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Four Objectives of the National Defence and Security Council

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

Government Pledges Support to Meet Farmers' Needs

Peasants are urged to concentrate on enhancing cultivation and livestock practices, with a strong emphasis on advancing the growth and sustainability of core agricultural and livestock-based industries.

ACTING President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing sent a message to the ceremony to mark the Peasants' Day, which falls on 2 March 2026. The full text of the translated message is as follows: -

Esteemed peasants,

As a gesture of honouring the 64th Anniversary of Peasants' Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, which falls on 2 March 2026, I extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes for the physical and mental well-being of all peasants residing across the nation, together with auspiciousness.

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About 50,000 pilgrims visit Mann Shwesettaw Pagoda Festival in Magway Region

Approximately 50,000 pilgrims from various parts of the country have visited Mann Shwesettaw Pagoda Festival, arriving in more than 5,800 vehicles, including motorcycles.

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A breathtaking aerial view of the Mann Shwesettaw Pagoda Festival.



Honouring the 64th Anniversary of Peasants' Day

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Preparations to Convene Hluttaws at National, Regional and State Levels

- As the election has been conducted successfully, the government and relevant regions and states are preparing to convene Hluttaws in the coming days.

(An excerpt of the speech delivered by Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with the Union Election Commission Chairman, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman and chief ministers of regions and states on 9 February 2026)

- Let us encourage production for prosperity of the Nation.**
- Let us ensure education sector for the development of the Nation.**
- Let us protect our environment for the prosperity of the Nation.**

Objectives of 81st Armed Forces Day

- To participate in national politics in a leadership role of the country, not to deviate from the path of democracy in accordance with the fundamental principles of the Constitution, safeguarding the national policy, the Three Main National Causes
- To cooperate with the government and people in performing measures for State stability, ethnic unity and the nation's development
- To act with utmost care based on the agreements of NCA without deviating from the Three Main National Causes while serving duties for durable peace, as the resolution of armed conflicts play key role in moving towards a genuine and disciplined multiparty democratic pathway
- To continuously improve three main tasks of Tatmadaw – Study, Practise, Comply – and the ability to apply modern technologies in structuring Tatmadaw into a Standard Army

Special service allowance planned for Tatmadaw members and MPF members

TATMADAW members and the Myanmar Police Force who perform national defence and security duties regardless of the nature of their assignments, the season, the location, the time, or the hardships involved and who have devoted themselves to their responsibilities throughout their service, often at risk to their lives, will be recognized and honoured by the State for their diligent performance. A special service allowance will be provided monthly based on their length of service.

Tatmadaw members and police whose service is 10 years or more on 28 February 2026 will receive K30,000 per month, those with 15 years of service or more on that day will receive K50,000 per month, and those with 20 years of service or more on the same day will receive K100,000 per month as a special service allowance. The monthly special service allowance will take effect on 1 March 2026. — MNA/TH

Myanmar reports no new COVID-19 cases

THE Ministry of Health tested 168 samples from 8 pm on 8 February 2026 to 8 pm on 28 February 2026, and no new cases were detected.

Currently, there is no need to worry about infection and deaths from COVID-19, but all need to follow personal hygiene methods, and the high-risk groups.

- Elderly people (aged 60 and above)
- People with diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases, and cancer
- Pregnant women (especially those beyond the third month of pregnancy) are prioritized to receive COVID-19 booster shots.

More detailed COVID-19 information can be found on the website of the Ministry of Health, moh.gov.mm.

Myanmar CDC
Public Health Department, Ministry of Health

Thonze Reservoir irrigates summer paddy cultivation in Thayawady Township



Photo shows a canal of the Thonze Reservoir and its irrigated area in Thayawady Township.

ACCORDING to the Department of Irrigation and Water Utilization Management's construction task force 9, local farmers in Thayawady Township, Bago Region, have been receiving irrigation water from the Thonze Reservoir in Thayawady Township since 15 December to ensure sufficient water for their summer paddy planting season. The reservoir has been providing water for the summer paddy planting season for 21 years,

from 2005-2006 FY to this 2025-2026 FY.

Thonze Reservoir began supplying water to 15,088 acres of summer paddy in 2005-2006 FY and has increased the irrigated area of summer paddy each year. By 2024-2025 FY, it supplied water to 42,003 acres of summer paddy. To supply water to the full target of 42,003 acres in 2025-2026 FY and to improve the irrigation system, canals have been properly repaired and dredged

to enhance water flow, necessary water supply facilities have been maintained and embankments have been raised. Weeds in canals were removed in a timely manner with the support of manpower and machinery to complete the work before the irrigation season. As a result, more than 94 per cent of the planned summer paddy area has been planted, and water is being distributed to ensure that the target area is fully met. — MNA/TH

NATIONAL

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

Government Pledges Support to Meet Farmers' Needs

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In accord with the motto: “Let us encourage production for prosperity of the Nation”, peasants are striving to develop the economy of Myanmar and ensure local food security while the State is fulfilling the requirements of quality strains of crops, farmlands, agricultural water and agricultural techniques to boost per-acre yield and achieve the target production.

Peasants are integrating the operation of agriculture and livestock activities as part of producing food for the State. The State emphasizes the development of agriculture and livestock activities with modern techniques and encourages the production of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises while taking a lead with concerted efforts to increase the export sector and achieve the target per-acre yield of crops. Moreover, four objectives of the National Defence and Security Council, including “To persistently strive for promoting the socioeconomic lives of the people through the development of agro-based industries in improving the agricultural sector, the vital foundation of the economic growth of the State”, are being implemented to secure achievements.

Esteemed Peasants,

The State is emphasizing its endeavours to enhance double-cropping capacity to boost agricultural production for the peasants to increase their incomes and ensure local food security. Seed production peasant groups and seed production cooperative societies are being formed and implemented to enable cultivating peasants to easily access and grow high-quality, high-yielding improved seed varieties. To ensure the availability of required seeds for different crops across regions, relevant departmental seed farms are carrying out seed production and certified seed multiplication activities, as well as establishing specialized seed production zones. In addition, annual seed fairs are organized to facilitate research and study on improved and certified seeds and yield enhancement.

To promote soil fertility development, both chemical and natural fertilizers are being used in proper timing and proportion. Practices such as planting cover crops for green manure, cultivating legume-based intercrops, and applying compost are being promoted. The State, through close supervision by the Steering Committee for the Purchase, Distribution, and Sale of Urea Fertilizer, supports the timely availability of chemical fertilizers for each cultivation season, ensures affordable prices, and maintains proper quality standards.

To boost per-acre yields and enable double-cropping, irrigation projects are being implemented. Measures are also taken to protect crops from damage caused by flooding, alongside efforts to ensure access to drinking water through various means. To address potential future water shortages, reservoirs, diversion weirs, lakes, sluice gates, and irrigated systems are being constructed. Moreover, dams and water supply systems damaged by natural disasters, such as Cyclone Nargis and the Mandalay earthquake, have been restored according to the prioritized needs of local farmers.

In areas outside irrigation zones where farming faces water scarcity, efforts are being made to expand cultivated land by using various water-supply methods, such as sinking tube-wells to access groundwater and distributing water through damming systems. In addition, existing tube-wells are being facilitated with solar-powered systems, and water is pumped up from rivers, streams, lakes, and canals using solar systems. These initiatives are being implemented, particularly in the arid central regions of Myanmar, with support from the State economic promotion fund to ensure adequate agricultural water for farming.

As part of technical support, guidance is being provided on technologies for preserving high-quality seeds, selecting and cultivating crops with low water requirements, choosing varieties resistant to drought and salinity, implementing systematic water-efficient irrigation methods, and managing soil fertility, seeds, and pest and disease control (soil, seeds, and pests).

