailing conditions. Therefore, residents in areas where terrorists have taken control must prioritize their safety and protect themselves from being exploited by these groups.

*(An excerpt from guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to Shan State cabinet members and state-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)*



Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects the Yamanya Stadium of the Sports and Physical Education Department in Mon State yesterday.

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The Senior General remarked that it is necessary to systematically plan production by calculating the local demand and supply needs. This approach will enable surplus products to be exported to other regions and foreign countries, thereby helping to increase regional income.

He underlined that as the country has been unable to achieve full per-acre yields for targeted crops, including paddy cultivation, an annual loss of around US\$8 billion occurs. Therefore, efforts should be made to increase per-acre productivity.

He spotted that production of frozen meat and fish leads to exportation abroad in order to contribute much to economic development of the State.

In the education sector, the Senior General noted that districts of Mon State have established industrial, agricultural and livestock plus basic education high schools to turn out human resources, essential for production industry of the region.

He added that efforts are being made to establish Polytechnic schools where students who have taken matriculation examination but were unsuccessful, as well as those who only completed basic or middle education, can receive training. This will allow them to gain employment opportunities and contribute in their respective fields to the nation's development.

He revealed that universities, colleges and basic education schools are fulfilled with sports facilities for students to take sports training at full capacity.

The Senior General underscored that the improvement of each individual's socioeconomic life, along with the development of each region, can also strengthen the national economy. Therefore, Mon State has to emphasize to promote the development and progress of its own regions.

Mon State Chief Minister U Aung Kyi Thein reported on development undertakings of the state, encouragement to MSME businesses, education matters,

and preparations to successfully hold the multiparty democratic general election.

Town elders and businesspersons submitted reports on supply of electricity at fair prices, extension of more flights for Mon State to attract travelers, and needs of quality seeds for rubber cultivation. The Mon State Chief Minister responded to their reports.

Union ministers and deputy ministers discussed loan disbursements for MSME businesses, cultivation of Robusta coffee

and rubber, expanded cultivation of mangrove forests, operations of bamboo-based industries, and enhancement of healthcare services for the people.

Also, present at the meeting were Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Union ministers, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of South-East Command and deputy ministers.

The Senior General viewed round display of MSME products from Mon State and gave neces-

sary guidance to officials.

He inspected the Yamanya Stadium of the Department of Sports and Physical Education in Mon State and gave guidance that sports fields should be developed to a high standard, enabling athletes to compete at proper levels. Spectators should also be able to watch and support the events in a manner consistent with the state-level standards.

The Senior General also visited the Mawlamyine Education Degree College in a motorcade. — MNA/TTA

### Salient points in the speech delivered by the Senior General at the meeting with town elders and officials in Mawlamyine

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NATIONAL

Online financial fraud and online gambling eradicated as national responsibility

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pointed out that beyond security and defence matters, regiments and units in each area must also strive, within their capacity, to contribute to regional development and to the socioeconomic well-being of local communities.

Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, said so on his inspection tour of general staff, adjutant and quartermaster measures taken by the South-East Command Headquarters yesterday morning.

Commander of the South-East Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Lin Maung reported to the Senior General on taking security, control of the region and rule of law in the area of the South-East Command, efforts to ensure smooth transport and security in the command area, progress in demolishing buildings of KK Park

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Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presides over the meeting regarding general staff, adjutant and quartermaster measures taken by the South-East Command Headquarters yesterday.

Salient points in the speech delivered by the Senior General on his inspection tour of the South-East Command

1. All military units and Tatmadaw members in the Military Command area must uphold and protect the honour of their respective units and organizations with strong military discipline.

2. Each Tatmadaw member must also be encouraged to develop the determination and courage required to enter combat.

3. They must maintain proper order and discipline, and ensure their units possess full combat readiness and capability through continuous training and supervision.

illegally constructed for scams and online gambling in Myawady Township of Kayin State, and emphasis placed on elimination of those who commit the online gambling and online scams, and illegal trade in the border regions with enforcement of rule of law.

In his speech, the Senior

General said that it is necessary to successfully carry out military operations, security measures, and territorial administration within the Military Command area. With regard to regional and national security, continuous attention and priority must be maintained. All necessary

security measures must be taken consistently. Major strategic routes within the Military Command area must be kept safe and smooth for travel and use. Efforts must also continue to eradicate online financial fraud and online gambling, taking these tasks as a national responsibility.

He continued that all military units and Tatmadaw members in the Military Command area must uphold and protect the honour of their respective units and organizations with strong military discipline. They must maintain proper order and discipline, and ensure their units possess full combat readiness and capability through continuous training and supervision. Training activities must be carried out correctly within each regiment and unit to strengthen defence capability. Each Tatmadaw member must also be encouraged to develop the determination and courage required to enter combat. In addition, necessary measures must be taken to help ensure the suc-

cess of the upcoming multiparty democratic general election. Beyond security and defence matters, regiments and units in each area must also strive, within their capacity, to contribute to regional development and to the socioeconomic well-being of local communities.

At the local Tatmadaw hospital in Mawlamyine Station, the Senior General warmly comforted Tatmadaw members receiving medical treatment for their injuries sustained in serving the defence and security duties of the State, asked about healing of their injuries and fulfilled the needs.

The Senior General also attended to the needs of the hospital. — MNA/TTA



NATIONAL

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)



Kachin State celebrates multi-ethnic cultural exchange, awarding men’s football tourney

THE opening ceremony of the multi-ethnic cultural exchange event, under the patronage of the Kachin State Government, was held yesterday morning at the Convocation Hall of Myitkyina University in Kachin State.

Member of the State Security and Peace Commission and Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Ethnic Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Union Minister for Electric Power U Nyan Tun, Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw, the Kachin State Chief Minister and officials attended the ceremony.

Initially, the Union Ministers, the State Chief Minister, members of the Central Advisory Body of the National Defence and Security Council, the Chief Justice of the State High Court, and the Chairman of the Association of Myanmar-China-India Exchange and Flow of Goods formally opened the multi-ethnic cultural exchange event. Following this, the State Chief Minister



Member of the State Security and Peace Commission and Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Ethnic Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae presents an honorary award to dance troupes in Myitkyina, Kachin State, yesterday.

extended greetings.

Subsequently, students from Basic Education High School No 6 performed traditional dances. They were followed by performances from a total of 22 dance troupes, showcasing traditional songs and narrative dances from

the region’s indigenous groups. These included the six Kachin sub-tribes, the five Shan sub-tribes, as well as ethnic groups coexisting in the region such as the Bamar, Kayin, Rakhine, and Chin, alongside cultural groups representing the Chinese, Gur-

kha, and Sikh communities.

After the performances, Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae presented a total honorary award of K1 million to each to the 22 dance troupes.

In the afternoon, the Union Ministers, the State Chief Min-

ister, and officials attended the final and award ceremony of the Kachin State Ethnic Affairs Minister’s Cup Multi-Ethnic Men’s Open Football Tournament, held at the Myitkyina People’s Sports Ground.

In a tightly contested final, the Zaiwa tribe football team played against the Lacheik tribe football team, with the Zaiwa team claiming the championship title with a 3-2 victory.

