

Four Objectives of the National Defence and Security Council

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



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing offers meal alms in an emerald bowl along with fruits, flowers, and water to the Buddha image at the Maravijaya Monastery in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Kathina robe offering ceremony 2025 held at Maravijaya Monastery

The Kathina robe offering ceremony 2025 took place at the Maravijaya Monastery in the precinct of the Maravijaya Buddha Park in Dekkhinathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory yesterday morning.

The ceremony was attended by Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife, Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, to offer Kathina robes and offerings.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Presiding Patron of Pali Tekkatho Mingalazeyon Buddhism Learning Centre in Pyinmana Aggamaha Pandita Aggamaha Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Vimala Buddhi,

invited members of the Sangha and senior monks from Maravijaya Monastery.

First, the Senior General offered meals in the alms-bowl, fruits, flowers and water to the Buddha image in the monastery.

The Senior General and congregation took the Five Precepts from Presiding Patron of Maravijaya Monastery Aggamaha Pandita Aggamaha Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Neminda while members of the Sangha recited Metta Sutta.

The Senior General and his wife donated Kathina robes and alms to the Presiding Patron of Maravijaya Monastery.

Commission Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Soe Win and his wife Daw Than Than Nwe presented

Kathina robes and offerings to Presiding Patron of Pali Tekkatho Mingalazeyon Sayadaw.

Commission Member and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw and his wife, Commission Member and Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe and his wife, Commission member and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo and his wife, Commission members and Union ministers offered Kathina robes and offerings to members of the Sangha.

Mingalazeyon Sayadaw delivered a sermon, while the Maravijaya Monastery Sayadaw shared merits gained.

The Senior General and distinguished guests viewed around the display of Padethabin structures adorned with offerings to be donated to Maravijaya Monastery.

The Senior General and his wife performed the rituals of golden and silver showers to mark the successful completion of the ceremony.

After the ceremony, the Senior General, his wife and the congregation offered day meals to members of the Sangha.

At the ceremony, the value of the Kathina robe offering amounted to K53,501,000, including 12 Padethabin structures worth K25,167,600 and K28,333,400 in cash.

Also present at the ceremony were Union-level dignitaries, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and officials. — MNA/TTA

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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.

Special Weather News

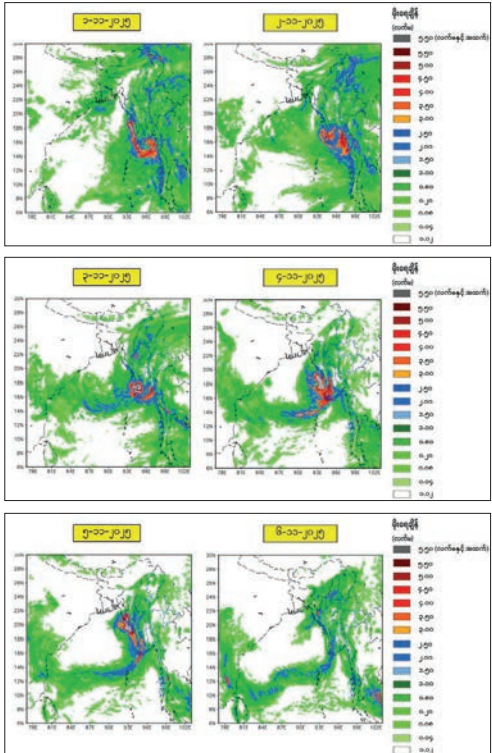
Issued at 4 pm MST on 31 October 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, due to the easterly waves and due to a Low-Pressure Area over the North Andaman Sea and adjoining over the Eastcentral Bay of Bengal, rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, and Shan States with regionally and isolated heavy falls in some region during 1 October 2025 to 6 November 2025.

Squalls with rough seas are likely at times in off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach 30-35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 8-10 feet in off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

People should be aware of natural disasters such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, thunder, lightning strikes, lightning, hail, flash floods and landslides in hilly areas and near small rivers and to make necessary preparations for inland water transport, domestic flights and irrigation dams. — DMH



India Paradaythi Sangha Nayaka Committee Chairman Dr Bhaddanta Ñāṇissara passes away



ACCORDING to information from the Department for the Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana, the Most Venerable Dr Bhaddanta Ñāṇissara (Abhidhaja Mahā Rattha Guru, Abhidhaja Aggamahā Saddhammajotikadhaja, Aggamahā Paṇḍita, Aggamahā Saddhammajotikadhaja), aged 89 and Vassa 69, the Chief Abbot of Kusinara My-

anmar Monastery in Kushinagar City, Uttar Pradesh, India, and Chairman of the India Paradaythi Sangha Nayaka Committee, passed away peacefully at 4:50 am (Indian Standard Time) on Friday, 31 October 2025 (11th Waxing of Tazaungmone, 1387 ME), at Medanta Hospital in Lucknow, the capital city of Uttar Pradesh. — MNA/KZL

Tai-Leng (Shanni) Nationalities Development Party delivers campaign speech

THE electoral speech of the Tai-Leng (Shanni) Nationalities Development Party is featured on page 10 of today's issue of The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper.

Information Centre for Trafficked Persons (Yangon, Mandalay)

The trafficked persons can contact and ask for help.

Yangon

64, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Mayangon Township.
01 8666619

Mandalay

Near Shwegyin Than Lan, Boetawtoe Ward, Aungmyaythazan Township.
02 2830423

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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
National Defence and Security Council
Declaration of State of Emergency
Ordinance 3/2025

11th Waxing of Tazaungmone 1387 ME
31 October 2025

- 1. The National Defence and Security Council released Ordinance 1/2025 on 7th Waxing of Wagaung, 1387 ME (31 July 2025), and declared a state of emergency in the townships of the regions and states mentioned in that order.
- 2. The order shall be effective for 90 days starting from today.

Sd/Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Acting President
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
National Defence and Security Council
Announcement of Martial Law
Ordinance 4/2025

11th Waxing of Tazaungmone 1387 ME
31 October 2025

- 1. In the townships of regions and states where a state of emergency was declared under Ordinance 3/2025 by the National Defence and Security Council, a Martial Law order has been issued continuously under Section 413 (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, transferring the powers and responsibilities of the said townships to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services.
- 2. The Defence Services Commander-in-Chief may exercise the powers and responsibilities himself or delegate them to an appropriate military authority to exercise and carry them out.

Sd/Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Acting President
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

4th meeting of Central Committee on Security Supervision held

THE meeting 4/2025 of the Central Committee on Security Supervision for the Multiparty Democracy General Election was held yesterday afternoon at Areindama Hall, Myanmar Police Force Headquarters.

The meeting was attended by the Chairman of the Central Committee on Security Supervision, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, along with Vice-Chairpersons, Central Committee members, a representative from the Union Election Commission (UEC), the Chairman and members of the Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory Committee on Security Supervision, and officials from the Myanmar Police Force Headquarters. Meanwhile, the chairpersons and members of the committees for

security supervision from the regions and states joined via video conference.

The Union minister stated that the UEC will hold the multiparty democratic general election in phases – Phase I in 102 townships on 28 December and Phase II in 100 townships on 11 January 2026 – with a 60-day campaign period for Hluttaw candidates, that the first ballot lists have been announced and are being verified by voters, and that continuous management of security for polling stations, voting machines, candidates, and voters is essential, as the Central Committee has drawn up a nationwide security plan and eight related implementation plans to be carried out practically.

The General Administration



The fourth meeting of the Central Committee on Security Supervision for the Multiparty Democracy General Election in progress yesterday, chaired by Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung.

Department under the Ministry of Home Affairs opened call centres to handle voter list inquiries and, in collaboration with the UEC and the Ministry of Immigration and Population, resolved 732 voter calls while conducting 28,375 field inspections, 45,248 outreach activities, and 282,592 OSS operations with relevant departments to ensure the completeness and accuracy of the voter list and prevent any omissions.

