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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.

Residents urged to join hands for orderly, fair election

P rime Minister U Nyo Saw, accompanied by the Yangon Region Chief Minister, the commander of Yangon Command, deputy ministers and officials, yesterday morning met departmental officials and town elders in Cocokyun, Yangon Region, and inspected the progress of regional development initiatives.

At the Cocokyun Airport, the Prime Minister was welcomed by departmental officials, teachers and residents.

The Prime Minister met departmental personnel at the office of the Township General Administration Department in Cocokyun and members of social organizations and town elders at the city hall to talk about regional development measures.

In his speeches, the Prime Minister urged residents to strive to give greater development as the government is enhancing the socioeconomic life of the people in Cocokyun. He stressed that people need to produce coconut and coconut products, as well as marine products, in addition to the value-added products made of domestic mango and pineapple.

As the government steps up efforts to improve the socioeconomic life of the people in Cocokyun, residents are encouraged to actively participate and work together towards achieving greater community development.



Prime Minister U Nyo Saw delivers a speech at the meeting with departmental officials and town elders in Cocokyun, Yangon Region, yesterday.

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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

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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 Saturday, 25 October 2025

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, the Well-Marked Low-Pressure Area over the South-east Bay of Bengal has moved westwards and further intensified into a depression. It is centred at about 330 nautical miles south-west of Coco Island (Myanmar), 530 nautical miles east-southeast of Chennai (India), 540 nautical miles Southeast of Kakinada (India). It is likely to move west-northwestwards and may intensify into a deep depression on 26 October 2025, and a Cyclonic Storm may form over the Southwest Bay and adjoining over Westcentral Bay of Bengal on 27 October 2025. The weather is a few clouds over the North Bay and Eastcentral Bay, partly cloudy over the North Andaman Sea and cloudy over the South Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 26 October 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, scattered in Kachin State and isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Upper Sagaing, and Ayeyawady regions, and Chin, Mon, Rakhine, and (northern and southern) Shan states. The weather will be partly cloudy 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 Taninthayi Region and Chin and Rakhine states. In the area along the cumulonimbus cloudsikely 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. The sea will be slight to moderate elsewhere in the Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 4-6 feet in off and along the Rakhine Coast.

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

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 26 October 2025: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 60 per cent.

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Depression News, No 2, 2025

Issued at 4 pm MST on 25 October 2025

Depression Condition

According to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, the Depression over the Southeast Bay of Bengal persists. It is centred at about 340 nautical miles Southwest of Coco Island (Myanmar), 510 nautical miles East-Southeast of Chennai (India), 530 nautical miles Southeast of Kakinada (India).

It does not intend to move towards the Myanmar coasts at the present stage; therefore, the Depression is coded as a yellow stage.

Position of Depression, centre pressure and wind

The Depression is located at a Latitude of 10.8 degrees North and a Longitude of 88.7 degrees East. The centre pressure of the Depression is 1002 hPa, and the maximum wind speed near the centre is 30 miles per hour at 15:30 hours MST today.

Next 48 hours forecast

It is likely to move west-northwestwards and may intensify into a deep depression on 26 October 2025, and a Cyclonic Storm may form over the Southwest Bay and extend over the west-central bay of Bengal on 27 October 2025.

Due to the depression, rain or thundershowers will be scattered to fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, Chin and Rakhine states, isolated to scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing and Ayeyawady regions, and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Mon and Shan states from today evening to 27 October 2025. 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. The sea will be slight to moderate elsewhere in the Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 4-6 feet in off and along the Rakhine Coast.

Advisory

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

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)

Residents urged to join hands for orderly, fair election

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He continued to say that the Head of State has emphasized the development of the Cocokyun area and beautification in facilitating the town with construction of the brick walls along the downtown road, paving of the circular asphalt road, building of the jetty and expansion of the airport, arrangements for the TV channels, breeding of cattle and installation of the telephone lines to ensure smooth communications.

He vowed to conduct the vocational courses such as coconut-based value-added foodstuff and personal good

production technological courses, domestic science courses and tailoring courses.

The Prime Minister unveiled the plans to reclaim farmlands and highland farmlands for ensuring the local food security in Cocokyun, build dams and small-scale embankments to irrigate farmlands, conduct feasibility studies for reclamation of the cultivable lands for cocoa plants, coconut and bamboo groves and substitute the overage coconut palms with the young ones in addition to operation of poultry and pig farms and agricultural tasks on a manageable scale.

As such, he added that residents have to cooperate with departmental officials in undertaking the development tasks of Cocokyun Township.

Furthermore, he underscored that students, parents and teachers are to join hands to achieve the high pass rates in raising the learning grades of students at primary, middle and high school levels of the township, adding that all people have to participate in holding the multiparty democratic general election successfully.

The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements of departmental personnel

and town elders and presented foodstuffs, quality seeds of crops, publications, equipment and MRTV DTH Set Top Boxes to officials. After the meetings, the Prime Minister cordially greeted residents.

The Prime Minister donated alms to the abbot of Sasana Mandaing Monastery.

While in Cocokyun, the Prime Minister inspected the supply of electricity at the Cocokyun Solar Power Plant, and the sites chosen for the construction of a dam to supply drinking and agricultural water for the people. — MNA/TTA

MoEP Union Minister attends International Forum on Energy Transition 2025

A Myanmar delegation, led by Union Minister for Electric Power U Nyan Tun, who is in Suzhou City, the People's Republic of China, attended the International Forum on Energy Transition 2025 on 24 October 2025. The forum was organized by the National Energy Administration of China and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).

At the forum, Mr Wang Hongzhi, Chairman of the National Energy Administration of China, Mr Francesco La Camela, Director-General of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), and Mr Liu Qitao, Governor of Jiangsu Province, attended and delivered opening addresses.

Union Minister U Nyan Tun

delivered a welcome and greeting address. He stated that in today's era, all face numerous environmental challenges, and energy security impacting the global environment is one of the priority issues for all humanity.

In addition to large-scale projects to address the impacts of carbon emissions, this includes implementing small-scale renewable energy projects, sharing resources, and new clean energies such as nuclear energy. He also highlighted the efforts of Myanmar regarding the electrification projects.

The Union Minister and party met with the delegation led by Mr Wang Hongzhi, Chairman of the National Energy Administration (NEA). They discussed further enhancement of bilateral cooperation regarding hydropower projects, cross-border power line projects, and



Union Minister for Electric Power U Nyan Tun speaks at the 2025 International Forum on Energy Transition in Suzhou City, the People's Republic of China, on 24 October 2025.

der power line projects, and China-Myanmar cooperative power projects, aiming to foster collaborative efforts in the electric power sector. — MNA/KTZH

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NATIONAL

Union Info Minister makes inspection tours in Tatkon

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, Chairman of the Working Committee on Information and Development of a Resilient and Strong Social Community, accompanied by Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Than Tun Oo and relevant officials, inspected the healthcare services of specialists from 300-bed General Hospital (Nay Pyi Taw) and 100-bed People's Hospital (Tatkon) in Ohnbin village, Tatkon Township, yesterday.

