Embrace the Future: Unfolding a New Chapter with a Fresh Vision

The Global NEW LIGHT of MYANMAR

Vol. XIII, No. 198, 8th Waning of Thadingyut 1388 ME | www.gnlm.com.mm | Tuesday, 3 November 2026



The 78th Chin Harvest Festival (Chin New Year Festival) held in Falam from 2 to 14 November 2026.

78th Chin Harvest Festival celebrated

The 78th Chin Harvest Festival (Chin New Year Festival) is being held in Falam from 2 to 14 November, featuring sports competitions, traditional attire and cultural dance contests. The closing and awarding ceremonies will take place on 14 November.

The opening ceremony of the sports competitions was held at Hrang Thio Football Ground in Falam on 2 November, attended by Deputy Minister for Construction Dr Thaung Naing, Chin State Minister for Electricity, Energy, Industry and Road Transport U Nay Lin Aung, and members of the Chin State Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Committee.

In his speech, the deputy minister said the successful celebration of the festival reflected improved stability in the region. He highlighted the festival's role in preserving Chin cultural heritage, promoting unity and strengthening friendship among ethnic communities.

He also appreciated ongoing efforts since May 2026 to improve Falam's development, cleanliness and administrative operations.

The Chin State minister for Electricity, Energy, Industry and Transport then launched the football competition with the opening kick, while officials and local communities watched the matches. — IPRD/KTZH

5 Pawsan paddy varieties grown in 15 Yangon townships; yield tipped at 72.25 baskets per acre

INCLUDING Myanmar Pawsan, which won the World's Best Rice Award, 27,144 acres of Pawsan paddies have been grown for this year's rain-fed paddy season in Yangon Region, according to the regional agriculture department.

In Yangon's 15 townships in eight districts, five varieties of Pawsan – Pawsan Hmwe, Yezin-1, Yezin-2, Shwenantha Pawsan and Pawsan Yin have been mainly grown.

An increasing number of Pawsan plantation acres and achievement in international recognition create good opportunities for farmers, said Daw Khine Nwe Aye, an assistant director of the department.

In Yangon, rain-fed paddy plantation was initially planned to grow 1,142,155 acres, but the actual plantation exceeded the expected amount by 11,482 acres. In last year's rainy season, Pawsan yield per acre was 72.21 baskets on average, and this year is expected to produce approximately 72.25 baskets, said the department.



The World's Best Rice Awardee – Myanmar Pawsan – paddy is planted in Yangon Region.

In the International World Rice Conference held in Manila, the Philippines, on 9 September, Myanmar Pawsan won the World's Best Rice Award for 2026. This achievement is a significant support for Myanmar Pawsan gaining a better reputation in the international market, as well as helping to gain external market potential for the country's rice sector and farmers.

Shwebo Pawsan, Pawsan Hmwe, Pawsan Baykya, Pawsan Gyi, Pawsan Yin, Myaungmya Pawsan, Pyapon Pawsan and Yezin Pawsan varieties are being grown in Myanmar. These are popular high-quality rice varieties in the domestic market. — TWA/ZS

NATIONAL PAGE 5



Geological surveys and drilling in progress at Inya Lake

NATIONAL PAGE 7



Kangyidaunt's VDP concrete wheel-track road project inspected

12th Thailand Education Fair set for Yangon on 8 Nov



This image illustrates a poster for the 12th Thailand Education Fair (Myanmar) 2026.

THE 12th Thailand Education Fair (Myanmar) 2026 will reportedly be held at the Melia Hotel in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, from 9 am to 5 pm, on 8 November with free admission.

SEE PAGE 4

CNG Vehicles Required to Replace 15-Year-Old Cylinders by 15 Nov



An examination underway at the CNG Retest Factory.

THE Ministry of Electricity and Energy is selling compressed natural gas (CNG) for vehicles in Yangon Region at a subsidized rate of K273.25 per kilogramme to facilitate public transport services and make travel more affordable for the public.

CNG is a high-pressure gas produced by compressing natural gas to 200 times atmospheric pressure and storing it in cylinders. Any explosion involving these cylinders could cause damage to surrounding property and endanger public lives. To ensure the safety of passengers and other road users, the Department of Compressed Natural Gas under the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise of the Ministry of Electricity and Energy conducts annual safety inspections of CNG vehicle cylinders and their associated components. Only vehicles that pass the inspections are issued with CNG usage logbooks and cards and permitted to purchase CNG.

SEE PAGE 3

NATIONAL

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Head of Service Organization appointed; Appointment of Head of Service Organization confirmed

(1) The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Dr Soe Myint Aye, Rector of Sagaing University of the Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education, as Rector of Mandalay University from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

(2) The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of Dr Nu Nu Lwin as the Rector of Naypyitaw State Academy under the Ministry of Education on the expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Severe Cyclonic Storm News, No 7, 2026

Issued at 4 pm MST on 2 November 2026

Severe Cyclonic Storm Condition

According to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, Severe Cyclonic Storm "Murasu over the Westcentral and adjoining Southwest Bay of Bengal has moved west-northwestwards and persists. It is centred at about 720 nautical miles west of Coco Island (Myanmar), 90 nautical miles northeast of Chennai and 100 nautical miles southeast of Machilipatnam, India.

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

Position of Severe Cyclonic Storm, center pressure and wind

The Severe Cyclonic Storm "Murasu" is located at Latitude 14.0 degree North and Longitude 81.5 degree East, centre pressure of Depression is 998 hPa and maximum wind speed near the center is 60 miles per hour at 3:30 pm MST today.

Next 36 hours forecast

It is likely to move northwestwards and may cross the South Andhra Pradesh Coasts between Nellore and Narsapur, India, on 3 November 2026.

General caution

Due to the Severe Cyclonic Storm "Murasu", rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin, Chin and northern Shan States and scattered to fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Lower Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kayah, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine and (southern and eastern) Shan States during this evening to 3 November 2026.

Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times in the Deltaic, the Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach 25-30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 7-9 feet in the Deltaic, the Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Myanmar Coasts.



Advisory

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

Historic exhibition marking Sixth Buddhist Synod's 70th anniversary continues weekend opening

The historic exhibition commemorating the 70th anniversary of the successful Sixth Buddhist Synod, along with its displays, will continue to open every Saturday and Sunday at the Maha Pasana Cave, where the Sixth Buddhist Synod was held, on Kaba Aye Hill in Mayangon Township, Yangon, to enable monks, the public, younger generations, and students to visit and learn about the historic event, according to the Yangon Region Government.

Altogether 10 exhibition rooms have been set up to mark the 70th anniversary of the successful conclusion of the Sixth Buddhist Synod. They systematically present the history of the First to the Sixth Buddhist Synods, as well as contemporary activities undertaken to promote the Buddha's teachings, in different sections.

In addition, rare historical artefacts used during the Sixth Buddhist Synod and editions of the Tipitaka compiled and edited during that period are also on display for visitors to study and pay homage to. — TWA/KNN



An official is seen explaining exhibits to monks as they tour the historic exhibition marking the 70th anniversary of the successful conclusion of the Sixth Buddhist Synod.

1 special criminal appeal, 3 special civil appeal cases passed judgements; 4 special civil appeal cases heard

A special appeal tribunal consisting of U Tha Htay, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Union and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union: U Thein Ko Ko, Dr Ko Ko Naing, U Win Myint and Dr Myo Win Aung was convened yesterday morning at the Supreme Court of the Union in Nay Pyi Taw and passed judgements for one special criminal appeal case No 7/2026(Yangon) and three special civil appeal cases – Nos: 28/2026 (Yangon), 31/2026 (Yangon) and 32/2026 (Mandalay). Additionally, four special civil appeal cases – Nos 34/2026 (Ayeyawady), 36/2026 (Mon), 37/2026 (Yangon) and 39/2026 (Shan) – were heard. — MNA

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued at 7 pm Monday, 2 November 2026

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, Severe Cyclonic Storm "Murasu over the Westcentral and adjoining Southwest Bay of Bengal has moved west-northwestwards and persists. It is centred at about 740 nautical miles west of Coco Island (Myanmar), 95 nautical miles northeast of Chennai and 100 nautical miles southeast of Machilipatnam, India.It does not intend to move towards the Myanmar coasts at the present stage and therefore the Severe Cyclonic Storm "Murasu" is coded as yellow stage. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the Northwest, Westcentral and Southwest Bay of Bengal and a few clouds to partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 3 November 2026: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Region, fairly widespread in southern Shan State, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago and Upper Sagaing Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Mon and eastern Shan States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and (southern and eastern) Shan States. In areas along the cumulonimbus clouds, movement, weather phenomena such as strong wind accompanied by rain, thunder, lightning and haills may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 25-30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 6-8 feet in off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR THE SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kayin, Mon, Rakhine and southern Shan States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 November 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 November 2026: One or two instances of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 November 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 80 per cent. – DMH

NATIONAL

HLUTTAW

Pyithu Hluttaw continues its 22nd-day sitting



The Third Pyithu Hluttaw's third regular session convenes its 22nd-day meeting, presided over by Speaker U Khin Yi and Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn.

The 22nd-day sitting of the third regular session of the Third Pyithu Hluttaw was convened at the Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi, Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn, and members of Parliament. During the session, deputy ministers addressed nine starred questions covering administrative upgrades, regional security and resettlement, private education oversight, legal curriculum implementation, and rural electrification.

Regarding regional administration and security, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Min Thu clarified that Paleik Village-tract in Singaing Township cannot currently be upgraded to town status, as it fulfils only 16 of the 21 required town development criteria, lacking allocations for public parks, waste disposal, and cemetery zones.

Addressing questions on Lawpita in Loikaw Township, Maj-Gen Min Thu stated that following the destruction of the local police station by armed groups in 2021, personnel remain deployed alongside military units; reconstruction of the station and staff quarters will be proposed in future budget years once regional stability is restored.