Regarding crop cultivation methods, guidance is being provided on practices that must be followed from land preparation to harvest to achieve target yields,

post-harvest technologies, and production techniques aligned with seasonal conditions. This includes technical training, technical workshops, demonstration plots, and field demonstration events. Agricultural officers are meeting with peasants to conduct these technical guidance activities and to help address and resolve any challenges they encounter.

Esteemed peasants,

Although Myanmar’s agricultural sector has traditionally relied on conventional methods, in the future it will need to transition to modern farming systems (Smart Farming) through the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital technologies. If lead peasants can widely use AI-based applications throughout the entire cultivation process – from seed sowing to harvest – they could, for example, detect and control pest and disease outbreaks in seconds using just smartphone photos of crop leaves, and systematically plan irrigation and pesticide application based on localized weather forecasts, among other benefits.

In addition, as farmers’ digital knowledge increases, they can directly interact and consult with experts, access services through radio and agricultural TV channels, and easily view guidance materials via QR codes in technical booklets, making the dissemination of knowledge faster and more effective. Accordingly, the government is also making efforts to promote the development and widespread use of AI technologies and digital knowledge.

To reduce the import of edible palm oil from abroad and ensure that sufficient quantities of healthier cooking oils can be produced and consumed domestically for the public, I would like to strongly urge increased efforts to cultivate and produce oil crops – namely groundnut, sesame, and sunflower – with improved quality and higher yields beyond the current level of production.

To ensure that each person’s annual clothing needs are sufficiently met, to export surplus products abroad, and to substitute imports, it is necessary to cultivate and produce high-quality long-staple cotton. During the four years from the 2024-2025 financial year to the 2027-2028 financial year, emphasis is being placed on expanding the cultivation area to 600,000 acres, achieving a target yield of 700 viss per acre, and producing high-quality cotton and cotton lint. Cotton growers are therefore urged to actively make concerted efforts. The State is also providing necessary support to enable the production of new, high-quality cotton varieties. Arrangements have already been made for coordinated cooperation among the relevant ministries to ensure that the cotton and cotton wool produced can meet the domestic raw material requirements of cotton ginning factories and textile mills under the Ministry of Industry.

In the vegetable crop sector, efforts are being made to maintain quality standards and to disseminate modern post-harvest technologies to cultivating farmers as well as small, medium, and large-scale private entrepreneurs, both through virtual platforms and in-person methods. Training courses are also being conducted. Similarly, measures are being undertaken to promote the development of agro-based industries based on perennial crops such as coffee, rubber, sugarcane, and bamboo, with a focus on increasing the production of industrial raw materials.

Esteemed peasants,

To fulfil the human resource requirements necessary for the development of the State’s agriculture and livestock sectors, 15 Agricultural and Livestock Institutes are being operated to train mid-level agricultural and livestock technicians. In addition, a total of 89 Basic Education High Schools specializing in industrial, agricultural, and livestock studies have been established to nurture skilled personnel in these fields.

In accordance with the provisions of the Farmers’ Rights Protection and Promotion Law, the State is undertaking measures to ensure that peasants receive fair market access and reasonable prices for their produce. For the 2025 monsoon paddy and the 2026 summer paddy seasons, the reference floor price for 100 baskets of paddy – each basket weighing 46 pounds and meeting the prescribed quality standards – has been set and officially announced at K1.15 million. **SEE PAGE 4**

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In line with the policy that “Only by creating favourable economic conditions can national development be achieved”, the State has established and been implementing the State Economic Promotion Fund starting from the 2022-2023 financial year, intending to enhance agricultural production and increase individual incomes of peasants. Through this State Economic Promotion Fund, support is also being provided for the development of the irrigation sector, the livestock sector, and the mechanized agriculture sector.

In addition, to increase foreign exchange earnings through the export of high-quality rice and create better opportunities for peasants, the Rice Export Zones (REZ) are being implemented.

Esteemed peasants,

Due to labour shortages in agricultural operations, emphasis is being placed on adopting mechanized farming systems at every stage, from land preparation, planting, and crop cultivation to harvesting, threshing, and storage, and on transforming conventional farming practices into modern mechanized production methods. In this regard, systematically organized mechanized farming plots are being established to facilitate the use of modern agricultural machinery in cultivation and production. At the same time, to promote the wider use of agricultural machinery and to ensure that such equipment can be skillfully operated, handled, and maintained, practical and theoretical training courses on the operation and maintenance of farm machinery are being conducted at agricultural mechanization training schools, repair workshops, and agricultural mechanization stations.

To promote the development of the livestock sector, activities are being carried out to distribute high-quality and purebred animals, as well as to provide animal feed and veterinary medicines to areas affected by natural disasters. In terms of breed improvement, reproduction, and conservation, efforts are being made to expand climate-resilient and high-productivity pure breeds. Artificial insemination programmes are being implemented to enable livestock farmers to raise and produce breeds that meet market demand. In addition, breeding, multiplication, and research farms have been established to distribute quality breeds to peasants.

In the livestock sector, knowledge support is being provided to enable peasants to raise animals in accordance with Good Animal Husbandry Practices (GAHP).

Training programmes are being conducted on livestock production techniques by animal type, disease prevention and control, and the cultivation of animal feed crops. In addition, awareness talks are being delivered to peasants and livestock entrepreneurs. Moreover, to support animal feed production, domestically available raw materials are being used by local feed mills to scientifically produce mash feed and pellet feed with modern machinery, with emphasis placed on wide-scale distribution and sales.

Esteemed peasants,

To promote the development of the fisheries sector, support is being provided throughout the production chain – from capture, breeding, and processing to production – through the provision of technical assistance, job creation, and opportunities. In addition, to protect peasants' rights and enhance their benefits, rural fisheries development is being implemented under the “Emerald Green Village (Fisheries Sector)” project, which provides sustainable, non-depleting capital support.

In addition, to match local conditions, seasonal factors, and market demand, fish species are being distributed, and to prevent overfishing in natural rivers and reservoirs while increasing fish production, high-quality and purebred fingerlings are continuously produced, stocked, and distributed. Practical training on fish vaccination, breeding, and aquaculture techniques is also being provided to fish farmers to promote the adoption of improved practices.

In conclusion, to achieve the State's national objectives of prosperity of the nation and food security, the Government will continue to provide comprehensive support to meet the needs of peasants and to promote the scientific development of agricultural and livestock production activities. At the same time, I would like to send this message urging peasants to focus on improving and expanding their cultivation and livestock operations, with particular emphasis on strengthening the success and development of fundamental agricultural and livestock-based industries.

*Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu
Thadoe Thiri Thudamma Min Aung Hlaing
Acting President, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Chairman, the State Security and Peace Commission*



Lao and Myanmar friendship associations sign an MoU on agreed points during talks in Nay Pyi Taw.

Myanmar-Lao friendship associations sign MoU to strengthen bilateral cooperation

FRIENDSHIP associations from Myanmar and Laos have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in Nay Pyi Taw as an initial step towards strengthening bilateral cooperation. The MoU was signed on 27 February at the Jasmine Hotel by U Win Maung and Chanthavong Seneamatmontry, chairmen of their respective associations, following discussions based on earlier talks held in Vientiane.

Both sides reviewed progress of cooperation in electricity distribution, the exchange of Buddhist teaching staff, trade facilitation, and the issue of double taxation on Lao transit goods. They pledged

mutual support in addressing each country's development needs.

The Lao side also raised plans for power transmission links, the provision of cables with Chinese support, and a proposed friendly football match in Tachilek.

On the same day, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe received the Lao delegation in Nay Pyi Taw. Discussions covered enhancing cooperation in trade, investment, energy, religious affairs, culture, tourism and labour, as well as promoting people-to-people ties, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. —ASH/KZL

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Bejewelled diamond orb and the pennant-shaped vane hoisted atop ancient Raja Manicula Kaunghmutaw Pagoda

A ceremony to hoist the bejewelled diamond orb and the pennant-shaped vane atop ancient Raja Manicula Kaunghmutaw Pagoda which has been renovated due to damage caused by the Mandalay earthquake took place in Sagaing of Sagaing Region yesterday morning, and State Ovadacariya 16th Shwegyin Sangharaja Chancellor of Sitagu International Buddhist Academies and Sitagu Hospitals Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Aggamaha Saddhammajotika Dr Bhaddanta Nyanissara and members of the Sangha attended the ceremony.