The Union minister and party first observed the healthcare services and provision of commodities and medicines of the healthcare team for the locals of Ohnbin village and the other eight villages at Mingala Yanaung monastery in Tatkon Township. He donated Buddha statues and a 2026 calendar of the ministry for the locals. During the meeting with the



Locals from Ohnbin village and surrounding villages from Tatkon Township are seen during the meeting with Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn in Tatkon, yesterday.

villagers, he highlighted the activities of State media as per the procedures of the National Disaster Management Committee, such as dissemination of

information, public awareness programmes and entertainment programmes to support the victims mentally and physically in disaster-stricken areas with the

artists.

The Union Minister observed the construction site of a 300-foot-long Lenge creek crossing bridge being built by

the Rural Development Department. The old bridge is located along the Ohnbin-Taungpohtha intervillage road, was destroyed due to Typhoon Yagi.

He also inspected the maintenance work on the Pwesa diversion weir hit by Typhoon Yagi, and cordially met locals.

The Union minister and party paid homage to the Thakho Taung Maha Atula Lawka Yanaung pagoda, and presented cash donations for the all-around renovation of the pagoda to officials.

The Union minister also made proper instructions to create the Thakho Taung region into a regional destination, together with the Nyaungbintha Resort, to provide job opportunities for locals.

The pagoda is located in Ohnbin village, about 20 miles from Tatkon. — MNA/KTZH

MoE Union Minister visits Chinese factories producing engines, generators



Union Minister U Ko Ko Lwin observes engines and generators during his visit to factories in China yesterday.

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin, who is currently in

the People's Republic of China to discuss energy cooperation between Myanmar and China,

visited factories producing various types of multi-purpose engines and generators yesterday.

During the visit, the Union Minister expressed his desire to promote technology exchange and to install and manufacture such equipment in factories in Myanmar. He also discussed carrying out maintenance work, sending Myanmar staff to Chinese factories for practical training courses, and enhancing cooperation between the two countries.

Factory officials explained the production processes, including the assembly of manufactured parts, testing of finished products, and maintenance of used engines. They also demonstrated various types of engines with different horsepower levels, such as methanol and natural gas engines, and generators that can operate in conjunction with

these engines. These products are designed for use in vehicles, vessels, and power generation systems, depending on user needs.

The Union Minister also visited state-owned factories with the technology and copyrights to collaborate directly with manufacturers possessing strong and reliable expertise. He noted that as the diesel engines, natural gas engines, and generators currently used in electricity generation have been in service for a long time, their efficiency has declined, and natural gas leakage has increased. Therefore, major repairs and upgrades are necessary, along with timely access to essential spare parts and expert assistance for machinery repair and maintenance. — MNA/MKKS

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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)



More schools reopen in Hsipaw as public services resume

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

Following the reopening of No 1 Basic Education High School, No 2 Basic Education Post-Primary School and No 7 Basic Education Primary School on 22 October and 24 October, one more school – No 3 Basic Education High School – was reopened, bringing the total number of reopened schools in Hsipaw to four.

Student enrolment continues, with 101 more students registered yesterday, bringing the total number of students attending classes to 1,331. Students are now able to study peacefully, and the Ministry of Education has provided free textbooks, stationery, and school supplies. In addition, special immunization activities are being conducted by the Public Health Department in Hsipaw yesterday.



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

tionery, and school supplies. In addition, special immunization activities are being conducted by the Public Health Department for 140 students under the age of 15.

As part of these ongoing efforts, Tatmadaw personnel, together with members of the Myanmar Police Force, the Fire Services Department, relevant departmental personnel, and

residents, conducted a collective cleaning campaign yesterday at No 2 Basic Education High School and a branch of Basic Education High School (Bawgyo) in Hsipaw.

Meanwhile, Hsipaw People’s Hospital continues to provide healthcare services to local ethnic residents. Yesterday, 16 outpatients and two inpatients received medical care.

At the same time, Tatmadaw demining teams continue to clear landmines in and around Hsipaw, particularly in areas near government offices and public routes. Security personnel are continuing to carry out territorial security and administrative duties to help maintain peace, stability, and long-term regional development, thereby ensuring that local ethnic residents can live and work safely and peacefully. — MNA/KZL

144 Chinese held in Myanmar for illegal entry, telecom fraud



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

MYANMAR authorities have detained 144 Chinese nationals who entered the country illegally and were involved in online gambling and fraud. The detainees, who crossed border routes via neighbouring countries, including Thailand, were apprehended in Kayin State’s Myawady-Mae Tha Waw Thalay (KK Park) area.

The detainees are currently under investigation, with relevant authorities compiling personal records and coordinating repatriation to their home countries in accordance with legal procedures. The operation is overseen by Myawady District Administrator U Kaung San Lin, and Deputy Director U Myint Bhone from the Ministry of Immigration and Population, along

with other officials. From 30 January to 25 October 2025, Myanmar authorities have identified and detained a total of 9,813 foreign nationals entering the country illegally. Among them, 9,339 have been repatriated via Thailand following legal procedures, while 474 remain under secure custody awaiting repatriation. The government continues to actively investigate and take strict action against foreigners involved in online scam operations, collaborating with neighbouring and regional countries as well as international organizations. Authorities also ensure the safe and effective repatriation of foreign nationals facing hardship or victims of human trafficking. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

Weekly Roundup

19 October

Development and progress evident in every corner of Cocokyun

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.

Tatmadaw members must always be combat-ready

Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met Tatmadaw members and families of Cocokyun Station.

20 October

Defence Services C-in-C meets Tatmadaw members in Pathein

Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, met Tatmadaw members and families of Pathein Station at Ayeyawady Hall of the South-West Command Headquarters.

Ayeyawady Region must promote the brand of Pawsan rice

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, met departmental officials and town elders in Pathein of Ayeyawady Region to discuss regional development initiatives.

22 October

UDNR graduates urged to uphold Union spirit as nation's lifeblood

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met students from the Five-Year BEd Course No 7 of the University for the Development of National Races of the Union at the Myanmar International Convention Centre I (MICC I) in Nay Pyi Taw.

NDSC issues orders 45/2025 and 46/2025

The National Defence and Security Council has allowed Dr Marlar Aung to retire from the duties of a member of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union for her health condition under Subsection (b) of Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and appointed and assigned Daw Ohnmar Aye to the duties of a member of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union under Subsection (b) of Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

23 October

Union government holds meeting 4/2025

The Union government held the meeting 4/2025 at its office, with an address by Prime Minister U Nyo Saw.

25 October

Tatmadaw Football Tourney concludes

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 and 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. — GNLM/TTA

Grand-scale Buddha Pujaniya Festival set for full moon day at Mohnyin Thanbuddhe



This photo features the Mohnyin Thanbuddhe Pagoda.

THE Buddha Pujaniya Festival at the Mohnyin Thanbuddhe Pagoda in Monywa, Sagaing Region, will be held on a grand scale on the full moon day of Tazaungmone, according to a member of the pagoda board of trustees.

Previously, during the Buddha Pujaniya Festival at the Mohnyin Thanbuddhe Pagoda,

around 150 monks from major cities such as Yangon, Mandalay, Pakokku, and Monywa, as well as from surrounding areas, were invited to receive alms. Last year, 75 monks from Monywa and the surrounding areas were offered food and water, and this year, 80 monks are planned to be offered the same.

