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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.

Research Expanded to Develop National Cancer Registry

Strengthened collaboration with foreign experts and continuous training of radiation therapy specialists and senior oncologists capable of expertly operating advanced medical equipment are essential for improving cancer care.

As a gesture of hailing the 81st Anniversary of Armed Forces Day 2026, Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech at the inauguration of the National Cancer Centre (NCC) in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township of Yangon Region yesterday morning.

The Senior General visited the medical ward where patients were receiving radiotherapy. The Union Minister for Health and officials conducted the Senior General round the relevant rooms.

The ceremony was held at the meeting hall of the eight-storey medical ward. On the occasion, the Senior General said that it is widely acknowledged that, during the five-year tenure,

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Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views around the National Cancer Centre (NCC) in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, Yangon Region, yesterday.

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Ph- 09 671443555

Advertisement for StarMart and Kha Yae Pin Mart featuring various products like rice, oil, and tires.

NATIONAL

Public Urged to Actively Participate in Building Genuine, Disciplined Multiparty Democratic System

❖ In the ongoing processes of nation-building, it is urged that the people fully participate, exercising their freedom and justice in accordance with laws and regulations, to ensure the full implementation of a genuine, well-disciplined multiparty democratic system.

(An excerpt from the message sent by Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing to the ceremony to mark the 78th Anniversary of Chin National Day which fell on 20 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

- (a) 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
- (b) To cooperate with the government and people in performing measures for State stability, ethnic unity and the nation's development
- (c) 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
- (d) 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

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FORUM ON THE DAWN OF A NEW STATE

(Trust, Stability & Development)

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Women in arts and crafts celebrated on International Women's Day

MAINLY organized by Turquoise Mountain Myanmar, an art exhibition of women artists will be held on International Women's Day on 8 March, in collaboration with MULA.

The event will take place at Turquoise Mountain, located on Phoe Sein Street in Bahan Township, from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm, and

the craft market, including 44 shops led by women, will be displayed the whole day.

Besides, artworks by nine women artists will be exhibited as well, so visitors can come to explore women's art and craft, art shops, artistic products, clothing brands and food stalls.

Session called “Craft, Art and Women” in the

Myanmar version, scheduled from 1:30 pm to 3 pm, will highlight women leadership in the art and craft industry of Myanmar and their challenges and potentials. With the Myanmar traditional harp, women artistes will entertain with Myanmar classical sounds and conclude the celebration. — MT/ZS

This image showcases an arts and crafts poster celebrating women.

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)

Research Expanded to ...

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the government faced numerous major challenges in the health sector but was able to overcome them. Moreover, even when confronted with natural disasters such as Cyclone Mocha in 2023, Typhoon Yagi in 2024, and the Mandalay Earthquake in 2025, healthcare workers selflessly endured personal hardships and worked tirelessly and in coordination to provide medical care.

He noted that with the establishment of such infrastructure, it is necessary to operate in accordance with standard treatment protocols to further improve the quality of cancer care. It is also essential to strengthen collaboration with foreign experts, continuously produce specialists in radiation therapy and senior oncologists who can expertly handle medical equipment, and, in cooperation with international partners, develop the National Cancer Registry and expand related research activities.

The Senior General explained that as part of fulfilling the needs of infrastructure in the health sector, the government upgraded 25 people's hospitals to narrow the gap in healthcare between urban and rural areas, with the estab-

lishment of 12 new 16-bed hospitals in the rural areas. Moreover, 41 hospital buildings and staff housing were built within five years.

He recounted that a total of 2,649 fresher medical doctors and dentists, nurses, and staff were appointed at hospitals within five years in addition to upgrading nursing training schools to the nursing institutes.

Currently, he added that the National Cancer Control Strategy (2023-2027) is being implemented in the country for the patients to reduce the death rate based on cancer disease and receive early treatments.

In cancer treatment, the Senior General emphasized that there are various therapies such as chemotherapy, surgical treatment, and radiotherapy. Radiotherapy is a crucial treatment for eliminating cancer and controlling its spread. At present, Myanmar is using 26 radiotherapy machines and nine brachytherapy devices for treatment.

He clarified that, as the general hospitals in Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw have been facilitated with seven new radiotherapy machines after 2021, general hospitals under the Ministry of Health are operating five radiation centres, 15 radiotherapy machines and four brachytherapy devices. As the private sector has been allowed to provide healthcare with radiotherapy machines, they have five radiation centres, seven radiotherapy machines and four brachytherapy devices.

The Senior General highlighted that today's inauguration of the National Cancer Centre aims to provide cancer patients with a one-stop comprehensive care centre where they can receive complete treatment services in a single location, as well as to carry out research activities. The government has approved over K34 billion for the five- and eight-storey treatment wards and radiotherapy rooms, over K12 billion for staff housing, and over K30 billion for three new radiotherapy machines during the 2024-2025 financial year. One machine donated by



Acting President and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission Senior General Min Aung Hlaing sprinkles scented water on the plaque of the National Cancer Centre (NCC) in Yangon yesterday.

well-wishers this year is valued at K19 billion, and appreciation is expressed for this generous contribution.

He spotted that for patients receiving radiotherapy, radiotherapy rooms were constructed in advance with priority, so that even before the completion of the main centre, two radiotherapy machines installed in October 2024 and an additional machine installed in January 2025 were already in use to provide preliminary treatment. This allowed more than 1,601 patients to receive over 50,000 sessions of radiotherapy and cancer treatment, significantly reducing patient waiting times. Furthermore, after the completion of the buildings in July 2025, inpatient treatment also became possible, enabling care for 285 inpatients and 3,805 outpatients.

On the occasion, SSPC Member Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Union Ministers U Tin Aung San, Dr Thet Khaing Win and U Myo Thant and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein cut the ribbon to open the National Cancer Centre (NCC).

The Senior General unveiled the signboard of the centre and sprinkled scented water on the plaque of the four-storey National Cancer Centre (NCC).

The Senior General also sprayed the plaque of the eight-storey new medical ward with the scented water.

The Senior General and attendees watched a documentary video clip on the opening of the National Cancer Centre-NCC.

The Senior General and his family donated cash to the fund for the National Cancer Centre to the Union Minister for Health.

The Union Minister for Construction handed over documents related to the NCC to the Union Minister for Health, who also spoke words of appreciation for opening the centre.

Also, present at the ceremony were senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Yangon Command, international cancer experts, physicians, health staff and guests. — MNA/TTA

Salient points of the speech delivered by the Senior General at the opening of the National Cancer Centre (NCC)

1. More than 1,601 patients have received over 50,000 sessions of radiotherapy and cancer treatment, significantly reducing patient waiting times.
2. After the completion of the buildings in July 2025, inpatient treatment also became possible, enabling care for 285 inpatients and 3,805 outpatients.
3. Even when confronted with natural disasters such as Cyclone Mocha in 2023, Typhoon Yagi in 2024, and the Mandalay Earthquake in 2025, healthcare workers selflessly endured personal hardships and worked tirelessly and in coordination to provide medical care.

NATIONAL

Republic of the Union of Myanmar National Defence and Security Council Amendment to the Legal Practitioners Act National Defence and Security Council Law 12/2026

5th Waning of Taboung 1387 ME
7 March 2026

THE National Defence and Security Council hereby enacts this law under Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union.

1. This law shall be called the Amendment to the Legal Practitioners Act.
2. Section 3 (a) of the Legal Practitioners Act shall be added as follows: -
“Whether for payment or without payment, a person who, with dishonest intent, acts as a representative of a litigant for the purpose of filing or contesting a case, or ...”
3. The expression “in addition, he/she shall not engage in or carry out any work outside the court in the capacity of a lawyer” shall be added behind the provision of Section 10 of the Legal Practitioners Act.
4. The first paragraph of Section 32 of the Legal Practitioners Act shall be replaced as follows: -
“Anyone who violates the provisions of Section 10 and appears or conducts a case as a lawyer in any court, or carries out any work outside the court in the capacity of a lawyer, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years, or with a fine of not less than K1 million and not more than K10 million, or with both such imprisonment and fine.”
5. The expression “shall be punished with a fine of up to K200, and if it fails to pay, they shall be punished with a three-month imprisonment at the civil prison” mentioned in Section 33 of the Legal Practitioners Act shall be replaced with the expression “imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years, or with a fine of not less than K1 million and not more than K10 million, or with both such imprisonment and fine, and they shall be taken action in accord with Section 13”.

