

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.

Camp Commandant’s Office Team wins Tatmadaw Football Championship

The Yangon Command team claimed the second prize, while the Central Command team took third place in the 62nd Defence Services Commander-in-Chief’s Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, and Air) Football Tournament 2025.

The final match of the 62nd Defence Services Commander-in-Chief’s Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament for 2025 was held in conjunction with the awarding ceremony at the Zeyathiri Tatmadaw Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

State Security and Peace Commission Chairman and Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing watched the final match and presented prizes to the winners.

In the final match, the football teams representing the Camp Commandant’s Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army)



State Security and Peace Commission Chairman and Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents the championship trophy to the Camp Commandant’s Office team at yesterday’s event held in Nay Pyi Taw.

and the Yangon Command launched counterattacks against each other in utmost efforts to score the leading goal, but neither side could score a goal. Hence, the first half of the match ended with a goalless result.

In the second half, both teams con-

tinued to compete fiercely against each other, but since neither side managed to score, the match remained goalless at the final whistle, leading to extra time being played. In the first half of the extra time, the team representing the Camp Commandant’s Office of the Command-

er-in-Chief (Army) scored a valuable goal. As such, the team representing the Camp Commandant’s Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) secured victory with a 1-0 win over the team representing the Yangon Command.

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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



2025
General Election
Sunday, 28 December 2025

64
Days

- 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.



2024 Population and Housing Census



- The 2024 Population and Housing Census was conducted nationwide starting on 1 October 2024.
- The Union Report of the 2024 Population and Housing Census will be released on 27 October 2025.
- To obtain statistical data, visit the Department of Population’s website at www.dop.gov.mm.

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued at 7 pm Friday, 24 October 2025

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, the low-pressure area over the Southeast Bay of Bengal persists. It is likely to move west-northwestwards and may further intensify into a depression over Southeast and adjoining Central Bay of Bengal on 25 October 2025, further into a Deep Depression on 26 October 2025, and into a Cyclonic Storm over the Southwest and adjoining Westcentral Bay of Bengal on 27 October 2025. The weather is cloudy over the South Andaman Sea and South Bay, a few clouds to partly cloudy over the North Andaman Sea, and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 25 October 2025: Weather will be partly cloudy in Mandalay and Lower Sagaing Regions and Kayah and (northern and eastern) Shan States. Rain or thunder-showers will be scattered in Taninthayi Region, scattered in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin State and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Bago, Upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions. In the area along the cumulonimbus clouds, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied by rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur, and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times in the Deltaic, the Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 25-30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 7-9 feet in the Deltaic, the Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Sea will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 4-6 feet in off and along the Rakhine Coast.

OUTLOOK FOR THE SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of scattered to fairly widespread rain or thundershowers in Taninthayi Region.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25 October 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 80 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25 October 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 80 per cent. — DMH

Visitors enjoy feeding time at Hlawga Open Zoo



HLAWGA Park announced that visitors are welcome to watch the animals’ feeding time, where various species are well cared for and protected within the sanctuary.

Animals that are living things above the ground live inside the park, which is created to resemble natural habitats and provide a safe environment. The morning feeding schedule is around 9 am.

The feeds are nutritional supplements, it said. Before feeding time arrives, colourfully beautiful animals are waiting near the feeding points and happily eat together when the food arrives. This is a rare, breathtaking sight of nature that can’t be seen everywhere.

Hlawga Park is open daily from 8 am to 5 pm, and visitors are welcome to enjoy this rare chance and enjoy the peaceful moment, it said. — MT/ZS

Image shows animals being fed at the Hlawga Sanctuary.

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)

Camp Commandant's Office Team wins...

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After the final match, the awarding ceremony of the football tournament followed. Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Zaw Hein presented individual best player awards in respective positions and the best player award of the tournament to the relevant players, while Chairman of the Tatmadaw Sports and Physical Education Administration Committee Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Phone Myat gave the third prize to the Central Command team. Lt-Gen Ni Lin Aung of the Office of

the Commander-in-Chief (Army) handed the second prize, individual medals and a cash prize to the Yangon Command team. Commission member, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin presented individual medals to the players from the first-prize winning team representing the Camp Commandant's Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army). Commission Vice-Chairman, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior

General Soe Win gave the trophy and cash award to the fairplay award-winning Southern Command team. Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, presented the championship trophy, a duplicate trophy and a cash award to players and the administrator officer from the team representing the Camp Commandant's Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), which secured the first prize in the football tour-

namment. Afterwards, the Senior General and party cordially greeted players. Also, present at the ceremony were Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Senior General, the wife of the Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air), Union-level dignitaries, Union ministers and their wives, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, Tatmadaw members and trainees from the Tatmadaw football academy. — MNA/TTA

Meeting to review 10th NCA anniversary event organized in Nay Pyi Taw

UNION Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, who is also Chairman of the Steering Committee on the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), presided over a meeting to review the 10th NCA ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. Speaking at the event, the Union minister said the NCA's 10th anniversary was organized systematically, and received 93 recommendations for politics, economy and NCA matters. Some of them are positive advice, and the youths are also interested in peace. The good

and weak points of the event will be analyzed for the coming ceremonies, and the working committees should submit accurate expenditures as per the financial procedures. The secretary of the committee briefed that the 10th anniversary of NCA was organized with the theme "Building a Peaceful Future of Myanmar", and also with the purpose of explaining how to carry out the work procedures for the future. The steering committee organized its four meetings, whereas two coordination meetings of working committees, four coor-



Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae chairs the meeting to review the 10th NCA celebration in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

dination meetings with NCA-signatory EAOs and also met with the moderators and speakers of the political dialogues. The deputy ministers and officials discussed the strengths, weaknesses, and financial expenditure of the relevant work-

ing committees. After hearing the report, the Union minister added that it needs to develop the human resources for peace, and to produce a new generation for peace and carry out the regional economic development

programmes that support the peace. As the outcomes from the workshop are positive recommendations to be implemented in the new government term, the ministries concerned should work continuously as necessary. — MNA/KTZH

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NATIONAL

MPT staff join 17th blood donation drive at
Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1,000-bed)

MYANMA Posts and Telecommunications (MPT), under the Ministry of Transport and Communications, held its 17th blood donation event at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1,000-bed) yesterday morning, with 43 volunteers and ministry staff donating blood.

The blood donation drive was supported by Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Mya Tun Oo, Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win, deputy ministers, and departmental officials, who also provided food and medications.

Union Minister Dr Thet

Khaing Win presented certificates of appreciation to the donors, while Union Minister U Mya Tun Oo handed out souvenirs.

MPT simultaneously held its 17th blood donation drives at hospitals and blood centres in Yangon, Mandalay, Dawei, Magway, Taunggyi, Lashio, Kengtung, and Patheingyi, with a total of 345 staff members donating blood.

MPT has been organizing blood donation initiatives since 2017 and has now held its 17th campaign, with a total of about 10,000 donors. — MNA/MKKS



Union Ministers U Mya Tun Oo and Dr Thet Khaing Win encourage blood donors, MPT staff members.

MoE Union Minister joins 2025 International Forum on
Energy Transition in China

UNION Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin attended the 2025 International Forum on Energy Transition held yesterday under the leadership of the National Energy Administration (NEA) of the People's Republic of China, together with energy ministers and senior officials from various countries, and also toured the exhibition booths at the forum.

At the forum, the Union minister delivered a keynote speech titled “Myanmar’s Participation in Energy Security, Energy Safety, and the Energy Transition.” In his address, he discussed the global energy situation, Myanmar’s current energy landscape, and the importance of prioritizing energy security and stability during the energy transition. He also highlighted opportunities for investment in Myanmar’s energy sector, efforts to attract such



Union Minister U Ko Ko Lwin delivers the keynote speech at the 2025 International Forum on Energy Transition in China yesterday.

investments, ongoing collaborations for technological assistance, and the need for global cooperation to overcome chal-

lenges in achieving climate-related commitments through energy transition initiatives.