For those who plan to sell

goods during the pagoda's Buddha Pujaniya Festival, stalls will be allocated on the ninth waxing day of Tazaungmone.

The Mohnyin Thanbuddhe Pagoda is located within the Mohnyin Monastery in Myaynae Village, more than seven miles southeast of Monywa Township. Construction of the pagoda began on the fifth waxing day of Waso in 1301 ME and was completed on the third waning day of Tabaung in 1314 ME.

The Buddha Pujaniya Festival of the Mohnyin Thanbuddhe Pagoda is held every year in the waxing of the Tazaungmone. The festival is not accompanied by musical entertainment, but it is celebrated on a grand scale, featuring alms-giving ceremonies, sermons, and offerings of rice. — ASH/TH

Nay Pyi Taw introduces telematic emergency ambulance service

ACCORDING to the Nay Pyi Taw Council, an emergency ambulance system equipped with a Telematic system is currently being implemented in the Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory.

It is reported that the implementation of this emergency ambulance system with the Telematic installation is being carried out in cooperation with relevant departments.

For this system, basic ambulances have been prepared and fitted with the Telematic system, allowing real-time monitoring of the location and movement of each ambulance. The EMS 192 Call Centre is also checking the daily readiness and operational status of the staff on duty.

It is also learnt that the emergency ambulance system

is being introduced to ensure that injured persons from road accidents in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area can be transported to hospitals quickly and systematically by ambulances.

Currently, nine ambulance stations under this system are being operated and based at hospitals in seven townships within the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. — ASH/KZL

Tazaungdine Market and Tazaungmone Full Moon Night Dance, Film, Music Festival to be held

THE Tazaungdine Market and the Tazaungmone Full Moon Night Theatrical, Film, and Music Festival will be held at the Eravati Sule Grand Yangon Hotel in Yangon on 4 November, according to Myanmar theatrical actor Tin Maung San Min Win.

The concert will feature veteran theatrical performer Tin

Maung San Min Win, Academy Kyaw Kyaw Bo, Academy Tun Tun, Zaw Shine Htet, Thazin Htoo Myint, Aye Thandar Bo, Nora, and many other artistes performing traditional dances.

"The Music Festival will be held from 10 am to 5 pm on 4 November, the full moon day of Tazaungmone, at the Eravati Sule Grand Yangon Hotel. The

festival will feature traditional Myanmar pastries, local products, and many other booths, and admission will be free for all," said the veteran theatrical dancer Tin Maung San Min Win.

The festival will also include performances by theatrical performers and comedians Metta Myint Myat Hein and Buthee. — ASH/MKKS

True patriots with heroic spirit can sacrifice life and limb for nation and people

❖ Sacrificing one’s life and limbs for the sake of the country, the people, and the sovereignty of the nation is an act that only those with a truly patriotic and heroic spirit can carry out.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the ceremony to mark the 80th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day, which falls on 27 March 2025)

Fuel oil reference prices continue to fall

FUEL oil reference prices slid to K2,670 for Octane 92 and K2,760 for Octane 95, K2,380 for diesel and K2,900 for premium diesel this week ending 30 October.

The prices were K2,705 for Octane 92 and K2,790 for Octane 95, K2,465 for diesel and K3,000 for premium diesel last week ending 23 October.

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

The committee is governing the market to ensure a stable price and secure supply. Furthermore, the Central Bank of Myanmar has been injecting

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

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

As per the statement, 90 per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced locally. Domestic fuel prices are high-



Vehicles queue up to refuel at a Yangon petrol station.

ly correlated with international prices. The State is steering the market to mitigate the loss experienced by the importers, sellers and energy consumers. Consequently, the government is trying to distribute the oil at

a reasonable price compared to that of regional countries.

Some countries levied higher tax rates and hiked oil prices than Myanmar’s. However, Malaysia’s oil sector receives government subsidies, and the

prices are about 60 per cent lower than those of Myanmar. Every country lays down different policy patterns to fix oil prices, the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil stated. — NN/KK

CBM injects over US\$2.23M to fuel oil, edible oil importers



File photo shows the facade of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) Yangon Branch.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$1.988 million to edible oil-importing companies and \$242,600 to fuel oil-importing companies on 24 October.

CBM sold over \$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 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

3rd Myanmar Intl Textile & Machinery Fair to be held at YCC

THE third edition of Myanmar International Textile and Machinery Fair will take place from 9 am to 5 pm on 5-7 December at the Yangon Convention Centre, according to the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association. The objectives behind the fair are to enhance China-Myanmar garment and textile businesses, strengthen economic ties between Myanmar and regional countries, explore potential business collaboration and effectuate the development of the Myanmar garment sector.

The three-day Myanmar International Textile and Machinery Fair will showcase textile products and related machinery from China and Myanmar, local MSMEs and Made in Myanmar Products, Sewing motors, accessories and raw materials, tags, pricing tags, printing and trim

accessories, and printing and machinery for design and pattern.

Panel discussions of the industry experts, Myanmar traditional costumes, traditional clothing from China-ASEAN, CMP and Local brands Fashion Shows, Exhibitors’ Business Matchings and Seminars will be included.

This fair is designated for those engaged in textile and machinery manufacturing, the Myanmar garment industry, factory owners, suppliers and traders for textile sectoral development, local brands and SMEs.

Business entities that want to promote brands, factories, garment manufacturers, machinery importers, B2C and B2B companies can register through contact numbers at +951 2314829/2300253 (Ext:11), and 09 43081424 for product showcase and business matching. — NN/KK

OPINION

Tazaungmone and
Tazaungdine festival:
Inseparable occasions

IN the Myanmar twelve-month calendar, Tazaungmone is the eighth month, marking the gentle transition between the rainy and cold seasons. During this time, chrysanthemums bloom abundantly, decorating the countryside with colour. Though it falls within the cool season, occasional light rains and the first signs of frost make Tazaungmone a uniquely pleasant and refreshing time of year.

The month is rich with religious and cultural traditions, reflecting the generosity and unity of the Myanmar people. Among these, the most prominent is the Kathina Festival, a major Buddhist ceremony in which devotees offer robes to monks.

The Festival of Lights brings the month to a radiant close. Streets, homes, and buildings in the society are illuminated with oil lamps, paper lanterns, and colourful electric lights, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness. The acts of giving, worship, and celebration that fill Tazaungmone make it a truly joyous and spiritually enriching season in Myanmar's calendar.

On the eve of the Tazaungmone full moon, people also take part in all-night robe-weaving competitions. Teams work together to spin, weave, and sew a robe from raw cotton before dawn. The completed robe, offered immediately to the Buddha, is known as the “Unspoiled Robe” (Matho Thingan). The event symbolizes unity, diligence, and cooperation, as everyone must contribute harmoniously to finish within the night.

Another well-known tradition of Tazaungmone is the enjoyment of mezali bud salad, believed to possess heightened medicinal power when eaten during this season. Ancient Myanmar medical texts note that mezali flowers, at their most potent in Tazaungmone, can be consumed as both food and herbal medicine. On the full moon night, people share mezali flower salad as a gesture of friendship and goodwill.

