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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.



Belarusian entertainment troupe delegates examine a Burmese harp – one of Myanmar’s traditional musical instruments – during observation tour to the country’s traditional performing arts competition yesterday.

Belarusian Troupe observes Traditional Myanmar Performing Arts Competition

To promote friendship between Myanmar and Belarus, an entertainment troupe from Belarus, currently visiting Myanmar, observed the 26th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competition 2025 (Central Level) yesterday.

The troupe first visited the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, where they observed the Donmin competition at the Cultural Treasure Hall. They also watched the Maha Gita song competition at the National

The performance troupe, having already held entertainment programmes in Mandalay and PyinOoLwin, is scheduled to continue its shows in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw as part of the Myanmar-Russia-Belarus trilateral cultural events.

Afterwards, they visited the Uppatasanti Pagoda and the Maravijaya Buddha Image.

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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.

Objectives of 26th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2025

- To explore, preserve, and enhance Myanmar's national prestige, integrity, and distinctive cultural heritage.
- To promote and exemplify the spirit of national solidarity and unity through Myanma art.
- To transmit traditional performing arts to the younger generation.
- To function as a national cultural and artistic institution contributing to the State's socioeconomic development.

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Appointment and Duty Assignment of Chief Justice for Ayeyawady Region High Court

THE National Defence and Security Council has appointed and assigned Daw Moe Moe Aye to the duties of the Chief Justice for the Ayeyawady Region High Court under Subsection (b) of Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

By order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Executive Chief

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF

9 October 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Mandalay, Magway and lower Sagaing regions and Kayah State, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago and upper Sagaing regions and fairly widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady regions and Kayin and Rakhine states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Chin and Rakhine states. The degree of certainty

is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULO-NIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Yangon, Mandalay, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Chin, Rakhine and (southern and eastern) Shan states. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds, 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 of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in the Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 4-6 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Weak monsoon.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND

NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9 October 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9 October 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9 October 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 80 per cent. — DMH

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Tuesday 8 October 2025)

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)

Union Information Minister receives Belarusian artistes

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn received the Belarusian delegation led by Belarusian musician-cum-vocalist Mr Vladimir Sukolinsky and Vice-Chair of the Myanmar-Russia Friendship Association Mr Alexander Ostrovsky in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, the Union minister said Belarus is a good friend of Myanmar, and since the two countries have a friendly and close relationship,

holding a musical concert like this will serve as a bridge to further strengthen the friendship between the peoples of both nations. He added that the performances by the troupe are being fully covered and widely broadcast by MRTV news, and that the Myanmar-Russia-Belarus joint musical performances will continue to be held in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw. Mr Alexander and Mr Vladimir expressed gratitude, highlight-



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ing Myanmar’s own culture and the hospitality of the Myanmar People.

The music band performed in Mandalay and PyinOoLwin, and the Myanmar-Russia-Belarus joint concerts will be in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA/KTZH

China’s Blue Sky donates solar equipment, mosquito nets to Nay Pyi Taw ministry staff



Union Minister U Khin Maung Yi receives the donations made by the Blue Sky rescue team from the People’s Republic of China in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

THE Blue Sky rescue team from the People’s Republic of China, through the Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central), donated household solar items and mosquito nets to the families of staff from various ministries in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

In the morning, Chairman U Tin Oo of the Myanmar-Chi-

na Friendship Association (Central) presented 100 sets of household solar apparatuses and 400 mosquito nets to staff from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation. Union Minister U Khin Maung Yi accepted donations, expressed his gratitude, and presented a certificate of appreciation.

Similarly, the association chairman donated 100 sets of household solar gear to staff from the Ministry of Science and Technology. Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Kyaw accepted the contribution, conveyed his appreciation, and presented a certificate of honour.

The chairman also handed over 100 sets of household solar equipment provided by the Blue Sky rescue team to the Ministry of Health for use in rural health departments, rural health branches, and dispensaries. Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win, Deputy Minister Dr Aye Tun, and officials accepted the donation. The Union minister expressed his gratitude and presented a certificate of appreciation. — MNA/KZL

Second HRB 500 steel consignment delivered to Mandalay for reconstruction

A total of 490.53 tonnes of HRB 500 steel reinforcing bars (rebars), required for rehabilitation and reconstruction projects in Mandalay, have been transported for the second time from Yangon to Mandalay by a special freight train.

Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung and relevant officials inspected the consignment upon its arrival. The steel bars will be distributed for use in various rehabilitation and reconstruction works across the Mandalay Region.

Including this latest shipment, 977.414 tonnes of HRB 500 steel bars have now been delivered — 486.886 tonnes in the first consignment and 490.53 tonnes in the second. Similar arrangements are being made to transport HRB 500 steel bars needed for rehabilitation and reconstruction projects in the Sagaing Region. — MNA/MKKS



Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung and officials inspect the HRB 500 steel reinforcing bars after arriving in Mandalay.

NATIONAL

School reopens, healthcare services resume in Kyaukme

TATMADAW conducted counter-terrorism operations and regained complete control of Kyaukme in Shan State (North).

Meanwhile, the BEHS 1 Kyaukme reopened yesterday, and students peacefully attended the school, and the school enrolment process is also ongoing.

A total of 836 students



Officials from the Immigration Department issue Citizenship Scrutiny Cards to returnees to Kyaukme (top photo) and schoolchildren line up in unison for a morning assembly in Kyaukme.

enrolled yesterday, and 1,042 students are currently attending the school. The Ministry of Education provided the students with books, stationery and other materials.

The Immigration and Population Department also

checked the returnees to Kyaukme with their household lists and issued citizenship scrutiny cards. Security force members conducted mine clearance operations at departmental offices and public areas in Kyaukme. Medics and nurses

of the Ministry of Health and Tatmadaw offered healthcare services by establishing temporary hospitals at the Labamuni Chinese communal temple, and rendered healthcare services to 107 patients yesterday. — MNA/KTZH

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Phyu Chaung Dam generates 40 MW for grid, prevents flooding

THE Phyu Chaung hydropower plant, located in Phyu Township, Bago Region, generates 40 megawatts per day, and the dam protects against flooding in irrigated areas in the township.

The region receives an average of 100 inches of rainfall every year, and the water capacity of the dam is 632,539 acre-feet. The dam is 245 feet in height and 1,020 feet in length. It can store water up to 632,530 acre-feet. The patrol team always watches the water level, and the two main canals of 19 feet long spillway pump 23,050 cubic feet per second and the two 20-megawatt generators generate 40 megawatts per day.

