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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.



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing speaks on the 61st Anniversary of Myanmar Police Force Day yesterday.

Myanmar works with international partners on drug control

Police officers are required not only to uphold professional competence and skill in carrying out their duties, but also to exemplify integrity, sound judgement, and courteous conduct in public relations and service to the community.

ACTING President and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, delivered an address at the ceremony to

mark the 61st Anniversary of Myanmar Police Force Day at the Hotel Mingalathiri in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.
The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and attendees saluted the flag


of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and observed a one-minute silence to pay tribute to the police members who had fallen in serving the duties of peace and tranquillity and the rule of law.

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Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the 61st MPF Day ceremony

1. Myanmar has been implementing anti-human trafficking measures as a national responsibility since 1997.
2. At present, the Fourth Five-Year Plan (2022–2026) is being carried out with three strategic plans, four tactics, and four action plans.
3. Myanmar has placed 39 chemical substances under control; now, an additional four have been added, bringing the total to 43 prohibited chemicals officially announced.

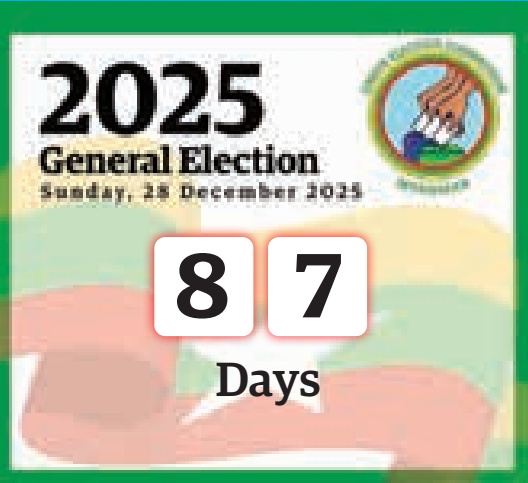
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2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

- Domestic election observers who wish to monitor the multiparty democratic general election, which will begin in phases on 28 December 2025, may apply for election observation permits at the Union Election Commission (UEC), as well as the relevant Region/State, District, and Township Election Subcommissions from today until 5 December 2025.
- The Union Election Commission announced on 16 September 2025 that domestic election observers must follow the Code of Conduct for Observers, issued under Notification 68/2025, and adhere to the procedures set out for their observation activities under Notification 69/2025. These notifications are available for viewing and can be downloaded from the Union Election Commission’s official website <https://www.uec.gov.mm>.
- The Union Election Commission has also announced that international election observers will be allowed to monitor the multiparty democratic general election. Invitations will be extended directly to representatives of relevant countries and international organizations. In addition, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, invitations will be sent to representatives of foreign embassies, consulates, and permanent missions that maintain diplomatic relations with the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Union Election Commission



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

Announcement

- The POSCO International Corporation (Myanmar E&P), which is collaborating with the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise in petroleum exploration and production, will conduct the Shwe Phase IV Development Drilling Campaign in Off-shore Blocks A-1/A-3 using Rig “Bluewhale-1”. The designated area coordinates are:
 - ❖ Point MHD-A: North Latitude 19°22’46.57”, East Longitude 92°31’53.71”
 - ❖ Point MHD-B: North Latitude 19°22’48.81”, East Longitude 92°31’53.71”
 - ❖ Point MSD-A: North Latitude 19°30’59.38”, East Longitude 92°38’33.87”
 - ❖ Point SHD-Q: North Latitude 19°37’47.51”, East Longitude 92°35’02.50”The drilling operations will be carried out from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026.
- Therefore, during the period when drilling works are being undertaken by Rig “Bluewhale-1” in Offshore Blocks A-1/A-3, to avoid disruption and delays, a Notice to Mariners has been issued. All vessels, including cargo ships, fishing boats, and service vessels, are strictly prohibited from entering, anchoring, fishing, or deploying fishing equipment within a four-kilometre radius of the above-mentioned coordinates.

Department of Fisheries

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



Exciting Dinosaur Kingdom opens at PyinOoLwin’s BE Falls today



This photo displays a poster for the Dinosaur Kingdom, which will open at the BE Falls in PyinOoLwin.

DINOSAUR Kingdom, a new and exciting attraction at the BE Falls (Pwekauk) resort in

PyinOoLwin, is set to open on 2 October, according to a social media post.

In the Dinosaur Kingdom of the BE Falls, a variety of ancient dinosaurs can be seen in a realistic format, and the children can study their time, type and living conditions, helping them develop their knowledge in ancient history, natural science, and creativity.

Dinosaur Kingdom will be a place where people can experience the giant dinosaurs seen in “Jurassic Park”. Moreover, other recreational features include bumper cars, tea cups, roller coasters, and carousel (merry-go-rounds). There are also colourful parks, playgrounds, and wonders of nature, including flowing water rhythm, and singing birds that can attract visitors.

Families together with their children are invited by the Pwekauk fall team to come and relax at the waterfall to create a fun and relaxing time during the school holidays. — MT/ZN

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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)

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Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said that the Myanmar Police Force is currently prioritizing Our Three Main National Causes while striving to successfully implement the four objectives of the National Defence and Security Council. At the same time, it is emphasizing working more closely with the Tatmadaw and the people in efforts to eradicate terrorism.

In addition, the Myanmar Police Force will also have to successfully carry out its four objectives, maintaining internal security and community peace and tranquillity, upholding the rule of law, preventing and combatting the dangers of narcotic drugs, and engaging in public welfare activities, as well as its six duties: preventing crimes before they occur, investigating and prosecuting crimes that have already taken place, ensuring discipline and stability within the State, safeguarding the security of the people, suppressing and eliminating the dangers of narcotic and psychotropic substances, and carrying out public welfare activities.

The Myanmar Police Force is an organization that directly engages with the public across the country, carrying out tasks to ensure the stability and tranquillity of people's lives as well as upholding the rule of law. Because of this direct interaction with the people, police members must not only possess professional competence and skills in their duties, but also demonstrate good understanding and conduct in public relations and public service.

In countries practising a multiparty democratic system, elections are regarded as one of the most important democratic processes. On 28 December this year, the multiparty democratic general elections will begin to be held. The Tatmadaw has reintroduced and strengthened the multiparty democratic system long aspired to by the people, and it will now be handed over to the hands of the public. Therefore, emphasis must be placed on ensuring public security for the successful holding of free and fair elections, and all citizens are urged to join hands and make collective efforts toward this goal.

Transnational crimes have become a challenge to the political, economic, and social development and national security



The Senior General honours the member of the Myanmar Police Force.

of countries. Since such crimes cannot be tackled by a single country alone, coordinated cooperation and joint responses among nations are required. At the regional level, regional police organizations have been formed to combat transnational crimes, and collaboration is also being carried out with the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL).

Between 1 January and 31 August 2025, a total of 5,115 drug-related offenders were arrested in Myanmar, together with narcotic drugs and related items worth over K977 billion. Previously, Myanmar had placed 39 chemical substances under control; now, an additional four have been added, bringing the total to 43 prohibited chemicals officially announced. Myanmar is also cooperating with international organizations in narcotics control measures.

On 26 June 2025, at the ceremony marking the 38th International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, a total of 66 kinds of narcotic drugs and chemicals worth over K1,072 billion and US\$297

million, together with related items, were incinerated.

Myanmar has been implementing anti-human trafficking measures as a national responsibility since 1997. At present, the Fourth Five-Year Plan (2022-2026) is being carried out with three strategic plans, four tactics, and four action plans.

Under the Anti-Money Laundering Law and related regulations, a total of 72 cases were investigated between October 2024 and August 2025, resulting in the conviction of three male offenders and the confiscation of approximately K4.605 billion for the State treasury. In addition, under the Electronic Communications Law, actions were taken against 162 cases involving illegal online gambling and online financial fraud, with a total of 2,491 offenders prosecuted — 1,882 men and 609 women.

From 2 October 2024 to 31 August 2025, a total of 4,587 police members were honoured, including five police members with the Ye Thura medal, 20 with the Ye

Bala medal, one with the police gallantry medal, 10 with the Ye Thurein medal and two with the Ye Kyaswa medal.

On 28 March 2025, due to the strong earthquake that struck Mandalay, the Myanmar Police Force, together with Tatmadaw, local communities, and relevant regional partner organizations, was able to carry out emergency response operations as quickly as possible in the affected areas. Appreciation and commendation were expressed for their prompt and effective actions.

