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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.

Development and progress evident in every corner of Cocokyun

Officials were instructed to implement Cocokyun Township's food security measures in a systematic, step-by-step manner, aligned with the township's population size and local needs.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing emphasized the expansion of the urban areas without harming the cultivable lands in Cocokyun Township.

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met departmental officials and town elders of Cocokyun to talk about regional development yesterday afternoon.

On their arrival, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla were warmly welcomed by departmental officials, students and residents at Cocokyun Airport.

The Senior General met departmental officials and town elders at the town hall to discuss regional development initiatives.

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Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission Senior General Min Aung Hlaing warmly greets departmental officials and town elders of Cocokyun yesterday.

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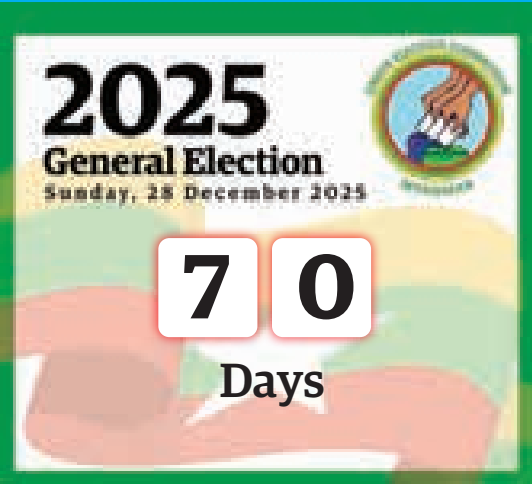
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2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

- 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.

Release Date for Hluttaw Candidate Name Lists (Forms 10, 10-A, 10-B)

18 October 2025

- The Hluttaw candidates who will compete in the multiparty democratic general election to be held in December 2025 have already submitted their nominations to their respective sub-commissions between 8 and 22 September 2025.
- The respective sub-commissions examined these candidate applications in accordance with the relevant election laws and by-laws between 23 September 2025 and 4 October 2025. The lists of candidates who have been scrutinized and approved – Form 10, Form 10-A, and Form 10-B – for each respective constituency will be publicly displayed simultaneously at the offices of the respective Region/State, District, and Township Election Subcommission, and also at Ward and Village-Tract Subcommission Offices, on 19 October 2025.

Union Election Commission

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: -

(a) Union Election Commission (Nay Pyi Taw)

(1) 067 3404302

(2) 067 3404303

(3) 067 3404304

(4) 09 252116996

(5) For text messages (SMS): 09 252116996

(b) Election Subcommission (Nay Pyi Taw Council)

(1) 067 417967

(2) 067 417963

(3) 067 881750256

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(5) For text messages (SMS): 09 881750256

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

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(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 685636811
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(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 778710146

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(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

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

(n) Election Subcommission (Yangon Region)

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(2) 01 2306250

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

(o) Election Subcommission (Shan State)

(1) 081 2124995

(2) 081 2124540

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

(p) Election Subcommission (Ayeyawady Region)

(1) 042 24616

(2) 042 23783

(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 695837030
2. Please note that any telephone numbers used for purposes other than enquiries or reporting, including nuisance calls, will be recorded and deactivated.
- Union Election Commission

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)

Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union Myanmar and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met officers, other ranks and families of Cocokyun Station and gave instructions to them yesterday morning.

First and foremost, the Senior General said that to improve transportation and connectivity to Cocokyun, the runway of the airport has been extended, and a jetty has been constructed where large ships can dock, significantly enhancing the area compared to before. Since Cocokyun occupies a strategically important location for the country, it is necessary for not only Tatmadaw members serving in the Cocokyun station but also their family members to always live with security awareness and vigilance.

He stressed that all Tatmadaw members serving at various levels are required to have a defensive mindset. They must continuously engage in preparatory training to be ready for combat, maintain physical health and strength, uphold courage and resilience, acquire necessary skills, and ensure they are always combat-ready.

To maintain physical strength and resilience, he underscored that a Tatmadaw member must perform daily physical training exercises consistently. Regarding proficiency, Tatmadaw members must continuously practice handling and using weapons skillfully, ensuring they are always ready for action.

He pointed out that those in charge of administration must supervise systematically, and those assisting must follow rules and procedures diligently.

They should avoid, as much as possible, consuming alcohol and indulging in entertainment that could harm their health and social life. Engaging in individual farming and cultivation activities can greatly contribute to the well-being of Tatmadaw members and their families.

The State is carrying out educational reforms to ensure that the country has abundant and well-educated hu-



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 looks around the cocoa farm of the local naval region command headquarters.

Tatmadaw members must always be combat-ready

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man resources. By reading and learning, Tatmadaw members can acquire knowledge and skills, and they should also ensure that their children become well-educated.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla presented foodstuffs for Tatmadaw members of the station and the fund for the station's maternal and child welfare association through officials.

Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo also presented foodstuffs to Tatmadaw mem-

bers and families through an official.

Also, present at the meeting were Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Htein Win and his wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung and his wife, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, and the commander of Yangon Command.

After the meeting, the Senior General inspected the breeding of domestic strains of cattle at the farm and gave guidance to officials.

He inspected the circular road of the

island and the road connecting Byaing Island and Jerry Island. After hearing the reports of officials, he gave guidance on systematic growing of coconut plants on the vacant lands and researching to transform seawater into agricultural water for cultivation activities.

The Senior General observed thriving cocoa plants at the cocoa farm of the local naval region command headquarters and guided officials to expand cultivation of more cocoa plants and initiate the test-cultivation of Robusta coffee plantations. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

Development and progress evident ...



Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents stationery for the Basic Education High School of Cocokyun Township to the headmistress yesterday.

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the meeting with residents of Cocokyun Township

1. A plan to send officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation to Cocokyun Township to reclaim farmlands and highland farmlands.
2. As residents have to operate the production of goods made of coconuts in Cocokyun, they have to grow quality strains of coconuts in the region.
3. Officials and residents were urged to engage in raising chickens, pigs and goats on a manageable scale in addition to agricultural tasks.
4. A plan to develop the tourism industry in the Cocokyun region, so officials need to make preparations for the tourism services.

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Also, present at the meeting were Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Union ministers, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the Yangon Region chief minister and the commander of the Yangon Command.

The township administrator reported to the Senior General on preparations to hold the elections, demonstration on use of Myanmar Electronic Voting Machine-MEVM, progress of agriculture and livestock activities, supply of water from the Coco Dam, distribution of water from the water purifiers, supply of electricity from the solar power, enhancement of sports, health and education sectors, cultivation of cocoa plants, requirements of health, cottage industries and others.

In his response, the Senior General urged all to grow cocoa plants for the sake of the region and residents to strive for

increasing the income of the region.

Union ministers submitted reports on plans to conduct tailoring courses and assist in cottage industries, assistance for the agriculture sector, fulfilment for the health sector, installation of communication networks and arrangements for the education sector.

In his speech, the Senior General praised that there is clearly visible development and progress in Cocokyun Township that is entirely different from before. Regardless of what support is provided, the local people of Cocokyun Township must work together and make collective efforts for the development of their region.

He underlined that it is necessary to consider the plans to expand the urban areas without harming the cultivable lands. Officials have to manage the food security for residents.

He revealed a plan to send officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock

and Irrigation to Cocokyun Township to reclaim farmlands and highland farmlands.

He noted that regarding food security, it is necessary to gradually improve the situation in Cocokyun town step by step, depending on the township population: first, ensuring 25 per cent sufficiency, then 40 per cent sufficiency, and eventually achieving 100 per cent sufficiency, progressing steadily from one stage to the next.

He instructed officials and residents to engage in raising chicken, pigs and goats on a manageable scale in addition to agricultural tasks, adding that the livestock activities must be suitable for the region.

He highlighted that, as residents have to operate production of goods made of coconuts in Cocokyun, they have to grow quality strains of coconuts in the region.

The Senior General explained that the region requires skilled human resources

to operate the production of value-added products. If the people who have learned school education are trained to have knowledge and techniques of cottage industries, Cocokyun Township will see improvement in the production activities.

Moreover, he expressed a plan to develop the tourism industry in the Cocokyun region, so officials need to make preparations for the tourism services, he added.