6. The expression “In addition to being liable to a fine of up to K500 imposed by the said court or by order of the head officer of the said office, if the fine is not paid, the person shall be liable to imprisonment in civil prison for a term not exceeding six months” shall be replaced with the expression “imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years, or with a fine of not less than K1 million and not more than K10 million, or with both such imprisonment and fine, and they shall be taken action in accord with Section 13”.
7. In Section 36 of the Legal Practitioners Act –
 - (a) The expression “at all relevant courts” mentioned in Subsection (3) shall be replaced with the expression “at all courts”.
 - (b) the expression “shall be punished with imprisonment for a term of up to three months or with a fine of up to K500 or both punishments” mentioned in Subsection (6) shall be replaced with the expression “imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years, or with a fine of not less than K1 million and not more than K10 million, or with both such imprisonment and fine, and they shall be taken action in accord with Section 13”.

I hereby sign this law in accord with Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Sd/ Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Acting President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar National Defence and Security Council Amendment to the Seed Law National Defence and Security Council Law 14/2026

5th Waning of Taboung 1387 ME
7 March 2026

THE National Defence and Security Council hereby enacts this law in accord with Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

1. This law shall be called the Amendment to the Seed Law.
2. The expression “the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation” mentioned in the Seed Law shall be replaced with the expression “the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation”.
3. The expression “K1 million” mentioned in Sections 28 and 29 of the Seed Law shall be replaced with the expression “K3 million”, respectively.

I hereby sign this law under Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Sd/Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Acting President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar National Defence and Security Council Amendment to the Fertilizer Law National Defence and Security Council Law 15/2026

5th Waning of Taboung 1387 ME
7 March 2026

THE National Defence and Security Council hereby enacts this law under Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

1. This law shall be called the Amendment to the Fertilizer Law.
2. The expression “the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation” mentioned in the Fertilizer Law shall be replaced with the expression “the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation”.
3. The expression “up to K1 million as fine” mentioned in Section 36 of the Fertilizer Law shall be substituted with the expression “up to K3 million”.
4. The expression “up to K500,000 as fine” mentioned in Section 37 of the Fertilizer Law shall be replaced with the expression “up to K1.5 million”.

I hereby sign this law in accord with Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Sd/ Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Acting President

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National Defence and Security Council Law 13/2026

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7 March 2026

THE National Defence and Security Council hereby enacts this Law under Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Chapter I
Title, Establishment and Definitions

1. (a) This law shall be called the Excise Law.
(b) This law shall come into effect on the date when the President issues the notification.
2. The following terms contained in this Law shall have the meaning as specified.
 - (a) Excise means alcoholic liquor and excisable articles.
 - (b) Alcoholic liquor means any liquid containing more than 0.5 per cent of ethyl alcohol. This term includes beer, wine, toddy sap, fermented liquor and any liquid that the Ministry has issued a notification to declare as alcohol. However, it does not contain denatured alcohol.
 - (c) Excisable article means any alcoholic liquor or substance.
 - (d) Beer means any liquid obtained by fermenting and mixing with a liquid containing yeast using barley, wheat, rice, corn and any other agricultural product such as sugar. This term includes the liquid that the Ministry has issued a notification to declare as beer.
 - (e) Wine means any liquid made by fermenting fruits, vegetables, flowers or honey, including grapes with the specified raw materials, using yeast, and containing not more than 18 per cent of ethyl alcohol.
 - (f) Toddy sap means liquid obtained from various trees such as coconut, toddy palm, nipa palm and coryphe palm, whether it is fermented or unfermented.
 - (g) Fermented Liquor means any liquid that has been naturally fermented or fermented without distillation, such as fermented rice liquid, rice wine and fermented liquid. This term does not include beer, wine and toddy sap.
 - (h) Country liquor means strong alcohol domestically produced with a still or at the factory, or alcohol that has been processed in accordance with the specifications to make it suitable for consumption.
 - (i) Foreign liquor means liquor that is imported from abroad, or liquor that is imported from abroad by any means and bottled domestically. The term also includes liquor produced domestically in branch factories established within the country under licence to use the trademark or product name of a foreign company, and manufactured in accordance with that company's specified raw materials and production methods.
 - (j) International-standard domestically produced liquor means any type of liquor produced within the country using specified methods and specified raw materials, including beer, wine, whisky, brandy, gin, rum, vodka, spirit, and other similar alcoholic beverages.
 - (k) Denatured alcohol means alcohol that has been processed for use as an industrial raw material, for inclusion in consumer products, or for use in the manufacture of medicines, and which is not suitable for drinking.
 - (l) Excise Licence means a licence issued by the Department permitting the operation of liquor-related businesses under this Law.
 - (m) Excise business means the business of producing alcohol or excisable substances, producing value-added products, bottling, storing, distributing, selling, transporting, importing from abroad, or exporting. This term also includes liquor businesses designated by the Department through notification.
 - (n) Production includes the following;
 - (1) producing alcohol by any method
 - (2) Redistilling excisable substances
 - (3) Ageing alcohol in barrels
 - (4) Purifying alcohol, adding flavour or aroma, mixing with any substance, or adding colour.
 - (o) Producing Value-Added Products means producing alcohol or excisable substances using advanced technology to further process and manufacture them into products of international standard.
 - (p) Bottling means transferring or refilling alcohol or excisable substances into containers such as bottles, cans, jars, or goglets. This term also includes labelling.
 - (q) Distribution means the wholesale of alcohol or excisable substances to a licence holder in quantities exceeding the amount specified by the Ministry for retail sale under this Law.
 - (r) Sale means the retail transfer of alcohol or excisable substances to a buyer.
 - (s) Transport means moving from one place to another within the State by any method.
 - (t) Importation means importing into the State by land, water, air, or any other means.
 - (u) Exportation means exporting outside of the State by land, water, air, or any other means.
 - (v) Place means land, building, boat, raft, or any type of vehicle.
 - (w) State means the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
 - (x) Ministry means Ministry of Home Affairs, the Union Government.
 - (y) Department means the General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs.
 - (z) Director-General means Director-General of the General Administration Department.
 - (aa) Region or State or Nay Pyi Taw Excise Officer means Administrator of the General Administration Department of Region or State or Nay Pyi Taw.
 - (ab) District Excise Officer means the Head of the General Administration Department of the Self-Administered Region or the District Administrator of the District Administration Department.
 - (ac) Township Excise Office means the Township Administrator of the Township Administration Department.
 - (ad) Excise Supervisory Team means the team formed under this Law to supervise and inspect liquor businesses.

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50% acres of winter legume crops harvested in Kyaukse

WINTER legume crops planted in Kyaukse District, Mandalay Region, are thriving successfully and are currently being harvested, with about 50 per cent of the harvest completed, according to the Kyaukse District Department of Agriculture.

In November and December 2025, farmers in Kyaukse District planted a total of 125,265 acres of winter legume crops, including green beans, butter beans, chickpeas, lablab beans, kidney beans,

black beans, lentils, and other legumes.

"Farmers grow various winter legumes and obtain yields of 15.33 baskets of chickpeas per acre, 16.40 baskets of green beans per acre, 15.18 baskets of mixed legumes per acre, 12.83 baskets of lablab beans per acre, 13.80 baskets of sweet beans per acre, and 12.93 baskets of kidney beans per acre," said Daw Khin Nyein Htwe, Head of the Kyaukse District Department of Agriculture.