State Security and Peace Commission Member Prime Minister U Nyo Saw paid homage to the Buddha image in Aungmyay Bawdi Dhammayon.

The Commission member Prime Minister and his wife and congregation took the Five Precepts from Sitagu Sayadaw.

The Commission member Prime Minister and his wife offered the bejewelled diamond orb, alms dedicating to the Lord



State Security and Peace Commission Member Prime Minister U Nyo Saw and party convey the diamond orb and religious objects by the decorated float to the temporary venue in front of the pavilion of Raja Manicula Kaunghmutaw Pagoda in Sagaing yesterday.

Buddha to Sitagu Sayadaw.

Commission Secretary General Ye Win Oo and his wife offered the pennant-shaped vane and alms to Sitagu Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

Union Ministers and senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief also donated offertories to members of the Sangha. Those attendees donated gem items to

be put into the gem casket of the bejewelled pennant-shaped vane.

Sitagu Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained.

The Commission member

Prime Minister and his wife, the Commission Secretary and his wife and party conveyed the bejewelled diamond orb and the pennant-shaped vane to the venue in front of the pavilion. They also sprinkled scented water on these items.

Disciples conveyed bejewelled diamond orb and the pennant-shaped vane atop the pagoda. The Commission member Prime Minister and the Commission Secretary fixed the bejewelled diamond orb and the pennant-shaped vane atop the pagoda.

After the ceremony, the Commission member Prime Minister and his wife and party offered day meals to members of the Sangha led by Sitagu Sayadaw.

Also, present at the ceremony were chief ministers of Sagaing and Mandalay regions, commanders of North-West Command and Central Command, deputy ministers, departmental officials and residents. — MNA/TTA

ASEAN economic integration in focus at 49th HLTF-EI

THE 49th Meeting of the High-Level Task Force on ASEAN Economic Integration, held in Iloilo, the Philippines, from 25 to 27 February, brought together regional representatives, including a Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thant Sin Lwin.

Talks centred on tackling non-tariff trade barriers, strengthening regional economic security and shaping the post-2025 ASEAN Economic Community agenda. Delegates reviewed proposals to streamline trade, reinforce ASEAN centrality amid global economic uncertainty, and advance priorities under the Philippines' 2026 chairmanship, as well as cooperation with the Asian Development Bank. — MNA/KZL

MPT backs The Mask Singer Myanmar Season 3 as official telecom sponsor

MYANMA Posts and Telecommunications (MPT) is supporting the popular and exciting programme The Mask Singer Myanmar – Season 3 as the official telecom sponsor. The show will be broadcast every Friday from 6 March on Channel 9 (free-to-air) and via the Skynet Application, according to a press and media launch ceremony held yesterday.

The Mask Singer Myanmar – Season 3 is a unique reality show in which well-known celebrities perform while wearing elaborate and visually striking masks and costumes, concealing their identities. Each week, audiences, celebrity panel detectives and viewers attempt to guess the performers behind the masks. In every episode, one contestant — whose identity the audience is most eager to discover — removes their mask, reveals themselves and leaves the competition, creating a thrilling and suspense-filled atmosphere.

Season 2 featured a total of 18 magnificent masks inspired by Myanmar's traditional culture and heritage. Popular characters included Samurai, Cleopatra,



Artistes and officials seen at the media launch ceremony of The Mask Singer Myanmar Season 3 in progress. PHOTO: KOLWIN

Butterfly, Padauk, Hero and Scarecrow, showcasing creativity, artistic excellence and cultural pride on stage. Season 3 promises to introduce equally distinctive and impressive new characters, offering audiences more spectacular performances to enjoy.

Speaking about the sponsorship, Mr Yoshinori Yagi from the Business Division of MPTJO said, "We are delighted to support The Mask Singer Myanmar Season 3, which highlights creativity, excellence and

the richness of Myanmar's culture. As we advance in the digital era, we believe our role goes beyond providing technology — we also aim to connect people by sharing entertainment and new experiences."

MPT stated that it will continue delivering high-quality entertainment experiences to audiences nationwide. Viewers can enjoy The Mask Singer Myanmar – Season 3 every Friday from 6 March 2026 on Channel 9 (free-to-air) and the Skynet Application. — Oktha/KZL

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THE Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has conferred honorary titles and medals on the following individuals for their excellent performances in relevant fields in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation: -

Pyidaungsu Sithu Thingaha Titles Thray Sithu Title			
1	U Aung Lin Dwe	Executive Chief	National Defence and Security Council
2	General Ye Win Oo	Joint Executive Chief	National Defence and Security Council
3	U Tin Aung San	Union Minister	Ministry 1 of the President's Office
4	U Mya Tun Oo	Union Minister	Ministry of Transport and Communications
5	General Maung Maung Aye	Union Minister	Ministry of Defence
6	Lt-Gen Phone Myat	Union Minister	Ministry of Home Affairs
7	Lt-Gen Yar Pyae	Union Minister	Ministry of Border Affairs and Ministry of Ethnic Affairs
8	U Maung Maung Ohn	Union Minister	Ministry of Information
9	U Min Naung	Union Minister	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
10	Jeng Phang Naw Taung	Union Minister	Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs and Ministry of Hotels and Tourism
11	U Myo Thant	Union Minister	Ministry of Construction
Sithu Title			
1	U Than Soe	Chairman	Union Election Commission
2	U Ko Ko Hlaing	Union Minister	Ministry 2 of the President's Office
3	Dr Thida Oo	Union Minister and Attorney-General of the Union	Ministry of Legal Affairs
4	U Tin Oo Lwin	Union Minister	Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture
5	U Hla Moe	Union Minister	Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development
6	U Khin Maung Yi	Union Minister	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation
7	Dr Charlie Than	Union Minister	Ministry of Industry
8	U Myint Kyaing	Union Minister	Ministry of Immigration and Population
9	Dr Myo Thein Kyaw	Union Minister	Ministry of Science and Technology
10	Dr Thet Khaing Win	Union Minister	Ministry of Health
Honorary Titles for Excellent Performances Thiri Pyanchi Title			
1	U Aung Kyaw Hoe	Union Minister	Ministry of Labour
2	U Chit Swe	Union Minister	Ministry of Commerce
3	U Aung Moe Myint	Member	Union Election Commission
4	U Aung Lwin Oo	Member	Union Election Commission
5	U Aung Saw Win	Member	Union Election Commission