“As the rainy season is ending, the dam is now full. It generates 40 megawatts of electricity daily and supplies it to the national grid. The

patrol teams of the reservoir are constantly monitoring the water level, and water is being released into the streams through the main sluice gates. By the end of December, water will be distributed from the left and right canals to irrigate the summer paddy fields in Phyu Township.

The Phyu Chaung Dam, located near the western part of the Yangon-Mandalay highway, protects the water flows into the mountain ranges in the western part of Bago Yoma. The Bago Yoma wildlife sanctuary prevents the fields in Phyu and Zeyawady from the floods. The dam also supplies water for summer paddy, and will start distributing water to the summer paddy fields in Phyu Township in December. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH



Photos show the Phyu Chaung Dam (above) and inside of Phyu Chaung Hydropower plant (below). **PHOTO: PHYU CHAUNG DAM**

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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)



26th Performing Arts Competition (Central Level) continues 2nd day

THE second day of the central level of the 26th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2025 was held at the designated sites in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The Maha Gita (classic song) contest, comprising the basic education level (aged 15-20) female contest and basic education level (aged 10-15) male contest, was held at the Mini Theatre of the National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw).

The classical and modern song contest, which included the higher education level female contest, basic education level (aged 15-20) male contest and basic education level (aged 10-15) male contest, took place at the Wunzin Minyaza Hall of the National Library (Nay Pyi Taw).

The contestants participated in the dance contest, which consisted of the basic education level (aged 15-20) female contest, higher education level male contest and basic education level (aged 10-15) female contest at Hsinphyushin Hall.

The Donmin (a traditional Myanmar musical instrument) contest took place at the Yinkyay Hmu Yadana Hall of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture with higher education level male contest, basic education level (aged 10-15) female contest, basic education level (aged 10-15) male contest, higher education level female contest, basic education level (aged 15-20) male contest and basic education level (aged 15 to 20) female contest.

Similarly, the violin contest took place at the training theatre of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, and it included



Maha Gita contestant (female) from Kachin State.



Maha Gita contestant (male) from Shan State.



A traditional orchestra solo contestant (female) at basic education level from Mon State.



A Donmin contestant (male) from Chin State.



A Donmin contestant (female) from Bago Region.



A Donmin contestant (female) from Sagaing Region.



A violin contestant (male) from Ayeyawady Region.



Classical and modern song contestants (male) at basic education level



Contestants' competitions at yesterday's events were attended by union-level dignitaries, union ministers, departmental personnel, staff, students and Belarusian music band members.



A dance contestant (male) at higher education level from Kayin State.

the basic education level (aged 15-20) male contest, higher education level male contest and female contest.

The Pobbathiri Hall hosted a single Hsaing contest, and the

candidates participated in a basic education level (aged 15-20) male contest, a basic education level (aged 15-20) female contest, basic education level (aged 10-15) female contest.

The contestants from regions and states will have to compete in the Dawei traditional dance 'Yan Dance' on the third day of the event. — MNA/KTZH

NATIONAL

MRF targets to reach 1.8MT of rice export in H2 FY 2025-2026

THE Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) aims to meet rice export of 1.8 million tonnes during the second half of the current financial year 2025-2026, with 300,000 tonnes of rice per month.

Myanmar's rice export exceeded 1.2 million in the first half (April-August) this FY, bagging US\$408 million. Myanmar mainly exported rice to China with

346,919 tonnes of rice and 247,985 non-premium rice, followed by the Philippines and Spain.

Myanmar conveyed 2.48 million tonnes of rice export in the FY 2024-2025, with an estimated value of over 1.12 billion. — ASH/KK

Rice sacks designated for export are seen being loaded onto vessels.



Myanmar to host 2026 Real Estate Convention



A commemorative photo from the 2025 AGM and General Assembly of the Myanmar Real Estate Services Association (Central), held on 7 October 2025.

ACCORDING to Daw Moh Moh Aung, Chairperson of the Myanmar Real Estate Services Association (Central), Myanmar will host the Asia Pacific Convention in 2026.

In August, Daw Moh Moh Aung and members of the association attended the Asia Pacific Convention held in Singapore, where a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed for Myanmar to serve as the host country for the 2026 convention.

The upcoming 2026 Asia

Pacific Convention in Myanmar is expected to be attended by representatives from ASEAN member countries, the United States, China, Nepal, Hong Kong SAR and Macau SAR.

The Myanmar Real Estate Services Association (Central) is currently working to gain membership in the World Real Estate Federation. Once membership is granted, Myanmar will have access to global technology, technical knowledge, and modern systems.

At present, the association

is striving to establish a new Real Estate Services Law before 2028. Daw Moh Moh Aung explained that the draft law has been prepared in collaboration with other real estate associations, experts, professionals, and legal advisers, and has been submitted to the government for approval.

When enacted, the new law will allow real estate service providers to obtain operating licences, ensuring that all activities follow nationally approved regulations and standards.

The 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the General Assembly of Members of the Myanmar Real Estate Services Association (Central) were held on 7 October at the Novotel Max Hotel in Kamayut Township, Yangon.

The Myanmar Real Estate Services Association (Central) was established in 2012 and currently has over 17,000 members. — ASH/KNN

Filming begins for six-episode drama 'Tein Kakyo' at Kyaikkasan Pagoda

THE launch ceremony for the filming of the six-episode drama series 'Tein Kakyo' was held on 6 October at the Kyaikkasan Pagoda in Thingangyun Township, Yangon Region, according to actor Sai Si Tom Kham, who will appear in the series.

The storyline and screenplay for the drama series were written by Ingyin Han, and it will be directed and produced by Ye Yint Thitsa.

"I will be seen in this drama as a husband. Recently, audiences have been enjoying stories about married life more, so I hope they will find my scenes with May Me interesting," said actor Sai Si Tom Kham.

Other artistes appearing in the 'Tein Kakyo' series include May Me Ko Ko, Kyi Zeya Shin, Daung Wai, Eden, Yon Thadar Han A Di Oo, Ye Yint Sue, and many more. — ASH/MKKS



Actors of 'Tein Kakyo' are seen at the launch ceremony for the filming of the drama series.



Live music show to be held at Hlinethaya's Active Bar on 10 Oct

MYANMAR hip-hop singer G Fatt will hold a live music show at Active Bar in Hline-thaya Township, Yangon Region, at 7 pm on 10 October, according to the artiste.

This image displays a poster for G Fatt's upcoming live music show.

The show will feature G Fatt performing alongside the Dark Soul Band, who will provide live musical accompaniment.