The Myanmar delegation

met the delegation led by Mr Wang Hongzhi, head of China’s National Energy Administration (NEA). Both sides exchanged

views on bilateral energy policies and strategies, emphasizing the importance of close cooperation between the two nations to ensure energy stability and security during the transition period, collaboration in multi-sector and bilateral agreements, China’s support in three key areas- technology, capital and human resource development which play a key role in transiting into Green Energy, New Energy and further China’s support in electricity utilization more for AI in energy transition processes.

The Chinese side openly stated that China has been expanding energy cooperation with countries in the Middle East and Africa and is ready to work with Myanmar by taking advantage of its strategic geographical position. — MNA/ KTZH

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General Aung San Declares Firm Stand Against Election Disruption

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

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

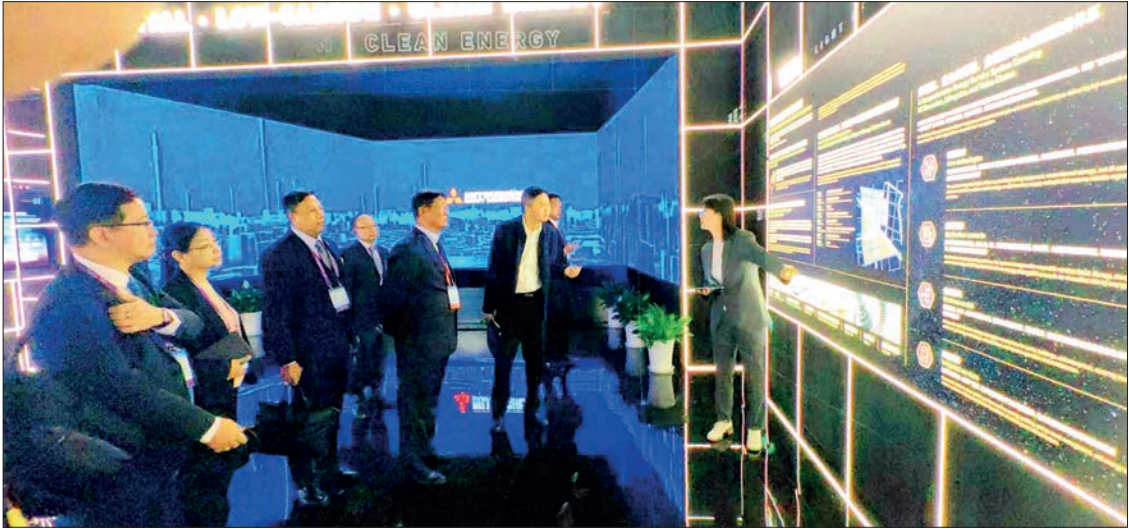


MoEP Union Minister attends 2025 International Forum on Energy Transition, studies wind power system in China

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Electric Power U Nyan Tun, currently in China to attend 2025 International Forum on Energy Transition and study wind power, visited Nanjing and Suzhou, China, on 22-23 October.

On 22 October, the Union minister-led delegation visited the power generation and control centre of China Huaneng Group in Nanjing to observe power generation processes of offshore wind power station, control system of solar power without affecting the stability of electricity and operation system of plants from the control centre.

The delegation visited the biomass fuel briquette factory operated by Jingyu Deep-green Energy Co Ltd. The officials explained the production process of biochar and wooden fuel briquettes, which are made from discarded organic materials such as branches, bamboo, coconut shells, corn stalks, and palm shells, that can be reused



Union Minister U Nyan Tun and Myanmar delegation are pictured during their observation tours in Nanjing and Suzhou, China, on 22-23 October 2025.

in industrial operations. They also briefed the delegation on the collection and sourcing of raw materials, governmental support, market access conditions, and transport and logistics conditions.

With the arrangement of the forum organizing committee, the Union minister and party visited the Xiangcheng EDZ Energy Centre in Suzhou on 23

October, and they studied energy management systems, dual thermal storage, and multi-energy complementarity technologies installed in the buildings. They also observed implementations of AI-enabled smart energy technology, energy-saving and carbon-reduction systems, and AI-based control systems, which are being carried out in line with the national energy

policy.

On 23 October, the delegation attended the Large Power Grid Security Risk Prevention and Control Technical, a sub-forum of the International Forum on Energy Transition 2025, jointly organized by the National Energy Administration of China and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).

Speaking at the event, Un-

ion Minister U Nyan Tun stated that Myanmar, being rich in renewable energy potential, is making the best efforts to increase the utilization of solar, wind, and hydropower energy. The renewable energy, clean fuels, and nuclear energy will play a fundamental role in maintaining the stability of the energy system. He also noted that Myanmar has been continuously implementing renewable energy development projects, and that no single country alone can accomplish such a massive energy transition. International cooperation, sharing of ideas, technologies, and experiences can achieve common goals more effectively.

The sub-forum on Large Power Grid Security Risk Prevention and Control Technology was attended by the officials from organizations for power system operation and control, universities, colleges, research institutions, and energy policy-makers. — MNA/KTZH

MoH Union Minister receives ICRC Resident Representative

UNION Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win received Mr Arnaud de Baecque, Resident Representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to Myanmar, yesterday at the Ministry of Health in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on matters related to ongoing healthcare services of the ministry and ICRC, training courses

in Myanmar to promote the capabilities of prosthetic specialists, produce more specialists and support for installing solar power systems in rural health centres located in remote areas.

Also, present at the meeting were the deputy minister from the Ministry of Health, relevant officials and representatives of the ICRC. — MNA/KTZH



The ICRC Resident Representative calls on Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win yesterday.

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Myanmar delegation joins 6th China-Myanmar Scholars' Dialogue in Yunnan

A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Myint and comprising 12 representatives from various ministries arrived in Mangshi, the capital of Dehong Prefecture, Yunnan Province, the People's Republic of China, on 21 October to attend the Sixth High-Level China-Myanmar Scholars' Dialogue.

In the afternoon, the delegation met Mr Wang Yunfei, Secretary of the Communist Party Committee of Dehong Prefecture, Yunnan Province, and discussed matters of mutual interest. Afterwards, they attended a welcome dinner hosted in honour of the participants and enjoyed China-Myanmar cultural exchange performances presented at the event.

The delegation then attended the signing ceremony of ten Memoranda of Under-



Deputy Minister Dr Zaw Myint speak at the Sixth High-Level China-Myanmar Scholars' Dialogue in China on 21 October 2025.

standing on China-Myanmar cooperation.

Afterwards, they attended the speeches delivered by representatives from both countries and later participated in the China-Myanmar Education and Sports Cooperation Dia-

logue held in the afternoon.

On 23 October, the Deputy Minister and the delegation visited the Shwedagon Pagoda replica in Mangshi, before proceeding to the Dehong Vocational College, where they observed the college sports

ground and inspected programmes in medical science, e-commerce, and automobile maintenance. Officials from the college provided detailed explanations during the visit.

The delegation continued their programme with a visit to



No 1 Basic Education Primary School in Mangshi, where they observed primary schoolchildren participating in classroom learning activities. They also watched and encouraged the children practising sports in the gymnasium and on the artificial turf sports field.

Afterwards, they visited Dehong Normal University, where the rector and responsible officials gave an explanation about the university with the aid of a scale model. The delegation also toured the university's historical museum.

The Myanmar delegation further observed lectures and training sessions at the university's Department of Culture, Department of Bio-Science, and Department of AI Technology. The delegation returned to Myanmar by air on the evening of 23 October. — MNA/KZL

88th ASEAN COSTI Meeting and related sessions held



The documentary group photo session is underway at the 88th ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation (COSTI) Meeting and related session in Thailand on 19-24 October 2025.

THE 88th ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation (COSTI) Meeting and related sessions were held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 19 to 24 October.

The meetings were attended by a delegation led by Dr Sai Kyaw Nang Oo, National COSTI Chair of the ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation and Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Science and Technology, along with representatives from ASEAN member states, the ASEAN Secretariat, and ASEAN dialogue partners.

