

Four Objectives of the National Defence and Security Council

- 1. To steadfastly strive for emergence of political forces and the people’s representatives who can implement a genuine, disciplined multi-party democratic system while constantly emphasizing on the national interests of the State.
- 2. To persistently strive for promoting the socio-economic life of the people through the development of agro-based industries in improving the agricultural sector, the vital foundation of the economic growth of the State.
- 3. To put emphasis on enhancing the national education and health sectors for sustainable development of the State.
- 4. To implement multi-party democratic system, with the participation of the people, to ensure the success of multi-party democratic general election process and successfully moving towards with the multi-party democratic system aspired by the entire people.



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing looks into the exhibits displayed at yesterday’s event in Nay Pyi Taw.

Population data key to successful upcoming election

The 2024 Population Census Report serves as a vital roadmap for formulating effective policies that drive Myanmar’s sustainable development.

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing highlighted that the country can reap the benefits of its demographic dividend in the future by investing effectively in today’s youth.
A ceremony to release the Union re-

port on population and household census 2024 was held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre I (MICC I) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, with an address by Acting President of the Republic of the
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Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the ceremony of releasing the Union census report

- 1. The population figures from the current census are also helping to ensure the completeness and accuracy of the voter lists, which form the essential foundation for the successful conduct of the upcoming multiparty democratic general election on 28 December.
- 2. Census data are the lifeblood of a reliable nation, enabling it to effectively implement programmes for planners and policymakers.
- 3. Neglecting the younger generation may increase the demographic burden, reduce social stability and peace, and, in the worst-case scenario, lead to a demographic disaster.

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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.

Cyclonic Storm "MONTHA" News, No 8, 2025

Issued at 4 pm MST on 27 October 2025

Cyclonic Storm "MONTHA" Condition

According to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, the Cyclonic Storm "MONTHA" over the Southwest Bay and adjoining Westcentral Bay of Bengal has moved northwestwards and persists. It is centred at about 530 nautical miles West-Southwest of Coco Island (Myanmar), 240 nautical miles East of Chennai (India), 260 nautical miles Southeast of Kakinada (India).

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

Position of Cyclonic Storm, centre pressure and wind

The Cyclonic Storm is located at Latitude 13.2 degree North and Longitude 84.4 degree East, centre pressure of Cyclonic Storm is 996 hPa and maximum wind speed near the centre is 45-50 miles per hour at 5:30 am MST today.

Next 36 hours forecast

It is likely to move north-northwestwards and intensify into Severe Cyclonic Storm on 28 October 2025 and cross Andhra Pradesh Coast on that night.

Due to the Cyclonic Storm, rain or thundershowers will be scattered to fairly widespread in Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kayin, Mon, and Rakhine States, isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway, Sagaing Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Chin, and Shan States from today morning to 28 October 2025. Squalls with rough seas are likely at times in the Deltaic, off and along the Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30-35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9-11 feet in the Deltaic, off and along the Rakhine Coasts.

Advisory

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



Information Centre for Trafficked Persons (Yangon, Mandalay)



The trafficked persons can contact and ask for help.



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Ward, Aungmyaythazan Township.
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2 special criminal appeal cases, 4 special civil appeal cases passed judgements; 4 special civil appeal cases heard

A special appeal tribunal consisting of Union Chief Justice U Tha Htay and Judges of Supreme Court of the Union: U Myo Tint, U Thauang Naing, U Win Myint and Daw Soe Khet Khet was convened Monday morning at the Supreme Court of the Union, and passed judgements for two special criminal appeal cases: 6/2025 (Mon) and

7/2025 (Mon), and four special civil appeal cases: 31/2025 (Mandalay), 32/2025 (Mandalay), 33/2025 (Kachin) and 34/2025 (Kachin) were heard.

Additionally, a total of four special civil appeal cases: 16/2025 (Mandalay), 23/2025 (Yangon), 24/2025 (Shan) and 25/2025 (Mandalay) were heard. — MNA

MRTV, affiliates to air campaign speeches of parties for election

THE campaign speeches of political parties participating in the multiparty democratic general election, scheduled to be held on 28 December 2025, will be broadcast at 7 pm beginning on 28 October; through MRTV HD, MRTV Parliament, and affiliated television channels, including MWD HD and MWD Variety HD, as well as

on Myanmar Radio, Thapyay Radio, Thazin FM, and online platforms such as the MRTV App, Radio App, and other MRTV online platforms.

The speeches of the political party will be aired daily at 7 pm from 28 October to 24 November for the first series of broadcasts. — MNA/MKKS

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)

Population data key to successful upcoming ...

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Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Speaking on the occasion, the Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and SSPC Chairman delivered a speech, saying that the completeness of a country's demographic data reflects, in an indirect yet significant way, the level of its development, the quality of its governance, and the stability of its political situation.

He noted that a population census provides the essential data needed for balanced and sector-wise development in the social, economic, and administrative aspects of a country.

He added that the 2024 population census report is important as a roadmap that can be effectively used to formulate policies for the development of Myanmar.

He unveiled that by investing effectively in today's youth, the country can reap the benefits of its demographic dividend in the future. Conversely, neglecting the younger generation may increase the demographic burden, reduce social stability and peace, and, in the worst-case scenario, lead to a demographic disaster.

The Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and SSPC Chairman underlined that accurate and reliable population data are essential for assessing the nation's current situation and planning its future development, and according to the United Nations recommendations and best international practices, a population census needs to be conducted once every ten years.

He continued that after the population census was conducted in October 2024, a preliminary population report was first released on 31 December 2024, so



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing speaks on the occasion of the release of the Union Report on the Population and Household Census 2024 yesterday.

that basic data could be immediately used for national planning purposes.

He said that these reports include chapters on population data, migration, education, the labour force, disability, housing conditions, births, and deaths. They are expected to bring numerous benefits to the country and will also serve as valuable resources for programmes related to national security, the rule of law, and poverty reduction.

He emphasized that the 2024 population census data stated that the country's population had slightly declined for the first time in decades. This presents a challenge due to falling birth rates, increased migration, and changes in family structures, but it can also be seen as an opportunity.

He stressed that since overseas migration is influenced by the country's socioeconomic conditions, political stability, domestic employment opportunities, and the economic development of neighbouring countries, plans and policies must be implemented to guide the nation toward

long-term sustainable development.

He underscored that the population figures from the current census are also helping to ensure the completeness and accuracy of the voter lists, which form the essential foundation for the successful conduct of the upcoming multiparty democratic general election on 28 December.

He pointed out that by identifying the population according to educational attainment, occupation, and living arrangements, the census provides a fundamental resource that can support the formulation and implementation of necessary policies. It also enables the training and development of the required workforce.

He guided that, based on the labour requirements of public, private, and domestic and foreign investment enterprises, the census data can also provide essential information for estimating annual university admissions and enrolment in vocational and educational institutions.

The Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

and SSPC Chairman pointed out that, by linking educational and workforce data and expanding vocational training schools, a skilled labour force can be cultivated, and employment opportunities can be created. Similarly, the census data can provide the necessary information to support social welfare programmes, elderly care, and the registration and assistance of persons with disabilities.

He instructed that a population census serves as a fundamental pillar for a country's governance and development. For planners and policymakers, census data are the lifeblood of a reliable nation, enabling them to effectively implement programmes such as improving educational outcomes, enhancing healthcare services, creating employment opportunities, and expanding social welfare activities.

Chairman of the Central Census Commission, Union Minister for Immigration and Population, U Myint Kyaing, presented a brief report on the

census outcomes. A documentary video clip on conducting the census process was screened.

The Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and SSPC Chairman had documentary photos taken together with attendees.

He visited the exhibition to mark the release of the Union report on the population and household census 2024.

Also, present at the ceremony were Commission Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Commission member and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, commission members, Union ministers, Union-level dignitaries, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, region and state chief ministers, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, deputy ministers, officials from the foreign embassies and international organizations, chairmen and officials from the political parties and associations, and officials. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

Union Minister for President's Office Ministry 1 signs book of condolences on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, Queen Mother of Thailand

ON behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, U Tin Aung San, Union Minister for Ministry 1 of the President's Office signed the book of condolences opened at the Royal Thai Embassy in Yangon, located at 94, Pyay Road, at 3 pm yesterday, for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, the Queen Mother of the Kingdom of Thailand on 24 October 2025.