All members of the Myanmar Police Force, at every rank, are expected to continuously train and enhance their skills and competencies – key attributes of a strong and effective organization. As an institution that closely interacts with the public, it must also carry out public relations and community engagement in a manner that keeps them closely connected and aligned with the people.

Then, a video clip on the 61st Anniversary of MPF Day was screened.

The Senior General presented honorary medals for gallantry performances to four police members, Commission Member Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, three police members with the gallantry medal and Commission Member and Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, one police member with the gallantry medal and two more with the honorary medal for performance, respectively.

The Senior General viewed round documentary photos, machinery, technological accessories, arms, uniforms, communication devices used by units of MPF, and seized narcotic drugs displayed at the booths to mark the 61st Anniversary of MPF Day.

Also, present at the ceremony were Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Commission members, Union ministers and Union-level dignitaries, the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers, diplomats, guests from international organizations, the Chief of Myanmar Police Force and police members, retired senior police officers, artistes and guests. — MNA/TTA

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Dinner hosted
in honour of 61st
Anniversary of
MPF Day

ACTING President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, attended the dinner in honour of the 61st Anniversary of Myanmar Police Force Day at Hotel Mingalathiri in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening.

Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife, Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, were welcomed by officials at the dinner reception.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and his wife had dinner together with

attendees.

Before and during the dinner, the MPF members from the MPF Band and entertainment troupes, artistes from the Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture and those from the Myawady Entertainment Troupe under the Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare presented songs.

After the dinner, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and his wife presented the flower basket and cash awards to members of the MPF band and entertainment troupes and artistes.

Also present at the dinner reception were Commission member Prime Minister U Nyo



Acting President and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents cash awards to members of the MPF band, entertainment troupes and artistes.

Saw and his wife, Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo and his wife, commission members and their wives, Union ministers,

Union-level dignitaries and their wives, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives,

deputy ministers, departmental heads, the Chief of MPF and members, retired senior police officers, artistes and officials. — MNA/TTA

MoE Union Minister meets Qatari delegation led by former Dy PM & Defence Minister

Union Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin received a delegation led by former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Defence Affairs of the State of Qatar, Dr Khalid Bin Mohammed Al Attiyah, yesterday afternoon at the Energy Ministry's Yaynatha Hall in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, the Union Minister noted that Myanmar, due to its strategic geographical location in Southeast Asia and its abundance of energy resources, offers significant opportunities for investment in the energy sector. He invited



Union Minister U Ko Ko Lwin receives Dr Kalid Bin Mohammed Al Attiyah, former Deputy Premier and Minister of State for Defence Affairs of the State of Qatar yesterday.

Qatari companies to invest in onshore and offshore exploration, drilling, and production of oil and natural gas, as well as in the development of natural gas pipelines in Myanmar's promising and untapped areas.

He further highlighted that Qatar, being rich in oil and natural gas and recognized as one of the world's leading producers and exporters of LNG, would be a valuable partner in the LNG sector. He expressed Myanmar's interest in cooperating with Qatar to establish Myanmar as an LNG trading hub, enabling the supply and

distribution of natural gas to China and other Southeast Asian countries.

Dr Khalid Bin Mohammed Al Attiyah, in turn, explained the projects that Qatar is currently implementing both domestically and abroad. He also held open and constructive discussions with the Union Minister on possible areas of bilateral cooperation in the energy sector.

Also present at the meeting were directors-general, managing directors and senior officials from the departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Energy. — MNA/MKKS



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Union Minister U Than Swe meets Mr Milton Xavier Castellanos Mosquera, Under-Secretary-General of IFRC for National Society Development and Coordination, in Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.

MoFA Union Minister receives Under-Secretary-General of IFRC for National Society Development and Coordination

U Than Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, received Mr Milton Xavier Castellanos Mosquera, Under-Secretary-General of IFRC for National Society Development and Coordination, yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw. They exchanged views on matters related to the ongoing and further assis-

tance of IFRC in close coordination with MRCS for the rehabilitation activities following the Mandalay Earthquake. Also present at the meeting were Ms Nadia Khoury, Head of Delegation, IFRC Myanmar and Professor Dr Myo Nyunt, President, MRCS and senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA

Myanmar observes Older Persons Day 2025, focusing on ageing society and social pensions



Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win presents consumer goods, medicines, and donations to older persons at the yesterday's event.

THE International Day of Older Persons ceremony was held yesterday afternoon at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw. Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win, who also chairs the Myanmar National Committee for Older Persons, attended the event together with deputy ministers, officials from Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon City Development Committees, departmental personnel, members of the National Committee for Older Persons, invitees and responsible persons. The Union minister explained that due to new medical treatments, wider health knowledge, and improved

healthcare services, life expectancy has risen worldwide, including in Myanmar, and the older population is gradually increasing. According to the 2024 Population and Housing Census, Myanmar's estimated population of more than 51 million includes over 6.1 million aged 60 and above, accounting for around 12 per cent of the total population. By 2050, the number of people aged 60 and above is expected to reach about 13 million, around 20 per cent of the total. Myanmar's birth rate has also fallen from 2.5 per cent in 2014 to 2.1 per cent in 2023. Although the under-five mortality rate has dropped from nearly four per cent in 2019 to three per cent in 2024, the mortality rate

remains comparatively high against the declining birth rate. He noted that as time passes, population replacement will become more difficult, and Myanmar may soon face an ageing society dominated by the elderly. The theme of the International Day of Older Persons 2025 is "Older Persons Driving Local and Global Action: Our Aspirations, Our Well-Being and Our Rights". He highlighted the government's provision of tiered financial support for homes for the aged, assistance with elderly care technologies, and the implementation of social pension programmes nationwide. For the 2025-2026 financial year, a six-month social pension is being provided to 121,622 older persons aged 85 and above, with a total budget of over K7.217 billion disbursed through branches of Myanmar Economic Bank. To mark the occasion, the nation's oldest man and woman will each receive an honorary award of K1 million. Afterwards, a video record of elderly care and rights-related measures was shown, and the Union minister, deputy ministers and committee members presented consumer goods, medicines, and donations to older persons attending the event. — MNA/KZL

MoH Union Minister receives IFRC Under-Secretary-General



Union Minister Professor Dr Thet Khaing Win and Under-Secretary-General of IFRC for National Society Development and Coordination Mr Milton Xavier Castellanos Mosquera discuss the cooperation with the Myanmar Red Cross Society the Department of Public Health in Nay pyi Taw yesterday.

UNION Minister for Health Professor Dr Thet Khaing Win received Under-Secretary-General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Mr Milton Xavier Castellanos Mosquera at the guest hall of the ministry yesterday afternoon. They discussed the IFRC support for the rehabilitation of the earthquake victims via the Myanmar Red Cross Society, IFRC cooperation with the Myanmar Red Cross Society in primary healthcare, water

and sanitation, humanitarian assistance provided by the Myanmar Red Cross Society, the future cooperation between the Department of Public Health under the Ministry of Health, the Myanmar Red Cross Society and the IFRC. Deputy Minister Dr Aye Htun, President Dr Myo Nyunt of the Myanmar Red Cross Society, the Resident Representative of the IFRC Office in Myanmar, and officials from the Ministry of Health were present on the occasion. — MNA/MKKS

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Endorsement of Myanmar Standards Adoption

IN accordance with the duties and functions of section 5, article b and vested mandate of Section 33 Article (b) of the Law on Standardization, the National Standards Council endorses the following 73 standards to adopt as Myanmar Standards.

