

The **Global** **NEW LIGHT** of **MYANMAR**

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.

Yangon Region to distribute direct paddy seeders to farmers for summer cultivation

According to Yangon Region Minister for Economic Affairs U Myo Myint Aung, direct paddy seeders will be distributed to paddy farmers across the Yangon Region during the upcoming summer paddy cultivation season in November and December.

“At present, the agricultural sector is facing a shortage of labour. To address this challenge and ensure systematic planting with higher yields, the best method is to use direct paddy seeders. Therefore, we are planning to use these machines for the entire summer paddy cultivation season. The machines will be provided through the State Economic Promotion Fund, which will cover the purchase costs. Farmers will then repay the amount in instalments after the harvest,” said U Myo Myint Aung.

Yangon Region has more than 200,000 acres of summer paddy. One direct seeder will be distributed for every 50 acres, with each machine priced at K250,000. However, to make them more affordable for farmers, the Yangon Region Government will subsidize K40,000 per machine, he added.

Currently, the Yangon Region Government, in collaboration with Vinny Company, has been testing direct paddy seeders in Hlegu, Hmawby, Twantay, Thanlyin, and Taikkyi townships, producing the machines based on feedback from farmers who have already used them. — ASH/KNN



Belarusian vocalists sing traditional songs, modern songs and the songs composed about Myanmar at the Myanmar-Belarus Music Concert in Mandalay yesterday.

Myanmar-Belarus Music Concert attracts crowds of audience

The cultural and artistic performance programme aims to further strengthen the friendly relations between the peoples of Myanmar and Belarus.

THE Myanmar-Belarus Music Concert took place at the city hall in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay yesterday evening.

Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung and his wife, regional level authorities, departmental officials, Vice-Chair of Myanmar-Russia Friendship Association Mr Alexander Ostrovskiy and officials, the rector of Mandalay University of Foreign Languages, teachers, students, invited guests and audiences enjoyed entertainments.

Belarusian singers Ms Nadezhda Bryleva and Ms Anzhelika Zaitseva led by Belarusian musician-cum-vocalist Mr Vladimir Sukolinsky performed traditional songs, modern songs and the songs composed about Myanmar.

Artistes from the National University of Arts and Culture (Mandalay) presented traditional Myanmar dances and songs.

The Belarusian band arrived at the Mandalay International Airport on the morning of 5 October. They were welcomed by Vice-Chair of Myanmar-Russia Friendship Association Mr Alexander Ostrovskiy and officials of Myanma Radio and Television-MRTV. While in Myanmar, the band will perform entertainments in Mandalay, PyinOoLwin, Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw. Myanmar, Russia and Belarusian songs and dances will be performed at the concerts in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon.

It is learned that this cultural and artistic performance programme was jointly organized by the Ministry of Information of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and the Myanmar-Russia Friendship Association to further strengthen the friendly relations between the peoples of Myanmar and Belarus, in addition to building cordial ties between the two governments. — GNLM

NATIONAL



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.

Typhoon “MATMO” News, No 4, 2025

Issued at 4 pm MST on 5 October 2025

Typhoon “METMO” Condition

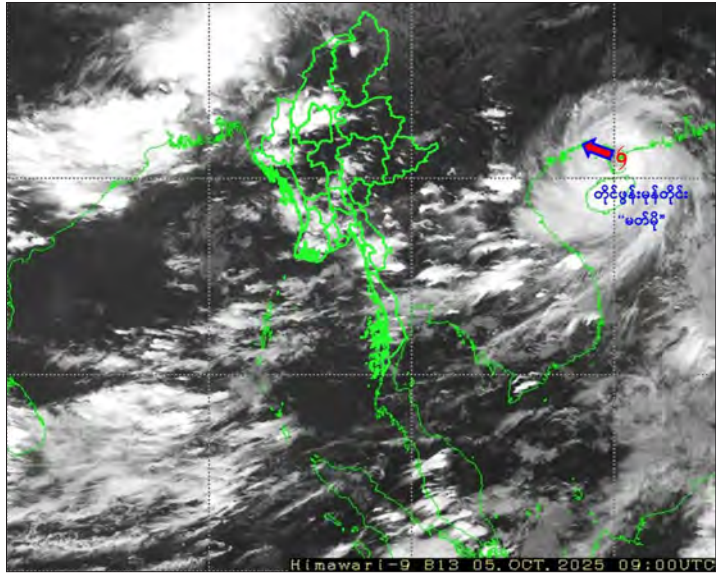
ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, the Typhoon “MATMO” over the South China Sea has moved West-Northwestwards and has crossing between Zhanjiang and Leizhou, Guangdong, Southern China.

Position of Typhoon “METMO”, centre pressure and wind

The Typhoon “METMO” is located at Latitude 20.8 degree North and Longitude 110.5 degree East, centre pressure of Typhoon “METMO” is 975 hPa and maximum wind speed near the center is 75 miles per hour at 3:30 pm MST today.

Next 18 hours forecast

It is likely continue to move West-Northwestwards and downgrade into a Severe Tropical Storm and may continue cross Coastal areas of Guangxi, Southern China during next 18 hours. — DMH



Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Sunday 5 October 2025)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is weak to moderate over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

SPECIAL FEATURES: According to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, the Typhoon “MATMO” over the crossed between Zhanjiang and Leizhou, Guangdong, Southern China and has moved West-Northwestwards and is start crossing Gulf of Tonkin. It is likely continue to move West-Northwestwards and downgrade into a Severe Tropical Storm and may continue cross Coastal areas of Guangxi, Southern China during next 12 hours.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 6 October 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Mandalay and Magway regions and Rakhine and northern Shan states, scattered in lower Sagaing Region and Kayah and eastern Shan states and fairly widespread in Yangon, Bago, upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady regions and Kachin and Chin states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Bago Region. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and southern Shan states. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in the Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 6-8 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of increase of rain in Shan State.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 6 October 2025: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 6 October 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 6 October 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

Eaint Chit holds solo Music Event Night on 5 Oct in Yangon

MYANMAR artiste Eaint Chit staged her solo music performance titled Music Event Night at 777 Bar in Kamayut Township, Yangon on 5 October during the Thadingyut holidays, according to the artiste.

“Many fans have been asking where I performed during the Thadingyut holidays. So, on Sunday night (5 October), I staged my Music Event Night at 777 Bar. It was also be special and unique performances for my fans,” Eaint Chit said.

The event began at 6 pm and featured live music by the Old Flame band, which will accompanied Eaint Chit throughout the evening. — ASH/KZL



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)

Myanmar delegation joins second Myanmar-Belarus trade committee meeting, Belarus industrial exhibition

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Wah Wah Maung attended the second meeting of the Myanmar-Belarus Joint Committee on Trade and Economic Cooperation, as well as the International Industrial Exhibition “INNOPROM. Belarus,” held in Minsk, the Republic of Belarus, from 29 September to 3 October.

The second meeting of the Myanmar-Belarus Joint Committee on Trade and Economic Cooperation was held on 2 October at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belarus, co-chaired by Dr Wah Wah Maung, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, and Mr Maxim Ryzhenkov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus.

The meeting discussed in detail the implementation of the agreements signed between the two countries during the March meeting of their heads of state, as well as the finalization of the 2026-2028 roadmap being drafted based on the signed Letter of Intent for Development Cooperation.

To further accelerate bilateral trade and economic cooperation, the parties exchanged views on the potential and opportunities for collaboration in sectors covered by the agreements and roadmaps, including industry, agriculture and food, health and medicine, banking



Union Minister Dr Wah Wah Maung and Belarusian Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Maxim Ryzhenkov discuss at the second meeting of the Myanmar-Belarus Joint Committee on Trade and Economic Cooperation in Minsk, the Republic of Belarus on 2 October.

and finance, education and tourism, and business.

Following the discussion, the co-chairs approved and exchanged the minutes of the second joint committee meeting and issued a press release on the proceedings.

The Union minister and Dr Tin Htut, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, who accompanied the delegation, attended the trade fair, plenary session, and the reception for special guests on 29 September.

The plenary session was attended by the prime ministers of Belarus, Russia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan, who delivered speeches, as well as

by heads of government, heads of delegations, top business executives, and representatives of business organizations from the Eurasian Economic Union member states.