The Union minister emphasized the need to coordinate in advance with relevant election commission branches to enable advance voting for eligible voters outside their townships, temporarily displaced persons, and those facing criminal charges in police stations, prisons, and jails, while also ensuring proper security arrangements for domestic and foreign study groups and media visiting during the

election period.

He also noted that during the multiparty democratic general election period, the Central Committee took action against individuals who attempted to disrupt the electoral process – with 40 cases as of 29 October under the Law on the Protection of Multiparty Democratic General Elections from Obstruction, Disruption and Destruction, involving 83 male

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4th meeting of Central Committee on Security Supervision held

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and five female defendants – and emphasized the need to continue investigating and taking effective action against incitement and propaganda threatening election security, while directing the forces and departments under the Ministry of Home Affairs to coordinate with Tatmadaw, people’s militia troops, public security and counter-terrorism units, and partner organizations to maintain security, reduce crime, uphold the rule of law, and accelerate ongoing efforts for regional and community peace.

The chairpersons and sec-

retaries of the region and state multiparty democratic general election security supervision committees presented election security plans suited to their respective local conditions, current situations, and progress in regional security and rule of law, after which members of the Central Committee and vice chairpersons offered additional suggestions and held discussions.

Afterwards, the UEC representative presented the findings, and the Central Committee chairman, the Union minister, made the necessary additions.

— MNA/TH

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

Martial Law Order 3/2025

11th Waxing of Tazaungmone 1387 ME
31 October 2025

1. The Martial Law Orders 1/2025 and 2/2025, which were released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services on the 7th Waxing of Wagaung, 1387 ME (31 July 2025), shall remain in effect.

Sd/Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

Domestic fuel oil prices rise slightly

DESPITE a slight decline in the domestic foreign exchange rate, local fuel prices have risen from K30 to almost K80 per litre due to a slight increase in fuel prices in the Asia-Pacific region. — MNA/MKKS

Union Info Minister attends 55th Tatkon Maha Kathina ceremony

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn attended the opening ceremony of the 55th Tatkon Township Maha Kathina Festival held at the entrance to Sasana Beikman in Tatkon Township yesterday.

After the ceremonial procedures of the opening event, the Union minister and party observed the preparations of the offerings donated by government departments, schools, wards, and private donors. The Maha Kathina Festival will continue from 31 October to 4 November, featuring donation processions, traditional music, and dance.

On 6 November, the main donation ceremony will take place at Aung San Hall, and the offerings will be distributed to 49 monasteries in Tatkon Township. In the evening, five



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn opens the 55th Tatkon Township Maha Kathina Festival yesterday.

large hot-air balloons and 500 small ones will be released in celebration.

From 1 to 3 November, a traditional cart race will be held, with 28 carts, and the prizes are

K5 million for first place, K4 million for second, K3 million for third, K1 million for the special

prize and K500,000 for other candidates.

During the festival period from 2 to 4 November, there will be entertainment programmes of artistes.

At noon, the Union minister visited Myanma Radio and Television (MRTV) to inspect preparations for political party campaign recordings for the 2025 multiparty democratic general election. He urged staff to follow proper procedures and maintain quality production.

He inspected ongoing earthquake repair works at the MRTV head office carried out by Shwe Taung Construction, and instructed for timely completion to meet standards.

He visited the MRTV staff housing, observed the meal arrangements, and cordially met with the staff. — MNA/KTZH

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General Aung San Declares Firm Stand Against Election Disruption

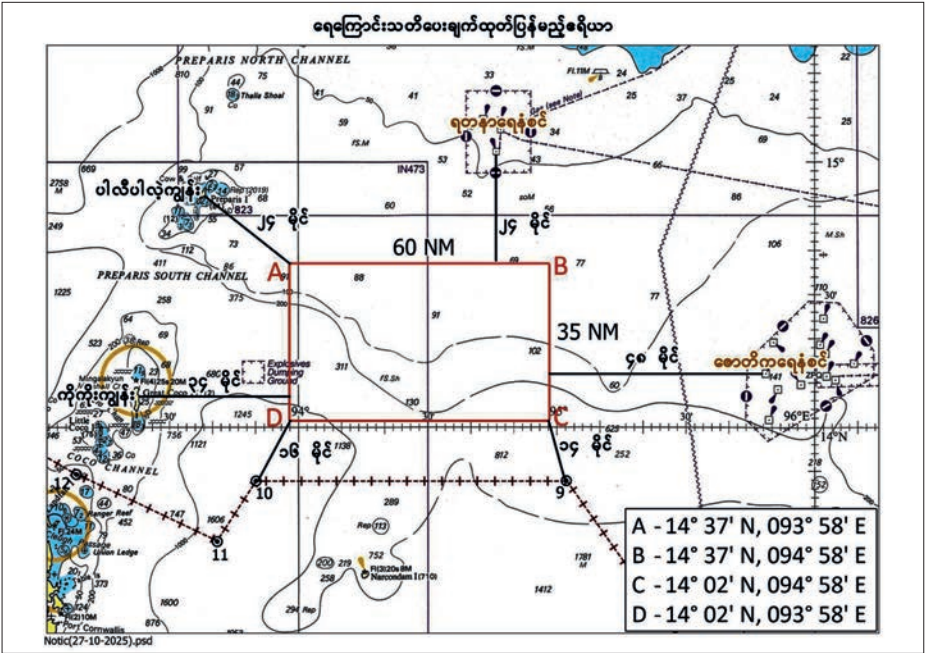
“Our Government shall not permit any disruption of the forthcoming election. The electoral process shall remain free and fair, and no interference shall be exercised upon those who participate in it. Yet, let it be firmly declared that any attempt to disturb or sabotage the election shall be met with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

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



Maritime and Aerial Warnings issued

- 1. The naval maritime exercises will be conducted within Myanmar’s territorial waters on 7 and 8 November 2025, involving surface and aerial fire drills. The designated area for naval exercise is defined by the coordinates – Point A: Latitude 14°37’N and Longitude 93°58’E, Point B: Latitude 14°37’N and Longitude 94°58’E, Point C: Latitude 14°02’N and Longitude 94°58’E and Point D: Latitude 14°02’N and Longitude 93°58’E, and maritime and aerial warnings have been announced.
- 2. Therefore, during the period of exercise, to ensure safety, the large and small ships, cargo ships, motorboats, fishing boats, and mechanized rafts are strictly prohibited from entering, anchoring, fishing, or deploying fishing equipment within a five-mile radius of the designated area. Moreover, the aircraft and helicopters are also prohibited from flying below an altitude of 15,000 feet over the area during this period. — MNA/KTZH



ACC Chairman attends 21st ASEAN-PAC

A delegation led by Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) of Myanmar U Lwin Oo, attended the 21st Principals Meeting of the ASEAN Parties Against Corruption (ASEAN-PAC), held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 28 to 30 October.

On the first day of the meeting on 28 October, Malaysian Chief Commissioner Mr Tan Sri Dato’ Sri Hj. Azam Baki presided over the event and confirmed the minutes from the 20th ASEAN-PAC meeting, while the previous rotating chair of Indonesia’s Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) General Commissioner reported on the anti-corruption activities of ASEAN-PAC conducted between December 2024 to July 2025.

The member countries discussed the work implementation plans for 2023-2025, and revised and amended the ASEAN-PAC 2026-2028 plans.

The ACC Chair highlighted the adverse impacts of corruption on the public, the importance of Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) in anti-corruption efforts, ongoing anti-corruption strategies and action plans in Myanmar, the effectiveness of the Myanmar Anti-Corruption Law, the commission’s three key mandates and related initiatives and other pre-



Myanmar’s Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Chair U Lwin Oo is pictured during his participation in the 21th ASEAN-PAC’s Principals Meeting in Malaysia on 28-30 Oct 2025.

ventive measures against corruption.

On the second day of the meeting, the participants, international organizations and the community discussed anti-corruption measures in respective ASEAN countries, and the ACC chairman discussed further cooperation to strengthen the ASEAN-PAC.

