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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.

Thilawa SEZ to complete modern warehouse, jetty by end-2025

The warehouse now under construction is slated for completion in late 2025, and its proximity to the jetties is expected to help export companies transport goods abroad more efficiently by significantly reducing logistics costs.





This image shows a groundbreaking ceremony held in Thilawa on 4 April 2025.

YANMAR Agro Products and General Development Public Company Limited (MAGDPL) is constructing a multipurpose jetty and a modern warehouse in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone in Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region.

The project is being developed under the BOT system on Plot 29 of the Thilawa SEZ to handle beans, pulses and general cargo. The jetty and the modern warehouse connected to it are being built on 13.88 acres, and the warehouse will store various

YANMAR Agro Prodbeans, maize, sesame, pulses ucts and General and imported commodities.

The warehouse, currently under construction, is scheduled for completion in late 2025. As the facility is located near the jetties, export companies will be able to transport goods abroad with reduced logistics costs.

MAGDPL has reportedly invested nearly K5 billion in Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings, Myanmar National Telecom Holdings, Myanmar Kyauk Phyu SEZ Holdings and Myanmar Agro Alliance Terminal Co Ltd. — ASH/KZL



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.

Myanmar Gazette

Appointment of Service Organization confirmed

THE National Defence and Security Council has confirmed the appointment of U Min Zaw Win, Director-General of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Myanmar under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, after the one-year probationary period.



Republic of the Union of Myanmar National Defence and Security Council Office

Order 49/2025

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Termination of Duties

THE National Defence and Security Council has terminated U Thant Sin, Deputy Minister for Energy, from his duties under Subsection (b) of Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

By order,

Aung Lin Dwe Executive Chief

ME Seoul offers Saturday passport renewal



The Myanmar Embassy to the Republic of Korea.

FOR Myanmar nationals in the Republic of Korea, the Myanmar Embassy will provide the service of issuing an extended passport on Saturdays.

Currently, the service is provided from 2 pm to 4 pm on weekdays according to appointment dates.

In order to help appli-

cants more conveniently, the embassy will extend the service to Saturday from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm, in addition to the current schedule.

Passports applied for validity extension between 14 and 17 October and on 21 October were issued from 2 pm to 4 pm on 25 November. – MT/ZS





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)

MoI Union Minister urges timely completion of 3-storey RC Sarso Beikman

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn presided over a meeting on the three-storey RC Sarso Beikman construction and the establishment of the Sarpay Beikman Public Library in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the meeting, the Union minister highlighted the need to meet the standards and complete the construction of the three-storey RC Sarso Beikman building in time, to ensure the modern and creative design for literary works and interior decoration at each floor, collect the different items of literary works, manage to receive proper donations, to be a modern and unique building as it is the only Sarso Beikman of the country and to ensure the quiet surroundings for Sarpay Beikman Public Library.

The Union minister then heard the reports presented by



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn chairs the meeting on the construction of the three-storey RC Sarso Beikman and the establishment of the Sarpay Beikman Public Library in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

the director-general of the Printing and Publishing Department,

officials of construction companies and the editor-in-chief of

the Sarpay Beikman. — MNA/ KTZH

Science Festival Myanmar 2025 enters second day



The second day of the Science Festival Myanmar 2025 in progress yesterday, attended by Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Kyaw.

THE second day of the Science Festival Myanmar 2025 took place at the Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University (NSPU) yesterday.

It was attended by Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw, the permanent secretary, and the relevant officials from Russian Rosatom and National Research Nuclear University MEPhI (Moscow Engineering Physics Institute).

In the morning section, the Union minister watched the project shows of university students, screening of 'The Science Movies Almanack", and the question and answer session

About 100 Grade-5 students participated in the "DIY Science Session", which aims to create opportunities for the youths to be more familiar with the science world and provide basic engineering technologies, creativity and knowledge.

During the discussion on Small Modular Reactor (SMR), the Russian experts briefed the SMR that was established with safe technologies providing an automatic shutdown system in case of danger.

Ten groups participated in the HackAtom competition under the topic of Small modular nuclear reactors as a basis for industrial development of the region, and officials presented awards to the winning groups.

— MNA/KTZH

Special regional quota for 2025 medical admissions opens

THE Ministry of Health has announced that applications are now open for students from six areas facing travel and social hardship, as well as from the six self-administered regions – Naga, Danu, Pa-O, Palaung, Kokang and Wa – who passed the 2025 university entrance examination and completed Basic Education (Grades 10, 11 and 12) consecutively within their respective regions.

Eligible students who meet the prescribed criteria may apply for admission to medical universities for the 2025 academic year under the special regional quota.

Applicants must submit their applications directly to the Department of Human Resources for Health no later than 18 December 2025. Detailed information is available on the Ministry of Health website and the Department of Human Resources for Health website. — MOH

Nay Pyi Taw observes 16-day activism to end violence against women

A ceremony to commemorate the 16 Days of Activism for the Elimination of Violence Against Women was held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the event, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win, who is also Chairman of the Myanmar National Women's Committee, said violence against women not only affects each woman who experiences it, but also causes harm, loss, and negative impacts on families, communities, and society. He noted that the United Nations has reported that one in three women worldwide has experienced violence at least once in her lifetime. The global crises, conflicts, and climate change increase the vulnerability of women and girls and further escalate violence against women.



Union Minister Dr Soe Win addresses the event to mark the 16-day campaign for the elimination of violence against women yesterday in Nay Pyi

Myanmar is implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN, the outcomes of the World Conference on Women, and the provisions of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), in accordance with the policies of the country. He continued that

this year's theme is "UNiTE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls". As digital violence can be carried out easily and rapidly anywhere in the world, effective laws should be enacted, and actions should be taken seriously.

He highlighted the preventive measures, response

and protection activities of the ministry regarding the violence against women by cooperating with the relevant governmental departments and organizations, resolving complaints received from helpline 1566 with 596 case managers, establishment of One Stop Women Support Centre (OSWSC) and One Stop Crisis

Centre (OSCC) at the ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the Ministry of

A video clip for eliminating measures on the violence against women was played, and the young women of the Myanmar Women's Sports Federation performed Fitness Dance. — MNA/KTZH

Annual Gems and Jewellery Exhibition boosts jade, pearl and gem sales

THE ninth day of the 60th Myanma Gems Emporium was held yesterday morning at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw. Local and foreign gem traders viewed jade pieces from Group C at designated areas outside the hall.

At yesterday's emporium, 717 out of 750 jade lots from Group C were sold to local and foreign traders through the open tender system. Merchants were allowed to inspect Group C jade lots numbered 4401 to 5085 and to submit their proposed prices into the respective tender boxes. Officials checked the proposals yesterday evening and will announce the lots to be sold on the morning of 26 November (today).

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation organizes the Myanma Gems Emporiums annually to generate foreign exchange,



Gem traders are pictured examining gemstones and jade at yesterday event.

promote economic benefits, and support national economic development.

At the 60th Myanma Gems Emporium, a total of 443 pearl lots, 67 gem lots, 2,110 jade lots from Groups A and B, and 1,412 jade lots from Group C were sold to local and foreign dealers. - MNA/

Public Announcement

IT is hereby announced that action will be taken under the 2020 Road Safety and Motor Vehicle Management Law against motor vehicles using number plates other than those officially issued by the Road Transport Administration Department, vehicles using modified or decorated versions of original number plates, vehicles fitted with decorative number plates, and motor vehicles, motorcycles and three-wheelers that install modified sound-amplifying exhaust systems, remove sound-control devices, or use equipment that creates excessive noise. Motor vehicles, motorcycles and three-wheelers that use such devices shall be dealt with effectively under the law.