The State Minister for Ethnic Affairs awarded the third-place team, the Lhaovo tribe, with individual medals and an honorary award of K1 million. The State Chief Minister then presented the runners-up, the Lacheik tribe, with individual medals and an honorary award of K2 million. Finally, Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae presented the first-place team, the Zaiwa tribe, with individual medals, an honorary award of K3 million, and the championship trophy. — Kachin State IPRD/KZL

Month-long PyinOoLwin Flower Festival set for 6 Dec-4 Jan

THE National Kandawgyi Garden in PyinOoLwin will host its 18<sup>th</sup> Immersive Flowers Festival from 6 December 2025 to 4 January 2026, according to the Garden’s warden U Zaw Min Tun.

U Zaw Min Tun said, “We hold this festival to make the National Kandawgyi Garden a distinctive and unique attraction. We aim to display seasonal flowers in one place at the same time, with creative and ex-

ceptional designs, so that visitors can fully enjoy the experience. We intend to establish an internationally appealing annual flower festival for both domestic and foreign travellers, to support Myanmar’s floral industry, to foster public appreciation for environmental conservation, to promote Myanmar’s tourism sector, and to contribute to regional development. This year, we have also prepared various floral displays that differ

from those of previous years”.

During the one-month festival period, live musical performances and other entertainment programmes will be presented, particularly on busy days, including the opening ceremony. Additional performances, such as music shows, magic shows and dance presentations, will be held during Christmas, New Year, Independence Day and weekend holidays.



A glimpse of night scenery at the National Kandawgyi Garden in PyinOoLwin.

A market will also be opened on the festival grounds, offering consumer goods and food items,

as well as a special exhibition area showcasing regional products, locally made goods, and displays of trees and flowers for sale, it is learnt.

The National Kandawgyi Garden covers 436.96 acres, comprising 366.96 acres of land and about 70 acres of lake area. Established in 1924, the Garden has been managed on a 15-year lease by the Htoo Group of Companies since 2010. — ASH/KZL



# NATIONAL

## Union Chief Justice joins 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of ASEAN Chief Justices in Singapore

A Myanmar delegation, led by the Union Chief Justice, U Tha Htay, attended the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of ASEAN Chief Justices in Singapore, from 13 to 15 November 2025, at the invitation of the Chief Justice of Singapore, The Hon Sundaresh Menon.

The meeting was attended by Chief Justices and Heads of Judiciaries from ASEAN member states.

The Union Chief Justice attended the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of ASEAN Chief Justices at the Supreme Court of Singapore on 15 November. At the opening session, he delivered a speech alongside other ASEAN Chief Justices, heads of delegation, and the ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General.

Then CACJ Working Groups on the ASEAN Judiciaries Portal, Civil Proceedings, Case Man-



Union Chief Justice U Tha Htay and the Heads of Delegation from ASEAN Nations sign the Singapore Declaration at the 12<sup>th</sup> CACJ Meeting.

agement and Court Technology, Judicial Training and Education, Cross-border Disputes Involving Children, Conduct of Video Conferencing Hearings, ASEAN + Meetings and the Climate

Justice presented their reports regarding the activities carried out, the achievements gained and the working plan to be continued and obtain formal approval. During the meeting, the Union Chief

Justice discussed matters relating to the Myanmar judiciary.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chief Justices and the Heads of Delegation signed the Singapore Declaration, as the

result of the 12<sup>th</sup> CACJ Meeting.

The Union Chief Justice attended a series of sideline meetings and seminars held alongside the 12<sup>th</sup> CACJ Meeting. On 13 November, the Union Chief Justice attended the SICC-SAL Seminar on International Disputes, co-organized by the Singapore International Commercial Court and the Singapore Academy of Law. On 14 November, the Myanmar delegation's engagements included the ASEAN Insolvency Judges Meeting, a Seminar on the Transnational Practice of Law in ASEAN, the ASEAN Insolvency Judges and Practitioners Meeting, and the ASEAN Intellectual Property (IP) Judges and Practitioners Meeting. The delegation actively contributed to discussions throughout these events. — MNA

## Bamboo handicraft items enjoy good domestic demand and interest

BAMBOO handicraft items are enjoying good domestic market demand, but due to the low number of workers, production is prioritizing popular items, according to U Kyaw Win, a bamboo handicraft expert.

While the demand for bamboo handicrafts is strong in the domestic market, raw material costs and labour wages are rising, leading workers to be more selective in their work.

"The demand for bamboo items is good. Current basic worker's wage is over K 10,000. If people could do this work while staying at home, and earn for about K 8,000 to K10,000, then the industry would thrive. But when raw materials are expensive, and the cost of labour and the paints go up, people have to calculate the costs before working. They do it more as a hobby than for income. The domestic market alone has



Some bamboo handicraft items are seen.

strong demand, and there is a shortage in meeting the necessary supply," he said.

Due to these challenges, there is a prioritization of producing popular items for the market, such as lamps, decorative items, and household necessities often used in restaurants, hotels, and resorts.

With the recent rise in the

cost of raw materials and labour, the price of bamboo items has also increased slightly. He advised that due to current issues like clearing land for farming and incorrect methods of harvesting bamboo shoots, some bamboo scarcity is being faced, and it is necessary to grow private bamboo plantations. — MT/ZN

## Myanmar film 'Street Gang' hits cinemas nationwide in 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Nov

THE Myanmar film Street Gang will be screened in major cinemas across the country during the third week of November, according to Tyron, who stars in the film.

The story and script were written by Yone Lay, who also directed the film for Hunk Film Production.

"It is scheduled to hit cinemas on 20 November. In this film, I play a member of a street

gang. How does he become involved with a Thai mafia group because of his beloved girlfriend, Julia? How will he be rescued? Let's all find out what happens when the film is released soon," said actor Tyron.

The film features Yone Lay, Tyron, Htet Htet Tun, Shoon, JJ TH, Aung Lay, Rawana, Sit Nang, Bo Chan, and many other artistes. — ASH/MKKS

## Irene Zin Mar Myint to hold Solo Performance in Bago

SINGER Irene Zin Mar Myint will be holding a solo musical performance, according to the artiste herself.

Irene Zin Mar Myint stated: "I am scheduled to perform a solo concert in Bago on 22 November. The performance will also feature entertainment of M3 Jody DJ".

The solo musical performance by Irene Zin Mar Myint will take place at the Secret Garden Bar & Grill. The venue's resident musical group, the Echo Band, will provide their musical accompaniment, and the Shining Star Dancer Crew will also contribute to the show. — ASH/KZL

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(Excerpt from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman and Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the second monsoon tree-growing ceremony for 2025 in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory on 4 July 2025.)

Chinese Image Film Week, China-Myanmar Film Festival mark 75 years of diplomatic relations

AS part of a cultural exchange programme commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of China-Myanmar diplomatic relations, the 2025 Chinese Image Film Week and the opening ceremony of the China-Myanmar Film Festival, which will run until 19 November, were held yesterday afternoon at Nay Pyi Taw Cinema in Kyauktada Township, Yangon.

First, a video of the opening ceremony of the Chinese Image Film Week and the China-Myanmar Film Festival was shown.

Then, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia delivered a speech. After that, Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn said: ‘Previously, film festivals hosted by China were held annually in Yangon and Mandalay. Myanmar audiences have always been fond of Chinese films and have enthusiastically supported them at these festivals. In interactions between countries and peoples, even if some audiences do not understand the language, the portrayal of stories in films has helped people understand each other and brought them closer. Myanmar and China are cooperating in all areas, and the two



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn attends the opening ceremony of the China-Myanmar Film Festival in Yangon yesterday, while Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia delivering at the ceremony.



ing systems be improved.