In addition, the Myanmar delegation attended the International Industrial Exhibition “INNOPROM. Belarus”, explored and inquired about Belarus’ industrial innovations, high-tech products, modern technologies, and machinery on display, and discussed potential opportunities for cooperation with Myanmar.

During his visit to Minsk on 30 September, the Union minister met with Mr Aleksandr Khodzhayev, Minister of Health of the Republic of Belarus, to

discuss cooperation in the health care and pharmaceutical sectors, and with Mr Denis Bakei, Deputy Minister of Industry of Belarus, to discuss cooperation in the industrial and agricultural sectors.

In addition, the Union minister visited the Milk and Dairy Products Factory in Minsk to observe the production, quality control, and safety management of dairy products, and the Minsk Vehicle Manufacturing Factory to observe the production and quality testing of vehicles, ambulances, mobile medical vehicles, and fire engines, with officials from each factory providing a tour and discussing bilateral cooperation and investment opportunities.

The Myanmar-Belarus Joint Committee on Trade and Economic Cooperation also held discussions and carried out studies within its respective working groups. The Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation of Myanmar and the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Food of Belarus co-chaired the first meeting of the Myanmar-Belarus Joint Working Group on Agriculture and Food. The meeting focused on opportunities for collaboration in the agricultural sector, partnerships between research institutions, and the exchange of technology and expertise.

A representative from Myanmar’s Ministry of Health visited the Advin CJSC factory and the Belmedpreparaty pharmaceutical plant to learn about new technologies in medical imaging and medicine production. At the same time, a representative from the Central Bank of Myanmar met with officials from the National Bank of Belarus to discuss ways to improve payment and settlement systems between the two countries.

In addition, representatives from the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry met with their counterparts from the Belarusian Chamber of Commerce and Industry to explore opportunities for greater business cooperation between the two countries. — MNA/TH

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.

NATIONAL

Myanmar joins ASEAN agriculture and forestry study tour in the Philippines

UNION Minister for Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation U Min Naung attended the 47th ASEAN Ministers' Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry and related sessions held in Metro Manila, the Philippines from 1 to 3 October 2025.

On 2 October, the Union minister met with the Chinese Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs to discuss cooperation in developing human resources, producing high-quality seeds, promoting research and development, applying systematic farming methods, and improving irrigation infrastructure management. They also exchanged views on ensuring the timely completion of the Biosafety Level-3 animal disease diagnostic laboratory in Nay Pyi Taw.

That evening, U Min Naung attended an official dinner hosted



Delegates of ASEAN countries visit booths at the 30th Agri-Link, 24th Food-Link, and 19th Aqua-Link exhibitions in Metro Manila, the Philippines on 3 October.

ed by the Philippine Secretary of Agriculture, alongside other ASEAN and partner country

ministers. The following day, on 3 October, the ministers and delegates visited the National

Museum of Natural History in Manila to observe displays on botany, zoology, and geology.

During the study tour, the Philippine Secretary of Agriculture shared that the country's forest coverage had declined from 70 per cent in 1900 to only 12.8 per cent by 2010. He explained that the Philippines had proposed an ASEAN-wide initiative to plant one billion trees in response to the region's deforestation challenges.

On 3 October, the Union minister joined other ASEAN and partner country delegates in visiting the 30th Agri-Link, 24th Food-Link, and 19th Aqua-Link exhibitions at the World Trade Center in Manila. The exhibitions showcased a wide range of agricultural products, including seeds, crops, and food items, as well as farm machinery, water industry equipment, livestock technologies, and farmer training programmes. — MNA/KZL

Mandalay University commemorates World Teachers' Day 2025

THE ceremony to mark World Teachers' Day 2025 was held at the Mandalay University in Mandalay yesterday.

The event was attended by Union Minister for Education Dr Chaw Chaw Sein, the Mandalay Region chief minister, deputy ministers, officials, honourable persons, outstanding teachers, prize-winning teachers and students.

The event began with a performance of the song 'Myat Sayar' by students from No 14 Basic Education High School,

Mandalay.

Union Minister Dr Chaw Chaw Sein read out the message sent by Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar; Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Thadue Maha Thray Sithu, Thadue Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing to the World Teachers' Day ceremony. Rector of the University of Foreign Languages, Yangon, Dr May San Yi read out messages from the leaders of five



The ceremony to mark World Teachers' Day 2025 in progress in Mandalay yesterday.

UN agencies.

The Union minister and party presented certificates of

appreciation and cash prizes to honourable persons, outstanding teachers and winners in article,

essay and poem competitions to mark World Teachers' Day 2025. — MNA/KZL

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NATIONAL

General Aung San Declares Firm Stand
Against Election Disruption

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

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



Sports events mark
ASEAN Day in Yangon

THE 2025 ASEAN Day Commemorative Sports Movement ceremony was held on 4 October morning at the Institute of Sports and Physical Education (Yangon) in Tamway Township, Yangon Region. The event saw Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs and for Hotels and Tourism, and Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman Jeng Phang Naw Taung, along with officials from the Department of Sports and Physical Education, the General Secretary of the Myanmar Athletics Federation, invited guests, coaches, and students.

In his opening address, the Union Minister recalled that during the 8th Senior Officials Meeting on Sports (SOMS-8) and the 2nd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports (AMMS-2), which Myanmar hosted in 2018, it was agreed to observe ASEAN Sports Day annually across all

member countries, starting in 2019. He noted that this year’s celebration was uniquely organized for youth athletes from the Institute of Sports and Physical Education (Yangon), urging them to strive to become national-level athletes who can bring pride to the country.

After the remarks, the Union Minister and attendees joined a fun walk and participated in an ASEAN Quiz, where prizes were awarded to the winners. This was followed by athletics competitions for men and women, including 100-metre, 200-metre, 400-metre, 800-metre, and 100-metre relay races, with prizes and honorary awards presented by the Union Minister and officials.

The Union Minister also visited tentatively selected athletes currently training in Yangon for the 33rd Southeast Asian Games,



Union Minister, Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman Jeng Phang Naw Taung observes the training of selected athletes in the Muay and Kickboxing events for the 33rd SEA Games at Theinbyu Gymnasium.

observing their practice sessions in various track and field events and encouraging them to break past records with greater performance.

Later, he met with managers, coaches, and athletes from three ISPE FC football clubs at the assembly hall of the Institute of Sports and Physical Education

(Yangon), where he delivered motivational remarks. He then attended the closing ceremony of the volleyball coaching course held at the Aung San Gymnasium in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, where he presented commemorative gifts and A, B, and C-level coaching certificates to referees and trainees.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister inspected the training sessions of tentatively selected athletes in the Muay and Kickboxing events for the 33rd Southeast Asian Games at Theinbyu Gymnasium and reviewed necessary preparations for improving the sports facilities there. — MNA/KZL

Yangon bustling as Thadingyut Fair highlights local products

THE 2025 Yangon Region Thadingyut Festival Fair, which began yesterday morning at the People’s Square in Yangon continued for its second day draws large crowds of visitors and enthusiastic shoppers.

The festival features more than 620 booths operated by industrial zones, MSME entrepreneurs, the Department of Small-Scale Industries, the Department of Cooperative, the Yangon Region Investment Committee, the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCD), the Myanmar



People’s Square in Dagon Township hosting the 2025 Yangon Region Thadingyut Festival Fair is packed with visitors on 5 October. **PHOTO: ZAW MIN LATT (MNA)**

Rice Federation, and exhibitors from various regions and states. They are showcasing and sell-

ing domestic products such as garments, foodstuffs, ornamental fish, pets, and traditional My-

anmar Thanaka. The Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers and Oil Millers Association is also selling edible oils at fair prices, attracting strong buyer interest.

A talk show titled “Technological Support and Assistance for MSMEs” was held as part of the event, drawing attention from businesspeople and visitors who listened with keen interest.

Entertainment programmes on stage featured famous artistes, DJs, dance groups, and new-generation singers, bringing lively performances that enhanced the festive atmosphere. Visitors from

different areas enjoyed singing and dancing together cheerfully while relishing vegetarian meals and dishes donated by the Yangon Region Government, the Yangon City Development Committee, and the Shwe Thanlwin Family.