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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".





237 scam hub buildings demolished in KK Park, 51 illegal foreign entrants detained in Shwe Kokko





Photos show security personnel carrying out demolition work and one of the dismantled buildings in the KK Park area.

THE government continues to conduct joint operations in the Shwe Kokko area and the KK Park area, where suspects commit telecom fraud and online gambling activities. The





combined teams comprising security personnel and administrative bodies are involved in these operations, which include entering the areas, dismantling and removing illegal buildings, and taking further action in accordance with the law.

In wiping off telecom fraud and online gambling activities, buildings used in carrying out online gambling and fraud are being demolished in three sections in the Myawady-Maethawtalay (KK Park) area. The authorities seized 100 computers, and nine illegal buildings were destroyed yesterday. A total of 237 buildings out of 635 illegal buildings have so far been demolished in the Section 3 area.

Similarly, authorities searched one 12-storey building, 16 three-storey buildings, 12 two-storey buildings and two one-storey buildings yesterday, but it was found that no one was involved in the telecom fraud

and online gambling. Authorities also did not find computers, mobile phones or accessories

To date, the authorities have detained 1,847 undocumented foreign entrants and seized 3,098 computers, 21,750 mobile phones, 102 Starlink satellite receivers and 22 Routers used in telecom fraud and online gambling activities. Authorities systematically destroyed the seized materials and continue the operation to expose the offences.

The arrested foreign nationals are being detained at the building in the Lonhtin compound of Shwe Kokko Myaing Village, Pulwepu Village-tract in Myawady Township. Yesterday, the Illegal Foreigner Investigation Team verified 200 foreign nationals. The authorities deported 51 undocumented entrants to their respective countries yesterday and conducted personal

information and data collection processes.

From 30 January to 25 November 2025, a total of 12,687 foreign nationals who had entered Myanmar illegally were detained. Of these, 12,343 individuals were screened to be expelled, and 10,029 were systematically repatriated to their respective countries through Thailand in accordance with legal procedures. The remaining 2,658 foreign nationals are now ready to be transferred to their respective countries, and they are being properly held and cared for during this process.

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

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Nearly 400 residents receive care from Tatmadaw mobile medical team



The Tatmadaw riverine mobile medical team is providing healthcare services for Myaungmya locals yesterday.

BASED in Kanazoegon Village, Wakema Township, Ayeyawady Region, the Tatmadaw riverine mobile medical team – comprising the Tatmadaw floating hospital Shwe Puzun, the river vessel Saku, and accompanying specialists, doctors, and nurses – departed the village yesterday morning and arrived in Taungkalay Village, Myaungmya Township, in the afternoon. They were warmly welcomed by departmental of-

ficials, residents, teachers, and students

The mobile medical team, operating in Taungkalay Village yesterday, provided healthcare services to 391 residents from Taungkalay Village and nearby villages.

The team provided treatment to 183 general medical patients, 19 surgical patients, 21 obstetrics and gynaecology patients, 24 paediatric patients, 48 orthopaedic patients, 25

ENT patients, 43 ophthalmology patients, and 28 dental and oral patients, administering the necessary medicines and treatments. Among these, they also attended to one general surgery case, one eye surgery case, seven x-ray cases, 24 patients examined using ultrasound, 11 patients tested using ECG, and 34 patients who underwent laboratory tests for diagnosis and treatment. — MNA/MKKS

Navy hospital ship continues healthcare outreach in Ngaputaw

THE Tatmadaw specialist mobile medical team from the Navy hospital ship Thanlwin gave health-care services yesterday at Seikta Thukha Monastery in Kyonku Village, Ngaputaw Township, to residents from Hainggyikyun Township and nearby villages.

A total of 533 people received medical care, including 140 general medical cases, 35 surgical cases, 28 obstetrics and gynaecology cases, 41 paediatric cases, 93 orthopaedic cases, 31 ENT cases, 55 ophthalmology cases and 110 dental and oral cases. The team also performed five general surgeries, 32 eye surgeries, 11 x-ray examinations, 91 ultrasound scans, 75 ECG tests, and 61 laboratory tests.

Also, medical officers delivered a school health awareness talk titled "Health for Life" at the Kyonku Basic Education High School, attended by relevant officials, the school head, teachers and students. Officials also supervised the treatment process and coordinated necessary support for locals receiving care. — MNA/



Ngaputaw residents are pictured receiving healthcare services from the naval hospital vessel.

Ayeyawady Region plans salt production boost amid high prices

ACCORDING to the regional salt official, the salt industry in Ayeyawady Region is in a good position to expand its operations for the 2025-26 season due to the favourable salt price.

Applications for salt licences have been open in the region since October, and more people will likely start working in the salt industry.

"Last year, there was a lot of rain and salt prices went up. At these prices, which are around at least K500 or K600 per viss, farmers are doing fine. The licence application started just in October. But according to some reports, more people are going to enter the industry



The picture shows a salt field in Ayeyawady Region.

mainly because of the price. They can still make a profit even if the prices fall a little. So, we plan to produce more. This year, there will be more acres of salt farms", he told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

Last year, the price of salt was around K120 to K130 per viss in the same period, but in the current situation, it is K850 to K1,500 per viss, depending on the salt quality.

The region produced only 130,000 tonnes of salt last year, which is a significant decrease compared to previous years. In the same period last year, the salt production in Mon State was around 20,000 tonnes, which is a decrease in the salt production, he added.

The salt farmers prepare the salt fields from September to November, and the rate of salt production depends on the weather. 65 per cent of the country's salt production is reportedly from Ayeyawady Region, with the majority distributed to central Myanmar. — MT/ZN

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NATIONAL BUSINESS

Market economic system must benefit both the people and the nation

- ❖ The market economic system must benefit both the people and the nation in the economic sector.
- We will continue to support and promote economic activities that serve the public interest, not just individual gain.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by State Security and Peace Commission Chairman, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, at the meeting with families of the station at the Aye Chan Phyo Hall of the Southern Command Headquarters on 2 August 2025)

MFSPEA invites member companies to import fertilizer for Q1 2026

THE Myanmar Fertilizer, Seed and Pesticide Entrepreneurs Association (MFSPEA) called for companies that want to import fertilizer and distribute it under a competitive pricing system for the first quarter (January-March) 2026.

MFSPEA will organize the importation of urea fertilizer and NPK 15-15-15 compound fertilizer of good quality by practising competitive pricing for the first quarter of the next year under the guidance of the Urea Fertilizer Purchasing and Distribution Steering Committee.

Interested companies can contact MFSPEA by 4 pm on 27 November 2025 through the contact number 09 988539360 and email info@mfspea. com, vicepresident-1@mfspea. com, vicepresident-2@mfspea. com, generalsecretary@mfspea.com, ureacommittee@gmail.com to import urea fertilizer and compound fertilizer. MFSPEA has instructed member companies to sell fertilizer as per the set reference prices for November.

The reference prices for November 2025 were set at K107,100 per 50-kilo bag of Urea fertilizer (large granular) and K139,700 per 50-kilogramme bag of Di Ammonium Phosphate.

The prices may vary a bit depending on transportation



A farmer tends to crops, applying fertilizer in the field.

charges in other regions and states, as the aforementioned prices are set for the Yangon Region, MFSPEA stated.