He spotted that the student-to-teacher ratio is favourable in Cocokyun Township, allowing for more effective teaching and enabling students to achieve greater educational progress.

The Senior General presented food-stuffs for residents and departmental personnel and stationery for the Basic Education High School of Cocokyun to officials.

After the meeting, the Senior General cordially greeted the attendees. — MNA/TTA

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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)



UEC Chairman meets political parties

THE Union Election Commission (UEC) held a meeting yesterday at the UEC office’s conference hall with the political parties.

Speaking at the meeting, UEC Chairman U Than Soe said the election will be held in phases. The date and the townships for Phase I have already been announced, and the dates for the following phases will also be announced later. Although all political parties are allowed to participate in the election, they can do so only in accordance with the law. Although the required number of party members and offices to be opened within the designated period was relaxed, four political parties that failed to submit the required information were dissolved.

Regarding the submission of candidate lists for parliamentary representatives, some political parties requested an extension of the submission deadline. The final date for candidate submission and the number of candi-



Union Election Commission Chairman U Than Soe meets officials from political parties at the UEC office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

dates to be submitted have also been revised and set. The political parties have been informed to send the prioritized candidate lists for the PR constituencies to the commission no later than 30 November and this notice is being reminded once again.

He also added that the announcements and notices regarding the voter lists are also released promptly, and two methods of casting a vote are also being arranged for the displaced people to be able to cast a vote in their residing places or

return to their places for early votes. The voters in 56 townships where elections will not be held can cast their vote during the interim election period, and will be invited to the political parties to analyze before releasing the second voting lists.

He then highlighted the need to follow the Election Law and educate the party members and their supporters to have knowledge regarding the stipulated law.

He continued that the expenditure for one candidate who will compete in three Hluttaws will be K15 million, whereas K30 million for one ethnic candidate. The expenditure must be submitted to the relevant election sub-commission within the fixed period, and if they fail to do so, they will be regarded as dishonest. Therefore, the expenditure must be submitted on time.

The relevant officials of the political parties coordinated the discussion, and the UEC chairman concluded the meeting. Also present at the meeting were UEC members, officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs, General Administration Department, Ministry of Immigration and Population, UEC office, chairpersons, leaders and officials of 57 political parties. — MNA/KTZH

Dy Ministers inspect flood prevention measures in Tachilek



Deputy Ministers U Aung Kyaw Tun and U Myo Myint inspect the construction site of concrete retaining walls in Tachilek on 17 October 2025.

A coordination meeting on the dredging and construction of retaining walls along the Mae Sai Creek to prevent flooding along the Myanmar-Thailand border was held at the Yeiktha meeting hall in Wamkaung Ward, Tachilek, eastern Shan State, on the morning of 17 October. The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Aung Kyaw Tun, Deputy Minister for Construction U Myo Myint, and depart-

mental officials.

Officials from the Tachilek District Administration Body first explained the current flooding situation in Tachilek, ongoing flood prevention works, maintenance of dams and sluice gates, and the progress of sand and gravel extraction along the Mae Sai Creek. Deputy Minister U Aung Kyaw Tun then gave instructions related to the implementation of the projects.

After the meeting, the

Deputy Ministers inspected the 1,420-foot-long concrete retaining wall project in Ponhton Ward, the concrete retaining wall near Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge I, the sluice gate construction being carried out by the Department of Urban and Housing Development, and the sluice gate project near Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge II being implemented by the Department of Water Resources and River Development. — MNA/KZL

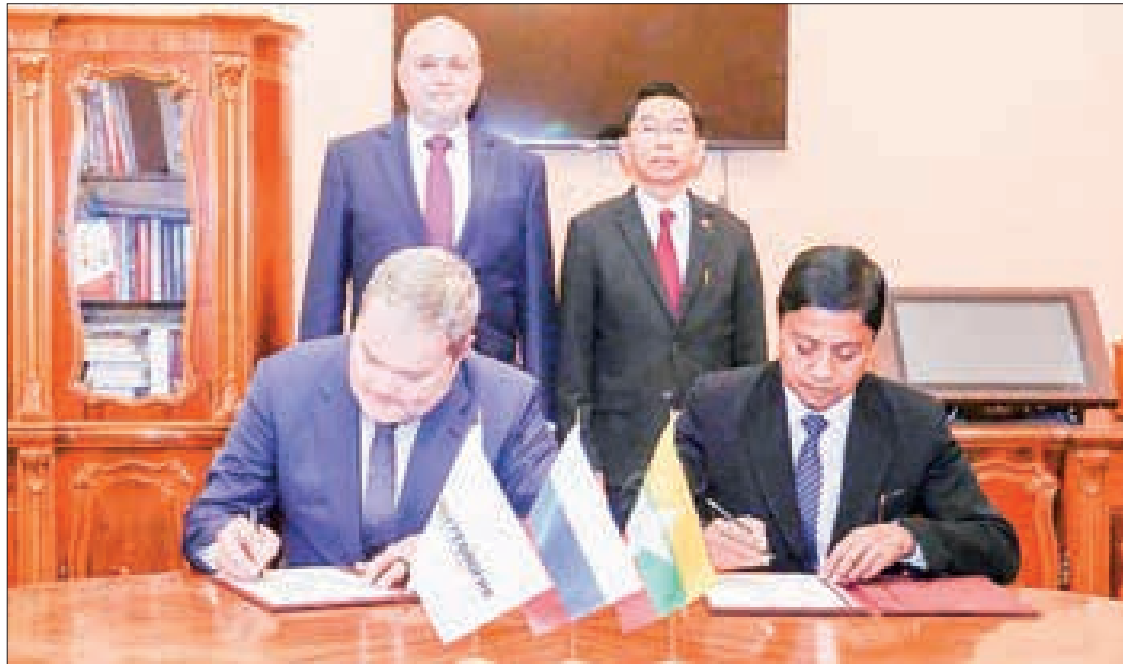
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MoE Union Minister leads delegation in talks with Russian Energy Minister

A delegation led by Union Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin, attending the eighth Russian Energy Week International Forum (REW) in Moscow, the Russian Federation, met on 17 October with the Minister of Energy of the Russian Federation, Mr Sergey Tsivilyov. The meeting was also attended by the heads of the Russian state-owned energy companies INTER RAO Export and JSC RosGeo.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on various issues, including energy sector cooperation between Myanmar and Russia, collaboration in oil and gas technologies, conducting practical training courses to develop human resources in geophysics and petroleum engineering, electricity generation from coal, cooperation to increase oil and gas production, and enhancing the capacity of natural gas-fired turbines.

The Myanmar delegation then signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Energy of Myanmar and JSC RosGeo, a state-owned company of the Russian Federation, to implement a pilot project using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to extract natural gas from thin sands at five wells in the Aphyauk Natural Gas Field, in the presence of the



The Memorandum of Understanding signing event between the Ministry of Energy of Myanmar and JSC RosGeo, a state-owned company of the Russian Federation in progress in the presence of Union Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin and Minister Mr Sergey Tsivilyov.

mar and JSC RosGeo, a state-owned company of the Russian Federation, to implement a pilot project using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to extract natural gas from thin sands at five wells in the Aphyauk Natural Gas Field, in the presence of the

energy ministers of both countries. This is the first oil and gas production enhancement project in Myanmar to utilize AI technology, and it will be launched in the Aphyauk field, which has strong potential for natural gas extraction.

Afterwards, the Myanmar delegation met a team led by Mr Sergey Ratkov, CEO of JSC RosGeo, a state-owned company of the Russian Federation, to discuss the use of AI and GeoAudit technologies for the systematic management of underground re-

sources, including oil and gas, and for identifying potential areas. They also exchanged views on technical matters, such as creating geological maps using modern technology, conducting oil exploration activities, and providing practical training programmes to develop human resources in geology and geophysics. The delegation also toured the Russian State Geological Museum, operated by JSC RosGeo.

The Myanmar delegation then met a team led by the General Director of Gazprom International Limited, a state-owned company of the Russian Federation, to discuss engineering matters related to the construction of an oil refinery at the Dawei Deep-Sea Port, securing the necessary crude oil, and the potential for distributing and selling the produced oil products both domestically and to regional countries. They also discussed upgrading oil and natural gas pipelines and sending relevant experts to conduct feasibility studies. — MNA/TH

Top matric students, Tatmadaw members return from China study tour



Myanmar outstanding students pose for the documentary photo in front of the library of Ji Nan University in Guangzhou, China, on 17 October 2025.