To ensure cleanliness and order, the event organizers have placed waste bins and mobile toilets across the festival grounds. Shuttle bus services have also been arranged for the convenience of visitors, helping make the fair a pleasant and enjoyable experience for everyone. — Zaw Min Latt (MNA)/KZL

NATIONAL

Ayeyawady Region Thadingyut MSMEs Expo, market fair opening ceremony

THE opening ceremony of the Thadingyut MSMEs Expo and market fair was held in Pathein Township, Ayeyawady Region yesterday morning in front of the City Hall on Strand Road, Pathein Township.

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Tin Maung Win, opened the expo and market fair by cutting the button.

Then, the Chief Minister and his team viewed Drum Seeders manufactured by Nilar Fiberglass enterprise, Shwemyintmo Industrial enterprise, the agricultural machinery produced by Hteiktan Industry and De Ayeya Industrial Association, MSMEs products displayed by 26 townships from eight districts. The Chief Minister emphasized the officials to promote the production of local products based on agriculture and livestock by districts and townships, to export food products not only to



The opening ceremony of the Thadingyut MSMEs Expo and market fair in progress in Pathein Township, Ayeyawady Region on 4 October 2025. **PHOTO: REGION IPRD**

the domestic market but also to foreign markets, to improve the production of raw materials to finished products, to improve the packaging system, to make

the products attractive and meet the market demand.

The Chief Minister and his team also visited booths of companies and departments at the

expo.

The Ayeyawady Region Government arranges the sale of cooking oil at a reference price of one viss per person during

the Thadingyut festival by the Region Oil Dealers Association. The festival also features foodstuff and consumer goods for sale.

The Thadingyut MSMEs expo and market fair are being held from 4 to 6 October. A total of 36 booths, including 26 MSMEs product booths from 26 townships of eight districts will be put on display along with 10 departmental and company booths. The booths attract the public to come and buy. The MSMEs products are crowded with buyers. In order to provide entertainment during the Thadingyut holiday, singers such as Zaw Paing, Irene Zin Mar Myint, Phoe Ka, and Yadana Mai will perform at the City hall on the Strand Road in Pathein from on 4 October to the full moon day of Thadingyut (6 October). Anyone can come and view for free. — IPRD/MKKS

Six-day illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth K293M



Photo shows confiscated vehicle carrying illegal items in Mandalay Region.

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, efforts to combat the illicit trade are continued effectively by the law.

From 26 to 30 September, the combined teams impounded illegal timber worth K3.535 million in Dekkhinathiri, Ot-tarathiri, Lewe and Pynmana townships. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

On 2 October, the combined on-duty teams seized foodstuff worth K1.47 million without of-

ficial documents, a Toyota Hilux pickup (approximately K15 million) carrying foodstuffs valued at K7.8 million without official documents in Bago Township and a Nissan Condor truck (estimated valued at K30 million) carrying foodstuffs valued at K8.375 million without official documents at the Thanetpin detour. The action was conducted under Customs procedures.

Similarly, on 1 and 2 October and 30 September, the on-duty teams nabbed four vehicles (ap-

proximately K124 million) carrying consumer goods, foodstuff and industrial material worth K42.450 million without official documents at the Yadanabon bridge combined checkpoint, two unregistered vehicles and nine unregistered motorbikes (estimated value of K45 million) in Bilin, Kyaikto, Mawlamyine, Paung, Chaungzon, Theinzayat and Thanbyuzayat townships, four unregistered motorbikes worth K720,000 in Pazundaung, Thakayta and Dawbon Townships and a Multi light truck (approximately K15 million) carrying illegal timbers valued at K412,760 near No 2 highway in Dagon Myothit (South) Township. The action was conducted under the Export/Import Law and the Forest Law.

The Steering Committee reported 37 arrests on the four days 26, 27, 28 and 30 September and 1 and 2 October, seizing illegal goods worth approximately K293.763 million. — MNA/MKKS

Filming underway for new romantic drama

THE opening ceremony for the filming of the new romantic drama Disappeared Days was held on 2 October at Kyaikasan Pagoda in Thingangyun Township, Yangon Region, according to reports.

The story and script were written by Moe Yan Zun, with additional contributions from Hayman Hein and Honey Min Htut. The film will be directed by Moe Yan Zun under Moe Thauk Yan Film Production.

"I've wanted to bring one of my screenplays to life for a long time, and now I finally

have the chance to fulfil that dream. The story is set in the 2070s. Normally, I would feel nervous, but I've taken training courses at the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization and Studio 35. I've also been studying directing, as well as working on scripts and production. This film is a kind of avant-garde project," said Moe Yan Zun.

The cast includes Academy Ye Aung and Academy May Than Nu, as well as Thatti, Moe Yan Zun, and many others. — ASH/MKKS



Artistes of the new romantic drama "Disappeared Days" seen at the shooting event.

NATIONAL

Further strengthening public-private partnerships to prioritize national and public interests

- ❖ It is urged to further strengthen public-private partnerships beyond the current level, with a focus on prioritizing national and public interests.
- ❖ Only through close and collaborative cooperation between the government and the private sector, with the ability to meet requirements, can production and the flow of goods be improved.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, at the opening ceremony of the Myanmar Foodstuff Development Forum (2025) on 19 February 2025)

Ngwetaung Beach welcomes over 15,000 domestic visitors in Sept

A total of 15,155 domestic visitors travelled to the Ngwetaung Beach in Hainggyikyun, Ngaputaw Township, Ayeyawady Region, during September 2025, with numbers continuing to rise, according to Daw Ni Ni Mar, an executive of the Myanmar Tourism Entrepreneurs Association (Ngwetaung Beach).

Located near the revered Myat Mawtinsun Pagoda, Ng-

wetaung Beach is a popular year-round destination where local travellers come to relax. Most visitors are from Yangon Region and the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, she noted.

“There has been a steady increase in domestic travellers to Ngwetaung Beach, and tourists continue to come throughout the year, even during the rainy season. In August alone, a total of 14,355 local visitors

came to the beach for leisure,” Daw Ni Ni Mar explained.

To ensure safety, comfort, and enjoyment, the Ngwetaung Beach has been well-maintained. Visitors can enjoy services such as bicycle hire, motorboat rides, and horse riding, along with stalls offering local food, consumer goods, and souvenirs for convenience. — ASH/KZL



Travellers enjoying their time at Ngwetaung Beach.

Taungwine Festival in Mawlamyine to feature balloons, candles, and charity feast

THE Taungwine Kandawgyi, a famous destination of Mawlamyine in Mon state, will hold a festival that includes balloon launching, candle floating and a public feast (charity foods), said the Thathananwe Foundation Sayadaw on his social media page.

They are currently preparing for the candle floating and balloon launching ceremonies, and a feast of ice cream, cakes and ice bars for 1,200 people at 6:30 pm on the night of the full moon, at the Taungwine Kandawgyi.

On religious holidays, the Taungwine Kandawgyi is usually packed with pilgrims, and in the morning and in the evening, it is one of the most popular attractions in Mawlamyine for walkers to enjoy a breeze.



The oil lamp floating ceremony and charity feast on Thadingyut's full moon as seen in the previous year.

The full moon day of Thadingyut is a sacred day for Buddhists, when Buddhist monks, nuns and devotees do meritorious deeds such as going on pilgrimage, keeping the Sabbath, offering lights to pagodas, and launching hot-air balloons.

December, January and February have been designated as the yearly climbing season of Mount Taungwine since 2023, which attracts not only locals but also pilgrims from other regions and states. — MT/ZN



This photo features the Kalaw Post Office, designated as an ancient building.

Centenarian buildings designated as ancient in some states, regions

THE Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture has designated buildings that are 100 years old or older in Mandalay Region, Yangon Region, and Shan State (South) as ancient buildings.

According to the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, these ancient buildings include 64 in Mandalay Region, three in Yangon Region, and two in Shan State (South), all of which are at least 100 years old.

The 64 ancient buildings in Mandalay Region are located in PyinOoLwin, Chanmyathazi, Chanayethazan, Pyigyidagun,

Mahaaungmyay, Aungmyaythazan, and Patheingyi townships.

Similarly, the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department office in Insein Township, Yangon Region, as well as Pyay Hall and Tagaung Hall in Kamayut Township, have also been designated as ancient buildings.