No	Myanmar Standards	
1.	MMS IEC 60255-1: 2022 Measuring relays and protection equipment - Part 1: Common requirements	
2.	MMS IEC 60270: 2000+AMD1:2015 High-voltage test techniques - Partial discharge measurements	
3.	MMS IEC 60364-7-712: 2017 Low voltage electrical installations - Part 7-712: Requirements for special installations or locations - Solar photovoltaic (PV) power supply systems	
4.	MMS IEC 61010-1: 2010+AMD1:2016 CSV Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use - Part 1: General requirements	
5.	MMS IEC 61853-1: 2011 Photovoltaic (PV) module performance testing and energy rating - Part 1: Irradiance and temperature performance measurements and power rating	
6.	MMS IEC 62109-1: 2010 Safety of power converters for use in photovoltaic power systems - Part 1: General requirements	
7.	MMS IEC 62305-1: 2024 Protection against lightning - Part 1: General principles	
8.	MMS IEC 62305-3: 2024 Protection against lightning - Part 3: Physical damage to structures and life hazard	
9.	MMS IEC 62446-2: 2020 Photovoltaic (PV) systems - Requirements for testing, documentation and maintenance - Part 2: Grid connected systems - Maintenance of PV systems	
10.	MMS IEC TS 62446-3: 2017 Photovoltaic (PV) systems - Requirements for testing, documentation and maintenance - Part 3: Photovoltaic modules and plants - Outdoor infrared thermography	
11.	MMS IEC 62548-1: 2023 Photovoltaic (PV) arrays - Part 1: Design requirements	
12.	MMS IEC 62930: 2017 Electric cables for photovoltaic systems with a voltage rating of 1,5 kV DC	
13.	MMS IEC 62933-5-1: 2024 Electrical energy storage (EES) systems - Part 5-1: Safety considerations for grid-integrated EES systems - General specification	
14.	MMS IEC 62933-5-2: 2020 Electrical energy storage (EES) systems - Part 5-2: Safety requirements for grid-integrated EES systems - Electrochemical-based systems	
15.	MMS IEC 62933-5-3: 2023 Electrical energy storage (EES) systems - Part 5-3: Safety requirements for grid-integrated EES systems - Performing unplanned modification of electrochemical-based system	
16.	MMS IEC 63112: 2021 Photovoltaic (PV) arrays - Earth fault protection equipment - Safety and safety-related functionality	
17.	MMS CXS 72: 1981 Standard for Infant Formula and Formulas for Special Medical Purposes Intended for Infants	
18.	MMS CXS 73: 1981 Standard for Canned Baby Foods	
19.	MMS CXS 108: 1981 Standard for Natural Mineral Waters	
20.	MMS CXS 150: 1985 Standard for Food Grade Salt	
21.	MMS CXS 180: 1991 Standard for the Labelling of and Claims for Foods for Special Medical Purposes	
22.	MMS CXS 250: 2006 Standard for a Blend of Evaporated Skimmed Milk and Vegetable Fat	
23.	MMS ISO/TS 22002-1: 2009 Prerequisite programmes on food safety Part 1: Food manufacturing	
24.	MMS ISO/TS 22002-3: 2011 Prerequisite programmes on food safety-Part 3: Farming	
25.	MMS UNECE R 117: 2016 Uniform provisions concerning the approval of tyres with regard to rolling sound emissions and/or to adhesion on wet surfaces and/or to rolling resistance	
26.	MMS UNECE R 142: 2017 Uniform provisions concerning the approval of motor vehicles concerning the installation of their tyres	
27.	MMS ISO 10002: 2018 Quality management — Customer satisfaction — Guidelines for complaints handling in organizations	
28.	MMS ISO 10006: 2017 Quality management — Guidelines for quality management in projects	
29.	MMS ISO 10007: 2017 Quality management — Guidelines for configuration management	
30.	MMS 56: 2025 Standard for Mung Beans	
31.	MMS ASEAN STAN 58: 2018 Standard for Mature Coconut	
32.	MMS 58: 2025 Aloe vera L. Burm.f.	
33.	MMS 59: 2025 Morinda citrifolia L.	
34.	MMS 60: 2025 Adhatoda vasica Nees.	
35.	MMS 61: 2025 Brucea javanica (L.) Merr.	
36.	MMS 62: 2025 Alstonia scholaris (L.) R. Br.	
37.	MMS 57: 2025 Myanmar Sustainable Natural Rubber – MSNR Guideline	
38.	MMS ISO 756-1:1981 Propan-2-ol for industrial use — Methods of test Part 1: General	
39.	MMS ISO 2992: 1974 Ammonium sulphate for industrial use — Determination of iron content — 2,2'- Bipyridyl photometric method	
40.	MMS ISO 2993: 1974 Ammonium sulphate for industrial use — Determination of free acidity — Titrimetric method	
41.	MMS ISO 3107: 2022 Dentistry — Zinc oxide-eugenol cements and non-eugenol zinc oxide cements	
42.	MMS ISO 3332: 1975 Ammonium sulphate for industrial use — Determination of ammoniacal nitrogen content — Titrimetric method after distillation	
43.	MMS ISO 7103: 1982 Liquefied anhydrous ammonia for industrial use — Sampling — Taking a laboratory sample	
44.	MMS ISO 7105: 1985 Liquefied anhydrous ammonia for industrial use — Determination of water content — Karl Fischer method	
45.	MMS ISO 7106: 1985 Liquefied anhydrous ammonia for industrial use — Determination of oil content — Gravimetric and infra-red spectrometric methods	
46.	MMS ISO 8174: 1986 Ethylene and propylene for industrial use — Determination of acetone, acetonitrile, propan-2-ol and methanol — Gas chromatographic method	
47.	MMS ISO 53: 1998 Cylindrical gears for general and heavy engineering — Standard basic rack tooth profile	
48.	MMS ISO 54: 1996 Cylindrical gears for general engineering and for heavy engineering — Modules	
49.	MMS ISO 76: 2006+ Amd 1:2017 Rolling bearings — Static load ratings	
50.	MMS ISO 113: 2010 Rolling bearings — Plummer block housings — Boundary dimensions	
51.	MMS ISO 199: 2023 Rolling bearings — Thrust bearings — Geometrical product specifications (GPS) and tolerance values	
52.	MMS ISO 355: 2019 Rolling bearings — Tapered roller bearings — Boundary dimensions and series designations	
53.	MMS ISO 582: 1995+ Amd 1:2013 Rolling bearings — Chamfer dimensions — Maximum values	
54.	MMS ISO 677: 1976 Straight bevel gears for general engineering and heavy engineering — Basic rack	
55.	MMS ISO 678: 1976 Straight bevel gears for general engineering and heavy engineering — Modules and diametral pitches	
56.	MMS ISO 3069: 2000 End-suction centrifugal pumps — Dimensions of cavities for mechanical seals and for soft packing	
57.	MMS ISO 3661: 1977 End-suction centrifugal pumps — Baseplate and installation dimensions	
58.	MMS ISO 5198: 1987 Centrifugal, mixed flow and axial pumps — Code for hydraulic performance tests — Precision grade	
59.	MMS ISO 5593: 2023 Rolling bearings — Vocabulary	
60.	MMS ISO 9905: 1994+Amd 1:2011+ Cor 1:2005 Technical specifications for centrifugal pumps — Class I - Amendment 1	
61.	MMS ISO 9906: 2012 Rotodynamic pumps — Hydraulic performance acceptance tests — Grades 1, 2 and 3	
62.	MMS ISO 9908: 1993+ Amd 1:2011 Technical specifications for centrifugal pumps — Class III	
63.	MMS ISO/ASME 14414: 2019 Pump system energy assessment	
64.	MMS ISO 11485-1: 2011 Glass in Building – Curved glass – Part 1: Terminology and definitions	
65.	MMS ISO 11485-2: 2011 Glass in Building – Curved glass – Part 2: Quality requirements	
66.	MMS ISO 11485-3: 2014 Glass in Building – Curved glass – Part 3: Requirements for curved tempered and curved laminated safety glass	
67.	MMS 63: 2025 Myanmar Electronic Voting System	
68.	MMS ISO 15189: 2022 Medical laboratories — Requirements for quality and competence	
69.	MMS ISO 15195: 2018 Laboratory medicine — Requirements for the competence of calibration laboratories using reference measurement procedures	
70.	MMS ISO/IEC TS 17021-15: 2023 Conformity assessment requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems - Part 15: Competence requirements for auditing and certification of management systems for quality in healthcare organizations	
71.	MMS ISO 22095: 2020 Chain of custody — General terminology and models	
72.	MMS ISO 22367:2020 Medical laboratories — Application of risk management to medical laboratories	
73.	MMS ISO/IEC TS 27006-2: 2021 Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of information security management systems-Part 2: Privacy information management systems	

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The door to peace is always open to resolve political issues politically

❖ The door to peace is always open and welcomes to resolution of political issues through political means.
(An excerpt from the message sent by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, to the ceremony to mark the 78th Anniversary of Union Day, which falls on 12 February 2025)

Tatmadaw takes full control of Kyaukme

THE TNLA terrorist group attempted to destroy the governance mechanism, taking advantage of the political issues of 2021 and the consequences of clashes in Shan State (North) that started on 27 October 2023, aiming to establish Palaung state. To establish Palaung state, they did not resort to political means, but to terrorist attacks using the PDF terrorists as their cover with the help of EAO, and they temporarily controlled some towns and villages in Kyaukme and Nawnghkio townships in Shan State (north).

