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Four Objectives of the National Defence and Security Council

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

People of all faiths urged to uphold four Cardinal Virtues

All citizens are encouraged to nurture love, respect, understanding, and forgiveness toward one another, to let go of the negative aspects of the past, and to join hands in building lasting peace and shared prosperity for the nation and the wider world.

A ceremony to mark the Hindu festival of Deepavali jointly organized by the Myanmar India Friendship Association (MIFA) and Hindu communities residing in Myanmar; took place at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Road in Dagon Township yesterday evening, attended by Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla were welcomed by officials. Next, the Yangon Region Chief Minister, the Charge d’Affaires ad inter-



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, along with the Charge d’Affaires ad interim of the Indian Embassy and his wife, lit ceremonial oil lamps to mark the Deepavali festival.

im of the Indian Embassy to Myanmar and those from the Hindu communities cut the ribbon to inaugurate the Mingala archway of the Deepavali festival. They then played Hindu traditional music and released hot-air balloons.

The Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and SSPC Chairman and his wife were welcomed with the Hindu traditional oil lamps and fragrance, and those from the ceremony prayed the Pur Kumbham of Hindu traditions. The Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and SSPC Chairman launched the ceremony.

They visited the Myanmar-India friendship and business booths and booths of the Hindu communities.

At the second session of the ceremony, the Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and SSPC Chairman and his wife, the Charge d’Affaires ad interim of the Indian Embassy and his wife, and officials ignited the oil lamps to mark the Deepavali festival. The Charge d’Affaires ad interim of the Indian Embassy and his wife decorated the Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and SSPC Chairman and his wife with the

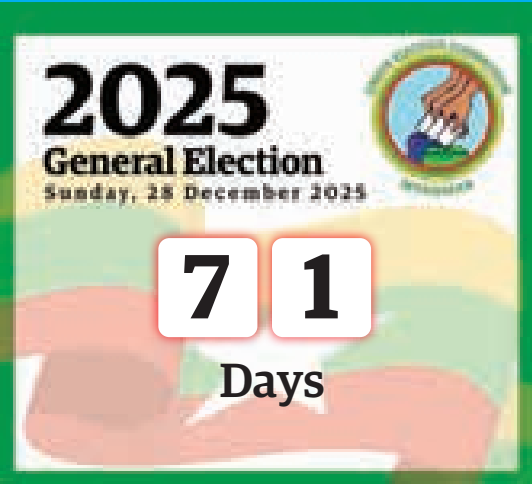
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2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

- 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.

Top websites and web portals to access Military Service Rules

1. Office of the State Administration Council https://sacoffice.gov.mm	4. Ministry of Information https://www.moi.gov.mm
2. Ministry of Defence https://www.mod.gov.mm	5. Myawady Webportal https://myawady.net.mm
3. Ministry of Legal Affairs https://www.mlis.gov.mm	6. Myanmar National Portal https://myanmar.gov.mm

Enquiries and Reports on Voter Registration Now Accepted

1. To facilitate enquiries and reports regarding voter registration, the Union Election Commission has established call centres staffed by officials from the Union Election Commission, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the General Administration Department, and the Ministry of Immigration and Population. These call centres enable voters to enquire about voter registration matters and report any difficulties they may encounter. Voters can contact the following call centre numbers during office hours: -

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(1) 067 3404302

(2) 067 3404303

(3) 067 3404304

(4) 09 252116996

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(1) 067 417967

(2) 067 417963

(3) 067 881750256

(4) 09 5330130

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(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 400021303

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(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 685636811

(e) Election Subcommission (Kayin State)

(1) 058 21175

(2) 058 23432

(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 778710146

(f) Election Subcommission (Chin State)

(1) 01 3336611

(2) 01 3336622

(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 442993233

(g) Election Subcommission (Sagaing Region)

(1) 071 2032095

(2) 071 2032096

(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 679779520

(h) Election Subcommission (Taninthayi Region)

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(2) 059 2023525

(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 403729990

(i) Election Subcommission (Bago Region)

(1) 052 2221268

(2) 052 2201991

(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 251133187

(j) Election Subcommission (Magway Region)

(1) 063 2028889

(2) 063 2028890

(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 5202659

(k) Election Subcommission (Mandalay Region)

(1) 02 4069042

(2) 02 4067344

(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 36022777

(l) Election Subcommission (Mon State)

(1) 057 2027256

(2) 057 2024391

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(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 421715494

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(2) 01 2306250

(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 441651416

(o) Election Subcommission (Shan State)

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(2) 081 2124540

(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 254101508

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(2) 042 23783

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- Union Election Commission

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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)

People of all faiths urged to uphold ...

FROM PAGE 1

Mingala shawl and garlands. The Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and SSPC Chairman and the Charge d’Affaires ad interim of the Indian Embassy exchanged commemorative gifts and had documentary photos taken.

The Secretary of Myanmar-India Friendship Association and his wife also decorated the Charge d’Affaires ad interim of the Indian Embassy and his wife with the Mingala shawl and garlands.

Speaking on the occasion, the Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and SSPC Chairman expressed the purpose of attending the Deepavali festival of Hindu traditions. He said that Deepavali is a traditional festival of lights highly revered by Hindus. The term “Deepavali” combines the words “Deepa”, meaning light, and “Avali”, meaning row or line; thus, Deepavali signifies “a row of lights”, symbolizing the lighting of oil lamps in worship and celebration. Beginning new ventures or closing old accounts and opening new ones on this day will bring success as expected. They also hold the belief that the celebration of this Deepavali festival of lights will usher in better conditions and greater prosperity for the country from this time onward.

Myanmar is a nation where various ethnic groups and diverse religious beliefs coexist. According to the Constitution, all citizens residing in the country are granted equal rights and the freedom to profess and practise their respective religions. Therefore, it is very important that people celebrate their religious festivals meaningfully in accordance with their faith and traditions.

People of different religions should live together in harmony by upholding the four cardinal virtues. In accordance with the saying “Unity brings strength,” it is important for followers of all religions to live together peacefully with mutual respect. Those who suffer due to religious or social conflicts should be helped and cared for, and any religious-related grievances should be resolved in accordance



Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing speaks on the occasion of the Deepavali festival yesterday.

with the law.

Since all people have grown up together on the same motherland, everyone should respect one another’s religion and beliefs. Regardless of race or faith, as all citizens equally share and live on this land, water, and air of Myanmar, they should nurture the spirit of the Union and live in unity. Based on this spirit, all need to foster mutual friendship and cooperation for the collective benefit of the nation.

For the sake of the State and all ethnic people, efforts are being made to enable the country to return to the path of a multiparty democratic system desired by the people. Starting from 28 December, a free and fair multiparty democratic general election will be held. Afterwards, the State responsibilities will be handed over to the government that emerges from the election results, in accordance with democratic standards. To ensure the success of the election, it was also emphasized that all organizations should act with the national interest as their priority.

He also conveyed his best wishes that,

starting from this Deepavali festival, all citizens should share love, respect, understanding, and forgiveness toward one another, leaving behind the negative things of the past, and work together to bring about peace and prosperity in the nation and throughout the world.

The Charge d’Affaires ad interim of the Indian Embassy and the Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the ceremony, and the Chairman of the Myanmar-India Friendship Association spoke words of thanks.

The Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and SSPC Chairman and his wife, and attendees enjoyed Hindu traditional cultural dances, ethnic dances and Myanmar traditional dances presented by the Myanmar-India traditional cultural dance troupe, the Hindu traditional cultural dance troupe and the cultural troupes from the National University of Arts and Culture. After the entertainment, the Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and SSPC Chairman and his wife, the Charge

d’Affaires ad interim of the Indian Embassy and his wife, presented flower baskets to the cultural dance troupes.

After the ceremony, the Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and SSPC Chairman, his wife and party cordially greeted those from the Hindu communities and Hindu traditional dance troupes.

The Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and SSPC Chairman and his wife and the attendees had dinner in honour of the Deepavali festival.