MACC’s Chief Commissioner, Mr Tan Sri Dato’ Sri Hj. Azam Baki made a concluding remark, and the ACC chairman expressed gratitude for approving Myanmar to be the host country of the meeting and willingness to meet again in Nay Pyi Taw.

In the afternoon, the ACC participated in a side event – a showcase of prevention work.

The ACC chair attended the third day of the meeting and participated in the tour arranged by MACC.

The ACC chair met the principals and representatives of the anti-corruption commissions of Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia and Thailand, and openly discussed the enhancement of cooperation in combatting corruption.

The Myanmar delegation arrived back in Yangon yesterday afternoon. — MNA/KTZH



Myanmar reports no new COVID-19 cases

THE Ministry of Health tested 121 samples from 8 pm on 19 October 2025 to 8 pm on 26 October 2025, and no new cases were detected. Therefore, no new casualties were reported.

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

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

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

Myanmar CDC
Public Health Department, Ministry of Health

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Artistes held for attempting to disrupt democratic election

AS the government is making preparations to successfully hold the multiparty democratic general election on 28 December 2025, measures have been taken to prevent any attempts to disrupt or obstruct the elections through various means. To this end, on 29 July 2025, the Law on the Prevention of Obstruction, Disruption, and Sabotage of Multiparty Democratic General Election was enacted. Effective action is being taken against those who fail to comply with this law.

In this connection, on 29 October 2025, director Thet Lwin (aka) Zambu Htun Thet Lwin and director Aung Chan Lu (aka) Aye Chan Aung were arrested at their respective residences. The arrests followed their public support, via social media, for false and misleading criticisms made by fugitive offenders and supporters of terrorist organizations abroad, directed against the election awareness short film ‘Khit Thamine Ko Done Saing Myi Thu Myar’ (Those Who Would Hasten the Contemporary History) and the artistes who performed in it.

According to the findings of the investigation, the arrested individuals did not show support for Tatmadaw in carrying out its State duties in accordance with the 2008 Constitution. Moreover, they had not participated in or contributed through their artistic field to the successful conduct of the forthcoming multiparty democratic general election. The investigation further revealed that they had shown support, via social media, for the criticisms made by fugitive offenders and supporters of terrorist organizations abroad against artistes who were actively participating in efforts to ensure the success of the election.

Furthermore, the investigation found that they had been consistently expressing support for false and fabricated posts on social media pages belonging to media outlets and individuals affiliated with terrorist-supporting, foreign-backed organizations, including Khit Thit Media, that are opposed to domestic peace and stability.

Therefore, it has been officially announced that Thet Lwin (aka) Zambu Htun Thet Lwin and Aung Chan Lu (aka) Aye Chan Aung, who had supported and encouraged those spreading propaganda through media outlets and foreign-backed organizations that endorse terrorism, with the intent of misleading public opinion regarding the

Arrestees and screenshots showing their social media accounts.

multiparty democratic general election, will be subject to effective legal action under the Law on the Prevention of Obstruction, Disruption and Sabotage of Multiparty Democratic General Elections, as well as other relevant criminal laws.

The announcement further stated that efforts will continue, with the cooperation and participation of the public, to identify and take action against individuals attempting to disrupt or obstruct the ongoing processes aimed at successfully conducting the multiparty democratic general election. — MNA/KZL

53 foreign nationals detained, 148 more screened in Myanmar



Immigration processes are underway for the deportation of undocumented foreign entrants.

THE government continues to investigate and expose foreign nationals who illegally entered and lived in border areas and engaged in unlawful activities, including online gambling and online fraud, and repatriates them systematically to their respective countries in line with the laws and procedures.

During the ongoing investigations, authorities managed to detain 53 foreign nationals who illegally entered Myanmar through border routes, including those passing through neighbouring countries such as Thailand, after taking part in online gambling and online fraud in the Myawady-Mahtawthalay (KK Park) area in Kayin State. Officials also screened a further 148 foreign nationals from eight countries. To ensure their swift repatriation, departmental joint teams continue to collect necessary personal information and records, supervised by Deputy Director-General U Myint

Bhone of the Ministry of Immigration and Population in Kayin State and responsible officials.

From 30 January to 31 October 2025, authorities detained a total of 10,744 foreign nationals who illegally entered Myanmar, and all of them were screened. Among them, 9,365 individuals have been repatriated to their respective countries through Thailand under the laws and procedures, while 1,379 remaining foreign nationals are ready for repatriation and are being held under proper care.

The State is working actively with neighbouring and regional countries and international organizations to expose, arrest and take strong and effective action against those involved in online scam centres, including foreign masterminds. At the same time, the State is making effective arrangements for the prompt repatriation of foreign nationals who are in distress for various reasons or are victims of human trafficking. — MNA/KZL

Counter-argument to false information

Authorities deny false reports on Kalay Prison inmates' medical care

AUTHORITIES have dismissed a fabricated social media post, circulated on 24 October by a Facebook page bearing the name Khit Thit Media, which falsely alleged that prisoners in Kalay Prison were required to pay at least K500,000 to prison authorities to receive emergency medical treatment.

Following verification, officials confirmed that staff at Kalay Prison operate under the close supervision of the regional chief and responsible officers to ensure there is no financial contact or connection with inmates or detainees. Medical care for inmates is provided daily by the prison doctor, one chief nurse, and three nurses, who conduct ward-to-ward rounds under a mobile team system.

When external hospital treatment is required, medical staff report the case to the responsible officer and transfer the patient to Kalay General Hospital for urgent care.

From January to September of the 2025 financial year, a total of 106 male inmates and 97 female inmates, 203 in total, received daily-return medical treatment at Kalay People's Hospital, while 42 male inmates, eight female inmates, and five detainees, 55 in total, were hospitalized for treatment.

Furthermore, contrary to the claims made in the online post, no inmate or detainee in Kalay Prison has become disabled due to nerve-related illnesses. The four inmates with disabilities currently in the prison sustained their injuries before incarceration: two have below-the-right-knee amputations, one has an amputation at the right wrist, and one is blind in the right eye.

Due to security conditions in the area, prison staff and their families are permitted to leave the premises only with authorization from the responsible officer, and no karaoke entertainment venues operate within the prison compound. Therefore, the allegations published by the Facebook page using the name Khit Thit Media were entirely fabricated, with the apparent intention of misleading the public and misrepresenting the lawful operations of the prison system. — Thitsa/KZL

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Educated human resources must drive development efforts

❖ It is necessary to have an abundant and capable pool of human resources who can serve the duties for regional development. The educated and skilled individuals emerging from the region must be capable of actively promoting progress in the social, economic, administrative, and agricultural sectors of the relevant regions.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman, Prime Minister, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with state-level departmental officials and town elders in Kengtung of Shan State (East) to talk about regional development measures on 24 May 2025)

Tatmadaw engineer wins 2025 ASEAN Outstanding Engineer Award

MAJOR Pyae Phyo Maung of the Ministry of Defence of Myanmar won the ASEAN Outstanding Engineering Achievement Award – Individual Category 2025 at the 43rd ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organizations (AFEO) Conference and Engineering Conference, held from 28 to 30 October at the SMX Convention Centre Clark in Mabalacat City, Pampanga, the Philippines.

The conference was attended by officials from the engineering councils and federations of the 10 ASEAN countries, as well as representatives from the World Engineering Organization, the Asia-Pacific Region Engineering Organization, and engineers from various Asian and ASEAN countries. They participated in conferences and workshops on engineering development and presented research papers.

The conference dinner was held on 30 October; during which



Major Pyae Phyo Maung receives the ASEAN Outstanding Engineering Achievement Award Individual Category 2025 at the 43rd ASEAN AFEO Conference and Engineering Conference in the Philippine on 28-30 October 2025.

the AFEO President presented the ASEAN Outstanding Engineering Achievement Award (Individual Category), the ASE-

AN Best Engineering Project Award, and the ASEAN Best Engineer Award to the respective winners.