"I am preparing to give my best performance together with the Dark Soul Band at Active Bar in Hlinethaya on the evening of 10 October. DJ Keno will also join with some powerful beats, and the

Here and Now Dancer Crew will perform as well. Please come and show your support," said G Fatt.

G Fatt began his musical journey at the grassroots level in the hip-hop scene, first appearing on the album 'Amone Gaba Hma Nae Swe Mya' (Dates from the Hateful World). His debut solo album 'Gin', released on 21

February 2016, became one of the best-selling albums of the year.

He also made his acting debut in the film 'Koh Thamine Ko Yay Kya Thu Mya II' (Those Who Write Their Own History II), which featured fellow hip-hop artistes Yone Lay, Yatha, Kyat Pha, J Fire, Ice Cold, and others. — ASH/KZL

Boosting target production will bolster export volume

- ❖ To increase exports, agricultural activities must be carried out effectively to achieve the target yield.
- ❖ Only when goals are fully met, with a boost in per-acre yield of crops, will exports also increase.

(An excerpt from the guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, on his inspection tour of the capacity of port functions and the trade process at Asia World Port Terminal (AWPT) in Ahlon Township of Yangon Region on 15 March 2025)

Yangon Port records 541 container ship arrivals in 9 months

Since May 2021, ship arrivals at Yangon terminals have steadily increased, driven by Maersk Line Myanmar (SeaLand Maersk) launching three new container services to meet seaborne trade demand, while the extension of the Yangon River’s draft to 10 metres has also enabled larger ocean liners

A total of 541 container vessels arrived at the Yangon Port in the past nine months of 2025, the Myanma Port Authority announced.

A total of 62 container vessels in January 2025, 53 in February, 58 in March, 62 in April, 65 in May, 62 in June, 60 each in July and August and 59 in September.

This month, 68 container vessels are scheduled to call at the Yangon Port.

Yangon Port handled 633 container vessels in 2024 and 629 in 2023. Thanks to the draft extension, the international ocean liners can access the inner port

for now, according to the Myanma Port Authority’s statement on 22 June 2022.

After the new navigation channel (Kings Bank Channel) accessing the inner Yangon River was found, the draft extension work was accelerated. Afterwards, the port can now handle larger ships. The container vessel MV SITC Zhaoming (185.99-metre LOA, 35.25-metre Beam, 29,232 GRT and 2,698 TEUs) of Hong Kong SAR-based SITC Shipping Line docked at Asia World Port Terminal for the first time on 22 June, which is the largest ship that AWPT



File photo shows containers being loaded and unloaded aboard container vessels at the international port of Yangon.

Port has handled.

From May 2021, the arrival of the ships at terminals in Yangon has increased again. Three new container vessels by

Maersk Line Myanmar (SeaLand Maersk) started to run to fulfil the seaborne trade requirements in 2021. Earlier, the larger ships had draft problems,

preventing sailing on the Yangon River. With the draft being extended up to 10 metres, the larger ocean liners can enter the Thilawa Port. — NN/KK

YSX stock trading values top K867M in Sep

THE grand trading value of the eight listed companies on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) exceeded K867 million from 321,817 shares traded in September 2025, according to YSX’s statistics.

At present, shares of eight listed companies — First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB), TMH Telecom Public Co Ltd (TMH), the Ever

Flow River Group Public Co Ltd (EFR), Amata Holding Public Co Ltd. (AMATA) and Myanmar Agro Exchange Public Co Ltd (MAEX) are traded in the securities market.

FPB topped the trading on equity with over K388.75 million from 180,892 shares, followed by MTSH with stocks worth K137.75 million from 42,559 shares, MAEX with K116.58 million from 35,260 shares, FMI with over K104 million from 13,893 shares,

EFR with K54.38 million from 28,376 shares, TMH with K33.6 million from 12,776 shares, AMATA with K21.29 million from 6,667 shares and MCB with K10.59 million from 1,394 shares.

The stock trading values were estimated at K798.54 million with 279,257 shares traded in August.

The stock trading in September is up by over K86 million (42,560 shares) compared to that of August. — NN/KK



The panel is seen displaying stock-market indexes at the Yangon bourse.

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.

Suppress illegal trade activities to develop domestic industries

ILLEGAL trade and smuggling activities significantly hinder national economic development and severely impact various sectors of the economy. Only by taking strict measures to detect, seize, and suppress such illegal trade can these activities be effectively reduced.

Illegal imports can replace domestic production, causing harm to local industries and micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises, and potentially affecting the overall direction of the national economy. In addition, they can lead to loss of government tax revenue, foreign exchange losses, accounting and record-keeping errors, adverse impacts on foreign trade and investment, negative effects on

domestic industries and production, harm to consumers, and damage to public health and the natural environment. Regarding illegal trade and smuggling, from January 2022 to June 2025 – a period of three and a half years – a total of 25,231 cases were seized, with an estimated value of approximately K663,919 billion. The seized illegal goods included raw minerals, various types of metals, precious metals, and jewelry; electronic equipment and accessories; fabrics and clothing; vehicles; household items; foreign goods; illegal timber and forest products; goods that do not meet quality and standard requirements; counterfeit or unregistered medicines and dangerous chemicals; business-use equipment; fuels and oils; food items; unlicensed vehicles; and other illegally imported goods. In the case of smuggled goods, when illegal imports do not comply with tax obligations, standards, or quality requirements, they not only reduce the government’s foreign exchange revenue but also grant unfair advantages to the illegal traders. Furthermore, such illegal imports can disrupt domestic markets and undermine the stability of local production and pricing.

Regarding illegal trade, staff members have been consistently reminded to act lawfully and correctly in accordance with the law. Any individuals involved who fail to uphold the integrity, honour, and prescribed rules of their positions will be dealt with firmly. Staff must prioritize the interests of their organization in their duties; when the organization’s interests conflict with personal matters, the organization takes precedence. When the interests of the organization conflict with those of the State, the State’s interests must be prioritized. Staff must ensure that those engaging in illegal trade are not allowed to benefit from their activities.

Illegal trade and smuggling result in the loss of the nation’s valuable resources because they are exploited outside the proper regulatory system. Such activities significantly hinder the development of the national economy, negatively affect economic sectors, and undermine national stability and security. Therefore, reducing illegal trade requires coordinated efforts among relevant government departments and active cooperation from the public.

A Visit to the Wutkywaetawpyay Buddha Image

By Maung Maung Aye

SEVEN years ago, I received an invitation by phone from a friend who lived in North Dagon. He suggested I should visit his home near Phyo Sabei Bus stop when I have free time. The opportunity was offered to me on 4 January.

That morning, I got up, cleaned myself, changed into fine clothes, and had fried rice prepared by my mother. Then, I set out to see him.