On the resettlement of displaced residents and the reopening of the Kyaukkyi-Natthankwin road in Kyaukkyi Township, the deputy minister explained that the road remains temporarily closed due to mine threats and ambush attacks. Civilian movements are currently facilitated via military convoys, and displaced families will be systematically vetted and resettled once security clearance and mine clearance operations are fully concluded.

Turning to education, Deputy Minister for Education U Nay Myo Hlaing stated that civic education, democratic practices, and basic law are actively integrated into middle and high school curricula, supported by Training of Trainers (ToT) courses for educators. He also affirmed that private schools are monitored to bar uncertified personnel, adding that non-compliant institutions face administrative penalties under Section 51 of the Private Education Law.

Addressing rural infrastructure, Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy U Aye Kyaw detailed plans for expanding electrical infrastructure. He confirmed that electricity supply to Gonmin Village in Kyaunggon Township will proceed once the 66-kV Kyaunggon (Hlezeik) substation is built using Union funds. He also highlighted the ongoing deployment of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and line upgrades in Thakayta Township, as well as multi-phase rural grid installations slated for Mongnai Township across the 2028-2029 financial years.

The 22nd-day sitting adjourned in the afternoon, with the 23rd-day session scheduled for 4 November. — News Team/ST

Constant monitoring of power losses alerted

U Aung Kyaw Oo, Chairman of the Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation under the Ministry of Electricity and Energy, instructed engineers from township electrical manager offices, who were assigned to inspect line losses, to systematically compile lists and continuously monitor power loss conditions.



YESC Chairman and officials inspecting power substations on 1 November 2026.

He gave these instructions during a field inspection together with relevant officials on 1 November to observe the power distribution status at the 33/11-6.6 kV Mayangon Substation and the 66/33/11-6.6 kV Sein Pan Myaing Substation in Mayangon Township.

During the field inspection, he examined the standard power distribution operations, the robust maintenance condition of electrical equipment and power lines, and the meter-reading records. He further instructed personnel to prioritize inspection and maintenance work on substations, transformers, and power lines in accordance with prescribed directives to ensure fire safety, electrical safety, and uninterrupted power supply.

Additionally, he instructed them to fully install meters by feeder and transformer and to maintain systematic records of electricity consumers to ensure accuracy in calculating power loss and to audit and detect illegal power consumption. — Htun Htun/ZN

CNG Vehicles Required to Replace 15-Year-Old...

FROM PAGE 1

In addition, the CNG Retest Factory under the department systematically inspects vehicle CNG cylinders according to their service life. Cylinders that have been in use for five years from their manufacturing year must undergo their first inspection, while those reaching 10 years must undergo a second inspection. Cylinders that reach 15 years of service are classified as expired and rejected in accordance with prescribed standards, and must be replaced with new ones.

For public safety, owners of CNG vehicles fitted with cylinders that have reached the 15-year service limit are required to replace them with new cylinders before 15 November 2026 and bring their vehicles to the Department of Compressed Natural Gas for inspection.

The department has announced that CNG purchasing privileges will be suspended for vehicles that continue using expired cylinders without replacing them. Permission to purchase CNG will be reinstated only after the expired cylinders have been replaced with new ones and the vehicles have undergone inspection at the department. — MoEE/ST

International standard Arts Centre under construction in Yangon

CONSTRUCTION work is currently underway for the international-standard Myanmar Arts Centre - Yangon in Insein Township, Yangon Region, according to the Ministry of Culture, Hotels and Tourism.

On 31 October, Union Minister for Culture, Hotels and Tourism U Khin Maung Soe inspected the progress of the arts centre's construction.

During the inspection, the Union Minister instructed officials to ensure high-quality construction, plan and build the centre to withstand natural disasters, consult with domestic and international experts, and complete the project within the designated timeframe to high standards capable of hosting international-level performances and shows.

Upon completion, the Yangon Arts Centre will be able to host international cultural variety shows, dance performances, theatrical plays, orchestral performances, and music concerts.

Additionally, according to the news release from the ministry, the centre will also host related art exhibitions for painting and sculpture, workshops, and educational lectures on art. — TWA/ZN



Construction site of the international-standard arts centre in Yangon.

NATIONAL

HLUTTAW

Debates at Amyotha Hluttaw feature women's affairs, fuel supply and healthcare sectors

THE Third Amyotha Hluttaw continued its 13th-day meeting of the third regular session at its building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

A Defence Services Personnel Representative took an affirmation and signed the form of affirmation in the presence of Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe.

At the question-and-answer session, MP Dr Khaing Khaing Hsu from the Rakhine State Constituency 10 raised a question on the plans of the State to address health, social and economic hardships of temporarily displaced women across the nation. Deputy Minister for Women's Affairs Dr Nay Thwe Kyi responded that the Ministry of Health has been providing temporarily displaced women with access to quality maternal and reproductive healthcare services, without discrimination and on an equal basis with other women, in accordance with the provisions incorporated into the National Sexual and Reproductive Health Policy in 2022.

She added that the Ministry of Women's Affairs has established One-Stop Women Support Centres (OSWSCs) in Yangon, Mandalay, Mawlamyine, Loikaw, Lashio, Monywa and Sittway. These centres provide services to women and young women who have experienced various forms of violence and require temporary protection when their families or surrounding communities are unable to ensure their safety. The services include providing physical and psychological protection, healthcare, legal assistance and psychological support, in addition to financial assistance.



The Third Amyotha Hluttaw's third regular session convenes its 13th-day meeting in Nay Pyi Taw, presided over by Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe.

With regard to the question submitted by MP U Myo Myint from the Taninthayi Region Constituency 5 on supply of energy and electricity for the people from areas without access to the national grid, Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy U Kyaw Naing Win said that there are 41 fuel retail outlets in Taninthayi Region. To ensure that residents in areas outside the national power grid in Dawei and Myeik districts can access electricity at affordable rates and enjoy an uninterrupted power supply, the ministry has been selling petrol and diesel produced by the Petrochemical Complex (Thanbayakan), which operates under its supervision, to the Taninthayi Region Government at the interdepartmental sale price every month since September 2021. If Kawthoung and Bokpyin require domestically produced diesel for electricity generation and distribution, they should submit an application to purchase and use the fuel from the ministry through the regional government.

MP U Soe Kyi from the Taninthayi Region Constituency 11 raised questions on fulfilment of security infrastructure and support for the drug addicted rehabilitation camp (Myeik). Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Thant Zaw Lwin replied that in coordination with the Regional Government, a survey will be conducted to determine the number of young people who genuinely require drug rehabilitation. To open a drug rehabilitation centre, security grilles will first be installed in the existing building. In addition, detailed cost estimates will be prepared for replacing the existing wire-mesh fence surrounding the building with a brick wall, and plans will be made to include the construction work in the budgets of the coming financial years, subject to the availability of funds.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Tin Tun responded to questions raised by Hluttaw representatives, saying that the construction of one clinic building and one two-unit staff housing building at the Begayet Rural Health Branch in Ward 7, Kangyidaunt Township, is planned for implementation in the 2027-2028 financial

SEE PAGE 5

MNHRC inspects Drug Rehabilitation Centre

UNDER Sections 43 and 44 of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law, the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) has inspected prisons, jails, police lock-ups, and detention centres.

Yesterday, an inspection team led by MNHRC Commissioners U Than Win, U Ohn Khaing, U Nyi Nyi and U Tun Tun Win inspected the Drug Rehabilitation Centre in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, under the Department of Rehabilitation, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.



MNHRC Commissioners are pictured during their inspection tour of the Drug Rehabilitation Centre.

During the inspection, the team examined the provisions made to ensure adequate nutritious food and clean drinking and domestic water for the trainees being cared for at the centre, the systematic monitoring of symptoms that may occur during the withdrawal period as part of healthcare provision and provision of the necessary aid and medical care, the measures taken to enable communication and reunification with their families, the presence of any discrimination, torture, or ill-treatment; the arrangements for physical exercise and sports, and the status of psychological counselling support provided to the trainees.

The inspection team will send its findings and recommendations from the visit to the relevant department for appropriate action under the Commission's Law. — MNHRC

12th Thailand Education...

FROM PAGE 1

The education fair is jointly organized by the Association of Myanmar Alumni from Universities in Thailand (AMAUT) and the Royal Thai Embassy in Yangon. A total of 29 renowned Thai universities will showcase their educational opportunities at the event.

Visitors will have the opportunity to obtain information about their preferred majors and programmes, as well as career opportunities after graduation, and ask questions directly to university representatives.

Additionally, visitors can enquire about various scholarship opportunities offered by individual universities, including 100 per cent fully funded and partial scholarships. AMAUT alumni who have graduated from universities in Thailand will also share their experiences and offer advice.

AMAUT members will provide a one-stop service, guiding prospective students through every stage of the process, from choosing a university and submitting applications to securing admission. — ASH/MKKS

The Global NEW LIGHT of MYANMAR
www.gnlm.com.mm
THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT of MYANMAR

CIRCULATION & DISTRIBUTION
(+95) (01) 8604532,
Hotline - 09 255597511
ADVERTISING & MARKETING
(+95) (01) 8604530,
Hotline - 09 251022355
marketing@gnlm.com.mm
subscription@gnlm.com.mm

Printed and published at the **Global New Light of Myanmar Printing Factory** at No.150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, by the **Global New Light of Myanmar Daily** under Printing Permit No. 00510 and Publishing Permit No. 00629.
gnlmnews@gmail.com,
newsroom@gnlm.com.mm
www.gnlm.com.mm

Write for us

We appreciate your feedback and contributions. If you have any comments or would like to submit editorials, analyses or reports please email **aungthuya@gnlm.com.mm** with your name and title.

Due to limitation of space we are only able to publish **"Letter to the Editor"** that do not exceed 500 words. Should you submit a text longer than 500 words please be aware that your letter will be edited.

NATIONAL

Debates at Amyotha Hluttaw feature women's...