Upon arrival, the Union minister cordially met the ambassador and embassy officials at the Royal Thai Embassy. During the

meeting, he extended heartfelt condolences and sympathies on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, the Queen Mother of Thailand and signed the book of condolences.

Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, the Queen Mother of Thailand, passed away at the age of 93. — MNA

Union Minister U Tin Aung San signs the condolence book yesterday for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, the Queen Mother of the Kingdom of Thailand on 24 October 2025.



Renovated MGH surgical ward reopened after earthquake repairs

THE rehabilitation and renovation of Surgical Ward 3 of Mandalay General Hospital, which was damaged in the earthquake, has been completed. The handover ceremony was held yesterday at Ward 3 of the hospital.

Attending the ceremony were Mr Zhang Wei, Deputy Consul-General of the People's Republic of China, based in Mandalay; Dr Myo Thant Khaing, Deputy Head of the Mandalay Region Public Health Department (Treatment); Dr San Lwin Oo, Medical Superintendent; other responsible officials; and invitees.

The Deputy Consul-General and officials first toured Ward 3 to inspect the completed renovation and observe ongoing patient treatments.

The second part of the programme was held at the Man-



Mandalay General Hospital's Medical Superintendent Dr San Lwin Oo presents certificates of honour to the Deputy Consul-General Mr Zhang Wei.

taung Yeik Hall of the nine-storey building, where the Deputy Consul-General delivered an opening address, followed by remarks from the Deputy Head of the Regional Public Health Department (Treatment). The Deputy Consul-General then handed over all relevant documents concerning the completed renovation to the Medical Superintendent.

Following the handover, the Medical Superintendent and officials presented certificates of honour and recognition to the Deputy Consul-General and representatives from My-

anmar-China Oil and Gas Pipeline Co Ltd, Myanmar Conch Cement Co Ltd and the Myanmar-China Cooperation Association, in appreciation of their contributions to the project.

The rehabilitation of Ward 3 at Mandalay General Hospital, damaged by the earthquake, was jointly funded and supported by the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Mandalay, Myanmar-China Oil and Gas Pipeline Co Ltd and Myanmar Conch Cement Co Ltd, with the Myanmar-China Cooperation Association providing collaborative assistance. Renovation work commenced on 17 July and was completed on 16 October, with the total cost amounting to approximately K160 million. — Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)/MKKS

Special train delivers 487 tonnes of cement to earthquake-hit areas

A special freight train has delivered steel rebars, roofing sheets, and cement required for rehabilitation and reconstruction work in earthquake-affected areas.

The train, carrying a total of 9,740 bags of cement weighing 487 tonnes, arrived at Myohaung Station in Mandalay yesterday morning. Responsible officials inspected the consignment. The cement will be distributed for use in rehabilitation and reconstruction projects across Mandalay Region.

In addition, a total of 2,229.63 tonnes of HRB 500 steel bars and 49,000 roofing sheets (4-angle, 0.33 mm) have been delivered for rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in Mandalay and Sagaing Regions. — MNA/MKKS

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General Aung San Declares Firm Stand Against Election Disruption

“Our Government shall not permit any disruption of the forthcoming election. The electoral process shall remain free and fair, and no interference shall be exercised upon those who participate in it. Yet, let it be firmly declared that any attempt to disturb or sabotage the election shall be met with the full weight of authority”.

(An excerpt from the radio address regarding the election, delivered by General Aung San on 13 March 1947)



MoI Union Minister interviewed for ‘Towards the Golden Future of Lancang-Mekong’ documentary

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn gave an interview yesterday at the ministry to the filming team of the documentary programme “Towards the Golden Future of Lancang-Mekong.” The programme is being jointly produced by Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) and Yunnan Media Group (YMG) from Yunnan Province, China. The interview focused on the role of the information sector in enhancing friendship and mutual understanding between the peoples of Myanmar and China.

During the interview, the Union Minister stated that the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation (LMC) framework strengthens friendship among Mekong region countries and contributes to regional development. In 2008, Myanmar collaborated with CCTV to produce the “Mekong-Lancang Travel Programme”, and in 2019, worked



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with YMG to produce the documentary “The New Southern Silk Road,” which was broadcast on television channels of both countries.

He also added that as the representatives from ministries, foreign media, and organizations

participated for two consecutive years in the Twin City Media Forum held in Kunming, Yunnan Province, these efforts successfully promoted technical cooperation and cultural exchanges between media institutions of both countries, in addition to

the media collaboration for the two governments and also people-to-people relations.

The documentary “Towards the Golden Future of Lancang-Mekong” aims to document the significant projects and achievements of coopera-

tion among the six Lancang-Mekong countries over the eight years of the LMC framework. It is a year-long joint project by the Myanmar Radio and Television, the Ministry of Information and Yunnan Media Group (YMG). The documentary will consist of five episodes, each lasting 30 minutes.

The programme will feature LMC-related projects in Myanmar, including the upgrading and renovation of the National Theatre in Yangon, the construction of the Dala Bridge, technical research at the Vegetable, Fruit and Flower Research and Development Centre (VFRDC), and interviews with survivors rescued by Chinese emergency teams during the Mandalay earthquake. Filming at Yangon Port is ongoing. After editing is completed, the documentary will be broadcast on television channels in both Myanmar and China. — MNA/KTZH

China, Myanmar ink tourism cooperation MoU

A Memorandum of Understanding on tourism cooperation between China and Myanmar was signed on 27 October, the Union of Myanmar Travel Association said.

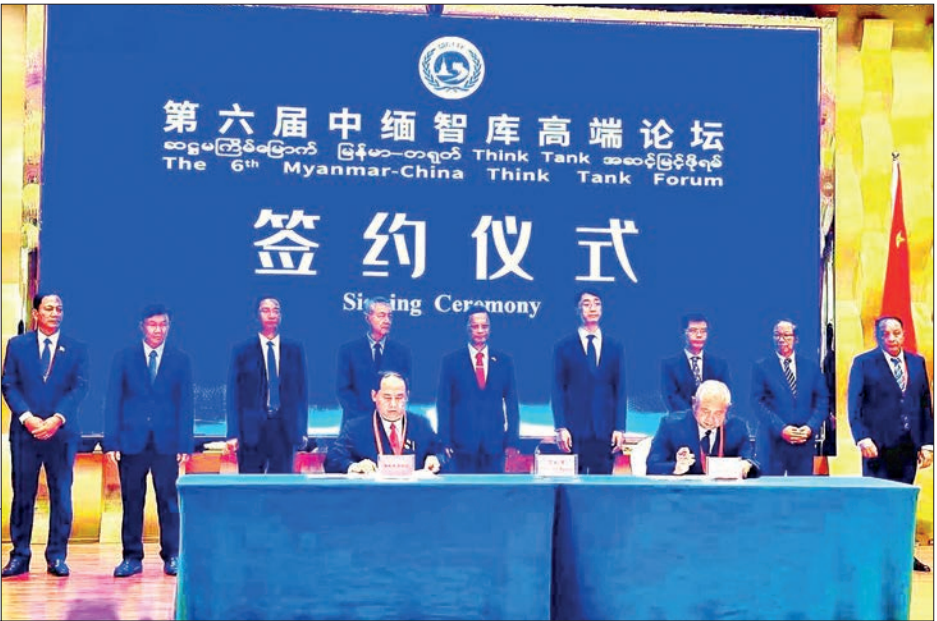
The UMTA signed the MoU with the Dehong Prefecture’s travel association at the sixth China-Myanmar Think Tank Forum held in Mangshi, the People’s Republic of China, on 22 October.

The UMTA delegation, comprised of U Kyaw Myo Htike (chairman of Mandalay zone), U Thein Htwe (chairman

of Nay Pyi Taw zone) and U Aung Kyaw Thein (vice chairman of Mandalay zone), attended the signing ceremony.