Afterwards, they inspected the proposed parking lot on the land owned by Myanmar Railways in front of Wazira Cinema.

The Union minister then observed the filming of a Public Service Announcement (PSA), organized by the Myanmar Music Association (Central), promoting the successful holding of the 2025 multiparty democratic general election at Myanma Radio and Television on Pyay Road in Yangon, featuring well-known artistes.

Afterwards, the Union minister met with U Lwin Myint, Chairman of the Myanmar Music Association (Central), and the artistes, expressing his pride in their voluntary and active participation in promoting the election. Their efforts help provide accurate awareness to the people so they can vote freely and fairly, ensure that eligible voters do not lose their right to vote, and enable citizens to correctly choose leaders who will guide the development of the country and the region. The artists were also encouraged to continue striving to be beloved by the people, after which they were treated to lunch.

— MNA/TH

countries are also promoting exchanges and collaboration in the fields of information and culture.

He also expressed his belief that the opening ceremony of the 2025 Chinese Image Film Week and the China-Myanmar Film Festival held today would help Myanmar audiences learn more about China and strengthen the friendship between the two countries. He wished that the China-Myanmar Film Festival would continue as a valued tradition, with more films screened and festivals held in the coming years, and that the friendship between China and Myanmar would grow even stronger.

Then, the Union minister, the region chief minister, and other attendees saluted the State flag and watched the screening of the movie ‘Wu Kong’.

During the festival, eight Chinese films with Myanmar subtitles will be screened for free, including Wukong, Hello Mom, Moon Adventure, Eight Hundred Heroes, My Beloved Homeland, The Poet and the Black Cat, The Swordsman of the Desert, and Life with Mistakes. Visitors can register to watch the films.

The ceremony was also at-

tended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, regional ministers, and film enthusiasts.

In the morning, the Union minister inspected the upgrade of Wazira Cinema on Bogyoke Aung San Road in Kyauktada Township, Yangon, into an internationally recognized Red Carpet Theatre.

Then, in the meeting hall, relevant officials explained the ongoing upgrade work at Wazira Cinema. The Union minister directed that the cinema be renovated by March 2026, fully upgraded to meet standards, and that the seating, sound, and light-

Myanmar gold ornament gears up for global market entry

EFFORTS are being exerted to resume the export of Myanmar’s gold ornaments to international markets, said Chairman U Myo Myint of the Yangon Region Precious Metal (gold) Dealers Association.

The 12-karat gold ornaments will be primarily exported. The majority of them are ornamental items and personal adornments.

“Myanmar conveyed gold ornaments to Japan and South

Korea before 2020. Gold ornaments export shrank to almost nothing, forcing over 10,000 goldsmiths to be unemployed in Yangon. Gold exports will create job opportunities for goldsmiths. Foreign market prefers ornamental items and personal adornments made from pure gold. Therefore, the market is expected to recover. The gold jewellery made from 12-karat gold will be designated for exports. I expect there will be smooth

trade,” he added.

Over 1,000 gold shops have sought a metal (gold) trading licence in Yangon Region. There are 1,500 gold shop operators seeking a gold business licence, with two new shops opening every month, Yangon Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association. — ASH/KK

This photo showcases gold jewellery and ornaments crafted by Myanmar goldsmiths.





OPINION

Choose those who can benefit the nation and the people

THE date set for the 2025 multiparty democratic general election is gradually approaching. The Union Election Commission has announced that Part (1) of the election, scheduled for 28 December this year, will cover a total of 102 townships, while Part (2), to be held on 11 January 2026, will include 100 townships.

Under the new electoral system, only the Pyithu Hluttaw will continue to use the previous First-Past-the-Post (FPTP) system, while the Amyotha Hluttaw and the Region or State Hluttaws will adopt the Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) system. In fact,

When voting, decisions should not be based on emotions or personal reasons, but rather made with wisdom and sound judgment. Voters should cast their votes for individuals who can truly work for the good and benefit of the nation. By doing so, they will help ensure the flourishing of the democratic system for the country and for future generations.

number of representatives from ethnic and smaller parties are expected to enter the Hluttaw in the upcoming election. So, Hluttaw will provide broader opportunities to express and address the aspirations and needs of various ethnic communities through political and democratic means. Within the Hluttaw, it will become possible to openly discuss, collectively decide upon, and effectively implement matters related to the desires and objectives of different ethnic groups.

As political processes become stronger and political culture improves, the reliance on armed struggle will gradually diminish in the long run. Therefore, the people themselves must wisely choose representatives who prioritize public interests and can effectively serve the interests of their respective regions. Hence, they must clearly reject those with narrow views, acts of instability, and personal gain and ego.

When voting, decisions should not be based on emotions or personal reasons, but rather made with wisdom and sound judgment. Voters should cast their votes for individuals who can truly work for the good and benefit of the nation. By doing so, they will help ensure the flourishing of the democratic system for the country and for future generations.

SOME call it the British Boring Corporation. Some call it the British Bullshit Corporation. Take a pick! No matter how it is called, it's the same slimy fake news corporation.

They have been spreading fake news for decades. Millions of people in the underdeveloped nations faithfully listen and believe reports by these slimy journalists as "prophetic"! Myanmar has been on the front lines of the nonstop fake and fabricated news from The Corporation.

It is so big with a highly powerful, twisted PR machine at its disposal that they have managed to escape their sins for a long time. No one has been able to counter The Corporation. They have had multiple pedo-scandals. This is real! People in Myanmar should know all of this. Check online for these pedo-related scandals. There are other scandals too, but through and through, they managed to bury their crimes and move on business as usual.

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The BBC

By Tun Myint Kyaw (LA)

tip the scales. It was a thug from America's closest ally who authored the Russia dossier, causing great damage in President Trump's first term. Again, it was The Corporation from America's closest ally that tried to sabotage the victory for the second term.

So, it wasn't Russia after all. That Russia, Russia, Russia was a hoax all along.

Higher powers are looking down on the well-being of the world after all. The Corporation's attempt to influence the US election failed miserably. President Trump won in a landslide, and now their egregious actions have come to haunt The Corporation. These latest developments will make the world a better place.

Let's give an explanation so that the readers are clear

of what happened. President Trump's speech on 6 January 2021 was 24 pages long. The Corporation took the first sentences in the first page and what was said in the last sentence in the last page, and put the two bits together so that it looked like President Trump was calling for violence. By any Western journalistic standards, it was a grossly unethical and cardinal sin of journalism. They doctored that speech from 2021 and released it one week before the 2024 US elections. It was blatantly misleading the audience into thinking that President Trump said something that he did not say.

These kinds of fraud still hid and hung on as long as they could. But under pressure from the White House, the CEO and

director-general have resigned. Their chairman has publicly apologized. Finally, on their knees! President Trump's press secretary has called the BBC "100 per cent fake news". Way to go! Bravo!

Even caught with their pants down, the outgoing director-general, who has fallen on his sword, said there is nothing wrong at all and is very proud of journalism in that Corporation. He even said it was the fault of "the enemies"; all of this is coming out. "Some mistakes have caused us".

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Some mistakes??? The outgoing CEO said the outlet is "not institutionally biased", in response to President Trump's claim of "corrupt journalists", and went on to say we are "the world's most trusted news provider". What in the world! Have they no shame! No, they don't.