Tatmadaw conducted Counter-Terrorism Operations to reoccupy the towns and villages controlled by TNLA, DPLA and PDF terrorists. On 16 July 2025, Tatmadaw regained control over Nawnghkio Township and conducted security measures on the Nawnghkio-Kyaukme road section along the Mandalay-Lashio-Muse route to ensure the trade flow. On 29 August, Tatmadaw controlled the Goatwin bridge, Naungpyit village, Kanyin village, Zeebingyi village and Naungpain village regardless of the natural barriers, also the Goatwin bridge, Gokteik railway and Shukhintha and other key places through the ways the TNLA and alliances did not expect.

Tatmadaw columns have carried out the necessary preparations and arrangements to swiftly occupy Kyaukme, a major town in northern Shan State, and to quickly reopen the Nawnghkio-Kyaukme road, and to decisively combat TNLA, DPLA and PDF terrorists.

Starting from 9 September, Tatmadaw columns launched counter attacks, and reoccupied Mankut village on 10 September 2025, while Papoke village on 12 September; Khaylaung village on 13 September; Panmalut village on 15 September; Pitat and Pantee villages on 17 September; Kaunghmu village on 18 September; Mahnpan village on 19 September; Point-1212 hill, Khitonehone and Gonkaw villages



Tatmadaw members are seen at the Kyaukme entrance sign following its reoccupation.



Locals are seen warmly welcoming Tatmadaw columns.

on 20 September, south and north Taungsayleik village on 21 September, Naaiekhkan village on 22 September; Myinkwin and Nanchaung villages on 25 September; Khamisa and Mahnlwe villages on 27 September; Pintee, Sakhantha, Lonwel, Nanghu and Paukanlay and Paukangyi villages on 29 September and Nansaw, Khomaung and Kaungaeik villages and vicinity areas on 30 September.

On 1 October, Tatmadaw gained full control over Kyaukme, where the terrorists had temporarily controlled, and local ethnic people were seriously oppressed by the terrorists. Tatmadaw columns shatter their dream — to occupy Palaung state step by step by regaining towns, and now control the Kyaukme-Nawnghkio-PyinOoLwin Pyidaungsu road.

During the 21-day operation, there were 36 clashes, 76 engagements, totalling 112, and

the Tatmadaw seized 61 dead bodies of terrorists, 41 arms and ammunition, and some Tatmadaw officials and other ranks were also injured.

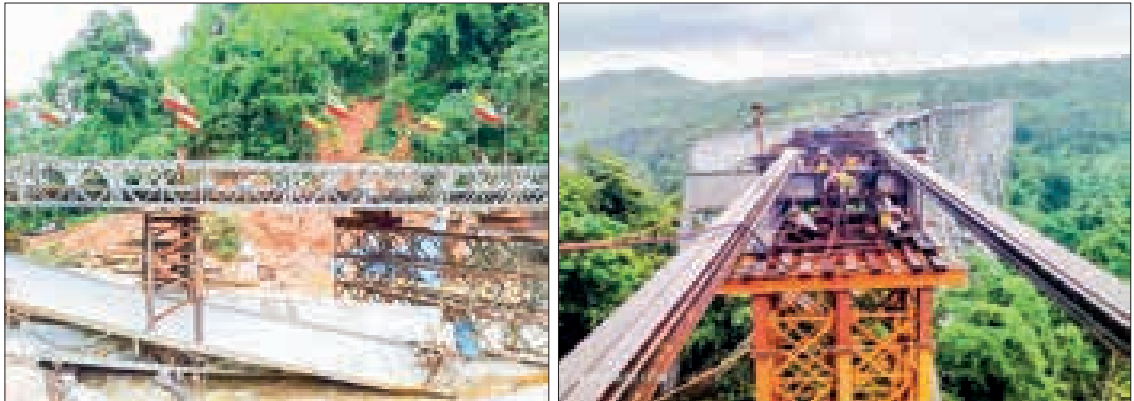
While TNLA, DPLA and PDF terrorists were retreating, they burnt down Kyaukme police station, EPC station, district forestry office, district administrative office, fire brigade building, schools and religious

columns conducted road clearance activities with manpower and machinery along the road, and the Tatmadaw engineers built a Bailey bridge starting from 29 August to be able to use the Goatwin bridge. And the construction of the Bailey bridge, 150ft in length and 18ft in width, was completed on 12 September. They also conducted security measures along Kyaukme-Nawnghkio-PyinOoLwin Pyidaungsu road, and the repair works on the historic Gokteik railway were completed 59.1 per cent.

Within 21 days, the military columns were able to retake Kyaukme, located 33 kilometres from Nawnghkio Township, based on the timely report made by all the local people, young and old, who largely rely on Tatmadaw members.

Tatmadaw reoccupied Kyaukme yesterday, and the local ethnic people welcomed Tatmadaw columns with Aung Thabyay and flowers warmly.

Tatmadaw columns carried out rehabilitation activities in Nawnghkio, and they also conducted counter-terrorism operations to ensure the safe return of locals, governance mechanism operation and stability in these areas by cooperating with locals. Therefore, the school-age children will have their chances to continue their learning, and those over 18 can get their human rights to cast their votes in the coming free, fair and just multiparty general election in time. — MNA/KTZH



Photos show the restoration of the Gokteik Viaduct, portions of which were destroyed in terrorist attacks.

Towards better development of the Union

THE recent trips of the Head of State brought positive outcomes for the Union by signing agreements with the Russian Federation and the Republic of Kazakhstan. At the World Atomic Forum Week 2025, the Head of State discussed the topic of peaceful use of nuclear energy for the public interest.

Nuclear energy is a safe source of energy. It is also a form of energy that can provide stable electricity. Myanmar aims to use nuclear energy in order to generate stable electricity for the development of medical and agricultural research activities. As such, Myanmar signed an agreement with the ROSATOM State Atomic Energy Corporation of the Russian Federation.

In this regard, the Head of State held a talk with President Mr Vladimir Putin of the Russian Federation. They unveiled that Russia regards Myanmar as its most trusted partner country in Southeast Asia. In turn, the Head of State said that Myanmar recognized Russia as a strategic partner and is committed to further strengthening relations. This includes cooperation in technology exchanges, space technology, nuclear energy technology, and other areas of technology that will bring direct benefits to the people of Myanmar.

During the trip to the Russian Federation, discussions were held on implementing conditions for the development of national-level nuclear infrastructure, advancing nuclear technology in Myanmar, cooperating in training and human resource capacity-building, improving expertise and skills, and promoting the peaceful use of nuclear energy. Both sides also discussed continuing to implement agreements between Myanmar and ROSATOM on cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

ic Energy Corporation of the Russian Federation (ROSATOM). The signing was carried out by ROSATOM of the Russian Federation in the presence of the Acting President of the State and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

As such, the requirements of electricity in Myanmar can be resolved in a few years to initiate an improved socioeconomic life for the people. Thanks to different energy sources, especially nuclear energy, electricity can be generated to supply it to the people so as to operate industries, production activities, agriculture, livestock, medical treatment, education, as well as different sectors. As a basic need of society, electricity generated from nuclear energy will build a paradise in Myanmar society in the near future.

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OUR country, Myanmar, shares a long border area of land and water territories with neighbouring countries due to geographical conditions. Taking advantage of these border areas, unscrupulous businesspersons and the organizations opposing the government traffic commodities as illegal trade activities through illegal entry and exit crossings.

These illegal trade activities hinder the economic development of the State and the progress of socioeconomic improvement of the people. It causes the loss of revenue for the State, harming the operation of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) at home. Consequently, such an act affects the production and employment opportunities of the State and ethnic entrepreneurs. That is why it can be seen that people experience loss of job opportunities and an increasing number of unemployed. The people are facing the impacts of the inflation rate of currency and rising prices of commodities based to booming illegal trade activities. Furthermore, the illegal trade can affect the measures of security and the rule of law being implemented

Let's cooperate in the prevention of dangerous illegal trade as a national duty



Illegal trade activities impede the economic development and socioeconomic progress of the State and its people. ILLUSTRATION: SHUTTERSTOCK

by the State. As such, it is necessary to effectively and clearly combat illegal trade activities as a national duty.

