

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.

Head of State Urges Citizens to Unite in Building a Peaceful, Prosperous, and Developed New Golden Land

The analytical and problem-solving skills acquired through learning are essential qualities that significantly enhance performance and decision-making across diverse fields, including politics, administration, defence, the economy, and social affairs.

ACTING President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing sent a message to the ceremony to mark the

105th Anniversary of National Victory Day 2025, which falls on 14 November 2025. The full text of the translated message is as follows: —
Esteemed people and Union-born national brethren,
First of all, I extend my greetings

with best wishes for all Union-born national brethren to be physically and mentally well-being with auspiciousness on the occasion of the 105th Anniversary of National Victory Day, which falls on 10th Waning of Tazaungmone 1387 Myanmar Era, today.

Today is a historic day that the entire Myanmar people, in unity and harmony, opposed the colonial education system of the British at a time when the whole of Myanmar fell under the colonial rule of colonialist British.

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Myanmar rice exports surpass 1.5M tonnes in just 7 months

A unified push by the federation and export companies is now underway to hit the three-million-tonne export target set for the 2025-2026 financial year.

MYANMAR’S rice export in the past seven months of the current financial year 2025-2026, beginning 1 April, reached over 1.5 million tonnes worth US\$499 million, according to the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).
Myanmar sends rice to in-

ternational markets by sea or via cross-border points. Sea trade is the main channel for rice export.
Myanmar shipped over 142,000 tonnes in April, over 250,000 tonnes in May, 210,000 tonnes in June, over 230,000 tonnes in July, over 190,000 tonnes in August and 160,000



This photo displays export rice bags being loaded onto the overseas merchant vessel at Yangon Port.

tonnes in September and 310,000 tonnes in October, totalling 1.5 million tonnes worth around \$499 million, said a representative of Myanmar Rice Federation.
Myanmar delivers rice to the Philippines, China, Spain, Poland, Belgium, China, Indonesia, Senegal and the UK.
The federation and export companies are exerting concerted efforts to meet the export target of three million tonnes set for the 2025-2026 financial year. — ASH/KK

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2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

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

Union Election Commission

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

Motto for 105th National Victory Day

Let's march towards a new golden nation in unity

10th Waning of Tazaungmone 1387ME
14 November 2025

New Empowerment National Party (NENP) and United Nationalities Democracy Party deliver campaign speeches

THE electoral speeches of New Empowerment National Party (NENP) and United Nationalities Democracy Party are featured on pages 10 and 11 of today's issue of The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper.

Objectives for 105th National Victory Day 2025

- ★ To preserve and protect the perpetuity and stability of the Union by all ethnic people as a national duty
- ★ To build a nation with human resources who have perfect knowledge and skills
- ★ To promote national education for the continued and sustainable development and prosperity of the nation
- ★ To preserve and safeguard national cultural characteristics from disappearing

New Kyaikto hospital wing to boost healthcare quality

THE new two-storey extended building of Kyaikto Hospital can be used soon, and patients will receive more quality healthcare, said the Kyaikto Township Health Department on 12 November.

At present, a new transformer has been installed in the new building to provide adequate electricity. This project is being implemented by the Union Government's fund, and better health services can be offered when the installation of the transformer finishes, it said.

The new building features an operating room, a delivery room, an X-ray room and a laboratory. The township health department said that all people who receive medical services at the hospital can now gain access to quality healthcare. — MT/ZS

World Tipitaka 2016 Editions donated to International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University

THE ceremony of the presentation of the copies of World Tipitaka 2016 Editions by the World Tipitaka Foundation of Thailand to the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University (ITBMU) took place at the university in Yangon yesterday.

It was attended by the Sayadaws led by International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University Rector Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Chekinda, director-general of the Department for the Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana, the pro-rector (admin) of the ITBMU, the Thai ambassador to Myanmar, relevant Thai representatives,



Rector Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Chekinda receives the offerings of the World Tipitaka 2016 Editions.

ambassadors from foreign embassies, members, patrons, chairperson and secretaries of the World Tipitaka Foundation and Lay Kyun Thu

made a greeting speech, and representative Ms Chatbenja Nandhabiwat from the Thai royal palace remarked on behalf of the Thai ambassador and the World Tipitaka Foundation.