FROM PAGE 4

year. Regarding the establishment of Myinkun Station Hospital in Myinkun Village-tract, Magway Township, the matter will be further submitted to the Union Government in accordance with the prescribed procedures. He continued that the YeU Rural Health Branch in Mathe Village-tract, Yaksawk Township, will be upgraded to a rural health centre. In addition, new rural health branches will be opened in Bamat and Monpyin villages under the upgraded rural health centre.

MP Daw Khin Swe from the Magway Region Constituency 12 tabled a motion urging the government to take measures to gradually reduce and restrict the production, import, sale and use of plastic products, particularly plastic bags, in order to protect public health and the environment. MP Daw Kyin Thein from the Ayeyawady Region Constituency 9 seconded the motion.

The Speaker announced that MPs wishing to discuss the motion could register with the Director-General of the Amyotha Hluttaw Office.

The Amyotha Hluttaw will continue its 14th day meeting on 6 November. — MNA/TTA

NSPNC, NDAA hold peace talks in Mongla

A delegation led by Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, who is also chairman of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee (NSPNC), held peace talks with the National Democratic Alliance Army (NDAA) in Mongla Township, Shan State, on 1 November.



The National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee (NSPNC) and the National Democratic Alliance Army (NDAA) meet in Shan State.

The meeting followed an invitation issued by the Central Committee for prerequisite-free peace talks aimed at resolving political issues through political means.

Speaking at the meeting, Lt-Gen Yar Pyae said this was the third round of talks held this year. He stressed that Special Region (4) is an integral part of the Union and that its residents are Myanmar citizens. Discussions on the region's political aspirations would continue in accordance with the 2008 Constitution. He added that both sides would coordinate necessary arrangements for holding a by-election in 2027 and that the government would work with relevant ministries to address the region's needs in education, healthcare and transportation to strengthen mutual trust.

NDAA Chairman U Htein Lin welcomed the delegation and expressed appreciation for the government's support in regional development. He highlighted recent joint free medical services provided by Shan State health officials and Tatmadaw medical teams in mid-September, and the construction of new school buildings in Mongla and Silu.

Both sides exchanged views on the region's appropriate political and administrative status under government administration, building a Union based on democracy and federalism, holding elections in Special Region 4, and promoting regional development.

After the meeting, the delegation visited the 66megawatts Mongwa Hydropower Plant, located on the Namloi Creek west of Kengkham. — MNA/KTZH

PyinOoLwin's MSY income-generating activities inspected

OFFICALS from the Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, conducted a field inspection in Mithwaypho Village, PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Region, yesterday to review the progress of household income-generating activities financed through the revolving fund of the Mya Sein Yaung (MSY) Village Project.



Officials oversee the progress of an agricultural project in PyinOoLwin Township.

PyinOoLwin District Department of Rural Development Head U Set Naing Tun, PyinOoLwin Township Department of Rural Development Head Daw Khin Mon Kyaw and project staff visited the village to inspect agricultural activities being carried out with loans from the project's revolving fund.

They met members of the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project Management Committee to examine whether monthly financial records and accounting statements had been properly completed, verifying that borrowers were operating in line with loan agreement terms while coordinating necessary support for the issues raised.

Under the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project, concessionary revolving loans totalling K64.6 million have been disbursed to 107 project members in Mithwaypho Village, all of whom are systematically operating local income-generating agricultural activities with support from the project funds. — Maung Khaing (Rural)

Geological surveys and drilling in progress at Inya Lake



Geological surveys carried out at Inya Lake.

TO maintain the strength of Inya Lake, geological surveys and drilling have been in progress.

Regarding this maintenance work, Yangon Mayor U Myo Myint Aung visited and inspected the workplace on 31 October.

Officials from the Engineering Department explained the work progress and the results of geophysical measurements to the mayor, and he instructed them to proceed with their work. Necessary coordination and assistance were reportedly provided to ensure the smooth and successful operation of the maintenance. — TWA/ZS

Daily newspapers available online

FOR those who would like to read the Myanma Alinn, the Kyemon and the Global New Light of Myanmar, published daily by the Ministry of Information, please visit www.moi.gov.mm/mal, www.moi.gov.mm/km, www.moi.gov.mm/nlm and www.gnlm.com.mm/e-paper.

News and Periodicals Enterprise



NATIONAL

People's Military Servicemen Honoured Upon Completing Service Term

PERSONNEL who served under People's Military Service Training Batch 6, along with those granted service-term reductions, have successfully concluded their designated military tenures. To mark their service, honouring ceremonies were held across respective regional military commands on 30 October, where servicemen received certificates of completion, service medals, and letters of honour before returning to their families and hometowns.


Triumphant People's Military personnel are seen warmly welcomed home.

Local communities and family members across various townships, wards, and villages warmly welcomed the returning servicemen with garlands, traditional sprigs of Eugenia, cash awards, and performances of traditional Myanmar drums and dances.

Throughout their enlistment, the servicemen carried out national defence, security, and regional stability duties alongside regular armed forces personnel, while also participating in disaster response and rehabilitation operations. During their service, they received entitled salaries, rations, and allowances.

Following the completion of their mandatory service under the People's Military Service Law, individuals are entitled to rejoin their previous jobs or equivalent civilian posts, remain in active military service voluntarily, or receive designated state benefits. The state and the Tatmadaw expressed appreciation for their contributions as essential reserve forces fulfilling constitutional defence duties. — MNA/ST

Minhla distributes MSY Village Project micro-loans

INTENDING to enable local farmers who cultivate oilseed crops to purchase necessary agricultural operating costs, seeds, and inputs, the Township Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development issued the fifth round of Mya Sein Yaung (MSY) Village Project (Oilseed Crops) revolving funds yesterday in Mintaegyi Village, Minhla Township, Magway Region.

Township Head Daw Hla Myo Thu of the Minhla Township Department of Rural Development first delivered introductory remarks. She explained directives in the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project (Oilseed Crops) manual, the socioeconomic benefits gained from implementing the project, the need for borrowing members to work diligently to enhance oilseed production, the relevant provisions of the Rural Development Law and Rules, and the rules and regulations to be observed during loan disbursement. Following the briefing, she transferred the fund amounting to K10.3 million to the members of the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project (Oilseed Crops) Working Committee.


A village representative receives the fund in Minhla Township.

Subsequently, the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project (Oilseed Crops) Working Committee disbursed K10.3 million to 71 local farmers who will cultivate oilseed crops in Mintaegyi Village. — Set Lu (DRD)

Shwe Kokko Phase II continues demolishing online scam hubs


Map shows the systematic demolition of scam hubs in the Shwe Kokko Phase II crackdown.

THE government is placing particular emphasis on working with neighbouring and regional countries to crack down on online scams and online gambling, which threaten global socioeconomic affairs and national security, intending to eliminate these activities completely and permanently. In the Shwe Kokko area, where online scam and gambling operations were conducted on a large scale, illegal buildings are being systematically and permanently demolished to prevent such activities from resuming in these buildings.

As part of these efforts, one six-storey building among the remaining illegal buildings in Phase II of the Shwe Kokko area, which had been used for online scam and gambling operations and was being demolished using machinery, was demolished yesterday, reaching 70 per cent completion. The demolition of another six-storey building reached 40 per cent completion as of yesterday.

Of the 63 buildings designated for demolition in Phase II of the Shwe Kokko area, four have been demolished through controlled explosions and another four using heavy machinery. The remaining 55 buildings will also be systematically demolished.

The government has been treating the fight against online scams and online gambling as a national duty. — 100/KTZH

Myanaung's concrete wheel-track road construction inspected

OFFICIALS inspected the ongoing construction of a concrete wheel-track road in Htanpingon Village, Myanaung Township, Myanaung District, Ayeyawady Region, under the Village Development Programme (VDP) yesterday. The project is being implemented by the Department of Rural Development (DRD) of Myanaung Township.

During the inspection, Township Head U Nay Zaw Htet of the DRD in Myanaung Township, and officials, together with members of the Village Development Committee, inspected the construction of concrete wheel tracks on both sides of an internal village road, measuring 718 feet in length, two feet and six inches in width and six inches in thickness.

The township head also met members of the Village Development Committee and urged them to value the project, which is being implemented to improve the socioeconomic lives of rural residents. Necessary coordination and arrangements were also made to address the requirements of the project.

The project was launched on 27 August during the 2026-2027 financial year, with K15 million in VDP grant funds and contributions from residents. It is being carried out by villagers themselves with technical assistance from DRD staff and has now reached 80 per cent completion.

Upon completion, the road is expected to benefit 332 residents from 83 households in Htanpingon Village and contribute to improving their socioeconomic conditions, according to the Myanaung Township Department of Rural Development. — Myo Myo (DRD)


Officials inspect the ongoing construction of a concrete wheel-track road in Myanaung Township.

NATIONAL

Concrete road construction inspected in Kungyangon

OFFICIALS inspected the concrete paving work on an internal village road in Myitta Village, Kungyangon Township, Yangon Region, yesterday. The project is being implemented by the Department of Rural Development (DRD) of Kawhmu Township with K26.27 million allocated from the Yangon Region Government Fund.



Officials oversee the concrete paving work on an internal village road in Kungyangon Township.

During the inspection, U Aung Thet Oo, Head of the DRD in Twantay District, Daw Su Thida Lin, the Township Head of the DRD in Kungyangon Township, and officials, together with members of the village road construction committee, inspected the ongoing construction of a 5.071-furlong-long, 10-foot-wide and six-inch-thick concrete road, as well as the construction of three slab culverts.

Daw Su Thida Lin instructed the project supervisor to ensure the concrete road and related work were carried out systematically in compliance with prescribed quality standards and completed within the designated timeframe. Necessary coordination and arrangements were also made during the inspection.

The project is being implemented through a tender system during the 2026-2027 financial year, using K26.27 million from the Yangon Region Government Fund, and has so far achieved 25 per cent completion.