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The offering of the Kathina robe is regarded as one of the most meritorious acts of giving, bringing spiritual benefit to both donors and recipients. Traditionally, communities carry their offerings in processions to monasteries, creating a joyful atmosphere of communal participation. These Kathina processions are among the most distinctive and cherished expressions of Myanmar's cultural and religious life.

The Kathina robe-offering period lasts from the 1st waning of Thadingyut to the full moon of Tazaungmone. The term Kathina, derived from Pali, means firmness or stability. The custom has existed since the era of ancient Myanmar kings and continues to this day. The robe is usually given to monks who are in genuine need, but if all have robes, it is presented to the senior monk.



Book Title	-	3 Masters & 5 Tales by Tom Godwin, Frederik Pohl, and Philip K Dick
Translator	-	Wint Pyone Myint
Publishing House	-	Yoon Wathan
Publication Date	-	September 2025 (1 st Edition)
Price	-	K15,000

3 Masters & 5 Tales by Tom Godwin, Frederik Pohl, and Philip K Dick

ALTHOUGH many books are being published in Myanmar, it can be seen that the proportion of scientific literature is quite small. Among scientific literature, science fiction in particular is even more scarce. Now, Yoon Wathan Publishing House has filled this gap for the readers. This new book is titled “Five Remarkable Science Fiction Short Stories by Three Legendary Writers” (3 Masters & 5 Tales by Tom Godwin, Frederik Pohl, Philip K Dick), and it has been translated into the Myanmar language by Wint Pyone Myint. These five stories are The Cold Equations, The Tunnel under the World, The Heated, The Stranger and The Second Variety.

Tom Godwin (6 June 1915-31 August 1980) was an American science fiction writer who was active from the 1950s to the 1970s. He passed away at the age of 65. Throughout his writing career, Godwin published three novels and around thirty short stories. His most famous short story

is “The Cold Equations” (1954), which gained particular popularity. It was published in 1954 and was the fourth of Godwin's publications. The story portrays that when supply transport becomes the key factor in the plot, the circumstances push the characters towards harsh and difficult choices.

Frederik George Pohl, Jr (26 November 1919-2 September 2013) was a person who worked in the field of science fiction for more than 70 years as a novelist, short story writer, essayist, publisher, editor, and literary agent. In 1993, he received the Damon Knight Memorial Grand Master Award, and in 1998, he was inducted into the Science Fiction and Fantasy Hall of Fame. Pohl's early works strongly reflected social and economic criticisms. A notable example is the novel The Space Merchants, which he co-wrote with C M Kornbluth in 1953. This story portrays consumerism and the influence of corpo-

rate powers. In addition, his early work “The Tunnel under the World” (1955) is regarded as a masterpiece. It is such an influential medium-length story by Pohl that it is frequently taught in literature and science courses.

American science fiction writer Philip K Dick (16 December 1928-1982) was one of the most important science fiction authors of the 20th century, having written 44 novels and over 120 short stories. His ideas were so innovative and unconventional that they exceeded the boundaries of what most people could understand and accept. Today, however, his thoughts have come to be valued around the world, including by scholars and intellectuals. The reason Philip K Dick became well known is because of his “mind-twisting” science fiction stories. When he passed away in 1982, he did not die as a widely famous and celebrated author but rather as someone who had been somewhat forgotten.



Book Title	-	A Trio of Tales: English Translation by San Shwe Baw (Sittway)
Author	-	Journalgyaw Ma Ma Lay
Translator	-	San Shwe Baw
Publishing House	-	Thiha Yadana
Publication Date	-	August 2025 (1 st Edition)
Price	-	K6,000

A Trio of Tales: English Translation by San Shwe Baw (Sittway)

THIS week's pick is an English-translated book of three tales written by Myanmar author Journalgyaw Ma Ma Lay, published by Thiha Yadana Publishing. These separate editions with original language editions provide a more authentic experience, and the translated version will make the literacy of short stories in Myanmar literature accessible and enjoyable to foreigners. It is handy for Language learners with immediate comparison and context.

Myanmar to English translator Sayar San Shwe Baw has a BA (English) from the University of Yangon, an Advanced Diploma in English Language Teaching from the University of Leeds, TESOL from Saint Michael's College, USA, and a master's in TESOL. He had taught at Theodore Maria School of Arts, Assumption University for 30 years before he retired as an associate professor two years ago. His 40-year teaching career is a significant professional milestone, leading to extensive experience and long-term commitment to education. He published teaching

articles in Thailand and the US. He himself is also a writer of four novel books. He also translated the Myanmar short stories of famous author Phoe Kyawt and Journalgyaw Ma Ma Lay into English.

Journalgyaw Ma Ma Lay is acknowledged as a prominent female writer and one of the greatest Myanmar writers of the 20th century, with 20 books, inspiring short stories and articles. Her stories are known and remarkable for her realistic literary style, capturing the daily lives, struggles and aspirations of ordinary people in the compelling narratives. She is reputable for authentic portrayals of Myanmar's modern societies, turning daily events into fascinating stories. She is highly respected by both contemporary authors and emerging writers for her works that resonate deeply with readers across generations, capturing the essence of diverse social classes, struggles, and aspirations. She is hailed as one of the few outstanding female writers of her generation. She passed away at the age of 65 on 6 April 1982.

Out of three tales, a short story, Mi Kway, depicts the funny yet miserable short story of a seven-year-old home helper who was scolded and punished for misusing the words, leading to misunderstanding due to figurative language.

Another story entitled “Police in the Service of Justice” is also the famous work of Journalgyaw Ma Ma Lay. The protagonist of this motivational story is the wife of a police officer treated with dignity and respect. Her fairness and morality influence her police husband to ensure ethical conduct in the legal system, stating that a righteous man walks in his integrity and acts in law enforcement.

A monk in the story entitled The Perils of Samsara was swayed by the pull of the beauty and fleeting encounters and drawbacks. When he witnessed the quarrels between the wife of the deceased and the mistress during the funeral, the monk realized the impermanence of life and entered a righteous setting to pursue monastic life by stripping one's life of secular pleasures through disciplined life.

The Power of Learning

By Min Zan

A nation grows where wisdom blooms,
Where light of knowledge clears the glooms.
Strong hearts and minds together rise,
To build the future, brave and wise.

From schools that open every door,
To children learning ever more,
Their dreams take flight, their hopes expand,
They shape the future of the land.

Let peace and learning go hand in hand,
Uplift the people, bless the land.
With unity and hearts so true,
Progress will shine in all we do.



O Ye Poet

By Tin Moe, Translated by Myint Zan

suffused and bedazzled by
poetic imagination
following its direction
ye can reside and rest
on top of the clouds
in the (wide) sky

(yet) ...

on the ground
as the winds blow
like petals of flowers
falling to the ground
ye can go hither and thither
how astounding it is!

Composed probably on 18 December 1991
Translated on 24 October 2025

အိုဘယ့် ကဗျာဆရာ

ကဗျာဈာန်
ကရုဏ်းကို စေစားလို့
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တင့်တိုး
ဥးငှက် နာရီ နေ့ခင်း

Beautifying the World လောကအလှဆင်နေ၏

Translated by Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

Look, dear friend,
By a silver silkworm at full strength
A cocoon interwoven inextricably
Is being built quietly.