The Thai ambassador and royal attendant of the Thai King's mother, Ms Thanpuying Chatkeo Nandhabiwat, donated Tipitaka copies to the Rector Sayadaw, and the Sayadaw gave back a mosaic painting of the university as a gift.

Dr Bhaddanta Acinna, department head of Pariyatti of the university, delivered words of appreciation. — MNA/KTZH

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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

ARMED terrorists have been launching attacks by using residential homes and administrative buildings in towns and villages as cover, where they have forcibly settled. They aim to shield themselves from Tatmadaw counterattacks while also persuading temporarily displaced persons to return to their native areas and recruiting new members. That enables terrorists to use civilians as human shields. Tatmadaw is committed to safeguarding the sovereignty of the State and will respond to these threats based on intelligence and prevailing conditions. Therefore, residents in areas where terrorists have taken control must prioritize their safety and protect themselves from being exploited by these groups.

(An excerpt from guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to Shan State cabinet members and state-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)

THE National Defence and Security Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued Notification 203/2025 dated 14 November 2025. The notification stated that the Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has conferred honorary titles and medals on the individuals for their excellent performances in serving the interests of the State and diligently discharging the defence and security duties of the State.

In the notification, the titles and medals conferred by

Honorary Titles, Medals Awarded for Excellence

the Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar were Thiri Pyanchi title, Zeya Kyaw Htin title, Wunna Kyaw Htin title, Alinka Kyaw Swa title and Theikpa Kyaw Swa title for excellent performances, gallantry medal for capability in Tatmadaw, Ye Thura medal, Ye Bala medal, Ye Thurein medal, Ye Kyaw Swa medal and Ye Kyaw Thu medal for capability in Myanmar Police Force, Thiri Zeya Kyaw medal for international relations, Excellent Performance for Administrative Field (First Class), (Second Class) and (Third Class) medals for excellent performance, Excellent Performance for Social Field (First Class), (Second Class) and (Third Class) medals, Excellent Performance for Agricultural Economic Field (Third Class) medal, Excellent Performance for Industrial Economic Field (Third Class) medal, Excellent Performance for Service Economic Field (First

Class) medal, and Excellent Performance for Service Economic Field (Third Class) medal, Excellent Performance for Arts Field (Second Class) medal, Excellent Performance for Medical Science Field (Third Class) medal, Excellent Performance for Technological Field (First Class) and (Third Class) medals, Excellent Performance for Fine Arts Field (First Class) and (Second Class) medals, Excellent Performance for Literary Field (First Class) and (Second Class) medals. — GNLM/TTA

UEC discusses electoral processes

THE Union Election Commission organized a coordination meeting on successful holding of elections, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

UEC Chair U Than Soe reviewed on the processes of the 2020 general election, and measures taken to enable voters across the country to cast their ballots accurately and easily through the use of voting machines in the upcoming election, while preventing electoral fraud.

He stated that by using the machines, voting could be carried out quickly and conveniently, and voters would have full confidence and transparency as they could directly see their own votes, and there would be no invalid votes. He added that the MEVM voting machines had already been tested for compliance with the Myanmar National Standard MMS 63:2025 for electronic voting machines and had been granted both the Certificate of Conformity (CoC) and the Myanmar Standards Mark (MMS Standard Mark).



A coordination meeting to ensure the successful holding of elections is in progress at the Union Election Commission Office in Nay Pyi Taw.

He then mentioned the demonstration and educating programmes regarding the voting machines in different regions and states, the move plan in different phases of the election, effective use of the funds and systematic supervision during the election period.

UEC Member U Aung Lwin Oo, in charge of MEVM, discussed the distribution of MEVM to the region and state governments, and the attendees coordinated the discussion. — MNA/KTZH

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Head of State Urges Citizens to Unite in Building a Peaceful, Prosperous, and Developed New Golden Land

FROM PAGE 1

In the colonial era, British colonialists suppressed the Myanmar people and kept them under their subjugation for a long time by using the education system. As the Yangon University Act, approved by the British government on 24 October 1920, aimed to restrict the university learning opportunities for the majority of Myanmar people to face hardship, students from the Yangon College and the Judson College launched acts opposing the law, and it spread throughout the entire nation.