This MoU aims to strengthen the bilateral cooperation in the tourism sector and continue implementing more effective cooperation in different segments of the industry in the future, according to the UMTA. — MT/ZS

The signing ceremony of the MoU on the China-Myanmar tourism cooperation is in progress.



NATIONAL

Over 60 Bagan horse carts ready for Thazaungdine Festival visitors

DURING the upcoming Thazaungdine holiday period, which marks the start of the open season, over 60 traditional horse carts that go well with the cultural heritage of the Bagan will be available to serve both local and international visitors, according to the Bagan Horse Cart Association.

In Bagan, two main horse cart stands at Thatbyinnyu and Ananda temples operate regular routes, provide private hire services, and offer transportation to other locations. Moreover, horse cart stands are set up near famous pagodas such as Htilominlo, Culamani, Shwesandaw, and near Sakura, Tharapa, Bagan Thante and Bagan hotels to offer services for both local and foreign travellers.

“The travellers ride from Thatbyinnyu to other places. Foreign visitors mostly rent entire carts, while local travellers often ride with families or in groups. During the Thadingyut holidays, horse cart services in Bagan went smoothly. Prices have slightly increased, but since many hotels have already been booked in advance for the upcoming Tazaungdaing holidays, we are expecting a high

number of visitors. As Bagan depends largely on tourism, during times when there are fewer visitors, locals turn to farming and other businesses for income. Therefore, we make efforts to preserve horse carts to ensure they do not disappear over time. We are preparing to provide the best services during the Thazaungdine festival so that the travellers can travel peace-



fully and comfortably,” said U Myat Thu, chairman of the Bagan Horse Cart Association.

Among more than hundreds of horse carts in the Bagan region, over 60 are currently operating during the festival period, while during regular days, about 30 horse carts run mainly from the two main stands,

Thatbyinnyu and Ananda. Local and foreign visitors can visit Thatbyinnyu, ride horse carts around pagodas, or travel by horse cart to Shwekoncha Pagoda (near the Ayeyawady River), Nat Taung Monastery (Ancient Wooden Monastery), Shwegugyi Pagoda, Yinmana Hill (Bagan viewpoint), and other significant



Horse carts available for hire seen in Bagan. **PHOTO: ZWE MARN**

pagodas and stupas to enjoy the natural beauty of the Bagan region.

Before the introduction of battery-powered bicycles, three-wheeled motorbikes, and motorcycles, visitors used to travel around pagodas, stupas, and temples by horse cart in the Bagan cultural zone. Although modern transportation has become more common due to its speed and convenience, both local and foreign travellers continue to prefer horse cart rides as they harmonize with the cultural atmosphere of Bagan.

During the Thadingyut festival, which marks the beginning of the travel season, hotel rooms in the Bagan ancient cultural zone were fully booked. Similarly, for the Thazaungdaing holiday period from 1 to 4 November, hotels have already been reserved in advance. The Bagan Horse Cart Association has also prepared travel routes in advance to ensure visitors can explore and appreciate the ancient cultural heritage and natural beauty of the Bagan region during the Thazaungdaing festival. — Thitsa(MNA)/KTZH

MRESA delegation heads to Malaysia for International Property Summit 2025



Officials from the Myanmar Real Estate Services Association, who will attend the International Property Summit 2025, are seen at Yangon International Airport.

A Myanmar delegation from the Myanmar Real Estate Services Association (Central), led by its

chairman, U Khin Maung Than, Managing Director of the Myanmar Ray Real Estate Co Ltd,

left for Malaysia to attend the International Property Summit 2025, a conference expected to

increase investment opportunities.

A five-member delegation departed from Yangon International Airport on 27 October, upon the invitation of Juwai IQI, and the summit will be held from 27 to 31 October.

By attending the summit as an International Real Estate partnership, they will have the opportunity to meet with real estate professionals, investors, and industry experts from around the world, gain valuable connections, explore opportunities for collaboration and partnership, and exchange ideas.

Furthermore, they can directly learn from experts on

international investment, the current real estate market situation, strategic insights on technological change, and the latest information, enabling them to expand their business network internationally, including new projects and investment locations.

The MRESA stated that there are opportunities to cooperate with technology companies for digital transformations and to present their business plans to investors for funding.

Attending the summit will not only upgrade the knowledge of real estate investors but also increase investment opportunities for Myanmar entrepreneurs. — MT/ZN

NATIONAL

Healthcare personnel and supporting materials are being provided to promote health services

❖ Policies such as ensuring that only with good health can one work and learn; nothing is more important than human life; and every hospital has doctors have been established. Necessary healthcare personnel and supporting materials are being provided and enhanced to promote health services.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, at the government coordination meeting of SAC on 19 May 2025)

Awareness campaign urges public to refrain from illegal fuel oil operations

THE Fuel Oil Import, Storage and Distribution Supervision Committee and the Department of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Inspection under the Ministry of Energy are systematically managing the import, storage, distribution, and sale of fuel oil in a safe and orderly manner, in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations on petroleum and petroleum products. At the same time, if any illegal fuel oil operations are detected, appropriate legal action is taken promptly.

In this context, between 1 April 2024 and 30 September 2025, a total of 553 cases of il-

legal transportation, distribution, and sale of fuel oil were detected across the regions and states. The confiscated fuel oil amounted to approximately 3,037 tonnes, with a total value exceeding K18,922 million. Legal measures were taken in accordance with the laws governing petroleum and petroleum products, as confirmed by the Fuel Import, Storage and Distribution Supervision Committee.

According to Section 30 of the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law, “No person shall engage in any activity or operation that requires a licence under this law without

first obtaining the appropriate licence.” In line with this provision, authorities are strictly monitoring and preventing the illegal storage, distribution, and sale of fuel oil to ensure such activities do not occur and to reduce their prevalence. This is being carried out in accordance with the law, in collaboration with task forces combating illegal trade, which also conduct inspections and enforcement operations. Continuous awareness and educational campaigns are being implemented to prevent the illegal distribution and sale of fuel oil.

Furthermore, even if a busi-

ness holds a valid licence, if it is found to be operating in violation of legal provisions, regulations, or guidelines, authorities will take administrative action in accordance with the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law. Under Section 34, such actions may include issuing a warning, imposing the prescribed monetary penalty, suspending the licence for a specified period, or permanently revoking or cancelling the licence.

Illegal activities involving the transportation, storage, distribution, and sale of fuel oil are not conducted in accordance with the prescribed regulations

and therefore pose serious risks. Such activities can lead to fire hazards, environmental damage, and the loss of state and public property, as well as the misappropriation of government revenue. Additionally, the public may be unable to access fuel that meets established standards and quality requirements. As these operations are also in violation of the law, the Ministry of Energy is actively raising widespread awareness, encouraging all operators to refrain from unlawful activities and to obtain the relevant licences and operate in full compliance with legal requirements. — MNA/KNN

Agri Research Dept to launch soybean crushing project for meal self-sufficiency

DEPARTMENT of Agricultural Research will carry out a soybean crushing project for the self-sufficiency of soybean meal and cooking oil. Under the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund (2025), an inception workshop for conducting research and development activities for the soybean crushing project to ensure self-sufficiency of cooking oil and soybean meal was held on 22 October at Nawarat Hall in Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw.

Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung addressed that the ministry has been implementing development projects to enhance the socioeconomy of the rural community with the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund. The Establishment of a Soybean Processing Plant through Research and



Showing the quality of soybeans produced in Shan State.

Development for Cooking Oil and Soybean Meal Sufficiency in Myanmar is a new initiative by the Department of Agricultural Research by reflecting on past achievements.

Myanmar has to import almost 58 per cent of its edible oil consumption from international markets, leading to an outflow of foreign currencies. The soybean meal is of vital importance for the livestock sector since 0.6 million metric

tonnes of soybean meal are annually brought into the country. The ministry is endeavouring to fulfil the need of local consumption with local products. This project is a strategic approach to tackle those needs with domestic capabilities, research and technology and produce quality soybeans. The main objectives of this project are strengthening the whole value chain from soybean cultivation to the value-added products like cooking oil and soybean meal, the Union minister added.