6	U Myint Oo	Member	Union Election Commission
7	U Khin Maung Oo	Member	Union Election Commission
8	U Myint Thein	Member	Union Election Commission
9	U Ko Ko Lwin	Member	Union Election Commission
10	U Than Aung Kyaw	Member	Union Election Commission
11	U Khin Zaw	Member	Union Election Commission
12	U Myo Hlaing	Member	Union Election Commission
13	U Than Htut Thein	Member	Union Election Commission
14	U Tin Swe Win	Member	Union Election Commission
15	U Aung Myint Lwin	Member	Union Election Commission
16	U Khin Maung Gyi	Member	Union Election Commission
17	U Myo Maung	Member	Union Election Commission
18	U Kyi Thein	Member	Union Election Commission
19	Daw Khin Thin Wai	Member	Union Election Commission
20	U Khin Maung Kyaw	Member	Myanmar Engineering Council
Zeya Kyaw Htin Title			
1	Lt-Gen	Kyaw Ko Htaik	Ministry of Defence
2	Maj-Gen	Kyi Thaik	Ministry of Defence
3	Maj-Gen	Kyaw Lin Maung	Ministry of Defence
4	Maj-Gen	Kyaw Swa Oo	Ministry of Defence
5	Rear-Admiral	Kyaw Kyaw Htoo	Ministry of Defence
Wunna Kyaw Htin Title			
1	Daw Pyone Pyone Aye	Judge	Supreme Court of the Union
2	Dr Ko Ko Naing	Judge	Supreme Court of the Union
3	Daw Soe Khet Khet	Judge	Supreme Court of the Union
4	Daw Thin Thin Cho	Judge	Supreme Court of the Union
5	U Kyaw Htin	Deputy Minister	Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of National Planning
6	Dr Tin Htut	Deputy Minister	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
7	U Bo Bo Kyaw	Deputy Minister	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
8	U Min Min	Deputy Minister	Ministry of Commerce
9	U Myo Myint	Deputy Minister	Ministry of Construction
10	U Myint Soe	Member	Nay Pyi Taw Council
11	U Myint Oo	Permanent Secretary	Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture
12	U Aung Kyaw Zan	Ambassador	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
13	Daw Hmwe Hmwe Khaing	Ambassador (Retd)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
14	U Nyunt Han	Director-General (Retd)	Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture
15	Daw Nu Nu Khin	Professor/Dean (Theatrical) (Retd)	Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture
16	College Myaing		Veteran Anyeint Dancer

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Alinka Kyaw Swa Title			
1	U Than Myat Soe		Professional Vocalist
2	U Kaytu Win Htut		Professional Vocalist
3	Khant Sithu		Actor
Theikpa Kyaw Swa Title			
1	Dr Kathy Lwin	Rector	Ministry of Science and Technology
2	U Kyaw Kaung Cho	Director-General	Ministry of Construction
Honorary gallantry medal for Tatmadaw Gallantry Medal			
1	Lt-Col Aye Myo Tun		Ministry of Defence
2	Major Arnt Kyaw		Ministry of Defence
Honorary gallantry medals for Myanmar Police Force Ye Bala Medal			
1	U Nay Tun Than	Assistant Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
2	U Zaw Min Naing	Assistant Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
3	U Kyaw Myat Thu	Deputy Staff Officer	Ministry of Home Affairs
4	U Win Myat Htoo	Deputy Staff Officer	Ministry of Home Affairs
5	U Thant Zin Aung	Driver-5	Ministry of Home Affairs
6	U Maung San		Sagaing Region
7	U Win Ko (aka) Nyi Nyi		Sagaing Region
8	U Than Lwin		Sagaing Region
9	U Win Bo		Sagaing Region
10	U Kyaw Swa Win		Sagaing Region
11	U Thein Lin		Sagaing Region
12	U Nyein Chan Aung		Sagaing Region
13	U Aung Min Khaing		Sagaing Region
14	U Aye Ko Ko Han		Sagaing Region
15	U Po Cho		Sagaing Region
16	U Sein Yun		Sagaing Region
17	U Win Nyein		Sagaing Region
18	U Aung Soe		Taninthayi Region
19	U Naing Zaw Myint Oo		Bago Region
20	U Sein Win Myint		Bago Region
21	U Soe Lay		Bago Region
22	U Thein Naing		Bago Region
23	U Zarni Win		Bago Region
24	U Khin Maw		Magway Region
25	U Han Zaw Tun		Magway Region
26	U Lin Htin		Magway Region
27	U Thiha Zaw		Magway Region
Honorary medals for performances of MPF Ye Thurein Medal			
1	Police Lt-Col	Win Naing	Myanmar Police Force
2	Police Lt-Col	Ye Win	Myanmar Police Force
Ye Kyaw Swa Title			
1	Police Major	Khin Zaw Oo	Myanmar Police Force
2	Police Major	Zaw Zaw	Myanmar Police Force
3	Police Major	Soe Lwin	Myanmar Police Force
Ye Kyaw Thu Title			
1	Police Captain	Hla Myint Oo	Myanmar Police Force
Honorary Titles for Excellent Performances Medal of Excellent Performance in Administrative Field (First Class)			
1	U Aung Thwin Oo	Permanent Secretary	Ministry of Commerce

2	U Wunna Zaw	Permanent Secretary	Ministry of Construction
3	U Aung Thura	Director-General	Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development
4	Dr Tin Tin Lay	Director-General (Retd)	Ministry of Health
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OPINION

Strive to improve the agriculture and livestock sector

Farmers are striving to develop the economy of Myanmar and ensure local food security while the State is fulfilling the requirements of quality strains of crops, farmlands, agricultural water and agricultural techniques in order to boost per-acre yield and achieve the target production.

Farmers are integrating the operation of agriculture and livestock activities as part of producing food for the State. The State emphasizes the development of agriculture and livestock activities with modern techniques and encourages production of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises while taking a lead with concerted efforts to increase the export sector and achieve the target per-acre yield of crops.

To achieve the State's national objectives of prosperity of the nation and food security, the Government will continue to provide comprehensive support to meet the needs of peasants and to promote the scientific development of agricultural and livestock production activities. At the same time, farmers have to focus on improving and expanding their cultivation and livestock operations, with particular emphasis on strengthening the success and development of fundamental agricultural and livestock-based industries.

Although Myanmar's agricultural sector has traditionally relied on conventional methods, in the future it will need to transition to modern farming systems (Smart Farming) through the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital technologies. If lead peasants can widely use AI-based applications throughout the entire cultivation process – from seed sowing to harvest – they could, for example, detect and control pest and disease outbreaks in seconds using just smartphone photos of crop leaves, and systematically plan irrigation and pesticide application based on localized weather forecasts, among other benefits.

As farmers' digital knowledge increases, they can directly interact and consult with experts, access services through radio and agricultural TV channels, and easily view guidance materials via QR codes in technical booklets, making the dissemination of knowledge faster and more effective. Accordingly, the government is also making efforts to promote the development and widespread use of AI technologies and digital knowledge.

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Dr de Bono, the 'Six Frames' Thinking Method, and Combatting Fake News

By Ko Ko (Set Hmu Tekkatho)/

Recently, I read an e-book by the renowned author Dr Edward de Bono titled *Six Frames: For Thinking about Information*.

Dr de Bono's works are already deeply familiar to Myanmar audiences. Myanmar writer Saya Myat Nyein successfully translated his famous works, *Six Thinking Hats* and *Six Action Shoes*.

Authored by the world-renowned philosopher Dr Edward de Bono, *Six Frames* was first published by Vermilion in 2008. Dr de Bono is globally recognized as a pioneer in the fields of creative and lateral thinking. Often hailed as the "software writer for the human brain," his methodologies have been adopted by leading global corporations such as IBM, Microsoft, Nokia, and Siemens. Accenture listed him among the

50 most influential business thinkers of our time, and a panel of South African scholars included him in a list of the 250 most influential people in human history.

Timeless Relevance in the Information Age

There is a distinct reason for this extensive introduction. Dr de Bono's 18-year-old book serves as a guiding light for modern humanity, currently overwhelmed and disoriented by information overload. The thinking frames presented in the book remain highly practical and remarkably applicable today.

We live in the Information Age, where data is acquired with

effortless ease. While the practice of feeding information into computers for analysis has flourished, it remains an unreliable habit. Computers cannot adequately evaluate the accuracy, interest, objectivity, and true value of a piece of news; this is a nuanced task that can only be executed effectively through human cognition.

In this book, Dr de Bono introduces the concept of "Truth Paste" – the practice of packaging information to make it appear as the absolute truth. Today's purveyors of fake news heavily rely on this exact tactic. Dr de Bono argues that exaggerating events and overusing dramatic adjectives like "egotistical" or "terrifying" transforms information from factual reporting into mere personal opinion.