Additionally, reference pric-

es continued to be announced as per rules and regulations. For overcharging, consumers can complain to the committee through contact numbers 067 410032 and 09 988539360. MFSPEA has already asked the member companies to stick to the reference prices. At present, the Fertilizer Committee holds a quarterly meeting to ensure quality fertilizer for growers without facing shortages. Under the approval of the Fertilizer Technology Group, 12,297 fertilizer registrations have been granted after the 43rd meeting of the Fertilizer Committee. With individuals' consent, 2,088 registrations were voluntarily cancelled. The department revoked 2,867 registrations for expiration of validity, and 7,342 registrations are still under processing. — NN/KK

CBM sells over US\$760K to edible oil importers

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$761,460, purchased from CMP companies, to edible oil-importing companies on 24 November, in addition to the injection of 415,800 yuan into the market.

CBM sold over \$583,600 to edible oil-importing companies on 20 November.

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

CBM sold 300,000 yuan to importers of herbicide, fertilizer, tar, pharmaceuticals and raw materials, industrial raw materials, construction materials, auto parts and accessories of motorcycle, telecommunication equipment, feedstuffs, packaging materials, steel,



consumer goods and food commodities on 17 November.

CBM injected over \$2.48 million, 5.75 million yuan and 4.98 million baht in October, along with sales of over \$54 million purchased from CMP companies.

CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March

2024, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

Gold Market Rate as of 25 November 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,970,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

Bidding opens for earthquake-related repairs on Yadanabon Bridge

THE Tender Accepting and Evaluating Committee of the Department of Bridge under the Ministry of Construction called for bids for earthquake-related repair work of the Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) connecting Mandalay and Sagaing regions, under the Natural Disaster Management Committee's Fund for the 2025-2026 Financial Year.

The committee invited interested business entities to submit the tender for repair operations on the Ayeyawady Bride (RP2-RP7) span which sustained damage from the Mandalay Earthquake; including repair of steel member and gusset, design drawing for pillars between RP4 & RP5, procurement of necessary equipment for Production & Fabrication, technical works,

engineering works, bridge loading test and monitoring work for quality control.

The tender form is available at the office until 5 December. Pre-bid meeting will be held at 10 am on 8 December 2025. The deadline for submission of price quotation and technical proposals is 3 pm on 9 December.

Those entities which passed the technical works will be declared on 10 December. The tender will be opened at 10 am on 12 December 2025 at the Department of Bridges.

Individuals can enquire about details through the construction task force 1 of the department by dialling 09 250070718. Late submission will not be considered anyhow, the committee notified. — NN/KK

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OPINION

The entry of low-

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Public service personnel: Take oaths to be loyal to the State

ANMAR shares borders with five neighbouring countries, and some of these borders are easily crossable and difficult to monitor. This makes it challenging to control illegal trade and contributes to the occurrence of illicit commerce. According to the Transnational Alliance to Combat Illicit Trade (TRACIT), it is estimated that over US\$460 billion worth of goods are traded illegally worldwide each year.

Due to the weakening of stability and peace in the border areas, some border points have been closed. Certain service personnel and ethnic armed groups, which have agreed to peace with the government, have been involved in illegal trade activities for their own

> personal gain, without loyalty or accountability to the State. Such illegal activities not only prolong the presence of armed groups in border regions but also cause the state to suffer losses by depriving it of the rightful taxes and revenues it should receive.

Moreover, there is an imbalance between exports sent abroad and legally imported goods entering the country, and this disparity in trade value causes the state to lose hundreds of millions of US dollars in potential taxes and revenues. In addition, foreign currency spent on the value of illegal exports and imports, as well as the foreign currency obtained from such trade, is also lost due to the involvement of corrupt service personnel participating in illicit trade. The illegally acquired foreign currency, often moved through channels such as cryptocurrencies, further undermines the country's ability to secure legitimate foreign exchange

The entry of low-quality goods through illicit trade routes harms domestic con-

sumers. Smuggled goods disrupt market prices and weaken the competitiveness of local producers and businesses. This undermining of domestic industries reduces employment opportunities. Declines in production capacity and exports, among other effects, negatively impact the country's economic development.

Illicit trade and criminal exploitation are closely interconnected. The expansion of illegal trade slows national development and harms the country's economy. Since economic damage affects other sectors as well, illicit trade must be regarded as a major threat to the nation. Government service personnel should faithfully perform their duties and avoid involvement in activities driven by greed that could endanger the country. That is why the government authorities are trying hard to combat illegal trade activities; those service personnel assigned duties to suppress the illegal export and import activities should be encouraged to act with loyalty and integrity toward both the State and the people.

Open Letter to CSW's Founder President Mr Mervyn Thomas who Ignore the Truth and Support Terrorist Acts



The fortification by terrorists at the Christian Church in Demoso Town.

who wrote this open letter to Founder President Mr Mervyn Thomas of Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW). I am simply an ordinary citizen who loves our country and people. Particularly, I am an ordinary person who cannot accept one-sided accusations and pressure from international organizations and individuals, that aim our country and people to be in ruins.

We, the people, have seen the statement on Myanmar released by your CSW organ- by domestic as well as foreign

A Buddhist monastery where terrorists station as a

fortification

ization on 4 November 2025. We wish to categorically deny that your statement is merely unfounded and arbitrary allegations against the Government of Myanmar and the Tatmadaw, and a propaganda document that lacks factual validity and impartiality.

You echo other people's opinions, without truly understanding the current political situation in Myanmar and the real circumstances on the ground. Instead, you rely only on incorrect information distorted

of ethnic armed groups, aiming M-22 bullet shells and M-79 grenade launcher shells

and stability.

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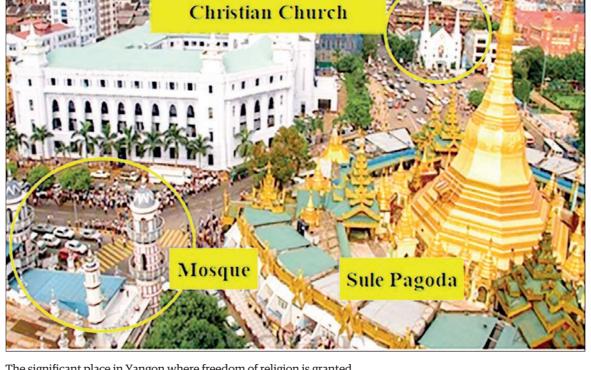
anmar and is experiencing the

violent acts by NUG, PDF and

terrorist groups under the name

Hence, this open letter is

fired from the Hill of Pagoda The evidence showing terrorists' fortifications at a Buddhist monastery in Mobye Township and a Hill of Pagoda in Moetarlay village of Katha Township.



The significant place in Yangon where freedom of religion is granted.

destructive media and terrorist to respond to your groundless groups, according to their own allegations. agendas. Such undisciplined

First, what you need to understand is that the conflicts and the destruction, as well as losses happening in the country, are not because the organization has been deliberately targeting civilians as you accuse, but because the all-out destruction path pursued by terrorist groups, under the name of NUG, CRPH and PDF groups born by the extremist factions of the NLD party. They are making attempts to achieve their self-serving political goals through violent means. The international community already knows that terrorists are arbitrarily killing any citizens who es of 88 Buddhist monks and do not support them.

While your CSW organization is seriously expressing its deep concern about religious discrimination and lack of fairness, a question has been raised. Why don't you say a single word about the civilians who were killed by terrorist groups?

Why doesn't your research mention about 5,767 unarmed, innocent people who lost their lives because of the killings by

Why do you ignore the cas- freedom?