Upon completion, the road will give residents of Myitta Village convenient, year-round access for economic, educational, healthcare, and other social activities, according to the Kungyangon Township Department of Rural Development. — Ah Htwe (DRD)

Trading Amount and Forex Rate in the Market on 2 November 2026

	US$	Chinese yuan	Thai baht	Indian rupee
Exchange rates	3,663.90~3,670.00	557.50~558.70	125.40~125.70	43.60
Trading amount in the market	12,996,831.81	6,289,772.97	77,504,536.07	

Kawa's livestock project with RBF funds inspected



Officials oversee a livestock breeding project in Kawa Township.

OFFICIALS from the Department of Rural Development (DRD), under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, conducted a field inspection yesterday to observe the implementation of livestock activities as family income-generating businesses with funds from the Rural Business Fund (RBF) Project in Makyatgyi Village, Kawa Township, Bago Region.

During the field inspection, Daw Khine Shwe Zin, Township Head of the Department of Rural Development in Kawa Township, together with departmental staff, inspected the livestock activities being carried out by residents with RBF funds as family income-generating businesses in Makyatgyi Village.

The township head and departmental staff then inspected the maintenance and completion of project-related records and registers and gave necessary instructions for proper implementation of the project. Four livestock groups in Makyatgyi Village, namely Yaung Ni Oo, Toe Tat Aung, Arman and Kyipwa groups, have each been provided with a loan of K7.5 million for livestock activities under the RBF Project. — Aye Myat (DRD)

Drinking water sufficiency inspected

OFFICIALS conducted a field inspection yesterday to check the water storage conditions in earthen water collection ponds excavated by the Township Department of Rural Development, aiming to ensure sufficient water supply and prevent drinking water shortages caused by El Niño in Bago District, Bago Region.

During the field inspection, Bago District Department of Rural Development Head U San Min and staff examined the water collection status in the village earthen ponds constructed by the township office, focusing on preventing drinking water shortages, ensuring long-term durability of the ponds, and maintaining good water quality.

The District Head then stated that local residents should systematically maintain and utilize the water collection ponds to prepare for and prevent water scarcity risks, and that necessary preparatory work will continue to be carried out in a timely manner in cooperation with relevant departments. — Ko Naing (Rural)

Kangyidaunt's VDP concrete wheel-track road project inspected

THE Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, inspected the 100-per-cent completion of a village concrete wheel-track road project implemented under the Village Development Project (VDP) in Paypingyi Village, Kangyidaunt Township, Ayeyawady Region, yesterday.



This image captures a completed village concrete wheel-track road in Kangyidaunt Township.

Kangyidaunt Township Department of Rural Development Head Daw Thinza Nyunt and engineering staff, together with members of the village development committee, inspected the completed concrete wheel-track road measuring 400 feet long, three feet wide and six inches thick. She met village elders and residents, urging them to form a village road committee and systematically maintain the road for its long-term durability, while coordinating necessary support based on village requirements.

The concrete wheel-track road was constructed starting in the fourth week of September this year using K15 million in VDP support funds for the 2026-2027 financial year and K3 million contributed by local communities, with technical assistance and close supervision from DRD staff. The completion of the project ensures year-round convenience and improved transport, helping elevate the socioeconomic standards of local villagers. — Thaw Zin Htoo (Rural)

OPINION

May loving-kindness flourish in every citizen's heart

Every country strives to make its future more developed and prosperous than it is today, and Myanmar is likewise working to ensure a more stable, peaceful, and prosperous future for the nation. Everyone desires peace, tranquillity, and development. In keeping with this common aspiration, everyone must contribute to the best of their ability in whatever capacity they can.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar is practising a genuine and disciplined multiparty democratic system. At present, a government and Hluttaws elected by an overwhelming majority of the people have been established and are working for the benefit of the nation and its people.

With the situation becoming more peaceful and stable, large numbers of pilgrims can be seen visiting pagodas, temples and stupas across Myanmar on significant religious occasions, while devotees observe religious precepts and keep Sabbath days at monasteries and religious establishments to engage in meritorious deeds.

All religions place great emphasis on loving-kindness and empathy, teaching people to act, speak and think in ways that are free from wrongdoing and do not cause harm or suffering to others. Furthermore, ethical principles governing the duties of children toward their parents, parents toward their children, disciples toward their teachers, and teachers towards their students, as well as the principles of auspiciousness that lead to prosperity and well-being, the teachings contained in scriptures such as the Dhammapada, and the guidance found in books of moral conduct have all helped the Myanmar people attain a high level of cultural refinement.

Everyone desires peace of mind and good physical health. People perform meritorious deeds because they wish to journey through life with mental well-being and physical health. The Myanmar people live in accordance with the Four Sublime States of Mind – loving-kindness, compassion, sympathetic joy and equanimity – and this contributes to peace, harmony and prosperity in the country. The people of Myanmar possess the admirable qualities of wishing not only for their own prosperity and success but also for that of others, and they have a strong desire to live in peace and tranquillity.

All religions place great emphasis on loving-kindness and empathy, teaching people to act, speak and think in ways that are free from wrongdoing and do not cause harm or suffering to others. Furthermore, ethical principles governing the duties of children toward their parents, parents toward their children, disciples toward their teachers, and teachers towards their students, as well as the principles of auspiciousness that lead to prosperity and well-being, the teachings contained in scriptures such as the Dhammapada, and the guidance found in books of moral conduct have all helped the Myanmar people attain a high level of cultural refinement.

This, in turn, gives rise to happy and harmonious families and communities. Those who bring peace of mind and happiness to others, do good for their benefit, and help them accumulate merit will undoubtedly enjoy well-being and happiness both in this life and in the life hereafter. Everyone who wishes to enjoy peace, harmony and development throughout the nation should strive to prevent misconduct and foster genuine loving-kindness among one another.

ARTICLE

The Art of Cinema: Why Young People Should Watch, Learn and Reflect

By Maung Maung Myint Thein (RIT)

Beyond entertainment, cinema offers young people a window into history, culture, human emotions and the complex realities of the world.

Cinema is more than a form of entertainment. Through compelling stories, memorable characters and powerful images, films allow audiences to explore different cultures, historical events and human experiences. For young people, whose values, identities and worldviews are still developing, cinema can become an important source of education, inspiration, creativity and personal growth.

From historical dramas to contemporary social films, cinema has the power to influence how people understand themselves and the world around them. However, its value should not be measured solely by box-office success or popularity. Its deeper significance lies in its ability to encourage critical thinking, cultivate empathy and inspire young audiences to reflect on the choices that shape individual lives and society.

Cinema as a Mirror of Society

Throughout history, cinema has reflected the political, economic and social conditions of different generations. Film movements such as German Expressionism, Italian Neorealism and the French New Wave challenged conventional storytelling and introduced new ways of representing human experience.

Italian Neorealism, which emerged after the Second World War, portrayed ordinary people confronting poverty, unemployment and social uncertainty. Its emphasis on everyday struggles demonstrated that cinema could reveal profound social truths without relying on extravagant production or heroic characters.

For young audiences, historical films offer an opportunity to understand how wars, political decisions and social transformations affect ordinary people. Nevertheless, films are artistic interpretations rather than always accurate historical records. Young viewers should therefore compare cinematic representations with reliable historical sources and learn to distinguish dramatic storytelling from documented facts.

Myanmar Cinema and National Identity

Myanmar's cinematic heritage provides an important connection between entertainment, history and cultural preservation.

The country's first locally produced feature film, Myitta Hnint Thuyar (Love and Liquor), directed by U Ohn Maung, premiered in Rangoon on 13 October 1920. Based on a story by the writer P Moe Nin, the silent film portrayed the destructive consequences of gambling and alcohol. Despite the technical limitations of early filmmaking, it became a landmark in the development of Myanmar cinema.

The premiere date is commemorated annually as Myanmar Motion Picture Day, recognising the historical importance of this achievement.

Another celebrated production, Thingyan Moe (1985), directed by Maung Tin Oo, depicts the life of a musician against the cultural backdrop of Mandalay's traditional Thingyan water festival. Combining music, personal relationships and local traditions, the film illustrates how cinema can preserve cultural memories while entertaining audiences.

For young Myanmar viewers, classic national films offer an opportunity to appreciate traditional customs, music, language and changing social values. Preserving these films is therefore not merely an act of nostalgia; it is an investment in the country's cultural heritage and the transmission of collective memory to future generations.

International Films and Global Understanding

While national cinema strengthens cultural identity, international films broaden young people's perspectives beyond their own societies.

Steven Spielberg's Schindler's List (1993), set during the Holocaust, portrays the efforts of German industrialist Oskar Schindler to save more than a thousand Jewish people from Nazi persecution. Its depiction of suffering, courage and moral responsibility encourages audiences to reflect on the consequences of prejudice and the importance of human dignity.

David Lean's Lawrence of Arabia (1962), set during the First World War in the Middle East, offers another starting point for exploring imperialism, regional politics and cultural encounters. Like other historical dramas, it should be considered alongside historical scholarship to understand both its artistic interpretation and its historical context.

Such films can inspire young people to explore history, international relations and different cultural traditions. They demonstrate that cinema can cross linguistic and geographical boundaries, connecting audiences through shared human experiences.

Education, Critical Thinking and Personal Growth

Cinema can complement formal education by making complex subjects more accessible and engaging. Historical dramas can bring past events to life, documentaries can introduce scientific and environmental challenges, and films based on literature can encourage deeper engagement with storytelling and character development.

Films can also support language learning. Dialogue and subtitles expose students to new vocabulary, pronunciation and expressions, helping them improve their communication skills.

More importantly, thoughtful film viewing encourages critical thinking. Young audiences can examine characters' motivations, question the messages presented and consider whether a film represents different perspectives fairly. Classroom discussions and film clubs can strengthen analytical skills, communication and the ability to defend opinions with reasoned arguments.

Cinema also contributes to emotional development. Stories about hardship, friendship, discrimination and reconciliation can help young people understand experiences different from their own. By observing characters confronting difficult decisions, viewers may develop greater empathy, tolerance and awareness of moral responsibility.

Although films cannot guarantee these outcomes, carefully selected productions combined with meaningful discussion can make viewing a valuable learning experience.