To recognize these deceptive tactics and address one of the greatest challenges of our time – combatting fake news and misinformation – Dr de Bono's Six Frames can be applied as follows:

Analyzing News with the Six Frames

1. The Triangle Frame (Purpose)

The first frame is the triangle. The author notes that a triangle resembles an arrowhead, thus symbolizing purpose. When encountering a piece of news, the first cognitive step is to ask: "With what intent is this information being disseminated?" What is this news trying to say? Why is it necessary, valuable, or impactful? Where should this information be sought? Because most fake news is deliberately crafted to panic or mislead the public rather than educate them, analyzing it through the Triangle Frame necessitates these critical questions.

A circle represents the centre of a bullseye, symbolizing the verification of accuracy. Dr de Bono

suggests basing the use of the Circle Frame on the following points:

Authority: Is the author a trusted organization or expert? Do they have the credentials to speak on the matter?

Comparative Accuracy: Can this information be cross-checked with other credible news outlets?

Doubts: Are there inherent elements within the provided information that invite scepticism?

3. The Square Frame (Perspective)

A square has four equal sides, reflecting the need to approach a problem from all directions. This frame represents perspective. Since not all news is written with multi-sided fairness, this frame challenges the reader to assess bias.

Bias: Does the news have a one-sided, persuasive intent, much like an advertisement?

Adjectives: Heavy use of adjectives usually reflects the author's personal views. Readers must recognize when news shifts from fact to opinion.

4. The Heart Frame (Interest)

The heart universally commands deep interest, making it the perfect symbol for this frame. Fake and misleading news frequently employs shocking or sur-



prising headlines to easily capture public attention. If a piece of news excessively triggers your emotions, you must ask: "Is this designed solely to agitate me?"

5. The Diamond Frame (Value)

Humans place a high value on diamonds, making them the symbol of worth. One must evaluate what genuine benefit (Real Value) the news provides. What is the value of the news? Does it answer your needs? While most

fake news may be thrilling to read, it often fails to provide practical value. Readers should be wary if the information merely offers "Confirmation Value" – simply validating what they already want to believe.

6. The Slab Frame (Conclusion)

The final stage acts as a platform. In this book, the slab symbolizes the outcome. The final step involves placing everything on the slab for a transparent conclusion.

Is the acquired information satisfactory? Are you satisfied with the accuracy of the facts? What new questions does this news raise? These elements are analyzed through Slab Frame thinking.

A Daily Checklist for Fact-Checking using Six Frames

Based on the Six Frames book, I would like to offer an expanded thinking model – without losing the essence of the original text – that can be used as a practical, daily checklist for verifying news:

Purpose (Triangle): Is this news meant to inform, or is it deliberately designed to incite fear and anger?

Accuracy (Circle): Is the source reliable? Has this been reported by other legitimate news agencies?

Perspective (Square): Does the article present pure facts, or is it heavily biased with emotionally charged words and subjective allegations?

Emotion (Heart): Is the headline clickbait designed to shock? Is it intentionally provoking your

feelings? **Value (Diamond):** Is the news practically useful, or is it just echoing what you want to believe? Is it a real diamond or a fake?

Conclusion (Slab): Considering the points above, should you believe this news? Is it truly appropriate to share it further?

Conclusion

The expanded thinking derived from Dr Edward de Bono's "Six Frames" can serve as a robust mental filter, preventing us from blindly trusting everything we read. Ultimately, combatting fake news requires more than just censorship and restrictions; long-term success can only be achieved by elevating individual critical thinking skills.

I hope these "Six Frames" serve as an effective manual to help easily spot the deceptive illusions of "Truth Paste" and to empower readers to make sound decisions without getting lost in the daily, overwhelming waves of information.

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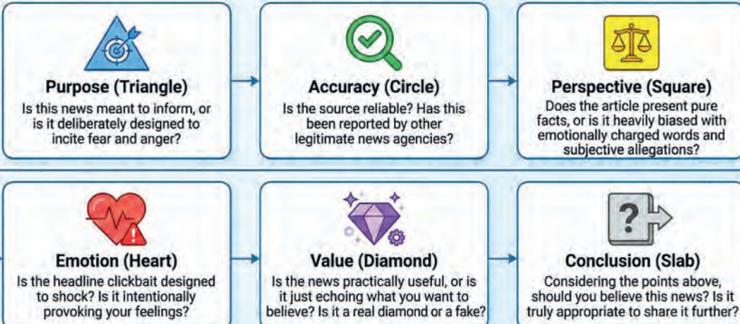
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A Daily Checklist for Fact-Checking using Six Frames



Check these questions before you share.

DELICACY/NATIONAL

When people think of Mogok, they immediately associate it with precious gemstones. Yet, just like its valuable rubies and sapphires, Mogok is also home to a variety of delicious local dishes. This week, we present some of the well-known foods from this charming hill town, situated 3,800 feet above sea level.

Mogok Pork Meat Jelly (Wetnanton)

Wetnanton is a popular winter delicacy in Mogok. In earlier times, before refrigerators were widely available, this dish was prepared and enjoyed only during the cold season. It is left outdoors overnight in the winter chill to naturally set and firm up. By morning, it is sliced and served.

Made primarily from collagen-rich cuts such as pork trotters, ribs, or pork meat, this traditional pork meat jelly sets naturally without any artificial gelling agents. Because it is eaten plain, its flavour should remain mild and delicate.

Ingredients

1. Pork trotters (or pork ribs or pork meat)
2. Carrot
3. Garlic
4. Spring onions
5. Chinese coriander
6. Green chilies
7. Star anise and cloves
8. Ginger
9. Sugar (or seasoning powder)
10. Salt
11. Water

Preparation

Boil the pork trotters with water, ginger, star anise, cloves, and salt until tender. Remove and allow to cool.

Strain and reserve the clear broth.

Finely chop the cooled pork and return it to the broth. Bring to the boil again.

Add sugar, thinly sliced garlic, and diced carrots. Stir well.

When softened, add spring onions and Chinese coriander. Pour the mixture into a tray and allow it to cool and set. (During hot weather, refrigerate until firm.)

Once fully set into a jelly-like consistency, cut into cubes and serve as desired.

The result is a subtly flavoured dish with a distinctive aroma, enhanced by local herbs and a balance of sour, salty, and mildly spicy notes.

Steamed Mogok Mushrooms (Mogok Hmopaung)

Mogok Steamed Mushrooms resemble steamed dishes found in other parts of Shan State, but they are distinguished by the unique flavour of a rare dried mushroom known locally as the Tonekat mushroom. Although rare elsewhere, it is commonly found in Mogok. Other local varieties, such as white mushrooms and wood ear

Traditional Myanmar Cuisine



mushrooms, may also be used. (Where unavailable, cultivated wood ear mushrooms can serve as a substitute.)

Ingredients

1. Mushrooms
2. Ginger
3. Garlic chives roots
4. Onion
5. Garlic
6. Peanuts
7. Salt
8. Seasoning powder
9. Rice flour
10. Fermented soybean
11. Oil
12. Water
13. Banana leaves

Preparation

Wash the mushrooms thoroughly and chop them into small pieces.

Finely chop the garlic chives roots.

Pound ginger, garlic, and onion together.

Grind peanuts and fermented soybeans into a fine paste.

Mix the mushrooms with the pounded ingredients, peanut powder, soybean paste, rice flour, salt, seasoning powder, and oil. Add a little water and knead well.

Lightly heat banana leaves over a flame to soften them, cut into suitable sizes, place a handful of the mixture in each, and fold securely, fastening with toothpicks.

Steam the wrapped parcels for 15-20 minutes until cooked through. (Any steamer can be used, ensuring the steam is well sealed.)

Once done, unwrap and serve the fragrant Mogok steamed mushrooms. Garnish with fried garlic oil, coriander, or spring onions as desired. These distinctive dishes reflect the rich culinary heritage of Mogok – a town renowned not only for its gemstones but also for its flavourful traditional cuisine. — MOON

About 50,000 pilgrims visit Mann Shwesettaw ...