Discussions focused on the outcomes and resolutions of the sub-committee meetings under COSTI, the joint implementation plans for the ASEAN Plan of Action on Science, Technology and Innovation (APASTI) 2026-2035, COSTI's priority tasks, ongoing projects of the sub-committees, and cooperation in science, technology, and innovation with ASEAN member countries and development partners such as the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States. — MNA/MKKS

MPT donates over 340 blood bags nationwide

MPT organized its 17th blood donation event under the "Let's Donate Blood to Save Lives" programme, contributing over 340 blood bags on the morning of 23 October at the Myanmar Telecommunication Training Centre in Thakayta Township, Yangon.

The donation campaign was held simultaneously across nine regions and states to ensure that patients in urgent need of blood can access it more easily and promptly. MPT employees make these donations every four months as part of their ongoing social responsibility.

On this occasion, MPT staff and volunteers donated more than 340 blood bags at the Myanmar Telecommunication Training Centre (Yangon), Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1,000-bed), Magway General Hospital, Dawei General Hospital, Manda-



MPT staff members are seen donating blood.

lay General Hospital, Ayeyawady General Hospital, Kengtung Hospital (200-bed), Taunggyi Sao San Tun Hospital, and Lashio General Hospital.

"This 17th blood donation drive reflects the goodwill and compassion of our employees. They recognize their responsibility to support the nation's healthcare sector and have joined hands to save many lives. We are deeply grateful to all employees, volunteers, and

the National Blood Centre for their collaboration," said Mr Hiroyuki Okai from MPT JO's Operations Department.

As part of its commitment to emergency healthcare and social welfare, MPT launched its nationwide blood donation initiative in 2016 and has since donated more than 9,600 blood bags to hospitals and the National Blood Centre across Myanmar. — Oattha/KZL

Defending against threats to sovereignty - a natural response for all

❖ When it comes to national sovereignty, many won't act unless it threatens them. But once their sovereignty is at risk, a response becomes natural.
(An excerpt from the replies of Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to queries raised by RT news agency of the Russian Federation at the interview held on 8 May 2025)

Yangon palm oil
reference price set
3-week low of K6,565

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil set for the Yangon market indicated a slight decline to K6,565 per viss this week ending 30 October from K6,585 recorded in the past three weeks, according to the Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution.

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

Despite the reference price, the market price is way too high.

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

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

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

The complaints for overcharging can be lodged over hotline 1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs Department, or sent to the Facebook page of the department and the region and state departments concerned.

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



Palm oil plastic bottles for sale in the market.

Myanmar, Belarus negotiate
cooperation in banking sector

A work coordination meeting to implement banking collaboration between Myanmar and Belarus was held virtually on 22 October 2025, the Central Bank of Myanmar notified.

Thanks to the Memorandum of Intent for Joint Action on the Development of Myanmar-Belarusian Cooperation — MOI signed between Myanmar and Belarus during a visit of the high-level Myanmar delegation led by the head of State to Belarus in March 2025.

Consequently, officials from the Central Bank of Myanmar and the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus sought banking collaboration through video conferencing, highlighting collaboration in the banking sector to facilitate bilateral trade and investment. The central banks of both countries will accelerate collaboration in the banking operations. They discussed providing export loans to Myanmar from Belarus for the shipping of goods from Belarus to Myanmar, and setting prioritized sectors. — NN/KK

CBM sells nearly US\$3M to
importers



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

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$2.4 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$547,900 to fuel oil-importing companies on 23 October, along with an injection of 900,000 yuan into the market.

CBM injected over \$2.66 million purchased from the CMP companies into the edible oil import sector on 22 October 2025.

CBM announced on 21 October that it would inject \$30 million into the fuel oil sector.

CBM also sold over \$1.7 million to edible oil-importing companies on that day in addition to sales of 753,600 yuan.

CBM sold \$587,750 to edible oil-importing companies, in addition to an injection of over 259,190 yuan into the market.

CBM sold \$893,300 to edible 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 pumped over \$39 million purchased from CMP companies into the market in September 2025. Moreover, CBM also injected over \$680,000, 6.2 million yuan and 300,000 baht into the market through the foreign exchange market online trading platform last month.

CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March 2024, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

Gold Market Rate as of
24 October 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,980,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

Teachers: The noble persons who pave the way for students

A TEACHER must guide students to distinguish between right and wrong, to correctly understand good and bad, as well as cause and effect. The future of students depends on the knowledge, ability, and goodwill of their teachers.

A school is not merely a place for teaching academic lessons, but also a place where the essence of education — intellectual knowledge and general understanding — is imparted. It should be a place that nurtures the ability to think critically, to distinguish between right and wrong, and to instil moral and civic values in students.

Teachers need to work in collaboration with parents and local communities to ensure that every school-age child has access to education. They should also strive to reduce the rate of premature school dropouts, improve student promotion rates, and teach students to achieve literacy and proficiency appropriate to their grade level. They should nurture students to become young people who can distinguish right from wrong, think with wisdom.

to become well-rounded and capable young people endowed with physical, intellectual, moral, economic, and social strengths so that they may grow into virtuous and dependable citizens who will contribute to the future of the nation.

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As reflected in the phrase “National Discipline School,” teachers should train their students to begin by observing school discipline and to develop the habit of respecting and abiding by laws, rules, and regulations, thereby nurturing them into disciplined and responsible citizens. Teachers should also cultivate in students from various regions positive mindsets, a spirit of cooperation and participation, unity and solidarity, and a willingness to help and support others.

BEFORE I retired from the civil service, I was grateful for my blessings to attend the 59th Session of the UN General Assembly in October 2004. Memories of the United Nations come flooding back to me like gentle waves, golden and luminous with time. More than 20 years have passed the moments are still alive, though in my mind.

Brief History of the United Nations

The League of Nations, which was founded following World War I, was unable to stop the Second World War. Between 1939 and 1945, the Second World War took place. The effects of the conflict were felt by people all over the world. Following World War II, world leaders endeavoured to prevent a conflict of this nature from ever occurring again. In August 1941, the Atlantic Charter was signed. The United States of America hosted the Dumbarton Oaks Conference in October 1944. In order to create the United Nations, international leaders met and held conferences. The United Nations Charter was signed on June 26, 1945, in San Francisco, United States of America, by representatives of fifty states. Poland was unable to attend this summit at the time, but it signed the Charter thereafter. Thus, the original 51-member States of the United Nations existed. Recently, after gaining independence, on 19 April 1948, Myanmar became a member State of the United Nations.

Secretaries-General of the United Nations

The headquarters of the United Nations is situated on the East River in New York City, and covers 18 acres. It is a high and grand 57-storey building. To enter the United Nations campus, everyone took the security card and passed the Security Checkpoint. At the ground floor, the photos of the Secretaries-General of the United Nations from the beginning of the United Nations, 24 October 1945, to the present were recorded in honour of their dignity.

Mr Trygve Lie of Norway served as the first Secretary-General on 2 February 1946. The second was a Swedish man named Mr Dag Hammarskjöld. He assumed office in 1953 and died in an aircraft accident on 18 September 1961. From 1961 until 1971, U Thant of Myanmar was the third Secretary-General. From 1957 to 1961, U Thant served as a permanent representative of Myanmar to the UN. He was the head of Myanmar’s delegation to the UN General Assembly during this period. He was the Chairman of the

Congo Negotiation Commission in 1961. On 3 November 1961, U Thant assumed the position of temporary Secretary General upon the death of Mr Dag Hammarskjöld. The General Assembly then overwhelmingly elected and appointed U Thant as Secretary-General. His first term of service was from 30 November 1962 to 3 November 1966. He was in office from 2 December 1966 until 31 December 1971. On 25 November 1974, U Thant passed away after his retirement.

ary is the fifth; and Legal is the sixth. At that time, the Sixth Committee meeting was attended by the Myanmar Delegation, which was led by the Ambassador of Myanmar to France. Each member State was required to present at the meeting, and the States were arranged alphabetically in the meeting room. One week before the meeting, the agenda was distributed. All member States received the Statements, which the member States are required to submit and consider during the meet-

France, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America are the five permanent members; the other ten are chosen for a two-year term. At least nine of the fifteen members of the Security Council, including five permanent member States, must vote in favour of the resolution. The Security Council Resolution must subsequently be implemented by all member States.