The State Administration Council has reconstituted the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee since December

2021. Under the guidance of the steering committee, illegal trade eradication task forces were set up in regions and states, while

the Customs Department has been taking a leading role in the OSS in cooperation with relevant departments in prevention, seizure and checking functions against the illegal trade activities.

Despite carrying out restrictive prevention and seizing, illegal trade activities have not disappeared yet. Different amounts of trade volume and value can be seen in comparing with the trade data obtained from neighbouring countries. Unscrupulous businesspersons are seeking various ways and means to commit illegal trade activities.

Currently, a serious situation is found where foodstuffs and personal goods labelled with fake trademarks are being sold in the market at home. It is very dangerous for the people who use and consume foodstuffs, cosmetics and medicines labelled with fake trademarks without any recommendations of health

authorities. Moreover, the distribution and sales of these domestically-manufactured foodstuffs and personal goods labelled with fake trademarks can harm the long-term interests of MSME businesses.

It has been observed that unscrupulous businesspersons are taking advantage of the current situation along the country's border routes to intensify illegal trade activities. At the same time, it supports illegal online gambling operations in border areas. According to bilateral trade data and records of seizures, these findings have been confirmed. It is therefore necessary to effectively prevent and control illegal activities along border routes, and illegal trade, trafficking, and sales of goods on social media platforms must not be overlooked.

The booming illegal trade and trafficking through the online platform can result in loss

of revenue for the State. Trading of low-quality commodities, foodstuffs, cosmetics and medicines without recommendations of health authorities can harm the health and socioeconomic life of the people. As such, it can be said that these illegal trade activities become a very dangerous challenge for the State and the people.

According to information from the illegal trade eradication task forces, seizures have included not only motorcycles, motor vehicles, and machinery, but also narcotic drugs and prohibited chemicals. Although illegal trade activities have been widespread, the situation has gradually come under control. Illegal trade causes losses and damage to every perspective — public health, social and economic development, and national progress. Therefore, it is essential for all citizens to actively participate in preventing and combating such activities

effectively. To ensure that illegal trade is completely eradicated, collective efforts are required. At the same time, extensive public awareness campaigns must be carried out so that the entire population understands the need to prevent and curb these illegal activities.

At present, the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, formed by the State and illegal trade eradication task forces, are effectively preventing and combatting illegal trade activities. On the other hand, State-owned newspapers and FM radios mention telephone numbers and e-mail addresses for people to inform the authorities about illegal trade activities. The State presents deserved rewards to dutiful people for their information about the illegal trade activities. As such, people are urged to actively participate with a patriotic spirit and national unity in efforts to eliminate illegal trade for the sake of national development and the socioeconomic progress of citizens. People are also encouraged to cooperate in the eradication of illegal trade by making use of the rewards granted by the State for providing information.

Translated.

By Phoe Aung

IN MYANMAR, religion is not confined to temples or texts – it spills into the streets, dances through music, and simmers in shared meals. While Theravada Buddhism forms the cultural backbone, the nation is home to a rich tapestry of faiths: Islam, Christianity, Hinduism, and the animist traditions of Nat worship, among others. In this pluralistic landscape, festivals play a vital role — not just as spiritual observances, but as social glue that binds communities together.

Shared Streets, Shared Spirit

During Thingyan, the Burmese New Year water festival, Muslims, Christians, and Hindus join their Buddhist neighbours in jubilant water fights. At Eid, non-Muslim friends are often invited to share biryani and sweets. Christmas carols echo in neighbourhoods where Nat shrines flicker with offerings. These moments of celebration dissolve boundaries, transforming public spaces into arenas of mutual joy.

Markets bustle with interfaith exchange: a Hindu vendor sells snacks at a Buddhist pagoda festival; a Christian choir performs at a charity event hosted by a mosque. These overlaps are not anomalies – they are the norm. They reflect a lived pluralism where faith is not a barrier but a bridge.

Humanizing the Other

Festivals personalize religion. When Ko Aung, a devout Buddhist, helps his Muslim neighbour prepare for Ramadan, or when Daw Mya shares Diwali sweets with her Christian colleague, religion becomes relational.

Festivals as Bridges: How Myanmar's Celebrations Foster Interfaith Harmony

By Khin Maung Myint

It's no longer an abstract doctrine – it's a shared experience. Children grow up with memories of diverse rituals: lighting candles at a church, watching Nat dances, or receiving snacks at a mosque. These early encounters foster empathy and inoculate against prejudice.

Ritual as Dialogue

Interfaith invitations during festivals are powerful gestures. A mosque welcoming Buddhists to breakfast, or a church hosting a Nat spirit dance, signals openness and trust. Rituals – whether lighting candles, offering food, or singing hymns – become shared metaphors of reverence. They offer an MLL common language that transcends doctrinal differences.

Countering Division

In times of political tension or sectarian strain,

festivals can be quiet acts of resistance. They remind communities of their intertwined histories and mutual dependencies. Joint charity drives, peace prayers, and interfaith panels during festive seasons reframe narratives – from division to collaboration.

A Moral Imagination

Ultimately, Myanmar's festivals cultivate a moral imagination where coexistence is not just possible, but beautiful. They do not erase differences – they celebrate them. In a country where faiths have sometimes clashed, these shared celebrations offer a vision of harmony rooted not in uniformity, but in mutual respect.

As Myanmar navigates modernity and global influence, the role of festivals in sustaining interfaith bonds becomes ever more vital. They are not just cultural events — they are living proof that diversity, when em-

braced with humility and joy, can be a source of strength.

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Interfaith invitations during festivals are powerful gestures. ILLUSTRATION: PEXELS



NATIONAL



Commercially valued Myanmar mangoes in the global market.

ROK proposes purchase of Myanmar mangoes

KOTA Korea Co Ltd from the Republic of Korea proposed to buy Myanmar mango through Myanmar’s economic attaché in Seoul, according to the Myanmar Mango Market and Technology Development Association.

Myanmar’s mango is mainly exported to China. Furthermore, Myanmar conveyed value-added mango products such as mango pulp, dried mango and dried mango sheet to Russia and other international trade partners.

According to the Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency of the Republic of Korea, growers need to seek a phytosanitary certificate issued by the Department of Agriculture in their respective countries and have their farms monitored yearly. They need to submit the necessary documents related to registered farming areas and processing factories to APQA before export. Additionally, factories conduct heat treatment and quarantine measures

to control the spread of contagious diseases. The regulatory bodies of both Myanmar and the ROK will undergo inspections, including sampling (two per cent of fruit cartons and 600 fruits per batch of fresh fruit shipment) and documents to ensure safety and ensure compliance with quarantine regulations,” said an official of the association.

Importers will help process import procedures in the ROK as well. — GNLM/KK

Actor donates K2M for Motion Pictures Day, Elders’ Ceremony



Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization Chair U Kyi Soe Htun receives Actor Kyaw Htet Zaw’s donation.

MEMBERS of the film industry are making donations for the 105th Myanmar Motion Pic-

tures Day and the 48th Film Industry Elders’ Honouring Ceremony, which will take place on 13 October. On 30 September, actor Kyaw Htet Zaw contributed K2 million, according to Vice-Chair U Aye Kyu Lay of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO).

The ceremony will be held at the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (Head Office) on Wingaba Road, Bo Cho Ward, Bahan Township, Yangon Region, as film industry members and volunteers continue to make donations.

“The annual Film Industry Elders’ Honouring Ceremony is held on Myanmar Motion Pictures Day as usual. This year, it will take place on 13 October, and several stars have already donated. On 30 September, Academy Award winner Soe Myat Thuzar contributed K 1 million. Academy Award winners Ye Aung, Myint Myat, along with Kyaw Htet Zaw, Zay Ye Htet and other film stars, have also made donations,” said U Aye Kyu Lay. — GNLM/MKKS

Over 100 Myanmar women granted overseas job training and OWIC application

MORE than 100 Myanmar women who would go to work in Japan have been granted to attend the overseas job training course and apply for the Overseas Worker Identification Card, said the Ministry of Labour.

