

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.

Kyaukme District General Hospital resumes services

Health workers are providing healthcare services to residents in Kyaukme and nearby villages, including disease prevention, maternal and child care, school health programmes, and catch-up vaccinations under the SIA for children under 15.



Schoolchildren receive vaccines during special immunization activities conducted by the Public Health Department in Kyaukme yesterday.

THE Kyaukme District General Hospital in Shan State (North) reopened yesterday to offer healthcare services to locals. The Department of Medical Services in Kyaukme District established a temporary hospital in the Labha Muni Chinese temple in Kyaukme Township

starting from 5 October, and provided healthcare services to 3,385 patients between 5 October and 1 November. Similarly, the Naungpeing station hospital in Kyaukme township was also reopened on 20 October, offering medical treatments to residents. The Ministry of Health makes efforts to ensure the coverage of public

healthcare services, and township Public Health Department and six Rural Health Centres resumed their operations in Kyaukme Township, aiming to support the primary health services. Health workers are providing healthcare services to locals in Kyaukme and nearby villages. Their activities include disease prevention and control,

maternal and child healthcare, school health programmes, and vaccination campaigns, catch-up vaccination under the Special Immunization Activities (SIA) for children under the age of 15. A total of 3,723 children under the age of 15 were vaccinated between 10 October and 1 November. — MNA/KTZH

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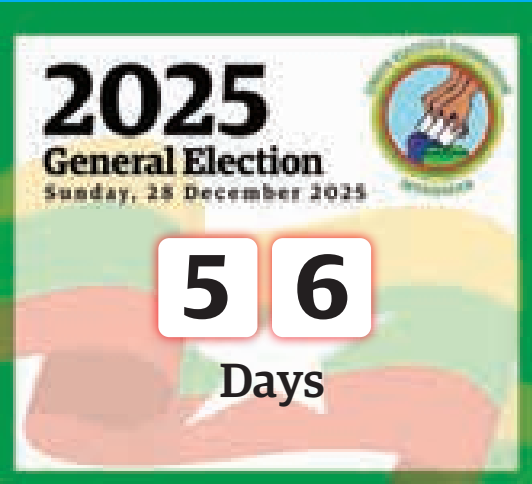
NATIONAL



2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

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

Union Election Commission



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

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Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued at 7 pm Saturday, 1 November 2025

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, a low-pressure area has formed over the North Andaman Sea and adjoining Eastcentral Bay of Bengal. The weather is cloudy over the Westcentral Bay and Southwest Bay of Bengal, and cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 2 November 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Upper Sagaing Region and Kayah and northern Shan states, scattered in Kachin State, fairly widespread in Mandalay, Magway and lower Sagaing regions and Chin State and widespread in the remaining regions and states, with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayin, Mon and Rakhine states. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

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

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

OUTLOOK FOR THE SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Rain or thundershowers with isolated heavy falls in Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady regions and Kayin and Mon states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 2 November 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 2 November 2025: Some rain or thundershowers which may be heavy at times. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 2 November 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 4 pm Saturday, 1 November 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, a low-pressure area has formed over the North Andaman Sea and adjoining the East Central Bay of Bengal. — DMH

Pa-O National Organization (PNO) delivers campaign speech

THE electoral speech of the Pa-O National Organization (PNO) is featured on page 10 of today’s issue of The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper.

Special Weather News

Issued at 4 pm MST on 1 November 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 regions from 2 November 2025 to 6 November 2025.

Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35-40 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9-11 feet in off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

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

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)

Nay Pyi Taw Council Chair opens traditional bullock cart competition, bovine pageant

OPENING ceremony of Myanmar traditional bullock cart competition and bovine beauty pageant marking the 55th Tatkon Maha Kathina ceremony took place at Tatkon township stadium in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Than Tun Oo, council members, departmental officials, social welfare organizations, event organizing subcommittees, judges and participants attended the event.

Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman and party cut the ribbon to start the bovine beauty pageant, and the council chairman made an opening speech.

They watched the competi-

tions and presented a cash prize to the Shwe Thansin elephant dance troupe. The competition will be held from 1 to 3 November with 28 carts.

The council chairman visited No 14 BEHS in Zeyathiri Township, and inspected the collective cleanliness activities of departmental staff and people and the sale of basic foodstuffs at a reference price.

At noon, he inspected the maintenance works on Mandalay earthquake-affected roads in Zabuthiri, Dekkhinathiri and Lewe townships and other landscaping works, and made proper instructions. — Aung Myo Win (Ottara)/KTZH



Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Than Tun Oo and officials cut the ribbon at the open ceremony of the Myanmar traditional bullock cart competition and bovine beauty pageant in Tatkon, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.

MoC Dy Minister meets construction staff, inspects Oncology Unit project in Yangon



Deputy Minister U Myo Myint inspects the progress of the construction at the Oncology Unit of the National Cancer Treatment Centre in Yangon Region yesterday.

DEPUTY Minister for Construction U Myo Myint, together with responsible officials, met staff of the Buildings Department yesterday morning and inspected progress on the construction of the National Cancer Treatment Agency's Oncology Unit in Yangon Region.

At the meeting held at the Oncology Unit conference hall, officials from the Buildings Department and special teams reported on their duties. The Deputy Minister urged staff to work in line with the ministry's goals to support nationwide road, transport and infrastructure development, to uphold the six-point civil service oath, and to adhere to civil service ethics

and discipline. He called on officials to perform their duties with a family spirit, to ensure successful implementation, and to become trustworthy public servants.

An engineer from Special Task Force 1 of the Buildings Department then explained works completed in the 2025-2026 financial year, including urban, water supply and electrical infrastructure, along with upcoming plans. The deputy minister instructed officials to construct shear walls and secondary beams in line with structural designs and under close supervision by the quality control team to ensure earthquake-resilience. He also em-

phasized maintaining a clean, pleasant hospital environment for patients and ensuring proper drainage around the facility.

The deputy minister and officials later toured the construction site together with the hospital superintendent, checking detailed works and instructing teams to ensure high-quality materials and neat workmanship.

The building is an eight-storey structure aimed at providing timely cancer treatment for the public. Radiation treatment rooms on the ground floor are already operational, and the remaining floors are scheduled to be completed within the current financial year. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

Yangon hosts MSME Tazaungdine fair and concert at People's Square

THE opening ceremony of the 2025 MSME Tazaungdine Fair and Concert was held yesterday morning at People's Square in Dagon Township, Yangon. The event was attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, Yangon Region High Court Chief Justice Daw Sandar Thwe, regional ministers and departmental officials, officials from UMFCFI and sister organizations, representatives from various industrial zones, industrialists, MSME entrepreneurs, and ethnic groups.

In his remarks, Chief Minister U Soe Thein encouraged the public to enjoy the music performances in a relaxed and happy atmosphere while purchasing products at affordable prices. He also urged manufacturers and sellers to participate in the festival to create new and high-quality products for export, promoting healthy competition, and supporting the development of MSMEs in the country.

The Tazaungdine Fair and Concert was then formally opened by Yangon Region Development Minister U Bo Htay, Regional Economic Affairs Minister Myo Myint Aung, and the chairpersons of various industrial zones.

Cultural performances followed, including a Kayin traditional dance, a band performance, and a flower troupe performance, after which the Chief Minister and officials presented awards.