The Risks of Uncritical Viewing

Despite its benefits, cinema can also influence young people negatively when its content is consumed without reflection. Some films glamorise violence, substance misuse or irresponsible behaviour, while others promote unrealistic expectations about physical appearance, wealth and relationships.

Excessive screen time presents additional concerns. Spending too much time watching films or other digital content may reduce physical activity, disrupt sleep and limit opportunities for face-to-face interaction.

These risks highlight the importance of media literacy. Parents and educators should help young people choose age-appropriate films, recognise stereotypes and question misleading representations. Young viewers should also balance entertainment with reading, exercise, study and social activities.

Popularity does not necessarily indicate artistic quality or educational value. Learning to appreciate cinema requires audiences to look beyond commercial success and consider a film's message, cultural significance and contribution to understanding society.

Empowering Young Filmmakers

Young people should not remain passive consumers of cinema. They can also become storytellers, critics, cinematographers, editors and filmmakers.

Affordable digital technology has made filmmaking increasingly accessible. Through student projects, young people can document local traditions, explore community issues and communicate ideas about their societies. Such activities develop creativity, teamwork, research and problem-solving skills.

In Myanmar, supporting young filmmakers could help preserve local languages, traditional arts and community histories while introducing new perspectives to national cinema. Educational institutions, film festivals and cultural organisations can encourage this development by providing opportunities for young creators to learn, collaborate and showcase their work.

Conclusion: Cinema as a Pathway to Knowledge

Cinema remains one of the most influential cultural forms of modern society. It can preserve national heritage, illuminate historical events, inspire creativity and deepen understanding between people from different backgrounds.

For young people, the challenge is to become thoughtful viewers rather than passive consumers. They should appreciate Myanmar's cinematic achievements while exploring international films that broaden their understanding of the world. They should enjoy compelling stories while developing the ability to question assumptions and distinguish artistic interpretation from factual evidence.

Filmmakers, educators and parents all have a role in encouraging responsible film appreciation. Ultimately, a good film entertains its audience, but a great film can also challenge its assumptions, awaken its conscience and inspire it to see the world differently.

When young people learn not merely to watch films but to understand and reflect on them, cinema becomes more than an art form. It becomes a pathway to knowledge, empathy, cultural appreciation and responsible citizenship. ■

Jealousy: The Mental Disease of Insecurity

By Lynn Lynn Myat Oo

Jealousy is one of the most intense, uncomfortable, and complex human emotions. While often portrayed in literature and media as a sign of passionate love or deep caring, a closer look reveals its true nature: jealousy is primarily a state of emotional unrest driven by deep-seated insecurity and fear.

1. Understanding the Root: Insecurity and Fear

At its core, jealousy is rarely about the third party or the external situation; it is about our internal narrative. It thrives on three main internal drivers:

Fear of Loss: The anxious anticipation of losing someone or something valuable to another person.

Low Self-Esteem: An underlying belief that we are not "enough" — not attractive, successful, or worthy enough to keep someone's attention or devotion.

Perceived Threat: A heightened state of vigilance where harmless interactions are misconstrued as catastrophic betrayals.

When a person feels secure in their self-worth, someone else's success, beauty, or closeness does not feel like a threat. Insecurity, however, translates another person's value as a direct subtraction from our own.

2. Jealousy as a "Mental Disease"

While jealousy is a natural emotion that everyone experiences occasionally, chronic or toxic jealousy functions much like a mental dis-ease, disrupting internal peace and cognitive balance.

Psychological & Behavioral Impact

Obsessive Thinking: Jealousy traps the mind in a loop of suspicion, over-analysis, and intrusive scenarios.

Distorted Perception: It acts as a lens that twists neutral behaviours into evidence of betrayal or neglect.

Emotional Exhaustion: Constant alertness and anxiety drain mental energy, leading to mood swings, stress, and depressive feelings.

Physical Manifestation: Mind and body are deeply connected. Chronic jealousy triggers the body's fight-or-flight response, flooding the system with cortisol and adrenaline. Over time, this can cause sleep disturbances, digestive issues, chronic fatigue, and elevated heart rate.

3. The Path to Healing: Overcoming Jealousy

Recognizing that jealousy stems from insecurity is the first step towards overcoming it. To shift from a state of emotional reactivity to self-assurance, consider these steps:

1. Acknowledge and Name It: Denying jealousy only causes it to fester. Admitting to yourself, "I feel jealous because I am feeling insecure right now," neutralizes its emotional grip.
2. Focus on Self-Worth: Redirect energy away from monitoring others and toward building your own self-confidence, skills, and fulfilment.
3. Practice Open Communication: Instead of reacting with accusation or passive-aggression, express underlying feelings vulnerably ("I felt a bit insecure when...").
4. Challenge Distorted Thoughts: Ask yourself: Is there concrete evidence for my fear, or is my insecurity filling in the blanks?

Jealousy is not proof of love, but a signal of inner unrest. By addressing the underlying insecurity with self-compassion and self-awareness, we can move from fear and control towards genuine trust and peace of mind. ■

HEALTH/TECH
WORLD

Ebola reminder of urgent need to finish pandemic treaty: WHO chief

DEADLY outbreaks like the Ebola epidemic raging in the Democratic Republic of Congo show the urgent need to complete an international pandemic treaty, the World Health Organization chief said Monday.

Wealthy countries and developing nations remain at loggerheads over how an agreement, adopted last year as a framework to handle future Covid-like pandemics, will work in practice.

As the ninth meeting towards finalizing the deal opened in Geneva Monday, WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus called on countries to "finish the job".

Pointing to several recent deadly disease outbreaks, he stressed that completing a pandemic treaty was "about protecting people".



Marie Bakikula, a caregiver at a UNICEF-supported nursery in Mongbwalu, poses for a photograph in Mongbwalu, north eastern Democratic Republic of Congo 10 October 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

"A pathogen threat anywhere can become a threat everywhere, to people of every country," he said, according to a written version of his statement.

"The outbreak of hantavirus earlier this year, and the ongoing Ebola epidemic in DRC remind us of this threat."

He was referring to the hantavirus outbreak that killed three people on a cruise ship in April and the latest Ebola outbreak, declared in May, which has killed nearly 5,000 people out of more than 10,000 infected mostly in the DRC. — AFP

Sri Lanka launches island-wide operation to protect elephants

SRI Lanka on Monday launched an island-wide operation to protect elephants and reduce human-elephant conflict, the Ministry of Environment announced.

The operation, named "Hasthi Sena", began in the North-Western Wildlife Region and is being jointly implemented by the Ministry of Environment, the armed forces and the Department of Wildlife Conservation.

Environment Minister Dammika Patabendi said the initial phase would focus on 17 elephants identified as being at risk.

He said the programme was expected to cover about 80 per cent of areas inhabited by elephants, while the remaining 20 per cent would be addressed under a separate programme.

Authorities will also carry out raids and take legal action against those using illegal firearms, explosive bait known as "hakka patas", unauthorized electric fences and snares that threaten elephants. — Xinhua



A herd of Asian elephants strolls through a field as tourists ride on jeeps during a safari in Minneriya National Park in Sri Lanka's North Central Province on 6 November 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

Australians urged to take care with raw seafood as 60% consume it

ABOUT 60 per cent of Australians consume raw fish or seafood, with 17 per cent eating it at least weekly, prompting food safety experts to warn of the risks of foodborne illnesses and parasites.

Ahead of Australian Food Safety Week, running from 7 to 14 November, the Food Safety Information Council released research on Monday showing that raw seafood consumption is widespread, including in dishes such as sushi, sashimi and ceviche, which can pose food safety risks, including from parasites.

Council Scientific Director Julian Cox said raw fish could carry parasites and harmful bacteria, while traditional additions such as vinegar, lemon juice or salt would not reliably kill the infectious stages of parasites, destroy toxins or kill pathogens. — Xinhua

Researchers discover first fully marine stem amphibian in Late Triassic fossils

A group of international researchers has reported the first fully marine species of stem amphibian, Gerrothorax maritimus, in a recent research article published in the journal Nature Ecology & Evolution.

Based on two nearly complete skeletons measuring at least 737 millimetres from the Late Triassic (about 237 million years ago) discovered in southwest China's Guizhou Province, the researchers reconstructed the appearance of Gerrothorax maritimus: a flattened body covered with heavy bony armour, a broad and flat head, a wide mouth, and sturdy, well-developed gill arches, according to a report by China Science Daily.

More than 8,000 amphibian species exist today, but none of them lives entirely in the sea. Amphibian skin is permeable, which aids respiration but causes water loss in seawater, where high salinity adds physiological challenges.

Some living amphibians can tolerate brackish habitats where freshwater meets seawater, and fossils of ancient species have been found in coastal sediments. But previous evidence was insufficient to confirm that any amphibian ever had a fully marine lifestyle.

Gerrothorax maritimus is therefore recognized as the first stem amphibian known to date to have lived entirely in a marine environment, said Jiang Dayong, the article's corresponding author. — Xinhua

South Korea to double spending on AI and chips in 2027

SOUTH Korea will double spending on artificial intelligence and semiconductors in 2027 to a record high of $16 billion, President Lee Jae Myung said Monday in his annual budget speech to parliament.

The country is a tech powerhouse home to Samsung Electronics and SK hynix, two of the world's three biggest makers of memory chips — computer components in huge demand thanks to the AI boom.

"We will allocate 21.3 trillion won ($16 billion) to semiconductors, physical AI and AI data centres, the 'three mega-projects', as well as investment in artificial intelligence, nearly double this year's amount," Lee said.

"We will make bold investments in AI and future growth engines to boost our economy's growth potential, which is the foundation of its economic strength," said Lee.

He added that the government will invest 4.7 trillion won to support "frontier AI development projects, with the aim of achieving world-leading performance for our own AI model, a national strategic asset".

The proposal was made in a speech outlining his government's spending plans for 2027.

Overall, the budget plan totals 821 trillion won, a 12.8 per cent increase from this year, making it the largest budget proposal on record.