When I got home, he greeted me warmly and invited me to sit there for a while. Soon, he took me to a nearby tea-house. In it, we chatted friendly over steaming tea for half an hour. He then suggested that we should visit the Wutkywaetawpyay Buddha Image near the Ngamoeyeik Bridge, North Dagon, across North Okkalapa, because my visit coincided with the annual Buddha Pujaniya နွေတော် (the festival of paying homage to the Buddha). I agreed willingly to it.

The cars were held up at the

traffic lights. Thus, we hurriedly crossed the junction between Bo Hmu Bahtoo Road and U Visara Road. Immediately after passing the Free Funeral Services Society, founded by U Kyaw Thu, we saw the Gandayon Bus Stop, where some passengers were waiting for the buses. Across it, a driving training course had been conducted. I saw the Nagayon Buddha image in a lake and some glittering pagodas near the Ngamoeyeik Bridge.

We espied the Bridge, which is a vital link between North Dagon and North Okkala. Soon, we walked into a serene street on the left side about 100 yards until the bridge. There stood many missionary buildings, monasteries adjoining the wide fields on either side of the street.

We reached the precincts of the Wutkywaetawpyay Buddha Image at around 11:30 am. At the entrance, a signboard reading “Yanaungmyin”, meaning “victory over all enemies”, welcomed us. We continued walking and soon, we saw a statue of

white-washed Sabbhuny Stupa ' donated by a nun, located in Kyaukyedwin Ward.

Then we went downstairs to look at the situation of the Buddha Pujaniya festival. Passing a building in which the historic Yakha Mancha Manaungmyin Buddha Image was housed, we walked to the building where the Wutkywaetawpyay Buddha Image was housed. There is the Wutkywaetawpyay Pagoda on the roof of this building. Through the accessible staircase, we walked upstairs. The seated Wutkywaetawpyay Buddha Image is a brass one in Dhammacakka mudra. It is a wish-fulfilled Buddha image. Suddenly, we heard the announcement about the donations people had made for renovations. Even though it was daytime, there were many pilgrims in the festive area. Some stalls were selling food and snacks to the people.

When we rambled and got to the bank of the Ngamoeyeik Creek, we walked along it. There were mangrove forests in the swampy edge of the creek’s water. When I looked towards

the water surface, I saw herons skimming the water surface, a sampan with the pilgrims in it moving slowly towards the opposite bank and some flotsam carried by the current. Across the creek, the Malamu Pagoda stood serenely on the opposite bank.

When I curiously inquired about the pagoda’s background, one member of the Trustee Board told me that the Buddha images had been donated by the Venerable Bhaddanta Siripala, the presiding monk of the pagoda and the Buddha image, on the Wagaung Full Moon Day of Maha Era 1360 (1 January 1999). This Buddha image is called the ‘Wutkywaetawpyay’ after the noble intention of the far-sighted Sayadaw to provide spiritual liberation to devotees and to promote the construction of Buddha images and pagodas.

I saw pilgrims from afar and near who came flocking due to the pagoda’s reputation for fulfilling wishes. My friend explained that the Buddha Pujaniya began at 3:30 pm, that during the festive time, the estate adjoining the wide field

was vibrant with visitors, monks and festival-goers, that stalls, merry-go-rounds, and Ferris wheels made the atmosphere alive and agog, and that stage shows and Zat Pwe (theatrical performance) started at 9 pm, particularly drawing large crowds on weekends.

It was in daytime that we visited there. Thus, we could not participate in the night events. Instead, we spent time in the cool shade, performing meritorious deeds and enjoying the peaceful environment along the bank of the creek. I bought some traditional Myanmar snacks and souvenirs from a stall for my family members. I also picked up a few old English novels from a make-shift bookshop.

Finally, we made our way back to the Gandayon bus stop, where my friend and I parted. The afternoon sun was intense, and though I had rested under the trees, the heat made me tired. Still, the serene surroundings, sacred images, and the festive spirit of the pagoda compensated me for my fatigue.



The Wutkywaetawpyay Buddha Image.

The Deliberate Mistake in the Midday

By Ms Monn



“Egg curry,” he replied after a moment’s thought.

“For one egg, it is 1000 kyat. But if you take a dish with two eggs, it is only 1800 kyat,” the owner explained, trying to offer him a better deal.

“Just one egg, thank you,” the man said quietly.

The owner’s face fell slightly. “Oh, Saya, I am sorry, but we have sold out of eggs. But please, wait for a short while. I have sent my boy to bring more already. They will be here soon.”

The old man nodded and turned to find a place to wait. He chose the small, dwarf chair directly in front of my table. Now that he was closer, I could see him more

clearly. He was rather thin, and his clothes, though clean, were faded and a little worn. His posture, however, was straight. He took out a single cigar from his pocket and glanced at me.

“May I smoke?” he asked politely.

I nodded in permission. He lit the cigar and took a slow, deep breath, holding the simple pack of plain rice in his other hand. As I watched him, a wave of sympathy washed over me. I thought he must be very poor; unable to afford even a proper curry to go with his rice. I imagined how difficult his life must be. A thought formed in my mind: perhaps I could quietly offer to pay for a better meal for him. Maybe I

could buy him a dish of curry with two eggs. But then, I hesitated. I contemplated the man’s situation. Some people have great pride, and such an offer might embarrass or insult them. Furthermore, the shop owner had addressed him as “Saya”, a respectful title for a teacher. I did not know what kind of teacher he was, or what his story might be. I decided to keep my idea to myself for the moment.

Soon, the owner called out, “Saya, the egg curry is ready.”

The old man stood up, walked to the counter, and took the small packet of curry. He then took out a worn K5,000 note from his pocket and offered it to the owner. The shop was still very busy, with several customers waving money to pay their bills. In the confusion, the owner quickly took his note, opened her cash drawer, and handed him his change without really looking at the note he had given her.

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2025 General Election awareness signboard erected in Mohnyin

TO ensure the successful holding of the 2025 multiparty democratic general elections, an election awareness signboard was erected in Mohnyin, Mohnyin District, Kachin State

The ceremony was held on 7 October at 7:30 am at the downtown junction near the Elephant Image in Nakha ward of the city.

It was attended by the chairman of the district administrative committee, U Nyi Nyi Lwin and members, the township administrative committee chairperson and members, chairpersons and members of the subcommittees of the district/township election commission, and relevant district/township authorities, according to locals.

First, the attendees planted a public awareness sign for the 2025 multiparty democratic general elections with the theme “Vote and don’t lose your citizenship rights”, sprinkled the sign with incense and took commemorative photos.