The chief minister and guests toured the shops and the solar energy product exhibition. The Yangon Region Tazaungdine Fair and Concert will run daily from 1 to 4 November, from 8 am to 10 pm. The market will feature more than 630 booths, including those of industrial zones, MSME entrepreneurs, the Department of Small and Medium Enterprises, the Department of Cooperative, the Department of Regional Investment and Company Ad-



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein visits the booths displayed at the 2025 MSME Tazaungdine Fair and Concert at People's Square in Dagon Township, Yangon, yesterday.

ministration, the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UM-FCCI), the Myanmar Rice Federation, as well as shops selling regional products, bookstores to encourage reading among young students, and restaurants.

In addition, talk shows will be

held to inform MSME entrepreneurs about government support programs, alongside performances by well-known artists from the film, theatre, and music industries. During the festival, visitors can also offer beautiful lamps to the Buddha, and enjoy hot-air balloon releases and fireworks

displays on the full moon day and the eve of the festival.

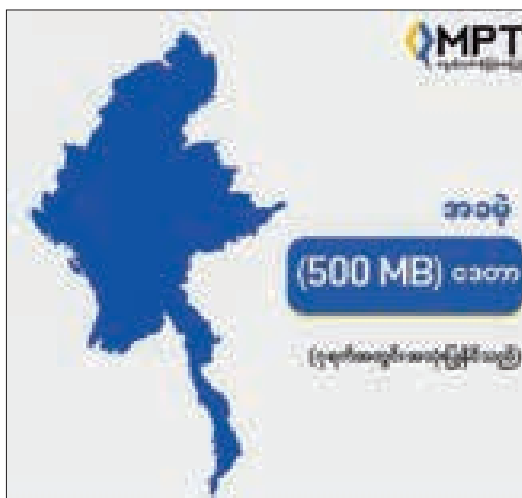
The Yangon Region government has arranged for donors to provide charity meals to festival-goers and for YBS buses to facilitate transportation to and from the event. — Zaw Min Latt (MNA)/MKKS

MPT offers 500MB data for 7 days

MPT will provide customers with a complimentary 500MB data package valid for seven days from 1 to 5 November as a gesture of appreciation, following recent difficulties experienced in SMS and internet services, according to the MPT Yangon office.

MPT managed to resolve the service disruption promptly and restore services to normal. The complimentary data offer aims to thank users for their understanding and patience during the period of inconvenience.

"MPT sincerely apologizes for the inconvenience experienced by our users in recent days, and we are grateful for their patience and understanding. We continue to work tirelessly to provide better telecommunications services across Myanmar," said Mr Yoshinori Yagi, Advisor to Commercial Department,



The MPT's poster for offering 500MB data free.

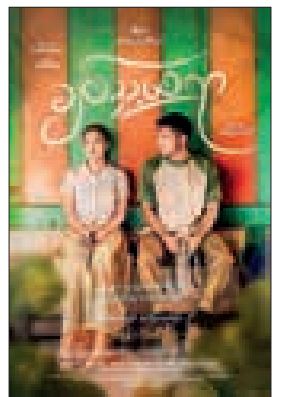
MPT-KSGM JO. — Oktha/KZL

Myanmar film 'Chitthu Sayya' to hit cinemas in Nov

THE Myanmar film 'Chitthu Sayya' is set to hit theatres nationwide in November, according to actor Tyron, who plays the leading role.

Aye Kyi Tha Han wrote the story and screenplay, while the film was directed by Pwint Theingi Zaw (Aron Oo) for Hein Production.

"This film is a young love story. What are the important things for a boy and a girl from the lower classes to fall in love? Money can change everything, but can it change love? In this film, viewers will see the story of two lovers who follow their dreams and the path of their hearts," said actor Tyron. The cast also includes Tyron, Poe Mamhe Thar, Win Khant Moe, Academy Award winner May Than Nu, Hnin, Zaw Zaw Aung, and many others. — ASH/MKKS



This photo displays a scene from the film.

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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)



WeeklyRoundup

26 November

PM visits Cocokyun

Prime Minister U Nyo Saw met departmental officials and town elders in Cocokyun, Yangon Region, and inspected the progress of regional development initiatives.

27 October

Hluttaw buildings under repair

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspected the urban development undertakings and reconstruction projects in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

29 October

Quick-win projects bring benefits to State and people

A coordination meeting between Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, and Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, chief ministers of regions and states in Nay Pyi Taw.

Financial commission holds a meeting

Chairman of the Finance Commission, Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered an address at the financial commission meeting in Nay Pyi Taw.

30 October

Tatmadaw families donate Kathina robes

Families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) held the communal Kathina offering ceremony for 2025 at Anawrahta Hall of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) yesterday morning. Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla offered Kathina robes and alms to members of the Sangha.

NDSC Office appoints regional minister

The National Defence and Security Council has appointed and assigned BC 31667 Colonel Thein Zaw Myint to the duties of Minister for Security and Border Affairs of Taninthayi Region Government under Subsection (b) of Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

31 October

NDSC offers Kathina robes to senior monks

The National Defence and Security Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar held the Kathina robe offering ceremony for 2025 at the Aggadhipati Sasana Beikman in the precinct of Maravijaya Buddha Park of the Maravijaya Buddha Image in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory.

1 November

Kathina robe offering held at Maravijaya Monastery

The Kathina robe offering ceremony 2025 took place at Maravijaya Monastery in the precinct of the

Maravijaya Buddha Park in Dekkhinathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, 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.

Martial Law Order 3/2025

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.

NDSC issues ordinance 3/2025

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. The order shall be effective for 90 days starting from today.

NDSC issues Ordinance 4/2025

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 administrative and judicial responsibilities of the said townships to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services. 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. — GNLM/TTA

Sightseeing train operates Taunggyi-Pawmu route for Tazaungdine Festival

MYANMA Railways is operating a sightseeing train on the Taunggyi-Pawmu-Taunggyi route for tourists to enjoy the scenic beauty of Taunggyi City during the Taunggyi Tazaungdine Festival from 1 to 4 November.

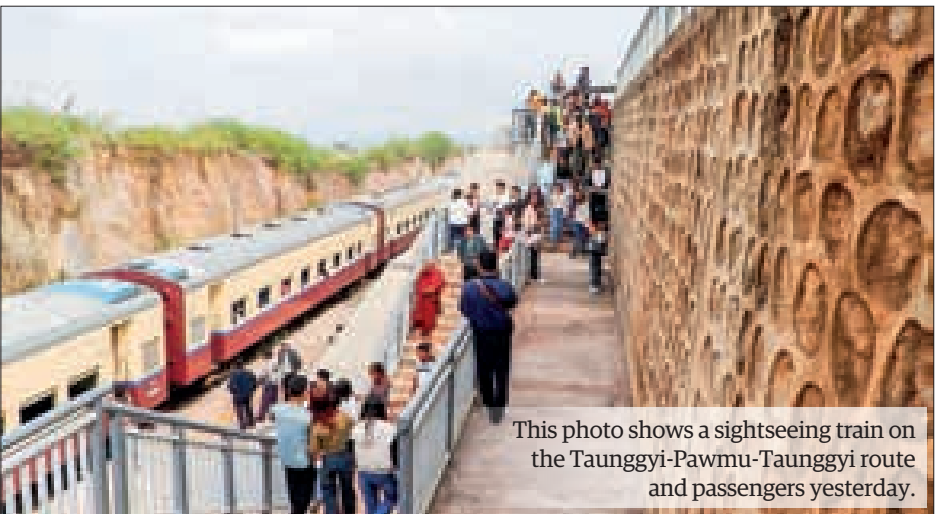
The one-way Taunggyi-Pawmu journey spans 11.41 miles and takes approximately 1.5 hours. The train stops for 15 minutes near the Bawa Thanthaya

area to allow passengers to enjoy natural landscapes before arriving at Pawmu Station at 10:30 am. After a 30-minute turnaround, the train departs Pawmu at 11 am and returns to Taunggyi Station by 12:30 pm.