Major Pyae Phyo Maung, the winner of the ASEAN Best Engineer Award, has achieved international recognition by

winning awards at international research conferences and world-class engineering competitions such as the Composite World Cup. He combined modern and traditional technologies to erect the world’s largest seated Buddha image, the Maravijaya Buddha Image, and carried out composite technology conservation and restoration work on ancient temples, pagodas, and buildings damaged by the Mandalay earthquake in Myanmar.

The Myanmar Federation of Engineering Organizations submitted a proposal to award Major Pyae Phyo Maung the ASEAN Outstanding Engineering Achievement Award (Individual Category) in recognition of his exceptional achievements. The award was approved following scrutiny at the AFEO Mid-term Meeting held in Da Nang, Vietnam, and further approval at the Governing Board Meeting. — MNA/MKKS

UMTA showcases Myanmar at Novosibirsk “Golden Land” Exhibition

THE Union of Myanmar Travel Association (UMTA) is reported to have attended the Myanmar – the Golden Land Exhibition held in Novosibirsk, Russia, to strengthen and enhance friendship and cultural exchange between the Russian Federation and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The exhibition took place in Novosibirsk from 28 October to 30 November 2025, according to the UMTA. Daw Khin May Aye, Joint Treasurer 1 of the UMTA, attended the exhibition while the Head of the Novosibirsk State Art Museum and U Kaung Myat,

Counsellor from the Myanmar Embassy, offered welcoming remarks and explained the purpose of the exhibition.

UMTA is committed to promoting tourism cooperation between Myanmar and Russia, encouraging more tourist arrivals between the two countries, and raising awareness among Russian citizens about the country’s beautiful tourist destinations. An official from the UMTA stated that Myanmar is currently receiving foreign tourists from various countries, including Russia, India, Nepal, China, Korea, Japan, Malaysia, and Germany. – MT/ZN



This image displays the Myanmar – the Golden Land Exhibition held in Novosibirsk, the Russian Federation.

Red pandas set to arrive at Yadanabon Zoo

RED pandas, which were not previously shown, can be seen soon at the Yadanabon Zoological Gardens in Mandalay, said the zoo.

For the small mammal, red pandas, which are native to the cold area, the zoo has made houses for them to live privately in their comfort.

Now, the red pandas have been carried by MAI 8M-623 from Myitkyina to Yangon Zoo, and from there, they will be carried again to the Yadanabon Zoological Gardens with full care.

The red pandas are one

of the world’s endangered species, and they have been shown at zoos to maintain the reproduction, breeding and prevent extinction.

The Yadanabon Zoological Gardens announced that the adorable red pandas, which are under threat of extinction in the wild, will arrive soon, and visitors are welcome to see them in person.

The zoo is open daily from 8 am to 5 pm and warmly welcomes the public. Entrance fee is K2,500 for adults and K1,500 for children. — MT/ZS

The census data:
The most essential for
development undertakings

THE 2024 Population and Housing Census Report is important as a roadmap for formulating policies to promote Myanmar’s development. The statistical data should be carefully examined and analyzed to guide efforts toward the advancement of social and economic development.

In carrying out these efforts, it is necessary to plan and provide for the development of high-quality youth, create opportunities and prospects for them, align education with labour market needs, establish strong vocational training programmes, and prepare the workforce to ensure a technologically skilled and capable future. Additionally, social protection systems should be established for the elderly, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable groups.

By creating long-term, high-quality employment within the country based on the census data, migration can be managed effectively. National assets should be managed fairly and efficiently in accordance with the country’s population structure. Consequently, every child in today’s classrooms should be recognized as a future intellectual and skilled professional who will shape Myanmar’s future.

The enumeration of the census is an extensive operation, but it also involves significant financial expenditure. However, it is crucial for obtaining accurate and reliable population data, which is essential for the country’s current situation and future development. As such, it is necessary to conduct the census once every ten years in accordance with international procedures and standards.

The population census findings highlight not only the opportunities available to our country but also the responsibilities that must be undertaken alongside them. Although our country holds geopolitical significance, its population density remains considerably lower than that of neighbouring nations. According to the 2024 census data, the country’s declining population poses challenges due to falling birth rates, increasing migration, and changing family structures, yet it can also be regarded as an opportunity.

Utilizing education and workforce data based on the 2024 Union report on the Population and Housing Census will help expand and establish vocational training schools, thereby cultivating a skilled labour force and creating employment opportunities. Similarly, the census data can support the provision of necessary information for social welfare programmes, elderly care, and the registration and assistance of persons with disabilities.

The completeness of a country’s population data can be said to reflect its development, governance quality, and political stability. Population censuses provide the essential data needed to support sector-wise planning and development in social, economic, and administrative matters. Moreover, since census data is the only source that can supply information down to the smallest administrative units, the Union report must be effectively utilized for the benefit of the nation.

The Most Severe Pain
Is Emotional

WHEN people speak of pain, they often mean physical suffering — a wound, an illness, or the frailty of age. Yet in human experience, the most enduring pain is emotional. It arises not from the body, but from the mind’s struggle with loss, regret, and guilt. These are the wounds of the heart, and as Buddhist thought reminds us, they are rooted in attachment and clinging.

The Mind as the Source of Pain

Modern neuroscience con-

firms what ancient philosophy long intuited: the mind creates pain as much as it feels it. Emotional distress activates the same brain centres as physical injury. This is why heartbreak or bereavement can feel almost physical.

But unlike bodily pain, emotional suffering persists because the mind replays and resists what has already happened. The Buddha taught that pain is inevitable, but suffering arises from our refusal to accept impermanence — the truth that all things change, all relationships end, and

nothing is truly “ours” to keep.

Loss: The Ache of Impermanence

Grief is the price of love. When someone we care for is gone, our attachment system continues to seek their presence. We suffer because the heart cannot yet align with reality. In Buddhist understanding, this ache is not wrong or shameful — it is the natural pain of change. Healing begins when we stop fighting impermanence and begin to cherish memory without clinging to it.

Regret: The Burden of “If Only”

Regret is a form of mental time travel. The mind revisits the past, imagining better choices or kinder words.

But such rumination only deepens suffering. Buddhism teaches that every action arises from the conditions of that moment — our awareness, emotions, and limitations. When we understand this, compassion replaces self-blame. Regret then becomes a teacher, not a tormentor.

By Khin Maung Myint



Freedom Through Understanding

Emotional pain cannot be avoided, but it can be transformed. Mindfulness, compassion, and reflective therapy all

echo the same insight: to heal, we must see clearly and accept fully. In that acceptance lies peace.

The deepest pain often reveals the deepest truth — that everything we love is imperma-

nent, and yet love itself remains a source of meaning. When we stop clinging to what cannot stay, emotional pain softens into understanding. And in that understanding, we find freedom.

SUCCESS is often the product of effort, motivation, and opportunity. If any one of these elements is missing, the result can be negligible. In the context of learning, motivation is the essential engine that drives the entire process. For students and teachers alike, understanding the different types of motivation is key to achieving long-term success, especially in a subject as vast as English.

Motivation in language learning is primarily categorized into two types: intrinsic and extrinsic. Delving deeper, we find two important subtypes: integrative motivation (a form of intrinsic motivation) and instrumental motivation (a form of extrinsic motivation).

Intrinsic Motivation: Learning for the joy of it

We learn English because we personally enjoy it. This is the core of intrinsic motivation. It transforms learning from an obligation into a passion. When intrinsically motivated, we might freely watch foreign films, browse English-language YouTube channels, or listen to songs simply because we admire the way the language sounds. A fan of the Premier League might daydream of watching a match in England, driven by a genuine

interest that makes learning feel effortless.

Integrative motivation, a powerful form of intrinsic motivation, goes a step further. It describes the drive to learn a language because we feel happy and excited to connect with the community that speaks it. We aren't content with just reading textbooks; we want to communicate with people in the real world, understand their culture, and interact with them authentically. This desire for communicative competence and cultural adaptability is closely linked to integrative motivation.