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		Church	School	Total	Mosque	School	Total	Temple	School	Total	Chinese Temple	School	Total		
1.	Kachin State	1,363	8	1,371	21	3	24	59	-	59	37	-	37	2	T
2.	KayahState	424	7	431	1	1	2	5	-	5	1	-	1	-	Т
3.	Kayin State	97	8	105	69	70	139	32	19	51	5	-	5	-	T
4.	Chin State	2,358	11	2,369	1	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	35	Т
5.	Sagaing Region	864	12	876	81	21	102	25	-	25	7	-	7	-	T
6.	Taninthayi Region	98	-	98	100	-	100	19	-	19	34	-	34	-	Т
7.	Nay Pyi Taw	46	-	46	26	1	27	7	-	7	4	-	4	-	Т
8.	Bago Region (East)	105	-	105	67	-	67	117	-	117	24	-	24	-	Т
9.	Bago Region (West)	159	-	159	40	7	47	23	-	23	11	-	11	-	Т
10.	Magway Region	57	-	57	30	-	30	13	-	13	-	-	-	-	T
11.	Mandalay Region	177	8	185	195	75	270	110	-	110	30	2	32	3	Т
12.	Mon State	47	-	47	115	75	190	152	-	152	32	-	32	-	Т
13.	RakhineState	89	1	90	1,668	1,318	2,986	26	-	26	1	-	1	-	Т
14.	Yangon Region	341	29	370	151	76	227	273	-	273	128	-	128	7	Т
15.	Shan State (South)	217	-	217	31	3	34	38	1	39	18	-	18	-	T
16.	Shan State (North)	234	-	234	23	11	34	48	-	48	46	-	46	-	Т
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List of religious buildings in regions and states (Till October 2025)

two nuns who were killed by

Why does your CSW organization turn a blind eye to the terrorists' killings of thousands of civil servants, including 78 teachers who teach the new generation and administrators?

Do the terrorists' bombings and arson attacks against the 560 public schools, education buildings, bridges, hospitals and administrative offices fit any standards of your religious

the nation's legitimate defence institution, and it has the responsibility to counter terrorist acts and to safeguard the lives, homes and property of all citizens from the terrorists' acts of violence. All of the actions of the Tatmadaw are just systematically conducting Counter-Terrorism Operations in line with the Rules of Engagement (ROE). There is absolutely no discrimination or targeted attacks based on religion, as you

Myanmar's Tatmadaw is

We, the people, will respond to your alleged statement published on 4 November, letting you know the right facts. Citing the FORB Network, you claimed that more than 220 Christian Churches were destroyed and 85 Christian monks were killed. It was a fraud.

You cited the International Humanitarian Law (IHL). However, vou deliberately left off the part where IHL explicitly prohibits the use of places of worship for military purposes. In reality, in many conflict-affected areas, including Chin State, CNF, CNA, and PDF terrorist groups born by the NUG are deliberately committing crimes, such as "abusing religious buildings as defensive posts," "using as temporary barracks", and "planting landmines near places of worship".

These CNF, CNA and PDF

groups are disturbing the government's administrative mechanism, destroying the lives, homes and property of peaceable civilians in Chin State. As a result, fighting has broken out in regions where there had been no rebellion in successive eras. In other words, these clashes are broken out by the misguided political ego of the NUG group, which attempts to achieve its political goals through violent armed means. These battles are not caused by the Tatmadaw's military operations. The Tatmadaw is just attacking terrorist insurgents to deter the terrorists' violent acts against unarmed civilians and to restore the rule of law and stability.

The Tatmadaw has never wantonly targeted or attacked any religious buildings. The damages are just the Unavoidable Collateral Damage occurring within the battle zone, especially because terrorist groups attack the Tatmadaw by employing churches and pagodas for sheltering themselves.

You, who cited IHL, should understand the point that once a legally protected location is used as a military outpost, the

place loses its protected status and becomes a legitimate military target. So, the real culprits responsible for the wreckage of churches are the terrorists themselves.

By Aung Shinr

Freedom of religion is already guaranteed under Section 34 of the Constitution of Myanmar. The following is a list of religious buildings that belong to religions other than Buddhism. which is a special position in Myanmar, for your awareness.

In accordance with the Constitution, everyone has the freedom of religious right to practice their own religion, including Buddhism. The government, led by the current Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission (SSPC) Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, attends various religious festivals, depending on the time free from work.

However, terrorists are taking advantage of religious festivals in urban areas. They deliberately attempt to carry out acts of violence and bombings by taking shelter among crowds, neighbourhoods and churches.

Consequently, relevant administrative officials are carrying out necessary security checks and temporary restraints to protect the lives of the people. This is not targeting Christianity. It is solely to prevent the acts of terrorists and to provide the safety of worshippers. Officials do not consider Christianity and Islam as foes, but consider the terrorists as

Among your accusations. the easily verifiable falsehood is the claim regarding the Mandalay earthquake that struck on 28 March 2025. You have accused that the order stating that "the collapsed Christian Churches and mosques may only be rebuilt in their original form" is discriminatory. Again, you have portrayed this restriction as the reason why many long-standing Christian Churches have collapsed to the ground.

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ARTICLE

Open Letter to CSW's Founder President Mr Mervyn Thomas who Ignore the Truth and Support Terrorist Acts

FROM PAGE 9

I seriously object that your allegation is totally incorrect. The earthquake affected people of all religions. The Mandalay earthquake that struck on 28 March did not selectively target or discriminate against people and buildings based on religion. Your research intentionally left off the damage to Mandalay's world-renowned Buddhist heritage. The Kuthodaw Pagoda, a **UNESCO World Heritage-listed** site, suffered severe destruction. Likewise, many significant Buddhist sites, including the Shwegugyi Temple, Mae Nu Oak Kyaung (Mae Nu Brick Monastery) and the Mingun Pagoda, were also heavily damaged.

Reconstruction efforts are for everyone. The Government and the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture have preserved, repaired, and reconstructed more than 1,700 damaged ancient structures. The term 'in their original form' is an international standard. The policy for rebuilding in the original form that you accuse of being a discriminatory restriction is, in fact, not discriminatory at all. It is an international standard for historical preservation, to be applied equally to Buddhism, Christianity, and Islamic heritage alike, in line with the guidelines by the experts of international heritage-preservation organization such as UNESCO and the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), to ensure that the value of ancient heritages is not destroyed.

Since you intentionally distorted the point and incited religious conflict, it is vividly proven that the CSW group's goal is not targeted at unity but at disintegration.

In addition to accusations, the points you stated under the guise of demands reveal a colonial mindset, as if you want to control the sovereign nation's internal affairs from afar.

Among your demands, the most unacceptable, insulting remark is that you called for the immediate repeal of the Peo-

Documentary photos of different religious festivals attended by Acting President, SSPC Chairman, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing



Attending Tazaungdaing festival at Maravijaya Buddha Image in Nay Pyi Taw



Donating cash for Islam people at U Kyay Jamay Mosque in Pyinmana Township



Attending Chinese New Year celebration



Attending Christmas celebrations at St. Mary's Cathedral Church



Attending Deepavali celebration of Hindu Festival



Presenting Honorary Title by Young Men's Buddhist Association (YMBA)

ple's Military Service Law that came into force in 2024.

What Mr Mervyn Thomas needs to understand is that the People's Military Service Law is legally enacted and officially approved in line with Sections 385 and 386 of the Constitution of Myanmar. It is not, as you accuse, a tool of persecution. It is simply a public military service law similar to those practised not only in neighbouring ASEAN countries but also in nations around the world. This law is implemented as needed in accordance with the current situation for national defence.