The train consists of two upper-class carriages, three ordinary carriages, and one guard carriage, with a total capacity of 108 passengers – 36 in upper

class and 72 in ordinary class. Ticket prices are K10,000 per person for first class and K5,000 per person for ordinary class.

After the festival, the service will continue on weekends and public holidays, and entire train rentals are available for tour companies, travel agencies, and private schools at the specified rates. — MNA/KZL



This photo shows a sightseeing train on the Taunggyi-Pawmu-Taunggyi route and passengers yesterday.

NATIONAL

Entertainment

'Saypaung Kha Tae Nya' music concert set for 4 Nov

THE music concert 'Saypaung Kha Tae Nya' of Zaw Win Htut, Si Thu Lwin and Wai La will take place at Pioneer Plus Entertainment in Yangon at 8:30 pm on the full moon day of Tazaungmone.

"On the full moon day of Tazaungmone, on 4

I will be with Ko Nyi Htut and Ko Wai La at Pioneer Plus. After our concert, there will be a DJ Lineup show as usual, and so let's vibe to the melody," said Si Thu Lwin.

The Emperor Band and the 1982 Band will support the concert. — ASH/KTZH



Yadana Bo

ACTRESS Yadana Bo recently shared photos from her latest MV (music video) shoot on her social media. In the MV, she plays a dance performer named Than Sin May in the music video Love of My Life, sung by AR-T. The script was written by Moe Ni Lwin and directed by Snow Miley, starring Aye Chan Maung, Ye Hlaing, and Yadana Bo. The song was composed by the popular songwriter Byad Da. The MV is presented in a unique, cinematic short film style that fans are sure to love.



May Mie Ko Ko

A sad piece of news recently spread when actress May Mie Ko Ko revealed to her fans that she has been diagnosed with cancer. Fans have been making good wishes for her speedy recovery. The actress said, "I am still working as I do not want to cause inconvenience to my team by taking too many leave days, as we are working with teamwork. There are scenes that require intense emotions, and at that time, my body trembled, my eyes went pale, and I could hardly breathe. Sometimes, I had to sit down on the floor because I could not control myself".

Celebrity
BRIEF



U Aung Lwin

IN Myanmar's film industry, Academy U Aung Lwin, also known as Bagyi Aung, turned 90 on 23 October. His friends and colleagues from the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization held a small birthday event for him, cutting a cake and offering their best wishes. Even at 90, U Aung Lwin still reports to the organization regularly and warmly engages with members of the film community.

Director Hein Soe

DIRECTOR and actor Hein Soe's Art's Heart Academy will open a new acting course on 5 November. The course will include both theoretical and practical lessons designed to help students master acting skills. The subjects include Acting Class, Acting Rules, Script Analysis, Film Analysis, Basic Script Writing, Film Continuity, Visual Storytelling, Acting Psychology, Composition/Shots, Camera Angles, and Production Workflow.



May Than Nu

IN the film industry, Academy May Than Nu has recently received much praise for her brief but powerful appearance in the hit movie 'The Spirit Talker'. Her son, director Min Thant Maung Maung, shared, "Even though my mother only appeared in one scene, it was a very inspiring and meaningful moment for learning". Great model instructor John Lwin also said, "She might have had only one scene, but it was an important one. We all learned something from Daw May Than Nu. Her voice performance was excellent".

Pan Yaung Chel

ACTRESS and singer Pan Yaung Chel recently travelled to Singapore with her family to perform in a live show titled An Evening with Lovely Families. The event also features singer Zaw Paing and his family. Pan Yaung Chal expressed her joy as her upcoming movie, I Wanna Be Your Lobster, in which she stars, has been selected as the opening film for the FLY Film Festival 2025 in Korea and will be screened in 2026. — Htun Htun/KTZH



Harmonious efforts of authorities and residents will contribute to nation's overall development

❖ If the local administrative bodies, town elders, and all residents work together in unity and cooperation, the region will achieve stability, peace, and development. Consequently, this progress at the regional level will contribute to the overall development of the entire nation, and therefore, everyone is urged to participate in these collective efforts actively.

(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)

Myanmar-Korea discusses trade, commerce, investment promotion

DIRECTOR-GENERAL Dr Htein Lin of the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization, met Mr Choi Shinil, chair of Korea-Myanmar Institute for Economic and Security Studies-KM-IESS, on 30 October at the meeting hall of the Myanmar Trade and discussed bilateral trade, commerce and investment matters.

The meeting highlighted investment opportunities at

the Thilawa Special Economic Zone, seeking the potential of Myanmar's agricultural produce exports to the Republic of Korea, promoting bilateral trade relations and cultural exchange, exploring trade opportunities on the e-Commerce Platform between Myanmar and Korea, and accelerating trade, commerce and investment under the ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area. — NN/KK



The Thilawa Special Economic Zone.

Paddy floor price set at K1.15M per 100 baskets



Farmers join winnowing of paddy at the plain of field.

THE floor price for 2025 monsoon paddy and 2026 summer paddy was set at K1.15 million per 100 baskets, according to the leading committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Interests of Farmers.

According to notification 1/2025 dated 31 October, in accordance with the provisions of Law of Protection of the Farmer Rights and Enhance-

ment of their Benefits, the committee set the floor price of the paddy which meets the prescribed criteria: 14-percent moisture content and a fixed percentage of impurities such as sand, weed, and small stones is set at K1.15 million per 100 baskets (one basket is equivalent to 46 pounds) to ensure fair market and fair price for the growers.

The traders are notified

of purchasing the paddy at the floor price if the market price falls below the floor price. If the market price rises above the floor price, people will be sold at the market price.

Those who face difficulties selling them at the floor price at minimum can contact the Myanmar Rice Federation through 01 2301128, 01 2301129, and 01 218266. — NN/KK

CBM offloads large volume of foreign currency

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$1.137 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$75,900 to fuel oil-importing companies, in addition to the injection of US\$40,000 and 1.299 million yuan into the market.

CBM sold over \$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.



The facade of the Central Bank of Myanmar (head office) in Nay Pyi Taw.

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

Forge unity among all stakeholders to maintain peace

IN MYANMAR, just three months after gaining independence, armed conflicts erupted due to personal ambitions and ideological disputes. These conflicts have persisted for nearly 80 years, preventing the people from fully and equally enjoying the fruits of independence. Consequently, national development has been slow, and compared to other developing countries, Myanmar continues to lag.