The primary pillar organ for coordinating the United Nations’ economic, social, and environmental

worldwide, and translates documents into official United Nations languages. On the Security Council’s proposal, the General Assembly appoints the Secretary General for a five-year term that can be renewed.

Specialized Agencies

Specialized Agencies, Funds, and Programs are part of the United Nations. The autonomous and independent administrative entities are known as Specialized Agencies. They have their own organizations and charters and are a part of the UN system. The consent of the other member States must be obtained in order to be admitted to one of their agencies. Contributions enabled the Specialized Agencies to establish their subvention. Specialized Agencies include the World Health Organization (WHO), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Labor Organization (ILO), and others.

The General Assembly oversees the money, programs, and offices as subsidiary entities. The Economic and Social Council and/or the Assembly receive reports from the specialized agencies, which are connected to the UN by separate agreements. The World Trade Organization, IOM, and the IAEA are examples of related organizations with their own budgets and legislative bodies. All facets of cultural, economic, scientific, and social endeavours are addressed by the members of the UN system working together.

The law library is located on the 38th floor and offers a free selection of legal books, copiers, computers, and internet accessories. The Dag Hammarskjöld library, which was constructed next to the main building in his honour, offers courses in all topics. He was 47 when he was chosen and appointed Secretary General. He was Swedish and lost his life in the plane crash.

The main building’s basement houses the restaurants and souvenir shops where you can purchase priceless books and UN mementoes.

The United Nations is set up to work together with all nations worldwide in order to promote global peace and development. Its goal is to prevent another unwelcome war from breaking out after World War II. Tension that is on the verge of a third world war is occurring everywhere. Some circumstances prevent the third world war from occurring.

Tension would lessen, and the principle of peace and coexistence would be successfully applied if everyone, including world leaders, could less-

en and manage greed, hatred, and illusion as much as possible.

The saviours and witnesses who endured the effects of the First and Second World Wars were unable to hear the sound of battle. There were conflicts during the Stone, Bronze, and Iron Ages. However, abnormal weapons capable of destroying the planet have not yet appeared; therefore, there has been less destruction. The invention of knives, swords, and firearms increased the death toll and devastation compared to earlier times. Furthermore, there was a scenario where the entire globe was destroyed when the nuclear age arrived. People may gain from the advancement of the fields of health, communication, construction, and transportation. Because it is a weapons experiment that has destroyed humanity, it leads to devastation and competition. For the sake of human welfare, mental concentration must be maintained in tandem with physical advancement. Nowadays, as the youth follow the physical progress, wrong ideas in mental development have led to the misuse of modern achievements.

It is necessary to cultivate and practice the attitude of cherishing, appreciating, and preserving religion, culture, and customs, as well as encouraging a patriotic spirit in young people.

To summarize the Buddha’s sayings and teachings:

It preached to abandon all non-virtue, to practice goodness, and to purify one’s own mind. Its interpretation is deep and wide. Only if all mankind follows this teaching and saying as much as possible, will it be peaceful all over the world.

That is the same lesson that all religions teach. No religion can encourage terrible deeds, murder, or property theft. There will be fewer conflicts and wars if everyone, regardless of nationality or religion, has good intentions. The development of bizarre weapons that destroy humans is a horrible step forward.

The United Nations was founded by the majority of States after World War II. It has existed for eight decades. Even though the conflict was taking place all over the world, it managed to keep things from becoming a global conflict. The United Nations continues to exist despite the succession of Secretaries-General and their representatives. May the pursuit of world peace continue forever.



ARTICLE LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

My name is Thannicha Lermtong, and I am the Director at the Economic and Investment Data Research Centre, Asia Insight Technology Co Ltd, based in Bangkok.

I am writing to you as a big fan of the column “**I Say What I See.**” It has truly been a source of wisdom in my life. In particular, the piece published on **27 August 2025, (I Say What I See: Let It Be, Let Her Be)** deeply inspired me – especially the message about dedicating one’s time and life to one’s parents. It was so moving and relatable that it brought tears to my eyes. I also come from a rural area and work far away from my parents, so these reflections resonate with me profoundly. (I am actually looking forward to visiting them during the upcoming long weekend.)

If possible, I would love to get in touch with the author of this column to express how much their writing has meant to me, including the most recent article on “**Teachership and Mentorship Begin at Home.**” This article also inspired me, too, and thanks to my parents and family again.

In addition, I would like to discuss and seek insights on the situation in Myanmar. Our centre is currently working on a project titled “*Business Research to Understand Perspectives and Expectations of Myanmar’s Economic Prospects after the General Elections*”.

However, the research we have received from our local Myanmar team seems somewhat imbalanced, as many interviewees describe the upcoming election as a “*sham election*”. From an intelligence perspective, I believe there are multiple sides to the story, and I want to understand the less-heard perspectives and factual contexts more thoroughly.

So far, most of the English-language news sources I’ve found, such as The Irrawaddy, are US-funded, so I already know their talking points. However, luckily, I came across reading **The Global New Light of Myanmar**, where I sense that the Myanmar government is making significant efforts for the country. I am particularly interested in learning more about the government’s goals, expectations, and perceived threats.

Lastly, I noticed from this article – “I Say What I See: Let It Be, Let Her Be” – that the columnist lived in Bangkok for nearly 20 years. If possible, it would be wonderful to communicate in **Thai**, as that may allow for a more natural conversation. I really want to hear the author’s perspective on how to move Myanmar forward from the conflict. Is it possible for Myanmar to be united, and how can we achieve it?

Thank you very much for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

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A memoir from the United Nations

A retired Law Officer

Kurt Waldheim, an Austrian who held the position from 1 January 1972 until 31 December 1981, was the fourth Secretary-General. Javier Perez De Guellar, a Peruvian who served from 1 January 1982 until 31 December 1991, was the fifth. Boutros Boutros Ghali was the sixth Secretary-General. He served from 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1996. From 1 January 1997 to 31 December 2006, Ghanaian Kofi Annan served as the seventh Secretary-General. Ban Ki-moon of the Republic of Korea served as the eighth Secretary-General, holding the position from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2016. Antonio Guterres, a Portuguese national, was the ninth and current Secretary-General. He was reelected for a second term when his term ended on 1 January 2017. He is still carrying out his duties as of right now.

The main organs of the United Nations

The General Assembly, Security Council, Economic and Social Council, Trusteeship Council, International Court of Justice, and Secretariat are the six main organs of the United Nations. The Trusteeship Council thereafter halted operations in 1994. However, this Council cannot be dissolved without amending the UN Charter: One of the Assembly’s six Main Committees discusses the majority of questions: Disarmament and International Security is the first committee; Economics and Finance is the second; Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural is the third; Special Politics and Decolonization is the fourth; Administrative and Budget-

ing. The legal issues of international conventions and international law were the primary topics of discussion in the Sixth Committee.

The United Nations’ principal policy-making, deliberative, and representative body is the General Assembly. Each of the 193-member States has one vote, attends the General Assembly session. The meeting starts every Tuesday during the third week of September. Decisions on major issues, the advancement of crucial political, security, social, and economic issues, the defence and prevention of human rights, the compilation of international law, admission to member States, and exhortation debates are all carried out by the Assembly. Additionally, this Assembly approves the United Nations’ budget and member States’ financial funds. A two-thirds majority is needed for the General Assembly to make decisions on significant issues (including peace and security, admission of new members, and budgetary issues). Simple majority decisions are made on other issues. No matter how big or small, or how many people live there, every nation has the right to one vote. For instance, China, Russia, Canada, and the United States of America are large countries with large populations, while Singapore is a small country with a small population. However, these nations are entitled to one vote.