The director-general of the Agricultural Research Department explained the aims of the inception workshop. Afterwards, in charge of the project also presented project plans, and attendees also suggested ideas for effective and successful project management. — NN/KK

MGMA to open 262nd Basic Sewing Machine Operator Training



Female workers diligently operating sewing machines at the garment workplace.

THE Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) will offer a Basic Sewing Machine Operator Training (Batch 262) from 5 to 21 November 2025 at the Myanmar Garment Human Resources Development Training Centre (MGHRDC) in Insein Township, Yangon Region.

The course will provide theoretical and practical approaches to sewing machines, different sewing methods, labour laws and practices.

This training will also help those searching for jobs from regions outside Yangon connect with the garment factories, creating job opportunities. Upon completion of the training, trainees will receive a stipend of K15,000.

Those who wish to attend the training can enrol through the MGHRDC contact numbers 09 940858350, 09 450723262, 09 784085794 and 09 952802635. — NN/KK

OPINION

Set a farsightedness for regional development

THE State is prioritizing the socioeconomic development of all regions and states throughout the country, and local communities play a crucial role in making these development initiatives successful. Active participation by residents is essential in diligent efforts to ensure improvement across the nation. When communities invest in improving their own areas, the benefits extend not only locally but also contribute to the broader growth of the country.

High production costs, fluctuating demand, and illegal trade have previously raised prices and reduced government revenue. To address this, efforts are being made to maintain fair market prices, eliminate illegal trade, and promote domestic production to replace imports. Local and national economic development is strengthened, thereby contributing to both regional and national prosperity.

Agriculture remains a central focus, with activities thriving in all regions. Efforts are being made to increase per-acre yields and ensure efficient crop production. Moreover, oil crops are being cultivated to guarantee sufficient cooking oil for the population, with plans to establish reliable oilseed supply chains and oil-refining facilities. Furthermore, the production of marketable crops such as rubber and coffee is being expanded to generate income and enhance the economic value of agricultural activities.

Beyond agriculture, attention is being given to livestock farming and fisheries, as well as other water-resource-based production activities. These sectors are being developed alongside crop cultivation to strengthen regional economies. Coastal and recreational

areas must be driven not only to support local livelihoods but also to attract domestic and international tourists. Every individual is encouraged to contribute to the economic and social progress of their community with a sense of pride. Environmental conservation is also a key priority, and tree-planting initiatives are implemented to maintain ecological balance.

The State is actively supporting entrepreneurs in all potential sectors, providing the necessary capital and resources to encourage development. Airport and port facilities are being upgraded to facilitate the export of water-resource-based products, while infrastructure in coastal tourist areas, including piers and bridges, is being improved to enhance the smooth movement of goods and visitors. Meanwhile, educational institutions are producing skilled human resources in science and technology, supporting long-term economic and technical advancement.

Myanmar's neighbouring countries have a high demand for fishery products and other aquatic products. To meet these market needs, Domestic production of feed and natural aquatic resources and expanding aquaculture are being ensured, while inshore and offshore fishing activities are being developed with full government support. Entrepreneurs have to expand fisheries and shrimp farming, in which the government is providing the capital and technical assistance for their growth.

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Five Days in Nanjing and Shanghai on a Swift Tour

By MKKS

AT the invitation of the Chinese government, the Myanmar media delegation, including 11 representatives, had to visit Nanjing and Shanghai, China, for a five-day study tour from 13 to 17 October.

October is a lovely time of year during the chilly season in China, while October marks the end of the rainy season. On 13 October, the group tour leader from the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar and 11 members of the Myanmar media left Yangon International Airport for Guangzhou Airport in China. Afterwards, it was rather dull to wait for the plane to proceed to Nanjing at Guangzhou Airport for two hours. Passengers can wait in a very comfortable setting at Guangzhou



The Buddha statue at the upper floor of Niushou Mountain Cultural Tourism Zone.



15 minutes. I had no annoyance to stand at all. Thus, we reached Nanjing at approximately 11 pm after transiting through Guangzhou Airport without being bored thanks to the refreshing air conditioning.

We were late, so the hotel had packed lunches for us. However, no one was able to enjoy the hotel's meals because we had to wait at Guangzhou Airport for a while and eat on the aircraft. As there was a slight drizzle in Nanjing on the morning of 14 October; there was no rain falling. The Chinese people wouldn't get wet even if they didn't have rain jackets and umbrellas. Then, we visited the Nanjing Memorial Museum. Our media team was led by Ms Yan from the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar, who stated that it is forbidden to wear yellow and make noise.

At the Nanjing Holocaust Memorial Museum, we also noticed a large number of people. There was no need to stand in line for tickets because we are

foreign guests. It was fascinating to see how the Nanjing Holocaust Memorial Museum's show was decorated. I saw that the galleries' lighting is inconsistent. While some learning galleries have brilliant illumination, the memorial galleries have dark and nostalgic lighting.

We went to the Nanjing Broadcasting System in the afternoon. There, we learnt how

to use modern technology at the Nanjing Broadcasting System's editing room and broadcasting area. We went to the Nanjing Museum in the evening. We looked at the ancient Chinese people's tools and way of life.

The morning of 15 October began with a visit to the Niushou Mountain Cultural Tourism Zone. As a Cultural Tourism Zone, the mountain is decorated with lush

green trees and gardens along the way as well and one can climb the mountain by escalators. The mountain is high and wide, so if it were not for the escalator, it would be more tiring than climbing Kyauktiyo Mountain in Mawlamyine Township of Myanmar. While climbing the escalator, I thought that if the Kyauktiyo Mountain could be prepared in this way, it would attract more tourists.

After climbing to the mountain by escalator, we hastily snapped a group photo outside before making our way to the underground cave, which is considered to be the tourist favourite due to its Buddha statue. Together with three members of our media group, the group leader, who was provided by the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar and the guide, who was waiting to lead us in Shanghai, reached the last floor where the Buddha statue. Only three of the 11 members of the Myanmar delegation, including me, were able to follow the two, the group leader and the Shanghai guide, because they were moving too

quickly, making it challenging to capture selfies. The escalator descends five storeys to the underground, where the Buddha statue.

I made an effort to take at least three selfies because I was too busy following the swiftly moving leaders like the wind to appreciate the beauty of the surroundings or the artwork. "How beautiful are the architectural works on each floor?" I asked myself. For a third of a second, I felt the sightseeing around the area with my eyes as I thought this, and I had no idea how I had arrived at the Buddha statue. I honoured the Buddha as all of my paid homage. Then, at about

riding, we arrived at Shanghai. In Shanghai, we spent 15 October by visiting the Shanghai Tower, the tallest building in Shanghai, and taking a Huangpu River cruise.

On 16 October, our media delegation visited Shanghai Songhu Memorial Hall, Shanghai Global News Network and a great shopping mall. Among them, the most memorable for me was Shanghai Global News Network. Their news production, editing and broadcasting are using truly impressive high-tech. The office buildings are elegant and make to feel proud of our work. We also saw that modern technology is used in the editing and broadcasting process, so I feel sorry for the Myanmar media environment, which is turning in circles due to power outages and



A group photo of delegates at the Niushou Mountain Cultural Tourism Zone.

10:30 pm, I made my way back to the original door, not knowing how I got there.

Afterwards, we, the three, shared the snapshots of what we had seen in the cave with the rest of the group before heading to a lunch spot. The group also took a bullet train to Shanghai. The bullet train was completely different from the greasy train that we had been on, and it was very luxurious. After about 2 hours of

technical difficulties.

In any case, I believed that I would have had more memorable experiences when returning to my native Myanmar if I had been permitted to travel in peace during my five-day trip to China, rather than being hurried by the group leader from the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar and local guides. I will always cherish the memories I made with my travelling buddies in China.

Scientists uncover molecular 'passports' that regulate Cell Nuclei

ISRAELI and US scientists have discovered how tiny gateways in human cells control what enters and leaves the cell's nucleus, solving a mystery that has puzzled researchers and could shed new light on

cancer, Alzheimer's, and ALS, Hebrew University of Jerusalem announced.