For the benefit of the nation and the well-being of its people, it is essential to remove hatred and violence, work together in unity, and maintain peace, stability, and prosperity. In this context, Tatmadaw emphasizes the Our Three Main National Causes: Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty. While democratic practices respect the views of minority groups, the wishes of the majority must also be acknowledged. Acting according to what should be done and what

Currently, political objectives are being pursued in accordance with the Constitution, which provides a reliable framework. Tatmadaw has agreed that constitutional amendments can be made where necessary. Despite differences, Tatmadaw is committed to achieving what should be done in the best possible manner. Responding to the people's aspiration for democracy, it facilitated the multiparty general election system and continues to support its successful implementation.

from the Hluttaw, the government, Tatmadaw, political parties, and ethnic armed organizations. To continue its implementation effectively, systematic steps are being taken to ensure a successful multiparty democratic general election. The electoral process provides a platform for respecting minority views while also honouring the majority's wishes, creating a political system that encourages participation, cooperation, and compromise.

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Efforts are also focused on building a federal union based on democracy and federalism to protect the rights of all ethnic minority groups. Achieving national peace, stability, and prosperity requires unity, mutual respect, and cooperation among all citizens, guided by a shared commitment to the Union.

can be done, rather than simply what one wishes, serves the nation's best interests.

The Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) plays a central role in ending armed conflicts. It was drafted through consultations with ethnic groups, reflecting their demands, and must be fully implemented as agreed. During the second democratic government, implementation faced delays for various reasons. At present, ethnic armed organizations are cooperating with Tatmadaw in fulfilling state responsibilities, but the peace process has slowed due to insufficient dialogue. Nonetheless, it remains imperative to accelerate its implementation.

A successfully implemented NCA requires an elected government and Hluttaw. The agreement was initially signed during the first democratic government, with signatures



Book Title	-	The Secret to Love, Health, and Money: A Masterclass by Rhonda Byrne
Translator	-	Team Nyana
Publishing House	-	Nyana Publishing House
Publication Date	-	October 2025 (1 st Edition)
Price	-	K16,000

Myanmar Translation from The Secret to Love, Health, and Money: A Masterclass by Rhonda Byrne

THIS week's pick is another series of the groundbreaking bestseller "The Secret" by Rhonda Byrne. TEAM NYANA translated this book titled "The Secret to Love, Health, and Money: A Masterclass" into Myanmar and named it 'Sekkyawala Ye Hlowatchat' (Secret of Universe).

Rhonda Byrne, an Australian best-selling author, was severely depressed after the death of her father, leading her to write this masterpiece in 2006.

The book sold millions of copies, unprecedentedly, making her a bestselling author.

This book introduces a philosophy on how we create life from our thoughts and feelings. The book guides how to apply the law of attraction in three of life's main important areas: love, health and money. This book revealed the explanation of three fundamental principles: ask, believe, receive.

The philosophy known as the Law of Attraction shows how the universe responds to the energy you emit through your thoughts and feelings. Positive energy attracts positive experiences, while negative energy attracts negative ones. As long as you constantly focus on not having money, it will bring you more situations where you don't have money. If you think you are not loved or you are not worthy of love, you will find true love. This book will teach you how to manage your thoughts and emotions and how to act in reality.

To summarize, this book will shed light on attracting positive outcomes in three most important aspects of your life: health, wealth and relationships.

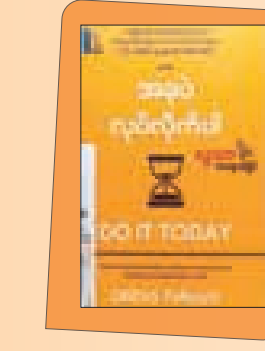
No matter you earn, there is nothing to save, your business does not go well, your health is failing, you are feeling depressed, you are feeling excluded at work

despite your hard work, you are being outcast and scolded and you are feeling lonely, relation is not working, marriage is on the verge of divorce, you once loved someone deeply but you are no longer want to see them.

Many people are facing those kinds of struggles and adversities.

Running away from those problems is not a real solution. Some vulnerable people could not bear the overwhelming stress, anxiety and depression and gave up. Actually, the real solution is facing all the problems with the wise, calm and mature approaches and with a strong spirit and head held up, saying, "So, is it you, fate?"

This book is a must-read for those who are facing social problems in daily life, revealing all the secrets that can solve problems. This book consists of three chapters and 292 pages.



Book Title	-	Do It Now! Overcome Procrastination, Improve Productivity and Achieve More Meaningful Things by Darius Foroux
Writer	-	Lutha
Publishing House	-	Sar Yeik Myaing
Publication Date	-	February 2025 (1 st Edition)
Price	-	K15,000

Do It Now!

THIS book is written by Darius Foroux, the original author of the world's best-selling book "Think Straight." It shares practical and effective ways to live a productive and meaningful life, combining real-life experiences and reflections in a simple and straightforward manner.

The translator, Morisha, who frequently translates and writes works related to psychology, linguistics, philosophy, and sociology, has published this book under another pen name, 'Lutha (Atway Amyin)', which is dedicated to motivational and literary works.

This book reads, have you ever kept saying, "I'll do it later," and ended up doing nothing because of your habit of procrastination? Do you often know exactly what you should be doing, yet keep delaying it until your motivation fades away? This book is intended for those who feel exhausted and uncertain due to overthinking what to do or what not to do, have things to do but don't know where to start, work hard but see no significant results, feeling lost along the way, feel uninspired and stuck even though they're still living and lack

self-confidence and feel unprepared for the challenges ahead in life.

In the chapter The Main Cause of Procrastination, it states that, to put it simply, as long as you lack full confidence in yourself, you will always procrastinate, no matter the task or situation. Whether you feel lazy or not, you will always find excuses to delay things.

In The Scientific Way to Eliminate Procrastination, it reads, to be able to motivate yourself systematically, manage your tasks that should be done first systematically. Manage them step by step which one is more important. Begin with small things.

In Do It Now, Don't Choose the Right Time, it says don't assume that doing something once gives you a lifetime of experience. There are no shortcuts to success or excellence, but you can only reach them by walking the full path with consistency.

Know Your Time states that if you keep working without awareness of your time, what's the point? Right? If you often say, "I don't know why, but I just keep wasting my time," then simply remind yourself to "know

your time."

In What to Do When You're Distracted, it advises that you don't dwell on mistakes. Don't recall painful memories. Try your best to forget the nightmares and negative thoughts that could disturb your peace of mind.

In Don't Do This or That, it reads that everyone has days when they can't focus and end up doing random things without completing anything. When your motivation disappears and you can't decide what is most important, you end up doing nothing at all. Sometimes, you might waste your time replying to unimportant emails or messages from friends on Facebook, while the important work remains unfinished.

According to a study by the University of California, when people get distracted from a task they are focusing on, it can take about 20 to 25 minutes to fully regain concentration. When you keep switching between small, unrelated tasks, you will eventually lose focus and fail to get the real work done.

The Postman

By Tin Moe,
Translated by Myint Zan

while my love is in a good mood
if there is a knock on the door
one gladly welcomes it

when my sweetheart
is in a 'sour' mood
when one hears footsteps
one is filled with anxiety
about the knock on the door

Composed in 1959
Translated on 1 November 2025



Friday Night Live Show

By Mya Thae (Research)

Every Friday night, MRTV broadcasts the Myanmar Melody song.

Well-known vocalists entertain along. The audience appreciates classical songs and different music forms.

From this programme I can create poems, articles, and short stories are to be born.

Thanks to MRTV for this programme and the urge to celebrate every week.