According to the UN Charter, maintaining global peace and security is the primary responsibility of the Security Council. It brings together 15 member States. China, Russia,

conservation, and allied activities, as well as those of its specialized agencies and other organizations, is the Economic and Social Council. The 54-member States were chosen by the General Assembly to form this Council.

The original purpose of the Trusteeship Council was to oversee 11 Trust Territories internationally. Every trust territory has become independent since 1994. As a result, this council stopped functioning.

The World Court is another name for the International Court of Justice. Situated in The Hague, the Netherlands, it serves as the main court of the United Nations. Only one of the six main organs in the Netherlands is this one. The Court has jurisdiction over international disputes involving nations. Additionally, the Court provides advisory opinions on matters pertaining to international law and associated conflicts that are presented to it by UN entities. The General Assembly and Security Council elect the Court’s fifteen justices, who serve a nine-year term. It is not possible to elect two justices from the same nation. The justices are chosen using a proportional representative system that is based on the geographic location of the primary legal system.

The primary body handling UN administrative affairs is the Secretariat. The civil servants are in charge of organizing it to carry out UN operations. The Secretary General is in charge of it. It maintains the support of United Nations agencies, conducts research, collects data on economic and social problems

NATIONAL

Action taken against CRPH, NUG supporters

AUTHORITIES have announced that individuals engaged in promoting or supporting the activities of CRPH, NUG, and their affiliated groups – designated as terrorist groups – will be identified and prosecuted under the law. These groups have been found to incite violence and disrupt national stability through their propaganda and actions, with the intent to undermine government mechanisms and threaten the peace of the nation. Although a public notice had been issued, the owner of a Facebook account named “Arkar Soe” continued to incite and spread ideologies aimed at disturbing national peace through social media on 23 October 2025, in disregard of the government announcement.

The man, Arkar Soe, who resides in Ward 1, Kamayut Township, Yangon Region, was apprehended at 7:30 pm the same day at the Thingangyun Myoma Police Station. Legal action has been taken against him under the law. — MNA/MKKS

More schools reopen in Hsipaw as public services resume



Schoolchildren, their parents and guardians are pictured during the enrolment process in Hsipaw.

EFFORTS by the government, Tatmadaw, and local people have enabled the re-opening of more schools for students to resume learning as soon as possible in Hsipaw, Shan State (North).

Following the re-opening of No 1 Basic Education High School on 22 October, two more schools – No 2 Basic Education Post-Primary School and No 7 Basic Education Primary School – were reopened, bringing the total number of reopened schools in Hsipaw to three.

Student enrolment continues, with 75 more students registered yesterday, bringing the total number of students attending classes to 1,230. Students are now able to study peacefully, and the Ministry of Education has provided free textbooks, stationery, and school supplies.

Meanwhile, Hsipaw People's Hospital continues to provide healthcare services to local ethnic residents. Yesterday, 14 outpatients and two inpatients received medical care.

The Department of Immigration has also opened a temporary branch office at the Konetaw Buddhist Learning Centre in Hsipaw to verify household lists and issue citizenship scrutiny cards for local ethnic residents. Security personnel are also conducting mine clearance around departmental offices and public areas.

Security forces continue to maintain peace, stability, and regional security in Hsipaw Township to ensure sustainable development and support local livelihoods and social stability. — MNA/KZL

151 foreigners from 10 countries detained for illegal entry into Myanmar

THE State Government continues to identify and detain foreigners who have entered and resided illegally in border areas while being involved in crimes such as online gambling and online fraud. These individuals are being investigated and systematically deported to their respective countries in accordance with laws and procedures.

As part of these efforts, security forces from the Tatmadaw and Border Guard Force (BGF) conducted a search operation around 11 pm on 22 October in the KK Park area, under Maehtaw Thalay village-tract in Myawady Township. Upon learning of the operation, Myanmar workers and foreigners working in the KK Park area reportedly fled towards the urban area of Myawady, including Maehtaw Thalay, Phalu, and Min Let Pan village-tracts, as well as across the border into Mae Sot, Thailand.

To maintain regional stability and eliminate online gambling and online fraud activities, security personnel and departmental officials continued their search and detention efforts. As of 12 noon yesterday, 151 foreigners from 10 countries were also detained. These individuals are currently being held at the gymnasium in Ward 4 before deportation or repatriation procedures are carried out.

Chairman of the Myawady District Administration Body and District Administrator U Kaung San Lin, along with responsible officials, inspected the detainees to ensure proper arrangements for their security, food, and administrative support.

The government is actively investigating and taking effective measures against illegal telecom fraud activities. It continues to cooperate with neighbouring countries and international organizations to prevent, expose, and eliminate online gambling and financial scam networks operating along Myanmar's border areas. — MNA/KZL



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

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NATIONAL



Rock singer Zaw Win Htut, who will perform at the One Man One Legend Show live concert.

Legendary solo concert to be staged in Mandalay on 1 Nov

WELL-KNOWN rock singer Zaw Win Htut will hold a live music show titled One Man, One Legend Show at the Godzilla Bar in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay, starting at 7 pm on 1 November, according to the singer.

“This will be a memorable night for my fans in Mandalay. I’ve prepared to perform some of the best songs from my Mercury Night album through to my latest hits that have been supported by fans over the years,” said Zaw Win Htut.

The Emperor Band will accompany Zaw Win Htut on stage, providing the musical backing for the concert. — ASH/KZL

Capacity-building training enhances skills of 150 volunteers

YANGON Region Youth Affairs Committee stated that capacity building training was inaugurated on 22-23 October at a youth centre in Thakayta Township, with 150 volunteers.

The training was jointly conducted by the Yangon Region Sports and Youth Affairs Supporting Committee, the Peace and Security Committee and civil society organizations in Thakayta Township.

The training offered knowledge about natural disasters that could happen in Myanmar, AI, Digital, ICT and Disaster prevention and preparedness, non-profit volunteering and youth sectoral development. The Fire Services Department also shared technical approaches and practical demonstrations for fire prevention and emergency preparedness.

Daw Tin Tin Hlaing, vice chair 1 of



This photo displays the capacity-building training for volunteers.

the Yangon Region Sports and Youth Affairs Supporting Committee and U Htay Lin, Third Vice-Chair of the committee, gave the opening remarks at the opening ceremony of the training, while U Zwe Yan Naing, chair of the Peace and Security Committee, explained the objectives of the training. — ASH/KK

Press launch held for new Myanmar film



Cast members are pictured at the press launch held on 22 October 2025.

A press event for the upcoming Myanmar drama Unworthy was held on 22 October at the Eravati Hotel in Yangon.

The series, produced by Hmaw Film Production, was written by Ko Min Set Thit, with the screenplay by Ingyin Han, and directed by Min Set Thit.

“It has to be said that this film marks a reunion between my sister Phway Phway and me after 10 years. The characters in this film also suit us very well. The other cast members are perfectly matched to their roles; it’s a perfect fit. The way the story unfolds represents a new vision for this era. In this film, I will be seen as a married man,” said Academy Nay Toe.

The drama stars Academy Award winners Nay Toe, Phway Phway, Win Thapyay Htun, Khin Zarchi Kyaw, and many others. — ASH/MKKS

YRTC launches survey to prevent crowding at YBS bus stops



THE Yangon Region Public Transport Committee (YRTC) has begun surveying to systematically manage and control YBS passengers to prevent crowding at bus stops, according to U Lyan Cin Mang, joint secretary of the YRTC.

The survey is being conducted to prevent crowding of passengers at bus stops during office hours, to assess the YBS bus schedule, and to evaluate passenger boarding conditions, so that

This photo features passengers waiting to board a YBS bus at a bus stop.

passengers can travel smoothly and comfortably.