The purpose of the campaign is to ensure that citizens can fully exercise their right to vote in the upcoming 2025 elections and that the electoral process is successful. — Htun Htun/ZN



Responsible personnel gather after the installation of an election awareness board for the 2025 general election in Mohnyin. **PHOTO: IPRD**

C of I mobile unit to launch in Krabi on 10 Oct



This image reveals a location map for the C of I mobile unit.

A Certificate of Identity (C of I) issuing mobile unit will be set up in southern Thailand, Krabi, on 10 October, according to the Department of Labour of the Ministry of Labour.

For Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand, the C of I service has been provided in four provinces, including Samut Sakhon, Samut Prakan, Surat Thani, and Chiang Mai, as of 6 August 2025. The department said that a C of I station has been in operation in Samut Thani in southern Thailand at present. Workers in the province have been found seeking the C of I service in Samut Sakhon and Samut Prakan, adding burdens the workload of the stations.

Therefore, a C of I mobile unit has been planned to be established in Krabi to provide efficient C of I services for Myanmar migrant workers from Phuket, Phang Nga, and Koh Samui islands in southern Thailand.

The cost of the C of I application is just THB2,670, it said. — MT/ZS

43rd JGM Championship kicks off on 8 Oct

THE opening of the three-day 43rd Junior Golf Myanmar (JGM) championship took place on 8 October at Myanmar Golf Club in 9th Mile, according to Junior Golf Myanmar.

Under the guidance of the Myanmar Golf Federation, the 43rd JGM Championship has been in progress from 8 to 10 October.

At the championship, 13 U12 men, seven U14 men, 19 U18 men and seven U18 women, totalling 46 junior golfers, will compete.

The opening ceremony was attended by officials from the Myanmar Golf Federation and the Myanmar Golf Club, players and guests. MGF patron U Aung Kyi, chairman U Ko Ko Aye, Myanmar Golf Club Chairman U Aye Ko Ko Soe, MGF secretary Dr Myint Oo and associate general secretary and JGM chairman U Myint Aung and MGF CEC member and JGM vice chair U Aung Ko Zaw launched the first day 18-hole match by striking the golf ball in turn.

A player who gets the fewest shots from all four groups will be selected and sent to the Emirates Golf Federation UAE Cup to be held from 12 to 14 December. — MT/ZS



The 43rd Junior Golf Myanmar Championship is ongoing on 8 October.

75 Myanmar workers get pre-departure orientation, OWIC for Japan jobs



This image displays the signage of the Skills Training School under the Department of Labour in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon Region.

THE Safe Migration of the Ministry of Labour announced that 75 Myanmar workers leaving for Japan through licensed foreign employment service agencies will be allowed to attend an overseas job guide training course and receive Overseas Worker Identification Cards (OWICs).

These 75 approved candidates are expected to attend the course on 9 October, and the OWICs will be issued to them on 10 October. If anyone fails to attend the course or obtain the card, they will have to resubmit, it said.

For workers with an OWIC, agencies may request a dispatching approval within one week from the date of departure and submit again after preparing the list of workers to be sent, copies of passports, and OWICs in Excel soft copy to the Department of Labour, dolmigrationjapan@gmail.com, it announced. — MT/ZN

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I happened to be watching this exchange, though I didn't know why it caught my attention. But what happened next was unexpected. The old man did not leave. He stood perfectly still, looking at the money in his hand. His brow was furrowed.

The owner, seeing him still there, asked, "Is there something else you would like to buy, Saya?"

"The change is wrong," he stated clearly.

"Wrong? How much does a pack of rice and one-egg curry cost?" he asked, thinking he had misunderstood the price.

"1,500 kyat. Which is wrong? You have given me back 8,500 kyat," he said, holding out

the notes.

"No, Saya," the owner replied, shaking her head. "You gave me a 10,000-kyat note. I took 1,500 for the meal, so I gave you 8,500 back. It is correct."

The old man's expression became firm. "No, young lady. I gave you just a K5,000 note. You must give me back only K3,500. Here, take back this extra 5,000." He placed the excess money firmly on the counter. Without waiting for another argument, he turned and walked out of the shop, his pack of rice and curry in hand, his pride intact.

I sat there, stunned. My earlier thoughts and assumptions about him felt foolish and shallow. I had judged him based on his appearance and imagined a story

of poverty. But his actions spoke of honesty and integrity that had nothing to do with money. I felt a deep sense of shame. I thought to myself, "If I were in his place, would I have been so honest?" It was a humbling moment.

After finishing my lunch, I walked to the counter to pay. "That will be exactly 4,000 kyat, Oo Lay," the owner said.

I handed her four K1,000 notes and, remembering the scene, said with a slight smile, "Be careful! You might make a mistake again."

She laughed softly. "No, never with you, Oo Lay."

"Then, what about earlier with the old Saya?" I asked, my curiosity getting the better of me.

The owner's smile faded

into a look of respect and a little sadness. "Oo Lay, I did that deliberately. I gave him the wrong change on purpose."

"What? Deliberately?" I exclaimed, surprised.

"Yes," she confirmed, her voice soft. "I wanted to help my Sayagyi. I gave him extra money, pretending it was a mistake. But he never accepts anything – not direct aid, not cash, not even a free meal."

"So, he really is a teacher?" I asked.

"Yes, Oo Lay. He was our headmaster when my brother and I were young. He was a great teacher," she said, her eyes looking into the past. "He has fallen on hard times since he retired."

"Oh," I said, understanding dawning on me. "But you made a big mistake in testing him like that."

"He has nowhere to live now,

Oo Lay. He lives in a small room at the monastery," she continued, her voice full of emotion. "But his pride is strong. I thought if it seemed like an accident, he might keep the money. But I was wrong."

I looked at her, seeing the genuine care in her eyes. "Please, don't test teachers like that in the future," I said gently. "They all carry a certain pride within them."

The owner nodded thoughtfully. "I don't think this is true for every teacher, Oo Lay. But our headmaster... he has a special kind of pride. It is who he is."

"Yes, yes..." I replied, gazing at her. I left the shop, but the image of the old teacher and the lesson he had taught me about dignity remained vividly in my mind long after I had walked away.

Record flooding hits Vietnam city, eight killed in north

The Cau River surged over 1 metre above its previous record high of 28.81 metres (set during Typhoon Yagi in September 2024), trapping tens of thousands of residents.



Record floods submerged streets in several communities in Vietnam on Wednesday, with at least eight people killed this week. PHOTO: AFP

RECORD floods submerged streets in several communities in Vietnam on Wednesday, with at least eight people killed this week, the government said.