The day when University students objected and opposed the Yangon University Act was 10th Waning of Tazaungmone 1282 ME. It was a significant day for Myanmar nationals to initiate the nationalistic spirit. Hence, the General Council of Burmese Association (GCBA) held a special conference at the Jubilee Hall in Yangon on 17 and 18 June 1922 and unanimously adopted an important decision to designate the 10th Waning of Tazaungmone as the National Day. From then onward, such activity proved that unity is the power in Myanmar's independence struggle. The ceremony to mark the National Victory Day has been marked on a grand scale in the entire Republic of the Union of Myanmar yearly without fail, and this year's celebration turns 105.

Esteemed people and Union-born national brethren,

We must strive to learn from the past and present events we have experienced so that we can pass on the invaluable heritage of peace to future generations of youth. The collaborative efforts of the entire people in unity play a pivotal role in practically building a Union based on democracy and a federal system. We have to build a peaceful, prosperous and overall developed nation through the united strength of the entire people without losing the essence of unity of the National Victory Day with great historic traditions.

All the people anticipate the strengthening of the genuine, disciplined democratic system and long

for building a Union based on democracy and a federal system. To do so, all stakeholders need to restore peace for the sake of the Union, the ethnic nationalities and the State.

Peace and stability of the State are crucial for serving the interests of the State and the entire people. Hence, I would like to urge all the ethnic people to initiate the genuine and durable peace across the nation by ceasing the armed conflicts as a national duty in order to ensure the perpetuity of the Union.

Esteemed people and Union-born national brethren,

In implementing the multipurpose education system in order to produce well-versed human resources, the government is initiating the free education system to enable all school-age children to have the learning opportunities and complete at least the KG+9 process. Education is a fundamental force that nurtures a person's character, intellect, spirit, and values. It not only contributes to the development of individuals but also shapes the future of a nation. Hence, it is necessary to nurture schoolchildren to become good citizens who possess sound morals, a sense of responsibility, and genuine patriotism.

Emphasis must be placed on the continuous development of the agriculture sector, which plays a key role in the improvement of the national economy, while efforts must be made to constantly enhance the socioeconomic life of the people through the development of the industrial sector based on agriculture and livestock activities. To produce the necessary human resources for these sectors, priority is being given to providing students and young people with vocational education and training. Moreover, efforts are underway to expand and open basic education and industrial, agricultural, and livestock high schools, enabling middle school graduates to pursue vocational and technical studies and gain access to employment opportunities in these fields.

Through these efforts, the aim is to nurture capable and outstanding citizens who possess high levels of knowledge, skills, and competence. Teachers, in turn, must not only focus on teaching lessons but also guide and cultivate students to become well-rounded individuals who will serve as reliable and valuable human resources for the nation in the future. Only then will it be possible to build the nation with a strong foundation of knowledgeable, skilled, and excellent human resources.

Esteemed people and Union-born national brethren,

For a nation's peace, stability, and continuous development, it is essential to promote national education that enriches every citizen's knowledge, skills, critical thinking, and general understanding. Especially in this period of transition toward a democratic system, it is important for all ethnic peoples to think critically, distinguish right from wrong, and work for the benefit of the country and the people. Furthermore, the analytical and problem-solving abilities gained through learning education are vital qualities that greatly contribute to various fields such as politics, administration, defence, economy, and social affairs.

The nation must be built by educated and skilled citizens equipped with comprehensive knowledge and expertise. To ensure that every citizen completes basic education, efforts are being made to provide equal learning opportunities and to promote inclusive education for all. To improve national education, measures are being taken to upgrade educational infrastructure, update curricula in line with current times, enhance the academic capacity of teachers, and expand learning opportunities. Hence, the education budget is also being steadily increased year by year. Therefore, through the promotion of national education, all citizens must work together to ensure the nation's continuous, strong, and sustainable development.

Now is a crucial period for building a Union based on democracy and a

federal system for our nation. To ensure the successful implementation of the multiparty democratic system long desired by the people, the multiparty democratic general election will soon be held. As the electoral process represents the correct path we must follow, the public is urged to participate actively and work together to ensure its success.