Sucking nectar, bees of a great many
Are building almost ceaselessly
A golden comb of honey.

Even as weaverbirds are cheeping shrilly,
They try to flock together,
While flying in the air in a cluster;
Their nests are suspended
And collectively built serried.

Also, it is human workers
Bridges, roads and infrastructures,
Housing, industry and many others,
By doing their damndest with all strength,
Who peg out and construct for establishment;
This is beautifying the world with a revamp.

ကြည့်စမ်းအဆွေ
ငွေပိုးကောင်ငယ်၊ အားမာန်ကြွယ်၍
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တည်ငြိမ် တည်ဆောက်နေဘိ၏။

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မနားမနေ၊ တည်ဆောက်နေသည့်
ရွှေရည်ပျိုးပျိုး၊ ပျားလအိုး။

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ညီညာကြိုးစား၊ စာသင်များလည်း
ပျံလွှားလေထ၊ တသသနှင့်
တွဲလီတွဲလောင်း၊ စာသားတောင်းကို
စုပေါင်းဆောက်တည် စီရရီ။

သည်ရာလူသား၊ အလုပ်သမားလည်း
တံတားလမ်းတာ၊ အိမ်ခန်းဝါနှင့်
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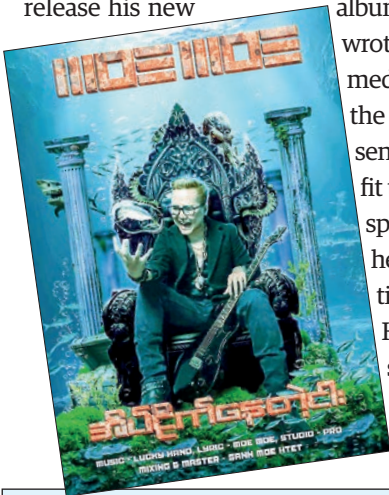
Thar Nyi
ACTOR Thar Nyi, who mainly focuses on directing rather than acting, returned from Pindaya after his 16-day shooting. He filmed 'Popular Kimchi' and 'Thitkhat Yoeya' movies in Pindaya. He will return to Pindaya after staying in Yangon for four days.

Shin Mwe La
THE press show of the series 'Myuhnin Doh Htawara Wai' was organized at the JCGV Cinema of the Saint John City Mall on 23 October. Male lead actor Shin Mwe La attended the event. The movie was directed by director Ko Ko Win, and the cast includes Ye Aung, Shin Mwe La, Bhone Shein Khant, Yamon Myint Myat, Great Chan and Thanzin Seesar, and other artistes. The actor said, "After



reading the novel, I immediately became one of its true fans. I told myself I must create the best. I could not make any mistakes, and I tried with care and effort. Even someone like me, who has spent a lifetime smiling things off, ended up with tears. It's truly a heavy drama."

Moe Moe
SONG COMPOSER, singer and director Moe Moe will release his new album 'Sleepy Fish'. He wrote his words on social media, stating, "In the album, for the song Sleepy Fish, I wrote a kind of sentence structure that doesn't really fit the usual way I write. What's so special about it?" On 25 October, he released a lyric video of the title song. The movie Ghost Hotel that he directed will be screened on 20 March 2025.



'Byawthan' stars meet fans at Thailand event

A fan meeting of artistes from the movie 'Byawthan' (The Sound of Ceremonial Overture) was organized at the Maha Nwe Shopping Complex in Maha Chaing, Thailand, on 22 October. Similarly, a film press show took place at the Major Complex Ratchayothin in Bangkok, and actors and actresses, and other artistes attended the event.

"It is something to be happy that a Myanmar movie from our country is now allowed to premiere in Thailand. And more than that, knowing that the Myanmar people living here in this country can watch Myanmar movies too makes me proud, both on behalf of them and on behalf of the filmmakers. If Myanmar films could break into the Asian market, that would truly be something to be proud of. I hope that Myanmar movies will continue to reach the international stage," said U Kyaw Htoo, male supporting actor of the film, at the press show.

The 'Byawthan' movie was produced by Shwe Nadi Shwe Yi Film Production, and the director was Aw

Ratha, and the cast members are Academy Nay Win, Phyo Ngwe Soe, Academy Khin Wint Wah and other artistes. It will be screened at the Major Cineplex cinemas in Thailand starting from 23 October. — Htun Htun/ KTZH



May
Actress and vocalist May released her solo album 'Htwet Pauk' on 19 October, and it's popular. Mary and ZiG supported her in featuring. Her new song 'Sayleik Nae Mee-chit'

reached one million views on Facebook. She also talked about the reason for her album name, saying, "During the time I was working on this album, it became the only outlet for my loneliness, suffocation, and longing; it served as my escape".

Irene Zin Mar Myint
IRENE ZIN MAR MYINT notified her fans, saying she will release her new duet song soon. She said, "I created the duet song for U Jet Mya Thaung ... Coming soon". The vocalist recently performed with Myo Gyi, Y Wine, Zaw Paing and Wyne Su Khine Thein at The Square in Mandalay.



Mari Cole
VOCALIST Mari Cole announced that she will be in Bago during the Tazaungdine festival, saying I will entertain at the Golden Paradise in Bago on 4 November, at Tazaungdine festival. She received big applause from her fans during the 28 Buddha Statues procession festival in Pyinmana. — Htun Htun/KTZH



WORLD

Brazil aims for full ASEAN membership, president Lula says

Brazilian President Lula emphasized the expanding collaboration between Brazil and ASEAN, focusing on development initiatives that link Southeast Asia and South America.

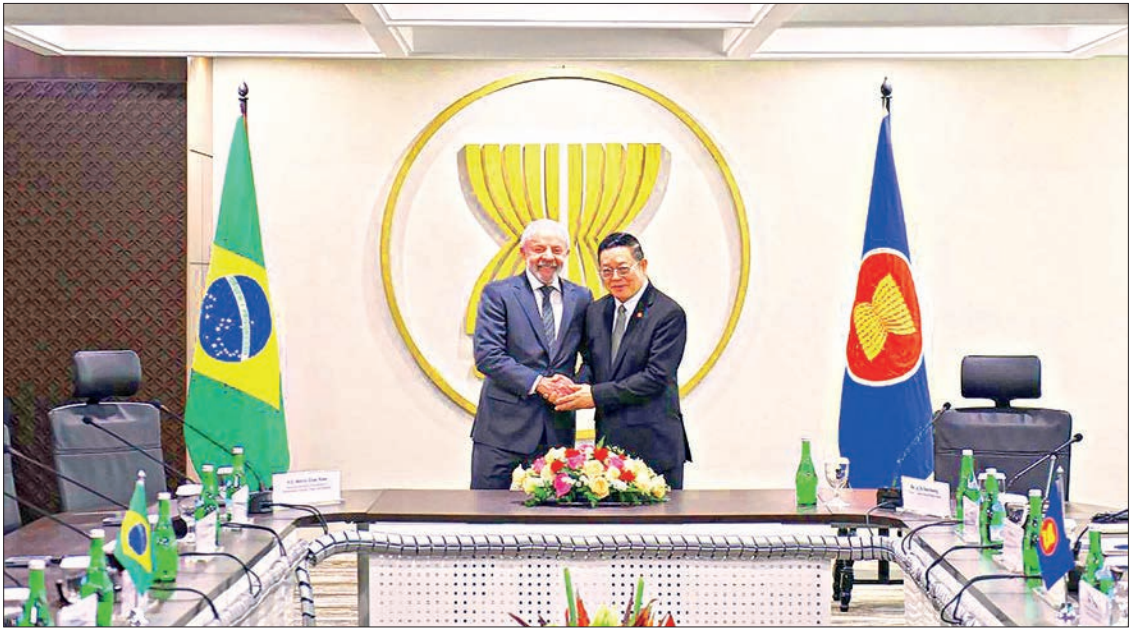
BRAZILIAN President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said Friday that Brazil is working to become a full member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), according to the presidential office.