They have not an iota of dignity! These are the slimiest of the slimes.

Now let's turn to Myanmar. The BBC has been spreading fake news and interfering in the affairs of Myanmar for a long time. These types couldn't accept the reality that the sun set on the Empire a long time ago. They must continue to interfere and cause instability in a country like Myanmar, which, in their fantasy, is still a colony. There is even a BBC Myanmar Service for what reason: 1) they can't let it go and 2) strictly for continued interference, and maybe 3) information gathering.

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They will interfere in Myanmar's upcoming elections. They will come in legally and illegally. The sovereignty of a small nation like Myanmar doesn't matter to them. After all, it's still a colony, right? They did so by illegally entering the country in the immediate aftermath of the devastating earthquake a few months ago. Don't let in any of these fake news thugs. The low-IQ fake news "journalist" even openly proclaimed in the news that the entry was illegal. The next time they come in and get caught, prosecute them to the maximum extent of the law. Make the legal proceedings public. Let the whole world know. Shame them! In this day of age, they can no longer claim that the legal system in the underdeveloped countries is are "kangaroo court". How can The Corporation still claim that news outlets from other countries are beneath their journalistic standards? Let's get real!

How Myanmar's Artisans Preserve Culture Through Weaving and Woodwork

By Junior Thinn



Myanmar's artisans are not just makers; they are memory keepers. Through weaving and woodwork, they hold the threads of history and carve the contours of identity.

The process itself is deeply meditative and communal. Women, who make up the majority of weavers, often gather in open-air huts, chatting and singing as they work. The loom becomes a space of connection – between generations, between craft and culture, between past and present.

Yet, weaving is not static. Contemporary artisans are blending tradition with innovation. Young designers in Yangon and Hpa-an are incorporating ethnic patterns into modern fashion, creating bags, scarves, and home décor that appeal to both local and international markets. This fusion not only revitalizes interest in traditional textiles but also provides sustainable income for

rural communities.

Carving Legacy: The Craft of Woodwork

Wood carving is another cornerstone of Myanmar's cultural heritage. From the intricate floral motifs adorning monastery pillars to the expressive faces of marionette puppets, woodwork reflects both spiritual devotion and artistic mastery.

Mandalay is considered the heart of Myanmar's wood carving tradition. Here, artisans work with teak, padauk, and other native hardwoods to create religious statues, ceremonial furniture, and architectural elements. The skills are often passed from father to son, with apprentices spend-

ing years learning how to read the grain, wield the chisel, and breathe life into wood.

One of the most iconic expressions of this craft is the traditional Burmese puppet, or yoke thé. These puppets, carved with precision and painted with care, are used in performances that blend folklore, music, and moral storytelling. Though puppet shows have declined in popularity, efforts are underway to revive them through cultural festivals and tourism.

Woodwork also plays a role in everyday life. In rural areas, artisans build ox carts, rice pounders, and fishing boats – tools that are both functional and beautiful. Their work reflects a deep respect for nature and a philosophy of craftsmanship that values patience, precision, and purpose.

Challenges in a Changing Landscape

Despite their cultural significance, Myanmar's traditional crafts face numerous challenges.

Globalization has introduced mass-produced goods that often undercut handmade items in price. Younger generations, drawn to urban jobs and digital lifestyles, are less inclined to learn labour-intensive crafts. Political instability and economic hardship have disrupted supply chains and reduced market access.

Environmental degradation also poses a threat. Deforestation has made quality hardwoods scarce, while climate change affects cotton and silk production. Without sustainable resource management, the raw materials that fuel these crafts may vanish.

Moreover, many artisans lack formal recognition or support. Craftsmanship is often undervalued in national development plans, and artisans struggle to access training, funding, or fair-trade networks. Without intervention, Myanmar risks losing not just its crafts—but the cultural wisdom embedded within them.





# 2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

## The 88 Generation Student Youths (Union of Myanmar) Party talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

U Ye Tun, Chairman of the 88 Generation Student Youths (Union of Myanmar) Party, presented the policy, stance and work procedures of his party through radio and television on the evening of 16 November. The full text of the presentation is as follows: -



**Esteemed people,**

I am U Ye Tun, Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the 88 Generation Student Youths (Union of Myanmar) Party. First and foremost, I extend greetings with best wishes for all people to enjoy physical and mental well-being with auspiciousness.

**Esteemed people,**

Our party has been officially established since 2010 with registration number 17 to work toward a multiparty democratic system. It participated in the 2010 and 2015 elections, and in 2023, the party continued its registration under number 44. In the upcoming December 2025 elections, the party will contest in constituencies in Insein and Twantay districts for the Pyithu Hluttaw and Region/State Hluttaw elections, as well as the constituency in Htantabin Township for the Pyithu Hluttaw election.

**Esteemed people,**

On 8 March 2010, with the enactment of the Union Election Commission Law, the Political Parties Registration Law, and the Hluttaw Election Law, the 88 Generation Student Youths (Union of Myanmar) was established as a political party. It was founded with the commitment to work together with all citizens to build a country characterized by a genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system and a market economy, ensuring a peaceful and prosperous life for the people.

**Esteemed people,**

Our party upholds the objectives: 1. to establish a genuine, disciplined democratic nation under a national political system in which all branches of state power derive authority from the people; 2. to ensure a country where political parties with differing views can be lawfully established, participate equally, compete fairly, and exercise state power under a genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system; 3. to create a society in which every citizen has equal rights, under the law, to participate in all state-related matters according to principles of liberty, justice, and equality, utilizing their physical, intellectual, and moral capabilities, 4. to foster a way of life guided by democracy in which the majority respects the views of minorities, and the minority's opinions are acknowledged and valued by the majority; 5. to guarantee a society in which every citizen enjoys equal rights regardless of ethnicity, religion, wealth, or gender; without infringement; 6. to establish legal guarantees ensuring healthcare for all citizens; 7. to ensure security and educational guarantees for every citizen, enabling the nation to stand on equal

footing internationally; 8. to provide state support for vocational and technical education so that every citizen can access skills and technology for good employment opportunities; 9. to implement an independent, active, and non-aligned foreign policy through regional organizations, international bodies, and governments for the benefit of the country and international engagement; 10. to preserve and protect the language, literature, culture, and traditions of all ethnic groups; 11. to improve the livelihoods of farmers by providing access to technology, loans, crop markets, industrial agricultural systems, machinery imports, and agricultural inputs with reduced taxes and duties; and 12. to establish a modern, fully capable defense system to consistently safeguard state authority, territorial integrity, and national sovereignty.

**Esteemed people,**

Our party aims 1. to totally cease armed conflicts and to ensure internal peace, 2. to foster the multiparty democratic system and the market economic system, 3. to develop freedom, justice and equality, and 4. to build a developed nation with the Union spirit and the national spirit.

**Esteemed people,**

Our party has adopted the work plans to ensure the continuous and independent development of systems that align with modern times, including a political system compatible with democracy, an economic system compatible with a market economy, a legislative system that benefits both the state and the people, an administrative system where the public has the right to vote, an independent and just judicial system, an education system capable of competing internationally, a comprehensive healthcare system, an equitable land system, a financial system recognized by international monetary institutions, and systems that can prevent and protect against natural disasters, epidemics, and other hazards. We also plan to prioritize the ongoing protection of citizens' freedoms by supporting the establishment of organizations related to the languages, literature, and cultures of ethnic groups; organizations associated with communities and social classes; organizations involved in social affairs; religious organizations; economic organizations; and sports organizations.