Esteemed people and Union-born national brethren,

The National Victory Day is a historic day in Myanmar's struggle for independence. It is a day that awakened and strengthened the national spirit, patriotism, and vitality of the Myanmar people. On this significant and noble occasion, under the motto of the 105th National Victory Day, "Let's march towards a new golden nation in unity," I deeply urge all citizens of Myanmar to uphold the spirit of the Union and, with unity and national strength, work together to build a peaceful, prosperous, and developed new Golden Land.

In conclusion, I would like to urge all Union-born national brethren to join hands with each other in unity with collaborative efforts to build a Union based on democracy and a federal system successfully while upholding the objectives for 105th National Victory Day 2025: to preserve and protect the perpetuity and stability of the Union by all ethnic people as a national duty; to build a nation with human resources who have perfect knowledge and skills; to promote national education for the continued and sustainable development and prosperity of the nation; and to preserve and safeguard national cultural characteristics from disappearing.

Senior General
Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu
Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma
Min Aung Hlaing
Acting President,
the Republic of the Union of
Myanmar,
Chairman, the State Security
and Peace Commission

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.

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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)



2025 World Diabetes Day held in Nay Pyi Taw

UNION Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win attended the ceremony marking 2025 World Diabetes Day in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the event, the Union minister said diabetes is a major factor in causing premature death, and at least 11.1 per cent of the world population is suffering from diabetes in the world. The majority of patients are suffering from Type 2 diabetes, and about 43 per cent of those affected are unaware that they have the disease. According

to data from the International Diabetes Federation, around 3.4 million people worldwide die from diabetes each year, with most of these deaths occurring in middle- and low-income countries.

Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win highlighted the theme for this year, “Know more and do more for diabetes at work.”

He continued that if efforts to prevent and control non-communicable diseases are carried out effectively, the life expectan-



cy of the public will increase. The clinics for diabetes and hypertension are being established at the rural health departments to offer medical checkups every Wednesday. He continued that in Myanmar, 7.9 per cent of the population has diabetes, according to the data.

Following his speech, a video commemorating World Diabetes Day 2025 was screened, after which the Union minister toured the commemorative mini-exhibition. — MNA/KTZH

Heroes’ Welcome: Tatmadaw members honoured in Hlegu

TO safeguard the lives, property, and livelihoods of the ethnic people across all states and regions, Tatmadaw members have been dutifully serving day and night on the frontlines, away from their families, with unwavering commitment to regional stability and counter-terrorism missions.

A ceremony to warmly welcome the triumphant frontline Tatmadaw members who courageously fought battles and earned successive victories was held at a local military unit in Indaing Village, Hlegu Township, Yangon Region, yesterday morning.

The event saw Yangon Command Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tun Tun Oo, responsible



Photos show the Yangon Command deputy commander, officials, Tatmadaw families, and residents warmly welcoming the return of triumphant troops.

officials, Tatmadaw members, their families, and residents, who expressed their delight and paid tribute to the returning soldiers with heartfelt enthusiasm.

Brig-Gen Tun Tun Oo, along with officers, soldiers, family members, departmental officials, and local ethnic people, welcome the victorious Tatmadaw members with sprigs of Eugenia, garlands, and floral tributes. The joyous celebration featured the beating of traditional drums, the playing of musical instruments, and lively dances. — MNA/KZL

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People's Military Service Training 16 concludes across commands



The 16th People's Military Service Training cohort parades at its graduation ceremony, followed by an awards event.

GRADUATION ceremonies for the 16th intake of People's Military Service trainees were held yesterday at local training depots under the respective military commands across the country. The ceremonies followed military tradition, during which trainees took an oath of allegiance while holding the State Flag.

Then, officials from each training school delivered graduation speeches and presented outstanding graduation awards to the recipients, including the Model Soldier Award, Military Parade Award, Best Marksman Award, Code of Conduct Award, Best Mine Handling Award, First Prize in Section Combat, First Prize in Assault, and Best Dormitory Award.

Following the ceremonies, the chairman of the Nay Pyi Taw Council, the chief ministers of regions and states, commanders from military commands, and other officials met with the graduating trainees and cordially encouraged them.

The trainees of the 16th intake of People's Military Service were trained in subjects such as physical fitness, military train-

ing, military tactics, and general studies.