Also, present at the ceremony were Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo and his wife, commission members, Union ministers and their wives, ambassadors from foreign embassies to Myanmar, heads of embassies, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the commander of Yangon Command, officials from associations, people from Hindu communities, Hindu traditional cultural troupes and guests.

— MNA/TTA

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State Security and Peace Commission Chairman and Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing poses for the documentary group photo alongside the leaders of the ethnic armed organizations yesterday.

'Peace and Stability' must be strengthened through 'Union Spirit'

While the perspectives of minority groups should be duly respected, it is equally essential to uphold and honour the collective will of the majority in the spirit of fairness and unity.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing underscored that acting on what is necessary and feasible, rather than merely desired, serves the best interests of the State.

Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received ethnic armed organizations which attended the peace talks at the Bayintnaung Villa in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the meeting, the Senior

General extended greetings. He stated that he had already conveyed what was necessary at the Nationwide Ceasefire

Agreement (NCA) anniversary ceremony. The NCA was drafted based on consultations with ethnic groups and their respective

demands. Although efforts had been made from the beginning to fully implement the NCA, progress was delayed during the

tenure of the second democratic government for various reasons. During the period when they assumed responsibility, some ethnic armed organizations were still in positions where Tatmadaw was serving the State duties, which hindered continued negotiations and slowed the peace process. He emphasized that they are committed to implementing the peace process as quickly as possible.

He continued that, during the intervening periods, he personally and through his delegation held discussions with ethnic armed organizations. He also expressed agreement regarding the amendment to the Constitution, noting that certain updates are necessary to reflect the current era. Accordingly, meetings were held with the responsible authorities to discuss constitutional amendment work. He emphasized that, just as preliminary discussions are needed, approval in the Hluttaw is also required to enact the amendments. He expressed gratitude to all who came forward to cooperate in reviving the momentum of the NCA and stressed that everyone must work together for the good of the nation.

EAO delegates cordially reported that as NCA signatories, they will cooperate in restoring peace in the nation through the NCA route. They pledged to continue participation in the efforts for development initiatives of the State and to forge peace and stability. They also discussed further processes for the NCA route under the leadership of the State and Tatmadaw, participation in the successful holding of the free and fair multiparty democratic general election, which is crucial for initiating the peace process, continuous attendance at the peace dialogues, further cooperation in peace processes and development undertakings together with the government, which will emerge after the election.

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Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the meeting with EAO

1. Just as preliminary discussions are needed, approval in the Hluttaw is also required to enact the amendments to the Constitution.
2. Tatmadaw will never accept the secession from the country and will uphold Our Three Main National Causes.
3. The people have not yet fully experienced the fruits of that freedom since the country gained independence.
4. In order to continue fully implementing the NCA, it is necessary to have an elected government and a functioning Hluttaw.

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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)



‘Peace and Stability’ must be strengthened ...

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In his discussions, the Senior General noted that in order to continue fully implementing the NCA, it is necessary to have an elected government and a functioning Hluttaw. Since the initial signing, the Hluttaw, government, Tatmadaw, political parties, and ethnic armed organizations all signed the NCA. It is essential that all groups involved in the NCA participate. Accordingly, efforts are being made to successfully hold the elections. In this regard, elections must be free, fair, and credible. Measures are being taken to prevent errors in voter lists, to allow all eligible voters to cast their votes, and to facilitate voting through the Myanmar Electronic Voting Machines (MEVM), which cannot be tampered with.

He stressed that the NCA has been implemented based on the 2008 Constitution, which remains the strongest legal framework at present. Necessary amendments to the Constitution will be made as

required. While practising democracy, it is essential to adopt a system that suits the country, and similarly, within the federal system, efforts will be made to coordinate and achieve the best outcomes despite existing differences. He also noted that, during the 1988 period, the people demanded that the State move forward on the path of a multiparty democratic system, and Tatmadaw facilitated progress along that path. In doing so, care was taken to ensure that the rights of ethnic groups were not lost, in building the Union on the foundations of both democracy and federalism. Everyone should prioritize and act on what should be done and what is possible over what they merely wish to do. **This is especially important for the peace and stability of the nation, which should be pursued with the spirit of the Union.** Tatmadaw will never accept the secession from the country and will uphold Our Three Main National Causes. While the views of minorities should be respect-

ed, the wishes of the majority must also be honoured. Acting on what is necessary and feasible, rather than merely desired, serves the best interests of the State.

He highlighted that since the country gained independence, the people have not yet fully experienced the fruits of that freedom. Compared to other countries of similar size, population, and economic foundation, Myanmar has lagged far behind. Therefore, everyone must continue to work together for the betterment of the nation.

After the meeting, the Senior General presented commemorative gifts to the Ethnic Armed Organizations and posed for documentary photos.

Also, present at the meeting were Commission Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander-in-Chief (Army), Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Union Peace Dialogue Joint Commit-

tee (UPDJC) Chair Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Commission member Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin, and senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief. Ethnic Armed Organizations which attended the Peace Talks were Chair of the Arakan Liberation Party (ALP) Saw Mra Raza Lin, Adjutant General Saw Sein Win of Democratic Karen Benevolent Army (DKBA), Vice-Chair of Karen National Union/Karen National Liberation Army-Peace Council (KNU/KNLA-PC) Dr Naw Kapaw Htoo, Chair of Lahu Democratic Union (LDU) Kya Solomon, Central Committee member of New Mon State Party (NMSP) Nai Banyar Mon, Secretary 1 Sao Sai Ngin and Central Executive Committee member Sao Saung Han of the Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS), U Khun Okkar and U Myo Win who signed the NCA and representatives of ethnic armed groups which were also present at the meeting.— MNA/TTA

10th NCA Anniversary Workshop concludes with success

THE third-day workshop, themed “Building a Peaceful Future of Myanmar”, marking the 10th anniversary ceremony of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), took place at the Jade Hall of MICC I in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Meeting Chair Maj-Gen Soe Naing Oo (Rtd) made an opening speech for the discussion themed “Reviewing the implementation, achievements, and lessons learned from the ten years of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), promoting the inclusive participation of ethnic armed organizations and identifying short- and long-term strategies to address challenges and issues related to the peace process”, and Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo (Rtd), U Aung Naing Oo, Daw Saw Mra Yaza Lin and U Myo Win, representatives of NCA signatories led the discussion.

The closing ceremony took place in the same afternoon, and the respective leaders reviewed the topics, reported the outcomes and further additional matters.

National Solidarity and Peacemaking



The concluding ceremony of the 10th NCA Anniversary Workshop in progress yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

Negotiation Committee Secretary Lt-Gen Min Naing and member Lt-Gen Sein Win (Rtd) then conferred the certificates of honour.

State Security and Peace Commis-

sion Member, National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee Chairman, and Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Ethnic Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae presented gifts and concluded the

event.

After the workshop, UEC officials demonstrated the use of MEVM for the 2025 multiparty democratic general election. — MNA/KTZH

NATIONAL

Myanmar delegation joins 8th Russia Energy Week Forum

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin attended the eighth Russia Energy Week International Forum (REW) held from 15 to 17 October at the invitation of the advisor to the Russian President and Executive Secretary of the forum organizing committee.

On 15 October, the Myanmar delegation separately met Mr Sergey Tumanov, general director of Gazprom International Limited and Mr Sergey Kudryashov, general director of Zarubezhneft JSC, and discussed the investment in exploring, drilling, and producing oil and natural gas, the promising opportunities for conducting energy trading by uti-

lizing Myanmar’s seaports and the potential for establishing oil refineries in Myanmar, which would enable the distribution and sale of petroleum products both in the country and the regional countries.