Lee now needs parliament to pass the budget proposal, which is likely given his party's majority. — AFP

Thousands build Buddhist monuments for Bhutan's 'mindfulness' city

The ambitious mindfulness city project aims to boost national economic growth.

TENS of thousands of volunteers helped raise 108 Buddhist stupas in Bhutan on Sunday, marking the Himalayan kingdom's ambitious plans for a "mindfulness" city aimed at driving economic growth.

The 15-metre (49-foot) tall solid towers — sacred Buddhist monuments found across the Himalayas — stretch along 12 kilometres (7.5 miles) of riverbank near the Indian border, at the site of the future Gelephu Mindfulness City.

More than 40,000 volunteers participated in building the structures as "a physical form of prayer made permanent in stone and earth", after starting work after midnight, officials said.



The 15-metre (49-foot) tall solid towers stretch along 12 kilometres (7.5 miles) of riverbank near the Indian border, at the site of the future Gelephu Mindfulness City. **PHOTO: FACEBOOK**

"I was worried that raising 108 stupas in a single day might not succeed," Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck said in a speech at the ceremony.

"But everything went successfully, and for that, I am truly grateful."

The ceremony was attended by around 200,000 people, or nearly a fourth of the population, officials told AFP. — AFP

6 Indian tourists stranded by heavy snowfall in Nepal's Dolpa rescued by helicopter

SIX Indian tourists who were stranded during a trek to Shey-Phoksundo Lake, the deepest lake in Nepal, in the Dolpa district following heavy snowfall have been successfully rescued by helicopter, officials confirmed on Monday.

Confirming the rescue operation, Dolpa Chief District Officer Junu Hamal told ANI that the tourists were evacuated in two phases, with two women initially airlifted to the district headquarters, followed by the remaining four from the stranded location.

"They have been rescued through the helicopter. At first two females were ferried down to the district headquarters, and then after, four remained from the stranded area. Their health conditions are also normal," Hamal told ANI.

The six Indian tourists had been stranded while travelling from Ward Nos 4 and 8 of Dolpo Buddha Rural Municipality towards Shey-Phoksundo Lake. They were last reported missing in the Numla Pass and Bagla Pass areas between Ward Nos 4 and 8 of Shey-Phoksundo Rural Municipality.

According to the district official, the tourists had not obtained the required permits to enter the area and proceeded with their journey despite warnings from locals.

The region experienced heavy snowfall under the influence of Cyclone Arnab, which was developing over the Bay of Bengal.

Officials identified the rescued tourists as Moumita Haldar, Piyali Kole, Jajala Trivedi Kumar, Aditya Singha, Diplina Biswas and Rajesh De. — ANI



The tourists had ventured towards the deep lake area. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

Tokyo embraces Halloween crowds under tight security by police

PEOPLE took to the streets and participated in events to celebrate Halloween on Saturday in Tokyo, while police officers and local government officials called on the public to abide by the rules and stay safe.

In the northwestern area of the Japanese capital, many fans of Japanese anime and manga clad in costumes took part in the Ikebukuro Halloween Cosplay Festival 2026.

Ikebukuro, known as a pop culture and entertainment hub, is one of the bustling districts where the municipal government and local businesses welcome Halloween goers to boost the local economy.

The cosplay festival, launched in 2014, drew crowds of some 160,000 during the three-day event last year. — Kyodo



People walk across the scramble crossing in Tokyo's Shibuya district on 31 October 2026. **PHOTO: KYODO**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Chinese film festival begins in New Delhi

A Chinese film festival kicked off in New Delhi on Friday, marking the first such event in more than a decade.

Under the theme of "Two Nations, One Screen", the two-day event features the screening of around 10 Chinese films, and is attended by a host of Indians from various fields, including art, cinema, culture, academics, as well as cinema lovers. — Xinhua

In Mexico City, Day of the Dead parade inspired by 007

WHILE the Day of the Dead is a centuries-old tradition in Mexico, its parade Saturday in the capital is a newer addition — with thanks to Bond, James Bond.

The Day of the Dead, when Mexico honours its deceased by blending pre-Columbian traditions with the Christian All Saints' Day, is historically a family affair.

Relatives visit cemeteries and set up altars with food and other items their loved ones enjoyed in life.

Then came 007. The 2015 Bond film "Spectre" opens with the British spy walking through a crowd dressed as the dead in downtown Mexico City. — AFP

ECONOMY
WORLD

Double-digit drop in tourist arrivals, revenue for Cambodia's Angkor in 1st 10 months 2026



Tourists gather to watch the sunrise at the Angkor Wat temple in Siem Reap province, Cambodia, on 22 March 2026. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

CAMBODIA'S renowned Angkor Archaeological Park suffered double-digit declines in both international tourist arrivals and revenue in the first 10 months of 2026, according to an official statement released Monday.

The park received 566,714 foreign tourist arrivals during the period, down 26 per cent year on year, while generating US$27 million in ticket revenue, a decrease of 24 per cent year on year.

In October alone, international arrivals dipped 6.7 per cent year on year to 56,186, the statement said.

Thong Mengdavid, deputy director of the China-ASEAN Studies Centre at the Cambodia University of Technology and Science, showed optimism that visitor numbers will rebound in the coming years, citing the kingdom's relentless efforts to dismantle online scam networks.

"As we lower travel barriers and actively address safety concerns, Angkor's deep cultural and spiritual appeal will undoubtedly continue to draw back both first-time and repeat global travellers," he told Xinhua.

Spanning 401 square kilometres in northwestern Siem Reap province, the UNESCO World Heritage site remains the absolute centrepiece of Cambodia's tourism economy. The historical park houses 91 ancient temples built between the ninth and 13th centuries. — Xinhua

JAL's Apr-Sept net profit drops 42.2% as rising fuel costs weigh



A passenger plane for Japan Airlines (JAL) lands at Tokyo International Airport at Haneda in Tokyo on 4 February 2025. **Photo: AFP**

JAPAN Airlines Co said Monday its net profit for the April-September period fell 42.2 per cent from a year earlier to 39.07 billion yen ($247 million), weighed down by rising fuel costs amid tensions in the Middle East.

Soaring fuel prices and the yen's persistent depreciation drove up fuel costs, pushing operating expenses 16.5 per cent higher from a year earlier to 1.04 trillion yen, the air carrier said.

JAL CEO Mitsuko Tottori said at a press conference in Tokyo that the company had faced "extremely strong headwinds" from surging fuel costs in the first half of the business year through September.

However, agile pricing that capitalized on robust inbound and outbound business demand, along with higher domestic unit prices, helped lift revenues to their highest level since the company's relisting in 2012, JAL said.— Kyodo

Egypt signs US$1-bln financing deal with World Bank to support economic reforms

EGYPT signed a financing agreement worth US$1 billion with the World Bank on Sunday under the second phase of a development policy financing programme to support the country's economic reforms, the Egyptian cabinet said.

The agreement was signed by Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty, who also serves as Egypt's governor at the World Bank, and Alwaleed Alatabani, the bank's division director for Egypt, Yemen and Djibouti, at a ceremony attended by Egyptian Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly in the New Administrative Capital, east of Cairo.—Xinhua

EU gas reserves by early Nov shrinking for 3rd consecutive year - GIE



A view shows the Sayda compressor station connecting the Czech Gazela pipeline with German OPAL pipeline, in Germany. The Gazela pipeline is used to transit Russian liquefied natural gas (LNG) to the European Union. **Photo: SPUTNIK**

THE level of gas in underground gas storage facilities in the European Union as of early November has gone down for the third consecutive year, falling below 75 per cent, down from nearly 100 per cent in 2023, according to Gas Infrastructure Europe (GIE) and the European Commission data analyzed by Sputnik.

According to data, the figure had fallen to a record low of 74.68 per cent by the beginning of November this year. For comparison, European gas storage facilities were 83 per cent full on 1 November 2025, and 99 per cent full on 1 November 2023.

However, the situation varies significantly from country to country. — SPUTNIK

Canada, US working to forge mutually beneficial trade deal: Carney

CANADIAN Prime Minister Mark Carney said Sunday that he had a "good conversation" with US President Donald Trump on the future of Canada-US trade.

Carney noted on social media that the discussion built on recent constructive talks regarding the outlines of a mutually beneficial trade deal. Such an agreement would create jobs for workers in both countries, improve affordability for families, and fully respect Canada's languages, culture, and sovereignty, he added.

Teams from both sides will be working in the coming weeks to deliver that outcome, Carney said. — Xinhua



An aerial drone photo taken on 30 August 2026 shows an English-French bilingual sign reading "Lake Ontario Now and Always" at a lakeside conservation area in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. **Photo: Xinhua**

Nepal sees 3.4% rise in intl tourist arrivals in Oct

NEPAL recorded a 3.4-percent increase in international tourist arrivals in October year-on-year, driven by a significant rise in visitors from the United States and China, the Nepal Tourism Board said on Monday. A total of 132,814 foreign tourists visited Nepal in October, up from 128,443 in October 2025, the board said in a report.

The number of American tourists rose to 17,437 in October from 13,286 in the same month last year, while arrivals from China increased to 11,695 from 6,755. However, the number of Indian visitors dropped to 12,097 from 17,298 over the same period. The board said the overall growth shows continued international confidence in Nepal as a tourist destination. — Xinhua



Mount Machapuchare of the Annapurna Himalayan mountain range is reflected in the Fewa lake in Pokhara on 2 November 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

S Korea's Q3 online direct overseas sales hit 6-year high

SOUTH Korea's online direct overseas sales in the third quarter hit the highest in six years, driven by a surge in duty-free cosmetics sales, statistical ministry data showed Monday.

The online direct overseas sales soared 40.7 per cent from a year earlier to 1.09 trillion won (US$810.5 million) in the July-September quarter, posting the highest third-quarter figure since 2020, according to the Ministry of Data and Statistics.

Online duty-free sales jumped 90.5 per cent to 371.7 billion won as cosmetics accounted for the lion's share at 306.0 billion won.