UNDER the guidance of the Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union Myanmar and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, a study tour to the People's Republic of China, which has been underway since 13 October and includes outstanding young students who excelled in the 2024–2025 matriculation examination, children of current and former Tatmadaw members, and Tatmadaw members who passed with honours,

returned to Yangon International Airport yesterday morning, where they were welcomed by Brig-Gen Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Commander of the Yangon Command, senior military officers, U Aung Ye Win, Head of Department of the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Public Co Ltd, officials, and the students' parents and relatives.

During their visit to the People's Republic of China, the study group, which included outstanding young students and Tatmadaw

members, toured Tian Tan Park and Tiananmen Square in Beijing on 14 October and paid homage to the Buddha's Tooth Relic at Lingguang Temple. On 15 October, they explored the Great Wall of Beijing, the Summer Palace, and the Olympic venues, toured the city, and enjoyed the evening scenery. Similarly, on 16 October, the group travelled from Beijing to Tianjin by bullet train and then flew from Tianjin Airport to Guangzhou on Southern China Airlines. Upon arrival in Guangzhou, they studied the operations of Good Chain subsidiaries. On the morning of 17 October, they visited Ji Nan University in Guangzhou, touring its history, library, and academic departments, while university officials answered students' questions and provided explanations. In the afternoon, the study group toured the city of Guangzhou, and in the evening, they visited and explored the Guangzhou Tower. — MNA/TH

Hsipaw residents welcome government staff warmly

TATMADAW, in its efforts to ensure the peaceful livelihood of the people, has been conducting counter-terrorism operations in various military command areas. On 17 October, Tatmadaw members successfully regained full control over Hsipaw, which terrorists had temporarily held. In response, ethnic people in Hsipaw have welcomed and supported Tatmadaw's efforts with appreciation, and some residents who had temporarily fled their homes have begun returning to their original villages.

Tatmadaw military columns are continuing operations to support the safe return of displaced local ethnic residents in and around Hsipaw Township to their homes in towns and villages. Efforts are underway to help them resume peaceful and productive livelihoods and to restore the functioning of government administration.

Yesterday, the departmental officials arrived in Hsipaw to provide necessary assistance and support to the local people. Their mission includes reopening government offices to restore administrative operations, reopening schools to ensure children can resume their learning, and reopening hospitals to provide healthcare services to the public. The local ethnic people warmly welcomed them.

Tatmadaw continues to strengthen and implement necessary security measures to ensure that the public can live in peace and stability. — MNA/KTZH

NATIONAL

Myanmar pursues independent, active, non-aligned foreign policy

- ❖ Myanmar is located between two powerful, diverse countries.
- ❖ So, Myanmar is exercising an independent and active non-aligned foreign policy.

(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)

Russia, Myanmar to boost cooperation in Tourism Development

MYANMAR-SAINT Petersburg Friendship and Tourism Development Meeting was held on 17 October at the Mingala Hall of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) to boost tourism between the two countries.

The Yangon Region Government’s Minister for Economic Affairs received a delegation led by Mr Vyacheslav Kalganov of the Russian Federation’s Saint Petersburg City Government and the economic attache of the Embassy of the Russian Federation.

The meeting highlighted encouraging Myanmar travellers to visit Saint Petersburg, attracting Russian tourists to visit Myanmar and promoting tourism exchange. Saint Petersburg is a



Myanmar-Saint Petersburg Friendship and Tourism Development Meeting between Myanmar and Russia in progress on 17 October at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

destination with rich history and vibrant colour, ancient historical buildings and tourism spots with natural scenic views. Media outlets, tourism companies and government officials are invited to attend tourism expos and travel the city. Additionally, the Union of

Myanmar Travel Association, Myanmar Airways International and the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism are invited to attend Russia’s Travel Mart annual event that is scheduled to take place on 11 and 15 December.

UMTA’s chairman discussed tourism cooperation matters and invited Russian tourists to visit pagodas, cultural heritage buildings, coastal regions, and destinations for nature lovers.

Furthermore, the Central Bank of Myanmar’s officials raised matters related to currency swap to facilitate operations, while Myanmar Airways International also discussed flight deals. The UMTA’s chairman and the Russian Federation’s delegation exchanged commemorative gifts. — NN/KK

CBM pumps over \$587K to edible oil importing companies



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

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$587,750 to edible oil importing companies, in addition to injection of over 259,190 yuan into the market.

CBM sold US\$893,300 to fuel oil importing companies and over \$396,500 to fuel oil importing companies on 16 October; in addition to injection of 300,000 yuan.

CBM sold over US\$1.19 million purchased from the companies working on a Cutting, Making and

Packaging basis, to edible oil importing companies on 15 October.

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

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

CBM sold over US\$1.8 million to edible oil importing companies on

13 October; in addition to injection of \$594,800 into the financial market.

CBM pumped over US\$39 million purchased from companies working on a Cutting-Making and Packaging 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 FX 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

MMFA to hold 24th Risk Management Training in Nov

MYANMAR Microfinance Association (MMFA) will conduct Risk Management Training Online (Batch 24) from 1 to 4 pm on 15-16 and 22-23 November.

This training is tailored to senior loan officers, supervisors, branch managers and those interested in the microfinance sector.

Risk Management Training will cover Introduction to Risk Management, Approach to Risk Management, Credit Risk, Fraud, Internal Audit, Human Resource Risk, Liquidity Risk, Institutional & Social Performance Risk, and Reputation Risk, by Certified Trainer U Naw Sai of the Microfinance Professional Myanmar, Certified Trainer-Frankfurt School of Finance & Management and MMFA.

The fee is K80,000 for non-members. Members can enjoy a K20,000 discount. Trainees will receive a completion certificate. Those enthusiastic can enrol in the course by 9 November through <https://shorturl.at/ReM7B>. For further details, individuals can contact 09 965209010 during office hours. – NN/KK

Operate agricultural activities successfully to boost the State economy

IN MYANMAR, some 70 per cent of the population lives in rural areas, while around 30 per cent reside in urban areas. Of this population, approximately 50 per cent earn their livelihoods in agriculture, forestry, livestock and fisheries sectors. Therefore, promoting agricultural and livestock production is crucial for boosting the national economy. By developing the rural economy, the overall national economy can grow, while simultaneously reducing poverty.

By developing Myanmar’s core agricultural and livestock sectors, the industrial and service sectors will also advance. In the agricultural sector; expanding the cultivation of not only traditional

Myanmar is a country that relies on agriculture, and therefore, farmers should not only cultivate industrial crops but also focus on marketable crops. Relevant departmental officials must be able to provide necessary support to successfully develop agricultural activities. The success of agriculture contributes not only to the socioeconomic development of farmers but also to the growth of the national economy, and everyone should recognize this.

in this way, farmers themselves will directly benefit, and only by actively participating in these efforts can they fully experience the rewards of their own work. It is necessary to cultivate industrial crops such as cotton, cocoa, coffee, rubber, and cashew successfully for the long-term benefits. By increasing the production of industrial products this will bring significant benefits to the country.

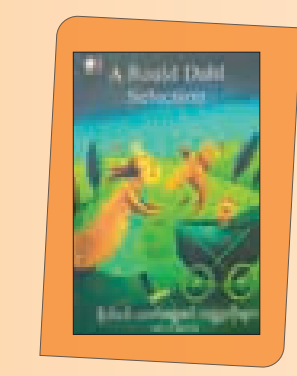
If beekeeping activities are carried out alongside agricultural operations, they will generate additional benefits. It is also possible to cultivate mushrooms suited to the local climate and soil conditions. Furthermore, efforts should be made to expand the production of kitchen crops such as potatoes, onions, and chilli peppers.

Myanmar is a country that relies on agriculture, and therefore, farmers should not only cultivate industrial crops but also focus on marketable crops. Relevant departmental officials must be able to provide necessary support to successfully develop agricultural activities. The success of agriculture contributes not only to the socioeconomic development of farmers but also to the growth of the national economy, and everyone should recognize this.

crops but also industrial crops will promote the growth of industrial enterprises, as well as increase the manufacturing sector and the development of service industries.