On 16 October, the delegates held talks with Mr Shatirov Sergey Valdimirovich, Honorary Consul of Myanmar to the Russian Federation and Director of the Roscongress Investment Fund, and exchanged views on the progress of ongoing collaborative efforts between Myanmar and the Roscongress Investment Fund of the Russian Federation, future cooperation plans, enhancement of cooperation in



Union Minister U Ko Ko Lwin-led Myanmar delegation attends the eighth Russia Energy Week Forum (REW) held on 15-17 October in the Russian Federation.

energy sector and acceleration of activities for mutual economic growth.

At noon, the Myanmar delegation attended the Main Forum Plenary Session of the eighth REW.

During the forum, the Union

minister and party observed the galleries and the capacity of the Combined-cycle Gas Turbine at the Joint Stock Company Inter RAO booth.

The Russian Energy Week International Forum, first held in 2017, discussed issues relat-

ed to resolving challenges in the energy sector, an international cooperation programme aimed at enhancing and ensuring sufficient energy for human, ongoing action plans concerning climate, science, and technological development. — MNA/KTZH

Ayeyawady welcomes over 1M visitors from Jan to mid-Oct



This phot shows beachgoers enjoying the sand and surf. PHOTO: ZWE MARN

NGWEHSAUNG, Chaungtha and Shwethaungyan beaches in Patheingyi Township, Ayeyawady Region, saw a total of 1,035,448 visitors, both domestic and international, this year, including the Thadingyut period, according to the region Directorate of Hotels and Tourism.

During the four-day holidays from 4 to 7 October, 4,881 local and foreign travellers visited Patheingyi, while 16,699 to Ngwehsaung, 15,391 to Chaungtha and 680 to Shwethaungyan, totalling 37,651 visitors.

From January to 15 October 2025, 247,778 visitors visited Ngwehsaung beach, whereas 200,439 to Chaung-

tha and Shwethaungyan and 1,035,448 to Patheingyi.

“Although the Thadingyut holidays in 2024 had one extra day than those in 2025, we found that more travellers visited beaches during last year’s holidays. For the upcoming Tazaungdine holidays, about 60 per cent of hotel rooms in Ngwehsaung, Chaungtha, and Shwethaungyan have already been booked in advance. Similarly, around 70 per cent of rooms have been reserved for the three-day National Day and holidays in the same month. It is expected that the rate of bookings will further increase as the holidays approach. We are satisfied with

the high number of visitors during the previous Thadingyut holidays. Since tourism income benefits everyone and contributes to both the country and its people, collective efforts to attract more travellers during the open season can support the social and economic development of the Ayeyawady Region,” said U Aung Thu Oo, director of the department.

The domestic travellers visited Bagan and the beaches in Ayeyawady Region during Thadingyut festivals, and foreign tourists are also expected to visit there, the hoteliers considered. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH

Loan applications open for rehabilitation in Mandalay quake-hit areas

THE powerful Mandalay earthquake that struck on 28 March 2025 caused damage to the homes, factories, and businesses of citizens, including civil servants, in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, Mandalay Region, Sagaing Region, Magway Region, Bago Region, and northeastern Shan State.

Low-interest loans with terms of three to five years will be offered using state funds to help rebuild earthquake-affected areas.

- Home and Building Reconstruction Loans (three per cent interest rate)
- Working Capital, Equipment, Water, Electricity, Solar, and Investment Loans for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) (five per cent interest rate)
- Large Factory Renovation and Operational Loans (seven per cent interest rate)
- Temporary Loans for Construction Firms Building State-Owned Infrastructure (seven per cent interest rate)

The banks and non-bank financial institutions participating in the loan programme are AYA Bank PCL, uab Bank PCL, CB Bank PCL, Ayeyawady Farmers Development Bank, Yoma Bank, Construction, Housing & Infrastructure Development Bank, Myanmar Citizens Bank, Kanbawza Bank, Myawady Bank, Innwa Bank, Best Merchant Finance Co Ltd, and Zega Finance Co Ltd, all selected in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for loans. (Details of the SOP can be found on the CBM website: www.cbm.gov.mm). It is hereby announced that businesses and individuals in earthquake-affected areas can now apply for loans through any of the participating banks and non-bank financial institutions.

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17 October 2025

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Stable, peaceful country attracts foreign investment

- ❖ Only when there is stability and peace will foreign investments begin to flow in.
- ❖ It is necessary to provide guarantees for investment activities.
- ❖ Only then will the country's GDP grow, and the national economy also develop.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, at the opening of the Forum on Myanmar Beyond 2025: Challenges and Opportunities in a Multipolar World held on 21 March 2025)

MoALI Dy Minister joins 2025 ASEAN-China Food & Agriculture Cooperation Conf

DEPUTY Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Bo Bo Kyaw attended the 2025 China (Henan) - ASEAN Food and Agriculture Cooperation Development Conference held from 12 to 15 October in Zhengzhou, Henan Province, China.

On 12 October, the deputy minister separately met Mr Shi Zhongjun, secretary-general of ASEAN-China Centre and Mr Li Zhou, deputy governor of Henan Province, and discussed joint efforts between the two countries to conduct research and produce high-quality products, to manufacture and widely apply agricultural machinery in Myanmar that integrates advanced technologies, to develop engineering and agricultural technologies

for improving irrigation and water distribution systems, to increase the organization of technology discussion forums and training programmes and to further support the integration of diploma and postgraduate scholarships in subjects related to agriculture, irrigation, and water resources.

on 13 October, the deputy minister observed the booths displayed at the Zhengzhou International Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Speaking at the Conference on Food and Agriculture Cooperation and Development, the deputy minister said the conference's theme, "Empowering Food and Agriculture Cooperation with Digital Intelligence and Driving Regional Develop-



Deputy Minister U Bo Bo Kyaw meets ASEAN-China Centre Secretary-General Mr Shi Zhongjun on 12 October in China.

ment with Innovation" reflects the close mutual relationship between ASEAN and China. To deepen the cooperation, emphasis should be placed on three main areas: (a) policy

discussions and technology exchange, (b) collaborative research and development of innovative solutions, and (c) market integration and facilitation of smooth investment. He

also appreciated the modern and innovative farming techniques of China, and welcomed the cooperation between ASEAN countries and China for food security.

At noon, he attended the Seminar on ASEAN-China (Henan) Smart Agriculture Development Exchanges, and a dinner event after meeting with the Zhengzhou Governor.

On 14 October, the deputy minister visited the Central-China Agricultural Valley in Xinxing and the Sanquan Food Company in Zhengzhou.

On 15 October, the deputy minister observed the distribution processes of irrigation and drinking water from the Yellow River in Zhengzhou. — MNA/KTZH

Talk on 'Academic Diplomacy and International Studies' highlights Russia-Myanmar prospects

THE Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS) hosted a special talk titled "Academic Diplomacy and International Studies: Prospects for Russia and Myanmar" at its meeting room on 17 October 2025. The talk was delivered by Dr Dmitry Baryshnikov, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of International Relations at Saint Petersburg State University, the Russian Federation.

The event was attended by MISIS members, Mr Iskander Azizov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Myanmar, Mr Viacheslav Kalganov, Deputy Chairman of the Committee for External



The group photo session underway at yesterday's MISIS talk event.

Relations of the City of Saint Petersburg, as well as officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Russian Embassy, MISIS researchers, and students from the Diploma in Diplomacy Programme of the Myanmar Diplomatic Academy.

The talk concluded with a lively discussion among participants on the evolving role of academic diplomacy in modern international relations and the prospects for academic cooperation between Myanmar and Russia. — MNA/KZL

Top matriculation students visit key sites in Thailand

UNDER the State-sponsored study tour programme, a group comprising 33 outstanding students who passed the 2024-2025 matriculation examination with distinctions in various subjects, together with supervising officials, arrived in Thailand on the morning of 15 October by air from Singapore.

In the afternoon, the students and officials visited the Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok, where the Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Zaw Zaw Soe extended a warm welcome, explained details related to the study tour, and hosted a lunch in their honour.

In the evening, the outstanding students enjoyed a scenic experience on the Chao Phraya River Cruise, observing the beauty of Bangkok along the river.