**Esteemed people,**

Our party has established these principles: 1. When handling matters of the state, citizens, and the party, human dignity must not be violated, and the morality of the public must not be harmed. 2. The cultural traditions and heritage of the state and its citizens should be preserved while fully exercising democratic rights and fundamental human rights, ensuring the peaceful development of the nation. 3. Opposition will be maintained against chauvinism, unrest, cults of personality, factionalism, terrorism, extremist racial ideologies, and extremist religious ideologies, while following a political approach that prioritizes the interests of the state and its citizens. 4. The party will uphold a path to maintain the country's honour as a peaceful nation where ethnic groups coexist harmoniously and where the characteristics of a genuine multiparty democratic system and market economy remain permanently alive

and active.

**Esteemed people,**

Every party member their code of conduct: being loyal to the State, its citizens, and the party; protecting and safeguarding the nation's independence and sovereignty; maintaining and defending the long-term unity and harmony of all ethnic groups within the Union; promoting and safeguarding citizens' fundamental human rights and democratic freedoms; fostering and protecting a spirit of nationalism that supports the interests of the State, all ethnicities, religions, and the nation; preserving Myanmar's cultural traditions and heritage; and faithfully practicing and adhering to democratic principles.

**Esteemed people,**

Our party flag features a yellow peacock and 14 white stars on a red background. In the centre of the flag is a peacock poised to leap with full energy, and above and below the peacock are rows of seven equal-sized white stars. The red background symbolizes courage and determination, while the 14 white stars represent the union of all ethnic groups living together in harmony in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The action of the peacock jumping to attack symbolizes the party's readiness, if necessary, to risk even life itself in defending the interests of the State and its citizens, and to counter and eliminate any actions that threaten or harm the nation, its people, democracy, human rights, or the coexistence of different ethnicities, religions, and beliefs.

**Esteemed people,**

Our party was established to actively work toward national restoration, to ensure that every citizen can equally and freely participate in the national political sphere, to facilitate a peaceful democratic transformation, to create a society in which every citizen enjoys full human and democratic rights, to promote a well-functioning market economy by removing general obstacles and interference, and to enable Myanmar to participate honorably and effectively in the international community. Through the formation and activities of the 88 Generation Student Youths (Union of Myanmar) Party, we are committed to striving with all our efforts for the benefit of Myanmar and its citizens, to preserve and enhance Myanmar's dignity, and to ensure a way of life grounded in democracy and full human rights.

Citizens who are 18 years of age or above can join the party, vote in elections, and support the party with their time, money, and advice to help implement our party's policies and activities. The party's motto is: 'The peacock lives with full energy, advancing steadfastly toward victory.'

May all voters and citizens across the country participate wholeheartedly and peacefully in building a genuine multiparty democratic nation.

Thank you all.





# 2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION



## Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics Party talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

U Aye Lwin, Chairman of the Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics Party, presented the policy, stance and work procedures of his party through radio and television on the evening of 16 November. The full text of the presentation is as follows: -



**Esteemed people,**

I am U Aye Lwin, a student leader and Chairman of the Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics Party. On my part, I would like to extend my respectful greetings and wish a peaceful and auspicious evening to all voters and parents.

Action will be taken with primary consideration for preventing harm to the Union's interests. Those who, with malicious intent, incite foreign interference and blockages everywhere with a mindset of opposition, as well as extremists and saboteurs operating inside and outside the country – on land and underground – threatening national and union unity through acts of betrayal, will be countered and prevented based on the spirit of the Union and national solidarity.

Our party was established by national political strengths under the leadership of 88 generation students on 23 July 2007 at building 03-3 of building F at Pearl Condominium on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township of Yangon Region.

Our party was formed against the backdrop of the National Movements opposing economic sanctions (2007), the National Movement for the emergence of the Constitution (2007), and the National Movement for Democratic Transformation (2009). It has continuously worked firmly on the path of national restoration to establish a 'new national political sphere' in which all ethnic peoples and citizens have the right to participate.

**Esteemed people,**

The party practises nationalism in accordance with democratic principles. Conversely, democratic principles are also practised in accordance with independent nationalism.

Any actions, whether domestic or foreign, that undermine the morals, rights, property rights, or interests of citizens are opposed.

**Esteemed people,**

I will continue my presentation on the prioritized works of the party.

We will work to rapidly establish Myanmar as a Union based on democracy and a federal system, amend the constitution, bring an end to internal armed conflicts, achieve durable peace across the country, and ensure that Myanmar's ethnic groups continue to survive and thrive without extinction.

We will work to modernize the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the State, as well as political, economic, social, and media sectors. We will fulfil the basic needs of citizens, access to housing, farmland, and

other business-use land, and transparent, clear laws for alternative uses of agricultural land. We will provide full loans based on the actual cultivated acreage, access to credit for purchasing agricultural machinery, and strive for nationwide unrestricted development while reducing poverty.

We will implement a union-level funding system, state and regional-level funding systems, and a system that reflects the will of the people. We will also establish revenue systems supported by international organizations and ensure that the administrative and legislative powers of states and regions are exercised in accordance with a union based on democracy and a federal structure.

A fund-raising system will be established to ensure the timely and continuous execution of rescue, relief, and rehabilitation activities for citizens facing natural disasters, and international organizations' development and humanitarian assistance will be utilized transparently and visibly.

Detailed policies will be formulated and implemented to ensure that people from all social classes can fully benefit from the opportunities created under the multiparty democratic system and the market economy.

Efforts will be made to ensure good transportation connectivity without urban-rural disparities, adequate access to electricity, sufficient clean drinking water, adequate irrigation for farming, and the expansion and demarcation of irrigated agricultural land.

Efforts will be made to enable students and youth, farmers, workers, government employees, retirees, and professional and intellectual associations to freely organize and operate, and to secure office buildings and land for their activities.

Legal frameworks and measures will be developed to reduce centralization of power and to combat corruption.

**Esteemed people,**

Efforts will be made to ensure that the nation's entire economy operates in harmony with the market economy system, allowing economic enterprises to operate freely and competitively, and to eliminate unemployment.

Efforts will be made to promote the spread of ethical values, enhance national morality, and preserve and safeguard the nation's literary, artistic, and cultural heritage.

Priority will be given to eradicating illiteracy, establishing a free basic education system, providing vocational education, offering university education with the freedom to choose subjects, creating scholarship funding systems, and establishing funding for academic research.

Efforts will be made to develop educational service enterprises that are state-owned, cooperative-owned, privately-owned, joint-venture, and foreign-invested.

**Esteemed people,**

Efforts will be made to develop the languages, literature, arts, and cultures of all ethnic groups, and to promote unity, mutual respect, and cooperative support among them.

Recognition will be given to the development of education, healthcare, economy, transportation, and other aspects of social and economic life for ethnic groups in underdeveloped areas, as well as to the equality of ethnic groups and their right to self-determination.

**Esteemed people,**

Measures will be taken to protect and safeguard the human rights, democratic rights, freedoms, property rights, and entitlements of the public, ensuring that none of them are infringed upon.

Within the judicial system, every citizen will be protected to ensure that they can freely exercise, in accordance with the law, their rights to file cases, access remedies, seek public redress, and claim inheritance, among other legal entitlements.