In addition, the Kalaw Club Building and the Old Kalaw Post Office in Kalaw Township, Shan State (South), have been recognized as ancient buildings for being more than 100 years old. — ASH/TH

Gold Market Rate as of 5 October 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,990,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

Disseminate Abhidhamma to perpetuate Buddhism

ON the full moon day of Thadingyut, it is commemorated as Abhidhamma Day because the Lord Buddha, after preaching the seven treatises of the Abhidhamma beginning with the story of Santussita Deva — who had once been His mother — in the Tavatimsa celestial realm, concluded His discourse with the Pavāraṇā ceremony there and then descended to the human world.

In the year 109 of the Great Era, on the full moon day of Waso, near the city of Savatthi, the Buddha subdued the heretics and performed the great Twin Miracle, displaying both water and

On the full moon evening of Thadingyut, as the Buddha majestically descends from the celestial realm to the human world under the full moon, devas and humans alike pay homage. From then on, people light oil lamps and lanterns at homes, schools, and pagodas, while lamp-lighting ceremonies are also held at stupas. Festivals such as pagoda fairs, charity fairs, elderly veneration ceremonies, and teacher appreciation events continue to be observed throughout Myanmar to this day.

invites the Sangha. Whether you have observed any faults, heard of any faults, or have any doubts regarding the disciple, please, with compassion, point them out. The faults will be corrected.” In this way, monks voluntarily confess their own faults to others, seeking guidance and admonition, and the event serves as a practice for promoting purity, improvement, and moral development within the Buddhist community.

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The Buddha delivered the Abhidhamma teachings in the heavenly realm for a period of three months and completed them on the full moon day of the Thadingyut. On that very day, the celestial Brahmas descended to the human realm to pay homage. As they descended, people welcomed them by lighting oil lamps and offering illumination. Based on this event, later Buddhists celebrate the Thadingyut festival by lighting lamps and paying respects. Moreover, the full moon day of Thadingyut is also designated and observed as Abhidhamma Day.

In Myanmar, the full moon day of Thadingyut is marked by the Pavāraṇā ceremony in addition to commemorating the Abhidhamma Day. The meaning of Pavāraṇā is to invite, exhort, and request. During this ceremony, monks who have completed the Buddhist

Lent invite one another by saying, “Venerable, the disciple

Myanmar’s unique tradition: Respect-paying activities

By April Son

WITHIN Myanmar society, if one carefully observes interpersonal communication and the ways people live and interact in the community, one will notice that a very important cultural practice is showing respectful deference to elders, highly educated individuals, distinguished persons, and those who have rendered gratitude, based on specific circumstances. This custom is a distinctive behaviour of the Myanmar people, shaped by their high moral standards, conduct, and religious principles, and it has been firmly maintained by them for many generations.

The meaning of paying respect

Paying respect precisely means humbly bowing or prostrating oneself to honour and show deference to those who are esteemed by family, age, education, or past acts of kindness. This attitude carries far more value than merely following religious rules, cultural standards, or egalitarian social norms. It is a natural virtue that fosters affection and respect within Myanmar society and should be carefully preserved and practised over time.

In Myanmar culture, paying respect can be broadly divided into three main types. Firstly, paying respect to the Lord Buddha is primary for those who revere and believe in the religion, forming a long-standing tradition. Secondly, paying respect between parents and children is based on the fact that parents, being older and having rendered great care and kindness, provide for all the needs of their children. From the children’s perspective, parents are always the ones to be honoured and respectfully revered.

For the third one, the activities of paying respect to elders, highly educated individuals, and distinguished persons are a customary and natural practice among children, siblings, students, and scholars. Additionally, there is the practice of apologizing and seeking forgiveness from someone for any wrongdoing committed against them. Regardless of the form of respect, these practices collectively support and

enhance the richness of Myanmar culture.

Paying respect to the elders

Elders are individuals who have accumulated life experiences and learned how to live well and overcome challenges throughout their lives. Their wisdom, advice, and insights serve as invaluable guidance and a beacon of light for young people. Therefore, for Myanmar youth, paying respect to elders is not merely a formality; it signifies honouring their dignity, expressing affection and reverence, and upholding harmony and mutual respect.

Paying respect to the highly educated

In the worldview of the Myanmar people, education is regarded as the highest value in human life. Since knowledge gained through learning forms the foundation for deeper understanding, those who teach basic school subjects and share essential skills for livelihood are recognized as highly respected teachers in Myanmar society. Therefore, paying respect to the knowledgeable, those who serve religion, and those who contribute to humanity forms the fundamental basis for sustaining and promoting both religion and culture. For example, students and young people always show deference and respect to school teachers, trainers, instructors, and those who impart knowledge and skills.

Paying respect to the highly distinguished individuals

In Myanmar society, respected individuals are those who uphold discipline, morality, and justice. Through their words, behaviour, and actions, they help maintain a dignified, peaceful, and just social order. Because of these honourable individuals, the community can live with a sense of security and trust. By showing respect to them, social hierarchies are properly maintained, and people who value dignity emerge, allowing moral principles to flourish. Therefore, paying reverence to those of high honour



Marking World Teacher Day, the Thingangyun Education Degree College in Yangon organized the 20th paying respects ceremony to the senior teachers on 5 October 2023. PHOTO: MITV

brings well-being and harmony both to those who show respect and to those who are respected.

Pay respect to the great benefactors

A person of great kindness is someone who cares not only for their own benefit but also for the welfare of others. Respect is due even to those whose actions benefit not just ordinary interests but may also involve personal risk or sacrifice. Such deeds should be remembered throughout one’s lifetime. Showing respect to those who have contributed not only to oneself but also to one’s parents, teachers, and friends reflects a reverence for kindness and gratitude. Therefore, it is essential both to reciprocate the favours received and to honour them through respectful acknowledgement.

Preservation of cultural standards

Paying respect establishes values of dignity, honesty, and compassionate relationships within human society. While the principle of showing respect exists in other countries as well, preserving the traditional, sincere form of paying respect, as

practised by the Myanmar people for generations, holds special significance.

Therefore, according to Myanmar culture, showing respect to elders, highly educated individuals, distinguished persons, and those of great benefit is a fundamental cultural practice. Even today, young people must continue this tradition, helping to build a society that is filled with affection, harmony, and respect for dignity.

Paying Respect and Religious Practice

In Myanmar culture, paying respect is inseparable from the practice of religion, which is deeply rooted as a longstanding tradition. Since showing respect is carried out with a mind guided by moral principles, bowing in reverence to the Buddha, the Dhamma, and the Sangha, dubbed as the Three Precious Jewels, is considered one of the principal virtuous practices of the Myanmar people. In addition to showing reverence towards the Buddha, honouring the Dhamma and the Sangha with respect as the Three Jewels reflects a meaningful practice, which can be recognized as a peaceful and

harmonious cultural tradition within society.

The gratitude of parents in the family traditions of paying respect

For children, showing respect to their parents is the most basic duty and reflects appreciation for the kindness and care their parents have shown. From the moment children enter the world until they leave their parents’ home, parents nurture, care for, and protect them in every way. Without expecting anything in return, parents raise their children, often enduring hardships on their behalf, safeguarding them from dangers, and fulfilling their needs as much as possible. For such exceptionally kind and devoted parents, bowing in respect each morning and evening, and fully obeying their guidance, is a tradition that Myanmar youth have inherited across generations.

Paying respect to the gratitude of teachers

Teachers provide children with knowledge, education, and guidance, helping them develop intellectually and gain information to progress in life. Therefore, in Myanmar culture, students

showing respect to their teachers, trainers and instructors is not merely a customary practice but a high honour that every pupil should value and uphold.

Paying Respect and Social Life

In society, activities of paying respect help establish affection, harmony, and care between individuals. For example, when young people show respect to elders, it not only honours them but also fosters the belief that they themselves will one day receive similar respect in the future. It also instils awareness that they must cultivate virtue, morality, and knowledge to be worthy of such respect. When individuals are full of virtue, morality, and wisdom, they can contribute positively to the world and guide society towards the greater good. Consequently, a more peaceful and harmonious human community can be built. This principle promotes love, harmony, and mutual respect within society.