At a meeting with region and state chief ministers, the Head of State has guided that, rather than expanding cultivated land, efforts should focus on increasing crop yields per acre on existing farmland. Although work is ongoing to achieve target yields, various factors have prevented full attainment of these goals so far. To improve per-acre yields, it is necessary to plant high-quality seeds of crops, apply the required fertilizers and carry out land improvement activities, use irrigation water efficiently, and cultivate systematically using proper techniques.

To achieve the target crop yields, the State is providing all possible assistance for the farmers, while also encouraging them to make their own efforts. By improving yields



Book Title	-	A Roald Dahl Selection
Translator	-	Phoe Naing Lin
Publishing House	-	Gangaw Wutyee Sarpay
Publication Date	-	August 2025 (1 st Edition)
Price	-	K8,500

A Roald Dahl Selection

THE original author; the world-famous British writer Roald Dahl, was recognized by The Times newspaper as one of the 50 most famous British writers from 1945 to the present. Roald Dahl was internationally recognized as one of the greatest storytellers of the 20th century and was also one of the world’s best-selling authors. Some of his famous works have been translated and published in the Myanmar language, making him well-known among Myanmar readers.

Roald Dahl wrote many kinds of literature, such as novels, short stories, poems, scripts, and children’s literature. Some of his popular short and medium-length stories were translated into Myanmar and published by Saya Phoe Naing Lin.

Although Roald Dahl is better known as an author of children’s literature, he was also a talented author who could write amazing short stories for adults. Particularly, he was able to write about

human nature uniquely, using “twist endings” (unexpected endings) instead of ordinary storylines. Most of his stories end with surprising and unpredictable twists.

Moreover, although he wrote humorous and mystery stories with surprising events for children, his works also carry deep meaning for adult readers. Therefore, his books have been translated and published in many languages around the world, selling more than 250 million copies worldwide, and many of them have been adapted into TV series and movies.

In this book, the readers will have to read Lamb to the Slaughter, The Landlady, The Sound Machine, Man for the South, The Umbrella Man, The Great Automatic Grammatizator, The Way Up To Heaven and Esio Trot.

The short story The Landlady was first published in The New Yorker magazine on 28 November 1959. In 1960, it won the Edgar Award for Best Short Story

Mystery 1960. Later, in 1979, it was also broadcast by the British TV series, Tales of the Unexpected.

The short story The Umbrella Man is one of Roald Dahl’s works included in his short story collection More Tales of the Unexpected. It has also been adapted into television and puppet show versions.

The short story The Way Up to Heaven was first published in The New Yorker magazine in 1954. It was later included in the short story collection of Roald Dahl in 1960 and reprinted several times in his later collections.

The short story Esio Trot was published in 1990 and is a charming love story between an old man and an old woman. Esio Trot is Tortoise spelt backwards. This was the last story Roald Dahl published while he was alive. He passed away two months after that release.



Book Title	-	Maung Pyo Lite Tae Ywat Hla Ta Pin (A croton plant that I nurture)
Author	-	Maung Yint Mar (Kyaunggon)
Publishing House	-	Wuncha Taung
Publication Date	-	September 2025 (1 st Edition)
Price	-	K7,500

Maung Pyo Lite Tae Ywat Hla Ta Pin (A croton plant that I nurture)

THIS book is a rare book written by Sayar Maung Yint Mar (Kyaunggon), published by Won Cha Taung Sar Pay publishing house. It involves a narrative approach to his critique.

Sayar Maung Yint Mar rebuilt the narrative with storytelling techniques. He analyzed and rewrote the piece of writing that touched his heart and soul by weaving personal anecdotes and thoughts to enhance the story.

He claimed that he is not a professional reciter like Ion. Nonetheless, he re-evaluated the novels, articles, essays and other pieces of writing that he read, with a view to bringing the readers into the story, making the review a compelling narrative.

He wrote the book reviews of the authors: Win Pe, Myat Thin, Thawta Swe, Khasha Din Aung, Kyi Zaw Aye, Khin Hlaing Kyu, Moe Moe (Inya), Saw Myint Than (Pauktaw), Min Ni, Ashin Neminda Bhivamsa, Dr Khin San Maw, Ma Moe Myay, Lae Win, Ba Than (Dhammika), Mya Than Tint, Jo Zaw, Nay Win Myint, Moe Way, Bhamo Thein Pe, and Marn Myint.

This book will give a helping hand to those readers who are finding which book to read to quench their thirst and satisfy their souls. This book review is presented through a personal

story-driven lens, like a recommendation from a reader to a reader, as the author quoted.

“A croton plant that I nurture” quote is stating that I wrote a novel with no intention, said a friend of mine called Khin Maung Yin. There is nothing but a series of consequences to make the story compelling and meaningful, as quoted by the novelist Saya Win Pe.

A panel discussion “Creator and Editor perspectives on short stories” was held on 18 March at Myay Hmone Lwin Book Plaza to mark the centenary of Myanmar’s short stories. Saya Myo Myint Nyein moderated the discussions, and Saya Win Pe, Saya Chit Oo Nyo, Sayama Ma Sanda and Sayama Ma Thida (Sanchaung) discussed the short stories.

I have not written novels for a long time. Nonetheless, your piece of writing, Mid May short story, is thought-provoking. The last sentence of that short story sparked my curiosity.

In the “How fragile we are!” piece of writing, this is an era of conflict and violence where hatred, hostility, resentment, and arrogance are visibly rampant. It is also an age where dissatisfaction, deceit, and oppression stay undefeated. Amidst the sound of peaceful triangular brass gong, the battle cries and

the weeping relatives still resonate across the places. It is a time when hopes and aspirations seem dim and lost.

Consequently, contemporary artworks are still stained with heartbreak, tears, wounds, and anger. They are filled with disturbing and pessimistic imagery. Is it enough if an artist expresses opinions and thoughts of bitterness and influential events? Have they fulfilled their duty and responsibility? It is necessary to reveal both the dark side and the good side of the human, isn’t it? The author questioned.

In the piece titled “Read Kyi Zaw Aye”, it is noted that “not every piece of prose written by a poet is pleasing to read. Some of them shift from poetry to prose. If they strive to be excessively delicate, tender, and highly decorated, or if they try too hard to be poetic without necessity, it can be quite irritating. It is like an older woman wearing thick makeup. This can damage the dignity of prose, which is clarity, directness and versatility. One of the reasons that I am very fond of Kyi Zaw Aye’s essays is that he strives to convey effectiveness with key components that can summarize the main point instead of adornments.

The lion (sculpture) in front of the pagoda

By Maung Swan Yi (Translated by Myint Zan)



In front of the pagoda
its head held high
its chest protruding
its mane being seen in profusion
its tails upright
as though it would roar
about to jump
displaying its pride fulsomely
the lion made of bricks
is splendid

One day
on its back
there are banyan seeds aplenty
which the birds had expunged
the seeds have penetrated the surface of the brick
and became saplings
roaring and prideful
still showing its aggressive stance
the lion continues
to display its mood, verily

Composed on 11 November 1961
Translated on 18 October 2025

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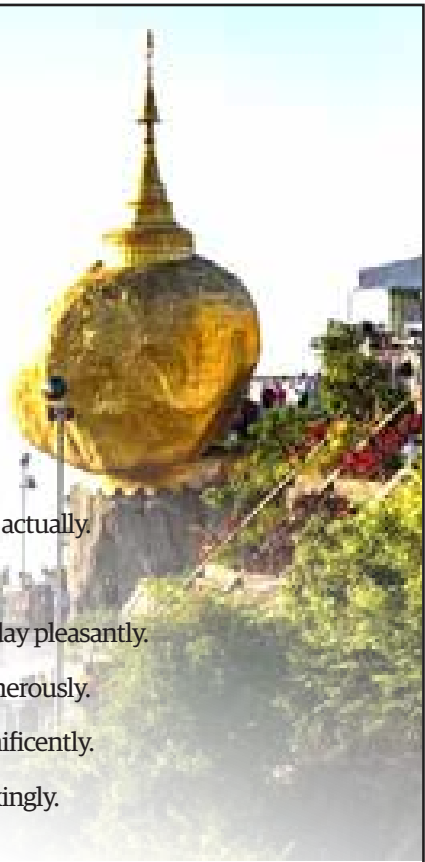
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Welcome to Maw Shwe Myaing

By Mya Thae (Research)

Maw Shwe Myaing has glorious pagodas naturally.
Buddhists donate enormous golden sheets and jewellery.
Damsels from Maw Shwe Myaing are winning like Nandar Hlaing, actually.
They ride in Bone Byat (horse carts) fashionably.
It has a grand strand road and many singers entertain every Saturday pleasantly.
People from Mawlamyine have many friends and serve others generously.
Kyaikkami and Kyaiktiyo pagodas are well-known and glow magnificently.
Kyaikkami and Setsei beaches are famous, and visitors arrive relaxingly.