Does your CSW organization have the courage to

demand that countries like South Korea, Singapore, Switzerland and Israel repeal their conscription laws? Or, are you simply trying to interfere in Myanmar's politics by taking sides? You must clearly understand that it is not allowed/there is no tolerance for interruption and interference by any international organization or individual to repeal a law granted by the Constitution of a sovereign nation

Your facade of humanity completely disappears in your final demand. You asked that fuel supplies for Myanmar's Tatmadaw should be targeted and cut off. This is not a demand for humanitarian aid, but a demand for military affairs.

Your genuine purpose is to undermine the air capabilities of Myanmar's Tatmadaw, which is crushing the terrorist groups, and to provide cover for the terrorists.

Subsequently, you requested aid for the direct flow to local civil society organizations. In reality, you revealed that you were attempting to bypass the legitimate government and channel illegal funds and supplies to NUG/PDF-affiliated groups

Because of your actions, the CSW group must be re-

garded as a group masquerading as a religious organization, and you must be regarded as a supporter of terrorism and is interfering in the internal affairs of a sovereign nation. You, Western bloc-affiliated media outlets and INGOs alike are completely disconnected from the genuine will of the people. The genuine desires of the majority of citizens living in the country are not to be imposed by your sanction or your interference.

The genuine desire of the people is to end the terrorist acts of the NUG/PDF terrorist groups, such as the killing of innocent civilians, the arson attacks on schools, and the mine attacks against roads, bridges, as quickly as possible. What we want is to end the violent acts and to have peaceful, stable and happy family lives.

You claim your CSW group is a religious organization. However, you are: interfering in the internal affairs of a sovereign nation; inflaming political conflict through religion; and providing indirect support to terrorist groups. Here, I would like to remind you that such actions can greatly damage the CSW group's reputation.

Witnessing your actions, you can be regarded as a supporter of terrorists from an ordinary citizen's point of view. Accordingly, we, the ordinary people, call for an end to your false allegations against the Government as well as the Tatmadaw, an end to your support for acts of terrorism, and a respect for Myanmar's sovereignty. Through this letter, we also want to make it clear to you and the international community that "the Government of Myanmar has fully legal authority to respond to any actions that encroach on the sovereignty of the nation".

(This article is solely the view of a citizen who values Myanmar's sovereignty, peace and stability, and it has no relation to religion.)

Short film contest to mark International Day of Persons with Disabilities

IN honour of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, which falls on 3 December, a short film competition will be held, according to Guiding Star.

Anyone who wants to appreciate the ability and strength of persons with disabilities can join, and rewards worth more than K1 million will be presented.

Videos will need to express one of the following themes: how disabled people have overcome challenges in society; how they have pursued their goals in the

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An invite poster for the short video competition in commemoration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

workplace and in art and sports; their abilities and persistent efforts amid challenges, and encouragement; and positive, joyful images of encouragement. Videos must be original creations with good resolution, lasting 1-3 minutes and must not cover sensitive content or be in violation of Facebook Community Standards. Misinformation and musical content must not infringe the copyright law.

Winners will be awarded K400,000 for first prize, K300,000

for second prize, K150,000 for third prize and K50,000 each for two consolation prizes, and a K5,000 prepaid bill for each contestant who does not win a prize. Videos can be submitted to the Telegram channel @Guiding_start2025, and more details can be requested via the page messenger. — MT/ZS



This photo captures the reconstruction work underway at a Mandalay quake-hit building.

UNDP Myanmar to fund quake-hit SMEs in Mandalay and Sagaing

ACCORDING to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP Myanmar), financial assistance will be provided to earthquake-affected small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Mandalay Region and Sagaing Region.

Under this programme, SMEs affected by the Mandalay earthquake in the two regions will receive financial support ranging from K4 million to K10 million, and applications for this assistance are now open.

In the first phase, 200 small and medium-sized enterprises in the earthquake-affected area of Sagaing Region will be supported. Both formally registered businesses

(formal SMEs) and newly established enterprises that have been operating for less than one year are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to enterprises that are owned or led by women.

Applicants may submit their applications to UNDP Myanmar by 5 December 2025 at the latest. — ASH/MKKS

Depression News, No 1, 2025

Issued at 4 pm MST on 25 November 2025

Depression Condition

According to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, the Well-Marked Low-Pressure Area over the South Andaman Sea and adjoining Strait of Malacca has intensified into a depression. It is centered at about 285 Nautical miles South-Southeast of Kawthaung (Myanmar), 50 Nautical miles West-Northwest of Penang (Malaysia), 260 Nautical miles East of Banda Aceh (Indonesia) and 470 Nautical miles Southeast of Car Nicobar (India).

It does not intend to move towards Myanmar coasts at the present stage and therefore the Depression is coded as yellow stage.

Position of Depression, center pressure and wind

The Depression is located at Latitude 5.4 degree North and Longitude 99.7 degree East, centre pressure of Depression is 1006 hPa and maximum wind speed near the center is 30 miles per hour at 3:30 pm MST today.

Next 48 hours forecast

It is likely to move West-Northwestwards and further intensify during next 48 hours.

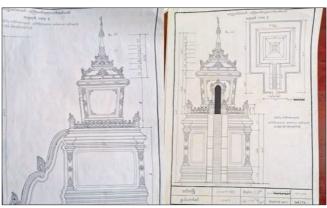
General Caution

Due to the depression, occassional squalls with rough seas will be experienced in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach 35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9-11 feet in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts.

Advisory

People should be awared due to the depression domestic aviation, near-shore and offshore fishing vessels, and ships along the Myanmar coastline and offshore are also advised to take precautions. — DMH

Excavation complete for Inwa tooth relic building, construction to start



This photo showcases the tooth relic building drawing made in line with sketches in folded papers of King Bagyidaw's reign.

THE excavation of the Inwa tooth relic building is 100 per cent complete, and construction is set to begin, according to local writer and researcher Bo Shake assisting with the construction.

Preparations are being made to reconstruct the building, which was destroyed by an earthquake, back to its original form based on the pattern found in

the folded paper. As the excavation is now fully complete, a foundation-laying ceremony will be held in the coming days, he said.

"The excavation is 100 per cent finished. We will start construction. We will drive the foundation stake in the next few days. The engineers and construction teams for the building's construction have all

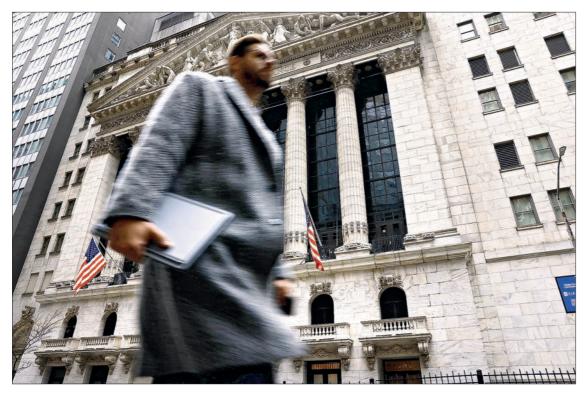
been assigned," he told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM). It is believed to have been built by King Bagyidaw, who founded Inwa for the fourth time, in 1183 Myanmar Era, and it will be rebuilt exactly to the design in paintings mentioned in the folded papers.

During the excavation work, ancient artefacts such as a Manussiha statue, and alms-bowls, trays and vases made of sandstone were unearthed.