Typically, an integratively motivated learner has a desire to interact with foreigners and native speakers. He holds positive attitudes toward the target culture. He is open to adopting new cultural practices.

Fostering Intrinsic Motivation in the Classroom

Creating an environment that nurtures intrinsic motivation is crucial. Four key factors influence this:

1. Physical Environment: A comfortable, well-equipped classroom with good lighting, flexible seating, interactive technology, and visual aids creates a secure and stimulating space that en-



By understanding the intricate roles of both intrinsic and extrinsic motivation, we can design learning environments. ILLUSTRATION: SHUTTERSTOCK

Motivation

By Maung Maung Aye

1. Teacher's Personality: An enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and fair teacher can ignite a student's passion.
2. Teaching Method: Dynamic and interesting teaching methods are essential. Tiresome routines bore students, while varied, engaging strategies that students believe in can significantly boost their motivation and engagement.
3. Academic Achievement: Constant failure is demotivating, but so is effortless success. Teachers must balance challenge and attainability. By setting goals based on students' abilities and pushing them to grow steadily, motivation remains strong.
4. Extrinsic Motivation: Learning for Practical Rewards

Extrinsic motivation comes from outside factors, such as rewards, pressures, or practical utility, rather than personal enjoyment. For example: Learning English because parents or friends compel you to. Taking an exam like the TOEFL or IELTS to get into a foreign university. Attending a speaking course to qualify for a better job or a promotion. This type of motivation is driven by: External rewards: A handsome salary or a high-paid job. Social pressure: The need to meet expectations or avoid criticism. Avoidance of punishment: Studying hard to avoid parental disapproval.

Researchers identify four types of extrinsic motivation: External Regulation, Introjected Regulation, Identified Regulation, and Integrative Regulation. Advantages and Disadvantages: Extrinsic motivation is highly effective for achieving short-term goals and tasks that lack intrinsic appeal. However, if used excessively, it can reduce genuine interest, be less sustainable once rewards are removed, and foster a sense of being controlled rather than autonomous.

Instrumental Motivation: A subset of Extrinsic Drive, Instrumental motivation, is a specific type of extrinsic motivation where the goal is strictly utilitar-

ian. Learners see the language not as a key to social integration, but as an instrument to achieve a concrete, practical objective. The language's value is measured solely by its usefulness.

The "utility" can be categorized into several areas:

Career and Economic Advancement: Getting a job, a promotion, or improving business communication.

Educational Advancement: Passing a required exam or reading academic materials.

Navigating Daily Life and Necessary Tasks: Immigrants learning basics for survival tasks like finding housing or visiting a doctor.

Accessing Information and media: Understanding technical manuals, software, or news for a practical purpose. Instrumentally motivated learners have a narrow, efficient focus. A waiter learning English, for instance, will concentrate on food vocabulary and customer service phrases, not on cultural nuances. The drive comes from the external reward (a job, a diploma), and the language is merely a means to that end. For example, A nurse learning English

to work in a hospital abroad. A student memorizing vocabulary specifically to achieve a high score. A chef learning Japanese to work at a restaurant in Tokyo.

Striking the Right Balance

Both extrinsic and instrumental motivations have their place. They can boost short-term performance, increase effort, and provide clear targets through deadlines and exams. However, over-reliance on external rewards can lead to a "memorize-and-forget" approach, where deep understanding is sacrificed for quick results. If the reward is removed, motivation often plummets. The key to successful, lasting learning is to blend both types of motivation. Educators can do this by combining external rewards with meaningful feedback, encouraging students to internalize their goals and promoting autonomy and a sense of personal accomplishment.

By understanding the intricate roles of both intrinsic and extrinsic motivation, we can design learning environments, whether in classrooms, workplaces, or personal study routines, that support not just short-term achievement but also lasting engagement and a genuine love for the English language.



2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

Tai-Leng Nationalities Development Party (T.N.D.P) talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

U Sai Htay Aung, Chairman of the Tai-Leng Nationalities Development Party (T.N.D.P), presented the policy, stance and work procedures of his party on radio and television on the evening of 31 October. The full text of the presentation is as follows: —



Mingalaba! I wish you all good health and success in your economic endeavours.

I am U Sai Htay Aung, Chairman of the Tai-Leng Nationalities Development Party (T.N.D.P).

Esteemed voters,

Our party firmly believes that only when all ethnic nationalities living in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar coexist free from oppression and domination, under the universal principles of justice, freedom, and equality, and when all ethnic groups live together in harmony – mutually respecting and valuing each other’s religions, beliefs, traditions, and cultures – can we achieve genuine unity and establish a united, strong, stable Union based on democracy and federalism. In line with this belief, since the founding of our party, we have steadfastly and consistently upheld and worked according to this conviction.

We are also focusing on enabling the younger generation to become educated and skilled professionals, and to actively and enthusiastically participate in nation-building efforts. We are implementing a plan to encourage greater participation of women in Myanmar’s political sphere.

In the upcoming multiparty democratic general election, our party has set out a four-point plan and would like to sincerely inform the public that we will exert our utmost efforts and dedication to carry it out with the people’s interests at heart.

Plan 1: Peace Esteemed voters,

Peace is essential for a nation to achieve development. To attain peace, if everyone engages in dialogue and negotiation in the present time with a strong spirit of patriotism and genuine goodwill, lasting peace can certainly be achieved.

Our people have long yearned deeply for peace and freedom. In accordance with the will of the people, I would like to urge all our national brethren to unite and work together to build a great Union based on democracy and federalism.

When we study countries around the world, we find that nations affected by war suffer loss of life and destruction of homes, and their development lags. There is no evidence that a country develops as a result of war. As an example, former war-torn countries like Vietnam and Cambodia, after achieving peace, now allow their citizens to live and work well, and their nations are progressing and developing. Therefore, we

should also prioritize the interests of the nation and the people, and instead of resolving political issues through armed means, we must meet at the discussion table to seek solutions and continue working until a lasting peace is achieved.

Plan 2: To obtain the correct name of Shanni ethnic Esteemed voters,

According to historical records, the Shanni ethnic group has established towns and villages and lived within the territory of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for over 3,000 years. Although they share the same language, literature, culture, traditions, and historical background, their ethnic identity has become nearly obscured over time due to being referred to by various names.

Even after Myanmar gained independence, the Shan people have been referred to by various names, such as Shanni, Shan-Bamar, Shankalay, and Myaylat Shan. In the Shan language, depending on the region, they are also called Tai-Nai, Tai-Doi, Tai-Lyan, and Tai-Leng, which, when translated into Myanmar, all correspond to Shanni. In addition, those living along the Chindwin and Uru Rivers are called Western River Shan, those along the railway line are called Railway Shan, and those along the Ayeyawady River are called Eastern River Shan.

Because the Shanni people have been referred to by various names, it has been difficult to compile accurate records of their ethnicity. Therefore, Shanni national activists and members of the Sangha held meetings in Hkamti on 19 and 20 February 2016 and in Mohnyin on 27 and 28 February 2016. Following these gatherings, the Shanni National Conference was held in Mandalay on 26 and 27 March 2016, where all attendees unanimously agreed to officially identify their ethnic group as “Shanni”.

Our party submitted the resolutions of the Shanni National Conference to the Union Peace Conference – 21st Century Panglong on 2 September 2016. In Myanmar, only the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has the authority to make final decisions on national matters. Therefore, to secure official recognition of the Shanni ethnic name, we earnestly appeal to all Shanni people to take it as a national duty to ensure that representatives from our party are successfully elected to the respective Hluttaws.

Plan 3: Enhancement of farmers’ life Esteemed voters,

According to the 2014 census, over 67 per cent of Myanmar’s population are farmers. Based on this figure, if farmers become prosperous, the nation as a whole can also achieve greater development. As I am a farmer myself, I personally understand this and would like to express my commitment to doing my utmost to work for the well-being of fellow farmers.