The students also visited Assumption University in Bangkok yesterday morning to learn about the university's academic information and ongoing courses. They also visited Nong Nooch Garden in Pattaya to observe its exhibitions and museums, as well as the natural beauty of Pattaya Beach. — MNA/KZL



Top matric students are pictured during their tours in Thailand.

Provide effective support for families to escape from poverty

OVER 690 million people live in extreme income poverty (under \$2.15 per day), and nearly half the world lives below \$6.85 per day, leaving many just one shock away from hardship, according to the United Nations. Practically, those are packing the burden of poverty due to climate, conflicts, lack of employment opportunities and many other reasons.

Around 1.1 billion people worldwide face acute multidimensional poverty, experiencing overlapping deprivations in health, education, and living standards. The gaps within countries can even exceed those between countries. In this regard, although donor nations and

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Families living in poverty often face stigma and punitive practices in institutions meant to support them, such as schools, clinics, welfare offices, and child protection systems. Single mothers, indigenous families, and historically marginalized groups frequently report experiences of judgment and control that erode trust and agency, sometimes leading to poverty-driven family separation and causing lasting emotional and social harm to both children and parents.

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The country must create sufficient employment opportunities for its people, and peace and stability must be restored in all parts of the nation. Both the government and the people need to work diligently under short-term and long-term plans to alleviate poverty. As Myanmar is an agro-based country, emphasis should be placed on agricultural and livestock activities as primary sources of employment, along with related industries, to support poverty reduction.

Introduction: Defining Prepositions Globally and Locally

Prepositions are among the smallest words in English, yet they carry immense weight in shaping meaning. They act as connectors, linking nouns, pronouns, and phrases to other words in a sentence. Their function is to express relationships – whether of time, place, direction, cause, manner, or possession. Without prepositions, our sentences would lose structure, clarity, and nuance.

Globally, authoritative dictionaries offer consistent definitions. The Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary defines a preposition as “a word or group of words, such as in, from, to, out of, and on behalf of, used before a noun or pronoun to show place, position, time or method.” Webster's Dictionary echoes this, describing a preposition as “a function word that typically combines with a noun phrase to form a phrase which usually expresses a modification or predication.”

Locally, in Myanmar-English dictionaries, prepositions are often translated as “ဝဲဘဝံ” “အကြောင်းအရာပြသောစကားလုံးများ” – words that express relational context. This translation emphasizes their role in connecting ideas and clarifying meaning, especially in bilingual communication settings where English is learned as a second language.

Prepositions in Practice: The Backbone of Composition

In English composition, prepositions are not merely grammat-

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ical accessories – they are structural pillars. They guide the reader through the logic of a sentence, indicating how one idea relates to another. Their correct use ensures clarity, while misuse can lead to confusion or unintended meaning.

Consider the sentence: “She applied Thanaka to her face.” The preposition “to” correctly indicates the direction of the action. If one were to say “applied Thanaka on her face,” it might still be understood, but it lacks the precision and idiomatic correct-

ness of “to.” Similarly, “He was arrested in his village” clearly indicates location, whereas “arrested from his village” implies removal, which is misleading in journalistic contexts.

In academic writing, prepositions help convey complex relationships. For instance, “This theory is analogous to the previous model” uses “to” to draw a comparison. “He concurred in the decision” implies agreement with the outcome, while “He concurred with the committee”

suggests alignment with a group. These subtle shifts in preposition reflect different shades of meaning and are essential for nuanced expression.

Prepositions in Journalism and News Writing

In professional journalism, precision is paramount. Prepositions often determine whether a report is accurate or misleading. For example, “The minister commented on the policy” is direct and formal, while “commented about

the policy” feels vague and conversational. News writing favours the former for its clarity and authority.

Another example: “The fire was shot at the crowd” versus “The fire was shot into the crowd.” The first implies direction, while the second suggests penetration—each with different implications. Similarly, “vehicles on the road” is correct, while “vehicles in the road” may suggest obstruction or accident. These distinctions matter in headlines, reports, and broadcasts.

Journalists also rely on prepositions to convey legal and procedural accuracy. “He was indicted for fraud” is correct, while “indicted with fraud” is not. “She was convicted of theft” is precise, whereas “convicted for theft” is less idiomatic. These choices reflect not only grammatical correctness but also professional credibility.

Prepositions in Essays, Poetry, and Prose

In essays, prepositions help structure arguments and clarify relationships. “The cause of the conflict” identifies the source, while “the conflict about the

By Mingalajii

cause” shifts focus. “Research on climate change” is preferred over “research in climate change,” as the former indicates the subject of study.

In poetry and prose, prepositions add rhythm, emotion, and imagery. Consider: “She longed for the sea breeze.” “He walked into the night, with memories trailing.” “Bereft of hope, he wandered.”

Each line uses prepositions to evoke mood and movement. “Into” suggests immersion, “with” implies accompaniment, and “of” denotes loss. Poets often manipulate prepositions to create metaphorical depth, while prose writers use them to guide narrative flow.

Common Usage and Learner Pitfalls

For English learners, mastering prepositions can be challenging. Many verbs and adjectives require specific prepositions, and these pairings often defy logic or direct translation. For example, “married to” is correct, not “married with”. “Proud of” is idiomatic, while “proud for” is not. “Interested in” is standard, whereas “interested about” sounds awkward. Some verbs change mean-

ing depending on the preposition. “Differ from” means to be unlike, while “differ with” means to disagree. “Part with” implies giving something away, while “part from” suggests separation from a person. “Deal with” refers to handling a situation, while “deal in” relates to trading goods.

Prepositions also vary by context. “Consist of” denotes the components of something: “A car consists of wheels, body, and engine.” But “His work consists in interviewing ministers” uses “in” to define the nature of the work. These distinctions are subtle but vital.

Another example: “He is good at math” is correct, while “He is good in math” is less idiomatic. Yet we say “weak in grammar,” not “weak at grammar.” These patterns must be learned through exposure and practice.

Why Prepositions Matter

Prepositions are more than grammatical glue; they are the compass of composition. They orient readers, refine meaning, and elevate style. Whether you're writing a news article, crafting an essay, or composing poetry, mastering prepositions is key to effective communication.

They also reflect cultural and linguistic nuance. In Myanmar, learners often struggle with prepositions because their functions do not always align with Burmese grammar. For example, “entrust someone with a task” versus “entrust a task to someone” requires

understanding both syntax and idiomatic usage.

In professional writing, prepositions signal authority. “He was offered a degree” is correct, while “He was offered with a degree” is not. “He was nominated to the board” is precise, whereas “nominated for the board” may suggest candidacy rather than appointment.

Ultimately, prepositions shape how ideas are received. They guide the reader's understanding, clarify relationships, and ensure that writing is not only correct but compelling.

Prepositions That Matter Most in Journalism

In the fast-paced world of journalism, where every word counts and clarity is paramount, prepositions play a decisive role. They help reporters convey facts accurately, avoid ambiguity, and maintain the integrity of their message. Below are some of the most essential prepositions in journalistic writing, each accompanied by a brief explanation and example to illustrate its importance.

“On” is one of the most frequently used prepositions in news writing. Journalists comment on events, report on developments, and reflect on outcomes. For instance, “The spokesperson commented on the recent policy shift.” The preposition “on” signals direct engagement with a topic, making it indispensable in headlines and leads.

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CO2 in the atmosphere up by record amount in 2024: UN

According to the World Meteorological Organization, atmospheric CO₂ levels rose by 3.5 parts per million from 2023 to 2024, which is the largest annual increase since systematic records began in 1957.

THE United Nations is calling for urgent action to cut emissions after record rates of CO₂, methane, and nitrous oxide were recorded.

The increase in the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere last year was the highest ever recorded, the United Nations said Wednesday, calling for urgent

action to slash emissions.