Cosmetics led the overall sales at 636.3 billion won, followed by clothing and fashion products at 92.3 billion won, and music records, videos and musical instruments at 84.4 billion won. – Xinhua

Global Oil Reserves Reduce by 1 bln barrels due to Strait of Hormuz blockade - ADNOC CEO

A military conflict around Iran and the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz have resulted in a reduction of global oil reserves by 1 billion barrels, Sultan Al Jaber, the UAE's industry and advanced technology minister and CEO of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), said.

"Due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, global reserves have shrunk by nearly 1 billion barrels," Al Jaber said while speaking at the opening of the ADIPEC conference in Abu Dhabi.

Diesel fuel reserves in some countries are at their lowest seasonal levels in 35 years, while other nations are facing a supply deficit of 600 billion cubic feet of liquefied natural gas, he added. — SPUTNIK

Anthropic to raise $3.5B in Japan as part of US initial public offering

US artificial-intelligence developer Anthropic PBC said Monday it will raise up to $3.5 billion from Japanese investors as part of its US initial public offering.

The amount, equivalent to about 550 billion yen, would be the largest ever raised in Japan through an IPO by a foreign company, according to Mizuho Securities Co, which will manage the sale.

The company's filing in Japan did not include further details.

Anthropic filed for its IPO in the United States last month and may raise around $100 billion globally. — Kyodo

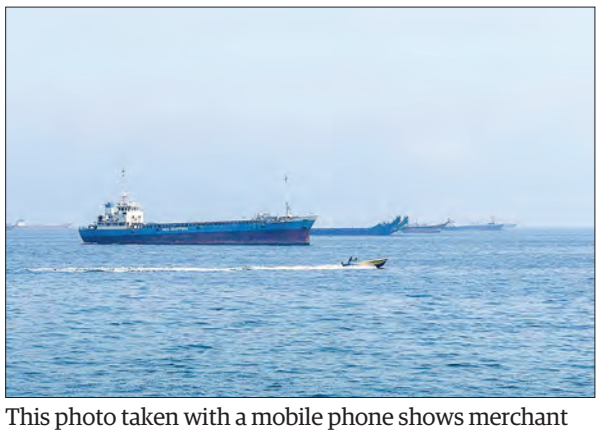
Oil prices sink on US-Iran war hope ahead of midterms

OIL prices sank more than four per cent Monday as a report that Donald Trump wanted to negotiate with Iran raised hope of ending the Middle East war, as the US president prepared for pivotal midterm elections.

Weighing on crude futures was also Iran saying it is ready to reopen the Strait of Hormuz within two days should the United States agree to ending the war on all fronts, among other conditions related to the conflict.

The Axios news outlet reported that US Vice-President JD Vance had sent a letter to Iranian national security chief Mohsen Rezaei about possible new talks, marking the highest-level move in months.

Share prices of energy majors dropped as gas price also fell, while many other sectors were boosted by the cooling fuel costs.



This photo taken with a mobile phone shows merchant vessels stranded in the waters of the Strait of Hormuz, near Khasab, a small town in northern Oman, 29 May 2026. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

"We believe the (Trump) signals may be tactical ahead of tomorrow's US midterm elections," noted Arne Lohmann Rasmussen, chief analyst at Global Risk Management.

"Meanwhile, attacks on shipping in the Strait of Hormuz continue (and) we maintain our higher-for-longer outlook for energy prices." All eyes are on Tuesday's midterms, with Democrats expecting to win at least partial control of Congress that would impose political constraints on Trump for the first time in two years. — AFP

SUMMONS FOR SETTLEMENT OF ISSUES
(Code of Civil Procedure Order V, Rules 1 and 5)
In the Kamayut District Court
Civil Regular Suit No. 33 of 2026

PIYARELALL GLOBAL COMPANY LIMITED (PLG)
(Represented by U Aung Myat Htut)
(Plaintiff)

AND

1. Mr.Anil Vyas
2. Ma Pwint Thu Htet
3. Ma Yamin Tun
(Defendants)

To be known (1st) Defendant Mr. Anil Vyas, residing at No. (15), Thukhitar Road, Yankin Township, Yangon Region.

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for the "**Recovery of shipping charges taken by the Defendants amounting to US Dollars (220,980), equivalent to Myanmar Kyats (1,064,389,650), and compensation of (500,000,000), for a total claimed amount of Myanmar Kyats (1,564,389,650)**", you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person, or by a representative or pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit, on the **11th day of November 2026 (the 2nd Waxing day of Tansaungmone, 1388 ME),** at **(10:00) AM** before noon, to answer the claim of the above-named Plaintiff. Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the issues will be settled in your absence. Furthermore, you are directed to bring with you (1) **the documents** which the Plaintiff desires to inspect, and the contracts or documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defense. Alternatively, you shall hand them over to your representative or pleader. If you desire to file a Written Statement, you must submit it four days before the hearing.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 29th day of October 2026.

Sd/-xxx(29.10.2026)
(San Theingi)
Additional District Judge(3)
Kamayut District Court

ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Plans unveiled to bring Nagasaki's A-bombed Virgin Mary to US

THE Catholic Archdiocese of Nagasaki and others on Monday unveiled plans to bring the surviving head of a wooden statue of the Virgin Mary that was destroyed in the 1945 US atomic bombing of Nagasaki to the United States for the first time in 16 years.

The statue fragment will be brought to New York later this month for a conference to review the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and then to Los Alamos, New Mexico, where the nuclear weapons were developed.

It is hoped the head will be put on public display at the UN headquarters and in Los Alamos.

It will be brought to the United States by a 15-member group consisting of Catholic clergy from Hiroshima and Nagasaki and atomic bomb survivors, or hibakusha. Among them will be Mitsuaki Takami, the 80-year-old archbishop emeritus of Nagasaki, whose mother was exposed to the atomic bomb while pregnant with him.

"We are not going with simply a victim mentality," he said, adding that the statue's head may appeal to Americans' "beliefs and conscience" by showing that nuclear weapons are inhumane and incompatible with Christian faith.

The group is scheduled to leave Japan on 26 November and return on 10 December. It also plans to visit a museum related to the development of nuclear weapons, tour churches and speak with residents.

The head was found in the rubble of the old Urakami Cathedral in Nagasaki by a Catholic priest, who later took it to Hokkaido, where it was kept for many years before it was returned to the reconstructed church.



Photo taken on 2 November 2026 shows the surviving head of a wooden statue of the Virgin Mary enshrined at Urakami Cathedral in Nagasaki. **PHOTO: KYODO**

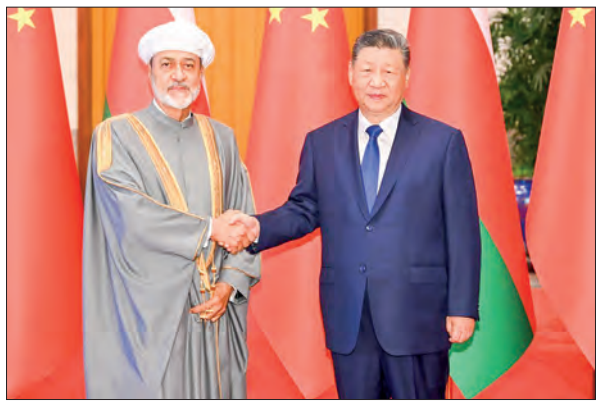
The last time the statue's head was brought to the United States was in 2010, when a review conference for the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons was held in New York. — Kyodo

Xi holds talks with Sultan of Oman, stressing bilateral cooperation, peace efforts in Middle East

PRESIDENT Xi Jinping said on Monday that China stands ready to work with Oman to steer their strategic partnership to a higher level, and to help restore peace and realize lasting stability in the Middle East at an early date.

Xi made the remarks during talks with Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik Al Said of Oman, who is on a state visit to China — the first by Oman's head of state since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries 48 years ago.

The talks constituted an important chapter in the history of China-Oman relations and will inject strong impetus into the development of bilateral ties, Xi said.


Chinese President Xi Jinping holds talks with Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik Al Said of Oman, who is on a state visit to China, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, 2 November 2026. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

He said China and Oman should enhance political mutual trust and strengthen exchanges of experience in national governance, while expressing China's support for Oman in safeguarding national independence, sovereignty, security and stability, and in independently exploring a development path suited to its national conditions.

The two sides should expand practical cooperation and continuously cement the foundation of mutually beneficial and win-win cooperation, he said, adding that China is committed to promoting high-quality development and expanding high-standard opening up, which will bring greater opportunities to Oman and other countries. China is ready to deepen the synergy of development strategies with Oman and be a stable and reliable partner in the energy sector, a partner with promising potential in investment, and a partner in fostering innovation within advanced technologies, he said. — Xinhua

Advance voting in New Zealand election surpasses 2023 level

MORE than 913,000 people have cast their votes in the first seven days of advance voting for New Zealand's 2026 general election scheduled for 7 November, exceeding the number recorded at the same stage of the 2023 election.

A total of 913,762 votes were cast between 26 October and 1 November, compared with 712,192 during the equivalent period in 2023, the Electoral Commission noted on Monday.

The figure represents about 24 per cent of enrolled voters, up from 19 per cent at the same point in the previous election, Radio New Zealand reported.

The busiest day so far was 31 October, when more than 190,000 votes were issued. Daily advance voting numbers have exceeded those recorded on corresponding days in 2023 since voting began, the report said, adding the current turnout remains below the 1.16 million votes recorded at the same stage of the 2020 general election. — Xinhua

New fridge cyberattack hits Belgium stores

DOZENS of Belgian grocery stores and an Ikea superstore saw their refrigerator temperatures soar on Monday, with several of the firms involved confirming they had been hit by a cyberattack.

It is the latest in a series of cyberattacks on store refrigerators and suspicious actions around the supermarkets across Europe.