This reconstruction of the 40-to-50-foot-high building will allow both local and foreign tourists to study Myanmar's royal traditions and enjoy the natural beauty of Inwa from an elevated viewpoint. It will also restore a lost watchtower and provide an additional tourist destination, he added. — MT/ZN

ECONOMYWORLD

Stocks diverge tracking Fed rates outlook, tech rebound



People walk past the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on 20 November 2025 in New York City. **PHOTO: SPENCER PLATT/GETTY IMAGES/AFP**

EUROPEAN and Asian stock markets mostly rose Tuesday following a tech-led rally on Wall Street that soothed fears of an AI bubble.

Expectations that the US Federal Reserve will cut interest rates next month added further support to equities but weighed on the dollar. Oil prices were downbeat amid reports US Army Secretary Dan Driscoll is meeting with a Russian delegation in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday, days after talks with Ukraine in Geneva aimed at ending the conflict, which would relieve pressure on Russia's energy exports.

London led the way among Europe's top stock markets, gaining 0.3 per cent nearing midday and on the eve of the UK government's annual budget.

Tokyo edged higher as trading resumed after a long holiday

weekend in Japan, while Chinese indices won solid gains.

Investors were waiting to see whether "the recent recovery in US stocks is a short-term reprieve or the beginning of another leg higher in the bull market", noted Joshua Mahony, chief market analyst at traders Scope Markets.

Optimism appeared to be returning to trading floors on increased chances of a December rate cut from the Fed, which would be the third in a row.

Fed governor Christopher Waller told Fox Business on Monday that inflation was not his main worry and that his "concern is mainly the labour market, in terms of our dual mandate" to support jobs and keep a cap on prices. "So I'm advocating for a rate cut at the next meeting," he added. — AFP

S Koreans' overseas plastic card spending rises on-quarter in Q3

SOUTH Koreans' overseas plastic card spending rose for the second straight quarter due to strong demand for online direct purchases of foreign products and for overseas travel, central bank data showed Tuesday.

Using credit, debit and prepaid cards, residents spent U\$\$5.93 billion overseas in the July-September quarter, up 7.3 per cent compared to the previous quarter, according to the Bank of Korea.

It came after growing 3.3 per cent in the April-June quarter on the back of the still high product purchases through Chinese online shopping malls and robust demand for overseas travel during the summer vacation.

The direct purchase of foreign products in cyberspace reached \$1.53 billion in the third quarter, slightly down from \$1.55 billion in the second quarter.

The number of outbound travellers expanded 4.8 per cent over the quarter to 7.09 million in the third quarter.

Overseas spending per plastic card increased 3.4 per cent to \$314 in the cited quarter. The number of plastic cards used overseas was 18.88 million in the third quarter, up 3.8 per cent from three months earlier. — Xinhua

Laos cuts rate to spur economy

THE Lao central bank said that it will further cut its seven-day basic interest rate as part of monetary measures to maintain liquidity and support economic growth. The Lao central bank will cut its seven-day base interest rate from nine per cent to 8.5 per cent, according to a report from the Bank of the Lao PDR (BOL).

This marked the fourth reduction in 2025, following cuts from 10.5 per cent to 10 per cent in March, to 9.5 per cent in June, and to nine per cent in August. The BOL said it will maintain a mixed monetary policy approach in 2026, continuing to issue short-term bonds as needed and managing the exchange rate to stabilize the kip. — Xinhua

Overseas-based Tokyo condo buyers doubled in 2025 1st half: govt survey

A survey of new condominium transactions in major metropolitan areas showed a rise in buyers with overseas addresses, with Tokyo seeing the share double to 3.0 per cent in the January-June period of 2025, the land ministry said.

Speculative purchases that drive up prices without actual demand are believed to exist, analysts said, prompting the government of Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi to consider countermeasures regardless of whether buyer addresses are in Japan or abroad.

When limited to the six central Tokyo wards, including Chiyoda hosting the Imperial Palace as well as many government offices and leading businesses, the share rose from 3.2 per cent to 7.5 per cent, underscoring a surge in purchases linked to overseas addresses.

Land minister Yasushi Kaneko acknowledged that the Japanese government does not have data on the nationalities of buyers, but said at a press conference on Tuesday, "Speculative transactions not based on actual demand are undesirable." He said the ministry will work with the real estate industry to curb such activity, with a source close to the matter saying Japan is considering a system that would require property transfer registration applicants to disclose their nationality.

Outside Tokyo, Sapporo in northernmost Hokkaido record-

ed a near-tripling of its share, climbing from 0.7 per cent to 2.0 per cent. The figure in Kanagawa Prefecture, which borders Japan's capital, also grew from 0.3 per cent to 1.0 per cent. The survey was conducted by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism for the first time amid concerns that speculative purchases by foreign buyers are driving up condominium prices. — Kyodo



Yasushi Kaneko, minister of land, infrastructure, transport and tourism, holds a press conference in Tokyo on 25 November 2025. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Inflation, scepticism cloud US holiday shopping as Black Friday approaches

THE Black Friday sales, which used to indicate long lines and lots of shopping in stores all over the United States, seem to be losing appeal to shoppers this year, according to analysts and economic surveys.

Although spending is predicted to be strong, the excitement and urgency that made it a big deal in US retail are being replaced by caution, doubt and new shopping habits amid economic uncertainty.

According to official holiday spending forecasts by the US National Retail Federation, each consumer would spend a total of \$890 on average, a slight dip from last year's \$902.

Moreover, the reasons why US consumers spend money and how they do it have changed a lot from



People view the holiday-decorated shop windows in New York, the United States, on 22 November 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

past years, mostly due to ongoing inflation and worries about the future.

A Drive Research survey from 2025 with more than 1,200 shoppers found

that 70 per cent of the respondents said that rising living costs affect their Black Friday budgets, and 57 per cent said that higher grocery prices do. More

than half, or 54 per cent, said that the ongoing inflation is a direct reason for cutting back on purchases.

Duleep Rodrigo, consumer and retail leader

at consulting firm KPMG, said in an October interview with the Los Angeles Times that many consumers are now highly conscious of inflation and the impact of tariffs on prices. He noted that people are buying earlier in the season not because they have more money to spend, but because they expect prices to rise.

"Complicating this year's shopping season are President Donald Trump's tariffs of between 10 per cent and 50 per cent on most US imports," the Forbes said, adding that "companies are already hiking prices, and consumers should expect to pay more for some of the biggest holiday categories including apparel, electronics and home decor".

— Xinhua

Novartis to cut 550 jobs in Switzerland to focus on cell therapy

SWISS drug company Novartis said Tuesday it plans to cut 550 jobs in Switzerland by the end of 2027 as it modernises a factory to cease producing pills and capsules to focus on cell therapies.

"To maintain competitive production, we must focus on innovative production technologies and invest in a high degree of automation," Steffen Lang, who heads Novartis's operations, said in a press release.

The pharmaceutical giant said it will invest \$26 million in its plant in Stein, near Basel in the north of the country, to focus on manufacturing more complex treatments. – AFP

US\$6 bln renewable energy corridor to be developed in Malaysia

THE World Bank Group has signed a collaboration agreement with Malaysia to jointly develop the Southern Johor Renewable Energy Corridor (SJREC) in the country, with a project value of US\$6 billion.

The agreement was signed on Monday by the World Bank's private sector arm -- the International Finance Corporation, Permodalan Darul Ta'zim -- the strategic investment arm of the Johor state government, and Ditrolic Energy, an integrated energy company.

The trio said in a statement on Monday that the 2,000-square-kilometre hybrid solar and battery energy storage system zone in Johor aims to power the indus-

trial development of Johor with clean electricity and support the ASEAN Power Grid initiative by facilitating cross-border electricity trade.