Levels of the three main greenhouse gases — the climate-warming CO₂, methane and nitrous oxide — all increased yet again in 2024, with each setting new record highs, the UN's weather and climate agency said.

The World Meteorological Organization said the increase

in CO₂ levels in the atmosphere from 2023 to 2024 marked the biggest one-year jump since records began in 1957.

Wednesday's report, which comes ahead of the November 10-21 COP30 UN climate summit in Belem, Brazil, focused exclusively on concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

A separate UN report, out next month, will detail shifts in emissions of the gases, but those numbers are also expected to rise, as they have every year with the world continuing to burn more oil, gas and coal.

This defies commitments made under the 2015 Paris Agreement to cap global warming at

"well below" 2C above average levels measured between 1850 and 1900 — and 1.5C if possible.

The WMO voiced "significant concern" that land and oceans were becoming unable to soak up CO₂, leaving the powerful greenhouse gas in the atmosphere.

SOURCE: AFP



The jump in carbon dioxide in the atmosphere last year is the highest ever recorded, according to the UN. PHOTO: PEXELS

NATIONAL

Sri Lanka Air Force delegation concludes visit after fruitful talks

THE First Myanmar Air Force–Sri Lankan Air Force Air Staff Talks took place at the Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on the morning of 14 October, with Myanmar serving as the host country.

The meeting was held between the delegation led by Maj-Gen Myo Aung Latt, Deputy Chief of Staff (Air) (Mechanical) of the Tatmadaw (Air), and the delegation led by Air Vice Marshal SDGM Silva of the Sri Lankan Air Force, along with responsible officials.

During the discussions, both sides exchanged views to strengthen mutual friendship and cooperation between the two air forces, promote interaction in the training, education, and sports sectors, and signed the agreed meeting resolutions. The heads of both delegations exchanged



Myanmar and Sri Lanka sign the agreed meeting resolutions after the discussions on 14 October 2025.

commemorative gifts and posed for group photographs to mark the occasion. In the evening, a commemorative dinner was hosted at the Chatrium Hotel to celebrate the successful conclusion

of the talks.

During their stay, members of the Sri Lankan Air Force delegation visited the Shwedagon Pagoda and the Botahtaung Pagoda. They also toured prominent sites in Yangon, including Bogyoke Aung San Market, Junction City, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (Catholic Church), Karaweik, Kandawgyi Lake, and the National Museum. They also attended a demonstration of Myanmar’s traditional cane ball game (Chinlone) presented by the Myanmar Chinlone Federation at the Chatrium Hotel.

The Sri Lankan Air Force delegation departed Yangon for Sri Lanka on the evening of 16 October. Senior officers and officials from Tatmadaw (Air) saw them off at Yangon International Airport. — MNA/KZL

Tatmadaw secures full control of Hsipaw

TATMADAW columns regained complete control of the main district of Shan State (North), Kyaukme, which was controlled by the TNLA terrorist group, on 1 October. Tatmadaw continued to march to Hsipaw, about 28 kilometres from Kyaukme, and conducted the preparations for the operation in a short period. Tatmadaw columns continued the counter-terrorism operations against TNLA terrorists beginning on 2 October 2025.

Tatmadaw occupied Saing Khaung, Naung Pain Lay, Zaw-tigon, Nanghu Taung (Lower), Nanghu Taung (Upper) and Pang Hat villages on 2 October, while Kyaukmeigy village on 3 October, Kho Tin village, point-947 hill and Pan Hote village on 4 October, Nar Khaw, Khe Mon and Bukhar villages on 5 October, Lwal Khaw village on 6 October, Chaung Chauk village on 9 October and Naungan village and the camps of terrorists near the vicinity areas of that village on 10 October.

At the same time, Tatmadaw columns applied the strategic military tactics and crossed the strong current of the Nam

Pan Si Stream, which was about 110 feet wide, 12 feet deep, and flowing at around five miles per hour, from an unexpected location. They launched attacks and successfully crushed the remaining terrorist forces. As a result, they managed to recapture Tain Kham and Ngon Sine villages on 12 October, Mulay, Yepu, Laungkun and Ponephan villages on 13 October, Man Lwal and Kyin Thi villages on 14 October, Bawkyo, Kaungkha and Nakhe villages on 15 October and Hsipaw toll gate through Khar Lain Khar Lway villages on 16 October.

On arrival near the vicinity area of Kyin Thi village, they found out that the terrorists arranged to explode Kyin Thi bridge crossing over Nam Pan Si stream, which is about 200 feet in length and 28 feet in width, located between Kyaukme and Hsipaw towns. At that time, the terrorists retreated, exploding certain places and planting mines along their way. Tatmadaw engineers systematically cleared the mines and repaired the bridge on the same day.

On arrival at the toll gate



Images show Tatmadaw columns advancing to reclaim Hsipaw, which had been temporarily seized by terrorist groups, and Tatmadaw troops at the entrance signage to Hsipaw.

of Hsipaw, the TNLA terrorists torched the departmental and public buildings in the town. Tatmadaw columns put out the fire in a timely manner and conducted the security measures. On 16 October, Tatmadaw reoccupied Hsipaw completely.

During the 16-day operation, there were seven clashes, 21 engagements, totalling 28, and Tatmadaw seized 13 dead bodies of terrorists, seven arms and ammunition.

While TNLA terrorists were retreating, they intentionally burnt down the non-military tar-

gets such as the Correctional Department, General Administrative office and other departmental buildings and public buildings. They built bunkers in departmental buildings, hospitals and houses, attacked the Tatmadaw columns with the cover of houses of locals.

Tatmadaw retook Hsipaw, and the local ethnic people welcomed Tatmadaw columns with ugenia sprigs and flowers warmly.

Tatmadaw columns conducted rehabilitation processes in Hsipaw just like in Nawnghkio and Kyaukme. The entire people

are so proud of the success of Tatmadaw, and the well-wishers provided cash prizes, food and commodities for Tatmadaw members, and the officials distributed these items to Tatmadaw members who are on the frontline.

As the Tatmadaw columns were able to recapture Hsipaw, trade and transportation along the PyinOoLwin-Nawng-hkio-Kyaukme-Hsipaw Union Highway have resumed smoothly, and the locals are also pleased as the regional development activities can be carried out again. — MNA/KTZH

Fuel prices dip slightly



Vehicles are seen refuelling at the petrol station.

FUEL oil prices showed further decline to K2,705 for Octane 92 and K2,790 for Octane 95, K2,465 for diesel and K3,000 for premium diesel this week ending 23 October.

The prices were K2,730 per litre of Octane 92 and K2,800 for Octane 95, K2,505 for diesel and K3,050 for premium diesel this week ending 16 October.

The price index set by Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS), the pricing basis for many refined products in Southeast Asia, influences the domestic fuel prices, according to the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil.

The committee is governing the market to ensure a stable price and secure supply. Furthermore, the Central Bank

of Myanmar has been injecting foreign currencies into the fuel oil sector to help cut the price. Under the guidance of the Supervisory Committee, the Petroleum Products Regulatory Department has been issuing daily reference wholesale prices to ensure price stability for energy consumers.

The committee is inspecting the fuel stations to see whether they are overcharging. Authorities are taking action against those retailers of fuel stations under the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law 2017 if they are found overcharging rather than the set reference rate.

As per the statement, 90 per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced

locally. Domestic fuel prices are highly correlated with international prices. The State is steering the market to mitigate the loss experienced by the importers, sellers and energy consumers. Consequently, the government is trying to distribute the oil at a reasonable price compared to that of regional countries.

Some countries levied higher tax rates and hiked oil prices than Myanmar's. However, Malaysia's oil sector receives government subsidies, and the prices are about 60 per cent lower than those of Myanmar. Every country lays down different policy patterns to fix oil prices, the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil stated. — NN/KK

CBM injects US\$1.2M into import sector

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$893,300 to cooking oil-importing companies and over \$396,500 to fuel oil importing companies on 16 October, in addition to an injection of 300,000 yuan.