In Kyaukse District, farmers have planted 58,375 acres of various legumes in Kyaukse Township, 22,243 acres in Singaing Township, and 44,647 acres in Myittha Township, bringing the total cultivated area in the district to 125,265 acres. The Department of Agriculture has also conducted field activities to raise awareness among farmers in the region on improving crop yields. — Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)/MKKS



NATIONAL

Weekly Roundup

1 March

Religious titles offered to venerable monks, nuns

A ceremony to offer day meals to religious title recipient Sayadaws for 2026 took place at the Agga Dhipati Sasana Beikman in the precinct of Maravijaya Buddha Image Park in Nay Pyi Taw, with the attendance of Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla to offer day meals.

2 March

Head of State sends message to Peasants' Day

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 fell on 2 March 2026.

Special allowance for Tatmadaw, MPF member

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.

Honorary titles and medals offered

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 in

accord with Notification 43/2026 of the National Defence and Security Council.

3 March

Head of State offers religious titles to monks, nuns

A gala ceremony to offer religious titles and insignia to recipients for 2026 was held in conjunction with the ceremony to donate rice and alms to members of the Sangha at Agga Dhipati Sasana Beikman in the precinct of Maravijaya Buddha Image Park in Nay Pyi Taw.

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NDSC issues five orders

The National Defence and Security Council issued five orders of pardon, remitting prison sentences, and Withdrawal of hearings of suit under Counter Terrorism Law Sections 50 (J) and 52 (A).

5 March

Sarso Beikman (Literati Building) commissioned

Prime Minister U Nyo Saw and his wife attended the inauguration ceremony of Sarso Beikman, located on Bo Min Khaung Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township of Yangon Region.

NDSC amends two laws

The National Defence and Security Council enacted the Amendment to the Nay Pyi Taw Council Law and the Amendment to the Region or State

Government Law in accordance with Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

6 March

Head of State accepts Letters of Credence from two ambassadors

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission Senior General Min Aung Hlaing separately accepted the Letters of Credence of Mr Maziad Mohammed M Al Howishan, newly accredited Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and Mr Segundo Martin Calero Escorcía, newly accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Nicaragua to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the Credentials Hall of the Office of the National Defence and Security Council, Nay Pyi Taw.

Preparations for Hluttaw sessions discussed

Prime Minister U Nyo Saw attended the second coordination meeting of the Hluttaw session organizing central committee at the Union Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw.

7 March

Head of State attends meetings of Financial Commission, National Planning Commission

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered speeches at the meetings of the Financial Commission and the National Planning Commission at the National Defence and Security Council Office in Nay Pyi Taw, separately. — GNLN/TTA

New building of Kawthoung District and Township Law Office inaugurates

IN honour of the 81st Anniversary of Armed Forces Day, the newly constructed three-storey RC building of the Kawthoung District and Township Law Office was opened yesterday morning in front of the new building.

Union Minister and Union Attorney-General Dr Thida Oo, together with Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko, Deputy Minister for Legal Affairs and Deputy Attorney-General Dr Htein Lin Oo, regional ministers, the Taninthayi Region Advocate-General, and other officials attended the opening ceremony of the new law office building.

The Taninthayi Region chief minister, the deputy minister and deputy attorney-general, the region minister for Natural Resources, the Taninthayi Region advocate-general, and Col Aung Ko Latt from the local station first cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the new

law office building, and the Union minister and the Union attorney-general unveiled the signboard by pressing a button.

The Union minister and the Union attorney-general, the region's chief minister, the deputy minister and deputy attorney-general, the region advocate-general, and officials then sprinkled scented water on the foundation stone of the new building.

Afterwards, the Union minister and the Union attorney-general, together with officials, toured the new three-storey RC office building of the Kawthoung District and Township Law Office, which measures 65 feet in length and 30 feet in width and was constructed by Ngwe Toe San Company, and met with law officers and staff from Taninthayi Region.

During the meeting, the Union minister and the Union attorney-general



Officials cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the newly constructed Kawthoung District and Township Law Office building in Kawthoung yesterday. PHOTO: DISTRICT IPRD

urged law officers to conduct themselves in accordance with the ethics of law officers and civil servants and the dignity of their positions, to continue working diligently for national development, peace and stability, and the rule of law, and to protect the interests of the country and the people with legal

knowledge, responsibility, and loyalty.

Participating law officers also explained their work, the Region advocate-general provided additional explanations, and the Union minister and the Union attorney-general coordinated and fulfilled the requirements. — District IPRD/MKKS

In today's world, a nation's power and stability depend not only on protecting physical borders. It now relies heavily on the security of the digital realm as well. As technology advances rapidly, cybercrimes are evolving in various ways and infiltrating the daily lives of citizens.

In Myanmar, although the government is working diligently on SIM card registration to secure communication networks, online scams, impersonation-based call centre financial fraud, and sophisticated video clone technology continue to threaten the socioeconomic lives of the public. The state government is closely monitoring the loss of hard-earned assets and the psychological impact on citizens, constantly seeking ways to root out these threats.

In this situation, implementing the **CEIR (Central Equipment Identity Register)** system is an essential step to fully protect not only national sovereignty and security but also the property, dignity, and lives of individual citizens.

What is CEIR? How does it work?

CEIR is an advanced technical system that systematically records and connects the **IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity)** – a unique registration number for every single mobile phone – into a central database.

- **Check your IMEI:** You can easily check this 15-digit IMEI number by dialling *#06# on your mobile phone or by looking in the phone's Settings.
- **Dual-Layer Protection:** While only SIM cards were registered in the past, now registering the handset itself allows the network to be protected with two layers.
- **Automatic Blocking:** The main purpose of this system is to automatically block phones that enter through illegal channels, stolen phones, or phones intended for criminal use, so they cannot be used on any telecom network within the country.
- **Disarming Criminals:** This purifies the communication channels for the public and effectively destroys the "weapon" (the device) that criminals might use.

Stopping the Tears: Detering Online and Love Scams (Phishing)

Currently, many citizens, particularly women and the elderly, are suffering losses due to "Love Scams" where fake accounts exploit trust and affection for financial gain. Scammers often use a large number of handsets and SIM cards as disposable tools to erase their tracks and evade the law.

Once the government activates the CEIR system, it will be possible to track and control the specific devices used by these scammers. Criminals will no longer be able to escape simply by changing SIM

cards; their handsets will be blacklisted and permanently blocked. This will cut off the scam cycle at its source and serve as a highly effective protection system for the public.

Protecting Public Wealth from Financial Service Impersonation (KPay/Wave)

Fraudulent activities, such as impersonating Call Centre staff from mobile money services like KPay and Wave Money to transfer funds or using fake "prize winnings" as bait, are causing significant distress in people's daily lives. CEIR will play a major role in solving these issues.

Under the CEIR system, since handsets are systematically registered, security organizations can track the IMEI of a device as soon as it is used to commit a crime. By blacklisting that specific device, the government can completely prevent the criminal from attempting to defraud another citizen, protecting public wealth through modern technology.

Responding to Modern AI/Video Clone Scams

Beyond simple scams, "Deepfake" or "Video Clone" frauds, which use AI to mimic the faces and voices of family members and friends, are spreading globally at an alarming rate. Perpetrators of these advanced crimes typically use unregistered or illegally imported phones to remain anonymous.