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THE Mann Shwesettaw Pagoda Festival, held in Minbu (Saku) Township, Magway Region, has attracted around 50,000 pilgrims since its opening on the 5th waxing of Tabodwe, according to U Aye Ko, Chairman of

the Shwesettaw Pagoda Board of Trustees.

The Mann Shwesettaw Pagoda festival is held over an extended period and remains lively throughout, with daily streams of devotees coming to pay homage.

This year, to ensure that visitors can worship in peace and comfort, 465 standard lodging rooms and 46 higher-grade guest rooms have been arranged. Separate accommodation has also been provided for members of the Sangha, and

pilgrims may stay conveniently at nearby monasteries.

To facilitate pilgrims' needs, 142 market stalls have been constructed, offering goods and food at reasonable prices.

Since the beginning of

March, approximately 50,000 pilgrims from various parts of the country have visited the pagoda, arriving in more than 5,800 large, medium and small vehicles, including motorcycles. — Zeya Htet (Minbu)/KNN

NATIONAL

Revision to Electricity Bills

1. The Ministry of Electric Power, exercising the authority conferred under Subsection (b) of Section 72 of the Electricity Law, and with the approval of the Union Government in accordance with Section 41 of the said Law, issued Notification 89/2026 on 27 February 2026, prescribing electricity tariff rates.
2. The electricity generated from Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) power plants will be supplied via direct lines to non-domestic consumers located within industrial zones and special economic zones. Except in cases of line faults and system breakdowns, there will be no load shedding, and a dedicated 24-hour electricity supply will be provided. For such electricity, a fixed tariff rate of K900 per unit will be charged.
3. Industrial and business enterprises located outside industrial zones and special economic zones can apply to the department if they wish to receive a 24-hour electricity supply at the fixed rate of K900 per unit as stated in paragraph 2, and arrangements will be made accordingly.
4. However, depending on the generation capacity of existing power plants and the transmission capacity of power lines, electricity supplied under the normal distribution system to the public and to industrial and business enterprises will continue to be charged at the current tariff rates (according to the respective layers for domestic and non-domestic categories), without any revision or change.
5. The electricity tariff rates to be charged according to categories of electricity consumers are set as follows:-

No	Type of consumers	Rate	
		Used unit	Kyat
(a)	Domestic (Domestic, household power meter, large sum consumption (household), non-commercial religious buildings) Remark- There is no change in electricity tariffs.	1 to 50	50
		51 to 100	100
		101 to 200	150
		Over 201	300
(b)	Non-domestic (Industries, businesses, large sums, temporary consumption, lamp posts, governmental buildings, State-owned industries, river water pumping stations, municipal departments and workplaces, non-governmental organizations, foreign embassies, international organizations) Remark- (1) There is no change in electricity tariffs. (2) If electricity generation and distribution capacity are insufficient, load shedding may occur. (3) If industrial and business enterprises located outside industrial zones and special economic zones apply to the department if they wish to receive a 24-hour electricity supply at the fixed rate of K900 per unit, arrangements will be made accordingly.	1 to 5,000	250
		5,001 to 20,000	400
		Over 20,001	500
(c)	Industrial zones, special economic zones, and industrial/ business enterprises that receive electricity through a dedicated direct line with an uninterrupted 24-hour supply (without load shedding).	One unit and above	900

6. The revised electricity bill rates will come into force effective from 1 February 2026.

YBS traffic accidents drop in 2025

IN 2025, YBS traffic accidents decreased by three cases, injuries by 87, and fatalities by six compared to the previous year, according to U Chit Ko Ko, Vice-Chairman of the Yangon Region Public Transport Committee (YRTC).

He shared these figures during an award ceremony held on 27 February at the YRTC office. The event hon-

oured YBS drivers with the "Best Driver Award" for 2025, as well as companies that achieved excellence in road and traffic safety.

The data reveals a significant downward trend in road accidents : from 73 times to 70 times, from 141 to 54 injuries, and from 36 to 30 fatalities. U Chit Ko Ko noted that this positive outcome is directly

attributed to the disciplined cooperation of the drivers.

"YBS drivers are the primary engine of the YBS system. Every day, approximately 3,600 buses transport 1.5 million commuters to their destinations. A single city bus carries about 400 to 500 passengers daily. These drivers also play a crucial role in ensuring the safety of the working public on the roads," he said.

The YRTC is currently supervising YBS companies to transition into public companies while systematically managing driver conduct and road safety.

For 2026, the committee plans to accelerate its efforts to further reduce accidents, including drug screening, driver counseling and strict enforcement.

Currently, the YRTC oversees 21 companies operating 132 bus lines, with a fleet of 5,443 vehicles and 7,875 drivers.— MT/ZN



The award ceremony honouring 2025 Best Drivers and companies for their outstanding performance.

Benefits transferred to the family of deceased worker in Thailand



The workers' insurance claim and additional aid worth 61,500 baht was transferred to the family of the deceased.

A Myanmar migrant worker who died from heart disease during hospitalization in Bangkok, Thailand, was entitled to labour benefits worth 61,500 baht, which have been transferred to his family, said the Labour Attaché Office.

U Kyaw Min Tun who worked at a factory in Bangkok passed away on 25 January during hospitalization, so respective agencies and the Thailand employer had negotiation on his entitlements.

Following their negotiation, the worker's insurance claim worth 56,500 baht and additional

5,000 baht as condolence money, totalling 61,500 baht was given to the family of the deceased at the labour attaché office.

The labour attaché office said on 27 February that it also provided assistances to another Myanmar MoU worker from Pathum Thani who has been hospitalized for his leg pain that left him unable to walk.

For the MoU worker, the labour attaché office urged his employer to allow full pay during the hospitalization and connect with Thailand social security office without delay for claim.— MT/ZS

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NATIONAL BUSINESS

Ayeyawady Region targets 170,000 tonnes of salt for 2025-2026 season

THE Ayeyawady Region salt industry official informed The Global New Light of Myanmar that they expect to produce 170,000 tonnes of sun-dried salt during the 2025-2026 salt season.

Over 19,320 acres have been licensed for salt production in the region this year. Preparation of salt fields began in October, and the first harvest has been emerging since January.

“Production volume depends heavily on favourable weather. Weather forecasts indicate an early monsoon and we expect to produce 170,000 tonnes this season. But, the number of salt farmers has increased compared to last year,



Sun-dried salt fields in Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Region.

which may help offset some production risks,” said a salt official from the region.

In years with higher temperatures, the region has produced up to 200,000 tonnes.

However, due to current climate conditions, the target is lower this year.

“Production is currently being somewhat restricted. According to entrepreneurs, the salt pans are experiencing a chilling effect. This happened because some started early to speed up production but used fresh water during preparation. Additionally, lingering cold temperatures during the mornings and evenings, combined with insufficient sunlight, mean the salt crystals are not yet forming as they should,” he explained.

In the Ayeyawady Region, sun-dried salt is primarily produced in Pyapon, Labutta, and Ngaputaw townships. Peak production typically occurs between the second week of March and the first week of May. — MT/ZN

Over 157,000 tonnes of tissue-cultured bananas exported to China in 10 months

MORE than 157,000 metric tonnes of tissue-cultured bananas were exported to China between April 2025 and January 2026 via the Kampaiti border post in Kachin State, according to the Kachin State Department of Agriculture.

As of the end of January in the 2025-2026 financial year, the export volume of tissue-cultured bananas stands at 157,200 metric tonnes, compared to 287,872 metric tonnes during the same period last year. In terms of price, one metric tonne of tissue-cultured bananas is currently being sold for 2,520 yuan (approximately K1.134 million).