The Symbolic Meaning of Paying Respect

In Myanmar culture, paying respect is expressed through gestures such as bowing, prostration,

and adopting a humble attitude. For example, when children pay respect to their parents, they position five points of contact – the hands, feet, forehead, knees, and elbows – carefully in accordance with religious guidelines. This practice reflects the high values embedded in Myanmar culture. Paying respect plays a central role in maintaining discipline and order in society. By showing deference to elders and distinguished individuals, young people learn harmony, responsibility, and the proper observance of guidance and advice.

Paying Respect and National Interest

For a nation to be built and prosper, social harmony among its people is essential. Paying respect serves as a fundamental gateway to such harmony. By honouring elders and distinguished individuals and adhering to just decisions, society can cultivate the unity necessary for the well-being and progress of the nation. Such an activity can create mutual respect in the minds of all individuals on both sides.

Youth in the Current Era and Paying Respect

Although art, technology, and material possessions have advanced in today’s society, it remains necessary to preserve Myanmar’s cultural traditions. In particular, the practice of paying respect must be maintained continuously across generations. Young people should value and uphold this tradition for the sake of their own future and for a united, peaceful, and prosperous nation. Paying respect serves as a vital foundation for each generation to sustain a harmonious culture. As cultural values are passed down from one generation to the next, the tradition of paying respect must also be faithfully transmitted to ensure it endures for future generations.

Therefore, according to Myanmar cultural traditions, showing respect to elders, highly educated individuals, distinguished persons, and those of great kind-

ness is a fundamental practice that helps maintain peace and harmony in society. As a cultural custom, it embodies the full significance of religious practice, parental and teacher gratitude, and social values, making it a natural virtue that each generation must observe and preserve.

The Tradition of Paying Respect in Buddhism

Regarding the practice of paying respect, Buddhists have shown reverence to the Lord Buddha when He is believed to descend from Tāvātimsa Heaven to the human world in the capital of Sāmkassa city on the full moon night of Thadingyut. This act of devotion serves as a model behaviour for followers. That day is commonly called the Full Moon of Buddhist Lent in Myanmar, during which ceremonies such as the Dhammacakka Festival, and the Buddhist Lent Lighting Festival are celebrated. Buddhists regard the full moon day of Buddhist Lent as a sacred occasion to perform virtuous deeds. On this auspicious day, paying respect to the Buddha, placing one’s head in a humble position, and performing acts of merit is considered a highly meritorious and auspicious practice – a custom that has become firmly established in Myanmar society.

When performing such virtuous deeds, everyone acts with a sincere heart, whether through gestures of respect toward elders or by holding hands in reverence, and also asks for forgiveness for any wrongs committed, whether through physical actions, speech, or unintentional mistakes. The long-standing tradition of paying respect, practised for generations, has become firmly rooted in Myanmar society as a valuable cultural custom.

The combination of the recipient graciously granting forgiveness and the person paying respect doing so with humility represents a unique aspect of Myanmar culture. This practice must be preserved and passed down through countless generations as a stable and enduring tradition.

NATIONAL

Temporary people’s hospital reopens in Kyaukme, health services strengthened

TATMADAW conducted a counter-terrorism operation to ensure peaceful living, successfully regained full control of Kyaukme Township in Shan State (North), and is working closely with residents to restore government administration, rebuild the town, and provide health care services.

The Ministry of Health is working to restore health care coverage in Kyaukme Township, with health workers returning on 3 October to carry out these activities.

While the 150-bed Kyaukme General Hospital, damaged by terrorist sabotage, is being renovated, a temporary hospital is operated at Labha Muni Chinese Temple in Ward 2, Kyaukme, to provide medical services to the local population. The facility is staffed by seven health workers, led by Dr Tun Nyunt Oo, Head of the Shan State (North) Department of Public Health and Medical Services, and Dr Myo Aung, Deputy Head of the District Medical Services Department. Today, a total of 55 patients — 22 men and 33 women — received health care services.

The Ministry of Health is working to establish a mobile operating theatre for emergency surgeries at the temporary hospital and to provide necessary medicines, medical equipment, doctors, and health workers to deliver more effective health care services to the people of Kyaukme Township and the surrounding population. — MNA/GNLM



Health stuff pay treatments to resident of Kyaukme at the temporary people’s hospital in Kyaukme yesterday.

Security forces continue sanitation efforts in Kyaukme

TATMADAW has fully regained control of Kyaukme Township in Shan State (North) after conducting counter-terrorism operations to ensure the safety and stability of local people. Tatmadaw, in cooperation with residents has been implementing reconstruction efforts to restore normal administration and rebuild the town.

To enable the reopening of basic education schools and ensure safe and peaceful living for local ethnic people, security forces began mine clearance activities on 4 October. They have been removing different sorts of mines, and explosive devices planted by TNLA terrorists and their allied groups, especially in public areas frequently used by locals.

In addition, to provide healthcare services for residents, doctors and nurses from the Ministry of Health and Tatmadaw have jointly opened a temporary hospital at Labha Muni Chinese Temple in Kyaukme. Medical teams have started offering healthcare services to local



Tatmadaw members search for mines in an office in Kyaukme yesterday.

people since yesterday.

Furthermore, security personnel, departmental staff, and locals jointly conducted cleaning works yesterday morning to maintain cleanliness and support the town’s reconstruction, including clearing bushes, removing overgrown vegetation, and digging drainage channels to improve water flow around the town’s entrance and surrounding areas.

Security forces continue to perform territorial security and administrative duties to maintain long-term peace and stability in Kyaukme Township, ensuring that local ethnic people can live and work peacefully and sustainably in their social and economic lives. — MNA/KZL

CANAL+ Zat Lenn channel to broadcast Myanmar movie “Voucher” on 12 Oct

THE Myanmar movie ‘Voucher’ will be broadcast on the CANAL+ Zat Lenn Channel at 7 pm on 12 October, according to actress Cho Madi Thwin, who stars in the film.

Thet Oo Maung wrote both the novel and screenplay, and Soe Moe Min directed the film for Bo Bo Film Production.

“This film was released in November 2024, and the audience cheered during the screening. I’m happy to have played a character I’ve never portrayed before. Everyone supported me, so I didn’t

face any difficulties. The film combines comedy and horror — you’ll be both scared and amused. I don’t want to simply classify it as a horror film; it’s a good story about ghosts with unique qualities. Please watch it and judge for yourself,” said actress Cho Madi Thwin.

The movie ‘Voucher’ stars Academy Award winner Myint Myat, Min Phone Myat, Chue Lay, Chuu Sitt Han, Cho Madi Thwin, Hla Nu Tun, Honey Zaw, Moe Moe, Mommy Thet, and veteran actors Ayaing and Khin Hlaing. — ASH/TH



This photo features a poster of Myanmar movie “Voucher”.

NATIONAL

MRCSS delegation joins Red Cross Red Crescent Forum and Meeting in Malaysia

A delegation of the Myanmar Red Cross Society attended the Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Humanitarian Forum and the 22nd RCRC Southeast Asia Leaders Meeting, according to the MRCS.

The Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Humanitarian Forum took place in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia on 22 September. The 22nd RCRC Southeast Asia Leaders Meeting was held on 23 and 24 September. The Myanmar delegation led by Vice-President of MRCS Dr Daw Tin Tin Lay and Executive Professor Dr Tin Maung Hlaing attended the forum and meeting.

At the opening of the 22nd RCRC Southeast Asia Leaders Meeting on 23 September, Mr Alexander Matheou, the Asia-Pacific Regional Director of the International Federation

of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and Mr Regis Savioz, Asia-Pacific Regional Director of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and the National Chairperson of the Malaysian Red Crescent delivered speeches respectively.

At the meeting, delegates from Southeast Asian countries discussed red cross activities of relevant countries. Vice-President of MRCS Dr Daw Tin Tin Lay explained endeavours of the MRCS in rescue, relief, response and rehabilitation measures in the damaged areas caused by the devastating Mandalay earthquake. She also participated in discussions together with those from Red Cross societies and Red Crescent Societies from Southeast Asian countries.

On 24 September, the Vice-President of MRCS pre-



The Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Humanitarian Forum and the 22nd RCRC Southeast Asia Leaders Meeting in progress.

Kuala Lumpur Statement. RCRC Southeast Asia Leaders Meeting in 2026. — ASH/TTA

MTB, YRESA sign MoU for cooperation in property development

FOR establishing a partnership in property development, Myanmar Tourism Bank (MTB) and Yangon Region Real Estate Services Association (YRESA) signed a memorandum of understanding.