2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

Pa-O National Organization (PNO) talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

Nang Yi Yi Win, Central Executive Committee member of the Pa-O National Organization (PNO), presented the policy, stance and work procedures of her party on radio and television on the evening of 1 November.
The full text of the presentation is as follows: —



Let's vote for the "Dragon" to ensure peace, stability, and development.

I sincerely wish all esteemed voters good health, happiness, and well-being, both physically and mentally. I am Nang Yi Yi Win (aka) Nang Lon Kham, the Central Executive Committee member of the Pa-O National Organization (PNO). I would like to introduce the Pa-O National Organization (PNO), which will be contesting in the general elections to be held in 2025 and 2026.

On 24–25 March 2010, a Pa-O National Conference was held, attended by a wide range of representatives from across the Pa-O community. These included leaders from the Pa-O National Organization (PNO) led by U Aung Kham Hti, other Pa-O leaders from political, literary and cultural organizations, heads of Pa-O literary and cultural committees at different universities, leaders from various Pa-O social organizations, as well as public representatives, intellectuals, and professionals from Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon states, and the regions of Bago, Yangon, and Mandalay. All attendees of the conference unanimously agreed to establish the Pa-O National Organization (PNO) so that it could participate in the upcoming general elections as a political party representing the Pa-O ethnic nationality. So, our Pa-O National Organization (PNO) was established in 2010 to compete in the general elections as a party representing the Pa-O ethnic people.

Esteemed voters,

Thanks to the steadfast support and encouragement of the Pa-O ethnic people as well as our fellow ethnic national brethren, the Pa-O National Organization (PNO) was able to contest with 10 candidates in the 2010 general election in Shan State, and all 10 were successfully elected as Hluttaw representatives. In the 2015 general election, the party fielded 11 candidates in Shan State, of whom 10 were elected. As a result, the elected representatives of the PNO had the opportunity to serve in various Hluttaw and in the leading body of the Pa-O Self-Administered Zone. They have diligently worked for the prosperity and benefit of both the nation and the people.

In every election in which it achieved success, our Pa-O National Organization (PNO) has prioritized regional development and the socioeconomic advancement of the people. In line with the provisions of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), the party has led and organized national-level political dialogues

for the Pa-O ethnic people, actively participated in the domestic peace process, and taken an important role in constitutional amendment efforts. The PNO has also made strong efforts to establish laws and bylaws that protect and safeguard the rights of ethnic nationalities. Moreover, it has engaged directly with the public to understand and address their needs, carried out programs to enhance the capacity of youth and women, and implemented public awareness and education activities.

In addition, our party has actively carried out various initiatives such as creating job opportunities, implementing timely public information activities for the benefit of the people, and preserving and promoting national identity and historical heritage. We have also undertaken regional development works, including the construction and improvement of roads, bridges, electricity supply, schools, and dispensaries. Furthermore, the party has supported efforts to produce high-value agricultural products, assisted in developing individual and family-based livelihood and livestock enterprises to increase household income, and promoted the growth of the hotel and tourism industries. It has also encouraged and supported sports and physical activities that contribute to public health and well-being.

Our party has also made strong efforts to support citizens affected by natural disasters and to conduct public awareness campaigns aimed at preventing youth from engaging in drug abuse. These public welfare activities have been carried out through various channels — whether through different Hluttaw and the Leading Body of Pa-O Self-Administered Zone, in cooperation with the Government and relevant social organizations, or through direct coordination and collaboration with local communities.

Esteemed voters,

Our Pa-O National Organization (PNO) emerged from the people themselves, and as such, it takes the issues and needs of the people seriously, treating them as the party's own priorities. The party continuously seeks effective methods and works diligently to address and fulfil these issues and needs for the benefit of the community. At present, it is clear that the most urgent needs of the people are peace and stability, as well as development across various sectors. Only when the region is peaceful and stable can the people's health, education, economy, and other sectors develop smoothly and effectively. Therefore, maintaining peace and stability and promoting development in all sectors is an issue of vital importance for every citizen of our nation.

Therefore, we wish to inform the public that our Pa-O National Organization (PNO), following the election slogan "Let's vote for the 'Dragon' for peace and development," will prioritize maintaining peace and stability as well as promoting development across all sectors. To achieve this focus on peace and sectoral development, in the upcoming 2025 general election, the PNO Party will contest with 51 candidates for the Amyotha Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw across 29 constituencies in Shan State.

The 51 candidates of our Pa-O National Organization (PNO) are filled with patriotism and national

spirit, and most of them hold degrees in various fields. To encourage greater participation of the younger generation and women, we respectfully inform the voters that among the PNO candidates contesting in the election, 59 per cent are under the age of 40, and 20 per cent are women.

Esteemed voters,

I would like to respectfully present the key priorities and planned initiatives of PNO will focus on from 2025 to 2030 as follows: -

We will prioritize efforts to ensure regional and Union peace, and the establishment of a federal Union based on democracy.

We will focus on promoting harmonious coexistence among all people, regardless of ethnicity or religion, fostering unity and mutual understanding among ethnic groups.

We will make every effort to ensure public safety, health, quality education, and socioeconomic development for the people.

We will make every effort to ensure that young people have access to suitable employment and to promote technology-based economic enterprises that minimize environmental impact.

We will fully strive to advance regional development projects.

We will prioritize the efforts of preserving, protecting, and promoting the culture, traditions, historical heritage, and rights of the Pa-O people and other coexisting ethnic groups.

Moreover, we will work in accordance with the law to ensure that the Pa-O people receive rights and privileges that are consistent with their dignity and status. In Special Region (6), we will prioritize organizing, protecting, and ensuring the security and peaceful lives of the ethnic communities residing there.

We will strive to make Special Region (6) and the areas inhabited by the Pa-O people prominent and well-recognized.

In conclusion, I would like to say that if the people elect candidates from our Pa-O National Organization (PNO) as Hluttaw representatives, we will diligently work on behalf of the people to address national and public affairs, as well as to promote peace, stability, and development for the benefit of the community.

Our party fully trusts and relies on the people's support and believes that the citizens will give their votes to the Pa-O National Organization (PNO). We also wish to record our special thanks to each and every voter who will cast their vote for the PNO. On behalf of the Pa-O National Organization (PNO), we sincerely wish all the people who have watched and listened with attention good health and well-being. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone.

Let's vote for the "Dragon" to ensure peace, stability, and development.



NATIONAL

YRIC approves 4 foreign firms for manufacturing investment

THE Yangon Region Investment Committee (YRIC) endorsed four foreign enterprises in the manufacturing sector, with an estimated capital of US\$5.196 million, at the meeting held on 29 October.

Those enterprises will execute manufacturing of various kinds of clothing and garments on a Cutting, Making and Packaging basis. They are to create over 3,695 jobs for locals.

“YRIC granted wholly foreign businesses to operate manufacturing of wearing apparel and garments on a CMP basis at the committee meeting 10/2025

in late October,” said an official of the YRIC.

The committee members inspected general issues of ten companies, including capital expansion matters. The regional investment committee has been endorsing investment projects in accordance with rules and regulations under the Myanmar Investment Law to spur investments and create more job opportunities. — ASH/KK

This image shows a new foreign investment project operating in the Yangon Region.



This photo showcases gold ornaments arranged for sale at a domestic gold outlet.