The main export routes for tissue-cultured bananas to China are the Waingmaw-Kampaiti route and the Bhamo — Momauk — Loije route, with most exports currently passing through the Kampaiti



This photo captures banana plants grown in Myanmar.

post. To export tissue-cultured bananas to China, exporters must obtain a JACC certificate, and although there are 46 certified tissue-cultured banana production companies in Kachin State, only 15 are currently exporting the fruit.

Due to the discovery of pesticide residues at some

plantations and in the products of certain companies, exports have been temporarily suspended under JACC regulations. Currently, only companies that comply with the regulations are allowed to continue exporting through the designated channel. — ASH/TH

SEC Solar and UAB Bank sign MoU to support MSMEs in Ayeyawady Region



SEC Solar and UAB Bank during the MoU signing ceremony.

TO help resolve the challenges faced by MSME entrepreneurs in the Ayeyawady Region and to facilitate cooperation with banks, including payment arrangements, SEC Solar and UAB Bank signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 28 February.

The signing ceremony, organized by the Ayeyawady Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry, was held at Patheingyi Hotel. The partnership covers collaboration on products, services and payment solutions, with arrangements enabling bank participation.

According to SEC Solar, the MoU marks a practical step

towards addressing the difficulties encountered by MSMEs, particularly those arising from unstable electricity supply. The cooperation aims to reduce operating costs, increase productivity and contribute to environmental sustainability through the use of solar energy.

Under the agreement, MSME owners may select solar installation packages suited to their business needs. Payment plans have been structured in cooperation with the bank to ensure that financing arrangements do not place an undue burden on entrepreneurs. — ASH/KNN

Oman says oil tanker targeted off its coast

OMAN said an oil tanker was targeted off the coast of an enclave in the UAE on Sunday, with its crew evacuated and four of them injured, as Iran carried out retaliatory Gulf strikes.

“The Maritime Security Centre announced that the oil tanker (SKYLIGHT), flying the flag of the Republic of Palau, was targeted 5 nautical miles north of the port of Khasab in the governorate of Musandam,” the Oman News Agency said on X. “All crew members of the tanker, consisting of 20 people, including 15 Indians and 5 Iranians, were evacuated. Initial information indicates that four members of the ship’s crew sustained varying injuries,” it added. — AFP

Strengthened Malaysia-China air connectivity will boost tourist arrivals

STRENGTHENED Malaysia-China air connectivity will sustain the upward trend in visitor flows between the two countries, as airlines ramp up services ahead of Visit Malaysia 2026, Malaysia’s Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture Tiong King Sing said on Saturday.

Under the winter 2025 schedule, many Chinese airlines will continue expanding their networks in Malaysia, leveraging an extensive base across major Chinese cities.

“Most of these routes operate daily, with selected services temporarily increased during the



People go sightseeing on a waterside walkway in Penang, Malaysia, 8 November 2023. PHOTO: CHONG VOON CHUNG/XINHUA

Chinese New Year travel period to accommodate peak demand,” Tiong said in a statement.

He added that the route map now covers major regions in East, North, Northwest and Northeast China, enabling passengers to fly more directly and conveniently to Malaysia’s key tourist gateways, including Kuala Lumpur, Kota Kinabalu and Penang.

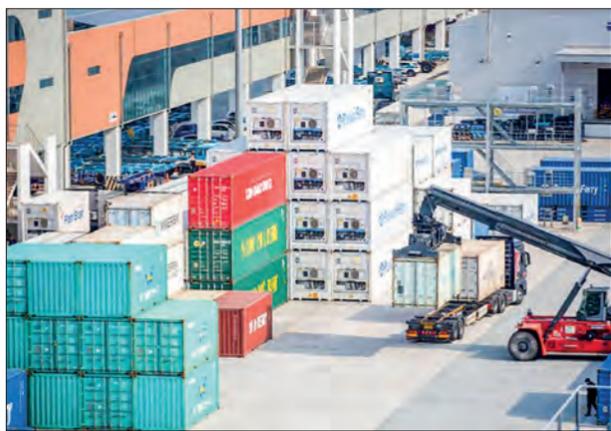
“Improved access is expected to attract more Chinese visitors, particularly in areas such as cultural experiences, culinary tourism, island holidays and eco-tourism. In turn, this will help unlock greater tourism spending and provide a more resilient boost to regional economic recovery,” he added. — Xinhua

S Korea’s February exports hit record high

SOUTH Korea’s exports hit an all-time high for February due to strong demand for locally-made semiconductors, government data showed Sunday.

Exports, which account for about half of the export-driven economy, soared 29.0 per cent to US\$67.45 billion in February, surpassing all previous records for the month, according to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Resources.

The daily average export surged 49.3 per cent



The Port of Busan is South Korea’s largest port and the world’s seventh-largest container port. PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE

to \$3.55 billion, topping time. Imports grew 7.5 per cent to \$51.94 billion in February compared to the same month in 2025, sending the trade surplus to \$15.51 billion.

Of the country’s 15 major export items, only five products saw growth in outbound shipments amid fewer business days due to the Lunar New Year’s holidays. Semiconductor export spiked 160.8 per cent to reach a new monthly high of \$25.16 billion, topping \$20 billion for the third straight month. — Xinhua

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WORLD

Latest developments after US, Israeli strikes kill Iran's Khamenei



A missile is launched from a US Navy ship in support of Operation Epic Fury. **PHOTO: US CENTRAL COMMAND/SPUTNIK**

ON Saturday, the US and Israel launched a series of strikes on Iranian targets, including Tehran, causing damage and civilian casualties.

Iranian state media has confirmed the death of the country's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in his compound in the capital Tehran.

More than 200 people have already been killed during the US-Israel strikes on Iran, according to the Red

Crescent.

Israeli military carried out a new series of attacks on about 30 sites in the Islamic Republic. Number of people killed in a strike on a girls' school in the southern Iranian city of Minab has soared to 118.

Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) launched a "sixth wave" of missile and drone counterattacks on Israel and US bases in the region.

Iranian drone strike dam-

aged Bahrain International Airport, following Iran's attacks on two airports in the United Arab Emirates and one in Kuwait.

Large cloud of black smoke was seen over Erbil Air Base in Iraq, home to a contingent of US troops, after Iran's Fars News Agency reported about heavy explosions in the area.

IRGC announced the beginning of "the most brutal offensive operation in the his-

tory of Iran's Armed Forces" after the death of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Assassination of Khamenei is a "big crime" that "will never go unanswered," Iran's presidential office warned, pledging that they "will force those who organized and carried out this crime to repent".

US President Donald Trump warned that Iran would face an even stronger attack if it tries to respond.

Iran was ready for US and Israeli attacks and had "prepared itself for all possible scenarios, even [actions] following the death of the Supreme Leader", Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf noted.

US and Israeli military operation against Iran was a "true betrayal of diplomacy", Russia's Permanent Representative to the UN Vassily Nebenzia underscored. Iran's Permanent Representative to the UN Amir Saeid Iravani thanked Russia, China, and Pakistan for condemning the US and Israel's "unlawful act" of military aggression against the Islamic Republic. — SPUTNIK

Cambodia invites tourists to experience annual equinox sunrise at Angkor Wat

CAMBODIA'S Ministry of Tourism has invited domestic and foreign tourists to watch the stunning equinox sunrise at the iconic Angkor Wat Temple's central tower, which will occur twice a year.

"The Equinox Angkor is a special solar phenomenon that occurs twice a year at the Angkor Wat temple in Siem Reap province," said a Ministry of Tourism's press release seen on Saturday.

The first event, called the Vernal Equinox, which can happen between 21 to 23 March from 5:00 am to 6:30 am local time and the second event, called the Autumnal Equinox, which can occur between 21 to 23 September from 5:00 am to 6:30 am, the press release added.