NATIONAL

Entertainment



Return To Your Heart

live show set on 25 Oct

SINGER Sung Tin Par will hold her Return To Your Heart live show at the Judson Entertainment Bar in Yangon. The Mercury IX Band will also accompany her entertainment.

"I want to take all the song lovers to the hill regions where we have plenty of Cherry and Rhododendron. So, don't forget to come and join us," she stated.

The live show will be at 6 pm on 25 October.

— ASH/KTZH



May Sweet

RENOWNED veteran vocalist May Sweet will host her singing concert at THOR in Yangon on the evening of 6 November. She will perform with two other veteran vocalists, Bo Bo Han and Khin Maung Htoo. The FRIENDS Band will support their performance.



Nay Min Eain

VOCALIST Nay Min Eain will organize his one-person show at the Yangon Social of the Inya Lake Garden Compound in Yangon at 4 pm on 19 October. Alongside his fans, he also entertained at the opening ceremony of the PRO 1 Global Mingaladon Shopping Centre on 11 October.

Alinn Yaung

THE movie 'Yaukkya Eikan', in which actor Alinn Yaung starred, will be screened soon. The script is written by Aung Gyi, the story and director is director Maung Myo Min (Yindwin Phyt) and Thant Zin as co-director. 3H Film Art Production produces the movie, and the cast consists of Alinn Yaung, Htet Aung Shine, Nyi Nanda, Pan Yaung Chel, Wai Lar Yi, other artists and trainees of 3H Art Academy.

C E L E B R I T Y

BRIEF

Wutt Hmone Shwe Yi

ACTRESS Wutt Hmone Shwe Yi is popular among others for winning the Academy Award this year. If her new movie Soul Talker is screened, it will be her second movie for the Academy Award, as expected by her fans.

It is directed by director Win Lwin Htet, and Alinn Yaung, Nay Htet Lin, Charlie, Nyi Nanda, Wutt Home Shwe Yi, Myo Thandar Tun, and other artistes starred in the film. It is a horror movie, and the audience will see Wutt Hmone Shwe Yi portraying a character unlike any they have seen her before.

May Mee Ko Ko

A ceremony to mark the start of filming for the TV series 'Chan Myae Pasay Kyaung' was held at the Eaindawya Pagoda on Myoma Kyaung Road in Dagon Township on 17 October. It is the novel of Shin Ma, the script by Ka Kyo Shin, directed by Kyi Phyu Shin. The cast includes May Mee Ko Ko, Min Bhone Myat, Min Oo, Aung Lay, Banyar Bhone Pyae, Su Pan Htwar and other famous artistes.

Yoon Myat Thu

VOCALIST Yoon Myat Thu, a viral figure online, donated food for 500 people at two different places in Yangon, marking her 27th birthday on 15 October. On 18 October, she organized her Yoon Myat Thu Birthday Show, as the second event of The Double City Edition, at the Modern Radio Star Lounge, together with Lucky Hand Band. — Htun Htun/KTZH

NATIONAL

Weekly Roundup

12 October

Head of State and wife enjoy Performing Arts Competitions

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, watched the participation of contestants in the 26th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (Central Level) at the Hsinbyushin Hall and the National Museum in Nay Pyi Taw.

14 October

Winners awarded in Performing Arts Competitions

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, attended the awarding ceremony of the 26th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at the Thabin Hall of Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw and awarded the winners.

Dinner hosted marking 26th Performing Arts Competitions

A ceremony to present certificates of honour in conjunction with the dinner to mark the 26th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competitions took place at the Icy Mount Hall of the Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw, attended by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission.

15 October

China supports Myanmar's election

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, received a delegation led by Mr Deng Xijun, the Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, at the Tatmadaw Guest House in Nay Pyi Taw.

Head of State enjoys Myanmar-Russia-Belarus Concert

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, attended the Myanmar-Russia-Belarus Trilateral Entertainment at the Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University in Nay Pyi Taw.

Myanmar, Russia improve friendly relations and cooperation

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received a delegation led by Mr Evgeny Grigoryev, Member of the Government of Saint Petersburg and Chairman of the Committee for External Relations of the Government of Saint Petersburg of the Russian Federation, at the Tatmadaw Guest House in Nay Pyi Taw.

16 October

Tatmadaw ever ready to serve the nation

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Chairman of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Central Committee Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered an address at the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) at the Myanmar International Convention Centre I (MICC I) in Nay Pyi Taw.

UEC announces election campaigns

The Union Election Commission hereby announces that the permitted campaign period for the general election commencing on 28 December 2025 shall be 60 days, from 06:00 hours on the 28th of October 2025 until 24:00 hours on the 26th of December 2025.

17 October

Myanmar, Vietnam vow to further strengthen friendship and cooperation

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received a delegation led by Mr Chu Cong Phung, Chairman of the Vietnam-Myanmar Friendship Association.

Strong governance earns people's trust

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech at the meeting with Union ministers and chief ministers of regions and states.

NDSC appoints Region High Court judges

The National Defence and Security Council has appointed and assigned U Tun Tun Aung to the duties of Judges of Magway Region High Courts and Daw Marlar Htut and U Thaung Htwe to the duties of Judges of Yangon Region High Court under Subsection (b) of Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

18 October

Deepavali Festival launched

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, 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.

Head of State meets EAOs

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. — GNLM/TTA

Discussion held for restoration & cooperation in quake-hit areas

THE Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS), together with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), held the fourth Myanmar Earthquake — Movement Partner Call on 17 October in a hybrid format as part of ongoing earthquake response efforts.

During the meeting, President Dr Myo Nyunt of the Myanmar Red Cross Society, joined from the Yangon branch office, while Mr Pascal Hundt, Deputy Director for Operations of the ICRC, and Mr

Xavier Castellanos Mosquera, Under Secretary-General for National Society Development and Operations Coordination of the IFRC, participated virtually from Geneva.

MRCS Executive Dr Tin Maung Hlaing, Mr Arnaud de Baecque, Resident Representative of the Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Myanmar, and Ms Nadia Khoury, Head of Delegation, IFRC Myanmar, discussed the current cooperation for rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in earthquake-affected areas. — MNA/KTZH



The fourth Myanmar Earthquake - Movement Partner Call between The Myanmar Red Cross Society and ICRC and IFRC in progress in a hybrid format on 17 October.

ECONOMY

WORLD

US port association voices strong opposition to Washington’s tariff policies

Costs for some port equipment have risen significantly due to new trade policies.



Port Of Oakland, California with Oakland Bay Bridge and San Francisco in background. **PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

THE American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) has voiced strong opposition to new US tariffs on port equipment and shipping, warning that such measures would “cause America’s ports to slow modernization and fall further behind competitors.”

The Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) on 10 October announced modifications to a series of tariff actions

proposed earlier this year, including “tariffs of 100 per cent on certain ship-to-shore (STS) cranes and cargo handling equipment.”

In response, AAPA President and CEO Cary Davis told business magazine Recycling Today that “tariffs on key equipment will not lead to a manufacturing boom; they will only make shipping goods through US ports more costly.”

“The seaport industry is challenged by yet more taxes on the equipment necessary for supply chain expansion and resilience,” Davis said. “Ports large and small struggle to finance large, modern, world-class equipment like cranes when government policies double the price overnight. The choice is between affordable equipment or lagging behind.” — Xinhua

Korean steel industry hit by carbon permit costs, high tariffs

SOUTH Korea’s steel industry, already under pressure from the United States’ and European Union’s steep import tariffs and influx of cheap Chinese imports, is now facing another major blow, the soaring cost of carbon emission permit costs says a report by Pulse, the English service of Maeil Business Newspaper

Korea.