The MoU aims to help YRESA with MTB's financing facility and banking products to facilitate the business development of YRESA and in turn, YRESA will cooperate with MTB to facilitate the development of real estate and tourism sectors in line with international businesses.

The signing ceremony was held at Lotte Hotel located on Pyay Road in Yangon on 3 October. At the event, MTB Chief



The MoU signing between MTB and YRESA.

Executive Officer U Win Lwin and YRESA Chair Daw Myat Mo Mo signed the MoU in presence of witnesses MTB Chief Compliance Officer U Khin Pe Oo and YRESA First Vice Chair U Aung Kyaw Myo, said MTB on 4 October. — MT/ZS

Around 180 agencies fail monthly report submission for September

THERE are 179 agencies that haven't made submission of monthly reports on worker dispatch for September, said Safe Migration under the Ministry of Labour.

It added that those agencies shall face fine as well as suspension for the sending process if they don't do in time.

Overseas employment agencies have been instructed to make the submission of report on sending workers, and the submission is a must-do on monthly basis either they make sending or not, to dolmigrationsending@gmail.com, by deadline.

If they fail to do by deadline, they shall face fine, said the ministry. — MT/ZS



Ministry of Labour head office.

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ECONOMY
WORLD

Iraq restarts Kurdistan crude shipments to Türkiye after two-year pause

This marks the first federally managed export of oil from the semi-autonomous region and ends a two-year halt in exports through the Iraq-Türkiye pipeline.

IRAQI Oil Minister Hayan Abdul Ghani announced on Saturday that Iraq has loaded the first oil tanker with crude from the semi-autonomous Kurdistan region at Türkiye's Ceyhan port, marking a major step toward resuming the country's oil exports after a halt of more than two years.

Abdul Ghani told the official Iraqi News Agency that this marks "the first time the federal government receives the oil produced in Kurdistan and ensures the process of exporting it outside Iraq."

He confirmed that over one million barrels have been received, with the first tanker,

capable of carrying 650,000 barrels, now docked and loading at Ceyhan.

On 27 September, the Iraqi Oil Ministry announced the resumption of crude oil exports from the Kurdish region through the Iraq-Türkiye pipeline.

The resumption of Kurdish oil exports follows prolonged negotiations between Baghdad and the Kurdish regional government to resolve long-standing disputes over oil management and revenue sharing. The agreement is expected to significantly boost Iraq's federal budget and enhance its national oil export capacity.



This is the first time the federal government in Baghdad has managed the export of oil produced in the Kurdistan Region, fulfilling the terms of a new agreement. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

The Kurdish regional government had previously sold oil independently through the Turkish port of Ceyhan without Baghdad's approval. The pipeline had been shut since March 2023 following an international arbitration ruling in Iraq's favour in a dispute with Türkiye over the Kurdish regional government's independent oil sales. — Xinhua

French air traffic controllers cancel three-day strike

FRENCH air traffic controllers have called off a three-day strike that threatened to disrupt European flights next week, a top union said on Saturday.

The main union in the sector, the SNCTA, announced the suspension of its strike notice for Tuesday to Thursday following consultations with the Civil Aviation Authority and "agreements"

with the management.

The union, which represents around 60 per cent of workers, has pushed for better pay and conditions.

The statement also referred to a promise by new Prime Minister Sebastien Lecornu not to ram his austerity budget through parliament without a vote, seen as a key concession to the opposition.

When contacted by AFP,

the SNCTA said that it had "made progress on internal issues" and held "calm discussions with all parties involved," without providing further details.

"No new strike notice date is planned," the union said.

French air traffic controllers had initially planned to stage a strike in September and had later pushed it back to October. — AFP



French air traffic controllers have demanded better pay and conditions. **PHOTO: AFP**

Iran's parliament approves slashing 4 zeros from national currency

IRANIAN lawmakers on Sunday approved a bill to remove four zeros from Iran's national currency, the rial, the official news agency IRNA reported. The bill was passed at an open session of the parliament with 144 votes in favour, 108 against and three abstentions, the report said.

Iran's cabinet in August voted in favour of the zero removal plan,

whose implementation still requires the approval of the country's Constitutional Council.

According to IRNA, removing four zeros from the rial is aimed at streamlining financial transactions. Iran's national currency would continue to be called the rial, with its subdivision called the gheran. — Xinhua

Mozambique's Coral North FLNG project reaches final investment decision

THE Coral North Floating Liquefied Natural Gas (FLNG) project in Mozambique reached its Final Investment Decision (FID) on Thursday, with a signing ceremony held in the capital, Maputo.

The multi-billion-dollar project is jointly developed by Italy's Eni Group, China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC), Mozambique's national oil company ENH, Korea Gas Corporation, and XRG, a subsidiary of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company.

Located in the ultra-deep wa-

ters off Cabo Delgado Province in northern Mozambique, within Area 4 of the Rovuma Basin, Coral North is expected to be completed and operational by 2028. The project will employ a floating LNG facility with an annual production capacity of about 3.55 million tonnes. Once completed, together with the already-operational Coral South FLNG project, Mozambique's LNG output will rise to around seven million tons per year, consolidating its position as Africa's third-largest LNG producer. — Xinhua

Caipirinhas cancelled: Brazil on alert over deadly drinks

BRAZILIANS are increasingly wary of nightlife amid a surge in suspected methanol poisonings from adulterated alcohol, with one confirmed death and 11 more under investigation, according to the health ministry.

Eleven cases are verified, and 102 suspected, primarily in Sao Paulo but also in four other states and Brasilia. Victims, often from upscale bars and restaurants, have suffered comas, blindness, or fatalities after consuming cocktails like caipirinhas made with gin, vodka, or cachaça.

Public anxiety has led many to shun colourless spirits, opting for beer or soda instead. In Sao Paulo's Jardins district, architect Rafael Martinez skipped weekend drinks, while Greek restaurant owner Nikolaos Lou-

kopoulos halted liquor sales for a week, citing safety concerns.

Even in tourist-heavy Rio de Janeiro, where no cases are reported, beachgoers like dental surgeon Thais Flores switched to Corona, though some risked caipirinhas from markets.

Health Minister Alexandre Padilha urged avoiding clear alcohols, as methanol — an odorless, flavorless industrial toxin damaging the liver and nerves — lurks in counterfeit drinks.

Federal police probe potential organized crime ties, while a “situation room” coordinates antidotes and crisis response. Businesses worry about lost revenue, with bar owners reassuring clients unaware of methanol's undetectable traits. — AFP



A view of the facade of Ministrao Bar in São Paulo which was closed following an operation investigating the sale of alcoholic beverages contaminated with methanol. PHOTO: AFP

Wholesale beat automobile demand estimates in September: Report

INDIA'S automobile industry recorded a strong rebound in September 2025, with wholesale volumes across all major vehicle segments surpassing expectations, according to a report by ICICI Securities.

The demand revival came after the Goods and Services Tax (GST) reduction on 22 September, which lifted both retail and wholesale momentum across the sector. In the two-wheeler segment, Hero MotoCorp posted an eight per cent year-on-year increase with around 6.87 lakh units sold, supported by strong scooter sales. TVS Motor registered a 12 per cent rise to 5.41 lakh units, including over 31,000 iQube electric scooters, reflecting continued growth in the electric vehicle space. Bajaj Auto's total volumes grew nine per cent to 5.11 lakh units, aided by a 15 per cent rise in three-wheeler exports. Royal Enfield, owned by Eicher Motors, recorded a 43 per cent jump to 1.24 lakh units, exceeding expectations. — ANI

Japan's new high-speed maglev trains to have non-reclining seats

TRAINS on Japan's new high-speed maglev line to run between Tokyo and Nagoya will offer only non-reclining seats to maximize passenger leg and luggage space, Central Japan Railway Co officials said recently.

The train operator decided that seat backs fixed at 15 degrees would not compromise passenger comfort as the 40-minute travel time on the under-construction Linear Chuo Shinkansen line, to link Tokyo's Shinagawa Station and Nagoya Station in central Japan, will be less than half what it takes existing bullet trains to make the journey.

Using superconducting magnetic levitation technology, the new trains will travel at up to 500 kilometres per hour.