The events demonstrate the unique characteristics of the Khmer ancestors, deliberate design by Khmer architecture, layout for constructing the temple, land arrangement, calculations based on astronomy and considerations of the celestial course along with beliefs and natural phenomena requirements which have created a phenomenon that shines at the center of the Angkor Wat temple, the press release said. — Xinhua

Saudi push helped US carry joint strikes on Iran: Report

"OPERATION Epic Fury" (US) and "Operation Roaring Lion" (Israel), the joint strike in Iran on Saturday is a rare convergence of interests, reportedly influenced by lobbying efforts from Israel and Saudi Arabia, the Washington Post reported.

As per the Washington Post, Saudi Arabia pushed the United States to carry out joint attacks on Iran along with Israel, which ultimately led to the death of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, according to four undisclosed people familiar with the matter.

For years, these two powers operated as "frenemies" in the shadow of Iran's regional influence. The frame here is "The Enemy of My Enemy". — ANI

ROK president urges efforts to restore trust with DPRK

REPUBLIC of Korea President Lee Jae-myung on Sunday called for continued efforts to restore trust with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

Building a peaceful Korean Peninsula, where the two Koreas can grow together through coexistence and cooperation and on a foundation of trust, will be the true way to fully uphold the spirit of the independence movement, Lee said in his commemorative speech delivered at the ceremony marking the 107th anniversary of the 1 March Independence Movement during the 1910-45 Japanese colonization. — Xinhua



Republic of Korea President Lee Jae-myung speaks during a ceremony marking the 107th anniversary of the March 1st Independence Movement Day in Seoul on 1 March 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

SPORTS

YRG extend perfect futsal run to 19 wins

YRG extended their flawless streak in the 2025-2026 MFF Futsal League-1 season, recording a 19th consecutive victory to remain top of the table with a maximum 57 points.

In Matchweek 19 at the MFF Futsal Indoor Stadium in Yangon, YRG defeated United City 5-1. Other results saw MIU beat Gold Dream 5-0, SGF overcome Pacific Sun Far 4-2, YCDC

Dream Team edge TG United 4-3, and M2K defeat Chinland 7-3, while Team Lions and VUC drew 3-3. With three rounds remaining, YRG are closing in on a first league title. At the other end, Gold Dream and Chinland are in danger of relegation. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

YRG and United City in action during their Matchweek 19 encounter. **PHOTO:MFF**



Manchester United's Slovenian striker (30) Benjamin Sesko (L) scores his team's second goal during the English Premier League football match between Manchester United and Crystal Palace at Old Trafford in Manchester, north west England, on 1 March 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

Man Utd climb to third, Fulham sink sorry Spurs

BENJAMIN Sesko stretched his hot streak with the winning goal as Manchester United beat Crystal Palace 2-1 to go third in the Premier League, while Tottenham failed to dispel relegation fears after defeat at Fulham. Sesko was handed his first start in seven games since Michael Carrick took charge at Old Trafford and rewarded his boss with another vital goal to edge United closer to a return to the Champions League. Palace had taken an early lead at Old Trafford when Maxence Lacroix outmuscled Leny Yoro to guide in a header from Brennan Johnson's corner. But United hit back to remain

unbeaten under Carrick and take their tally to 19 points from a possible 21. The game swung on one incident as Lacroix was sent off and conceded a penalty for pulling back Matheus Cunha just before the hour mark.

Bruno Fernandes confidently stroked the resulting spot-kick past former team-mate Dean Henderson. Fernandes was then the creator for the second as his curling cross was powered in by Sesko. The Slovenian has now scored seven times in his last eight appearances to quieten critics of his £74 million (\$100 million) price tag after a slow start to his career in England.

"It feels like a big result," said Fernandes. "We were behind and had to show some character".

Tottenham remain perilously poised just four points above the relegation zone as interim boss Igor Tudor again failed to halt their alarming slide after a 2-1 defeat at Craven Cottage.

"We were not good, (we) lacked everything attacking and defending," said Tudor after two defeats in his two games in charge. "There are problems here, big problems. We need to stay calm, believe in what we are doing in training, and get out (of trouble), staying all together." — AFP

Australia beat the Philippines in Women's Asian Cup opener

CAPTAIN Sam Kerr scored the only goal as Australia's Matildas opened the 2026 AFC Women's Asian Cup with a 1-0 victory over the Philippines on Sunday.

Kerr broke the deadlock in the 14th minute, heading home after a series of Australian crosses into the penalty area produced the first clear chance of the match.

It marked Kerr's first international goal since 2023 and was greeted by 44,379 fans at her hometown Perth Stadium in Western Australia.

Although the Matildas

dominated possession, the Philippines largely kept them from creating further clear-cut opportunities.

The win extended Australia's unbeaten run in Women's Asian Cup group-stage matches to 10 and left the hosts needing just one more victory, against Iran or South Korea, to secure a quarterfinal berth.

Australia will face Iran on the Gold Coast on Thursday night, while the Philippines will take on South Korea earlier the same day.

— Xinhua



Australia's Samantha Kerr (L) heads the ball into the net for her first goal against the Philippines during the AFC Women's Asian Cup Australia 2026 football match between Australia and the Philippines at Perth Stadium in Perth on 1 March 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**



Indian PM Modi woos global investors at chip plant

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Micron Technology's Semiconductor Assembly, Test, and Packaging (ATMP) facility in Sanand, Gujarat.

HIGHLIGHTING a shift in the global technology landscape, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday that India is rapidly becoming a part of the global semiconductor value chain.

He said the inauguration of Micron's semiconductor facility marks a milestone in India's journey towards technology leadership.

"The beginning of commercial production in this ATMP facility of Micron will strengthen India's role in the global value chain. India is rapidly becoming a part of the global semiconductor value chain," he said

"This is the century of AI revolution. The semiconductor is a major bridge of this revolution... If oil was the regulator of the last century, the microchip will be the regulator of this century," he added.

He said the event also symbolizes the strong collaboration and partnership



PM Modi inaugurates Micron semiconductor ATMP facility in Gujarat. **PHOTO: ANI**

between the USA and India.

"This is crucial, especially in the fields of AI and chips... The entire world is striving to secure the supply chains for

these two technologies, and the world's two largest democracies are working towards this end. The Pax Silica initiative between the US and India during the AI Summit is

another step in this direction. Our combined efforts will make the global supply chain of essential minerals more secure and reliable," he said. — ANI

Afghan capital Kabul hit by Pakistani airstrikes

AFGHANISTAN'S capital Kabul was attacked by Pakistani air power at around 5:40 am local time on Sunday, triggering a series of explosions and the Afghan air defence forces' fire response against aerial targets.

This round of airstrikes lasted for about 20 minutes.

In recent days, military tensions between Afghanistan and Pakistan have escalated, with several rounds of exchange of fire.

Meanwhile, at least 52 people have been killed and 66 others injured in Pakistani airstrikes in Afghanistan since last Sunday, Hamdullah Fitrat, deputy

spokesman for the Afghan government, said on Saturday.

According to the official, the casualties were reported across the eastern provinces of Nangarhar, Paktika, Khost and Kunar, as well as southern Kandahar. — Xinhua



A general view shows a residential neighbourhood in Kabul on 27 February 2026 following overnight cross-border fighting between Afghanistan and Pakistan. **PHOTO: AFP**

Explosion at Dubai landmark The Palm: witnesses

TWO witnesses told AFP they heard an explosion and saw a plume of smoke rising from Dubai's famed man-made island The Palm as authorities reported four injured.

The attack came as Iran carried out retaliatory strikes in the oil-rich Gulf following US and Israeli attacks — rattling a region long seen as a haven of peace and security.

One of the witnesses said he saw thick black smoke rising from a hotel on the Palm and heard ambulances rushing towards the scene.

The Dubai media office later confirmed an "incident" in a building in the Palm Jumeirah area that resulted in a fire and four people injured.

"Dubai Civil Defence has confirmed that the resulting fire is now under control. Four individuals sustained injuries and have been transferred to medical facilities," it added. — AFP