The two largest steelmakers alone are expected to incur about three trillion won (US\$2.1 billion) in additional costs over the next five years.

According to multiple sources from the steel industry in Korea on Thursday, under the Korean government’s allocation

plan for the fourth phase of the Korean Emission Trading Scheme (K-ETS), which will be implemented from 2026 to 2030, major steelmakers POSCO and Hyundai Steel Co are expected to pay around 600 billion won annually, or three trillion won in total over five years, for emission credits. — ANI

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pakistan estimates US\$ 2.9 bln in flood damages: minister

PAKISTAN has suffered estimated damages of about US\$2.9 billion from recent floods that caused large-scale destruction across the country, Pakistani Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal has said.

Speaking at an event to launch the ministry’s monthly development update and the preliminary flood damage assessment report on Friday, Iqbal said a detailed post-disaster needs assessment exercise is underway to determine the exact economic losses resulting from the calamity. — Xinhua

Singapore’s non-oil exports up 6.9% year-on-year in Sep

SINGAPORE’S non-oil domestic exports (NODX) grew 6.9 per cent year-on-year in September, reversing an 11.5 per cent contraction in August, according to data released Friday by Enterprise Singapore.

Both electronic and non-electronic exports posted gains, rising 30.4 per cent and 0.4 per cent, respectively.

Non-oil re-exports also surged 21.2 per cent year-on-year in September, extending the 12.0 per cent increase recorded in August. The growth was supported by stronger shipments of both electronic and non-electronic products.

Total trade expanded 14.9 per cent year-on-year in September, following a 2.9 per cent increase in the previous month. — Xinhua

Italian govt approves 2026 budget bill

THE Italian cabinet on Friday passed the new budget bill for 2026, including tax cuts and other measures worth 18.7 billion euros (US\$21.8 billion) in total. The package would allocate eight billion euros for businesses, and 1.6 billion euros to support families and boost the national birth rate, according to Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni.

It also includes a tax cut for middle-income households worth around nine billion euros over the next three years, as well as a modest increase in benefits for working mothers, from 40 to 60 euros per month. An additional 2.4 billion euros will be allocated to the public health system, adding to a five-billion-euro fund already set aside for health investments. The new funding will be used to provide a pay rise to nurses in 2026, hire 6,300 new medical staff and 1,000 doctors, and boost cancer screening programmes. — Xinhua



Steelworks of South Korea’s largest steelmaker POSCO in Pohang. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

International ceramics expo opens in China’s historic porcelain hub

THE 2025 China Jingdezhen International Ceramic Expo opened on Saturday in Jingdezhen, an eastern Chinese city famed as the “porcelain capital”, attracting more than 1,000 buyers from home and abroad.

The five-day event spans 140,000 square metres and has brought together exhibitors from over 30 countries, including Italy,

Germany and Russia. The expo features eight themed exhibition zones showcasing the full spectrum of the ceramics industry, ranging from traditional masterpieces to contemporary designs. Organizers said the expo will also host a series of activities, such as forums, investment promotion conferences and procurement matchmaking events. A highlight of this

year’s edition is the debut of a global ceramics carnival that blends ceramic culture with urban life.

Jingdezhen, notably, has established partnership ties with over 180 cities in 72 countries. First launched in 2004, the expo has grown into a key platform for international cultural exchange, ceramics trade and global industry investment. — Xinhua



This photo taken on 18 October 2025 shows the ceramic dinnerwares exhibited during the 2025 China Jingdezhen International Ceramic Expo in Jingdezhen, east China’s Jiangxi Province. **PHOTO: ZHOU MI/XINHUA**

Hyundai Motor opens plastic resource recycling facility in Indonesia



Hyundai i30 N models at an auto show. **PHOTO: ANI**

SOUTH Korea’s Hyundai Motor has opened a community-led plastic resource recycling facility in

Bekasi, Indonesia, where its manufacturing plant is located, as reported by the Pulse, the English service

of Maeil Business Newspaper Korea. The company established a recycling centre in Bekasi in 2022 and has now expanded its efforts with the new facility, reinforcing its commitment to addressing local environmental challenges.

The facility will provide environmental education programmes for residents, produce upcycled goods, and handle waste plastic collection, washing, shredding, and reproduction into recyclable raw materials. — ANI

Public Announcement

This is to notify the public that Mr. Htoo Kyaw, National Scrutiny Card Number 12/ OUKATA (N) 047907, formerly holding the position of Indirect Sales Manager, is no longer employed by FUJIFILM Business Innovation Asia Pacific Pte Ltd (Myanmar Branch) and FUJIFILM Myanmar Limited as of September 3, 2025.

Mr. U Htoo Kyaw has no further connection, authority, or affiliation with either of the above-mentioned companies. It is hereby announced that the companies shall not be responsible or liable for any business activities, financial transactions, representations, or disputes conducted under his name or designation after the said date. This announcement is made for public information and necessary notice.

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A third of Japan rice farms to raise crop acreage amid price surge: survey

SOME 29 per cent of Japanese rice farmers said they are willing to increase their acreage for next year’s harvest, a farm ministry survey showed Friday, as rice prices remain near record highs.

The online survey of 8,095 farmers, conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries from June to August, found that 56 per cent plan to maintain their current acreage for the 2026 crop.

Japan has seen rice prices remain around record highs following a surge in 2024, despite government efforts to curb prices by releasing rice from stockpiles. Some 59 per cent said they maintained the same acreage for this year’s harvest as the previous year’s, citing labour shortages, while 34 per cent increased their crop area, according to the ministry. — Kyodo

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SITC RUIDE VOY.NO. (2534S)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SITC RUIDE VOY.NO. (2534S)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **19-10-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SITC CONTAINER LINE CO., LTD

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST

OCTOBER 18

Thousands of US nuclear arsenal workers to be furloughed next week: Energy Secretary

THOUSANDS of federal workers who are responsible for modernizing the US nuclear arsenal are going to be furloughed next week amid the ongoing shutdown, US Energy Secretary Chris Wright announced on Friday.

“Starting next week, we’re going to have to furlough and, in some cases, let go thousands of workers that are critical to modernizing our nuclear arsenal because of Schumer’s disastrous Shutdown,” Wright said in an X post.

A government shutdown in the United States involves the cessation of operations by some government agencies funded directly by Congress due to the lack of a budget for the next fiscal year, a situation that is not uncommon. — SPUTNIK



Pantex site is the primary United States nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly facility that aims to maintain the safety, security and reliability of the US nuclear weapons stockpile. **PHOTO: US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY/SPUTNIK**

OCTOBER 17

Judge orders Hannibal Kadhafi’s release on \$11 mln bail

A JUDGE on Friday ordered the release on bail of Hannibal Kadhafi, son of longtime Libyan ruler Moamer Kadhafi, after nearly a decade of pre-trial detention in Lebanon, a judicial official said.

After questioning Kadhafi, the judge ordered his release “on \$11 million bail and banned him from travel”, the official told AFP, requesting anonymity.

Lebanese authorities arrested Kadhafi in 2015 and accused him of withholding information about the disappearance of Lebanese Shiite cleric Mussa Sadr nearly four decades earlier, when Kadhafi was a child.

Lawyer Laurent Bayon told AFP that “release on bail is totally unacceptable in a case of arbitrary detention. We will challenge the bail.” — AFP

OCTOBER 16

G7 and Australia sign deal on quantum tech benchmarks

SCIENTISTS from the G7 nations and Australia signed an “unprecedented agreement” regarding quantum technology, France’s national metrology lab told AFP on Thursday.

The deal between laboratories involved in the science of measurement hopes to establish benchmarks regarding progress in areas such as quantum computers.

The field has seen leading tech giants claim breakthroughs in recent years that have later been questioned by researchers.

The goal of the new agreement “is to work together better and faster on major yet still very emerging quantum technologies,” Thomas Grenon, the director general of France’s National Metrology and Testing Laboratory (LNE), told AFP. The deal hopes to set standards for quantum technology in the same spirit. — AFP

OCTOBER 15

UAE Pavilion welcomes over five million visitors

THE UAE Pavilion has concluded its six-month participation in Expo 2025 Osaka, an event focused on innovation and cultural exchange, after attracting over five million physical and virtual visitors since its opening on 13 April 2025, making it one of the most visited international pavilions.