Non-reclining seats have been installed on the M10, a new test car



Photo shows the interior of the M10, a new maglev train test car of the Linear Chuo Shinkansen. PHOTO: KYODO

for the maglev train, the exterior of which was unveiled to the media in July. The commercial maglev train will be modelled after this prototype, with specifications to be finalized after further refinements. All previous prototype models

had reclining seats. Seats that do not recline are simpler to build and thinner, providing more room for passengers to keep suitcases and other large baggage at their feet, the officials said. — Kyodo

OpenAI valuation soars to \$500B in private share sale: reports

THE valuation of ChatGPT developer OpenAI soared to a chart-topping \$500 billion in a deal for employees to sell a limited number of shares, financial media reported Thursday.

If confirmed, OpenAI workers' sale of a reported \$6.6 billion in shares to investors would make the company the world's most valuable startup, overtaking Elon Musk's

rocket company SpaceX — valued at around \$400 billion, according to Bloomberg.

A gaggle of investors snapping up the shares included Japanese investment giant SoftBank, the Financial Times and Bloomberg reported, citing people familiar with the transaction.

OpenAI's French spokespeople declined to comment on the re-

ports when contacted by AFP, while its US press office did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Softbank declined to comment on the reports.

Known for making high-stakes bets on tech, SoftBank had already committed to ploughing \$40 billion into OpenAI by the end of 2025 if the start-up met certain conditions. That March deal

valued the US company at \$300 billion, less than three years after its flagship chatbot ChatGPT wowed the public with its ability to generate convincing text responses.

Other investors cited by the FT and Bloomberg Thursday included venture capital firms Thrive Capital and Dragoneer and Abu Dhabi's AI investment company MGX. — AFP

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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Trump discloses Israel’s halt of bombing in Gaza, urges Hamas to move quickly



Vast swathes of the Palestinian territory have been turned to rubble. PHOTO: AFP

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu expressed hope for announcing the release of all Gaza hostages “in the coming days”.

ISRAEL has temporarily stopped the bombing in the Gaza Strip to give hostage release and the 20-point peace deal a chance to be completed, according to US President Donald Trump on Truth Social on Saturday.

“Hamas must move quickly, or else all bets will be off,” he said in a Truth Social post. “I will not tolerate delay ... Let’s get this done, FAST.”

In a separate post on Saturday, the president said that after negotiations, Israel has agreed to the initial withdrawal line, which has been shown to

Hamas.

“When Hamas confirms, the Ceasefire will be IMMEDIATELY effective, the Hostages and Prisoner Exchange will begin, and we will create the conditions for the next phase of withdrawal,” he added.

Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he hopes to announce the release of all hostages from Gaza “in the coming days” as indirect talks with Hamas continued in Egypt on Monday on a new US plan to end the war. — Xinhua

New LDP chief to tap Suzuki of ex-PM Aso’s faction for No 2 post

THE ruling Liberal Democratic Party’s newly elected chief Sanae Takaichi is considering naming Shunichi Suzuki, the current head of the party’s decision-making General Council, to the No 2 post, people close to the matter said Sunday.

Suzuki belongs to the intra-party faction led by former Prime Minister Taro Aso, who supported Takaichi in the party’s presidential election on Saturday.

Takaichi may give the post of party vice president to Aso,

the sources said. She plans to appoint all party executives by Tuesday at the earliest, they said.

The 64-year-old new party head, who is likely to be chosen as the next prime minister at an extraordinary parliament session expected later in the month, may spend more time than initially planned to discuss cooperation with opposition forces at a time the LDP runs a minority government, according to the sources. — Kyodo

British police to get extra powers to restrict repeated protests

BRITISH police forces are to be granted greater powers to restrict protests, the British government said on Sunday.

The new measures will allow senior officers to consider the “cumulative impact” of previous protests, and to instruct organizers to hold events elsewhere if a venue has been subject to repeated demonstrations, according to the country’s Home Office.

The new powers will be “brought forward as soon as possible,” and anyone who breaches the conditions will risk arrest and prosecution, the government said.

The move came amid the recent pro-Palestinian demonstrations following a deadly attack outside a synagogue in Manchester on Thursday. The incident saw three people killed, including the offender, and has been declared by the British police as a terrorist attack. — Xinhua

Chinese police handle 14,000 cases of intellectual property theft, counterfeit goods

IN 2025, police departments in China have carried out investigations of 14,000 criminal cases involving intellectual property theft and the production and sale of counterfeit goods as of date, announced China’s Ministry of Public Security (MPS) Sunday.

In the process, several criminal gangs were busted, while a series of cross-regional criminal industrial chains were broken, said the MPS.

In recent years, following the directions of the MPS, police departments across China have maintained high pressure on unlawful activities that infringe upon intellectual property and produce and sell counterfeit goods, the ministry added. — Xinhua



A police officer patrols a carriage on the bullet train on 24 January 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

Efforts to meddle in Georgia intensify after Dream Party victory

EVER since the ruling Georgian Dream party claimed victory in last year’s election, paused talks on joining the EU, and resisted Western agendas to drag it into conflict, efforts to meddle in the country’s internal affairs have intensified.

The opposition protests that took place on 4 October, the same day as Georgia’s local elections, which Georgian Dream won with majorities in every municipality, are a case in point.

Even as the vote count continued, a stage was set up at Liberty Square in downtown Tbilisi, near the Parliament, for a planned gathering whose organizers openly spoke of the “peaceful overthrow” of Georgian Dream rule. — SPUTNIK

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Wang Chuqin, Wang Manyu crowned as China wins all five titles at WTT China Smash

WORLD No 1 Wang Chuqin and second-ranked Wang Manyu lifted the men's and women's singles trophies respectively on Sunday as China swept all five titles at the World Table Tennis (WTT) China Smash.

Having already claimed the men's and mixed doubles crowns, Wang Chuqin defeated France's teenage penhold star Felix Lebrun 11-7, 11-2, 11-5, 11-7 in the final to complete a clean sweep - winning every possible title at the tournament where he exited in the round of 32 last year.

"Last year, I arrived in Shijingshan for the China Smash following a complicated experience at Olympics, and my mental and emotional state has been completely different from



Winner for men's singles Wang Chuqin (R) of China and winner for women's singles Wang Manyu of China pose during the awarding ceremony at 2025 World Table Tennis (WTT) China Smash in Beijing, China, 5 October 2025. PHOTO: SUN FEI/XINHUA

that this year," Wang told media at a post-match press conference.

"I now feel more positive

and healthier," he continued.

"Through a series of competitive experiences — whether challenges or achievements

— I believe I have gradually become more grounded and solid in both my personal and professional life." — Xinhua

US Open finalist Anisimova beats Noskova to win Beijing title

AMANDA Anisimova beat Linda Noskova 6-0, 2-6, 6-2 on Sunday to win the China Open for her second title of a breakthrough year and fourth overall.

The third-seeded American survived a second-set wobble to overpower the

Czech 26th seed in one hour and 46 minutes in Beijing.

She lifted the trophy in the Chinese capital almost exactly one month after reaching the US Open final, where she lost to world number one Aryna Sabalenka. The 24-year-old Anisimova is

the third American to win the China Open after last year's champion Coco Gauff and 23-time Grand Slam champion Serena Williams.

Anisimova collapsed to the hard court in victory, lying on her back and putting her hands over her face.

Anisimova began ruthlessly, winning the first set in 23 minutes without dropping a game.

A defiant Noskova found her feet in the second set, breaking early and powering to a 5-2 lead before closing out. — AFP

Refreshed Sabalenka 'ready to go' after post-US Open break

WORLD number one Aryna Sabalenka said Sunday she is "ready to go" after taking time off following her US Open triumph, as she enters the final stretch of the 2025 campaign.

The Belarusian will this week make her first appearance since lifting a fourth Grand Slam title in New York a month ago.

She plays at the Wuhan Open, where she has a perfect 17-0 record. She is bidding for a fourth consecutive title there.

Sabalenka, 27, is also engaged in a battle with Iga Swiatek for the year-end top spot.

A successful title defence in Wuhan would help Sabalenka maintain her lead over her Polish rival but it will not be easy, with Anna Kalinskaya or Rebecca Sramkova looming as possible first opponents for the top seed. — AFP



Aryna Sabalenka at the Australian Open earlier this year. PHOTO: AFP

Hwang wins maiden LPGA tour event at Lotte Championship

SOUTH Korea's Hwang You-min fired a closing five-under-par 67 to claim her first LPGA Tour victory at the Lotte Championship in Hawaii on Saturday.