The ministry announced on 30 September that 101 Myanmar female workers, who have sought jobs in Japan under the management of licensed overseas employment agencies, are eligible to attend the job training course and apply to OWIC.

They are required to attend the training course on 2 October and apply for OWIC on 3 October. Those unable to meet the schedule will need to resubmit, the statement said.

The agencies will have to prepare and immediately resubmit a list of workers to be sent, including the date of dispatch within one week from the date of departure, a passport copy, an OWIC copy, and an Excel soft copy to the Department of Labour at dolmigrationjapan@gmail.com. — MT/ZS

Star Legends Live to feature singers, movie stars in Yangon on 5 Oct



This image showcases a promotional poster for the Star Legends Live music show.

THE Star Legends Live music show, featuring popular singers and movie stars, will be held at

the National Theatre (Yangon) in Dagon Township, Yangon Region, according to actress Pan Yaung Chel.

The event will showcase performances by singers Myo Kyawt Myaing, Thar Dee Lu, Ni Ni Khin Zaw, and Chaw Su Khin. Fans will also have the opportunity to meet actors and actresses, including Alinn Yaung, Aye Chan Maung, Khin Wint Wah, and Pan Yaung Chel during a special fan club programme.

“On 5 October, I will join many artistes at the App Show

and Star Legends Live. I want to create a memorable Thadingyut evening with my lovely fans and fan club. If you would like to be part of it, I warmly invite you to come and enjoy it together. Let’s celebrate Thadingyut with loved ones while sharing this special night,” said actress Pan Yaung Chel.

The Star Legends Live music show is organized by the App Show application and will take place from 4 pm to 10 pm on 5 October at the National Theatre (Yangon). — GNLM/KZL



This image captures foreign women workers at a workplace in Japan.

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Value-added marine exports to raise foreign earnings two to three times

IN the 2024-2025 financial year, the country earned US\$725 million from marine product exports, while Taninthayi Region exported \$303.62 million worth of raw marine products out of these exports, and if these raw products are exported as finished products, it would receive two or three times the foreign income, according to the Taninthayi Region Fisheries Federation.

In order to process the finished products, an international standard fish auction market and an industrial zone will be needed in Myeik of Taninthayi Region. Through the processing of fish, prawns, and other aquat-



Photo shows an offshore fishing boat in Myeik. PHOTO: ZWE MARN

ic products in value-added factories, more local employment opportunities will be created, and the region will also emerge as a major distribution hub for aquatic product exports within

the ASEAN region. "Almost half of the whole exports are being produced in Taninthayi Region. Prawns are exported to China and Japan, and the saltwater products are

exported to Thailand. We also communicated with Russia to export the marine products, but we are still estimating, as the journey is very long. If we can export the fish and prawn alive and finished products, we will earn two or three times the foreign income, benefiting the country and business people," said U Thet Soe, secretary of the federation.

There are 1,313 offshore fishing vessels and 68 vessels for carrying aquatic products in Dawei, Myeik and Kawthoung districts and 5,924 onshore fishing vessels and 453 vessels for carrying aquatic products in Dawei, Myeik, Kawthoung and

Bokpyin districts. The marine products from Taninthayi Region are transported to Ranong by Hline Phyu vessels, and undergo initial check with the FOB system at the Myeik checkpoint, again at the Kawthoung FOB checkpoint, and are exported to Thailand. In the 2022-2023 financial year, the country earned \$232.189 million with 201,425.442 tonnes of exports, while \$253.355 million with 236,746.675 tonnes of exports in the 2023-2024 financial year, and \$303.628 million with 285,314.714 tonnes of exports in the 2024-2025 financial year. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH

Mingaladon teacher wins Princess Maha Chakri Award 2025



This photo showcases Daw Maw Maw (2nd L) winning the Princess Maha Chakri Award 2025.

DAW Maw Maw, an English teacher at the Basic Education High School No 2, Mingaladon, Yangon, has received the Princess Maha Chakri Award for Outstanding Teachers 2025. The teacher, who has been teaching English for more than 19 years, started

her career in 2010 at the same school. "We started the PMCA Project at our school in 2004. I've been a part of this project since 2010, when I moved here. I am in charge of the school for this project. This is my third attempt. The first time was in 2019, and the sec-

ond attempt was online in 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic. In May, I received an email that I had won a PMCA award. I'm very happy personally to have won this award. The rewards of the PMCA are not given to one person, but to the entire school community. We are going to use this money to help the children in the learning process", Daw Maw Maw told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM). She expressed her thanks to the PMCA Foundation and officials from the Ministry of Education. The award includes a medal, a gold pin, a cash prize of US\$10,000 and a certificate. The PMCA Foundation was established in honour of the 60th birthday of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, and the PMCA is awarded every two years. — MT/ZN

Mae Sai Creek floods submerge several Tachilek

IT has rained heavily since the morning of 1 October in eastern Shan State, Tachilek, and the water level of the Mae Sai Creek has risen one foot above the danger level, leading to a situation where some wards of Tachilek located along the creek have been covered in water. Due to a flood at Macao Kham ward, firefighters from the township fire station evacuated

students from Shwe Maha private high school to a safer zone by three boats at about 10 am, said the Myanmar Fire Services Department. On 27 July, some wards of Tachilek, such as Talot, Ponhtun, Sensai and Maekhong wards, were also flooded as a result of the continual increase in the creek water level due to heavy rainfall. — Htun Htun/ZS



This image captures the inundated downtown wards in Tachilek.

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NATIONAL BUSINESS

Urea Fertilizer Committee proposes import of 1M tonnes of fertilizer, 19K tonnes of pesticides

THE Urea Fertilizer Purchasing and Distribution Steering Committee gave recommendations in seeking import licences for over one million tonnes of fertilizer and over 19,500 tonnes of pesticide in the first half of the current financial year 2025-2026, beginning 1 April.

The committee held a work coordination meeting on 29 September at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Co-operatives and Rural Development.

Union Minister U Hla Moe, chair of the committee, emphasized agricultural input distribution activities with the post-harvest repayment system and future activities, setting reference prices and hosting a meeting to strengthen the agricultural input channel in an opening remark. The committee recommended that companies seek import licences for over one million tonnes of fertilizer and over 19,000 tonnes of pesticide during the April-September period.

The Ministry of Commerce has issued import licences for over 986,160 tonnes of fertilizer and 26,587 tonnes of pesticide as of the end of August. About 361,240 tonnes of fertilizer and over 10,150 tonnes of pesticide have been brought into the country.

According to a report of Myanmar Fertilizer, Seed and Pesticide Entre-



A farmer is seen spraying the pesticide on his paddy field.

preneurs Association (MFSPEA) on 20 September 2025, import licences for over 811,800 tonnes of fertilizer were granted, and the actual import volume was over 574,704.28 tonnes. Over 471,800 tonnes were distributed, while the in-stocks were 253,431.86 tonnes. Out of the import licences for 14,559.35 tonnes of pesticide, 16,938.16 tonnes were actually imported. The distribution reaches 12,206.5 tonnes while 10,622.54 tonnes are stored, Union Minister U Hla Moe added.

Furthermore, the committee dis-

tributed 27,404.5 tonnes of Urea fertilizer and 16,260.75 tonnes of compound fertilizer in August to growers who are excluded from the distribution project implemented under the State Economic Promotion Fund, with a post-harvest repayment system to meet the yield target, in line with the guidance of the head of the State.

Those companies which sell the inputs receive import licences in turn and foreign currencies. The Union Minister coordinated related institutions to

facilitate distribution channels.

He asked for demand from Nay Pyi Taw, Bago, Mandalay and Yangon in September, and 39,648.55 tonnes were in demand as per the report of the regional departments. He called for companies to distribute fertilizer at the earliest to meet the demand of the regions. He stated that the fertilizer reference price for October would be set depending on the international market. He stressed that the ministry will prioritize those who actually import the inputs in issuing licenses so that the inputs will be imported before the winter crop season.

He instructed departments concerned to check the quality of fertilizer and compliance of the distributors not to have price manipulation and overcharging problems, as the prices are decided depending on transport charges in other regions and states, on the basis of the reference prices for Yangon Region.

Permanent Secretary U Khant Zaw, secretary of the committee, explained distribution matters in August, and the Myanmar Fertilizer, Seed and Pesticide Entrepreneurs Association's representative also presented imports and distribution of inputs.