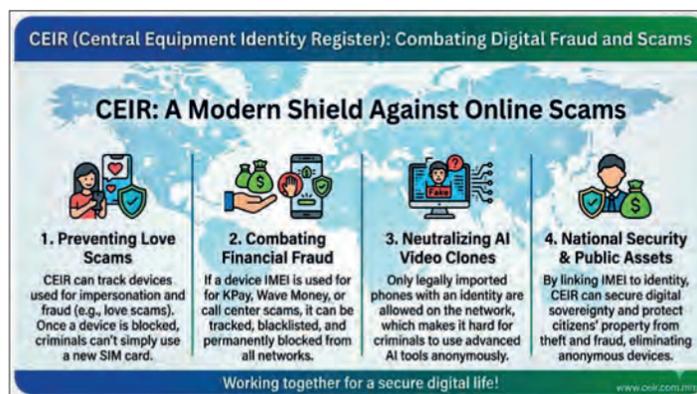
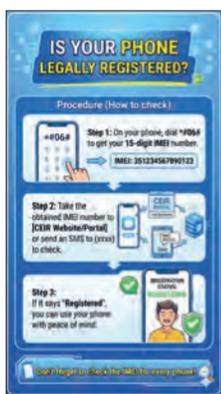
The CEIR system only allows devices that are legally imported and have identifiable owners to access the communication network. This makes it extremely difficult to commit such advanced cybercrimes within the country, creating a secure cyber-ecosystem for future generations.

Safeguarding Youth, Culture, and the National Economy

- **Combating Social Threats:** CEIR serves as a law enforcement tool to permanently re-

The National Defensive Shield: Combatting Digital Fraud, Cyber Scams and Enhancing Security

By Wai Yan Lu



move online gambling operators and those who use anonymous devices to spread hate speech or content insulting Myanmar's culture and religion.

- **International Standards:** This system is not unique to Myanmar; it is a global security standard successfully used in countries like India, Turkiye, Indonesia, and parts of Europe.
- **Reducing Theft:** In countries using CEIR, phone theft and robberies have significantly decreased.
- **National Revenue:** By preventing illegal phone smuggling, the state can collect rightful taxes to be reinvested into public health, education, and infrastructure.

Addressing Privacy Concerns and Public Benefits

The government understands that citizens may have privacy concerns. It is important to clarify that **CEIR does not monitor calls, messages, or internet usage; it only verifies the legal validity of the device.**

A major benefit is the ability to block a stolen or lost phone. Previously, thieves could simply throw away a SIM card and wipe the phone's firmware to reuse it. With CEIR, a stolen phone will be unusable on any network, which will naturally eliminate crimes like pickpocketing on YBS buses. Honest citizens have nothing to fear and gain the most protection by registering their devices.

National Stability and Modern Digital Sovereignty

In the modern era, the communication network is as vital as a lifeblood for a nation's stability and development. Building a strong digital infrastructure is a necessary power for the strength of the state.

The CEIR system has the capability to verify every mobile device used within the country. Therefore, it can prevent terrorism and cyberattacks from both domestic and foreign sources that could harm the peace and stability of the state in a timely manner. This provides firm support to ensure that the nation's Digital Sovereignty remains unshakable.

Implementation Timeline and Procedures

For the CEIR system to succeed, active public participation is essential.

- **Start Date:** Implementation begins in the first week of March 2026.
- **Current Users:** Phones currently in use will be automatically added to the Whitelist without needing to pay taxes.
- **Deadline:** To be whitelisted, users must insert and use a local SIM card (MPT, ATOM, Ooredoo/U9, Mytel) by March 31, 2026.
- **New/Non-whitelisted Devices:** Starting April 1, 2026, non-whitelisted phones will only have **30 days** of temporary use. After this, taxes and penalties must be paid to continue service.
- **How to Pay:** Payments can be made electronically via <https://www.ceir.gov.mm> by entering the IMEI. Citizens in remote areas can visit Internal Revenue or Customs offices.
- **Support:** For more information, contact the CEIR Call Centre at 1577 or 1755 during office hours.

By cooperating with this national duty, citizens help build a more secure digital society and support the state's efforts to end the destruction caused by online fraud.

OPINION

BOOKRACK POEM

Benefit the human society with engineering techniques

ENGINEERING plays a vital role in improving human life and addressing global challenges. Intending to promote innovative engineering solutions, the World Federation of Engineering Organizations and UNESCO jointly organized the 2026 World Engineering Day Summit under the theme “Smart Engineering for a Sustainable Future through Innovation and Digitalization”. The summit was held on 4 March at the Balai Kartini Convention Centre in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The annual celebration highlights the importance of engineering in solving global issues and promoting sustainable development. Events associated with the summit emphasize smart technologies, digital transformation, and innovative solutions that can help societies overcome environmental, economic, and social challenges. Activities such as hackathons, professional networking sessions, and technical discussions were also organized to encourage collaboration among engineers and experts.

Examples from Myanmar also demonstrate the value of engineering advancement. The construction of the Maravijaya Buddha Image, recognized as the world's tallest seated marble Buddha statue, highlights the successful collaboration between civilian and military engineers in the country. Similarly, the recently-commissioned Myanmar-Korea Friendship (Dala) Bridge across the Yangon River reflects the engineering capabilities of both Myanmar and Korean experts.

The advancement of engineering does not depend only on acquiring modern technology. Equally important is the development of skilled human resources capable of managing, maintaining, and improving these technologies. In this regard, experts suggest building a strategic “engineering human resource pyramid.” This approach integrates skills-based education with engineering disciplines to produce a balanced workforce. Engineers alone cannot sustain modern technological systems; technicians are also needed to maintain operations, while organizations must continuously upgrade the abilities of skilled workers to ensure efficiency and sustainability.

If such a human resource structure is successfully established and supported by strategic approaches that promote modern engineering disciplines, it can significantly enhance a country's economic competitiveness. At the same time, it can accelerate industrial modernization and contribute to building a sustainable future. Modern engineering, therefore, serves as a pathway toward resilient, competitive, and inclusive development. Cooperation among governments, institutions, engineers, and other stakeholders is essential to achieve these goals.

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Ultimately, technological progress is intended to improve the quality of human life. While societies strive to develop and adopt advanced technologies, it is equally important to ensure that such innovations are used for constructive purposes. Engineering achievements should contribute to peace, development, and the well-being of humanity rather than becoming tools of destruction. When guided by responsibility and cooperation, engineering innovations can become milestones of pride in human history and help create a sustainable and prosperous future for all.



Book Title - Atawy Non Hma Lutmyaukchin (Don't Overthink It)
 Translator - Htet Htet Tinza
 Publishing House - Zalet Ni
 Publication Date - March 2026 (1st Edition)
 Price - K18,000

Atawy Non Hma Lutmyaukchin (Don't Overthink It)

THIS week, we pick a book, Don't Overthink It: Make Easier Decisions, Stop Second-Guessing, and Bring More Joy to Your Life, written by blogger and author Anne Bogel. The book is translated into Myanmar by Htet Htet Tinza under the name of Atawy Non Hma Lutmyaukchin. It is a valuable guide that helps reduce the stress commonly experienced by many people and shows how to live a happier life.

In everyone's daily life, there are certain things to think about and reflect. Sometimes, we may wonder: Am I spending too much mental energy on things that are not truly important? Even when we know it would be better to focus our thoughts elsewhere, do we find

ourselves unable to shift our minds? Have you ever replayed a past event repeatedly, feeling stuck in a mental loop? Do you often doubt yourself? Do you spend excessive time worrying about trivial matters or overanalyzing problems that are not very significant? At times, do racing thoughts keep you awake at night? Even when you are aware that certain thoughts are unhelpful, do you still find yourself thinking about them over and over again? If you have experienced these situations, this book can help you break free from them.

The original author, who is also well known for hosting the podcast “What Should I Read Next,” writes based on her own experiences as she

tends to overthink. From minor daily matters to major life decisions, the book offers guidance on how to avoid the negative consequences of overthinking.

The first part of the book explains the nature of overthinking and lays the foundation for changing this habit. The author defines overthinking as “an excessive use of mental energy on unnecessary matters”. She also explains that our mental energy is limited when we spend too much of it on small issues; we are left with less energy for the truly important aspects of life.

In the second part, it highlights strategies to immediately stop overthinking and preventive methods to keep it from becoming a habit. Readers will learn practical approach-

es such as making decisions more quickly, letting go of perfectionism, and clearly understanding their own values.