Tens of thousands were left stuck at home or fleeing floodwaters that reached the tops of cars and rooftops in areas

of Thai Nguyen city, about 80 kilometres (50 miles) north of the capital Hanoi.

The environment ministry said eight people were killed in flash floods and landslides in Vietnam's mountainous north since Monday, and five others were missing. By Wednesday

morning, the weather bureau said the level of the Cau river, running across Thai Nguyen city, was more than a metre higher than the previous record level of 28.81 metres (94.5 feet) – when Typhoon Yagi devastated the country in September last year. — AFP



India's rhino population has almost tripled in the past four decades thanks to conservation and anti-poaching efforts, from 1,500 to more than 4,000 today. PHOTO: AFP

Wildlife flee as floods swamp Indian parks

A herd of elephants, along with tigers and leopards, have escaped after raging floods in India submerged two of West Bengal's famed wildlife sanctuaries, state officials said Wednesday.

Since 3 October, at least 36 people have been killed in floods and landslides across the state, as days of torrential rain destroyed hundreds of homes, washed away tea estates, and left roads impassable.

The deluge also swamped large parts of Gorumara and Jaldapara national parks, protected reserves in the Himalayan foothills that shelter elephants,

bison, tigers, and the endangered one-horned rhinoceros.

"The two wildlife sanctuaries... have been submerged under floodwater forcing the animals to stray out," West Bengal forest minister Birbaha Hansda told AFP.

"A herd of 30 elephants strayed out and were seen running through water, trumpeting loudly... We don't know how many elephants will survive," she said.

A leopard was spotted "negotiating choppy water", she said, but has not been seen since.

Other animals could not escape. — AFP

EU wants key sectors to use made-in-Europe AI

The European Commission committed €1 billion (\$1.6 billion) to fund AI development in areas like pharmaceuticals, energy, and defence, focusing on “European AI-powered” tools and specialized models.



Brussels believes the European Union can still compete in the global AI race. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

THE EU on Wednesday told European businesses in critical sectors to ramp up their uptake of artificial intelligence and pushed for the bloc to cut its dependence on foreign AI providers.

Although the European Union is falling behind the United States and China, Brussels believes the bloc can still compete in the global AI race.

To achieve this, the European Commission

said it was mobilizing one billion euros (\$1.6 billion) to push key sectors like pharmaceuticals, energy and defence, to promote “European AI-powered” tools and develop specialized AI models. The majority of the one billion euros will come from the EU’s Horizon research programme, the EU executive said, and will be used for projects including deploying autonomous cars and advanced cancer screening centres.

Brussels is ploughing billions of euros into developing Europe’s AI network including building AI gigafactories and tripling data centre capacity.

Only 13 per cent of European companies last year used AI, EU tech chief Henna Virkkunen said, although she said this figure had since increased.

The European Commission wants 75 per cent of businesses to use AI by 2030. — AFP

Japan logs current account surplus in Aug

JAPAN LOGGED A current account surplus of 3.7758 trillion yen (about US\$24.75 billion) in August, marking the seventh consecutive month of surplus, data from the country’s Finance Ministry showed Wednesday.

The surplus, however, narrowed by 4.8 per cent from a year earlier due to a decline in primary income from overseas investments.

The primary income balance, which reflects interest and dividend payments from overseas assets, stood at 4.2986 trillion yen, down 11.5 per cent year-on-year. — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V CAPE FORBY VOY.NO. (152W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **9-10-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **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 NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

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New Zealand central bank cuts interest rate to 2.5% amid weak growth

NEW Zealand’s central bank cut its official cash rate (OCR) by 50 basis points to 2.5 per cent on Wednesday to revive weak economic growth.

The Reserve Bank of New Zealand’s (RBNZ) Monetary Policy Committee said annual consumer price inflation is near the top of its 1-3 per cent target band but spare capacity in the economy should bring it down around the two per cent target midpoint over the first half of 2026, according to a RBNZ statement.

Economic growth through the middle of 2025 was weak, due to supply constraints in some industries and global economic policy uncertainty, it said. — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Myanma Port Authority

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M/S CMA-CGM SHIPPING LINE PTE LTD

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

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Shipping Agency Department
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M/S J-LINK SHIPPING CO., LTD

Toyota, Sumitomo Metal team up on advanced EV battery

TOYOTA Motor Corp said Wednesday it will jointly develop cathode materials for an all-solid-state battery with Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., aiming to launch electric vehicles powered by the next-generation battery in 2027 to 2028.

The two companies have been conducting joint research since 2021, focusing on challenges such as cathode material degradation during repeated charging and discharging cycles, Toyota said in a release.

The joint development is aimed at enhancing driving range, as all-solid-state batteries are considered safer compared with liquid-based batteries and can shorten charging time and provide greater electricity output when used in EVs. — Kyodo

SoftBank buys \$5.4 bln robotics firm to advance ‘physical AI’

TECH investment giant SoftBank Group said Wednesday it will buy Swiss-Swedish firm ABB Robotics for nearly \$5.4 billion as part of its plans to bring artificial intelligence into the physical realm.

ABB Robotics specialises in industrial robots, such as large robotic arms that can make precise movements in factories.

Japan's SoftBank — a major investor in ChatGPT creator OpenAI — said the acquisition was part of its AI-focused business strategy. — AFP

PM Modi inaugurates Navi Mumbai International Airport, a world-class greenfield aviation hub

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday inaugurated the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), a state-of-the-art greenfield airport set to transform air connectivity in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region and Western India.

Developed under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP), the airport is operated by Navi Mumbai International Airport Pvt Ltd. (NMIAL) a joint venture (JV) between Adani Airports Holdings Ltd, holding 74 per cent and City and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra Ltd (CIDCO) holding 26 per cent.

The project aims to ease congestion at the



The project aims to ease congestion at the Mumbai International Airport and position Navi Mumbai as a global aviation and logistics hub. **PHOTO: ANI**

Mumbai International Airport and position Navi Mumbai as a global aviation and logistics hub. Located at Ulwe in Navi Mumbai, about 37 kilometres from South Mumbai, NMIA is spread over 1,160 hectares (2,866 acres). The airport’s architecture is inspired by the lotus, India’s national flower, featuring 12 sculptural feature columns symbolizing unfurling petals and 17 mega columns supporting the terminal roof canopies. — ANI

PESTICIDES DISTRIBUTOR CHANGING

We, **Zhejiang Wynca Import & Export Co.,Ltd**, would like to change the Distributor of the following products, from **Friends Helper Co.,Ltd** to **Myanmar Golden Sun Crop Science Co.,Ltd**. If any object or enquiry, please contact to Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture, Yangon, from here to next (2) weeks.