We will adopt and implement international policies of peaceful coexistence, along with an independent, active, and non-aligned foreign policy. Myanmar will uphold global peace and friendly relations with other countries, will not initiate military attacks against any nation, and will not allow any foreign troops to be stationed within its territory.

**Esteemed people,**

I would like to present the definitions of the flag and emblem of the party.

The flag has a red background, with a white circle in the centre. Inside the circle is a green peacock, and above and below the peacock are seven white stars arranged in rows. This flag is designated as the party commemorative flag.

The red symbol represents courage and bravery. The white circular background in the centre signifies purity. The 14 equally sized white stars represent the unity and harmonious coexistence of the diverse ethnic groups in the Union of Myanmar. The green peacock symbolizes Myanmar as a whole, representing all ethnic groups together, and embodies the idea of prosperity, enlightenment through knowledge, and abundance in rice, water, gold, silver, and other resources.

**Esteemed people,**

We will use the motto in the election as voting for the peacock party to correctly reform the process as the right man and right place.

**Esteemed people,**

To modernize and develop agricultural activities, the use of machinery allows for efficient cultivation, planting, and harvesting. It ensures that agricultural capital and inputs are fully provided to stabilize production costs and crop prices, and helps transform agricultural products into higher-value goods. By implementing these measures, the agricultural economy can grow, and the living standards of the majority of citizens will improve. Therefore, putting agricultural benefit-supporting laws into practical effect and promptly resolving land issues according to the law have become important demands for the upcoming Hluttaw and government. So, voters and citizens are urged to support the Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics Party (UMFNP), competing under the "Peacock" emblem, to join the Hluttaw.

May all people be in physical and mental well-being.





# ARTICLE/NATIONAL

## Myanmar to export high quality Hass avocados to Singapore and Thailand



This photo showcases Hass avocados prepared for export.

THE Myanmar Avocado Producers and Exporters Association (MAVO) said that this year’s high-quality Hass avocados will be exported to Singapore and Thailand mainly. Last year, about 3,000 tonnes of high-quality Hass avocados were produced during the avocado season, and MAVO expects to produce even more this year. Hass avocados and Buccaneer avocados, which are commonly grown locally, are mainly consumed in major cities such as Yangon and Mandalay. The association urges avocado farmers to prioritize varieties that meet market demand, as locally grown avocados are in strong demand in both domestic and international markets. Avocados are usually harvested from September to December each year, and in addition to Hass avocados, other varieties such as Buccaneer, 034, Booth 7, and Amara are consumed domestically and exported to foreign markets.

There are 25,000 acres of avocado plantations in Myanmar, located in Shan State, Mandalay Region, Chin State (South), Sagaing Region, Kachin State, and Kayah State. — ASH/TH

## India-Myanmar bilateral trade poised for steady growth

INDIA and Myanmar strengthen their bilateral trade partnership with consistent growth. The bilateral trade values were registered \$1.29 billion in the 2020-2021 financial year US\$1.89 billion in the 2021-2022 FY, \$1.76 billion in the 2022-2023 FY and \$1.74 billion in the 2023-2024 FY. The trade value swelled to \$2.1 billion in the 2024-2025 financial year, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization. Myanmar exports (\$1.53 billion) outperformed imports (\$614 million) with India. India also extended the free import policy of black gram (urad) up to March 2026, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Government of India announced on 10 March. India is the fourth-largest trade partner of Myanmar. Myanmar primarily imports pharmaceuticals, animal products, food products, feedstuff, cotton, machines, auto parts and electrical devices, while main export items include pulses, forest products and agricultural produce. This policy is to meet the growing demand in India, traders stressed. India is the main buyer of Myanmar’s black gram and pigeon peas. Consequently, the black gram and pigeon pea prices are closely tied to India’s demand. India’s ample domestic production still influences the import policy of green gram and maize. According to a Memorandum of Understanding between Myanmar and India signed on 18 June 2021, India will import 250,000 tonnes of black grams and 100,000 tonnes of pigeon peas (tur) from Myanmar for five consecutive years from the 2021-2022 financial year to 2025-2026 FY. Myanmar’s black gram and pigeon pea exports exceed the yearly quota, with India extending a free import policy for black gram and pigeon pea until 31 March 2026 from May 2021. — NN/KK

## How Myanmar’s Artisans Preserve Culture...

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**Reviving and Reimagining**  
Amid these challenges, a quiet revival is underway. NGOs, cooperatives, and social enterprises are working to preserve and promote traditional crafts. Initiatives like Turquoise Mountain and Pomelo for Myanmar connect artisans with global markets, provide design training, and ensure ethical sourcing. Educational programs are also emerging. In some villages, schools now include weaving and carving in their curriculum, allowing children to learn both academic subjects and ancestral skills. These efforts foster pride and continuity, ensuring that crafts remain relevant to younger generations. Technology, once seen as a threat, is becoming an ally. Artisans use social media to showcase their work, attract customers, and share stories. Online platforms allow them to reach diaspora communities and international buyers who value authenticity and craftsmanship. Tourism, too, offers opportunities. Cultural tours that include visits to weaving centres or carving workshops help travellers appreciate the depth of Myanmar’s heritage. When done responsibly, tourism can provide

income while reinforcing the value of tradition.  
**Craft as Community**  
Beyond aesthetics and economics, traditional crafts nurture community. They create spaces where elders teach youth, where women collaborate and support one another, and where stories are shared and identities affirmed. In Kachin State, weaving circles have become safe spaces for women affected by conflict. In Mon State, wood carving cooperatives help former migrant workers rebuild livelihoods. These crafts are not just about preserving the past; they are about healing, empowering, and building futures. Craft also fosters inter-ethnic understanding. By celebrating the diversity of patterns, techniques, and meanings, Myanmar’s artisans remind us that cultural richness lies in plurality. In a country marked by division, craft can be a bridge.  
**Looking Ahead: A Path Forward**  
To ensure the survival and flourishing of Myanmar’s traditional crafts, several steps are essential:

Policy Support: Recognize artisans as cultural custodians and include craft development in national planning.  
**Sustainable Resource Management:** Protect forests and promote organic cotton and silk farming.  
**Youth Engagement:** Create mentorship programs and vocational training that make crafts appealing to younger generations.  
**Market Access:** Build fair trade networks and support digital platforms for artisan sales.  
**Cultural Education:** Integrate craft history and practice into school curricula and public exhibitions.  
**Hands That Hold History**  
Myanmar’s artisans are not just makers; they are memory keepers. Through weaving and woodwork, they hold the threads of history and carve the contours of identity. Their work is a testament to resilience, creativity, and cultural pride. As Myanmar navigates the complexities of modernity, it must not lose sight of the hands that shaped its past. By honouring and investing in traditional crafts, the nation can craft a future that is rooted, inclusive, and beautifully its own.



# Agri Research Dept launches soybean production push in Ayeyawady, Bago, Shan

THE Department of Agricultural Research under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation will ramp up soybean production in Ayeyawady Region, Bago Region and Shan State.

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 12 November at Nawarat Hall in Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw.

The Director General of the department emphasized that this project is

planned to cover two townships each in Ayeyawady Region, Bago Region and Shan State. The first project is the soybean incorporation in rice crop rotation project to enhance agricultural productivity, and the second project is boosting soybean output to implement the research and development project for the soybean crushing project to ensure self-sufficiency of cooking oil and soybean meal.