In the third part, it states how to experience life's simple joys and provides guidance on how to live in a way that brings more happiness into everyday life.

The ideas presented in this book are not merely theoretical. The author shares methods she has personally tested, including reflective questions and practical exercises for readers, and presents realistic strategies that can be applied immediately. For these reasons, the book is highly useful for readers.

Everyone desires a life filled with peace and happiness. This book helps readers explore how to overcome the exhaustion caused by poor or uncertain decisions and how to stop mental confusion. Living well in this lifetime is deeply important, and it largely depends on our ability to think clearly and wisely. Learning how to manage our thoughts effectively is essential. In other words, this book offers strategies for managing the fatigue caused by overthinking, helping readers navigate each minute and each day with greater clarity and calm.



Book Title - Psychological Manipulation
 Translator - Thukha Kyaw
 Publishing House - Pann Satt Lann
 Publication Date - February 2026 (1st Edition)
 Price - K14,000

Psychological Manipulation

THIS week will introduce a book that seamlessly integrates psychology, personal development and communication. Sayar Thukha Kyaw analyzed the book titled “Persuasion: Learn Techniques in Manipulation, Dark Psychology, NLP, Deception, and Human Behaviour” by Tori Dasani in Myanmar.

The author Tori Dasani has been focusing on counselling psychology and communication techniques for extensive years. His book presents the art of persuasion from basic to advanced levels, as it is essential in interacting with people. What a distinct feature of this book is covering dark psychology, such as subconscious manipulation and deception methods beyond ordinary persuasion techniques.

The book revealed methods for identifying different personality types, breakdown of how to read their emotional states based

on the foundations of Influence, Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP) exploring how tone of voice, body language, and word choices can influence, persuade and alter people's decisions, “Dark Psychology” chapter that showed techniques of gaslighting manipulation and psychological pressures, and the “Deception” technique delving into why people lie, how to distinguish when someone is lying, and how one can effectively deceive others. Furthermore, the book provides practical applications, illustrating how to effectively utilize these techniques across various environments (offices, families, social circles, and businesses) by comparing them with real-life situations.

“In today's world, there is a very high chance that our emotions and decisions are being influenced and manipulated by others without our knowledge. This book provides detailed ex-

planations of methods on how to protect one's mind from being controlled and manipulated by others, while also explaining how one can lead and influence others in social interactions when necessary.”

As the Myanmar saying goes, “Knowing the disease is half the cure. Only by understanding how people can play with one's mind can one protect oneself and escape those traps. The book contains not only theoretical concepts but also explains psychological attacks that may be encountered in the workplace, distress caused by Social Media and characteristic traits of the manipulators.

Although the context involves complex and deep psychological theories, the author ensures that the readers can quickly grasp the contents of this book through clarity and accessibility.

If a reader can wisely apply the practical guide to decoding human behaviour described in this book alongside their own in-

telligence, they can read people like a book, analyze, understand and predict people's emotions, behaviours and ill-intentions, build mental resilience, and learn to navigate complex social situations with confidence and strategic tactics to build social intelligence. Moreover, the author is not satisfied with mere theoretical knowledge but provides real-life scenarios, practical exercises and case studies, providing experiential learning and scenario-based learning to the readers.

The book Psychological Manipulation is a good book that can benefit businesspeople, those interested in human psychology, those wishing to improve their communication skills, and those in leadership positions. Nonetheless, readers must pay special attention to morality and ethical principles. The author, Tori Dasani, also warned in the book's conclusion that these techniques are like a weapon; they can be used for better or worse, as it has both positive and negative consequences. As the art of persuasion is a fundamental and indispensable component in building and maintaining successful relationships within society, every reader should carefully examine and analyze their own intentions first before practically applying them to life.

Victorious Persons

By Mya Thae (Research)

Victorious persons are generous.
 They are kind and have good habits.
 They always want to perform good deeds and are never selfish.
 They are kind and take care of others' well-wishes.
 They are pious and take part in religious affairs.
 They never do evil things either.
 They take the Five Precepts and take meditation to reach Nibbana.

Sweet Talk Like Honey

Translated By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

One's words to the other's ear,
 With care, so as not to be a pill bitter,
 You boys and girls - everybody
 Have a sweet talk like honey.

26 February 2026

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This Oil Lamp

By Ngwe Tar Yi, Translated by Myint Zan

in front of the Buddha image
 burns the single oil lamp
 shimmering, shining

from this flame
 one and all
 take it to start the other
 (oil lamps)
 still, the flame
 on the lamp
 is not diminished:
 it continues to shine brightly

Translated on 28 January 2026

Ngwe Tar Yi (16 February 1925-19 March 1958) was a poetess. The poem handwritten by the poet appeared in the commemorative volume (published in September 2025) on the 100th anniversary of Daw Ngwe Tar Yi's birth.

This translation commemorates the 101st anniversary of poet Ngwe Tar Yi's birth on 16 February 2026.

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NATIONAL Entertainment

Su Htet Hlaing

Singer and actress Su Htet Hlaing, widely known as Ma Ma Oo, said that the year 2026 has been both a challenging and meaningful year for her. She had the opportunity to act in film adaptations of two classic novels: 'Mone Ywae Ma Hu' by writer Journal Kyaw Ma Ma Lay and 'Hsahtagan' by the famous writer Ma Sanda. She mentioned that although it is a year full of opportunities to work hard, it is also a year with considerable pressure for her.



U Paw Shan (Music Conductor)

U Paw Shan is also supporting and promoting a new young actor named Thura Win Htut. He said, "Just as stars like Aung Zambu and San Yay Moe emerged, I hope Thura Win Htut will become the third. I want him to succeed for the sake of the theatrical field. I want many flowers to bloom in that field. That is why I will nurture Thura Win Htut to become a beautiful and noble flower."

Nay Toe

The play titled The Day Rose Will Bloom presents stories mainly based on events that happened during the past three months. Regarding this play, Nay Toe said, "Nowadays, as the media has become more powerful, we have to be more careful and thoughtful about what we say, the jokes we make, and everything we present. As it is a play, there are also other actors to involve, and there will be many surprise guests."



Kyaw Kyaw Bo

Actor Kyaw Kyaw Bo will take the leading role in the drama series titled 'Gaw Thazin'. He said, "In the story, my character will reflect the appearance and personality appropriate for someone of my age. I can't look too young." The launching ceremony for the 'Gaw Thazin' series was held on 5 March at the Strand Hotel in Yangon. Attendees included actors Kyaw Kyaw Bo, Si Thu Win, Phone Shein Khant, Ye Lwin Oo, May Myint Mo, Cho Madi Thwin, and other officials.

Aye Chan Maung

Academy Aye Chan Maung, who already has a strong fan base, plays the leading role in the film 'Tan Tal'. In the movie, he portrays a successful businessman who is unlucky in love and becomes a servant of love, always satisfying whatever his lover does. The film 'Tan Tal', which is based on a true story, will be screened starting on 20 March.



CELEBRITY

Ma Sanda's 'Hsahtagan' novel to be adapted into drama series

THE well-known novel 'Hsahtagan', written by National Literary Award-winning author Ma Sanda, will be adapted as a drama series.

The launch ceremony of filming was organized at the Kyaikkasan Pagoda in Yangon on 6 March.

The series was arranged by Nyi Nyi Naing for FG Series Production, with a script by Aye Kyi Tha Han, Kyaw Kyaw Tun and Thanda Wai, and directed by Pyi Thit Naing.

The cast includes Kyaw Htet Zaw, Shin Mway La, Min Oo, Myat Thu Thu, Great Chan, Su Htet Hlaing, Thazin Nwe Win, Moe Di, Zaw Oo, Khin Moh Moh Aye, Wah Wah Aung and other artists.