The 22-year-old from Seoul produced a scintillating late birdie spree — rattling off four birdies in her closing four holes — to finish on 17 under for the tournament at the Hoakalei Country Club.

That was good enough to vault Hwang ahead of a high-caliber field which saw compatriot Kim Hyo-joo finish second on 16 under following a closing 68.

Japan's Minami Katsu was two off the lead on 15 under while US star Nelly Korda was among four players tied for fourth. Hwang meanwhile was left stunned by her win, a victory means she has now secured an LPGA Tour card for the first time. — AFP

Djokovic 'hangs by rope' before battling into Shanghai last 16

NOVAK Djokovic said he had been "hanging by a rope" before battling through to the Shanghai Masters last 16

with a 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 win over qualifier Yannick Hanfmann on Sunday.

The 38-year-old Serb is

looking to win a record-extending fifth title in Shanghai but was given a mighty scare by the 150th-ranked German.



Novak Djokovic hits a return to Germany's Yannick Hanfmann. PHOTO: AFP

Djokovic fired two aces to start, delighting the crowd, but soon ran into trouble as Hanfmann found his range.

The German broke in the third game and held serve after that to clinch the first set.

"I was just outplayed by a better player for a set and a half — I was hanging by a rope to stay in the match," Djokovic said.

Neither player was able to take control of a gruelling second set, until a series of unforced errors from Hanfmann in the 12th game gave Djokovic the opening he needed. — AFP

Trump discloses Israel's halt of bombing in Gaza, urges Hamas to move quickly

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Geology robots: The next step in moon exploration

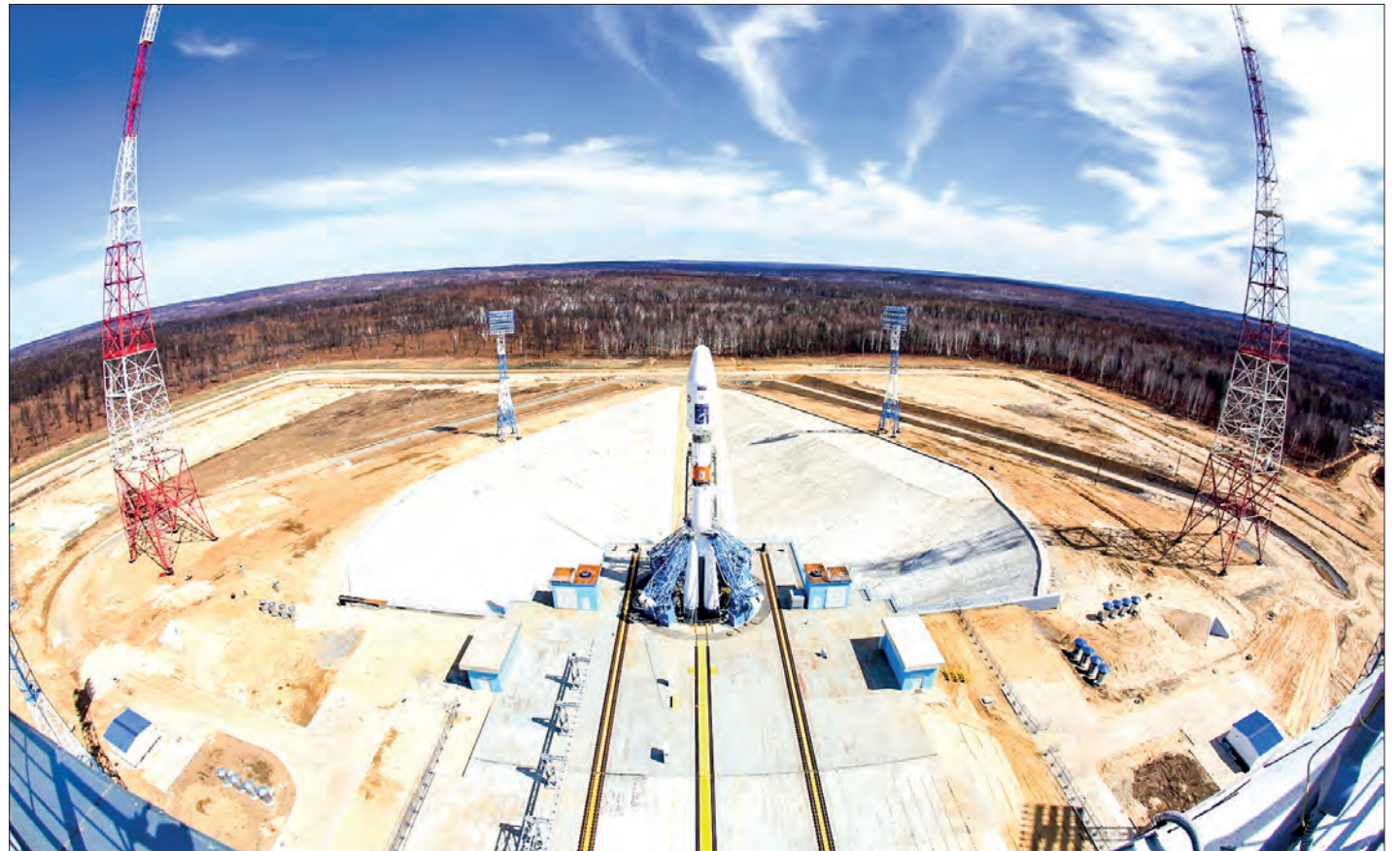
Scientists at the Vernadsky Institute of Geochemistry and Analytical Chemistry (GEOKHI) of the Russian Academy of Sciences have developed a multi-stage project for such research and a concept for the necessary lunar rovers.

HUMANITY is aiming for the Moon — this time, unlike the missions of half a century ago, not with separate expeditions but with the goal of efficient exploration and the establishment of research bases.

However, before this can happen, it is necessary to carefully survey and study the distribution of resources, their composition, and concentration — a task for robots.

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Vostochny Cosmodrome is a Russian rocket launch site in the far east of the country, about 3,500 miles (5,500 kilometres) from Moscow. The first launch from the cosmodrome took place in 2016. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/RIA NOVOSTI/FILE**

interest to scientists? Is it possible to translate Earth-based geological survey methods for use on the Moon? What tasks lie ahead for geological rovers? These questions are answered in a Scientific Russia interview with Evgeny Slyuta, head of the Laboratory of Lunar and

Planetary Geochemistry at GEOKHI RAS.

Compared to other celestial bodies, the Moon remains the most studied object. Its surface has been explored by numerous automatic stations, including Soviet lunar rovers and manned missions

from the Apollo programme.

Before setting new research tasks for the Moon, both fundamental and those necessary for its immediate development and planning of future missions, we continue to thoroughly analyze the results of past expeditions. — SPUTNIK

North Korea's Kim Jong-un unveils next-gen weapons at major defence exhibition

NORTH Korea's leader Kim Jong-un has attended the opening of the Military Hardware exhibition Defiance Development-2025 in Pyongyang, the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reports.

The event, timed to coincide with the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea, is meant to showcase the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's (DPRK) "defence assets and sci-tech strength, including ultra-modern weapon systems developed into pivotal military hardware", noted the agency.

Kim Jong-un stated that the exhibition showcases the achievements of key projects that have been advanced to strengthen the DPRK's military structure — centred on its nuclear deterrent — making it ever more modern and sophisticated. — SPUTNIK



North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un attends opening of the Military Hardware Exhibition Defiance Development-2025 in Pyongyang. **PHOTO: KOREAN CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY (KCNA) VIA SPUTNIK**

Global engineering congress to be held in Shanghai

THE World Federation of Engineering Organizations 2025 General Assembly and Global Engineering Congress will be held from 12 to 17 October in Shanghai, according to the organizers.

Themed "Engineering shapes a Green Future," the six-day event aims to share China's engineering achievements and experiences while facilitating in-depth cooperation and communication within the international engineering community.

To date, about 300 overseas guests from 56 countries and regions have confirmed their participation in this year's event, according to the China Association for Science and Technology.

The conference will also include a declaration and the announcement of the 2025 global top 10 engineering achievements. — Xinhua