“Based on the survey results, we will continue to review how many YBS buses are needed, at which stops, and at what times. People can also fill out the Google Form available on the YRTC Facebook page to share their experiences,” said YRTC Joint Secretary U Lyan Cin Mang.

In addition, the Yangon Payment Service (YPS) card system was launched in 2020 to eliminate problems related to giving change and to reduce the need for conductors to collect cash fares. Currently, there are about 600,000 YPS card users. — ASH/TH

The people are urged to receive vaccination of COVID-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of COVID-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increase of death rate due to the disease.

NATIONAL

Action to be taken against use of formalin in food under National Food Law

MANUFACTURERS who add banned formalin to food and distributors and sellers of those items will be punished under Section 28 (a) of the National Food Law, said the Food and Drug Administration Department (FDA) on 23 October.

The statement highlighted the use of banned formalin in blood tofu, bean curd and thin rice noodles.

“A regular rice noodle doesn’t last very long. Now, they last until the next day, so we can’t say that they don’t contain formaldehyde. People have been eating it without knowing it. If the relevant authority inspects and takes action, it will be safe for consumers. It should be done,” said Daw Moe Moe from Sangyoung Township.

Formalin-added foods and

drinks can cause dizziness, nausea, vomiting, headache, hard of breathing, and long-term consumption may lead to diseases related to the stomach, liver, kidney and cancer. It can also result in formalin poisoning in pregnant women and infants, damaging embryo development and child growth, the Ministry of Health stated.

A Myanmar MOH delegation led by Deputy Minister Dr Aye Tun and FDA Director-General Prof Dr Ye Myint attended the second Conference of the Import & Export – Food Safety Cooperation Mechanism of the Belt and Road Initiative held in China’s Shanghai on 15-16 October. The director general discussed on 15 October that Myanmar has amended the Food Law in 2024, introduced import controls, and



Officials, including those from the FDA, inspect purified drinking water firms in Yangon’s townships in 2024. **PHOTO: FDA**

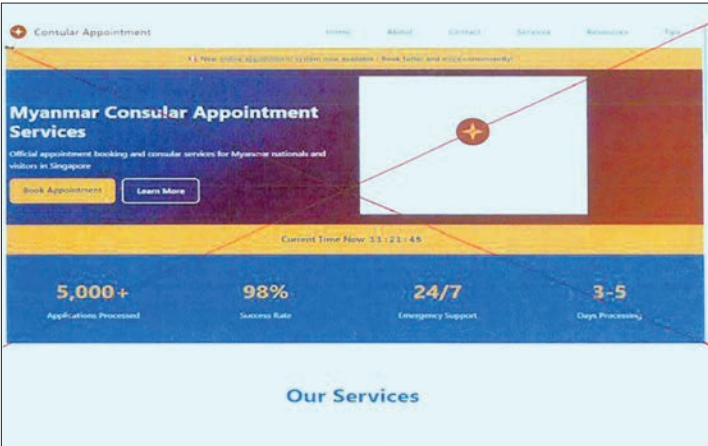
the FDA is responsible for ensuring that health certification and testing are carried out in accordance with established standards, while the Food Product Code System for pre-packaged foods and the Food Safety Guidelines for Local Products have been adopted. — Htun Htun/ZN

ME in S’pore warns against fake websites offering consular services

THE Myanmar Embassy to Singapore has warned its citizens to beware of websites offering consular services under the guise of the embassy’s address.

It has been announced that those who have their passport valid for 14 months can send the first page of their passport (biodata) and a copy of the work permit/stay permit card front/back, and PR card holders can send Re-entry Form 7 to the embassy’s WhatsApp numbers +65 81748993 and +65 82468581 to make an appointment for renewal. It warned that there have been fraudulent collections of fees by Myanmar nationals for appointments, it said.

When the embassy investigated the cases reported by some Myanmar citizens, some fake internet pages disguising themselves as the Myanmar



This image reveals a fake account on social media named ‘Myanmar Consular Appointment Services’.

Embassy were found. Therefore, people should be cautious, it warned.

The embassy has not appointed any private person to provide consular services and does not allow them to charge more than the rates set by the state.

Myanmar citizens are advised to contact the embassy directly if they encounter any

issues, rather than seeking assistance from external private services. In addition, the embassy has announced that in the event of overcharging for passport renewals, people should consult the Consular or the Officer In-charge before leaving the embassy. Effective action will be taken upon the presentation of substantial evidence, it said. — MT/ZN

Detached houses and land plots attract buyers in Yangon

IN the Yangon property market, buyers have expressed interest in separate houses and land plots.

Rather than apartment rooms, interest in separate houses and land plots has increased after the powerful earthquake struck, and prices have been high, according to some estate agents.

“Recently, buyers are interested in separate houses and land plots, rather than high-rise apartment rooms. And prices have been high too, but they buy estates within their reach, 10 feet or 20 feet or 40 feet separate houses,” said an agent.

With the swelling migration to Yangon, the rent market has increased, and prices have become high.

“Rooms less than K300,000 are difficult to find. Prices are higher if they are located conveniently. Most are expensive and have six-month and one-year contracts only. The rent market has increased in Yangon, resulting from a larger migrant population,” said a tenant.

Transaction of high-rise apartment rooms has been sluggish in this dry season; however, the rent market has been happening regularly. — MT/ZS



Detached houses and land plots on Phoe Sein Road, Bahan Township, listed for sale on 24 October on a Yangon real estate market page.

Russia's Gazprom Neft expects to set new record for oil refining in 2025: CEO

RUSSIAN oil giant Gazprom Neft expects to set a new record for oil refining in 2025, the company's CEO, Alexander Dyukov, told Sputnik on Friday.

"We expect to process more than last year," Dyukov said, adding that "there will be" a record. Although the CEO

did not specify the expected volumes, he said that the situation on the Russian fuel market remains stable. Gazprom Neft is not developing any new stabilization measures, Dyukov added.

In 2022, Gazprom Neft processed over 41 million tonnes of crude

oil. The company did not disclose figures for the previous two years, but Dyukov said that refining volumes would increase in 2023 and reach a record level in 2024. Later, the company said that oil refining rose by 1.1 per cent in 2024, to 42.9 million tonnes. — SPUTNIK



Russian oil giant Gazprom Neft expects to set a new record for oil refining in 2025. PHOTO: SPUTNIK

Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles outlook revised to negative on slow recovery at Jaguar Land Rover: S&P Global

THE outlook of Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd (Tata Motors PVs) has been revised to negative from stable, citing a slower-than-expected recovery at its wholly owned subsidiary, Jaguar Land Rover Automotive PLC (JLR), according to the S&P Global Ratings.

However, the agency affirmed its long-term issuer credit rating at 'BBB'.

According to the report, cash flow at Tata Motors PVs is expected to be significantly lower due to a prolonged oper-

ational disruption at JLR following a cyber-incident.



The outlook of Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd (Tata Motors PVs) has been revised to negative from stable, citing a slower-than-expected recovery at its wholly owned subsidiary, Jaguar Land Rover Automotive PLC (JLR). PHOTO: ANI

While JLR has resumed production, the ramp-up

to full capacity is likely to be gradual.

It stated "The negative outlook reflects our view that a recovery from the operational disruption following a cyber incident at JLR could be prolonged and lead to Tata Motors PVs' credit metrics staying weaker for longer".

The report also mentioned that following the demerger of Tata Motors' commercial vehicle operations, JLR now contributes to more than 80 per cent of Tata Motors PVs' earnings. — ANI

Japan's core consumer prices in Sep rise 2.9% on year

JAPAN'S core consumer prices in September rose 2.9 per cent from a year earlier, driven by higher energy prices, government data showed Friday.

The increase in the nationwide consumer price index, excluding volatile fresh food, accelerated for the first time in four months, following a 2.7 per cent rise in August, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications said.

The key gauge of inflation has remained at

or above the Bank of Japan's two per cent target since April 2022, according to the ministry.