YR gold shops required to keep daily transaction record books

YANGON Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association (YGEA) Chairman U Myo Myint stated at the YGEA's first meeting on 31 October, held to coordinate the number and quality of STRs/TTRs of precious metal dealers, that gold shops in the Yangon Region must keep record books for their daily gold transactions.

The meeting of the Working Group on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism, held in Nay Pyi Taw last October, reportedly also instructed that gold shops should keep records.

Gold shops must also maintain records such as a Transaction Record Book (record of purchase and sale of precious metals such as gold), an STR/

TTR Record (record of submission of STR/TTR to the Financial Intelligence Unit), a Reporting Form for STR/TTR in accordance with FATF Recommendation 20 (sample form for reporting to the Financial Intelligence Unit), an Implementation Officer Appointment Form, and an Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism Policy and Procedures document (for gold trading and real estate brokerage).

In addition, it is urged that gold trading be conducted only using the voucher book prescribed by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee and strictly in accordance with the official gold reference price. — ASH/TH

Yangon computer enthusiasts and Myanmar film body sign MOU

THE Yangon Computer Enthusiasts Association and the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) at the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization building on 31 October, according to U Chan Thar Kyi Soe, Joint Secretary of the organization.

The Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization had previously signed an MOU in March with the Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Association to provide mutual support in technical and construction knowledge for the Yangon Film City project, in addition to collaborating with the Yangon Computer Enthusiasts Association for new-generation film development.

“Today, we are collaborating with the Yangon Computer Enthusiasts Association

to support technology-driven activities based in Yangon. Through this, our goal is to train and nurture young talent for the film sector. The main focus is on developing human resources, particularly strengthening the foundational technical skills related to filmmaking,” said U Chan Thar Kyi Soe.

Although the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization has not signed MOUs with all parties, there are cooperating sister associations. These include the Myanmar Theatrical Association, Myanmar Music Association, and Myanmar Press Council, which are also participating in the collaborative efforts. — ASH/KZL



Signing of the MOU between the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization and the Yangon Computer Enthusiasts Association.

Top websites and web portals to access Military Service Rules

1. Office of the State Administration Council
<https://sacoffice.gov.mm>

2. Ministry of Defence
<https://www.mod.gov.mm>

3. Ministry of Legal Affairs
<https://www.mlis.gov.mm>

4. Ministry of Information
<https://www.moi.gov.mm>

5. Myawady Webportal
<https://myawady.net.mm>

6. Myanmar National Portal
<https://myanmar.gov.mm>

ECONOMY
WORLD



This photo taken on 12 October 2024 shows a technician operating a robotic arm at the production base of the Dongfang Electric Corporation in Fuzhou, southeast China's Fujian Province. **PHOTO: LIN SHANCHUAN/XINHUA**

World's largest offshore
wind turbine sends power to
grid in east China

With a hub height of 185 metres, the turbine's swept area is equivalent to the area of ten and a half standard football fields.

A 26-megawatt offshore wind turbine that has been commissioned for grid-connected power generation in Dongying, east China's Shandong Province, is the world's largest of its kind by far, according to its developer.

Independently developed by Dongfang Electric Wind Power Co Ltd and fully domestically produced, the wind turbine is the world's largest in terms of the single-unit capacity and the rotor diameter exceeding 310 metres, said

Yang Senlin, vice president of the company's wind power research and design institute. With a hub height of 185 meters, the turbine's swept area is equivalent to the area of ten and a half standard football fields, Yang said. — Xinhua

Fiji strengthens financial literacy for
sugarcane farmers



Sugarcane remains one of Fiji's most important agricultural industries and a key pillar of the rural economy, supporting the livelihoods of around 200,000 people. **PHOTO: ADB/FILE**

THE Consumer Council of Fiji and the Sugar Cane Growers Fund have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at strengthening financial literacy, consumer protection, and responsible financial practices among sugarcane farmers. Under the agreement, the two institutions will jointly organize awareness programmes, training sessions, and community outreach to help growers better understand financial management, lending processes, and their rights under consumer and financial laws, Fiji Broadcasting Corporation reported on Friday. — Xinhua

DP World pledges
\$5 bln infrastructure
investment in India

GLOBAL ports and logistics major DP World has pledged to invest an additional US\$5 billion in India to strengthen its integrated supply chain network, which supports both exports and domestic trade, as per a company statement.

This is in addition to the US\$3 billion that DP World has already invested in India over the past three decades, the company statement said.

"These investments are focused on strengthening India's infrastructure backbone, advancing multimodal connectivity, and enhancing the nation's

competitiveness in global trade," it said.

Announced at the ongoing India Maritime Week 2025 in Mumbai, this development comes on the heels of five Memorandums of Association (MoUs) that DP World signed in the august presence of the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), Sarbananda Sonowal.

The MoUs aim to forge industry partnerships that are expected to unlock significant opportunities for business and employment across India's maritime ecosystem. — ANI



Containers are stacked at the port of Jebel Ali, operated by the Dubai-based giant ports operator DP World, on the southern outskirts of the Gulf emirate. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

NEWS IN BRIEF

French lawmakers reject wealth tax as
budget tensions mount

FRANCE'S lower house on Friday rejected a wealth tax proposed by the left, which has threatened to bring down the government if a levy on the super-rich is not in the budget.

France is under pressure to pass a spending bill by the end of the year to rein in its deficit and soaring debt, but efforts have been hampered by a political deadlock. A left-wing bloc made up of the Socialist, Communist, Green parties and the hard-left France Unbowed had proposed a minimum two-per-cent tax on wealth over 100 million euros (\$115 million), dubbed the "Zucman tax" after the French economist who devised it.

But lawmakers in the National Assembly rejected the measure on Friday evening, 228 voting against and 172 in favour.

After the vote, Socialist leader Olivier Faure said there was "no possibility" of voting on the budget in its current form, but urged the premier and lawmakers to keep seeking a compromise — or face censure and the threat of new legislative elections. — AFP

Domestic tourism in Russia hits 69 mln trips in first 9 months of 2025

THE number of tourist trips across Russia reached 68.9 million in the first nine months of 2025, up five per cent year on year, local media reported Saturday.

Citing data from the Federal Statistics Service,

RIA Novosti said Moscow remained the country's top destination with 9.2 million trips, followed by Krasnodar Territory with 7.45 million and Saint Petersburg with 5.4 million.