The series highlights married life, family life and the hardships of six women, and it won Academy Awards in the film version. — Htun Htun/KTZH



Phway Phway

Academy Phway Phway shared on her social media, "This month has been a time of rapid ups and downs for my family life... Every human being has to face the hardship of life." Recently, her younger brother passed away, and not long before that, her father also passed away. She wrote, "This time, I will not collapse. I will take a break from work for a while and then return. All the members of my team are like sisters to me. They support me with love and kindness, without any contracts or formal agreements." She also shared, "May everyone have the strength and loving hearts to face life's hardships calmly without falling apart. May you all overcome things in the best possible way." — Htun Htun/KTZH



NATIONAL

Union Minister urges innovative solutions for environmental challenges



Union Minister U Khin Maung Yi delivers the opening speech at the 37th Research Seminar on Forestry, Mining, and Environmental Conservation.

UNION Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, U Khin Maung Yi, stated during the opening ceremony of the 37th Research Seminar on 5 March at the Forest Research Department in Yezin that research must be conducted using new approaches to find solutions for the forestry and environmental issues facing the nation today.

In the mining sector, research must focus on achieving green mining and sustainable mining practices that minimize environmental degradation. Market-oriented research should also be explored. The ministry has established a Research Advisory Committee for Forestry, Mining, and the Environment. By integrating these three sectors, the Union

minister expects more effective and beneficial research outcomes, urging researchers to strive for applied, beneficial results.

The seminar spanned two days, on 5 and 6 March. A total of 27 research papers on forestry, mining, and environmental conservation were presented and discussed. — Htun Htun/ZN

Fire extinguishing demonstration conducted at TTC

JOINTLY organized by Kamayut Township fire brigade and firefighters, a demonstration of fire extinguishing was conducted at the Practising High School, Yangon University of Education (TTC) located on Pyay Road in Kamayut Township's Ward 9 on 7 March morning, according to the Fire Services Department.

Led by the township administrative committee chair, township general administration department staff, and the township administrative committee members and head of the township fire brigade, inspections of fire prevention and electrical

safety were carried out, and the use of a fire extinguisher was demonstrated at the school.

Similarly on 6 March morning, Yangon Region Fire Services Department's director U Min San Aye visited Denko fuel storage and distribution located at Thilawa Port in Kyauktan Township, along with district fire services department's Assistant director U Kyaw Lwin Oo and auxiliary firefighters and township fire safety members, and investigated how fire extinguishing tools are organized and how does it make sure of safety standard. — Htun Htun/ZS



Demonstration of fire extinguishing at TTC.

MAI resumes Dubai flights after brief suspension



An MAI aircraft is seen preparing to begin a flight.

MYANMAR Airways International (MAI) resumed its flight services to Dubai on 6 March, following a temporary suspension on 1 March due to escalating military conflicts in the Middle East.

According to the airlines, a return flight to Dubai was operated on 6 March after an assessment of the latest regional airspace updates and after re-

ceiving the necessary authorization from the Dubai authorities. The scheduling of further flights on the Dubai-Yangon route remains subject to continued approval from the relevant governing bodies.

MAI reaffirmed that it consistently prioritises the safety, security, and well-being of both its passengers and crew members. — ASH/KZL

Parts of Yangon report unhealthy air for sensitive groups

AIR quality monitoring conducted on 6 March in Yangon shows that pollution in Bahan, Thakayta and Kyauktada townships has reached levels that may affect sensitive groups, according to a statement released by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental

Conservation on 7 March.

The Environmental Conservation Department of Yangon Region monitors ambient air quality at five locations in the city using specialized monitoring stations and mobile equipment. The measurements track six key parameters, in-

cluding PM2.5, PM10, sulphur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), ozone (O₃) and carbon monoxide (CO), over 24 hours. Authorities noted that air quality can vary depending on weather conditions, wind speed and direction, humidity, rainfalls, traffic emissions, dust from dry weather, and smoke emitted from industrial activities.

When the Air Quality Index (AQI) reaches 151 to 200, it is classified as an unhealthy level, particularly for sensitive groups.

People are advised to reduce outdoor activities, avoid strenuous exercise outdoors, wear protective masks such as an N95 mask if going outdoors is necessary, and keep windows and doors closed to prevent polluted air from entering their homes. — MNA/KZL

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Air quality levels recorded across five monitoring locations in Yangon Region as released on 7 March.

NATIONAL

Burn-free certification issued to facilitate maize exports to Thailand

THE Ministry of Commerce has formed a Public-Private Task force for Registration of Smoke-Free certificates on issuing burn-free or haze-free certification for maize to be exported to Thailand to prove that the maize was not produced using slash-and-burn methods to align with Thailand's import regulations and global sustainability standards, and reduce air pollution.

That working group started issuing burn-free certification for maize designated for Thailand, beginning 3 March 2026. Individuals can enquire about details of processing burn-free certificates at 09 5070792 and 067 3408247 of Assistant Secretary Daw Nilar Soe, and 09 5070708 and 067 3408319 of Director Daw Cho Thet Mu.

Thailand gives green light for maize imports under zero tariff (with Form D), between 1 February and 31 August. However, Thailand imposes the maximum tax rate of 73 per cent on maize imports to protect the rights of their growers if the maize is imported during the maize season of Thailand.

Maize is the second most important crop after rice in Myanmar's agricultural sector and is a potential cash crop. Maize is commonly grown in Shan State, Kayah State, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Sagaing regions. Monsoon maize is cultivated in May and June, while winter maize is grown in October and November.

Maize is an essential raw material in the feed processing



A farm worker sorts corn for export processing.

industry. It is a crop with steady international demand. Maize is utilized in producing corn starch, oil and sugar-substitute sweeteners. Furthermore, some countries convert maize into biofuel (ethanol) for automobiles.

Myanmar's maize is highly demanded by Thailand, China, Vietnam and the Philippines due to its premium quality. It

is also purchased by India and Bangladesh. Million tonnes are delivered to neighbouring countries through border checkpoints, generating a foreign income for the country. As the maize is easy to cultivate and has a strong market, the crop will contribute to farmers and the nation's economy upon systematic cultivation.

Myanmar ships over two million tonnes of maize to foreign trade partners yearly. The maize is cultivated in Shan, Kachin, Kayah and Kayin states and Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway regions. Myanmar has three maize seasons – winter, summer and monsoon. Myanmar's annual maize output is estimated at 2.5-3 million tonnes. — NN/KK

CBM continues selling US dollars to edible oil importers



The Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) in Nay Pyi Taw.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) injected US\$220,000, 300,000 yuan and over five million baht into the foreign exchange market on 6 March. Additionally, CBM sold over \$1.96 million to edible oil importers on that day, after sales of over \$1.24 million to edible oil-importing companies on 4 March.

CBM also injected over 5.6 million baht into the market on 4 March. CBM injected \$1 million each into the edible oil

and fuel oil import sectors on 3 March, along with selling over 470,990 yuan and over 631,800 baht in the foreign exchange market.

CBM sold over \$35 million, 34 million baht and over three million yuan in February. CBM sold over \$43 million, 65 million baht and over four million yuan in January 2026.

CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devalua-

tion. According to CBM's notification on 15 March 2024, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

Bids invited from private firms for Yangon-Mandalay Expressway telematics system

THE Expressway Control and Supervision Group of the Department of Highways under the Ministry of Commerce invited private companies run by Myanmar citizens to submit a tender to run a telematics system on the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway through the Command Centre to improve safety and efficiency. Companies need to provide company registration copy, company profile, international service experience of the proposed telematics systems with at least five years, whether services have been provided in the region or not, internationally recognized certification of pro-

posed telematics system, test records of trials conducted in Myanmar, sample of equipment to be used in the system, system operation specifications both in Myanmar and English, time-frame for starting operations and schedule of the selected company, comprehensive service proposal, country of origin of the devices, and price quotation in Kyat.

Interested companies need to submit a tender to the Expressway Control and Supervision Group in Nay Pyi Taw by 4 pm on 20 March. They can enquire about details by dialling 09 250902004. — NN/KK



A general view of the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway.