No	Trade Name	Active Ingredient Name	Registration Type	Registration Number
1	Copper Expert 47 WP	Copper oxychloride 45% + Kasugamycin 2% WP	Provisional Registration	P2024-6345
2	Sparkly 17 OD	Cyhalofop-butyl 15% + Penoxsulam 2% OD	Provisional Registration	P2024-6319

Myanmar Golden Sun Crop Science Co.,Ltd. Tel: 09-784772103

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No	Trade Name	Active Ingredient Name	Registration Type	Registration Number
1	Sun-Paung Shin	Bispyribac-sodium 40% SC	Provisional	P2023-6213

Agro Hero Crop Science Co.,Ltd. Tel: 09-784772103

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1	Ramec 200 SC	Emamectin Benzoate 20g/l + Methoxyfenozide 180g/l SC	Provisional Registration	P2023-5221

AgriSync Power Co.,Ltd. No.31, Aung Zaya Street, Zone 7, Hlaing Thar Yar Township, Yangon, Myanmar. Tel: 09-767717402

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No	Trade Name	Active Ingredient Name	Registration Type	Registration Number
1	Rice Care 30 OD	Cyhalofop-butyl 30% OD	Provisional Registration	P2022-5640
2	Wynca-Guard Plus	Bensulfuron-methyl 4% + Qinclorac 32% WP	Provisional Registration	P2021-5404
3	Weeder Max 10 EC	Quizalofop-P-ethyl 10% EC	Provisional Registration	P2022-5641

Agro Hero Crop Science Co.,Ltd. Tel: 09-784772103

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No	Trade Name	Active Ingredient Name	Registration Type	Registration Number
1	Emma 5.7 ME	Emamectin Benzoate 5.7% ME	Provisional Registration	P2024-6367
2	KaungFu 25 EC	Lambda-cyhalothrin 25g/l EC	Provisional Registration	P2024-6287
3	Master-X 325 SC	Azoxystrobin 200g/l + Difenconazole 125g/l SC	Provisional Registration	P2024-6345

Agro Hero Crop Science Co.,Ltd. Tel: 09-784772103

ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

FBI Director says 110,000 gang members operating on Chicago streets



Protesters opposed to federal troop deployments in Chicago march in the city on 6 September 2025.
PHOTO: AFP/FILE

1,200 shootings and 360 homicides in Chicago in 2025 so far.

THERE are 110,000 gang members active on Chicago’s streets, FBI Director Kash Patel said, vowing a strong response from the government.

“We’ve learnt that Chicago’s city streets have 110,000 gang members. That’s right. You heard me right. They’ve had 1,200 shootings this year alone and 360 homicides,” Patel told the Fox broadcaster.

The US authorities will deploy strong measures to combat crime in Chicago, he said.

On October 5, US President Donald Trump deployed 300 Na-

tional Guard troops to Chicago. Protests erupted in the city, and armed Border Patrol agents used chemical irritants against protesters.

On 6 October, the state of Illinois, home to the city of Chicago, filed a complaint against the administration of Trump to block him from deploying the National Guard in the state and the city. The court scheduled a hearing on the case for 9 October, while denying request to block the deployment of troops until the lawsuit is fully considered.

— SPUTNIK

China, Malaysia to hold joint military drill

CHINESE and Malaysian armed forces will conduct a joint drill in Malaysia and its adjacent waters in mid-to-late October, according to a statement released by the Chinese Ministry of National Defense on Wednesday.

Code-named “Peace and Friendship 2025,” the drill will focus on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, as well as maritime security, said the statement.

The live joint exercise will involve multi-service forces from the Chinese and Malaysian militaries. Other ASEAN member states have been invited to send observers, it said.

This will be the sixth joint exercise program of the “Peace and Friendship” series. It aims to deepen practical cooperation between the militaries of China and Southeast Asian countries, enhancing their capability to address non-traditional security threats and safeguard regional peace and stability. — Xinhua

Hamas says handed over to Israel list of prisoners for exchange as part of indirect talks



Delegations from Hamas, Israel and the United States are in Egypt for talks on ending the nearly two-year war in Gaza. PHOTO: KHALED DESOUKI/ AFP

Ecuador reports assassination attempt on President Noboa

THE Ecuadorian government said Tuesday it had filed a criminal complaint over an alleged assassination attempt on President Daniel Noboa during a visit to the southern province of Canar.

Environment and Energy Minister Ines Manzano said Noboa’s motorcade came under attack in the town of El Tambo on Tuesday when it was heading to a local stadium for the launch of new public works.

“About 500 people appeared and began throwing stones, and there are also bullet marks on the president’s car,” Manzano told reporters, adding that Noboa was unharmed.

Police arrested five suspects who will face terrorism charges, and several vehicles in the convoy were damaged. — Xinhua

THE Palestinian movement Hamas representative, Taha al-Nunu, announced on Wednesday an exchange of lists of people to be released as part of indirect talks with Israel in Egypt’s Sharm el-Sheikh.

“Today, an exchange of lists of prisoners required to be released took place in accordance with the agreed mechanisms and numbers,” the representative said in a statement.

All parties to the negotiations in are optimistic, and mediators are making the necessary efforts, the representative added. — SPUTNIK

SPORTS

FIFA names U Zaw Zaw Chair of Social Responsibility Committee

THE FIFA Council has appointed U Zaw Zaw, President of the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF), as the Chair of the FIFA Football Social Responsibility Committee during its October 2025 meeting.

U Zaw Zaw will serve as Chair of the Committee for the term 2025-2029. He is currently the Senior Vice-President of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), as well as Chair of the AFC Social Responsibility Committee and a member of the Board of Trustees of the AFC Dream Asia Foundation for the 2023-2027 term.

Throughout his football leadership career, U Zaw Zaw has received several prestigious

honours, including the AFC Dream Asia Award (2013), ASEAN Goodwill Award (2014), ASEAN Goodwill Award (2017), and AFC Distinguished Service Award (2024) from the AFC and ASEAN Football Federation.

The newly formed FIFA Football Social Responsibility Committee will also include 21 members, with legendary Argentine footballer Javier Zanetti serving as Vice-Chair. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

U Zaw Zaw, newly appointed Chair of the FIFA Football Social Responsibility Committee, is seen together with FIFA President Gianni Infantino. **PHOTO: MFF**



Myanmar national badminton player wins gold at Uganda Intl Series 2025



Maung Hein Htut.