Rising commodity prices, increased costs of agricultural inputs, higher labour wages, and the imbalance between rice production and income versus expenses have caused losses for farmers. Some farmers are no longer able to continue working in agriculture and have had to take up other forms of employment.

Due to the impacts of armed conflicts, displacement, and agricultural disruptions caused by fluctuating mar-

ket prices, farmers are unable to cultivate their fields properly. Even on arable land suitable for rice cultivation, insufficient use of fertilizers has led to reduced production of high-quality rice, which is deeply regrettable for the nation to improve the livelihoods of our farmers. The government has taken measures to support their needs, including providing technical assistance, ensuring access to good markets, and offering sufficient short- and long-term loans. If farmers are able to cultivate and produce high-quality rice and crops, it will greatly contribute to national development. Therefore, our party pledges to continue working tirelessly to enhance the well-being of farmers.

Plan 4: Amendment, supplementation and revocation to the Constitution Esteemed voters,

The 2008 Constitution that we are currently following, in my view, was drafted based on a democratic system that aligns with the needs of Myanmar.

I believe that only by amending, supplementing, and repealing the Constitution in accordance with the times can we achieve a modern, strong, and resilient constitutional framework.

During the last two consecutive Hluttaw terms, constitutional amendments were limited. However, between 2021 and 2025, representatives from the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee (NSPNC) and working groups of political parties discussed the 2008 Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. As a result, they reached a preliminary agreement on 43 points for amendment and supplementation. While amending and supplementing the Constitution, it is also necessary to repeal provisions that are no longer needed. This agreement demonstrates that Tatmadaw is actively working towards an amendment to the Constitution.

In conclusion, I want to say that if we are to build a Union based on democracy and federalism, the people must cast their votes in elections. Political changes achieved through elections will allow citizens to live peacefully without loss or destruction. For the upcoming general election, we urge the people to vote for the parties they trust. This election is a key opportunity to transition the system in the best possible way. We also encourage the Shanni people to vote for their ethnic party. Only if their party wins and secures seats in the Hluttaw will it be able to present opportunities for other ethnic groups on equal terms. As a party, we pledge to work diligently for the benefit of the voters, addressing not only the four points mentioned earlier but also promoting political, educational, health, economic, and social development. This is our final message and commitment.

Thank you all.

May voters and our fellow citizens remain safe and far from danger.



NATIONAL

Taunggyi-Pawmu-Taunggyi sightseeing train trip to operate from 1 Nov

THE Taunggyi-Pawmu-Taunggyi sightseeing train trip is slated to operate from 1 to 4 November so that home-grown visitors and tourists will enjoy the train journey with the enchanting scenic view of Taunggyi city during the Taunggyi Tazaungdine Hot-air Balloon Festival.

The train will depart from Taunggyi station at 9 am and stop for 30 minutes at Htithin Station to enjoy the breathtaking view near Bawathanthaya Roundabout. The train will leave from Pawmu station at 11:15 am

in the afternoon and arrive at Taunggyi station at 12:30 pm.

During the scenic train journey, the passengers will enjoy the ride by observing the stunning views of the Taunggyi hot-air balloon compound, city view, forests, lush green fields, Htithin Pagoda, collapsed Pagodas and other incredible attractions.

Furthermore, Thazi-Shwenyaung passenger trains will also extend the journey to Taunggyi. The 141 Up train will depart from Thazi railway station at 5 am and



A breathtaking panoramic view of the Taunggyi-Pawmu-Taunggyi sightseeing train journey.

arrive at Taunggyi station at 6:30 pm, while the 142 Down train will leave Taunggyi station at 6 am am, stopping at each station on the route. — ASH/KK



This photo captures the Yangon International Airport and an aircraft landing there.

Yangon Airport to close nights for runway repairs

WHILE the runway maintenance is in progress, the Yangon International Airport will be closed at night from midnight to 6 am for a temporary period, said Myanmar Airways International.

Due to the runway repair, the airport will be closed from 29 October 2025 to 1 January 2026, and some MAI's flight schedules will be changed too.

MAI has announced that its flight schedules have been changed due to the maintenance

project, and urged passengers to re-check the updated schedules before boarding and make other necessary arrangements for transits.

For more information about flight schedules, passengers can call the following contact numbers 9787 or +959 880443787 or AskMAI Chatot-Messenger, Instagram, Viber, LINE, Telegram and website, or respective agents, said the airport. — MT/ZS

New TV drama to premiere on air

THE new Myanmar television drama series 'Silent Love' is set to premiere on 3 November, according to actor Paing Takhon.

The series is based on a novel written by De De Htet Aung. The screenplay was co-written by Htet Myat Zin Naing and De De Htet Aung, and the drama is directed by Pwint Theingi Zaw for Shwe Nadi Shwe Yi Film Production.

"This drama is my first television series. I play the role of Zan Ye. It's a three-part romantic drama. I play a husband who misses and yearns for his wife throughout the story. If you look at Lily, she isn't usually feminine, but in this drama, she is," said Paing Takhon.

The cast also includes Nyi Nanda, Ye Lwin Oo, Sithu Ye Htut, Aung Phone Htut, Lily Kyaw Khaing, and other artistes. The drama will be available on the HEY Play App, HEY Play YouTube Channel, and MRTV-4, airing from 3 November, Monday to Friday. — ASH/MKKS



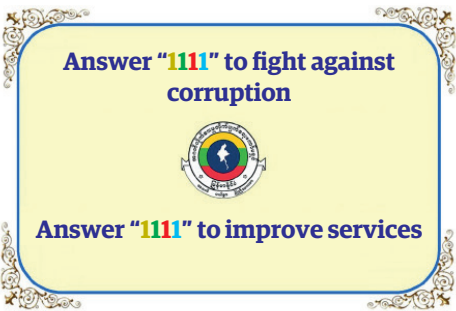
This photo showcases the main cast members seen in a movie poster.

Public Notice

THE Anti-Corruption Commission has established corruption prevention units within ministries to curb corruption effectively.

The ACC used SMS on mobile phones to ask the public who sought services at an office of the department of the relevant ministries via short code No "1111" for feedback, including the public feedback programme (PFP).

According to the PFP, the proper replies of the citizens via short code No "1111" will provide the quality of services of each department and the requirements for corruption prevention to be fixed.



Therefore, the public should reply to the questions of the ACC and corruption prevention units of the ministries via SMS at short code "1111". Such doing is a supportive measure for PFP, and the people are urged to cooperate in the operations.

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NATIONAL BUSINESS

60 container vessels slated to enter Yangon Port in Nov



A container vessel docks at Yangon Port.

A total of 60 container vessels are scheduled to enter the Yangon Port in November 2025, the Myanmar Port Authority announced.

Eleven container vessels run by Cosco Shipping Line,

eight by SITC Shipping Line, six each by CMA CGM Line and ONE Line, five each by MSC Line, Maersk A/S Line and Samudera Shipping Line, four by Ti2 Container Line, three each by RCL Line and Evergreen Line,

and two each by BLPL Shipping Line and Land and Sea are scheduled to call at the Yangon Port in November.

Myanmar Port Authority has arranged maritime trade channels to handle increasing

imports to meet domestic demand, to bolster exports, and to improve port capacity for significant arrivals of ships. Myanmar Port Authority notified that it will inform exporters and importers of ship arrival schedules in a timely manner upon an extended schedule.

A total of 62 container vessels in January 2025, 53 in February, 58 in March, 62 in April, 65 in May, 62 in June and 60 in July arrived at Yangon Port. Sixty containers in August, 59 in September and 68 in October are slated to enter the 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 Myanmar 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. After that, 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-based SITC Shipping Line docked at Asia World Port Terminal for the first time on 22 June, which is the largest ship that AWPT 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 and 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 meters, the larger ocean liners can enter the Thilawa Port. — NN/KK

CBM to sell over US\$2.38M to edible oil importers

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$1.477 million to edible oil-importing companies and \$902,400 to fuel oil-importing companies on 30 October 2025.