Embraer posts record revenues, but US tariffs slash profits

BRAZILIAN aircraft manufacturer Embraer said Friday it had achieved its highest ever revenues in 2025, but US tariffs cut deeply into its profits.

The world's third-largest aircraft manufacturer after Airbus and Boeing posted revenue of \$7.6 billion last year, exceeding its most optimistic forecasts.

However, the company paid \$80 million in tariffs

to the United States, a major client for commercial and executive aircraft, and net profit fell 45 per cent compared to 2024.

The company delivered 244 aircraft during the year, an increase of 18 per cent from the previous year.

Growth was driven by the defense and security sector, as well as business aviation. Embraer Pres-

ident Francisco Gomes Neto told journalists at a press conference that 2025 had "clearly marked the consolidation of our strategy across all our businesses." — AFP

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Maldives tourist arrivals top 500,000 in 2026 despite flight disruptions



The Maldives has received more than 500,000 tourists so far this year. PHOTO: CGTN

THE Maldives has received more than 500,000 tourists so far this year, the official PSM News said on Saturday, citing statistics provided by the Ministry of Tourism and Environment.

The ministry said 502,252 tourists visited the

island nation as of March 4, up 8.8 percent from 461,839 arrivals during the same period last year.

China remained the top source market, with 79,681 arrivals, followed by Russia with 57,466 and Italy with 48,417. Britain

ranked fourth with 46,005 arrivals, while Germany placed fifth with 31,344.

The ministry said average daily tourist arrivals have fallen sharply after flights from several source markets were canceled because of the ongoing mili-

tary conflict in the Middle East. The government is working to restore some suspended flights, while relevant agencies are also seeking to introduce flights from alternative destinations, PSM News said. — Xinhua

'Nothing is working': Gulf travel turmoil hits Berlin tourism fair

SANTHOSH Kanakandath still managed to fly to Berlin from Oman to represent his travel agency at the ITB Berlin tourism trade fair, despite the travel disruption caused by the war in the Middle East.

But he fears the potential effects on his business if the conflict continues for much longer, he told AFP at the global travel industry event, which opened on Monday.

Iran's strikes on Gulf states following US-Israeli attacks have grounded most regular flights and shut shipping lanes, caus-

ing the biggest disruption to global travel since the Covid pandemic.

Some 19,000 flights have been cancelled in four days and tens of thousands of travellers remain stranded in the Gulf region, waiting for special flights chartered by governments and tour operators to take them home.

Kanakandath said his As'saraya travel agency, which specializes in jeep expeditions in the Ommani desert, has already lost 1,500 bookings for the spring — a fifth of its annual business. — AFP

China's domestic travel hits record highs in 2025: official

DOMESTIC travel in China hit record highs both in 2025 and during the 2026 Spring Festival holiday, Minister of Culture and Tourism Sun Yeli said on Saturday.

During the nine-day

Spring Festival holiday from 15 to 23 February, the country recorded 596 million domestic trips, with tourism spending surpassing 800 billion yuan (about US\$115.93 billion), both setting new

records, Sun told a press conference on the sidelines of the annual session of the national legislature.

For the full year of 2025, domestic trips by Chinese residents exceeded 6.5 billion, up more

than 16 per cent year on year, with tourism expenditure reaching 6.3 trillion yuan, an increase of 9.5 per cent — setting new records in both volume and spending, Sun added. — Xinhua

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M.V RANONG MOE VOY.NO. (017)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V RANONG MOE VOY.NO. (017)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **8-3-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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A handout photograph taken by the Sri Lankan Navy of the Iranian ship IRIS Bushehr.
PHOTO: SRI LANKAN NAVY/AFP

MARCH 7

Sri Lanka upholds law for rescued Iranian sailors

SRI Lanka will treat Iranian sailors rescued from a torpedoed frigate according to international law, a minister said Saturday, following reports Washington was pressuring Colombo to not repatriate them.

Foreign Minister Vijitha Herath told a conference in New Delhi that Sri Lanka was caring for 32 sailors from the Iranian frigate IRIS Dena under Colombo's international treaty obligations.

The frigate was sunk by a US submarine on Wednesday just off Sri Lanka's southern coast.

Sri Lanka sent its navy to rescue survivors and recover 84 bodies.

Asked if Colombo was under pressure from the US to not repatriate the Iranians, Herath did not answer directly.

"We have taken all the steps according to international laws," Herath said. — AFP

MARCH 6

S Korea, US discuss relocating strategic weapons

SOUTH Korea's foreign minister said Friday that Seoul and Washington are in talks on possibly relocating weapons, as the war in Iran intensifies.

The war in the Middle East has dragged in global powers and upended the world's energy and transport sectors.

South Korea, a US security ally, hosts around 28,500 American troops and air defence assets, including Patriot missile interceptors, to deter the nuclear-armed North.

The operation of US forces in South Korea is "being closely coordinated between the military authorities of both countries," Seoul's Foreign Minister Cho Hyun said at a parliamentary hearing. Cho was responding to question from a lawmaker about reports that the US moved weapons held by US Forces Korea before striking Iran and whether Seoul and Washington are discussing further possible relocations. — AFP

MARCH 5

Iran hits Kurdish groups in Iraq

FRESH blasts were reported in Iran's capital on Thursday as Tehran said it had targeted Kurdish groups in Iraq and warned "separatist groups" against action in the widening war.

The conflict that began Saturday with US-Israeli strikes that killed Iran's supreme leader has spread across much of the region, sparking global economic pressure, energy disruptions and travel chaos.

Iran's retaliatory strikes have targeted many of its Gulf neighbours which host US military bases, while Israel has hit Lebanon and moved forces across the border.

On Thursday, Tehran said it had hit Iraq-based Kurdish groups "opposed to the revolution", as reports said the United States was looking to arm Kurdish guerillas to infiltrate Iran. The strikes followed a warning from Iranian officials. — AFP

MARCH 4

North Korea unveils statue of leader Kim Jong Un

NORTH Korea has unveiled one of its first-known statues of Kim Jong Un, using the "highly unusual" sculpture to depict the leader as a smiling man of the people, an analyst told AFP.

State-run Korean Central Television recently broadcast images of the halfbody sculpture, depicting Kim smiling warmly with his right hand tucked in his coat pocket.

South Korea's Unification Ministry, which handles interKorean relations for Seoul, said it was the first such work depicting the third-generation leader.

"A statue of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un was recently shown on Korean Central Television, and as far as we know, this is the first time it has been identified," the department said on Wednesday.

North Korea is dotted with massive statues venerating Kim's grandfather Kim Il Sung and his father Kim Jong Il — the first two members of the family dynasty to rule the reclusive nation. — AFP

MARCH 3

No damage to Iran sites housing nuclear material

THE UN nuclear watchdog IAEA said Wednesday facilities housing nuclear material in Iran suffered no damage in the recent US-Israeli strikes and there was no risk of a radiation leak.

"Based on analysis of latest available satellite imagery, IAEA sees no damage to facilities containing nuclear material in Iran and therefore no radiological release risk at this time," the agency said on X.

Near the Natanz site near the central city of Isfahan, "damage is visible at two buildings" and there was "no additional impact detected" after "damage at entrances" reported on Tuesday, it said.

IAEA inspectors have had no access to the key Natanz site since it was targeted by bombings in June during the 12 day war triggered by an Israeli attack.

The IAEA reported "no impact at other nuclear sites, including Bushehr" in the southeast. — AFP

MARCH 2

India issues security advisory for its nationals

INDIA has issued urgent security advisories for its nationals in Qatar, Türkiye, and Syria amid regional tensions following the Israel-US strike on Iran and widespread flight disruptions.

In Qatar, the Embassy of India in Doha suspended regular consular services on 2 March 2026, due to the security situation but maintained 24/7 emergency assistance for passports, visas, attestations, and labor issues.