The collaboration letter, signed in conjunction with the launch of the Johor Renewable Energy Policy 2030, outlines joint efforts across project development, technical support, and potential financing for the project.

Developed as a key component of the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone master plan, the initial phase of SJREC is expected to include up to four gigawatts peak of solar capacity and 5.12 gigawatt hours of energy storage capacity on a 10,000-acre site. — Xinhua

Sri Lanka's exports top US\$14.4B in 10 months

SRI Lanka's export earnings reached US\$14.43 billion in the first 10 months of 2025, an increase of six per cent over the same period last year, the Export Development Board (EDB) said on Tuesday. This was the first time that the country's January-October export earnings have exceeded \$14 billion, the EDB said. Coconut-based products also recorded a milestone, crossing the \$1 billion mark for the first time during the first 10 months of a year.

EDB Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Mangala Wijesinghe said the achievement marked the highest export value ever recorded for the January-October period in Sri Lanka. He noted that the steady recovery of major Western markets and the consistent production capacity of local industries were key drivers of growth. — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ALS SUMIRE VOY.NO. (216N)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ALS SUMIRE VOY.NO. (216N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26-11-2025 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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Notice for change of distributor

We, **Agrodan Chemical Co., Ltd**, would like to change the Distributor of the following product, which registered under Pesticide Registration Board, Myanmar, from **Amazing seasons Co., Ltd** to **Shwe Taung International Trading Co., Ltd.** If any objection or enquiry, please contact to Co-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture, West Gyogone, Insein township, Yangon from here to next two weeks.

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Shwe Taung International Trading Co., Ltd. (Address: Yangon-Mandalay Road, near Kwael Sae Kan Kar Kyi Kwin Atwin, Pyigyitagon, Mandalay Region, Myanmar. Ph no .09403723854)

ROLLING UPDATES

China sends Shenzhou-22 to orbit, completing first emergency launch in its manned space programme

CHINA launched the Shenzhou-22 spaceship from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China at 12:11 pm (Beijing Time) on Tuesday, successfully accomplishing the first emergency launch mission in the country's manned space programme.

About 10 minutes after the launch, the spaceship separated from the rocket and entered its designated orbit. The China Manned Space Agency declared the launch mission a complete success.

The spaceship, flying without a crew aboard, carried a cargo of space food, medical supplies, fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as devices for treating the cracked window on the Shen-



The Shenzhou-22 spaceship, atop a Long March-2F Y22 rocket, blasts off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China, 25 November 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

zhou-20 spaceship.

Shenzhou-22 will autonomously execute a fast-track rendezvous and docking with the space station complex.

The new spaceship will later serve as the return vessel for the three Shenzhou-21 astronauts currently in orbit. The return mission of sending the three Shenzhou-20 astronauts back to Earth, initially scheduled on 5 November by the Shenzhou-20 spaceship, was delayed following a suspected debris impact.

The Long March-2F Y22 rocket and the Shenzhou-22 spaceship — already on standby at the launch site - were swiftly brought to launch readiness, initiating a 16-day emergency launch sequence. — Xinhua

LatAm bloc rejects US "terrorist" designation of "nonexistent" cartel

THE Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America-Peoples' Trade Treaty (ALBA-TCP) on Monday "categorically" rejected the US designation of Venezuela's "non-existent" Cartel de los Soles as a "terrorist organization".

On 16 November, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced that the State Department intends to designate Cartel de los Soles as a Foreign Terrorist Organization, effective on Monday.

In a statement, the regional bloc said that the US move aims to justify aggression against the South American country and force a change of government.

The US policy of aggression and threats against Venezuela has been strongly and almost unanimously rejected by the international community, it added. The bloc urged the United States to stop the policy against the region, particularly against Venezuela, since such actions cause instability, falsehoods and unnecessary risks to regional coexistence.

Also on Monday, the Venezuelan government rejected the US "terrorist" designation of Cartel de los Soles, condemning the move as a "vile lie". - Xinhua

S Korea raises African swine fever alert after new outbreak

SOUTH Korea's quarantine authorities on Tuesday raised the African swine fever crisis alert to "serious" after this year's sixth ASF case was confirmed, according to Yonhap news agency.

The latest case was reported at a pig farm in the city of Dangjin, South Chungcheong province, about two months after the fifth case was confirmed in Yeoncheon county, Gyeonggi province.

The alert was lifted to the highest "serious" level in a bid to issue a 48-hour standstill order for workers and vehicles at the livestock-related facilities across the country, including pig farms, slaughterhouses and feed mills.

The authorities implemented emergency quarantine measures, such as an epidemiological investigation, disinfection, and the culling of pigs. - Xinhua

Vietnam proposes US\$23 bln investment to boost education

THE Vietnamese government on Tuesday proposed allocating more than 580 trillion Vietnamese dong (about US\$23 billion) from 2026 to 2035 to modernize and improve the quality of education, local daily Dan Tri reported.

The plan aims to standard-

ize and overhaul the national education system, expand access to learning opportunities and ensure fairness in education, according to the report.

The programme targets key goals by 2030, including upgrading infrastructure, supporting disadvantaged regions, and building boarding schools for students in remote

The government also aims to invest in eight public universities to help them rank among Asia's top 200, targeting at least one in the top 100. — Xinhua

"Zero-click" searches on rise due to AI summaries: Japan survey

MORE people are finding information from billion Google searches in Japan in September, by search engines, indicating information summarized by generative artificial intelligence that now appears at the top of search results is being considered sufficient.

A recent private sector survey in Japan showed "zero-click" searches have become the norm in more than 60 per cent of Google queries, with the trend prompting businesses and entities to review their customer engagement strategies.

The operators of websites will likely see decreased advertising revenue and lost opportunities in obtaining new customers due to the trend, experts say.

Data analysis firm Values Inc, based in Tokyo, and subscription blog platform operator Note Inc estimated that there were about 6.18

online searches without clicking links provided but those searches led to only 2.26 billion visits to websites listed in results. — Kyodo



Photo taken on 24 November 2025 in Tokyo shows information summarized by artificial intelligence after a Google search. PHOTO: KYODO

SPORTS

Weather threat prompts backup Olympic flame lighting rehearsal in Ancient Olympia

ANCIENT Olympia staged an emergency rehearsal on Monday for the flame lighting of the 2026 Milan-Cortina Olympic Winter Games as organizers braced for poor weather expected to disrupt Wednesday's official ceremony.

Greek actress Mary Mina, playing the High Priestess, used sunlight and a concave mirror to ignite the flame beside the 2,500-year-old Temple of Hera. After a short performance inspired by ancient Greek mythology in the historic stadium, she passed the flame and an olive branch to the first torchbearer.

The flame lit Monday will act as a backup. With cloud cover and possible rain forecast, the Hellenic Olympic Committee said both Tuesday's final rehearsal and Wednesday's ceremony will move indoors to the nearby Archaeological Museum.

Petros Gkaidatzis, Greece's Olympic bronze medallist in rowing at Paris 2024, will serve as the first torchbearer of the relay. He replaces Alexandros Ginnis, who withdrew after being injured during training. In a letter to organizers, Ginnis said he was heartbroken to miss the opportunity and needed to focus on recovery ahead of the Winter Games.

Gkaidatzis said he was "tremendously honoured" to be selected. "I consider carrying the Olympic flame as honourable as winning my bronze medal at the 2024 Olympic Games," he said.

The torch relay will begin after Wednesday's ceremony and travel 2,200 kilometres across Greece before the flame is handed to Italy at Athens' Panathenaic Stadium on 4 December.