MYANMAR national badminton player Maung Hein Htut, representing the Myanmar Badminton Federation with the approval of the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, secured the gold medal at the Uganda International Series 2025, held from 2

to 5 October in Uganda.

Competing in the men's singles event, Maung Hein Htut defeated players from the UAE and India to reach the final. In the championship match, he triumphed over a Malaysian player with scores of 21-14 and 21-9, winning in straight sets after five matches to claim the gold medal.

In the final standings, Maung Hein Htut of Myanmar took the gold, the Malaysian player earned silver, and an Indian player claimed bronze. A total of 15 countries participated in the tournament.

According to the Myanmar Badminton Federation, Maung Hein Htut will next represent Myanmar at the XXXIII SEA Games. — Arkar Linn/KZL

Serie A chief blasts Rabiot's criticism of Milan match in Australia



Adrien Rabiot (R) has criticized the plans for his club AC Milan to play Como in Australia. **PHOTO: AFP**

THE CEO of Serie A on Wednesday slammed Adrien Rabiot's criticism of UEFA's decision to allow AC Milan to play a league fixture in Australia.

In an interview with French newspaper Le Figaro, Rabiot, who plays his club football for Milan, called the decision by

which gives Milan and Serie A the green light to play the 8 February fixture abroad.

Milan's San Siro stadium is out of commission around that time because it is hosting the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics on 6 February.

"Rabiot forgets, like all players earning millions of euros, that they are paid to do something, and that is play football," said De Siervo. "He should have more respect for the money he earns and offer more support to his employer, Milan, who accepted and pushed for this match being played abroad".

UEFA said on Monday that it had "reluctantly" approved the staging of Milan's home match with Como in Perth and a Spanish La Liga fixture between Barcelona and Villarreal in Miami, Florida. — AFP

England, Portugal, Norway closing in on 2026 World Cup

ENGLAND and Portugal are in pole position to win their respective 2026 World Cup qualifying groups with two games to spare, with several other European nations also hoping to secure berths at the finals in the upcoming matches.

Norway may also be only one victory away from reaching the tournament for the first time

since 1998, which would leave Italy staring at a third successive World Cup watching from the sidelines.

Thomas Tuchel's England laid down a marker last month with an impressive 5-0 thrashing of Serbia in Belgrade and are yet to concede a goal in five qualifiers.

They are not in Group K ac-

tion until Tuesday when a victory over Latvia in Riga would secure a place at next year's finals in the United States, Mexico and Canada, if Serbia do not beat Albania on Saturday.

England boast a seven-point lead over Albania with three matches to play, with Serbia a point further back but with a game in hand. — AFP



Erling Haaland, who is yet to play at a major tournament, already has a remarkable nine goals in qualifying. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

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“Biggest deal we’ve struck since we left EU”: UK PM calls India-UK FTA “hugely important”

BRITISH Prime Minister Keir Starmer met business leaders on Wednesday in Mumbai and called the India-UK trade partnership “really important”, which the UK struck after it left the European Union.

Speaking at an interaction with industry leaders, Starmer said, “This is the biggest trade mission that the United Kingdom has ever sent to India.” He noted that his visit marks the “return leg” after Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s trip to the UK earlier this year. The UK’s exit from the EU has enabled it to forge new trade relationships, and the India-UK FTA is a significant step in this direction. This agreement reduces the UK’s reliance on EU trade and strengthens economic ties with a rapidly growing economy, such as India. Calling the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) signed in July this year between the two countries “really important”, Starmer said, “It’s the biggest deal we’ve struck since we left the European Union. I think it’s also the biggest deal that India has ever struck, so it’s hugely important.”

The UK-India Free Trade Agreement (FTA) is a landmark deal that aims to boost bilateral trade between the two nations by £25.5 billion annually. Signed in July 2024 during Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to the UK, this agreement marks a significant milestone in the economic partnership between the world’s fifth- and sixth-largest economies. — ANI

Starmer called it “the biggest trade mission that the United Kingdom has ever sent to India,” involving a large UK delegation for economic discussions.



Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) is amongst top global ports and India’s largest port by crossing 10+ million TEUs capacity in January 2025 and poised to achieve 10 million TEUs throughput by 2027. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ UNGUREANU CATALINA OANA / SHUTTERSTOCK**

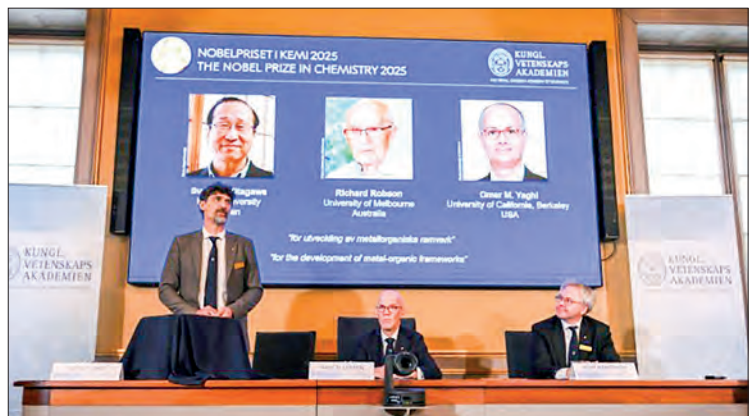
Japan’s Kitagawa among 3 scientists awarded Nobel Prize in chemistry

JAPANESE scientist Susumu Kitagawa and two others won the Nobel Prize in chemistry on

Wednesday for developing porous materials that can store gases such as natural gas, the Royal

Swedish Academy of Sciences said. The three, including the 74-year-old professor at Kyoto University, were recognized for their work on so-called metal-organic frameworks, porous materials that can absorb and release gases. They also predicted that such frameworks could be made flexible, according to the academy.

Kitagawa’s co-winners are Richard Robson, a professor at the University of Melbourne in Australia, and Omar Yaghi, a professor at the University of California, Berkeley, in the United States. — Kyodo



The Nobel chemistry prize was awarded to trio for work on metal-organic frameworks. **PHOTO: AFP**

Vietnamese PM urges development of affordable housing for citizens

VIETNAMESE Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh has called for stronger efforts to develop affordable housing segments with price suitable for average income levels, Vietnam News Agency reported Wednesday.

In a recent directive sent to ministries and localities, he ordered decisive measures to boost housing and real estate supply, curb price increases and stabilize the market.

The directive comes as

real estate and housing prices in several areas have continued to soar, far exceeding the financial capacity of citizens, partly due to a shortage of affordable commercial housing, according to the report.

The prime minister urged authorities to accelerate the development of social housing, aiming to exceed the government’s target of completing 100,000 social housing units by 2025. — Xinhua