A handful of Swedish supermarkets saw temperatures in their refrigerators and freezers soar early Monday, Swedish chains Ica and Coop said without giving a cause. Major French retailers said on 12 October that hundreds of store refrigeration systems were hit by a cyberattack, which forced them to throw out spoiled food and raised food security fears.

Carrefour Belgium reported disruption in about 15 of its 700 stores in Belgium. "It's a cyberattack, there is no other reason," said Mich Vergauwen, a spokesman for Carrefour Belgium.

An Ikea Belgium spokeswoman likewise said a cyberattack hit its store in Mons, southwestern Belgium, causing the temperature of freezers to rise suddenly in the early hours of Monday. — AFP



The logo of the French multinational retail and wholesaling corporation Carrefour is pictured at the headquarters in Massy, in the outskirts of Paris on 22 May 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

SPORTS

2026 Inter-State/Region Weightlifting Championships launched


capt....

THE opening ceremony of the 2026 Inter-State and Region Weightlifting Championships was held at the Futsal Stadium of Wunna Theikdhi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, organized by the Ministry of Sports in cooperation with the Sports and Physical Education Department and the Myanmar Weightlifting Federation.

Union Minister for Sports U Ye Myint Tun officially opened the competition and urged young athletes to demonstrate good sportsmanship, achieve outstanding results and strive to become national-level athletes.

The competition began with the women's 69-kilogramme and men's 70-kilogramme events. In the women's 69-kilogramme category, Shwe Yi Phoo of Magway Region won gold with a total lift of 138 kilogrammes, followed by Win Pa Pa of Yangon Region with 133 kilogrammes and Thiri Win from Yangon Region with 128 kilogrammes.

In the men's 70-kilogramme category, Wai Lwin Phyo of Mandalay Region took gold with 249 kilogrammes, followed by Kyaw Zaw Hein from Sagaing Region with 211 kilogrammes and Khauk Sai from Yangon Region with 207 kilogrammes.

A total of 130 athletes from 12 men's teams and eight women's teams are competing in the championships. The remaining weight categories will continue from 10 am on 3 November. Admission is free for every person. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar women's Teqball team wins 3rd place at Teqball World Series Ayutthaya 2026


Winners, including the Myanmar Women's Teqball team, are seen at the Teqball World Series Ayutthaya 2026.

MYANMAR'S national women's Teqball pair, Su Mon Aung and Naing Naing Win, secured third place in the Women's Doubles event at the Teqball World Series Ayutthaya 2026, held in Ayutthaya, Thailand, from 30 October to 1 November.

In Myanmar's first-ever participation in a World Series event, the duo delivered an impressive performance, defeating pairs from France, Lebanon, India, Russia, Moldova, Hungary and Portugal to advance to the semifinals.

They faced Thailand's world No 1 Women's Doubles team in the semifinals and finished the competition with a third-place award.

The achievement marks a significant milestone for Myanmar Teqball, showcasing the growing international competitiveness of its national women athletes. — MNA/KTZH

Egypt's Younes wins 85kg gold as 11 world records fall at weightlifting worlds

EGYPT'S Mohamed Younes won the men's 85-kilogramme title at the World Weightlifting Championships on Monday, edging Colombia's Yeison Lopez in a dramatic contest that saw world records broken 11 times.

Younes, 21, lifted 177 kilogrammes in the snatch and 213 kilogrammes in the clean and jerk for a winning total of 390 kilogrammes, three kilogrammes ahead of Lopez, who took silver with 387 kilogrammes. China's Lei Jiangqing claimed bronze with 382 kilogrammes.

The competition featured five world records in the snatch, one in the clean and jerk and five in the total.

The snatch record changed hands five times as Younes, Lopez and Moldova's Marin Robu traded the lead. Younes set the first mark at 174 kilogrammes before Lopez eventually secured snatch gold with a world-record lift of 178 kilogrammes on his final attempt. Younes took silver with 177 kilogrammes, while Robu claimed bronze.

The clean and jerk produced another world record as DPR Korea's Ro Kwang Ryol lifted 215 kilogrammes, improving his previous mark by one kilogramme. — Xinhua

Traditional Myanma Lethwei Tourney to feature 9 bouts on 14 Nov



A poster for the tournament.

LFC (Lethwei Fighting Championship) will host the LFC-1 Traditional Myanmar Boxing Tournament on 14 November at the Hexagon Complex in Yangon.

The tournament will feature nine bouts, including two women's bouts. The programme will mainly pit Myanmar fighters against international opponents, with one bout featuring two Myanmar fighters.

The tournament will be held in line with traditional Myanma Lethwei rules and regulations issued by the Traditional Myanma Lethwei Federation.

The first bout will see Myanmar female fighter May Thazin Htoo take on British female fighter Danielle, while the second bout will feature Myanmar fighter Daung Myat Thwe against Thai fighter Banda Set Yophat. In the third bout, Myanmar fighter Deng Thit Maung will face Thai fighter Frankie, while the fourth bout will see Myanmar fighter Naing Win Htun take on American-German fighter Samuel. The fifth bout will feature Myanmar fighter Soe Moe Zaw against Thai fighter Paung Pisan, while the sixth bout will see Myanmar female fighter Naw Ohmar Soe face French fighter Cindy. The seventh bout will be between Myanmar fighters Kanyaw Khwa and Ye Lin Oo.

Myanmar fighter Tun Min Aung will face Iranian fighter Abo Fei in the co-main event, while Myanmar fighter Raman will take on Brazilian fighter Bruno Fontes in the main event.

Eight categories of admission tickets, priced at 45,000, 69,000, 90,000, 125,000, 250,000, 300,000, 350,000 and 400,000, are now on sale online. — Bala/MKKS

Arsenal goes top of Premier League as Manchester United woes continue

KAI Havertz scored the only goal as Arsenal beat Liverpool 1-0 away on Sunday to move to the top of the Premier League.

The German forward latched onto Declan Rice's measured pass to score a tap-in in the 16th minute.

Liverpool pushed for an equalizer for the remainder of the game, but despite registering more than 15 shots, the host was unable to break down a disciplined Arsenal defence.

On Saturday, Manchester City suffered its second consecutive defeat, losing 1-0 at home to Brighton after Matheus Nunes misjudged a clearance, allowing Yasin Ayari to score in the 11th minute.

Manchester City now sits second in the standings, three points behind Arsenal. – Xinhua

Plans unveiled to bring Nagasaki's A-bombed Virgin Mary to US

PAGE 14



WORLD

Countries must pay more towards WHO: Indonesian candidate



Indonesia's Health Minister Budi Gunadi Sadikin speaks during an interview in Jakarta on 2 November 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

INDONESIA'S health minister, who is vying for the World Health Organization's top job, said Monday he was in favour of countries paying higher mandatory contributions to offset the slash to its budget from the US withdrawal.

Budi Gunadi Sadikin told AFP the UN's health agency should focus on reprioritizing its spending rather than chasing replacement funding — allocating bigger amounts for fewer projects.

"The priority is to review the functions (of the WHO), get the agreement of the countries and then... we look for the (new) money," said the minister, who is one of seven candidates for the post of WHO director general.

The first place to look for new funding would be from within, he said.

"Every country says the WHO needs to be sustainable. You cannot be sustainable if your membership contribution is only 20 per cent or 30 per cent" of the total budget, Budi said. — AFP

China, Indonesia conclude joint army counter-terrorism training

CHINA and Indonesia completed their "Sharp Knife 2026" joint army counter-terrorism training with a ceremony in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong Province, on Monday.

This joint training session, which began on 27 October, was a planned military exchange between the two militaries for 2026, aimed at improving their combat-oriented training capabilities.

During the training, troops from the two countries were organized into mixed groups and jointly completed specialized sub-training, tactical coordination and comprehensive drills.

As part of the comprehensive drills, the troops worked closely together in key exercises including land- and water-based rescue and coordinated clearance operations.

The training also featured thematic seminars, weapon and equipment displays, sports competitions and cultural exchanges. — Xinhua

Russia, China lead in shaping multipolar world – Upper House Speaker

Russia and China are leading in shaping a fairer multipolar world order and jointly uphold the norms of international law, Russian Federation Council speaker Valentina Matvienko said.

A Russian Federation Council delegation led by Matvienko is on an official visit to China.

Russia and China share the same views on the international agenda that either fully coincide or are extremely close, Matvienko said. Relations between the two countries serve as a crucial factor of confidence and security in the world, demonstrating how "two great states can cooperate and be friends," the speaker added. — SPUTNIK



Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping shake hands as they pose for photos before a meeting on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

India readies for second cyclone in less than a week

A second cyclone in less than a week headed for India's eastern coast on Monday, with the storm expected to hit overnight, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said.

Cyclone Murasu is expected to make landfall around midnight on Monday or in the early hours of Tuesday, bringing heavy rain to Andhra Pradesh and neighbouring Tamil Nadu.

The storm season has been intensified by the El Nino weather phenomenon, which has contributed to unprecedented warming, bringing worldwide changes in winds, pressure and rainfall patterns.

"It is very likely to... cross south Andhra Pradesh coast as a severe cyclonic storm with wind speeds of around 100 to 110 kilometres (60 to 70 miles) per hour, gusting 120 kmph," IMD said.

The storm is expected to make landfall between Nellore and Narsapur, near the city of Ongole, it said.

Last Wednesday, Cyclone Arnab struck the Andhra Pradesh coast, bringing heavy rain and killing at least three people. — AFP



Motorcyclists wade through a waterlogged street after Cyclone Arnab's landfall on the outskirts of Andhra Pradesh's Kakinada district on 29 October 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

Hungarian fighter jets escort passenger plane after bomb threat forces it to divert to Budapest: official

HUNGARIAN Gripen fighter jets were scrambled on Monday to escort a Wizz Air passenger plane to Budapest after a bomb threat forces the plane to divert, Hungarian Defence Minister Romulusz Ruszin-Szendi said.

The aircraft, which was scheduled to fly from London to Sofia, was forced to divert and requested a permission to land at Budapest's Liszt Ferenc International Airport, the minister said in a Facebook post. — Xinhua