Furthermore, he urged building a Public Private Partnership (PPP) for farming research activities for high-grade and high-yielding soybean varieties, seed multiplication and distribution efforts to



Beans and pulses neatly arranged for sale in the market.

accelerate the soybean cultivation process, conducting awareness campaigns for farming and irrigation

methods and applied research on soybean meal in the livestock sector. Commencing on-farm trials of

soybean cultivation starting from the second week of November, after harvesting the rice crop, ensuring

farmers get access to soybean farming good practices, technical and management know-how, and carrying out PPP in seed production and trading in the soybean value chain were also highlighted.

The project in charge also revealed plans and responded to the queries of the attendees and experts.

The director-general of the department, the deputy director, officials concerned from the Agriculture Department, the head of the Agriculture Department from each project area (Ayeyawady, Bago), were present at the workshop, and Shan State's officials concerned joined it virtually. — NN/KK

## Myanmar to allow women workers to work in Jordan with OWIC

THE Ministry of Labour said Overseas Worker Identification Card and overseas job training course will be granted for Myanmar women workers who are going to be sent to Jordan through licensed overseas employment agency.

The ministry has announced the list of workers who would be sent to Jordan under the management of Arr Htan employment agency.

will have to attend the job training course on 17 November and apply OWIC on 18 November. They will need to resubmit if they are unable to do by the schedule.

Agencies will need to resubmit Excel soft copy of list of sending workers, copy of passport and copy of OWIC in a week from the departure date, to the Department of Labour, dolmigrationjapan@gmail.com. — MT/ZS



EPS worker, a Myanmar woman (first on the left) was at the airport on 19 March along with male workers.

## Magway Region Govt calls for developers for new housing project

MAGWAY Region government invited interested developers to submit an Expression of Interest (EoI) for the Maehlataung village housing project.

A new housing project located on 20 acres of land (between North Latitude 20° 6' 40" and East Longitude 94° 57' 11") in Maehlataung village-tract, Magway District, will be

developed under the supervision of the Magway Region government. This land area is under the management of the Magway Region government. This plot of land is currently utilized as a vegetable and livestock zone by the departments concerned.

Interested developers and domestic and foreign

companies can submit EoI to the secretary's office of the Magway Region government by 3 pm on 13 December 2025.

They can withdraw the EOI form from the government by presenting the necessary documents (proposal, request letter to take out EoI form, valid company registration, developer's experience, con-

tact person information, including name, position, address, contact number and email address) starting from 13 November.

Business entities can enquire about details through Director U Sein Win of the Department of Urban and Housing Development, Magway Region, at 063 2028440. — NN/KK

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V CTP FORTUNE VOY.NO. (354W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V CTP FORTUNE VOY.NO. (354W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **17-11-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.  
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M.V BLPL FAITH VOY.NO. (3505S)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V BLPL FAITH VOY.NO. (3505S)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **17-11-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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ROLLING UPDATES  
WORLD

Alternative for Germany party mulls energy cooperation with BRICS countries

*Kotre, attending the BRICS-Europe symposium in Russia's Sirius Federal Territory, met with representatives of BRICS nations to discuss potential energy cooperation.*

THE right-wing Alternative for Germany (AfD) party is considering the possibility of cooperating with BRICS countries in the energy sector, lawmaker Steffen Kotre told Sputnik on Saturday.

“One of the reasons I am here (Sirius, Russia) is to meet with representatives of the BRICS nations. We discussed some positions on this issue [energy cooperation]. This is a positive process. Whether this will have any results is another matter. The main goal now is simply to get to know each other,” Kotre said on the sidelines of the BRICS-Europe symposium, which is underway in Russia’s Sirius Federal Territory.

The pressure on the AfD over its members’ trip to Russia is growing, but the party does not intend to abandon what it considers “a realistic political line”, the lawmaker noted.

“Quite the contrary, this pressure certainly strengthens our understand-



Alice Weidel, co-leader of Germany’s far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) party, addresses delegates during a party congress in Riesa, eastern Germany on 11 January 2025. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

ing that we will certainly achieve normal relations. And by this I mean a peaceful exchange of views with Russia,” he said.

Communication channels should

be open in both directions, including to show Moscow that “there are sensible people in Germany and not only war-mongers,” Kotre added. — SPUTNIK

Thousands of foreign criminals in UK escape punishment after apologizing: Reports



Police officers walk past New Scotland Yard, the headquarters of the Metropolitan Police Service in London, UK on 15 March 2021. **PHOTO: ADRIAN DENNIS/AFP/FILE**

THOUSANDS of foreign criminals in the United Kingdom, including rapists and drug dealers, have escaped punishment because they apologized for their actions, the Daily Mail reported.

According to the newspaper, “community orders” have been introduced in Britain for minor crimes, requiring criminals to apologize for their actions. They are often used for shoplifting and were introduced to allow troubled teenagers and first-time offenders to avoid convictions and return to normal

lives. However, sex offenders, drug dealers, and violent gangsters were among 14,000 foreign criminals allowed to avoid conviction because they apologized for their crimes, the publication said. The newspaper reported, citing information received from British police departments, that multiple sex offenders from Albania, Congo, Iran, the Philippines, Hungary, Poland, Latvia, Romania, India, France, Lithuania, Pakistan, Nepal, Algeria, Syria, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe had not been brought to trial. — SPUTNIK

US confirms stockpile flight tests of nuclear gravity bomb

THE United States has successfully concluded a series of critical stockpile flight tests of its B61-12 nuclear gravity bomb carried by the stealth F-35A fighter jet, the US Department of Energy’s Sandia National Laboratories stated on

Thursday.

As per the reports released by the lab, the test was conducted from 19 August to 21 August at the Tonopah Test Range in Nevada with support from Hill Air Force Base in Utah.

The tests saw inert units of the B61-12 successfully released from the F-35A aircraft, confirming the end-to-end performance of the aircraft, aircrew, and weapon under operational conditions. — ANI

NEWS IN BRIEF

Trump orders investigation into Epstein's ties to Democrats

US President Donald Trump said on Friday (local time) that he will ask Attorney General Pam Bondi to investigate convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein's ties to many other high-profile figures, in an extraordinary step that comes just days after Democrats released emails from the late Epstein that mention him.

In a post on Truth Social, Trump said that Democrats were using the ‘Epstein Hoax’ to deflect people’s attention from the shutdown.

Thank you, Mr President. SDNY US Attorney Jay Clayton is one of the most capable and trusted prosecutors in the country, and I’ve asked him to take the lead. As with all matters, the Department will pursue this with urgency and integrity to deliver answers to the American... pic. twitter.com/5zlybVu44U — ANI

Clashes erupt in Mexico City during protests

THE wave of Generation Z protests against the government’s unaccountability has now reached the Western Hemisphere, as clashes broke out in Mexico City, with thousands participating in protests, demanding action against rising crime, corruption, and systemic impunity.

According to Al Jazeera, the protest organized by the members of Generation Z saw demonstrators, including people of various age groups, such as older activists from opposition parties and supporters of the late Michoacan Mayor Carlos Manzo, who was shot dead at a public Day of the Dead event earlier this month. — ANI

G20 summit to proceed despite US absence

SOUTH African President Cyril Ramaphosa has reaffirmed that the upcoming Group of 20 (G20) Leaders’ Meeting will proceed as planned despite the United States’ decision not to participate.