Core-core CPI, which strips away both energy and fresh food to reflect underlying price trends, grew 3.0 per cent in September.

Utility prices climbed 2.3 per cent, after falling 3.3 per cent in August, and those for food, excluding fresh items, gained 7.6 per cent, compared with an 8.0 percent increase in August. — Kyodo

China opposes EU listing Chinese enterprises in Russia sanctions package

CHINA urges the European Union (EU) to immediately cease listing Chinese enterprises in the EU's 19th package of sanctions against Russia, a spokesperson for China's Ministry of Commerce said Thursday in response to media inquiries.

Despite China's repeated negotiations and dissuasion efforts, the EU has refused to

change course, once again listing Chinese enterprises in its 19th package of sanctions against Russia, and imposing sanctions on large Chinese oil refineries and traders for the first time, the spokesperson said, expressing China's strong dissatisfaction and firm opposition to these moves.

China has consistently opposed unilateral

sanctions that lack a legal basis in international law or the authorization of the United Nations.

The EU's actions run counter to the spirit of the consensus reached between the leaders of China and the EU, seriously undermine bilateral economic and trade cooperation, and impact global energy security, the spokesperson said. — Xinhua

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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Xi to attend APEC meeting, visit ROK from 30 Oct to 1 Nov

President Xi will deliver important speeches and have bilateral meetings with leaders of relevant countries.

AT the invitation of President Lee Jae-myung of the Republic of Korea (ROK), Chinese President Xi Jinping will attend the 32nd APEC Economic Leaders' Meet-

ing in Gyeongju and pay a state visit to the ROK from 30 October to 1 November, the Chinese foreign ministry announced on Friday.

Spokesperson Guo Jiakun told a daily news briefing that APEC is the most important economic cooperation mechanism in the Asia-Pacific region, and President Xi's attendance reflects China's high regard for economic cooperation in the region.

According to Guo, President Xi will deliver important speeches and have bilateral meetings with leaders of relevant countries.

"China is willing to work with all parties to contribute to promoting regional cooperation and boosting economic growth in the Asia-Pacific region, and jointly build an Asia-Pacific community with a shared future," said the spokesperson.

Regarding President Xi's state visit to the ROK, Guo said that China and the ROK are close neighbours and cooperative partners. China attaches importance to China-ROK relations and maintains stability and continuity in its policy towards the ROK, he added. — Xinhua



This photo taken on 24 September 2025 shows posters of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Gyeongju, South Korea, 24 September 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

Trump suggests land war on drugs

US President Donald Trump said on Thursday that the United States is preparing for a ground operation against drug cartels.

"The drugs coming in by sea are like 5 per cent of what they were a year ago, less than five per cent ... The land is going to be next," Trump said at a press conference dedicated to his administration's efforts to combat transnational crime.

The president also suggested that Secretary of War Pete Hegseth should go to Congress and tell lawmakers about the upcoming operation.

Trump noted that the United States will kill those who bring narcotics into the country without asking the Congress for a declaration of war on cartels amid growing tensions with Venezuela. — SPUTNIK



Between September and October 2025, the US military expanded its campaign from the Caribbean into the eastern Pacific Ocean, targeting vessels it alleges are tied to "narco-terrorist" organizations. This file handout picture shows US Navy guided-missile destroyer USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109) (left) and Egyptian Navy frigate ENS Alexandria (F911) conducting maneuvering-operation exercises in the Red Sea during the International Maritime Exercise/Cutlass Express. PHOTO: UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND / AFP/FILE

Israel freezes legislative process for West Bank annexation

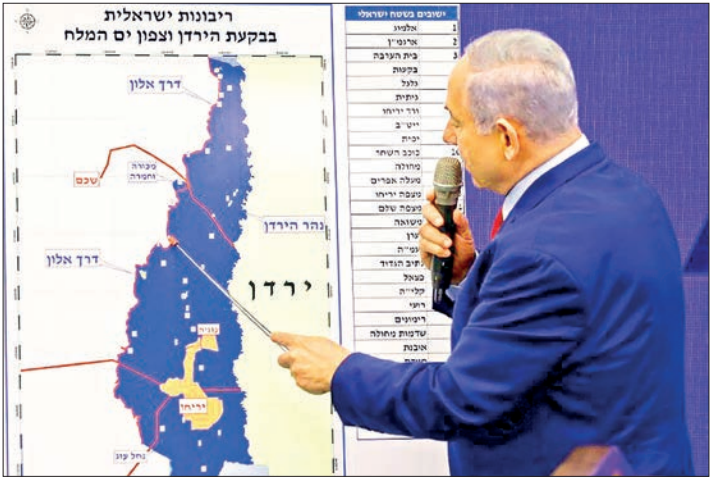
ISRAEL on Thursday froze the West Bank annexation bills that passed a preliminary vote in the Israeli parliament, or Knesset, the day before.

Ofir Katz, chairman of the government coalition, said in a statement that the bills for the full annexation of the West Bank and the annexation of the large-scale settlement of Maale Adumim near Jerusalem will not be advanced until further notice.

Israel's parliament voted Wednesday in favour of the two bills to apply Israeli law and administration to all settlements in Maale Adumim and the West Bank.

The vote was carried out during US Vice-President JD Vance's visit to the country.

Speaking to reporters at Ben Gurion International

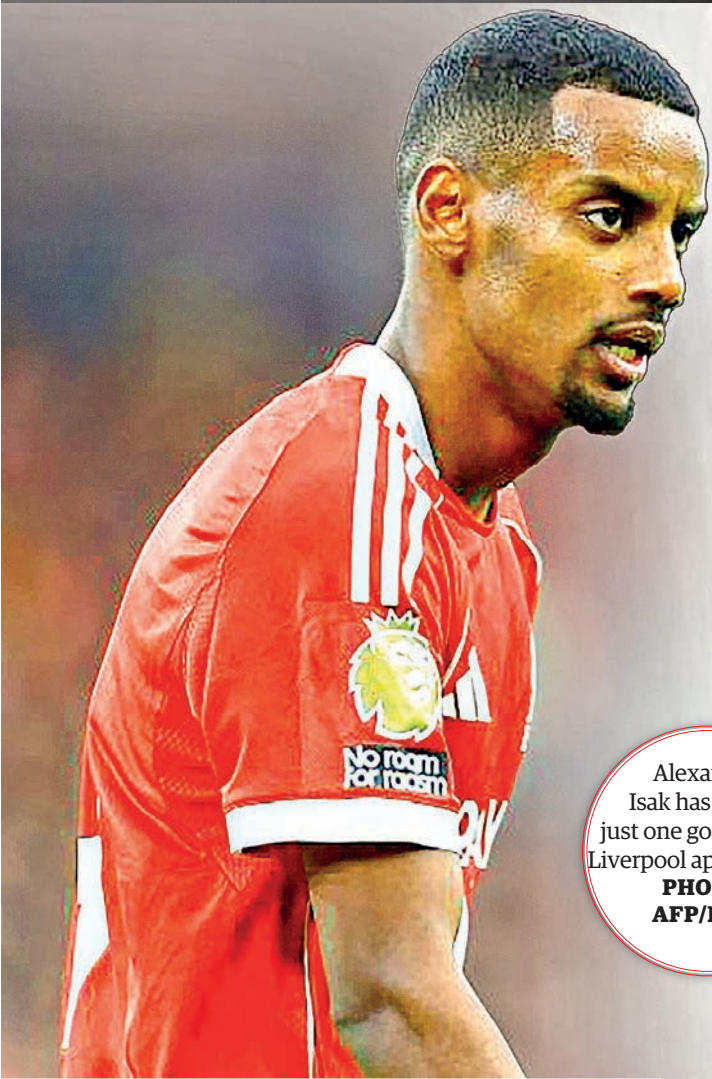


Benjamin Netanyahu is seen giving a press conference in which he is pointing to a map of the Jordan Valley and the northern Dead Sea. This event took place in September 2019, when Netanyahu announced his intention to annex the area if he was re-elected. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Airport outside Tel Aviv before his departure on Thursday, Vance said the vote was a "political stunt" which has no practical significance.