An international team from Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Quantitative Biosciences Institute (QBI) at the Univer-

sity of California, San Francisco, The Rockefeller University, and Albert Einstein College of Medicine found that these gateways use a flexible protein network and special molecular "passports" to move molecules quick-

ly and accurately.

The gateways, called nuclear pore complexes (NPCs), are microscopic structures — each about one five-hundredth the width of a human hair — that control all traffic in and out of

a cell's nucleus.

"Our model acts like a 'virtual microscope' for something too small and too fast to watch directly with any of today's technologies. By stitching together many independent experiments

and running computer simulations, we can finally watch on the computer how this gate operates moment to moment," the study's lead author, Dr Barak Ravesh of Hebrew University, told The Press Service of Israel.

Ravesh explained, "Think of NPCs as tiny, highly sophisticated security checkpoints. Even though each one is extremely small, it lets millions of molecules pass every minute while keeping out the wrong ones, with remarkable precision." For decades, scientists did not understand how NPCs could be

both fast and selective. Their small size makes them almost impossible to observe directly. Previous models imagined rigid gates or sponge-like sieves, but they could not explain how NPCs let even large molecules through while remaining highly selective.

SOURCE: ANI

NATIONAL

KIA, PDF terrorists torch dept buildings, homes in Bamauk

SINCE early November 2023, the KIA terrorist group and NUG-backed PDF terrorists have been continuously launching surprise attacks on military units and security outposts in Sagaing Region. They occupied certain towns and villages, including Htigyaing, Kawlin, Pinlebu, and Marathien village, using schools, village monasteries, and pagodas as bases to carry out acts of terrorism. They also imposed fear among local civilians by arresting and killing people, extorting money, and planting landmines and explosives on public roads and bridges. Therefore, Tatmadaw columns launched counter-terrorism operations to restore regional security and stability.

Similarly, on 20 September 2025, the KIA and NUG's subordinates PDF terrorists launched a large-scale attack on security forces in Bamauk of Sagaing Region. They forcibly abducted civilians, recruited new members, and committed various violent acts in areas where they lacked local support. The Tatmadaw has since been conducting military operations, with the cooperation of residents, to retake Bamauk, which was temporarily controlled by the terrorists and to ensure territorial security and stability.

Tatmadaw columns systematically launched security measures to regain control of Bamauk, they found out that the KIA and PDF terrorists



This image shows the blaze engulfing government offices and public buildings torched by terrorists in Bamauk.

launched arson attacks on homes and departmental buildings on 26 October while arriving about 2,000 metres from the west and north west of Bamauk.

Tatmadaw columns are working to quickly extinguish the fires set by the terrorists, prevent the flames from spreading to other civilians' homes,

and ensure no further acts of terrorism occur. They also combat the remaining terrorists as quickly as possible. — MNA/KTZH

155 undocumented foreign entrants detained



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

MYANMAR detained 104 Indians, 24 Indonesians, and 27 Filipinos, totalling 155 individuals, involved in online gambling and fraud in Kayin State yesterday.

Between 30 January and 27 October 2025, a total of 10,119 illegal immigrants were identi-

fied and detained in Myanmar. Of this number, 9,339 individuals have already been deported through Thailand to their respective countries, while arrangements are being made to deport the remaining 780 individuals. These individuals

are currently under detention while awaiting repatriation.

The government is strictly cracking down on online scams and online gambling by cooperating with other countries, including neighbouring countries. — MNA/KTZH

Woman arrested in Mandalay for attacking aunt, niece with hammer over money dispute

A woman has been arrested after hitting her aunt and niece with a hammer and stealing gold and money due to financial difficulties in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay.

On 26 October, police found 84-year-old retired librarian Daw Khin Soe Myint had died with head injuries, and her 36-year-old granddaughter, Ma Aye Aye Khine, was seriously injured at their home in Myothit Ward 2, Chanmyathazi Township. The police opened a case under Penal Code Section 302/326.

According to the investigations, the offender was the niece of the victim, Ma Soe Soe Tun, who was working as a junior assistant teacher at No 4 BEMS, Yatkwatgyi in PyinOoLwin. She was arrested later that evening when she returned to the crime scene.

She confessed that due to financial problems, she attacked Daw Khin Soe Myint and Ma Aye



An offender seen alongside confiscated gold bar and bank notes.

Aye Khine with a hammer and stole one 10-tical gold bar and K10 million from the house on 25 October, then sold the gold to repay her debts.

Action is being taken against the offender, Ma Soe Soe Tun, who hit her aunt and niece with a hammer for monetary problems, and stolen evidence is being recovered. — MNA/KTZH

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NATIONAL

Myanmar drama series
'Seven Kinds of Night'
premieres in Yangon

THE launch event for the Myanmar drama series 'Seven Kinds of Night' was held on 26 October at the M3 Food Centre in Yangon Region, according to director P Kay.

The story was originally written by director P Kay and adapted into a screenplay by Phyto Thinzar Kyaw and Yamin Khant. The 16-episode series, directed by P Kay, will be produced by Mee Mee Mway Film Production.

"I created this story about six years ago, back when we were filming another series with Ma Pauk Si. I first wrote it then, and I've now brought Ma Pauk Si into

this project as well. I felt I hadn't given her enough of a challenge in the earlier series 'Myittlettet', so I wanted to involve her again. Seven Kinds of Night was originally conceived as a drama featuring seven actors, but as time passed, the actors I had in mind grew older, so I had to recast. The seven actors in this series each bring a distinct character type," explained director P Kay.

The cast features several well-known artistes, including Aye Wuttiya Thaug, Zaw Shine Htet, Vitamin, Nyan Min Sett, Ye Thway Thiha, Ye Yint Phone, Nyi Nanda, Jay, and many others. — ASH/MKKS



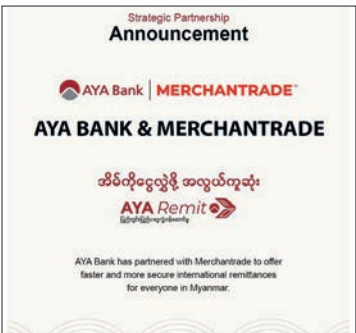
Actors of 'Seven Kinds of Night' are seen at the launch event for the filming of the drama series.

AYA partners with
Merchantrade for faster, safer
international remittances

AYA Bank announced it has successfully partnered with international money transfer service, Merchantrade, to offer more efficient remittance service for transfers from Malaysia, said AYA Bank.

By this partnership, direct transfers can be made into an AYA Pay account from Merchantrade, and cash withdrawal can be made immediately with the best transfer rate.

Money transfers can be made by the transferor's ID card at nearby Merchantrade counters, or by signing up at the Merchantrade application or by filling in information at the Merchantrade website. Money withdrawals can be made at more than 240 AYA branches with an ID card, or



AYA Bank announced the establishment of a partnership with Merchantrade.

AYA 24/7 ATM withdrawal service through AYA Mobile or AYA Pay app and at AYA Pay agents.

AYA also announced last week that it had partnered with global money transfer service MoneyGram, aiming to offer faster and more secure international remittances. — MT/ZS

MMPO to hold annual
communal Kathina robe
offering ceremony on 4 Nov



Director and Academy Award winner Khin Lay Theint donating offerings for the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization's communal Kathina robe offering ceremony.

ACCORDING to Vice-Chairman U Aye Kyu Lay of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Or-

Kalewa Tawya Monastery in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region.

"The communal Kathina robe offering ceremony, which is annually held, will be donated to the Kalewa Tawya Monastery on 4 November. Donated items are being arranged on Padethabin trees, which will be delivered to the monastery on 3 November," said U Aye Kyu Lay.

Film artistes and well-wishers continue donating to the organization for the collective Kathina robe offering ceremony, and MMPO Patron Academy Myint Myint Khin, MMPO Chair Academy Director Kyi Soe Tun, and the association's executive member Academy Yan Aung receive donations. — ASH/MKKS

ganization, the Kathina robe offering ceremony is scheduled to be held on 4 November at the

National Electrification Plan set to
meet power demand by 2030

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Electric Power, Myanmar is currently implementing a National Electrification Master Plan aimed at meeting the country's increasing annual demand for electricity up to the year 2030.