The Union minister also coordinated matters that the attendees discussed and suggested. — NN/KK

Labour Dept, MRCCI to launch jam processing training

DEPARTMENT of Labour and the Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry (MRCCI) will jointly conduct a Jam Processing Training for young people affected by the Mandalay Earthquake from 13 to 23 October 2025 at MRCCI's temporary office located at Jivatadana Sangha Hospital.

This training is aimed at creating job opportunities for those young people, as the Mandalay Earthquake that happened on 28 March 2025 caused socio-economic and well-being impacts. Whoever can attend the training free of charge.

Interested individuals need to submit the form in person by 10 October. They can enquire about details through MRCCI's contact numbers 09 402514678 and 09 420089490 or email: mrcci.mdy@gmail.com. — NN/KK

CBM provides over US\$2.1M to support edible oil, fuel imports

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$1.8M to edible oil-importing companies and \$366,000 to fuel oil-importing companies on 30 September.

CBM sold over \$712,900 to edible oil-importing companies and \$472,100 to fuel oil-importing companies on 29 September from CBM's foreign reserve purchased from the CMP companies after the injection of \$25,230 to the foreign exchange market.

CBM sold over \$943,600 to edible oil-importing companies and \$622,500 to fuel oil-importing companies after sales of over 627,500 yuan on 26 September.

CBM sold \$826,100 to edible oil-importing companies and over \$534,700 to fuel oil-importing companies on 25 September.

CBM sold \$300,00 to edible oil-importing companies and \$170,000 to fuel oil-importing companies on 24 September, in addition to an injection of 100,000 yuan into the market.

CBM sold over \$1 million, 11 million yuan and four million baht in August. Furthermore, CBM also pumped over \$32 million, purchased from the companies working on a Cut, Make, and Pack basis, into the financial market.

CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to



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

Meta defends ads model in 550-mln-euro data protection trial

SPAIN’S major media outlets took Facebook parent Meta to court on Wednesday, alleging the US tech giant systematically violated EU data rules to dominate digital advertising sales.

Facebook owner Meta on Wednesday defended its advertising model in a 550-million-euro trial in Spain over alleged breaches of EU data protection rules brought by more than 80 Spanish media organisations.

EU rules oblige companies to obtain users’ consent to create personalised advertising from their data.

Spain’s main media association AMI says the US tech giant, which also owns Instagram and WhatsApp, created “unfair competition” by “systematically” breaking the law between May 2018 and July 2023.

The association launched a lawsuit alleging unfair competition in digital advertising sales and is seeking 551 million euros (\$647 million) in compensation. — AFP

Luxury hotel opens near Nagoya Castle, rooms priced up to 3.75 mln yen

A new luxury hotel opened in Nagoya on Wednesday, with standard room prices as high as 3.75 million yen (\$25,000) per night, as it seeks to attract affluent tourists with its panoramic view of nearby Nagoya Castle.

The 11-story Espacio Nagoya Castle, designed in the style of a Japanese castle, has 100 guest rooms themed after Japanese samurai culture and traditional crafts, according to its operator Espacio Enterprise Co.

Room prices start at 250,000 yen per night, and the building features a spa and pool located on one of its two basement levels.

The site was formerly occupied by the prestigious Hotel Nagoya Castle, which welcomed members of the Japanese imperial family and foreign dignitaries. It closed in 2020 due to aging facilities.

Nagoya-based trading and pharmaceutical company Kowa Co, the parent company of Espacio Enterprise, bought the land and constructed the new hotel. More luxury hotels are scheduled to open in Nagoya in response to the influx of tourists to Japan, and in expectation of the opening of a maglev train line that will run from Tokyo to the city and eventually extend to Osaka. — Kyodo



Espacio Nagoya Castle hotel (R) with Nagoya Castle in central Japan, on 30 September 2025. PHOTO: KYODO

S Korea’s online shopping rises 6.6% in Aug

SOUTH Korea’s online shopping rose in single digits in August due to soaring demand for cars in cyberspace, statistical office data showed Wednesday.

Shopping in cyberspace grew 6.6 per cent from a year earlier to 22.48 trillion won (US\$16.5 billion) in August, according to the Ministry of Data and Statistics.

It marked the highest August figure since relevant data began to be compiled in 2017. The record figure was attributed to surging online purchase of new models from the US carmaker Tesla. The online sale of cars and car accessories jumped 55.1 per cent in the cited month.

Transaction of food and beverage in cyberspace gained 5.8 per cent, and those for agricultural, livestock and fishery products expanded 8.7 per cent.

Online demand for food delivery service increased 9.0 per cent, while those for cosmetics and mobile devices rose in double digits. — Xinhua



South Korea’s online shopping rose in single digits in August due to soaring demand for cars in cyberspace. PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/PIXABAY

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M.V FSL KELANG VOY.NO. (0QM6MS1NC)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V FSL KELANG VOY.NO. (0QM6MS1NC)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **2-10-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S CMA-CGM SHIPPING LINE PTE LTD

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M.V XO LUCKY VOY.NO. (X2519E)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V XO LUCKY VOY.NO. (X2519E)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **2-10-2025** 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.

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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Putin proposes to discuss
improving information security
to members of Security Council

Putin emphasized addressing certain aspects of improving information security.

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin proposed on Wednesday that the permanent members of the Russian Security Council to discuss issues of improving information security.

“We will discuss with you today some issues related to improving information security, certain aspects of the problem,” Putin said at a meeting.

The president holds operational meetings with the permanent members of the Security Council on average once a week. During these meetings, the most important issues across various areas of national security are discussed.
— SPUTNIK



Russian President Vladimir Putin proposed discussing information security with Security Council members. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

Trump says US weighing actions
against drug cartels “coming by land”
from Venezuela

US President Donald Trump said on Tuesday the White House is weighing actions to crack down on drug cartels “coming by land” from Venezuela.

“Now we’ll look at cartels,” he told reporters as he left the White House. “We’re going to look very seriously at cartels coming by land.”

His remarks followed recent US military strikes in international waters in the southern Caribbean, targeting boats that the White House alleged were transporting illicit drugs from Venezuela.

According to US accounts, as many as 17 people aboard three ves-

sels were killed in US strikes this month.

The Trump administration has also deployed warships to the Caribbean. The New York Times reported Tuesday that the Pentagon has built up a force of more than 6,500 troops in the region. — Xinhua



The Navy warship USS Sampson docks in Panama City on 30 August 2025. The United States has sent multiple warships to the region amid escalating tensions with Venezuela. **PHOTO: MARTIN BERNETTI/AFP /FILE**

Vietnam calls for
stronger digital
infrastructure, tech
mastery

GENERAL Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee To Lam has underscored the need to develop fundamental digital infrastructure, including cloud computing, high-performance computing, 5G and 6G data centres.

He made the remarks on Wednesday at Innovate Vietnam 2025, a major science, technology and innovation event held in Hanoi.

To Lam said Vietnam should enhance its mastery of national technology, particularly in core and foundational fields and called for clear roadmaps to advance in areas such as semiconductors, artificial intelligence, big data and cybersecurity.

He also urged every Vietnamese citizen to embrace innovation in their daily work. — Xinhua

Germany’s Oktoberfest
closed by bomb threat

GERMANY’S Oktoberfest was temporarily closed by a bomb threat Wednesday, organizers said, as police investigated a house in Munich that had been rigged with explosives then set alight, leaving one man dead.

Police deployed a bomb squad along with firefighters to the residential house in Lerchenau district of the city early in the morning, as a column of smoke rose in the sky. They said the house had been rigged with explosives and then set on fire.

The badly wounded man was found a short distance away, and later died of his injuries, police said.

Bild daily reported that a man was suspected of having caused the explosion and fire in his parents’ house before killing himself, and that shots had been fired in the incident, but police did not confirm this. — AFP

Denmark strengthens
security ahead of
EU meetings with
multinational support

THE United States will provide anti-drone capabilities to Denmark during the informal meeting of European Union (EU) heads of state and government on Wednesday, as well as the European Political Community (EPC) summit on Thursday in Copenhagen, the Danish Ministry of Defence announced Tuesday.