CBM sold over \$1.19 million purchased from the companies working on a Cut, Make, and Pack basis, to edible oil-importing companies on 15 October.

CBM announced on 14 October that it would pump \$27 million into the fuel oil sector.

Furthermore, CBM sold over \$1.79 million to edible oil-importing companies from the foreign reserves purchased from CMP companies, in addition to an injection of over \$1.455 million into the market.

CBM sold over \$1.8 million to edible oil-importing companies on 13 October, in addition to an injection of \$594,800 into the financial market.

CBM sold \$2.26 million to edible oil-importing companies on

10 October, in addition to an injection of \$400,000 into the market.

CBM pumped over \$39 million purchased from companies working on a Cut, Make, and Pack basis 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



The facade view of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) in Yangon.

Agriculture Dept seeks bid for fuel oil

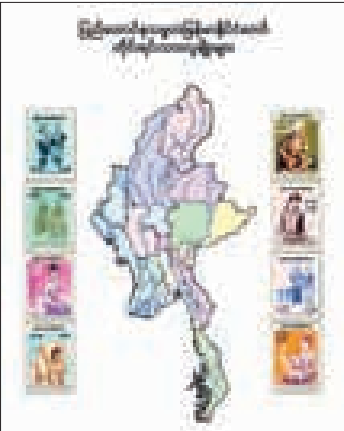
THE Agriculture Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation invited interested and eligible suppliers to buy 34,000 gallons of diesel and 3,400 gallons of 92 Ron in Myanmar Kyat, according to the Tender Accepting and Evaluating Committee.

The tender form can be purchased from 17 to 30 October 2025 at the Supply and Logistics Division of Office 43 in Nay Pyi Taw.

The submission for bids is closed at 1 pm on 31 October. Individuals can enquire about details at Office 43 through contact numbers 067 3410210 and 067 3410518. — NN/KK

K200 stamp featuring eight ethnic groups to be released

A new block of stamps worth K200 each of eight stamps for ethnic groups will be introduced



This image captures the new K200 block of eight ethnic stamps.

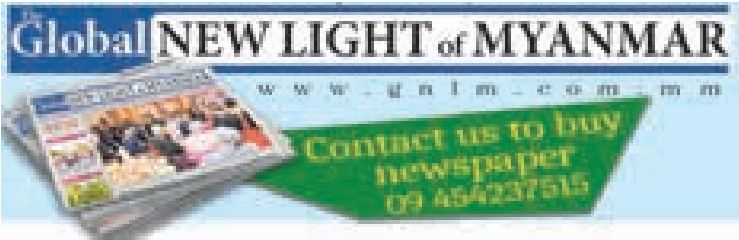
starting from 20 October, according to the Myanmar Post.

It is a collection of postage stamps from different ethnic groups previously published by the Myanmar Post under the Ministry of Transport and Communications, and aims to help stamp collectors get all-in-one ethnic postage stamps, including 8 stamps. The new special postage stamp will be sold simultaneously on 20 October at Nay Pyi Taw Central Post Office, Yangon Post Office, Mandalay Post Office and region and state post offices at

the same time, from 9:30 am.

As a special programme, the date will be printed on the new block of stamps on the first day in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay. Stamps have already been distributed to the region and state post offices.

To buy the stamps, details can be enquired through Nay Pyi Taw post officer Daw Khin Nyo Nyo Myint at 09 448000096, Yangon post officer Daw Tin May Kyi at 09 424000518 and Mandalay post officer U Tin Maung Myint at 09 424000515. — MT/ZS



NATIONAL

Bago gears up for Tazaungdine with dazzling lights and soaring hot-air balloons



This photo features the Great Tazaungdine Festival with lighting and hot-air balloons at the Shwemawdaw Pagoda in Bago, Bago Region, in the previous year.

BAGO Township in Bago Region will hold the Great Tazaungdine Festival from 1 to 4 November, featuring lights and hot-air balloons, according to the regional government office.

This year, the lighting festival, the release of hot-air balloons, and the charity food-offering activity will be held at the west gate parking ground of Shwemawdaw Pagoda. A

competition for weaving Matho Thingan robes will also take place during the festival.

“The Bago Great Tazaungdine Festival will also feature a market fair where MSME products from 28 townships across six districts of the Bago Region will be displayed and sold. The market will be held near the west gate of the Shwemawdaw Pagoda in Bago. The festival

will also include charity food offerings for festival-goers and live music performances,” said an official from the Bago Region Government Office.

Decorative lighting will be installed not only within the Shwemawdaw Pagoda precinct but also in Bayintnaung Square, Shin Saw Pu Park, Clock Tower Park, and Yankintha Park. — ASH/TH

MRCS and German Red Cross conduct communications training for field workers

ACCORDING to the Myanmar Red Cross Society, a two-day Communications Training for field staff was held from 13 to 14 October at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Yangon.

The training was a joint effort between the Myanmar Red Cross Society and the German Red Cross. At the opening ceremony, Daw Shwe Sin Kyaw Soe, Director of the Communications Department of the Myanmar Red Cross Society, and Mr Finbarr Sweeney, Country Representative for the German

Red Cross, delivered opening remarks. The course was attended by 25 participants from the Myanmar Red Cross Society headquarters.

Similarly, the Myanmar Red Cross Society, in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), conducted a refresher course for Regional and State Safety and Security Focal Persons. This training took place from 29 September to 4 October at the headquarters of the Myanmar Red Cross Society. — ASH/KNN



This photo captures the opening ceremony of the Communications Training for field staff.

‘Thitsa Phyint Tha Siyin Zay’ series to premiere in late Oct

THE Mahar Application will release its original series, ‘Thitsa Phyint Tha Siyin Zay’, in the fourth week of October, according to director Academy Min Oo.

The script for the series is based on a novel written by Shin Ma, with screenplay adaptation by Ka Kyoe Shin and direction by Academy Min Oo.

“The series is a large-scale family drama. Melody plays a villain role, Chue Lay also appears as a villain, while Shwe Thamee portrays a character loved by the audience. It is a production filled with well-balanced roles and strong performances from capable artistes, so it will be enjoyable to watch,” said director Academy Min Oo.

The Mahar Application’s original series, ‘Thitsa Phyint Tha Siyin Zay’, features artistes Aye Chan Maung, Nyi Nanda, Kyaw Kyaw, Nay Htut, Lin Zar Ni Zaw, Su Pan Htwar, Phu Sone, Melody, Shwe Thamee, Chue Lay, Moe Pwint Phyu, Yoon Wint Hlwar Aung, Kyaw Zin



An official poster showcases the main cast members of the ‘Thitsa Hpyint Tha Siyin Zay’ series.

Htut, Kai, Gu Gu, Paing Eain Kha, Nhin Wutt Yi Kyaw, Tata, child actors Zwe Wai Yan Htet, Shin Pyone Khin, Nan Gaday San Oo, Mi Kyel Sin Kyaw Kyaw, Hein Thiri San, and special guest star Myint Myint Khine. — ASH/KZL

MMRC chair, family arrested for funding terrorist group

AUTHORITIES have taken action in accordance with the law against individuals residing abroad who contacted and provided financial support to terrorist groups in opposition to the State, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

According to the report, Thuza Maung (aka) Rashidah Binti Abdul Azeez, who resided in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, established the Myanmar Muslim Refugee Community (MMRC) in Malaysia and served as its chairperson. She used profits and funds raised through this organization to provide financial support to the terrorist group NUG and conducted fundraising activities on its behalf. Consequently, a case was opened against her under Section 52 (a) of the Counter-Terrorism Law at the Myittha Myoma Police Station (Case Pa-140/2022). Prosecution was carried out under Section 52 (a) of the same law and Section 512 of the Penal Code at the Myittha Township Court. The court accepted the case as General

Criminal Case 9/2023 and issued an arrest warrant on 31 January 2023.