Speaking in Jakarta during his official visit to Indonesia, Lula expressed hopes for stronger ties with ASEAN.

“I hope we can continue strengthening our relationship

and move forward with a positive outlook. The world today demands greater negotiating capacity and willingness from political leaders,” Lula said after meeting ASEAN Secretary-General Kao Kim Hourn.

Lula highlighted Brazil’s growing cooperation with the bloc, particularly through development projects connecting Southeast Asia and South America. — Xinhua



Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva made his first official visit as head of state to the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta on 24 October 2025. The visit highlights the strengthening ties between Brazil and ASEAN, with both sides advancing cooperation in areas of mutual interest. PHOTO: ASEAN.ORG

Trump sending US carrier to Latin America as war fears rise

THE Pentagon on Friday ordered the deployment of an aircraft carrier strike group to counter drug-trafficking organizations in Latin America, a major escalation of a US military buildup that Venezuela’s leader warned was steered at “fabricating a war.”

US President Donald Trump, who campaigned on a promise of ending foreign military interventions, in

early September launched a military campaign targeting boats allegedly used to smuggle narcotics, destroying at least 10 vessels in a series of strikes.

But the American military buildup as part of that campaign — including 10 F-35 stealth warplanes and eight US Navy ships — has sparked fears in Venezuela that Washington’s ultimate goal is the

overthrow of President Nicolas Maduro, and the decision to send the carrier is certain to add to those concerns. Late Friday, Maduro accused the Trump administration of stoking “a new eternal war.”

“They promised they would never again get involved in a war, and they are fabricating a war that we are going to prevent,” Maduro told state broadcasters. — AFP



The deployment of the USS Gerald R Ford will add to concerns in Venezuela that Washington’s ultimate goal is the overthrow of President Nicolas Maduro. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

NEWS IN BRIEF

China, US start economic, trade talks in Kuala Lumpur

THE Chinese and US delegations convened on Saturday morning for talks on economic and trade issues.

The two sides will hold consultations on important issues in China-US economic and trade ties in accordance with the important consensus reached by the heads of state of the two countries during their phone calls this year, a spokesperson for China’s Ministry of Commerce said in a statement on Thursday. The Chinese delegation is led by Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee. — Xinhua

Thailand’s queen mother Sirikit dies at 93

THAILAND’S queen mother Sirikit died on Friday night at the age of 93, the Bureau of the Royal Household said in a statement.

Thailand’s King Maha Vajiralongkorn has instructed the bureau to arrange a royal funeral, and has ordered members of the royal family and palace officials to observe a one-year mourning period from the day of her passing. — Xinhua

Vietnam hosts signing ceremony for UN Convention against Cybercrime

VIETNAM on Saturday hosted the signing ceremony and high-level conference of the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime, also known as the Hanoi Convention, Vietnam News Agency reported. Held under the theme “Countering Cybercrime - Sharing Responsibility - Securing Our Future,” the event brought together UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, along with leaders and senior representatives from about 110 countries and numerous international organizations. — Xinhua

ECONOMY
WORLD

IMF projects Indian economy to grow at 6.6% in FY 2025 despite dim prospects for global growth



Tidel Park (officially TIDEL Park) is one of India's premier software technology parks, located in Taramani, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. **PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

This upward revision is attributed to strong economic performance in the first quarter.

THE International Monetary Fund (IMF) has predicted that India will continue to be one of the fastest-growing 'emerging market and developing economies' in 2025-26, growing at a rate of 6.6 per cent, according to the World Economic Outlook (WEO) report. This upward revision is attributed to strong economic performance in the first quarter, which has more than offset the effects of increased US tariffs on Indian goods.

The IMF released its revised projections following the effects

of US tariffs across various economies and the subsequent deals made between countries amid growing uncertainty.

However, the IMF has lowered its 2026 projection to 6.2 per cent, citing a potential fading of first-quarter momentum.

With the effects of tariffs lower than expected, the IMF projects global growth at 3.2 per cent in 2025, while slowing to 3.1 per cent in the following year. These projections, however, are still lower than the pre-policy-shift forecasts. — ANI

China's new green loans hit 6.47 tln yuan in first nine months of 2025: central bank data

CHINA'S new green loans, which refer to loans designated for financing green projects such as those focused on infrastructure's green upgrade, energy efficiency and environmental protection, hit 6.47 trillion yuan (about US\$912 billion) in the first nine months of 2025, according to the country's central bank.

According to data released Friday by the People's Bank of China, the balance of China's green loans in local and foreign currencies stood at 43.51 trillion

yuan as of the end of September this year, up 17.5 per cent compared to the start of the year, the data showed.

In terms of use, the balance of green loans for infrastructure's green upgrade stood at 19.29 trillion yuan, while those for energy's green and low-carbon transition and for ecological protection and restoration projects stood at 8.32 trillion yuan and 5.01 trillion yuan, respectively, as of the end of September. — Xinhua

Sri Lanka's Sep apparel exports record modest growth

Sri Lanka's apparel exports recorded a modest year-on-year increase in September, supported by stronger sales to the European Union (EU) and other markets, the Joint Apparel Association Forum said on Friday.

Exports in September totalled US\$403.01 million, up 1.58 per cent from a year earlier.

Exports to the United States and Britain dropped

4.71 per cent and 15.06 per cent, respectively, while shipments to the EU rose 10.75 per cent, and exports to other destinations increased 19.49 per cent.

From January to September, total apparel exports reached \$3.8 billion dollars, marking a 6.83 per cent rise compared with the same period in 2024. — Xinhua

Toyota to inform Trump of plan to import US-made vehicles to Japan

TOYOTA Motor Corp is expected to inform the US government of a plan to import to Japan vehicles it produces in the United States, a source familiar with the matter said Saturday, with the company to do so when President Donald Trump visits Tokyo next week.

Toyota has been weighing the option of shipping vehicles built in America to its home market in an effort to reduce the US trade deficit.