CBM sold over \$1.037 million to edible oil-importing companies on 29 October, in addition to an injection of over 821,000 yuan into the market.

CBM announced on 28 October that it would sell \$22 million and 100 million baht to those engaged in the fuel oil industry.

Furthermore, CBM sold over \$1.3 million, purchased from CMP companies, to edible oil-importing companies, in addition to sales of 180,000 yuan in the market on that day.

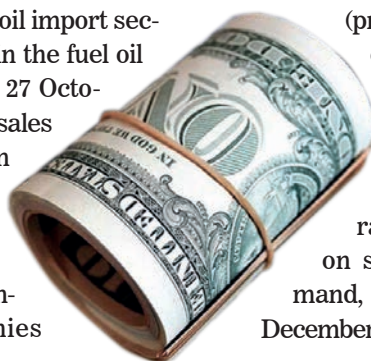
CBM pumped over \$1 million in the edible oil import sector and \$290,000 in the fuel oil import sector on 27 October, in addition to sales of 300,000 yuan in the market.

CBM sold over \$1.988 million to edible oil-importing companies

and \$242,600 to fuel oil-importing companies on 24 October.

CBM pumped over \$39 million purchased from CMP companies into the market in September 2025. Moreover, CBM also injected over \$680,000, 6.2 million yuan and 300,000 baht into the market through the foreign exchange market online trading platform last month. CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March 2024, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers

(private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK



Yangon palm oil reference price hits one-month low

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil set for the Yangon market gradually declined to a month-low of K6,400 per viss this week ending 6 November from K6,565 recorded in the past four weeks, according to the Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution.

The Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia, adding transport costs, tariffs and banking services to decide the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil weekly. Despite the reference price, the market price is way too high.

To control overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed consumers of lodging complaints for overcharging through the call centre hotline in late August. The department urges consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices.



Cooking oil bottles are arranged for sale.

The Committee notified that any person who is involved in price gouging and oil storage to attempt market manipulation will face legal action under the Essential Goods and Services Law.

The department is working together with the Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and the cooking oil importing companies to offer affordable rates of imported palm oil for consumers.

The complaints for overcharging can be lodged over

hotline 1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs Department, or sent to the Facebook page of the department and the region and state departments concerned.

The domestic consumption of palm oil is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local palm oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. About 700,000 tonnes of palm oil are imported annually through Malaysia and Indonesia to meet domestic demands. — NN/KK

Shein set to open first physical store in Paris

CONTROVERSIAL on-line fast-fashion seller Shein will open its first bricks and mortar store in the world in Paris next week, its new landlord announced Friday. The planned opening by the Asian clothing giant has been opposed by politicians, unions, top fashion brands and in a petition, but the storied BHV department store in central

Paris insisted the move would go ahead next Wednesday. Founded in China in 2012, but now with a headquarters in Singapore, Shein has faced criticism over working conditions in Chinese factories making clothes sold on the platform, its marketing tactics to tempt young people and its environmental impact. — AFP



The arrival of the Asian clothing giant has been opposed by French politicians, unions, and fashion brands.
PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Japan rolls back rice output expansion, sets 2026 target based on demand

JAPAN'S farm ministry said Friday it would set its rice production target for 2026 at 7.11 million tonnes in line with the maximum estimated demand, marking a shift away from the previous administration's policy of expanding production to ease price pressure. The figure, a decrease from the expected production of 7.48 million tonnes for the 2025 harvest, reflects the return by the administration of Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi to the conventional policy of matching production with demand.

The move seeks to maintain prices by addressing producers' concerns that a further increase in production would lead to



File photo taken in August 2025 shows harvested rice in Sanjo, Niigata Prefecture.
PHOTO: KYODO

oversupply. The government also indicated that it will resume purchasing rice for its stockpiles, which

had been halted for the 2025 harvest. Competition among buyers has intensified for

the 2025 crop, with retail prices currently averaging over 4,000 yen (\$26) for 5 kilogrammes. — Kyodo

Nissan expects US\$1.8-bln operating loss for fiscal 2025

JAPAN'S Nissan Motor Co said Thursday that it expects an operating loss of 275 billion yen (about US\$1.8 billion) for fiscal 2025, citing the impact of higher US tariffs and sluggish sales. In an updated financial outlook for the

fiscal year through next March, the Japanese automaker expects to book the annual operating loss on revenue of 11.7 trillion yen, reflecting anticipated challenges in the second half due to supply chain risks, foreign exchange volatility,

tariffs, and other external factors. For the April-September first half, the struggling carmaker estimates an operating loss of 30 billion yen, a better outcome than its previous forecast of a 180-billion-yen loss. — Xinhua

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We, Agrodan Chemical Co., Ltd, would like to change the Distributor of the following product, which registered under Pesticide Registration Board, Myanmar, from Amazing seasons Co., Ltd to Seinn Lae Thwin Co., Ltd. If any objection or enquiry, please contact to Co-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture, West Gyogone, Insein township, Yangon from here to next two weeks.

No	Old Distributor	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration Type	Registration number	New Distributor
1	Amazing seasons Co., Ltd	Ultimate Killer	Emamectin Benzoate 4% + Thiamethoxam 11% WDG	Provisional	P2025 - 6594	Seinn Lae Thwin Co., Ltd

Seinn Lae Thwin Co., Ltd (Address: No (525), First Floor, Corner of Merchant St & 38th St, Ward No (6), Kyauktada Township, Yangon, Myanmar. Ph: 09403723854)

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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GLOBAL VIEWPOINTS:
WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Japan PM Takaichi
advocates rules-based free
economic order at APEC

Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi stated that Japan would promote regional trade and investment through transparent free trade agreements, accelerate innovation in areas like artificial intelligence, digital technology, and energy, and support high-quality infrastructure projects and supply chain resilience against natural disasters to drive economic growth in the Asia-Pacific region.



Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi and South Korean President Lee Jae Myung meet on the sidelines of the APEC forum on 30 October. PHOTO: KYODO

JAPANESE Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi on Friday stressed the importance of upholding a “rules-based, free and fair economic order” amid growing uncertainty over the global economy at a regional summit in South Korea.

In her speech at the two-day Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum summit that began Friday in Gyeongju, Takaichi said Japan will strive to promote regional trade and investment by ensuring

the transparent implementation of free trade agreements, according to the Japanese Foreign Ministry.

She also called for accelerating innovation in such growth sectors as artificial intelligence, digital technology and energy, as well as promoting high-quality infrastructure projects and bolstering supply chain resilience against natural disasters to spur economic growth in the Asia-Pacific region.

— Kyodo



Members of public walk near the entrance to the Royal Lodge in Windsor Great Park. PHOTO: AFP

UK welcomes king's
move to strip
Andrew of royal titles

King Charles III's historic decision to strip his brother Andrew of his royal titles and effectively exile him won widespread backing Friday, but failed to calm calls for further action and greater oversight of the monarchy.

The king's move to axe Andrew's prince title — the first such action in more than a century — is the latest humiliating fallout for the scandal-plagued royal over his links to convicted US sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

Charles also announced Thursday he was ousting his younger brother from his longtime home on Windsor Castle's sprawling grounds, after renewed accusations from one of Epstein's main accusers, Virginia Giuffre.

The posthumous publication of her memoir last week, reiterating in shocking detail allegations she was trafficked to have sex with Andrew three times, including twice when she was 17, sparked renewed public outcry.

“This is a huge, huge development,” the memoir's ghostwriter Amy Wallace, told the BBC after Buckingham Palace released it's statement.