Of the total trips, Russian citizens accounted for

65.4 million, up 4.8 per cent from the same period last year. Meanwhile, foreign visitors made 3.6 million trips, a 12 per cent increase year on year, reflecting a steady recovery of international tourism to Russia, said the report. — Xinhua



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Panama wins canal expansion arbitration against Spanish company

PANAMA'S government won a lawsuit against Spanish company Sacyr, officials said Friday, after the firm claimed it was owed around

\$2.3 billion for its work expanding the Panama Canal. Sacyr sued Panama in 2018, alleging the Central American country violated

a free trade agreement with Spain. "The Republic of Panama won the international investment arbitration claim filed by Sacyr SA under the Arbitration rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law" and the tribunal rejected all claims submitted by Sacyr, Panamanian officials said in a release. Sacyr has been ordered to pay \$6 million in arbitration costs, officials said. Panama's president Jose Raul Mulino hailed the decision on X, calling it "a great achievement". — AFP



Panama has won an arbitration with Spanish company Sacyr over the expansion of its famed canal. Visitors watch a cargo vessel sailing through the Miraflores Locks on the Panama Canal near Panama City, Panama, 28 August 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA /FILE

Zimbabwe seeks to deepen trade with China at CIIE

ZIMBABWE'S participation at the upcoming China International Import Expo (CIIE) provides an important opportunity to deepen trade with China, ZimTrade, the country's national trade development and export promotion organization,

has said. A total of 16 companies from sectors including horticulture, tobacco, leather, arts and crafts, and e-commerce will feature under the Zimbabwe national pavilion at the CIIE to be held in Shanghai from 5 to 10 November, ZimTrade said

in a newsletter released on Wednesday. Exhibiting firms will engage directly with buyers, distributors, and investors, promoting quality products that reflect Zimbabwe's natural and cultural endowments," ZimTrade said. — Xinhua

Additional 25% tariffs on medium-, heavy-duty trucks take effect in US

THE US government began imposing additional 25 per cent tariffs on medium- and heavy-duty trucks and their parts on Saturday, bringing the total

tariffs on such vehicles to 50 per cent. The measure, which the White House says is meant "to bolster American industry and protect national security",

applies to some trucks imported from Japan, possibly affecting Japanese companies making commercial-use automobiles. — Kyodo

Bangladesh dockers strike over foreign takeover of key port

BANGLADESH'S dock workers escalated a strike on Saturday at the country's biggest port, Chattogram, protesting plans by the interim government to lease operating licences to a foreign company. The walkout, which began in small numbers in October, has now grown to around 200 workers at the port — Bangladesh's main trade gateway and a vital hub in the global garment supply chain. "Foreign expert operators would increase the foreign investment and enhance the efficiency," Chattogram Port Authority chairman S M Moniruzzaman told AFP. Bangladesh, the world's second-largest garment exporter, relies heavily on Chattogram port — formerly known as Chittagong and strategically located on the Bay of Bengal — for most of its imports and exports. — AFP

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MSC KANU F VOY.NO. (SB543A)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MSC KANU F VOY.NO. (SB543A)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **2-11-2025** 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 MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY S.A

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V OTANA BHUM VOY.NO. (236N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **2-11-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Agent For:

M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST

NOVEMBER 1

CHINESE PRESIDENT XI JINPING said in Gyeongju on Saturday that the Chinese city of Shenzhen will host the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in November 2026.

It will be the third time China hosts the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting.

Shenzhen, Xi noted, is located along the Pacific coast, saying that it has developed from a small, backward fishing village into a modern international metropolis over the past few decades.

He hailed the city's rise as a miracle in the history of world development created by the Chinese people and also an important window to China's unswerving pursuit of a mutually beneficial and win-win opening-up strategy.

Xi said he looks forward to all parties gathering in Shenzhen next year to

Xi says China's city of Shenzhen to host APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in 2026



An aerial drone photo taken on 27 August 2024 shows a view of Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong Province. **PHOTO: LIANG XU/XINHUA**

jointly discuss the development plans for the Asia-Pacific region and create a bright future for it. Leaders of the participating economies actively supported China in taking over as the host of the APEC meeting next year. — Xinhua

OCTOBER 31

Saudi chases AI ambitions with homegrown firm

POWERED by its sovereign wealth fund of nearly \$1 trillion, Saudi Arabia is backing its new AI firm Humain, entering a highly competitive sector some fear is a bubble ready to burst.

The company, launched in May, is bankrolled by Saudi's powerful Public Investment Fund, which has played a key role in financing the kingdom's so-called gigaprojects – major developments aimed at boosting and diversifying its oil-reliant economy.

Humain this week signed a number of deals during the Future Investment Initiative conference (FII) in Riyadh, where its CEO doubled down on the stated goal of Saudi Arabia becoming the third-largest provider of AI infrastructure, behind the United States and China.

State-backed oil giant Saudi Aramco announced plans to acquire a “significant minority stake” in Humain. — AFP

OCTOBER 30

Aaka Space represents India in World's biggest analog mission

AAKA SPACE, India's first space architecture and analog company and an ISRO-registered Space Tutor, has successfully represented India at the world's largest international Moon/Mars analog mission, marking the nation's first-ever participation in a global analog simulation.

The two-week proof-of-concept mission, conducted from 13 to 26 October, brought together 17 analog habitats across five continents – Africa, Australia, Asia, America, and Europe – under the coordination of the Austrian Space Forum (OeWF) from its Mission Control Centre in Vienna.

The campaign was designed to emulate long-duration human presence on the Moon and Mars, making it the first mission of its kind in the world.

This milestone follows Aaka Space's earlier achievements conducted in collaboration with ISRO, IIT Bombay, and the University of Ladakh. — ANI

OCTOBER 29

Florida Governor orders end of H1B Visa use in state universities

FLORIDA GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS has directed the Florida Board of Governors to crack down on H-1B Visa ‘abuse’ in higher education.

DeSantis also announced that Florida DOGE has partnered with Federal DOGE, the State University System, and institutional partners to cancel or repurpose millions of dollars in DEI-related grants.

“Universities across the country are importing foreign workers on H-1B visas instead of hiring Americans who are qualified and available to do the job,” said DeSantis. “We will not tolerate H-1B abuse in Florida institutions. That’s why I have directed the Florida Board of Governors to end this practice.” Florida is requiring institutions to put American graduates first and ensure taxpayer-funded schools serve the American workforce, not to be used to import cheap foreign labour. — ANI

OCTOBER 28

US government inks \$80 bln nuclear ‘partnership’ for AI

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION has entered into a new \$80 billion “strategic partnership” to boost nuclear power generation to support AI deployment, one of its partners on the project announced Tuesday.

The initiative anticipates “at least \$80 billion of new reactors” across the United States to “accelerate nuclear power and artificial intelligence deployment in America,” said a press release from Brookfield Asset Management, which will partner with Westinghouse Electric Company and Cameco Corporation.

The press release did not specify a timeframe for the buildout. A Brookfield spokesman said the announcement was related to Trump's May executive order to have 10 “new large reactors with complete design under construction by 2030.” — AFP

OCTOBER 27

Bolsonaro appeals 27-year prison term

FORMER BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT Jair Bolsonaro on Monday filed an appeal with the Supreme Federal Court, requesting a review and reduction of the 27-year and 3-month prison term he received for his role in a failed coup attempt in 2023.

Bolsonaro's legal team argued that the trial was marked by due process violations, including a lack of proper defense and reliance on what they called a flawed and contradictory plea bargain testimony. They also cited legal errors in how the charges were applied. In September, the Supreme Federal Court ruled by a 4-1 vote that Bolsonaro had led a criminal organization seeking to keep him in power following his 2022 election defeat. — Xinhua

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Venezuela: US military exercises on nearby island a ‘provocation’

THE DOCKING OF A US MISSILE destroyer in Trinidad has sparked renewed fears in Venezuela of an escalation, amid an increasingly dangerous military campaign by Trump against alleged drug traffickers in the region.

Venezuela on Sunday blasted the arrival in nearby Trinidad and Tobago of a US warship as a dangerous “provocation”, amid mounting fears of potential attacks against the Venezuelan mainland.