Indians were urged to stay vigilant, contact embassies, and follow official social media. In Türkiye, the Istanbul Consulate is monitoring flight cancellations at Istanbul Grand and Sabiha Gokcen airports, liaising with airlines and affected passengers. — ANI

MARCH 1

IRGC strikes US base in UAE

IRAN'S Revolutionary Guards said Friday they had targeted a US base in the UAE that they alleged had been used as a launchpad for a strike on a school.

According to Iranian authorities, a strike had hit a girls' elementary school on Saturday in Minab county in the south of the country, killing more than 150 people including students.

AFP has neither been able to access the site in order to verify the incident, or to obtain independent confirmation of a toll.

"Al-Dhafra air base, belonging to American terrorists in the region, was targeted using drones and precision missiles," the Guards said in a statement broadcast on state TV. — AFP

SPORTS

Dagon Port beat Rakhine United in crucial relegation clash



Players from both Dagon Port and Rakhine United are in action at Thuwunna Stadium on 6 March.
PHOTO: MNL

DAGON Port defeated Rakhine United 5-3 in a crucial 2025-2026 Myanmar National League matchday 20 fixture at Thuwunna Stadium on 6 March, boosting their hopes of avoiding relegation.

After leading 1-0 at half-time through a 40th-minute

goal by Yar Zar Aung, Dagon Port launched a strong second-half attack, scoring four goals between 60 and 78 minutes through Cantona, La Min Htwe, Yar Zar Aung and Pho Thaukkyar. Rakhine United responded with goals from Zin Min Htun and a late brace by

Mi So, but fell short.

With the result, Dagon Port moved to 19 points from 20 matches, while Rakhine United dropped to 11th place with 18 points, leaving the relegation battle wide open with two matches remaining. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

17-year-old Maycon Cardozo: Bayern's smallest rising into the spotlight

SPOTTING Maycon Cardozo at Bayern Munich's training sessions over the past few months was easy. The 17-year-old Sao Paulo-born striker was simply the shortest.

Despite delivering an enchanting story, the 1.65-metre-tall whirlwind secretly pursued his dream of playing professional football, wearing a Bavarian shirt in the shadow of the German champion's superstars.

Since Friday evening, "Bayern's smallest" has become known to a wider audience as he made his first-tier debut in the league encounter against Monchengladbach (4-1), being substituted in the 61st minute.

Inspired by talents like Jamal Musiala (23), David Santos Daiber (19), and Lennart Karl (18), the young player became the first from the club's "World Squad" to reach the first team. — Xinhua



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PHOTO: FC BAYERN

'Grateful' Osaka returns to action with Indian Wells win

FOUR-TIME Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka got her injury return off to a solid start on Friday, punching her ticket to the third round at Indian Wells with a 7-5, 6-2 victory over qualifier Victoria Jimenez Kasintseva.

The Japanese superstar said she didn't know what to expect from her 97th-ranked opponent in their first meeting.

But more importantly she wasn't too sure what to expect from herself in her first match since she pulled out before her Australian Open third-round contest with an abdominal injury.

"It wasn't, like, too positive," she said of her build up to Indian Wells.

"I was really disappointed (at the Australian Open), because it's something that I have done to myself before, and I feel like every year I go through that specific injury.

"Every year I can kind of

feel it starting to happen. I was just really disappointed in myself, and then ironically, we were training and I injured myself — I did another injury.

"Hopefully, that's enough injuries for the whole year," Osaka said. "I'm just grateful to be out here and be playing." — AFP



Japan's Naomi Osaka booked a third-round berth at Indian Wells with a victory over qualifier Victoria Jimenez Kasintseva.
PHOTO: AFP

Pirovano overtakes Vonn after 'crazy' World Cup downhill double



Laura Pirovano made it two wins in as many days with another downhill victory at Val di Fassa. **PHOTO: AFP**

ITALIAN skier Laura Pirovano, winless in World Cup racing before triumphing in Friday's downhill at Val di Fassa, backed it up by taking a second victory in Saturday's downhill in the Dolomites.

As on Friday, the 28-year-old Pirovano edged her nearest rival by just 0.01 second — this time Austria's Cornelia Huetter — while Switzerland's Corinne

Suter finished third, 0.05 seconds behind.

"Today I couldn't believe it, even more than yesterday," said Pirovano. "I didn't feel as good as I did yesterday, halfway down. I felt so tired because yesterday took so much out of me, a lot of emotions."

Pirovano, who had until this week never finished on a World Cup podium, moved into first

place in the World Cup downhill standings, a spot previously held by American Lindsey Vonn, who was seriously injured in a crash at last month's Winter Olympics.

"My thoughts are really confused right now. Unbelievable is the right word for today and yesterday, to win two races, as first podiums, and (by) one hundredth (of a second), that is crazy," said Pirovano. — AFP

China implements 15-minute break, 2-hour daily physical activity in compulsory education

China has rolled out an initiative of 15-minute inter-class break and two hours of daily physical activities for primary and junior high school students in all its provincial-level regions, Education Minister Huai Jinpeng said on Saturday.

Monitoring by national authorities showed that the overall good-or-excellent rate of physical health among Chinese students has been steadily rising, and the overall student myopia rate has declined for four consecutive years, Huai

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told a press conference on the sidelines of the ongoing national legislative session.

He said China will fur-

ther advance the campaign to strengthen students' fitness by creating PE classes that students enjoy and promoting

basketball, football and volleyball matches across campuses, among other moves. — Xinhua

Grooming makes Crufts debut as UK dog show widens offer



A poodle being groomed at Crufts. **PHOTO: AFP**

AT Crufts, Britain's iconic dog show, grooming championships made their debut, showcasing sculpted poodles amid booming canine culture.

Five-year-old Raven, a poised charcoal standard poodle, held steady for 2.5 hours on the table as groomer Amie Gale, 41, perfected her shaved face, short ears, and terrier tail — prioritizing symmetry. Though they didn't win the open category, Gale hailed the exposure: "Brilliant to bring grooming to public eye".

Joanna Tofts, 33, gave her 18-month miniature poodle Koda a Scandinavian trim nearby,

praising the event's role in educating crowds on professional grooming.

Founded in 1891 by The Kennel Club, Crufts expects 150,000 visitors at Birmingham's NEC, blending contests with trade stands and "have a go" sessions.

Sisters Harriet and Chiron Tait, 22 and ?, handled show dogs like Border Terrier Alfie in fun trials — parading, tabling, and treating — prepping owner Anne Speake, 57, for terrier group bids. Young Kennel Club events nurture future handlers, ensuring the tradition endures as Crufts evolves. — AFP

Kano's rickshaws: Women defy tradition in male-dominated trade

IN Kano, Nigeria's conservative Muslim hub, women are breaking barriers as rickshaw taxi drivers amid economic hardship. Umma Hani Yusuf Khalid, 35, a divorced mother of two, sports a pink veil and navigates chaotic streets in her eye-catching electric rickshaw, serving only female passengers. Part of the Mata Zalla cooperative — "exclusively women" in Hausa — she ditched footwear sales 18 months ago

for higher earnings, rebuilding her home and funding her nieces' weddings.

Mata Zalla empowers 100 drivers via loans and Lagos-assembled vehicles, deducting wages to grant ownership after three years. Co-founder Hauwa Ahmad Tarauni, 50, notes the lucrative trade was men-only; yellow petrol rickshaws dominate Kano's five million residents. Pink e-rickshaws charge at solar stations, monitored by

app.

Khalid endures a 15-kilometre dawn commute, schooling her kids mid-shift, staying "composed behind the wheel" against car harassment. Sharia law's high divorce rates leave women sole providers; female-only rides ensure safety, as passenger Sarah Abner, 32, pregnant, affirms. With 200 on the waiting list, Tarauni seeks expansion: "Our 100 rickshaws are a drop in the sea." — AFP



Yellow petrol-powered rickshaws have become the main form of transport for Kano's population. **PHOTO: OLYMPIA DE MAISMONT / AFP/FILE**