"We are considering (such imports) as one idea," Toyota chief executive Koji Sato said after a meeting of the Japan Business Federation on Wednesday. Trump is scheduled to visit

Japan for three days from Monday, and Toyota chairman Akio Toyoda is expected to attend a meeting between the US president and Japanese business leaders. In April, the Trump ad-

ministration imposed a tariff of 27.5 per cent on foreign-made cars, far higher than the previous 2.5 per cent, in an effort to reduce the country's massive trade deficit. — Kyodo



A Toyota display at the Washington Auto Show in 2014. **PHOTO: BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI / AFP/FILE**

Türkiye slows easing cycle as inflation edges up

TÜRKIYE'S central bank lowered its key interest rate by 100 basis points on Thursday, following a series of more hawkish moves earlier this year after a slight rise in inflation in September.

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) lowered the one-week repo rate to 39.5 per cent from 40.5 per cent, following sharper cuts of 250 and 300 basis points in September and July, respectively.

"The underlying trend of inflation increased in September," the bank said in a statement following the rate-setting meeting, noting that rising food prices were a key contributor. Türkiye's annual inflation rose to 33.29 per cent in September, up from August's 32.95 per cent, marking the first monthly increase since May 2024 when it was recorded at over 75 per cent. — Xinhua

Alaska Airlines resumes flights after IT outage

ALASKA Airlines resumed operations on Thursday after a tech outage that suspended all of its flights for several hours, three months after a similar incident.

“Alaska Airlines operations have been restored after a significant IT outage resulted in a system-wide ground stop of flights,” the Seattle-based company said in a statement early Friday, about eight hours after the outage began.

At least 229 flights were cancelled, and “additional flight disruptions are likely as we reposi-

tion aircraft and crews throughout our network,” it added. The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has removed an advisory showing the fifth-largest US carrier’s flights were suspended.

The outage, which began around 3:30 pm (2230 GMT), “is not a cybersecurity event, and it’s not related to any other events,” Alaska said earlier in a statement.

The issue began “with a failure at our primary data centre,” it added, saying that “the safety of our flights was never compromised.” — AFP



At least 229 flights were cancelled due to Alaska Airlines’s tech outage. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

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Iran declares major lender bankrupt

IRAN declared one of the country’s largest private banks bankrupt with its assets absorbed by the state, official media reported Saturday, in a rare move in the country grappling with international sanctions.

Founded in 2012, Ayandeh Bank had a network of 270 branches across the country, including 150 in the capital Tehran alone. But it had more recently been crippled by debt, with accumulated losses amounting to the equivalent of about \$5.2 billion and roughly \$2.9 billion in debts, according to the ISNA news agency.



Iranians walk past an Ayandeh Bank branch (L) in the capital Tehran on 14 January 2017. PHOTO: ATTA KENARE / AFP

On Saturday, queues of customers could be seen outside a former Ayandeh Bank branch in Tehran, with police also present,

an AFP journalist reported. The state-owned Meli Bank has absorbed the assets of the now-defunct Ayandeh Bank, following a decision by the Central Bank, which has given assurances that depositors will be able to recover their savings. — AFP

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST



People hold portraits of Thailand’s former Queen Sirikit as they gather in front of Chulalongkorn Hospital in Bangkok where she passed away late Friday. **PHOTO: AFP**

OCTOBER 25

Thai PM cancels APEC attendance over queen mother’s passing

AFTER CONCLUDING the Cabinet meeting on Saturday, Thai Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul told the media that Thailand has entered a national mourning period following the passing of Queen Mother Sirikit, and he has cancelled his trip to South Korea to attend the 32nd APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting.

Anutin stated that, as he needs to stay in the country to preside over fun-

eral arrangements during this period, his planned official visit to Malaysia scheduled for Saturday has also been cancelled. He will travel to Malaysia on Sunday morning to attend the signing ceremony of the Thailand-Cambodia peace agreement, and then return to Thailand immediately.

Anutin further announced that Thailand has entered a national mourning period. — Xinhua

OCTOBER 24

Palestinian factions agree to hand Gaza to technocrat committee

THE MAIN PALESTINIAN political factions, including Hamas, said on Friday they had agreed that an independent committee of technocrats would take over the running of post-conflict Gaza. During a meeting in Cairo, according to a joint statement published on the Hamas website, the groups agreed to hand “over the administration of the Gaza Strip to a temporary Palestinian committee composed of independent technocrats”.

It said the committee would “manage the affairs of life and basic services in cooperation with Arab brothers and international institutions”. The statement also said the factions had agreed to work on unifying a common position “to confront the challenges facing the Palestinian cause”. — AFP

OCTOBER 22

First human survives 171 days with gene-edited pig liver transplant

IN A BIG LEAP for medical science, Chinese surgeons have successfully performed the world’s first transplant of a gene-edited pig liver into a living human patient, who survived for 171 days after the operation.

This milestone, reported in the Journal of Hepatology this month, marks a significant advance in the quest to address the critical shortage of human donor organs. The groundbreaking procedure was led by a team from the First Affiliated Hospital of Anhui Medical University, with the gene-edited pig liver developed by researchers from Yunnan Agricultural University.

The donor pig underwent extensive pathogen screening and a sophisticated 10-gene modification process. Three genes responsible for rapid antibody-mediated rejection in pigs were knocked out, while seven human genes were inserted to improve immune acceptance and prevent blood clotting complications, according to the paper.

The operation was conducted on 17 May 2024. — Xinhua

OCTOBER 20

20th CPC Central Committee starts fourth plenary session

THE FOURTH PLENARY SESSION of the 20th Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee is poised to shape the direction of the 15th Five-Year Plan that will steer the world’s second-largest economy from 2026 to 2030, a defining phase on China’s path toward basically achieving socialist modernization by 2035.

The plenary session, which started in Beijing on Monday, will review the CPC Central Committee’s draft proposals for formulating the 15th Five-Year Plan for national economic and social development. As an overarching blueprint to guide national development, five-year plans outline the country’s targets, strategies, priorities and policy orientations in various fields. — Xinhua

OCTOBER 23

US troops train in Panama jungle, as tensions simmer with Venezuela

US MARINES conducted small-scale survival and jungle combat drills on Panama’s Caribbean coast, simulating bunker assaults at the former Fort Sherman base near the Panama Canal. About 50 troops are training from 9-29 October under a cooperation programme with Panamanian police, focusing on tactics against organized crime and drug trafficking. The exercises, including jungle tracking, aim to build mutual knowledge and defence skills. Amid US-Venezuela tensions, with a US naval buildup off Venezuela, Colonel Ada Cotto denied any link to intervention plans, emphasizing transparency and Panamanian invitation. The agreement followed pressure from President Trump, who threatened to seize the canal. — AFP

OCTOBER 21

‘Stealth husband’ of Japan’s new PM vows quiet support

SANAE TAKAICHI, Japan’s first female Prime Minister, is supported by her husband Taku Yamamoto, a 73-year-old former LDP lawmaker, who embraces the role of a “stealth husband” by cooking meals and avoiding the spotlight.

“Unlike in the West, it’s better for a partner to stay out of the spotlight,” Yamamoto told media, ensuring Takaichi can pursue her premiership vision without obstacles.

The couple married in 2004, divorced in 2017 over political differences, and remarried in 2021 after Yamamoto backed her failed LDP leadership bid, losing his seat in the ensuing election. Takaichi, 64, holds conservative gender views, opposing revisions to Japan’s surname law, which forces married couples to share a name—often the husband’s.