The USS Gravely, a guided missile destroyer, docked Sunday in the Trinidadian capital Port of Spain for a four-day visit, which will include joint training with local defence forces. — AFP

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Vieira 'no longer' manager of troubled Genoa: club

PATRICK Vieira is no longer in charge of Genoa, Serie A's bottom club said on Saturday, as Italian media report that the France and Arsenal icon stepped down after a dreadful start to the season.

"Genoa CFC announce that Patrick Vieira is no longer first team coach... the first team has been entrusted on an interim basis to Roberto Murgita, assisted by (former Genoa player) Domenico Criscito,"

the club said in a statement. Genoa have just three points and no wins from their first nine games of the season, their worst-ever start to a campaign in Italy's top flight.

Fans loudly protested against the team and club during Wednesday's 2-0 home defeat at the hands of Cremonese, after which Vieira was rumoured to be on his way out. On Friday Genoa sacked sporting director Marco Ottolini

and had intended to keep on Vieira, who was hired in November and kept the club in Serie A with a mid-table finish. However widespread reports say that it was Vieira who decided to step aside, leading to Genoa bringing in Murgita and Criscito, the latter a fan favourite in his playing days who was in charge of the under-17 team. — AFP



Patrick Vieira is no longer in charge of Genoa. PHOTO: AFP/FILE



Neymar has not played since suffering a thigh injury while training on 18 September. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Neymar eyes return after thigh injury

NEYMAR could return from injury for Santos' home clash against Fortaleza on Saturday as the club fights to avoid relegation from Brazil's Serie A. The 33-year-old trained with Santos' first team on Friday and is expected to be included in the matchday squad by manager Juan Pablo Vojvoda. Local news outlet Globo Esporte said the former Barcelona and Paris Saint-Germain

forward would likely feature in the last 15 minutes of the clash at Vila Belmiro Stadium. Neymar has not played since suffering a thigh injury while training on 18 September. Brazil's all-time leading scorer is racing to regain form and fitness ahead of next year's FIFA World Cup, to be held from 11 June to 19 July in the United States, Mexico and Canada. — Xinhua

Chiba takes narrow Skate Canada Intl lead after SP

JAPAN'S Mone Chiba topped the women's short programme at the Skate Canada International on Friday in her first outing in this season's ISU Grand Prix series. The 20-year-old opened with a successful triple flip-toe loop combination en route to logging 72.29 points at SaskTel Centre, taking a narrow lead over American Isabeau Levito in second on 71.80 in the third event of the series. "I'm still feeling nervous now after finishing my performance," said Chiba, whose only shortcoming was an unclear edge with her triple lutz. "The jumps weren't the best, but I managed to perform well. I was really able to confirm that I've been putting my efforts in the right direction." — Kyodo



Japan's Mone Chiba performs during the short programme at Skate Canada International at SaskTel Centre in Saskatoon, Canada, on 31 October 2025. PHOTO: KYODO

Injuries a problem for Barcelona as Sarabia's Elche visit Montjuic

FC Barcelona coach Hansi Flick must navigate a serious injury list as his side prepares to face an opponent likely to seek long spells of possession against the reigning La Liga champions. Barcelona hosts Elche a week after a 2-1 defeat away to Real Madrid that left it five points behind the leaders. Injuries to players such as Raphinha and Robert Lewandowski, along with Lamine Yamal's ongoing pelvic problem, have reduced Barca's ability to press high. Opponents

are also exploiting a high defensive line that continues to concede. This week brought more setbacks, with Andreas Christensen suffering a calf problem, while Pedri has a hamstring injury that will sideline him for around six weeks. He would have been suspended Sunday after last week's sending off. Goalkeeper Joan Garcia remains out, although there is a chance Lewandowski could return as a substitute. Marc Casado is the likely replacement for Pedri. — Xinhua

Irish octogenarian enjoys new lease on life making harps



Harps are rarely played today in Ireland; instruments like the violin, flute, and pipes are more central to traditional music.

AT 89, Irish harp-maker Noel Anderson, a retired wood and metalwork teacher, has found a new passion in crafting the national symbol of Ireland. Starting at age 82 after a friend's suggestion, he converted his garage into a workshop and has since made 18 harps, giving them away as gifts rather than selling them due to high costs. "It's never too late to start a new hobby," he says, working tirelessly in his shed, sometimes for hours.

Though harps are cultural icons — appearing on Ireland's coat of arms—they're rarely played today, overshadowed by instruments like the violin in traditional music. Anderson, not a musician himself, enjoys harp CDs while working and measures progress by cups of tea: 800 for a large harp. He sources local hardwood and strings, occasionally importing Swiss spruce for its sound-transmitting qualities. Currently replicating a 19th-century design by John Egan, Anderson cherishes selecting timber as his favorite part. With few harp-makers left and no formal training, he hopes to connect with others to pass on the craft. Turning 90 in November, he remains spritely, viewing harp-making as one of life's best experiences. — AFP

'It's never too late to start a new hobby,' says 89-year-old Irish harp maker Noel Anderson, who has been making harps for the best seven years. **PHOTO: AFP**

Australia fends off sharks with new, old tech

This approach seeks to balance public safety with environmental concerns about traditional measures like shark nets, which can harm marine life.

AUSTRALIA'S coastal waters, especially around Sydney, are monitored by drones scanning for deadly sharks like great whites, which account for 42 per cent of attacks since 2000. Despite over 1,280 shark incidents since 1791 — including 56 fatal ones in the last 25 years — millions of Australians visit beaches annually, accepting risks amid rising ocean temperatures and crowded waters.

Authorities use a multi-layered approach: drones spot and shepherd sharks away, acoustic trackers and a Shark Smart app alert users in real time, and smart drumlines tag predators. Traditional shark nets, deployed in New South Wales and Queensland, are debated for killing marine life and attracting sharks, leading to



People walk along the shoreline after northern Sydney beaches were closed following a shark attack at Long Reef Beach on 6 September. **PHOTO: AFP**

trials for removal after a recent fatal attack.

Scientists advocate advanced methods like bite-resistant wetsuits and electronic deterrents, which could reduce

bites by 60 per cent. While shark conservation is crucial — 37 per cent of oceanic species are endangered — drowning poses a far greater threat, killing 357 people last year. — AFP



Barista Serkan Sagsoz, co-founder of Julith Coffee, prepares Nido 7FC Panama coffee that costs 3600 AED (around US\$980) at his cafe in Dubai on 30 October 2025. **PHOTO: GIUSEPPE CACACE / AFP**

World's most expensive coffee goes on sale in Dubai at \$1,000 a cup

Despite the high price, residents aren't shocked, as Dubai is famous for its luxury.

A café in Dubai, Julith, is offering the world's most expensive coffee, priced at nearly \$1,000 per cup. The coffee is brewed from rare Panamanian beans, known as "Nido 7 Geisha", purchased at a record auction for around \$600,000. Located in an industrial neighbourhood popular with coffee enthusiasts, Julith plans to serve 400 cups of this exclusive brew, which features delicate floral and fruity flavors like jasmine, orange, and apricot. Despite the extravagant price, residents are not surprised, as Dubai is known for its luxury experiences.

The beans were sourced from a plantation near Panama's Baru volcano, and Julith has reserved some for Dubai's royal family. The café's offering has set a new Guinness record, surpassing the previous one held by a coffee shop selling a \$680 cup. For many, this luxurious experience is just another bragging right in a city famous for its opulence. — AFP