The pavilion welcomed 4,930,645 million in-person visitors, 113,443 online visitors, and more than 17,000 virtual attendees via the Expo platform, underscoring its strong public engagement in Japan and worldwide. The closing celebration gathered the Pavilion’s team, youth ambassadors from the UAE and Japan, and the four official partners: ADNOC, Pure Health, Space42, and the Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi. The event featured speeches by the youth ambassadors and Pavilion officials, alongside a presentation reflecting on the Pavilion’s journey, values, and message. Throughout Expo 2025 Osaka, the UAE Pavilion embodied the theme “Earth to Ether” with its distinctive architectural design and interactive experience inspired by the date palm. — ANI

OCTOBER 14

Major media outlets reject Pentagon reporting rules

US and international news outlets including The New York Times, AP, AFP and Fox News on Tuesday declined to sign new restrictive Pentagon media rules, meaning they will be stripped of their press access credentials.

The new rules come after the Defence Department restricted media access inside the Pentagon, forced some outlets to vacate offices in the building and drastically reduced the number of briefings for journalists.

The media policy “gags Pentagon employees” by threatening retaliation against reporters who seek out information that has not been pre-approved for release, the Pentagon Press Association (PPA) said. AFP said in a statement Tuesday that it “cannot sign up to the terms of the Pentagon document that would require media to acknowledge insufficiently clear new policies that appear to fly in the face of US constitutional principles and of the basic tenets of journalism.” “We shall continue to cover the Pentagon and the US military freely and fairly,” the agency added. — AFP

OCTOBER 13

Madagascar army installs new chief

A MADAGASCAR army unit siding with anti-government protesters installed a new military chief Sunday as President Andry Rajoelina denounced an “attempt to seize power illegally”.

The soldiers from the CAPSAT contingent joined protesters for a second day in a row, attending a rally in the capital to remember the people killed in more than two weeks of anti-government demonstrations that erupted on 25 September.

The unit, which played a major role in a 2009 coup that first brought Rajoelina to power, on Saturday declared it would “refuse orders to shoot” on demonstrators.

Soldiers then entered the city centre to meet several thousand protesters, who welcomed them with jubilation and praise. — AFP

OCTOBER 12

Automated border checks start in Europe

TRAVELLERS entering Europe’s Schengen zone will face a new reality from Sunday as the European Union begins replacing passport stamps with biometric checks, marking the start of its long-delayed automated border system.

From Sunday, non-EU travellers entering Europe’s Schengen open-borders zone will be photographed and fingerprinted at border crossings, as the European Union rolls out its much-delayed automated border checks. The aim of the new system is to eventually replace the manual stamp on passports and secure better information-sharing between the bloc’s 27 states. The border-check system will allow authorities to know when people entered and exited a country, with the goal of better detecting anyone overstaying and people refused entry. — AFP

SPORTS

Shan United dominate at home in MNL Week 6



Shan United and Dagon Star United players in action during the match. **PHOTO: SOE NYUNT THAW**

REIGNING champions Shan United secured a dominant win in their home fixture during Week 6 of the 2025-2026 Myanmar National League season held on 18 October.

Playing at Taunggyi Stadium, Shan United defeated Dagon Star United 4-0. Both teams entered the match unbeaten after five games, making it a top-of-the-table clash.

However, the hosts maintained their unbeaten record with a convincing performance.

Shan United made several changes to their starting lineup, featuring players such as Kyaw Zin Phyto (goalkeeper), Ye Yint Aung, Mark and Khun Kyaw Zin Hein, while Dagon Star United fielded Swan Lamang, Swam Htet, Zaw Ye Htun, and Sa Khant

Chaw. Shan United took the lead in the 17th minute through Ryuji. Dagon Star's captain, Swan Lamang, was sent off around the 30th minute, leaving his team a man short and struggling to keep up.

In the second half, Shan United controlled the game completely. Myat Kaung Khant doubled the lead in 64 minutes, followed by goals from Sa Aung Pyae Ko in 77 minutes and Soe Zar in 84 minutes. Shan United now have 13 points from five matches, while Dagon Star United have 11 points from six.

In another match at Thiha Dipa Stadium, the ISPE FC defeated Maha United 1-0, thanks to a fourth-minute goal by Saw Sae Ka Paw Sae. The Institute of Sports and Physical Education now have eight points from six matches, while Mahar United remain on four points from five.

The second day of Week 6 will continue on 19 October, featuring Ayeyawady United versus Hanthawady United at Thiha Dipa Stadium, and Dagon Port versus Yangon United at Thuwunna Youth Training Centre. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Alonso backs players' protest against La Liga Miami game



REAL Madrid coach Xabi Alonso on Saturday backed La Liga players protesting against the Spanish top flight's decision to take a match to Miami.

La Liga announced last week Barcelona's away game at Villarreal will take place in the United States on 20 December in the first European league fixture to be held abroad.

The Spanish Footballers' Association (AFE) said Friday there would be a "symbolic protest" at the start of every La Liga match this week.

Players from both Oviedo and Espanyol refused to move for the first 15 seconds of their

Real Madrid's Spanish coach Xabi Alonso agreed with the protests against La Liga taking a match to Miami in December. **PHOTO: AFP**

game on Friday, although broadcasts of the game did not show this.

"We are against the match, we believe it distorts the competition," Madrid coach Alonso told a news conference.

"There hasn't been unanimity or consultation for it to be played on neutral ground. The protests are positive, and that sentiment is positive. — AFP

PBM 7 kicks off under Japanese referee's supervision



One of the PBM 7 matches in action.

THE Professional Boxing Matches 7 (PBM 7), organized by the Myanmar Boxing Commission (MBC), was held at the Theinbyu Gymnasium in Yangon yesterday.

In the Super Bantamweight event, Maung Maung Oo (Thanlyin Club) faced Sai Aung Khant (NSMA Club). After a close match without a knockout, Maung Maung Oo won by judges' decision. In the next bout, Ye Moe Aung (MBC Boxing Club) competed against Nyan Lin Aung (Northern Star Club). Although both boxers exchanged solid punches, the judges awarded the victory to Ye Moe Aung.

In the Featherweight match, Htet Win Kyaw (Dawnathawe Club) and Aung Kaung Myat (Pyapon Club) ended in a draw.

In the Bantamweight division, Ye Yint (MBC Boxing Club) defeated Nyi Nyi Min Myat (Pyapon Club) by a first-round technical knockout (TKO) with fast and powerful punches. In the Super Bantamweight division, Zine Dant Aung (MBC Boxing Club) faced San Thu Aung (Smart Fight Club) in a thrilling contest that entertained the audience, with Zine Dant Aung winning via unanimous decision.

The Myanmar Boxing Commission (MBC), a member of the World Boxing Council (WBC), continues to send Myanmar boxers to compete in Japan and Thailand. The matches were supervised by Mr Tanaka, a chief referee from the Japan Boxing Commission (JBC). — Arkar Linn/KZL

Yao/Hu crowned in 10m air pistol mixed team after surpassing world record at China's National Games

TWO-TIME World Cup winning pair Yao Qianxun and Hu Kai of Anhui surpassed the world record en route to a commanding 17-9 victory over Shandong's Ma Qianke and Tian Kunzheng in the 10-metre air pistol mixed team event, as the rifle and pistol competitions of China's 15th National Games concluded here on Saturday. Scoring 298 and 294 points respectively, Yao and Hu combined for 592 in qualification, surpassing the previous world record of 587 set by India's Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary in 2021. Ma and Tian advanced to the gold medal match with 581 points. In the final, the two teams traded points early and were tied three times up to 6-6 before Anhui pulled away to



Yao Qianxun (L) and Hu Kai of Anhui in action during the 10-metre air pistol mixed team event at China's 15th National Games in Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, 18 October 2025. **PHOTO: DING LEI/XINHUA**

lead 13-7 and sealed the title 17-9.

"Overall, both of us performed quite well," said

20-year-old Yao. "While competing, I just focused on the moment and tried to enjoy the process". — Xinhua

AI proving useful in Japanese education, despite overreach concerns

The power of artificial intelligence is being put to use in Japan for diverse purposes, from helping children at risk of skipping school to teaching English conversation, and even keeping the stories of atomic bomb survivors alive.