“To have somebody in power, somebody as respected as the king, say ‘I believe you’ — that's historic. It's a credit to Virginia. It's a credit to her book.” The audience at a live taping of the BBC's flagship current affairs debate programme “Question Time” spontaneously applauded when the news was announced. Figures from across the political spectrum welcomed the move. — AFP

US to limit refugees to record low
7,500, mostly white South Africans

THE Trump administration announced Thursday it will cut US refugee admissions to a record low of 7,500 next year, prioritizing white South Africans — a move critics say betrays America's humanitarian ideals.

The Trump administration announced plans on Thursday to drastically cut back the number of refugees to be accepted

annually by the United States to a record low and give priority to white South Africans.

Under the new policy, the United States would welcome 7,500 refugees in fiscal 2026, down from more than 100,000 a year under Democratic president Joe Biden.

The vast majority of those being accepted during the fiscal

year which began on 1 October would be white South Africans and “other victims of illegal or unjust discrimination in their respective homelands,” according to a White House memo.

“The admissions numbers shall primarily be allocated among Afrikaners from South Africa,” it said.

— AFP



The first group of white Afrikaners to arrive in the United States for resettlement pose for photographers at Dulles Airport in Virginia. PHOTO: AFP

SPORTS

Liverpool must snap losing 'habit', says under-fire Slot

LIVERPOOL manager Arne Slot said his side must not make a habit of losing games they should win after six defeats in their last seven games plunged the Premier League champions into crisis.

The Reds have lost their last four league games ahead of Aston Villa's trip to Anfield on Saturday and also crashed out of the League Cup to Crystal Palace in midweek.

Slot's decision to name an inexperienced side

for the 3-0 defeat to the Eagles drew criticism, but he again defended the need to give his key players a rest after a series of injury problems in the early part of the season.

Alisson Becker, Alexander Isak and Jeremie Frimpong are all still sidelined, while Ryan Gravenberch is only just back in training after an ankle injury. Slot had an eye not only on the visit of in-form Villa, but Real Madrid's trip to Anfield in the Champions League on Tuesday and Liverpool's clash with Manchester City next Sunday. — AFP



Arne Slot's Liverpool have lost six of their last seven games. PHOTO: AFP



Enzo Maresca branded Liam Delap's red card at Wolves as 'stupid'. PHOTO: AFP

Maresca backs 'stupid' Delap to come good for Chelsea

CHELSEA boss Enzo Maresca said Liam Delap has apologized for getting sent-off in Wednesday's League Cup win at Wolves, which drew stinging criticism from his manager.

Maresca labelled the England under-21 international "stupid" and "embarrassing" for picking up two yellow cards in the space of just seven minutes after coming on as a substitute for his first appearance since August.

Chelsea held on to progress

in a 4-3 thriller at Molineux but Delap is now suspended for Saturday's trip to Tottenham in the Premier League.

"Straight after the game, in the changing room, he apologized to everyone," said Maresca on Friday.

"I spoke with Liam, he knows everything, he's aware of the situation, he knows that he made a mistake. Full stop. No more than that."

Maresca said after the

Wolves match that the 22-year-old "plays for himself" but clarified those comments as a mistranslation and backed Delap, who has scored just once since his £30 million (\$40 million) move from Ipswich in June, to prove his worth.

"Liam, on the pitch, is more focused on his battle with the central defender than the rest. This was what I was trying to say after the Wolves game," added Maresca. — AFP

Bencic out of Hong Kong last eight as tennis injury list mounts

TOP seed Belinda Bencic pulled out of the Hong Kong Open quarterfinals on Friday as the Tokyo Olympic champion became the latest in a long line of players to suffer a late-season injury.

The Asian "swing" on the WTA Tour has been particularly hard hit by injuries and pull-outs in recent weeks, placing renewed scrutiny on the de-

manding tennis schedule.

Bencic, who was ranked 421 in the world at the start of the season but has climbed to 11, was supposed to meet Spain's Cristina Bucsa in the last eight in Hong Kong.

"So disappointed to have to withdraw today from my quarterfinal match here in Hong Kong due to my thigh injury," said the 28-year-old Swiss, who

won gold at the Covid-delayed Olympics in 2021.

"I've played a lot of tennis in the past few weeks and did everything I could to stay healthy, but it was not to be."

Bencic beat Linda Noskova last weekend to win the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo and cap a remarkable comeback, a year after returning to tennis from having a baby. — AFP



Belinda Bencic hits a return to China's Wang Yafan in Hong Kong. PHOTO: AFP

Japan PM Takaichi advocates rules-based free economic order at APEC
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CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Friday put forward a five-point proposal for promoting a universally beneficial and inclusive economic globalization and building an Asia-Pacific community.

Xi made the proposal in his speech titled “Building an Inclusive Open Asia-Pacific Economy for All” at the first session of the 32nd APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting.

Over the past 30-plus years since its founding, APEC has been spearheading the region’s rise to the forefront of global open development, and has made the Asia-Pacific the most dynamic part of the global economy, Xi noted.

Currently, changes unseen in a century are accelerating across the world, and the Asia-Pacific faces growing uncertainties and destabilizing factors in its development, he said, adding that the rougher the seas, the more the APEC members must pull together.

Xi called on APEC members to stay true to APEC’s founding mission to promote economic growth and improve people’s lives, and champion open development where everyone shares opportunities and emerges a winner. He also urged efforts to promote a universally beneficial and inclusive economic globalization, and build an Asia-Pacific community.

Xi put forward a five-point proposal.

Firstly, Xi called for joint efforts to safeguard the multilateral trading system. He urged APEC members to practice true multilateralism, enhance the authority and effectiveness of the multilateral trading system with the World Trade Organization at its core, and update international economic and trade rules to reflect the changing times, so as to better protect the legitimate rights and interests of developing countries.

Secondly, Xi called for building an open economic environment in the region. He urged APEC members to keep promoting trade and investment liber-

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Chinese President Xi Jinping attends the first session of the 32nd Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders’ Meeting and delivers a speech titled “Building an Inclusive Open Asia-Pacific Economy for All” in Gyeongju, South Korea, 31 October 2025. **PHOTO: HUANG JINGWEN/XINHUA**

alization and facilitation, deepen fiscal and financial cooperation, steadily push for regional economic integration, foster mutual alignment and collaborative progress, so as to inject impetus into the development of the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific.

Thirdly, Xi called on APEC members to work together to keep industrial and supply chains stable and smooth.

APEC members should join hands rather than part ways, strengthen their

links rather than sever them, vigorously expand common interests and support the open development of supply chains, strive for concrete and tangible results in physical, institutional and people-to-people connectivity, so as to further consolidate the foundations for open development in the Asia-Pacific region, Xi said.

Fourthly, Xi called for advancing the digital and green transformation of trade. He urged efforts to make digital technologies a strong catalyst for cross-border

trade, remove various green barriers, and expand cooperation in green industries, clean energy and green minerals.

Fifthly, Xi urged the Asia-Pacific to work together to promote universally beneficial and inclusive development. Xi called for joint efforts to adhere to the people-centered development philosophy, focus on imbalances in development, and foster an economic globalization that is more inclusive, sustainable and beneficial to all peoples in the region. — Xinhua



This photo taken on 28 October 2025 shows a publicity installation of the 32nd Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders’ Meeting in Gyeongju, South Korea. The first session of the 32nd APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting was held in Gyeongju on Friday. **PHOTO: PARK JINTAEK/XINHUA**

APEC leaders meet in S Korea to deepen cooperation for sustainable future

THE 32nd Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders’ Meeting kicked off in Gyeongju, South Korea, on Friday, with leaders gathering to seek stronger economic cooperation and chart a shared path towards a sustainable future.

Chairing the meeting, South

Korean President Lee Jae-myung called for greater cooperation and solidarity among the region to overcome new challenges as the world is at a major turning point.

As the free trade order undergoes dramatic changes, global economic uncertainty is

deepening, and trade and investment are losing momentum, Lee noted.

The technological revolution represented by artificial intelligence presents an unprecedented crisis and at the same time an unprecedented opportunity, he said. — Xinhua