At present, Thuza Maung, along with her husband Saw Than Tin Win and their three children, has been arrested while illegally re-entering Myanmar. According to investigations, Thuza Maung organized the MMRC to receive assistance from UNHCR and various NGOs/INGOs. However, she deceitfully used such aid to support illegal migrant workers under the guise of MMRC activities, recruited them as members, and arranged for those illegally entering Malaysia to obtain UNHCR refugee recognition cards.

Findings further revealed that she used the financial gains obtained from these actions for her family’s benefit, donated money to the terrorist group NUG and its subordinate organizations, and organized fundraising activities in support of them. Authorities are continuing to take legal action against those involved in accordance with the law. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

Yangon residents embark on day trips and pilgrimages during short holidays

THE tourist activity is seen during the short holidays in Yangon and surrounding areas, such as day trips and pilgrimages, according to the tourism circle.

During long holidays in the open season, local visitors travel long journeys, while they tend to make day trips and short journeys to the resorts and destinations near Yangon during short holidays and weekends, said an official from the Union of Myanmar Travel Association

(UMTA).

“People travel depending on the length of their holidays. For a short holiday, they make day trips near Yangon. During long holidays, we see them travelling to other cities,” he said.

Domestic tourists travel in their own cars as well as in connection with Travel & Tours. Trips they are selling now include day trips and one-night trips on weekends to Pantapwint Hill near Yangon, Nay Pyi



Photos showcase holiday makers at Hlawga Park, about 20 miles from Yangon.

Taw, Bago, Kyaiktiyo, Toungoo, and Zalun. Domestic tourism this year was up from last year during the October Thadingyut holiday, and many people are reportedly preparing to travel during the upcoming Tazaungdaing holiday. — MT/ZN

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“At” is crucial when specifying location or time with precision. “The protest began at 3 pm outside the city hall.” In this sentence, “at” anchors the reader to a specific moment and place. It’s also used in phrases like “fire at the crowd,” which implies direction without necessarily indicating injury — an important distinction in crime reporting.

“In” denotes containment or presence within a space or situation. “The minister was arrested in his hometown” is a factual statement that avoids the misleading implication of “from his hometown”. Similarly, “vehicles in the street” suggests congestion, while “vehicles on the road” implies normal traffic flow. These subtle choices shape public perception.

“For” expresses purpose, duration, or benefit. “The meeting was scheduled for Monday” sets a clear timeline. “She pleaded for justice” conveys emotional urgency. In journalism, “for” often appears in advocacy reporting, human interest stories, and coverage of social movements.

“With” indicates association or accompaniment. “The president met with foreign delegates” shows collaboration. “He grappled with the consequences” adds emotional depth. In investigative journalism, “with” is used to describe relationships, alliances, and shared responsibilities.

“Of” is foundational in expressing possession, origin, or subject. “The cause of the fire remains unknown” is a standard construction in news reports. “Criticism of the policy” is preferred over “criticism against the policy”, as it maintains a neutral tone. “Of” is also used in legal reporting – “convicted of fraud”, “accused of misconduct” – to denote charges and outcomes.

“To” is essential for indicating direction, intention, or recipient. “The aid was delivered to the flood victims” is a clear and compassionate statement. “He was sentenced to five years in prison” is a precise legal

formulation. “To” also appears in diplomatic coverage – “nominated to the board”, “delegated to the summit”.

“By” identifies agency or method. “The report was compiled by the committee” attributes responsibility. “She travelled by train” describes the means. In journalism, “by” is often used in passive constructions to maintain objectivity and focus on events rather than individuals.

“About” introduces topics or concerns. “The article is about climate change” is straightforward and informative. While “on” is more formal, “about” is useful in feature writing and interviews, where conversational tone is welcome.

“Into” suggests investigation or transformation. “The police are looking into the matter” implies an enquiry. “The story developed into a scandal” shows progression. “Into” is common in investigative journalism and analytical pieces.

Final Thoughts

As Mingalajii, I invite readers and learners to embrace the subtle power of prepositions. They may be small, but they are mighty. They define space, time, emotion, and logic. They connect thoughts, refine arguments, and elevate prose. In every sentence, they serve as silent architects, building bridges between ideas and guiding readers through the landscape of language.

As a final note, let us celebrate the elegance of these small but mighty words. In journalism, where truth must be told with clarity and care, prepositions are the quiet custodians of meaning. They ensure that facts are framed correctly, emotions are conveyed respectfully, and stories unfold with precision. For every aspiring writer, reporter, or editor, mastering prepositions is not just a grammatical exercise; it’s a professional imperative.

Let this article be a tribute to their elegance. May your writing always be clear, connected, and composed, with prepositions in their rightful place.

Composer, poet, and artiste Thaw Di Wai, aka Wai Chit Ko, passes away

THAW Di Wai (also known as Wai Chit Ko), a composer, poet, and artist, has passed away, according to his friends.

He lived in InhtaikU village of PyinOoLwin, was hospitalized at the Aung Thitsar Hospital on 15 October, and died of heart disease on 16 October.

Songcomposer Thaw Di Wai made his debut in the music world in 1990 with the album Harrylin’s Harrylin, co-written with composer Win Min Htwe. He composed four famous songs – Dream Train, Ah Lin Yaung, With Wings and Kabar Kyi Har Lone Pyi Waing Nay Toh – in singer Lay Phyu’s Kandara Lamin solo in 1991-1992. He created about 200 songs for singers, including Harrylin, Lay Phyu, Poe Kyaw, Ah Nge, She, Ringo and Si Thu Lwin. After studying painting at the Mandalay State School of Fine Arts from 1974 to 1977, he composed poems and created several paintings.

“He taught me how to be smart in life. When I say something, he gestures that he knows it. Ko Wai Gyi (Composer Thaw Di Wai, Artist Wai Chit Ko) died on 16 October 2025. I miss you as the rain is dripping in Mandalay,” poet Nay Myo, a close friend of late Thaw Di Wai, posted on his social media page.

In 1997, he had his first one-man show, H’O, at the IVY Gallery in Yangon. In 2013, he participated in three one-man shows at Azada Gallery, Yangon, Wei Chit Ko watercolour.com and one at Chiang Mai Writer Club, and other group shows. In 2018, he hosted Thaw Di Wai (Tribute Concert) at the National Theatre in Yangon. He published a book of poetry, Three Moons in One Town, and a songbook, Sounds of the Metal Age.

He was 71 years old at the time of his death. — Htun Htun/ZN

3 major Japanese banks mull joint issuance of stablecoin

THREE major Japanese banks are considering jointly issuing stablecoins using a common system, sources familiar with the plan said Friday, in a bid to promote the use of cryptocurrency in traditionally cash-oriented Japan.

Trading house Mitsubishi Corp. is expected to use the stablecoins to be issued by MUFG Bank, Mizuho Bank and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp, the sources said. The three see a system developed by fintech

startup Progmatic Inc. as the most viable choice, the sources said, adding that they plan to carry out a feasibility study.

Stablecoins are pegged to tangible assets such as fiat currencies and are considered less volatile than other types of digital money, like Bitcoin. Cross-border transfers using stablecoins on blockchain can make transactions more secure while saving time and reducing costs, according to industry sources. — Kyodo

New factory of Coca-Cola bottler starts operation in central China

A new factory of Swire Coca-Cola Ltd, a bottler of Coca-Cola, was put into operation Thursday in Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province.

The new factory is the first world-class factory that has been unveiled in the company's 12 billion-yuan (US\$1.69 billion) investment commitment in China. It covers an area of nearly 200 mu (13.33 hectares), with an investment of over 900 million yuan and an annual production capacity of over 1 million tonnes.