Under this master plan, by 2030, the renewable energy sector (excluding hydropower) is expected to generate about 2,000 megawatts (MW) from domestic sources. Furthermore, if sufficient international support can be secured, electricity generation could be expanded to 3,070 MW.



A department responsible for electricity supply and distribution operations.

According to the Myanmar National Electrification Master Plan (2030), the use of coal energy will be continued only until 2030, to phase out coal energy completely by 2050. Additionally, the Ministry of Energy plans

to develop a new electricity generation model as part of its New Energy Development Programme for the period 2026-2045.

As of September 2025, Myanmar's total electricity gener-

ation capacity stands at 6,357 megawatts, of which hydropower accounts for 51 per cent, solar power for four per cent, natural gas for 40 per cent, coal for two per cent, and diesel for three per cent. — ASH/KNK

The people are urged to receive vaccination of COVID-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of COVID-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increase of death rate due to the disease.

ECONOMY WORLD

China's wholesale, retail sectors achieve steady growth in first three quarters

CHINA'S wholesale and retail sectors posted solid growth in the first nine months of 2025, providing sound support for expanding domestic demand in the country, the commerce ministry said on Monday.

From January to September, the added value of China's wholesale and retail trade grew by 5.6 per cent from a year earlier to reach 10.5 trillion yuan (about US\$1.48 trillion), which accounted for 10.3 per cent of the country's gross domestic product, said an official with the ministry, quoting data from the National Bureau of Statistics.

During this period, profits of key commodity markets in the wholesale industry expanded by 8.2 per cent year on year, while



Customers shop at a market in Zaozhuang City, east China's Shandong Province, 15 October 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

profits of industrial consumer goods markets increased by 17.9 per cent year on year, the ministry said.

Looking at the retail industry, retail sales of goods reached 32.5 trillion yuan in the first three quarters of 2025, an increase of 4.6 per cent year on year.

Online retail sales in China's rural areas registered a 7.7 per cent year-on-year increase in the January-September period, while sales of agricultural products via e-commerce platforms grew by 9.6 per cent.

China has seen about 126 million new home appliances sold under its consumer goods trade-in programme this year, the ministry noted. — Xinhua

ECB to hold interest rates steady with inflation subdued



People walk in to the headquarters of the European Central Bank (ECB) in Frankfurt am Main, western Germany, past a giant Euro logo on 17 April 2025 ahead of the Eurozone's monetary policy meeting. PHOTO: AFP

THE European Central Bank is expected to hold interest rates steady this week for its third straight meeting, with inflation under control and the long-struggling eurozone economy looking healthier.

Following a year-long series of cuts, the ECB has kept its key deposit rate on hold at two per cent since July.

Inflation has settled around the central bank's two-per-cent target in recent months, as Europe has weathered US President Donald

Trump's tariff onslaught better than initially feared.

ECB officials still face many headwinds: France's political crisis has pushed up borrowing costs in the eurozone's second-biggest economy, and the risk of a flare-up in trade tensions lingers.

But for now, the central bank is "in a good place", ECB President Christine Lagarde said in a September speech in Helsinki, bolstering expectations of no change to borrowing costs at Thursday's meeting.

"With policy rates now at two per cent, we are well placed to respond if the risks to inflation shift, or if new shocks emerge that threaten our target," Lagarde said.

In contrast to the ECB, the US Federal Reserve is expected to make its second straight rate cut when it meets on Wednesday as concerns grow over the labour market amid layoffs and signs that businesses are reluctant to hire.

The eurozone economy has long been treading water, dragged down in particular by a poor performance in Germany, with growth rates lagging far behind those of China and the United States. But the picture for the 20 countries that use the euro looks a little brighter than in the first half of the year. The ECB raised eurozone growth forecasts for this year and next at their last meeting.

Rate-setters will gather in Florence, Italy, for this week's meeting, one of their regular tours away from the institution's Frankfurt headquarters. — AFP

Vietnam, US agree on framework for trade deal

VIETNAM and the United States on Sunday agreed on a framework for a trade agreement, the Vietnam News Agency reported.

Under the agreement, Vietnam will provide preferential market access for substantially all US industrial and agricultural exports to Vietnam.

In return, the United States will maintain reciprocal tariffs at 20 per cent for Vietnamese goods and extend zero tariffs on a range of products listed under US executive orders.

Both sides pledged to tackle

non-tariff barriers and regulatory hurdles affecting trade in such priority sectors as automobiles, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, and intellectual property.

Vietnam also agreed to accept US vehicle safety and emissions standards, simplify import licensing procedures, and improve intellectual property enforcement. Since 1 August, the United States has lowered tariffs on Vietnamese goods from 46 per cent to 20 per cent under an executive order signed by US President Donald Trump. — Xinhua

ADB approves US\$100 mln loan to boost Sri Lanka's tourism sector

THE Asian Development Bank (ADB) announced on Monday that it has approved a 100-million-US-dollar loan to support Sri Lanka's tourism sector through strategic policy reforms and targeted catalytic investments that align with the country's National Tourism Policy.

The project will support sector governance improvements, enhance private-sector partici-

pation and boost tourist arrivals and foreign-exchange earnings, and address the infrastructure gap, while strengthening product development and high-end destination marketing.

The funding for the Sustainable Tourism Sector Development Programme consists of a concessional loan of \$70 million and a regular loan of \$30 million. — Xinhua

Toyota 1st-half global sales up 4.7% to record high despite US tariffs

TOYOTA Motor Corp on Monday reported a 4.7 per cent year-on-year increase in its global sales for the April-September period, driven by robust demand for hybrids in North America and China, despite the impact of higher tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump.

The world's largest carmaker by volume sold 5,267,216 vehicles in the six months, renewing the record for the period for the first time in two years.

Global production increased 6.0 per cent to 4,985,122 vehicles, as domestic output climbed 3.4 per cent to 1,585,622, helped by a rebound following a certification scandal last year, Toyota said.

By region, sales in the United States surged 11.3 per cent to 1,295,606 vehicles on strong demand for hybrid vehicles. Sales rebounded after recalls forced production stoppages of some models.

Sales in China rose 5.5 per cent to 914,342 units, despite fierce price competition and the market's wider shift to electric vehicles, thanks to strong demand for its new EV model and hybrids, Toyota said.

But domestic sales edged down 0.4 per cent to 713,967 units amid an ongoing recovery from a fall caused by a recall of the popular Prius hybrid.

For September, global sales rose 3.1 per cent to 879,314 vehicles, increasing year on year for the ninth straight month. Global output surged 11.1 per cent to 918,146 units, a record high for the month.

Still, the higher US auto tariff has cast a shadow over the profit outlook for the automaker, the world's largest by volume.

For the current fiscal year through March 2026, Toyota has forecast its net profit to drop 44.2 per cent to 2.66 trillion yen (\$17 billion) as the higher US auto tariff is not expected to be completely offset by cost-cutting and an increase in sales of higher-margin models.

In April, the Trump administration imposed a tariff of 27.5 per cent on foreign-made cars, far higher than the previous 2.5 per cent, in an effort to reduce the country's massive trade deficit. The rate on vehicles from Japan was negotiated down to 15 per cent in September. Toyota's full-year sales record came at over 10.3 million units in fiscal 2023, with 80 per cent of transactions overseas. — Kyodo



Cars are seen at a Toyota dealership in Houston, Texas, on 27 March 2025. PHOTO: AFP

India resumes direct flights to Chinese mainland after 5 years



Indigo aircrafts parked on the tarmac at Kempegowda International airport in Bengaluru on 1 June 2024. PHOTO: AFP

INDIA on Sunday night resumed direct flights to the Chinese mainland after a five-year hiatus, Indian officials said.

The resumption was

kick-started from the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata, the capital city of India's eastern state of West Bengal, with a flight to Guangzhou, south China.

According to the Kolkata Airport authorities, 176 passengers were travelling on the 6E1703 flight launched by IndiGo.

"This (the direct flights) will once again allow seamless movement of people, goods, and ideas, while also strengthening bilateral ties between the two of the world's most populous countries and fast-growing economies," Pieter Elbers, chief executive officer of IndiGo, said in a press release earlier this month.