"If it was a political stunt, it was a very stupid political stunt, and I personally take some insult to it," he said. — Xinhua

SPORTS



Newcastle's Howe swerves Slot's 'smaller club' jibe over Isak transfer

NEWCASTLE manager Eddie Howe swerved a row with Arne Slot on Friday after his Liverpool counterpart referred to Newcastle as a "smaller club" when discussing Alexander Isak's transfer to Anfield.

The Reds boss made the comments after the 26-year-old Sweden international, who joined Liverpool from Newcastle last month, limped out of Wednesday's 5-1 Champions League win at Eintracht Frankfurt with a groin problem.

Alexander Isak has scored just one goal in eight Liverpool appearances. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Slot said Isak, who has one goal in eight appearances for his new club, was struggling because "you cannot compare maybe a player that hasn't trained or played in pre-season at a smaller club than if you go to Liverpool".

Howe, speaking ahead of Saturday's Premier League match against Fulham, refused to be drawn into a war of words with Slot.

"I don't have to do that, I don't feel," he said. "But you obviously know what my answer would be." — AFP

Brazil's Pacheco wins first world title as taekwondo worlds open in China's Wuxi

Brazil's Maria Clara Pacheco captured her first world title and the opening gold medal of the 2025 World Taekwondo Championships here on Friday, defeating Olympic champion Kim Yu-jin of South Korea 2-0 in the women's 57-kilogramme final. World No 1 Pacheco, 22, faced 2024 Olympic champion Kim in a cautious opening. Both exchanged mid-level kicks before Pacheco edged the first round 2-2 on point advantage. She gained momentum in the second round, landing a decisive high kick to close it 12-10 and secure her maiden world crown. — Xinhua

Delap close to Chelsea return, says Maresca

LIAM Delap could make his Chelsea return ahead of schedule in next week's League Cup meeting with Wolves, manager Enzo Maresca said on Friday.

The striker was not expected to be back in action until November or even December after sustaining a hamstring injury in August, but that schedule has been revised.

Delap, 22, has played just three Premier League games for Chelsea since signing for the club from Ipswich in June in a £30 million (\$40 million) deal and is yet to score a top-flight goal.

"Liam took part in the session yesterday with the team for the first time," said Maresca, whose team host Sunderland on Saturday.

"He's not going to be available for tomorrow's game but probably for the next one.

Maresca has used a number of forwards in Delap's absence, including fellow new recruit Joao Pedro and academy graduate Tyrrique George. — AFP



Chelsea forward Liam Delap picked up an injury against Fulham. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**



Elena Rybakina qualified for the WTA Finals with a win over Victoria Mboko in Tokyo on Friday. **PHOTO: AFP**

Rybakina seals WTA Finals spot in reaching Tokyo semis

ELENA Rybakina clinched the eighth and last spot at next month's WTA Finals when she beat Victoria Mboko 6-3, 7-6 (7/4) on Friday to reach the Pan Pacific semifinals in Tokyo.

The 2022 Wimbledon champion joins the elite field in Saudi Arabia after a successful run of form that also saw her win the Ningbo Open in China last week.

"It's great to qualify and play some more matches, especially against top players," said Kazakhstan's Rybakina, who will appear at the Finals for a third straight year. "Last week I was focusing one match at a time and I knew that to qualify it's going to take a long road," said the world number seven. "In the end everything worked out pretty well."

Rybakina will play sixth seed Linda Noskova of the Czech Republic in the semifinals on Saturday. — AFP



WORLD

China weighs draft amendment to cybersecurity law to better promote, regulate sound AI development

A DRAFT amendment to China's Cybersecurity Law was submitted on Friday to the 18th session of the Standing Committee of the 14th National People's Congress (NPC), the top legislature, for its second reading.

To address the growing need for AI governance, the draft proposes supporting fundamental artificial intelligence (AI) research, advancing key technologies such as algorithms, and building AI infrastructure.

It also stipulates improvements to ethical standards of AI, stronger security risk monitoring, and enhanced AI safety regulations.

With 515 million generative AI users in China as of June, double the number from just six months earlier in December 2024, per a recent report by the China Internet Network Information Centre (CNNIC), legislators consider these measures crucial for fostering sound AI development and regulation.

According to CNNIC, China now has over 1 billion internet users, with an internet penetration rate of 79.7 per cent. To enhance the protection of personal information online, the draft calls for better alignment with relevant laws, including the Civil Code and the Personal Information Protection Law. — Xinhua

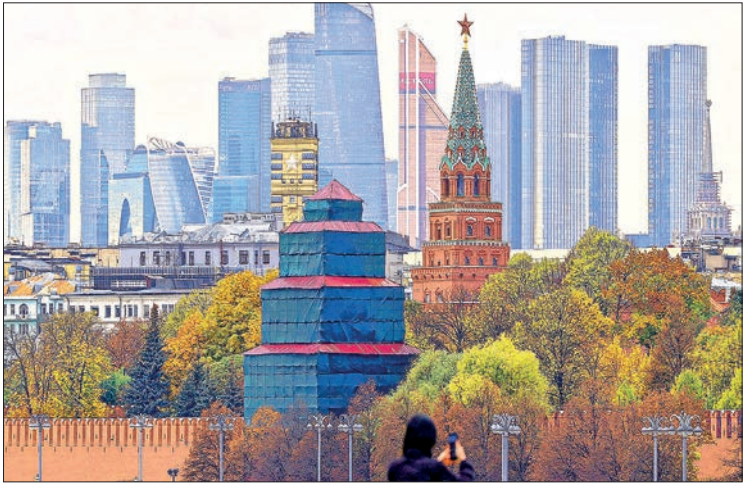
A recent CNNIC report shows China's generative AI user base reached 515 million by June, doubling from December 2024.



This photo taken on 18 July 2023 shows an exhibition on digital technologies at 2023 China Internet Conference in Beijing, capital of China. The conference is held from 18 to 20 July in Beijing. **PHOTO: LI XIN/XINHUA**

BRICS media delegates wowed by Moscow culture and media

HEADS of media outlets from 16 countries participating in the BRICS Global Media Tour arrived in Moscow to take part in the 17th Assembly of the Russian World.



The iconic view of Moscow captures a majestic Kremlin tower in the foreground, with the towering skyscrapers of the Moscow International Business Center (MIBC) dominating the background. **PHOTO: ANI**

As part of their itinerary, the delegates visited the BRICS+ Information and Cultural Media Centre at the All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature named after M I Rudomino.

During the visit, the participants were introduced to the activities of TV BRICS, followed by a guided tour of the library. The delegates expressed their appreciation for the warm reception and were impressed by the scale and richness of the cultural space, as per TV BRICS. The BRICS Global Media Tour, a regular project of TV BRICS, fosters practical interaction among media representatives at major international and all-Russian business events.— ANI

India welcomes Gaza Peace Agreement

INDIA'S Permanent Representative to the UN, Parvathaneni Harish, on Thursday (local time) addressed the UNSC Open Debate on the Situation in the Middle East, emphasising India's commitment to lasting peace in the region.

He welcomed the Gaza Peace Agreement and appreciated the roles of the US, Egypt, and Qatar in forging it and also thanked Russia for convening the Open Debate on the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question.

"Today's Open Debate comes in the backdrop of the

Gaza Peace Summit at Sharm el-Sheikh on 13 October 2025. India participated in the Summit, and we welcomed the signing of the landmark Peace Agreement. India hopes that the positive diplomatic momentum that has been generated will lead to lasting peace in the region. India would also like to place on record its appreciation for the United States, and especially President Donald Trump, for playing an instrumental role in forging the Agreement. India also commends the role of Egypt and Qatar towards achieving this end," said Harish. — ANI