Speaking in Kliptown, Johannesburg, on Friday, Ramaphosa said South Africa is ready to welcome world leaders and deliver a successful meeting. “The summit will go on. We are not going to stop because they are not here,” he said, adding that most G20 leaders have confirmed their attendance. Ramaphosa noted that US President Donald Trump had withdrawn all US representatives, citing allegations of ill-treatment of Afrikaners and “genocide.” — Xinhua



SPORTS

Scotland face World Cup shootout against Denmark after Greece defeat



Scotland can still qualify automatically for the World Cup despite a 3-2 defeat in Greece. PHOTO: AFP

SCOTLAND face a winner-takes-all shootout against Denmark on Tuesday with an automatic World Cup berth at stake despite a 3-2 defeat against Greece.

On an evening of compelling drama on Saturday, Steve Clarke's men narrowly failed to recover from 3-0 down while Belarus held Group C leaders Denmark 2-2 in Copenhagen in a shock result.

The Danes, with 11 points, lead Scotland by a single point after five matches ahead of their decisive meeting in Glasgow, though they have a far superior goal difference and can afford to draw.

Scotland must secure all three points to reach their first World Cup since 1998.

Scotland captain Andy Robertson said his team were relieved to still be alive. — AFP



England manager Thomas Tuchel speaks during a press conference on the eve of his team's World Cup qualifier against Albania. PHOTO: AFP

England's Tuchel plays down records before final World Cup qualifier

THOMAS Tuchel said records are not on his mind as he prepares England for their final World Cup qualifier against Albania on Sunday to round off a remarkable campaign.

The German began his reign with a 2-0 win against Albania at Wembley in March and ends his first year in charge against the same opponents in Tirana.

England, who qualified for next year's World Cup in Canada, Mexico and the United States last month, have won all seven games so far in Group K without conceding a single goal — an impressive record that opposition manager Sylvinho joked was "disgusting".

On Sunday they can become the first European side to play at least six World Cup qualifiers and win them all without conceding, but that is not on Tuchel's radar.

"We didn't speak a single word about that," he told reporters on Saturday.

"We made sure yesterday that we had the training session that we had. The quality and the mentality of the guys that didn't play was on the highest level, which was a pure pleasure. — AFP

Guangdong golfers clinch two golds at China's National Games

KUANG Yang of Zhejiang and Guangdong's Zhang Weiwei claimed the men's and women's individual golf titles, respectively, at China's 15<sup>th</sup> National Games here on Sunday, with Guangdong retaining its women's team crown.

Kuang seized control early with a stunning opening-round 62, 10 under par, and maintained steady form over the next three rounds to secure victory with a total of 262. Despite leading from start to finish, he admitted the pressure was intense.

"I was extremely nervous, even more nervous than when leading in pro events," Kuang said. "The National Games only comes once every four years, so the pressure is huge. I'm glad I managed to turn that pressure into motivation and played solid golf today".

Chai Bowen from Shanghai University of Sport and Shanghai veteran



Zhang Weiwei of Guangdong is seen after winning the women's individual final of golf at China's 15<sup>th</sup> National Games in Hong Kong, south China, 16 November 2025. PHOTO: LO PING FAI/XINHUA

Wu Ashun tied for second at 266, with Chai eventually taking silver after the playoff. Led by Wu, Shanghai captured the men's team gold with a combined total of 802, followed by Tianjin and Shaanxi. — Xinhua

Spain coach respects Türkiye ahead of last World Cup qualifier

SPAIN coach Luis de la Fuente has shown his respect towards Türkiye ahead of their final qualifier although his side has all-but sealed its place in the 2026 FIFA World Cup with a

4-0 win in Georgia on Saturday. Despite missing players such as Lamine Yamal, Nico Williams and Pedri, the reigning European champions produced another dominant

display and have won all five qualifying games without conceding a goal while scoring 19. Although Spain is not mathematically assured of qualification until Tuesday, it

would need to lose 7-0 at home to Türkiye to miss out on direct qualification. However, De la Fuente still doesn't want to celebrate booking a World Cup ticket.

"We have a lot of respect for our rival [Türkiye] and for every team we play, so we have to keep our feet on the ground until we have qualified," he said. — Xinhua





# COP30 summit urged to propel global climate governance into new stage

THE ongoing 30<sup>th</sup> UN Climate Change Conference (COP30), which kicked off in Brazil's Amazonian city of Belem on Monday, marks another landmark in improving global climate governance in a just and equitable manner.

COP30, which runs through 21 November, brings together representatives from nearly 200 countries and regions to focus on the efforts needed to limit the global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius, the presentation of new national action plans known as the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and the progress on the finance pledges made at COP29.

The international community expects all participants to deepen consensus and advance changes in global climate governance. All parties can "choose to make Belem the turning point", said UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres at the opening plenary of the World Leaders Climate Action Summit ahead of the conference.

A key focus of the conference lies in the submission of a new round of NDCs. According to the Paris Agreement, adopted by 195 parties a decade ago to combat climate change, signatories should submit more ambitious NDCs this year. However, only about a third had done so by 30 September.

Global carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels are set to hit a record high in 2025, increasing 1.1 per cent over 2024, according to a study highlighted Thursday at COP30. — Xinhua

*The event convenes representatives from nearly 200 countries and regions to focus on key climate initiatives.*



Birds fly at an ecological park in Belem, Brazil, 13 November 2025. PHOTO: WANG TIANCONG/XINHUA

## China's space station delivers fresh batch of samples for research

THE latest samples from 26 scientific experiments conducted aboard China's space station, totalling approximately 46.67 kilogrammes, were brought back to Earth on Friday, according to the Technology and Engineering Centre for

Space Utilization (CSU) under the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).

Marking the ninth transfer of materials from the orbiting laboratory, the Shenzhou-21 return capsule brought back samples from experiments in space

life sciences, materials science and combustion research.

Upon landing, the mice from the life science experiments underwent immediate field processing. Researchers will analyze their behaviour and key physiological and biochemical indicators to understand the animals' stress responses and adaptive mechanisms to spaceflight conditions. These findings will provide critical insights into how space environments affect living organisms, according to the CSU. Other biological samples — including zebrafish, hornwort, streptomyces, planarians and brain organoids — along with select materials science and combustion experiment samples, were transported to the CSU in Beijing at 00:40 am Saturday. After initial status checks, these specimens were handed over to research teams for further study. The remaining samples will be transported to Beijing along with the Shenzhou-21 return capsule. — Xinhua



The researchers plan to examine the mice's behaviour, along with key physiological and biochemical indicators, to assess their stress responses and how they adapted to spaceflight conditions. PHOTO: XINHUA

## Noda urges govt to uphold non-nuclear principles

JAPAN'S main opposition Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan (CDPJ) leader Yoshihiko Noda on Saturday called for the country's non-nuclear weapons principles to be upheld, local media reported.

Speaking to reporters in Kumamoto Prefecture, the former prime minister said that Japan should "take the lead in spreading the idea (of nuclear abolition) to the world," Kyodo News reported.

Noda's remarks came after government sources said Friday that Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi was considering reviewing the third of The Three Non-Nuclear Principles, which prohibits nuclear weapons from entering Japan's territory.

During a recent Lower House Budget Committee hearing, Takaichi avoided stating whether her defence and security policies would adhere to the country's long-held Three Non-Nuclear Principles. — Xinhua