The direct flights between India and the Chinese mainland were operational between the two countries until early 2020 before being suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. — Xinhua

S Korean banks to tighten lending standard in Q4

SOUTH Korean banks will continue to tighten lending standard in the fourth quarter amid the government's efforts to curb massive household debts, a central bank survey showed Monday. The lending attitude index gained to minus 14 for the October-December quarter from minus 28 in the previous quarter, according to the Bank of Korea (BOK)'s poll of 203 banks and other financial institutions conducted in September. Despite the gain, the index stayed below zero since the second quarter of this year. The index below zero indicates that lenders willing to tighten loan standard outnumber those willing to ease it. The new government under President Lee Jae-myung, who took office in early June, unveiled a set of measures to keep down massive household debts, especially mortgage loan. — Xinhua

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

ASEAN-plus-three group agrees to strengthen financial cooperation



Japan's Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi delivers his opening remarks during the 28th ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Summit at the 47th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit in Kuala Lumpur on 27 October 2025. **PHOTO: VINCENT THIAN / POOL / AFP**

JAPAN pledged Monday to foster collaboration with Southeast Asian nations to promote economic prosperity, financial stability and sustainable develop-

ment among ASEAN-plus-three economies.

Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi attended summit talks under the extend-

ed ASEAN framework in Kuala Lumpur on behalf of Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi, with Chinese Premier Li Qiang and South Korean President Lee Jae

Myung also taking part.

Takaichi left the Malaysian capital late Sunday to return home for US President Donald Trump's Japan visit.

The Association of South-east Asian Nations member states and the three countries recognize the pivotal role of their "collective efforts for regional economic and financial cooperation as well as the promotion of inclusive and sustainable development amid this uncertain environment", their leaders' statement said. They also declared to foster collaboration that promotes economic prosperity, financial stability and sustainable development, saying, "This cooperation should be based on mutual respect, trust and benefit." The Japanese foreign minister stressed the need for cooperation within the ASEAN-plus-three framework in the areas of finance and food security while touching on other issues such as disaster prevention, the aging society and organized crime. — Kyodo

Israel to lift "special situation" in south for first time since Oct 2023

SRAEL decided on Monday to lift the "special situation" in its south for the first time since October 2023.

Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz said in a statement that he has accepted the military's recommendation to end the "special situation", which will be lifted on Tuesday morning.

Katz said the move "reflects the new security reality in the south of the country that has been achieved."

"Alongside the return of all hostages, we are fully committed to achieving all the defined war objectives — first and foremost the dismantling of Hamas's weapons and the demilitarization of Gaza," he added.

A "special situation" on the home front is declared in Israel when there is a high likelihood of attacks on civilians. The measure had remained in force in areas bordering Gaza since Hamas-led militants attacked southern Israel on 7 October 2023, killing about 1,200 people and taking around 250 hostages.

According to data released by Gaza-based health authorities on Monday, Israel's subsequent offensive after the Hamas-led attack has left 68,527 dead and 170,395 wounded in Gaza. Meanwhile, 93 people have been killed and 337 injured in the enclave since the new ceasefire between Israel and Hamas took effect on 10 October. — Xinhua

Kremlin says new sanctions complicate reviving Russia-US ties

NEW sanctions against Russia complicate efforts to restore relations with the US, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said in an interview released Sunday.

"Of course, the actions taken this week were an unfriendly move. They truly dam-

aged the prospects for reviving our relations, but this does not mean we should abandon these aspirations," Peskov told journalist of Russia-1 TV channel Pavel Zarubin, commenting on the sanctions.

He added that Russia is interested in building good

relations with all countries, including the United States.

The spokesman noted that Putin appreciates Trump's desire to achieve a resolution to the Ukraine conflict, but stressed it "cannot be resolved overnight".

On Wednesday, US Treas-

ury Secretary Scott Bessent announced sanctions on Rosneft and Lukoil, the two largest Russian oil producers, and called for "an immediate ceasefire," adding that the White House was prepared to take further actions if necessary. — Xinhua

Alerts issued, schools shut ahead of cyclone hitting parts of India

RED and Orange alerts were issued and schools shut for two days in most districts of India's southern state Andhra Pradesh, as cyclone "Montha" was expected to make landfall in the next 36 hours, confirmed official sources on Monday.

Ahead of the cyclone's landfall, areas in the eastern states

of West Bengal and Odisha and the southern states of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu would face heavy to very-heavy rains with strong wind speed of up to 100 kilometres per hour.

In a statement, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said that the deep depression over the southeast Bay of Bengal

had intensified into a "cyclonic storm" on 26 October. It would further turn into a "severe cyclonic storm" by 28 October, and was likely to cross Andhra Pradesh's coast between Machilipatnam and Kalingapatnam areas during the night of 28 October "as a severe cyclonic storm", added the IMD. — Xinhua



Fishing boats are moored to a safer area at the Marina beach as a preventive measure ahead of Cyclone Montha in Chennai on 27 October 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

SPORTS

Barca’s Yamal can learn Clasico lessons after Real Madrid triumph

LAMINE Yamal’s words before the Clasico caused more of a stir than his subdued performance on the pitch as Barcelona fell to defeat, and the 18-year-old star can take some valuable lessons moving forward.

For the first time the teenager became the main focus of an entire stadium’s ire after comments he made before Real Madrid’s 2-1 victory on Sunday became the focus of heavy criticism in the capital.

Joking on a social media stream appearance Yamal suggested Real Madrid “steal” and “complain”, and he was harangued by the Santiago Bernabeu crowd as a result during Los Blancos’s triumph that sent them five points clear of Barca at the top of La Liga. Madrid players, led by captain Dani Carvajal, headed towards Yamal to remonstrate with him, as the ill-tempered ending to the game boiled over after the final whistle.

Yamal will learn that if he



Barcelona’s Spanish forward (10) Lamine Yamal (C) and Real Madrid’s Brazilian forward (07) Vinicius Junior (R) fight for the ball during the Spanish league football match between Real Madrid CF and FC Barcelona at Santiago Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid on 26 October 2025. PHOTO: AFP

says anything remotely controversial it will always be blown up by Madrid media outlets, as is true on the other side of the rivalry.

Barcelona’s assistant coach, Marcus Sorg, filling in for the suspended Hansi Flick, said the

atmosphere might have affected Yamal’s flat display.

“It could be (that), probably a little bit, because he is also

learning to deal with the crowd, the shouting and whistles from spectators,” said Sorg.

“It’s normal. Normally he’s very motivated and plays well. Today it was not so easy for him.”

Yamal has also now learned that sometimes he will get his comeuppance, which in his fledgling career he has not experienced much of.

He lifted Euro 2024 with Spain last year and went on to win a domestic treble with Barcelona, as well as finishing second in the Ballon d’Or award voting. The forward has been quick to fire out jibes on social media, and last season said Real Madrid players can speak “when they beat me”.

However in a rivalry as intense and storied as the Clasico there will always be swings of dominance, highs and lows.

Barcelona won all four Clasi-co matches last season and Madrid players had that sentiment in mind as they sought out the teenager. — AFP

Arsenal extends lead in Premier League as Bournemouth goes second



Arsenal’s English midfielder (10) Eberechi Eze (2R) celebrates with teammates after scoring the opening goal of the English Premier League football match between Arsenal and Crystal Palace at the Emirates Stadium in London on 26 October 2025. PHOTO: HENRY NICHOLLS / AFP

ARSENAL beat Crystal Palace 1-0 at home to extend its lead at the top of the Premier League on Sunday.

The decisive goal came in the 39th minute after Crystal Palace failed to clear Declan Rice’s free kick, with the ball

finished from the middle of the penalty area.

Bournemouth finished the weekend in second place after a 2-0 home win over Nottingham Forest.

Marcus Tavernier and Eli Junior Kroupi, who scored with

a 25-metre shot, put Bournemouth 2-0 ahead by halftime, and Andoni Iraola’s side controlled the second half.

Aston Villa coach Unai Emery won his head-to-head against Pep Guardiola as his side claimed a 1-0 victory to make it four consecutive wins and end Manchester City’s nine-game unbeaten run.