— Xinhua



Mary Mina (front), in the role of an ancient Greek High Priestess, lights the flame during the dress rehearsal of the Olympic flame lighting ceremony for the 2026 Milan-Cortina Olympic Winter Games in Ancient Olympia, Greece, on 24 November 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Takuma Inoue hands Nasukawa 1st loss, reclaims world bantam title



Takuma Inoue (L) and Tenshin Nasukawa trade punches during the third round of the WBC bantamweight world title bout at Toyota Arena Tokyo on 24 November 2025. **PHOTO: KYODO**

TAKUMA Inoue beat his fellow Japanese Tenshin Nasukawa by unanimous decision to secure the WBC bantamweight title on Sunday, dishing out the first defeat of the former kickboxing star's boxing career after eight bouts.

Inoue, the younger brother of undisputed super bantamweight world champion Naoya Inoue, reclaimed a world title in the division after losing the WBA belt to Seiya Tsutsumi by unanimous decision in October last year.

The top-ranked, world-title-bout debutant Nasukawa made a good start using his sharp left in the first two rounds, but second-ranked Inoue's plethora of punches as well as his stamina gave him the upper hand from the middle rounds at Toyota Arena Tokyo.

"Thank you. I'm back," the 29-year-old said after improving to 21 wins, five by knockout, and two defeats. "I'm relieved. The word sums it all up. It's a big joy that I was able to beat Tenshin, more than the fact I got a belt back."

"I was able to work like crazy because I was facing Tenshin," Inoue added.

Two and a half years into his boxing career, the 27-year-old Nasukawa came up short for the first time as the south-paw dropped to 7-1 with two KOs.

"Although it didn't pay off, I have no regrets about what I've been doing," he said. "This is the result of giving everything I have. I'm happy to have competed in a fight like this." — Kyodo

Lang, Trujillo Diaz win 2025 IOC Coaches Lifetime Achievement Awards

THE International Olympic Committee (IOC) on Monday honoured Chinese volleyball coach Lang Ping and Cuban wrestling coach Raul de Jesus Trujillo Diaz with the IOC Coaches Lifetime Achievement Awards.

The pair received the awards from IOC President Kirsty Coventry and Sergii

Bubka, chair of the IOC Athletes' Entourage Commission.

"It's really special to be here with all of you and to celebrate our two coaches for their incredible commitment and their lifetime of work in serving their athletes to become the best athlete, but also the best humans that they can be," Coventry said. — Xinhua



Lang Ping (L) poses with Sergii Bubka, Chair of the IOC Athletes' Entourage Commission, after receiving an IOC Coaches Lifetime Achievement Award at the Olympic House in Lausanne, Switzerland, on 24 November 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

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ROLLING UPDATES China sends Shenzhou-22 to orbit, completing first emergency launch in its manned space programme



ADB opens door to nuclear power support under new energy policy

THE Asian Development Bank (ADB) has said that recent changes to its energy policy will allow the institution to support nuclear power projects for the first time, subject to strict safeguards and international oversight.

In a statement on Monday, the Manila-based lender said the updated changes "pave the way" for the ADB to support nuclear power, including financing nuclear energy in developing member countries that opt to include it in their energy mix.

Any support, however, would undergo "rigorous assessments and the highest standards of safety, security, and environmental and social safeguards".

The bank will work closely with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and other international authorities to help its developing member countries adopt international best practices and comply with stringent nuclear power standards. "These changes further enhance ADB's ability to support countries in Asia and the Pacific as they work to meet their rapidly growing energy needs," said ADB President Masato Kanda.

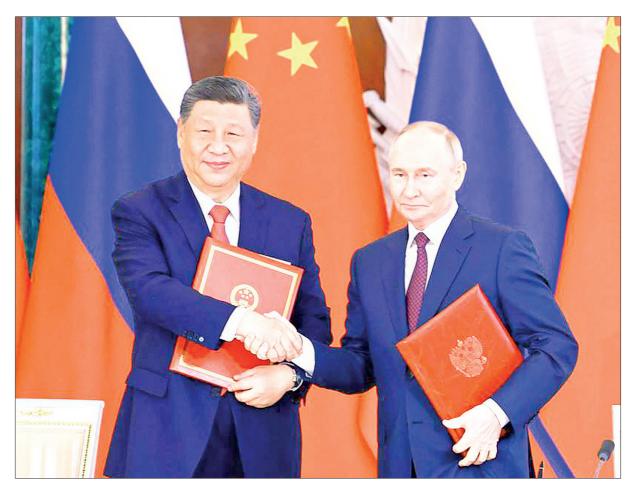
"Nuclear power, for example, is an important technology option for countries looking for reliable alternatives to baseload electricity," he added. - Xinhua

Thailand floods kill 13, leaving people stranded and roads submerged

RESIDENTS of southern Thailand waded through waist-deep floods on Tuesday, with a main tourist town left inundated by days of heavy rain, stranding people in homes and hotels, and killing at least 13 in the region. The government declared a state of emergency in southern Songkhla province on Tuesday, as the meteorological department forecast more rain and possible flash floods this week. Torrential rains since late last week inundated the tourist hub of Hat Yai and the southern region, killing 13 people in four flood-hit provinces, the department of disaster prevention and mitigation said.

Local television footage in recent days has showed rescuers in Hat Yai evacuating people via boats, jet skis and military trucks amid high floodwaters. - AFP

Russia-China Energy Ties Turn Strategic — Deputy PM



Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin sign a joint statement on further deepening the China-Russia comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination for a new era after their talks at the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia, 8 May 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

HE two countries are now building a real strategic energy alliance, Alexander Novak said at the Russia-China Energy Forum.

Moscow and Beijing are discussing bigger oil exports, with deals via Kazakhstan extended to 2033. Cooperation on oil-and-gas equipment is expanding. Russia stays a reliable power supplier to China.

The Chinese leader sent a telegram to participants of the seventh China-Russia Energy Business Forum, currently underway in Beijing.

Beijing is ready to strengthen the comprehensive energy partnership with Moscow, Chinese President Xi Jinping said.

"China is ready to work with Russia to further strengthen the comprehensive energy partnership and jointly maintain the stability and smooth operation of the global energy production and supply chain," China Central Television (CCTV) quoted the telegram as saying.

Xi Jinping emphasized that China-Russia energy cooperation had a solid foundation, served as an example of mutually beneficial cooperation, and played a positive role in promoting the economic and social development of both countries and improving the well-being of their peoples. — SPUTNIK



Officials work at a disaster response headquarters set up at the Kumamoto prefectural government office in Kumamoto after an earthquake hit the southwestern Japan prefecture on 25 November 2025. PHOTO: KYODO

M5.8 quake hits southwestern Japan, no tsunami warning

AN earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.8 hit the southwestern Japan prefectures of Kumamoto and Oita on Tuesday, with the country's weather agency warning the public to remain on alert for about a week due to the possibility of a larger temblor.

No tsunami warning was issued, after the quake occurred shortly after 6 pm and originated in Kumamoto's Aso area. The quake registered upper 5 on the Japanese seismic intensity scale of 7 in Ubuyama, according to the Japan Meteorological Agency.

Upper 5 is defined as a level at which many people find it difficult to walk.

The quake registered lower 5 in Kumamoto's Aso and was also felt in Oita's Taketa, where a lower 5 was registered, the agency said. The latest quake occurred in an area of Kyushu, one of Japan's four main islands, where a pair of massive quakes struck in 2016. The agency, which initially reported the quake's magnitude at 5.7, also revised the depth of the focus from about 10 kilometres to nine kilometre. — Kyodo