In 2023, Toda city in Saitama Prefecture, near Tokyo, launched a pilot programme to see if AI could predict the likelihood of truancy and provide children with preemptive support. The AI was trained on data such as absences and health check records, generating numerical predictions for each student to support teachers' decisions.

Japan's Toda city uses AI to predict student truancy by analyzing attendance, health, and bullying data, flagging 1,193 at-risk students during a trial. It prioritized support for 265, helping identify overlooked cases, but experts warn against over-reliance, emphasizing privacy and human judgment to avoid discrimination.

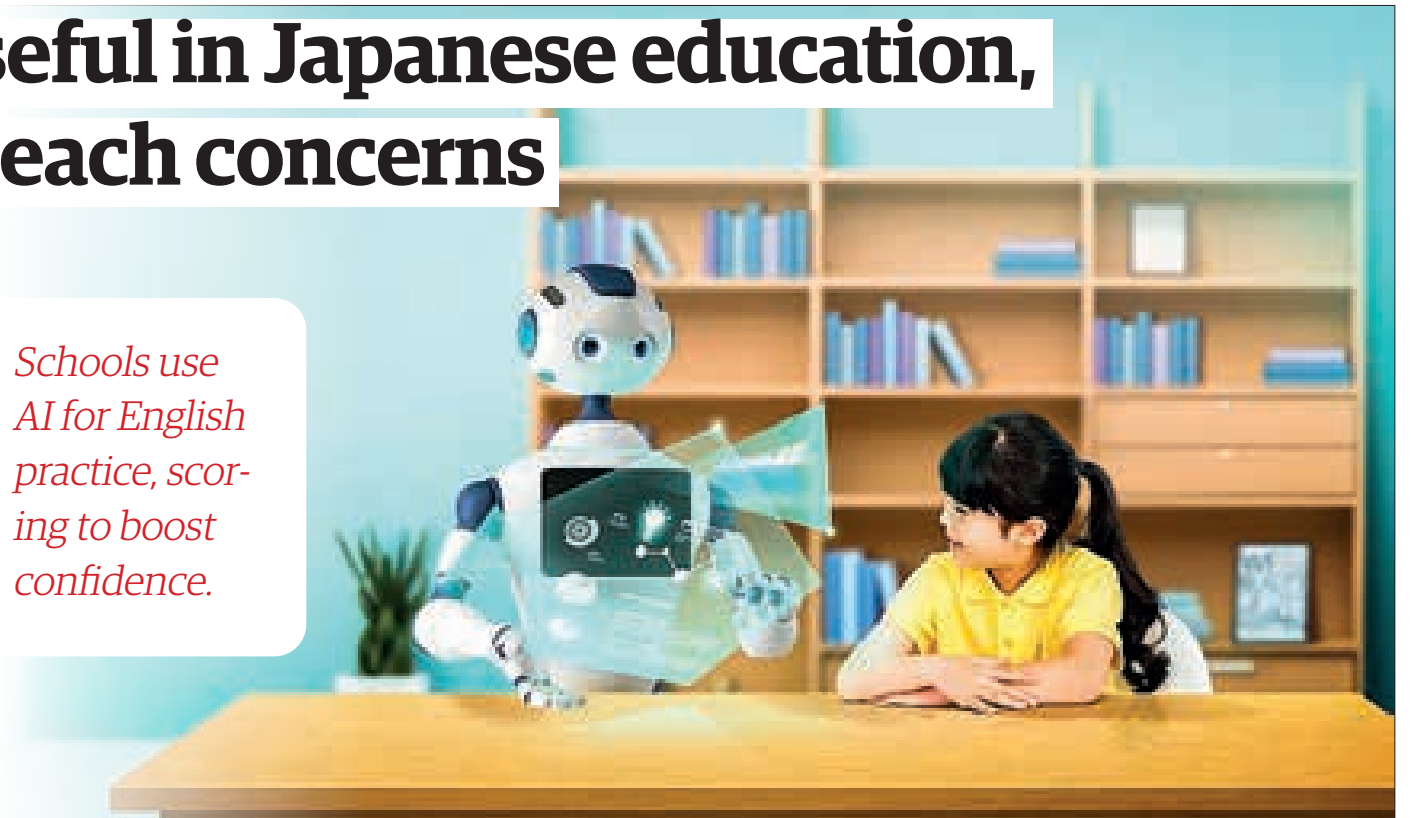
Schools use AI for English practice, scoring to boost confidence.

Universities like Waseda and schools in Gifu employ AI for English conversation practice, scoring grammar, vocabulary, and expressions to boost speaking con-

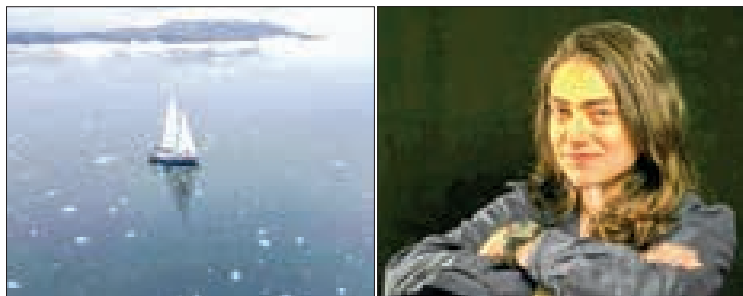
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Kanagawa prefecture trials an AI Storyteller System at its Peace Memorial Hall, replaying atomic bomb survivor

testimonies. Hiroshima is developing a similar tool, ensuring only authentic recordings are used to preserve sensitive histories. — Kyodo



The robot uses AI-driven speech recognition and facial expressions to interact naturally with children. **ILLUSTRATION: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ADOBE STOCK**



Brazil woman sails solo through Arctic

Tamara Klink, 28, first Latin American woman to solo sail Northwest Passage.

BRAZILIAN navigator Tamara Klink, 28, became the second woman and first Latin American to solo sail the Northwest Passage from the Atlantic to the Pacific, a 6,500-kilometre journey from Greenland to Alaska. In September, she encountered just nine per cent sea ice, a stark contrast to the past when icebreakers were essential. "This is part of a trend that will be very difficult to reverse if we don't act with bold decisions," she told AFP, linking it to climate change and record 2024 global temperatures exceeding 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

Once impassable without specialized ships, melting ice now enables smaller vessels. Klink, daughter of famed explorer Amyr Klink—who rowed solo across the South Atlantic—credits her father for inspiring her by refusing help, allowing her to learn independently. At 12, she began sailing alone. Her adventures include a 2021 voyage from Norway to Brazil in a tiny boat and an eight-month winter in Greenland's ice. As one of only 14 solo navigators, Klink emphasizes equality at sea: "The sea doesn't care if I'm female or male." With Brazil hosting the 30th UN climate talks, her feat underscores urgent environmental action. — AFP

Flying canines count as cargo

The ruling stems from a case involving Iberia and passenger Grisel Ortiz, whose dog Mona disappeared in 2019.

THE European Union's top court ruled on Thursday that a dog traveling in an airplane's cargo hold qualifies as baggage, limiting airlines' compensation liability if the animal is lost. The decision arose from a dispute between Spanish airline Iberia and passenger Grisel Ortiz, whose dog, Mona, vanished before a flight from Buenos Aires to Barcelona in October 2019.

Mona, in a pet carrier due to her size, escaped on the airport runway while being transported, chased by three vans. Ortiz, devastated, described watching the scene from the plane and has since searched tirelessly, creating a Facebook page and offering a reward, but with no success. She sought 5,000 euros (\$5,400) in damages.

Iberia admitted responsi-

bility but argued for lower compensation under the Montreal Convention, treating the dog as checked baggage. The Lux-

"special declaration of interest" for higher coverage.

Ortiz's lawyer, Carlos Villacorta Salis, expressed disap-



Dogs rest inside a pet cage in a makeshift training centre at the airport in Kabul. **PHOTO: AFP**

embourg-based court agreed, stating that pets can be considered baggage if animal welfare is maintained during transport. It noted Ortiz hadn't made a

pointment, calling it a "missed opportunity" to highlight animal rights. The advisory ruling leaves the final decision to the Spanish court. — AFP