Matty Cash scored the only goal in the 19th minute. Manchester City’s biggest threat was a second-half strike from Erling Haaland that was ruled out for offside in the buildup.

Micky van de Ven scored two first-half headers as Tottenham moved to third with a 3-0 win away to Everton. Pape Matar Sarr added the third in the 89th minute.

Wolverhampton Wanderers remained winless and bottom after a 3-2 home loss to Burnley. — Xinhua

Munich voters approve plan to bid for Summer Olympics

A two-thirds majority in the German city of Munich voted in favour of a bid to host the Summer Olympics in 2036, 2040 or 2044 in a referendum on Sunday.

Final results showed 66.4 per cent of voters in the Bavarian capital voted in favour of the proposal.

“Munich clearly voted yes,” city mayor Dieter Reiter said in a statement on Sunday.

Joerg Ammon, the President of the Bavarian State Sports Association (BLSV), celebrated the “dream result”.

With 42 per cent of Munich’s 1.1 million eligible voters taking part, the turnout was the highest for a referendum in the city’s history.

The previous participation record was 37.5 per cent, recorded in 2001 for a vote on building the Allianz Arena, home to German football champions Bayern Munich and host

of the 2012 and 2025 Champions League finals.

Munich last hosted the Games in 1972. The Bavarian capital is one of four German regions developing a bid to host the Olympics and was the first to hold a vote to gauge support.

Berlin, Hamburg and the Ruhr region are also developing bids, with referenda to be held in 2026.

The German candidate will be selected by the German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB) late in 2026 before being submitted to the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

After Sunday’s vote, Bavarian state premier Markus Soeder said “we will now flood the DOSB with our arguments”.

Voter willingness to host the Olympics has dwindled in many European cities in recent decades, due largely to concerns over cost. — AFP



China willing to work with EU to keep bilateral ties on right track — premier

CHINESE Premier Li Qiang said on Monday that the current China-EU relationship faces both development opportunities and challenges, and both sides should stay on the right course in developing their relations, so-lidify the foundation of political mutual trust and further imple-ment their consensus.

Li made the remarks while meeting with European Council President Antonio Costa on the sidelines of the leaders' meet-ings on East Asian cooperation.

He said China stands ready to work with the European Union (EU) to make the cooperation pie bigger, promote the optimized and balanced development of China-EU trade, further open up to each other, and create new growth points for cooperation in green and digital sectors, as well as areas including scientific and technological innovation, industrial and supply chains, to

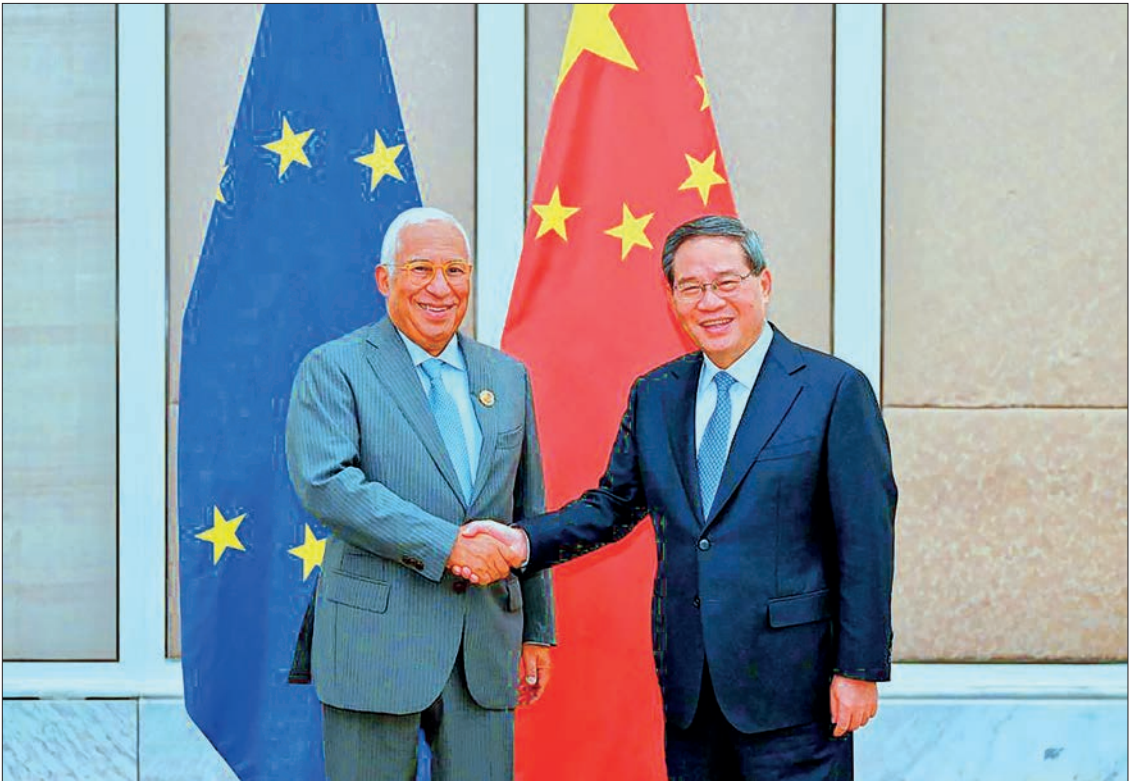
achieve high-level mutual benefit and win-win outcomes.

He added that on the basis of equality and respect, China is willing to promote the resolution of issues in China-EU economic and trade cooperation through dialogue and consultation, as well as through mutual under-standing and accommodation.

Li voiced hope that the EU would provide a fair, equitable, and non-discriminatory business environment for Chinese enter-prises operating in Europe, and that EU institutions would play a positive role in the development of China-EU relations.

Costa said that the EU is willing to maintain high-level exchanges with China, strength-en dialogue and communication across various fields and levels, enhance mutual trust, properly address each other's concerns and promote practical cooper-ation.

The EU is ready to further



Chinese Premier Li Qiang meets with European Council President Antonio Costa in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 27 October 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

strengthen communication and coordination with China, uphold multilateralism and jointly cope with global challenges such as climate change, Costa said. — Xinhua

Argentina's Milei vows more reforms after stunning election win

ARGENTINE President Javier Milei hailed his party's runaway victory in Sunday's midterm elections as a "turning point" for the country and vowed to charge ahead with his agenda of shrinking the state and deregulating the economy.

Milei's La Libertad Avanza (LLA) party rebounded from a series of set-backs to win 40.7 per cent of the votes cast for members of Congress, far out-pacing the opposition in an election closely watched by jittery investors.

"Today we reached a turning point. Today begins the construction of a great Argentina," the 55-year-old president told supporters at a victory party in Buenos Aires.

He promised to continue on the re-form path with what he predicted would be "the most reformist Congress in Ar-gentina's history."

US President Donald Trump, a close ally, congratulated Milei, whom he said "had a lot of help from us".



Argentina's President Javier Milei (C-R) and his sister, the General Secretary of the Presidency Karina Milei, greet supporters as they celebrate outside the ruling party's La Libertad Avanza headquarters after the results of the national midterm legislative election in Buenos Aires on 26 October 2025. PHOTO: AFP

Half of the seats in the Chamber of Deputies and one-third of the Senate seats were up for grabs on Sunday.

Milei said LLA had more than tri-

pled its seat count, winning 101 seats in the lower house Chamber of Deputies, up from 37, and 20 seats in the Senate, up from six. — AFP

Russian-North Korean ties received powerful boost in recent months — Lavrov

OVER the past three and a half months, relations between Russia and North Ko-re-a have received a powerful impetus from the agreements reached by Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Kore-an leader Kim Jong-un, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Monday.

"Over the past three and a half months, our relations have received ad-ditional and very powerful impetus in developing the fundamental agreements reached by our leaders in June 2024 dur-ing the Pyongyang Summit," Lavrov said during talks with North Korean Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui.

The talks will touch upon bilateral relations, as well as international agen-da, the Russian foreign minister added. The meeting between Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un in Beijing in September was an event that elevated relations between the two countries to a new height, North Korean Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui said on Monday. — SPUTNIK