European allies have also offered additional support to Denmark. Germany’s frigate FGS Hamburg has docked in Copenhagen to strengthen airspace surveillance, France will dispatch a Fennec military helicopter along with personnel, and Sweden will provide radar systems and a counter-drone capability. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Slot faces reality check at Liverpool as problems mount



Arne Slot is searching for answers after successive defeats for Liverpool. PHOTO: AFP

LIVERPOOL started the season with seven straight wins as they threatened to sweep all before them but consecutive defeats underscore pressing issues that Arne Slot must address.

The Reds travelled to Galatasaray on Tuesday eager to bounce back from their defeat at Crystal Palace at the weekend, which ended their perfect record in the Premier League.

But a first-half penalty from Victor Osimhen put the home side ahead and Liverpool were unable to reply despite dominating possession and having 16 shots in Istanbul.

There is no reason for Slot

to panic — Liverpool are still two points clear at the top of the Premier League and won their opening game in the Champions League league phase.

But a series of dramatic late winners have masked unconvincing performances since an expensive rebuild of the squad that strolled to the Premier League title last season, Slot's first as manager of the club since replacing Jurgen Klopp.

Liverpool uncharacteristically splashed out nearly £450 million (\$606 million) on new signings as the club sought to build from a position of strength. — AFP

Rangers searching for Europa League respite, Villa visit Feyenoord

BELEAGUERED Rangers manager Russell Martin finally scraped to his first Scottish Premiership win in charge at the weekend and next takes his struggling side to Austria to face Sturm Graz in the Europa League on Thursday.

The former Southampton boss was brought in with the goal of reaching the Champions League proper and challenging Celtic for the domestic title.

Rangers finished second in the Premiership last season, 17 points behind their Glasgow

rivals, after sacking Philippe Clement midway through the campaign, The nervy 2-1 victory at lowly Livingston on Sunday left Rangers eighth in the 12-team table, already nine points behind surprise leaders Hearts. — AFP

Crystal Palace soaring under Glasner ahead of European bow



Eddie Nketiah's late winner against Liverpool left Crystal Palace as the only unbeaten side in the Premier League this season. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

CRYSTAL Palace enter unfamiliar territory Thursday as they make their first full venture into European football riding a club-record 18-match unbeaten run and fresh off a win over the Premier League champions.

Oliver Glasner's team head to eastern Poland this week to play Dynamo Kyiv in the UEFA Conference League, brimming with confidence after an impressive 2-1 victory over Liverpool on Saturday.

Palace's only previous experience of continental compe-

tition was one home-and-away tie in the Intertoto Cup back in 1998, but they return to Europe after beating Manchester City to win last season's FA Cup.

That was the club's first major trophy, and it was followed by another triumphant day out at Wembley with a Community Shield win over Liverpool.

Palace lost a court battle over their demotion from the Europa League after falling foul of UEFA's rules governing multi-club ownership, a rare defeat in recent times for a team thriving under Glasner. — AFP

France's Monfils announces retirement at end of 2026

FRENCH tennis player Gael Monfils, one of the most entertaining and popular players on the ATP tour, announced on Wednesday that he will retire at the end of next year.

The 39-year-old former world number six has been playing on the ATP tour for 21 years since his debut at the Open de Moselle in October 2004.

"Now, after celebrating my 39th birthday just a month ago, I'd like to share that the year ahead will be

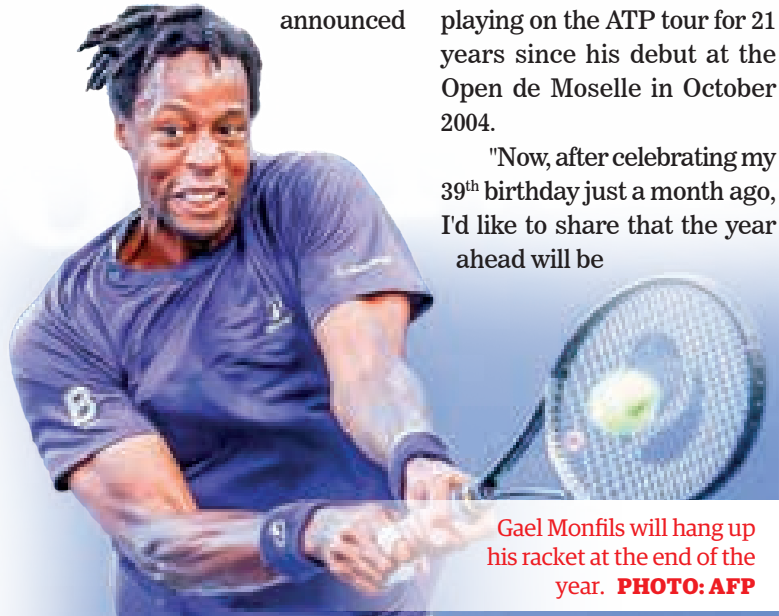
my last as a professional tennis player," he said on social media.

"Though this game means the world to me, I'm tremendously at peace with my decision to retire at the end of the 2026 tennis season."

In his lengthy career, Monfils has picked up 13 ATP titles, although he never won a Masters 1000 event, losing three times in finals, at the Paris Indoors in 2009 and 2010, and at Monte Carlo in 2016.

He twice reached a Grand Slam semi-final -- at Roland Garros in 2008 and the US Open in 2016 -- and is currently ranked 53 in the world.

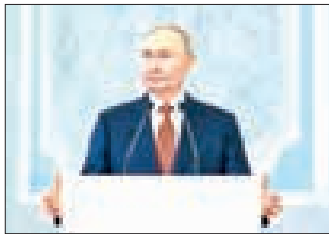
"While I came close, I never did win a Grand Slam during my career," he said. — AFP



Gael Monfils will hang up his racket at the end of the year. PHOTO: AFP

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WORLD

US govt shuts down for 1st time in 7 years amid widening partisan divisions

THE US federal government entered a shutdown at the start of Wednesday as partisan divisions prevented Congress from passing a funding bill, which marks the first government shutdown in nearly seven years.

Hundreds of thousands of federal employees will be forced to take unpaid leave, with some public services potentially suspended or delayed, and the release of economic data possibly impacted as well.

The shutdown commenced hours after the US Senate failed to pass a short-term spending bill that would have temporarily kept the government running. The continuing resolution proposed by Senate Republicans was blocked by Democrats, falling short of the 60 votes required for passage.

In the latest negotiations, healthcare benefits have been one of the core sticking points between the two parties. Democrats are demanding stronger healthcare-related benefits, including an extension of the enhanced subsidies for Affordable Care Act set to expire at the end of the year, as well as restoring the act's coverage eligibility for certain immigrants who are legally present, including refugees and asylum seekers. Republicans, on the other hand, opposed these measures and have been pushing to temporarily maintain current government funding levels to allow more time for negotiations. — Xinhua

Republicans seek to maintain current funding temporarily for further negotiations.



The US Capitol building is seen in Washington DC, the United States, on 30 September 2025. **PHOTO: HU YOUSONG/XINHUA**

Russia forecasts steady oil output increase in coming years

THE Russian Ministry of Economic Development has maintained its forecast of

the country's oil production in 2025 at 516 million tonnes, with continued growth

predicted in the 2026-2028 period, local media outlets reported on Tuesday.

Russia's oil output will increase by 1.8 per cent to 525.2 million tonnes in 2026, then rise to 532.6 million tonnes in 2027 and 540 million tonnes in 2028, said the reports, citing the ministry's socioeconomic development forecasts published online.

Russia's oil exports are expected to decline by 2.08 per cent to 240.1 million tons by the end of 2025, with a steady increase projected in the 2026-2028 period.

The ministry also forecasts a 2.8 per cent growth in Russia's oil product exports by the end of this year, with volumes reaching 125.9 million tonnes, followed by a 4.8 per cent rise to 132 million tonnes in 2026. — Xinhua



Russia's Economic Development Ministry forecasts a steady increase in oil exports for the following years. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

Over 60 dead after M6.9 quake hits off Philippines' Cebu island

THE death toll from a magnitude 6.9 earthquake that hit off the island province of Cebu in the central Philippines reached 69, with 147 others injured, government officials said Wednesday.

The temblor struck at 9:59 pm. Tuesday in waters 19 kilometres northeast of Bogu in the island's north, according to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology. Around 1,000 have been displaced, many of whom are afraid to return to their homes due to the aftershocks, according to an official from the government's Office of Civil Defence. The number of victims is expected to rise as rescue operations continue and as more reports of damage come in. — Kyodo