In their first marriage, she took his; in the second, he took hers. They live in Tokyo’s parliamentary housing, where Takaichi cares for Yamamoto after his 2024 stroke and prostate cancer diagnosis. — AFP

OCTOBER 19

China Patent Awards cast spotlight on innovation

IT IS NOT EASY to stand out as an innovator in China — a country with more than 5 million patents — and earning a gold award in this talent-dense pool is an achievement of exceptional rarity and excellence, and most definitely a hard-won honour.

The 2025 China Patent Awards were presented by the China National Intellectual Property Administration and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at the 14th China International Patent Fair earlier this week.

A total of 40 Chinese inventions and designs were awarded gold medals for their groundbreaking innovation and significant contributions to economic and social progress. Among this year’s gold-winning patents, 35 are held by enterprises or involved enterprise-led contributions. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Yangon United, ISPE FC extend winning streaks in MNL



ISPE FC and Thitsa Arman FC players in action during the match. PHOTO: MNL

YANGON United and ISPE FC continued their winning form on the first day of Matchweek 7 of the 2025-2026 Myanmar National League season, held on 25 October.

ISPE FC defeated Thitsa Arman FC 3-2 at Thalyin Thihadipa Stadium in a thrilling match. The ISPE secured back-to-back victories following the October international break, tightening pressure on the league leaders. Although Thitsa Arman managed to equalize after trailing 2-0, they conceded

a late goal and suffered another defeat.

Both sides fielded their regular key players, with ISPE FC's youth-driven lineup showing impressive energy. Goals came from Sandar Naing in 39 minutes and Kaung Myat Nyein in 59 minutes, while Saw Myo Zaw scored twice in 65 and 67 minutes for Thitsa Arman to level the score. ISPE sealed the win through a decisive strike from Saw Sal Kae Paw Se in 81 minutes.

Meanwhile, at the Yangon

United Sports Complex, Yangon United edged Hanthawady United 1-0 thanks to a second-half goal from striker Mogu in 69 minutes. The victory extended Yangon United's unbeaten run, while Hanthawady suffered their first loss of the season. Shan United now remain the only team without defeat among the 12 clubs in the league.

The Matchweek 7 action will continue today, as Ayeyawady United face Yadanarbon at Pathien Kyauktine Stadium. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

MFF president tours construction of Women's Football Academy

MYANMAR Football Federation President U Zaw Zaw visited the construction of the women's football academy on 25 October, located in Mandalay and being implemented under FIFA Forward 2.0 Programme and expected to open in 2026.

It is MFF's first women's football academy and sponsored by FIFA.

U Zaw Zaw discussed with officials to open by the 2026-27 academic year for U12-U13 and U14-U15 women's football teams. Two training fields for

the women's football academy will be donated by the Ayeyawady Foundation, said MFF.

There are three football academies under MFF and located in Yangon, Mandalay and Pathein. The construction of all these institutes has been supported by FIFA, aiming to train young male football players.

The ongoing women's football academy aims to help women football players appear, and it is expected to open as early as 2026. — Htun Htun/ZS



MFF President U Zaw Zaw makes a visit to the women's football academy under construction.

Mbappe and injuries key factors ahead of Real Madrid-Barcelona clash

REAL Madrid plays FC Barcelona on Sunday in the first Clasico of the season which will lay down a marker for both sides.

Madrid goes into the game top of La Liga having thus far played functional rather than attractive football, with Kylian Mbappe making the difference in many games. Although just two points behind, Barcelona has shown erratic form, with some excellent attacking displays unbalanced by a defence that looks more vulnerable than last season, partly due to Inigo Martinez's departure to Saudi Arabia.

Barcelona has been plagued by injuries in recent weeks, with



Lamine Yamal struggling with a pelvic problem, which is almost certainly the result of the amount of football he has played over the past year. Elsewhere in the squad, Raphinha is still out with a hamstring issue, Robert Lewandowski and Dani Olmo have calf injuries, Joan Garcia and Gavi have knee problems, while Ferran Torres suffered muscle fatigue with Spain's national team, but should start on Sunday. — Xinhua

Real Madrid striker Kylian Mbappe has been in devastating form this season and is hoping to stop Barca's run of Clasico wins. PHOTO: AFP



Major champions help Philippines chase golf tourist billions

The Philippines is promoting golf tourism to diversify its economy, hosting a major tournament with top players.

THE Philippines is laying out the red carpet this week to some of golf's biggest names, part of a grand government plan to diversify tourism with sport at the forefront.

"Hopefully the buzz around this event helps golf in the Philippines grow faster," says Patrick Reed, the 2018 US Masters champion. **PHOTO: TED ALJIBE / AFP**

The Southeast Asian nation is pitching for a share of the huge golf tourism market in Asia that is projected to generate \$9 billion by 2030, according to figures from US analysts Grand View Research.

To showcase what the country can offer, the government has thrown its weight behind this week's International Series tournament featuring four major champions and the cream of Asia.

The country rakes in a shade over \$40 billion a year from tourism, say official figures, but the contribution from golf is negligible.

That is because the Philippines has not been an easy destination for cash-rich golf tourists, according to industry expert Mike Besa.

Private clubs have been largely inaccessible to visitors, with members unwilling to share their facilities.

"Golf in our country is difficult, at best," Besa wrote in the Philippines Business Mirror newspaper. "Most times it's just frustrating for the unseasoned traveller. — AFP

Over 100 mascots gather in western Japan to pitch local charms

The samurai helmet-wearing Hikonyan mascot was created in 2006.



Mascots gather at the opening ceremony for a festival of costumed characters promoting local regions held in Hikone, Shiga Prefecture, on 18 October 2025. **PHOTO: KYODO**

MORE than 100 mascots promoting the charms of their local regions gathered on Saturday for a festival in the western Japan prefecture of Shiga.

Costumed characters, whose appearance and attire usually reflect local cuisine or history, delighted fans at the festival in the city of Hikone, where the samurai helmet-wearing Hikonyan mascot was created in 2006. Hikonyan has been instrumental in fueling a boom in mascots collectively called "yuru-kyara", which translates

as loose or soft characters, for their laid-back feel and unrefined image.

Organizers said the festival began in 2008 with the aim of drawing tourists. The event has been held each year except for the coronavirus pandemic, with around 80,000 people visiting the two-day event last year.

Characters from 33 of Japan's 47 prefectures are gracing the event this year, with Shimanekko, a character from Shimane Prefecture, performing a dance. — Kyodo

Sri Lanka sees 8% drop in marriages in 2024

139,290 marriages registered in 2024, down eight per cent from 2023.

SRI Lanka recorded a notable decline in marriages in 2024, according to the latest data from the Department of Census and Statistics.

A total of 139,290 marriages were registered in

2024, marking an 8 per cent decrease from 2023, the data showed.

In 2022, the year of the economic crisis, 171,140 marriages were registered across the country.

Earlier, official data showed a sharp fall in births. According to the statistical agency, 220,761 births were recorded in 2024, compared to 301,706 in 2020. — Xinhua



Models present creations during an exclusive bridal and fashion show in Colombo, Sri Lanka, 24 June 2025. **PHOTO: GAYAN SAMEERA/XINHUA**