"The Chinese market has always been an im-



An intelligent picking and allocation robot works at a new factory of Swire Coca-Cola Ltd, a bottler of Coca-Cola, in Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province on 16 October 2025. PHOTO: LI JIANAN/XINHUA

portant engine driving the stable operation of Swire Coca-Cola," said Karen So, CEO of Swire Coca-Cola Ltd. The new factory in Zhengzhou integrates the most comprehensive and sustainable practices and continuous innovation accumulated by the company over 60 years of development. — Xinhua

Ex-McLaren boss could take the wheel at Porsche

THE ex-head of British supercar brand McLaren could take over as Porsche CEO, said the German sports car maker Friday, which is struggling with weak demand and a troubled EV shift.

Michael Leiters, who headed McLaren from 2022 to April this year, "is available as a potential successor" to current chief executive Oliver Blume, and talks will be initiated, Porsche said in a statement.

Blume has for several years been boss of

both Volkswagen and Porsche, one of the auto titan's subsidiaries, but has faced pressure to drop the dual role and focus on overhauling the broader VW group.

Leiters previously worked at Porsche for 13 years as well as at Italy's Ferrari.

Talks would begin with Blume about "a mutually agreed early termination" of his CEO post, added Porsche. Tabloid Bild reported Blume would give up the CEO role next year. — AFP



Porsche has been struggling with Chinese competition and US tariffs. PHOTO: AFP

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SPORTS



Martin Odegaard faces weeks out with a knee injury. PHOTO: AFP

'Very unlucky'
Odegaard faces weeks
out, says Arteta

ARSENAL manager Mikel Arteta said on Friday that captain Martin Odegaard could be missing until after the November international break due to the Norwegian's latest injury setback.

Odegaard set an unwanted record by becoming the first player in Premier League history to be substituted before half-time in three consecutive starts when he came off with a knee injury against West Ham on 3 October.

The 26-year-old had previously struggled with a recurring shoulder problem this season.

"It will be weeks. No definite date for his return, but he's evolving well. Very unlucky, what's happening with him and his injuries this season," Arteta said ahead of Arsenal's trip to Fulham on Saturday.

"It could be (after the next international break), but we'll have to see how he progresses, how the knee's healing, how he manages after the next steps in his rehab, so too early to give an answer," he added.

Despite Odegaard's disrupted start to the season and other injuries to Bukayo Saka, Kai Havertz, William Saliba and Noni Madueke, Arsenal have stormed to the top of the Premier League.

— AFP

Osaka pulls out of Japan
Women's Open with leg injury

FORMER world No 1 Naomi Osaka withdrew from the Japan Women's Open at the quarterfinal stage on Friday with a left leg injury.

The four-time Grand Slam champion, who turned 28 on Thursday, was heavily strapped toward the end of her three-set win Wednesday over last year's winner Suzan Lamens of the Netherlands in her hometown

of Osaka.

Her scheduled opponent Jaqueline Cristian of Romania advances the semifinals of the WTA 250 event.

After giving birth to her daughter in July 2023, Osaka reached the semifinals of the US Open in early September for her best Grand Slam outing since winning the 2021 Australian Open — Kyodo

In-form Kane 'hungry' as
Bayern and Dortmund face off

VINCENT Kompany lauded striker Harry Kane's "hunger" as his Bayern Munich side prepare to host Borussia Dortmund on Saturday in a clash between the league's two unbeaten teams.

Bundesliga leaders Bayern have won 10 from 10 in all competitions, scoring 38 goals and conceding just eight.

The centrepiece is Kane who is arguably in his career-best form.

The 32-year-old, who scored a brace in Tuesday's 5-0 thumping of Latvia on England duty, has 18 goals and three assists in those 10 matches for Bayern.

Bayern coach Vincent Kompany said Friday

Kane's long trophy drought, that he finally broke with last year's Bundesliga title, pushed the England captain to get even better.

"Maybe it helped that he didn't win a title for a long time, so he kept up that hunger," Kompany told reporters.

"He knows what his role in our team can be and where he fits in with his teammates."

— AFP



Bayern Munich forward Harry Kane has scored 11 in his opening six league games. PHOTO: AFP



Flawless Fleetwood
jumps into India
Championship lead

TOMMY Fleetwood played a flawless second round of eight-under to move into the lead at the India Championship on Friday, while Ryder Cup teammate Rory McIlroy was six strokes off the lead.

The Englishman hit eight birdies including five on the back nine to open up a one-shot

advantage ahead of overnight leader Shane Lowry at the picturesque Delhi Golf Club.

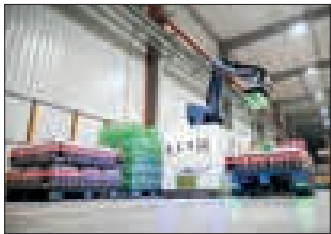
Fleetwood said playing alongside Lowry and Europe's Ryder Cup-winning captain Luke Donald got the best out of him.

"Yeah, unbelievable three-ball," said Fleetwood. "I think because you're so comfortable with each other, you do your own thing... It's always like a bonus when you're with two guys that you're really close with."

"It has been a great two days. I feel like if I'm playing with Shane for the next two days, I'm doing something right probably."

— AFP

Tommy Fleetwood is at the top of the leaderboard heading into the weekend at the India Championship. PHOTO: AFP/FILE



Putin-Trump meeting may take place within 2 weeks or little later: Kremlin

A **MEETING** between Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Donald Trump could take place within two weeks or a little later, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Friday.

“It really could take place within two weeks or a little later,” Peskov told reporters, adding that the leaders did not deny possibility of continuing dialogue before yesterday’s conversation.

Commenting on the phone conversation, the official said Russia proposed it following the US leader’s successful trip to the Middle East.

“Regarding the peaceful settlement [in Ukraine]: Russia maintains its openness, including president Putin spoke about this yesterday during a telephone conversation with Trump,” Peskov said.

Russian Foreign minister Sergey Lavrov and US Secretary of State Marco Rubio will independently announce the location of their future meeting, Dmitry Peskov said.

“They will negotiate and independently announce [the location],” Peskov said, answering the question about the possible location of the meeting.

They will conduct a phone call and meet to work out issues related to the organization of the top-level Russia-US summit, Peskov added. — SPUTNIK

Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said that Russia remains open to a peaceful settlement in Ukraine.



Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said a meeting between Presidents Putin and Trump could happen within two weeks or slightly later. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

IMF urges Asian economies to boost domestic demand, deepen regional integration

FACED with downside risks from trade tensions, Asian economies could boost growth by pivoting more toward domestic demand-driven growth and enhancing regional integration, an International Monetary Fund (IMF) official said Thursday. “This is a region which is highly dependent on external trade. So anytime there are shocks to global trade, it’s going to affect Asia that much more,” Krishna Srinivasan, director of the IMF’s Asia and Pacific Department, said at a press conference.

Responding to a question from Xinhua, the IMF official pointed out that there is always a “silver lining,” despite the downside risks stemming from trade uncertainty, debt-related vulnerabilities and other factors. “Asia has an opportunity to pivot more towards

domestic demand-led growth,” said Srinivasan, noting that the contribution of domestic demand to growth in the

Asia and Pacific region has slowed significantly compared with the pre-pandemic period. — Xinhua



Krishna Srinivasan (C), director of the IMF’s Asia and Pacific Department, speaks at a press conference on the regional economic outlook for Asia and Pacific in Washington, DC, the United States, 16 October 2025. **PHOTO: LI RUI/XINHUA**

Vietnam raises personal income tax allowance to US\$590 per month

VIETNAM’S National Assembly Standing Committee has adopted a resolution adjusting the family circumstance-based deduction levels for personal income tax, Vietnam News Agency reported.

Under the freshly passed framework, the deduction for each taxpayer will increase to 15.5 million Vietnamese dong (about US\$590) from 11 million Vietnamese dong (about \$420) per month. Meanwhile, the amount for each dependent will rise to 6.2 million Vietnamese dong (about \$240) from 4.4 million Vietnamese dong (about \$170), according to the report. The new deduction will take effect from the 2026 tax year. — Xinhua