According to the 2008 Constitution, Section 385 stipulates that every citizen has the duty to defend the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of the State, while Section 386 provides that every citizen shall undergo military training and serve in the defence of the State in accordance

with the law.

Graduates of the 16th batch of People's Military Service training have acquired the skills to work in an organized manner (teamwork) and will proudly carry out their duties in national defence and security within their respective battalions and units, exemplifying nationalism, patriotism, team spirit, and esprit de corps. — MNA/TH

Shan State honours military personnel for service

THE State, under the Constitution, protects and safeguards the rights of its citizens, while citizens, in turn, are obliged to fulfil their duties to the nation. Those good citizens who are willing to carry out these responsibilities diligently attend public military service training courses and are assigned to various units and formations, where they proudly perform duties related to national defence and security.

Among these public military service personnel, those

who have completed the full duration of their mandatory service and are eligible for certain concessions were presented with certificates of completion at a ceremony held yesterday afternoon at the Thanlwin Hall of Eastern Command Headquarters. The event was attended by Shan State Chief Minister U Aung Aung, Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Naing Oo, officers, other ranks and family members.

The commander first deliv-

ered an opening address. Following this, the chief minister, the Commander, and other officials presented the certificates and honorary monetary awards to the public military service personnel who had completed their designated service period.

In addition, it was reported that those who have diligently performed their public military service will continue to receive assistance in securing employment, both domestically and abroad, according to their



The presentation of certificates of completion of people's military service personnel who have completed the full duration of their mandatory services.

preferences and in accordance with established guidelines. Relevant authorities will coordinate with the domestic/overseas em-

ployment assignment committees to ensure that necessary arrangements are made for job placement. — MNA/KZL

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Peace process must begin with positive outcomes from dialogue

❖ “Peace cannot be predetermined or prescribed in advance. It must be built through mutual meetings, discussions, and negotiations that yield constructive results. Therefore, all of us need to come together and engage in dialogue. Each and every one of us shares the responsibility to help make such meetings and discussions possible.”

(Excerpt from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman and Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the opening ceremony of the Peace Forum 2025 on 25 June 2025)

4-year Myawady operation yields massive seizure of drugs, arms

IN Myawady Township, Myawady District, Kayin State, authorities took action in 256 cases under the Counter-Terrorism Law, 347 cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, and 86 cases under the Arms Act between 2021 and 31 October 2025.

Investigations found that the seized weapons, related materials and narcotics had been transported and sold by Thai traders via border gates that had been opened illegally along the supply routes of armed groups.

According to the Myawady District Police Force, from 2021 to 31 October 2025, a total of 325 cases involving the seizure of WY (methamphetamine) tablets amounting to 2,578,961.5 tablets were recorded. There were nine cases involving ICE (crystal methamphetamine) with a total weight of 4,908.9471 grammes, seven cases involving heroin weighing 281,304 grammes, 19 cases involving ketamine weighing 3,573.3225 grammes, and 31 cases involving dried cannabis weighing 18,551.7171 grammes. Moreover, 972 ecstasy tablets, two cas-



Images from the 2021-2025 Myawady crackdown show detained drug offenders alongside seized arms, munitions, and vehicles.

es involving Tramadol capsules (totalling 60,030 capsules), and five cases involving ammonium nitrate weighing approximately 11,825.159 kilogrammes were also seized.

Seizures of firearms, ammunition, and related materials included forty-eight 9 mm pistols, twelve AK-47 rifles, six M-4 carbines, two nine-round pistols, one AK-15 rifle, three 12-bore shotguns, two guns firing 12-

bore cartridges, two revolvers, one AK rifle using 9 mm bullets, one M-16 rifle, one .303 rifle, one .30 carbine, one handmade pistol, one handmade machine gun, and one handmade RPG.

In addition, the seized ammunition included sixty .30 carbine rounds, seventeen 5.56 mm rounds, twenty-nine nine-round bullets, eighty-seven AK-15 rounds, sixty-four AK-47 rounds, 2,082 9 mm (pistol) bullets, 217

.380 rounds, 750 .357 rounds, 750 .38 rounds, fifty 7.65 mm rounds, 500 M-16 rounds, two 73-calibre rounds, 200 M-4 rounds, 100 MK-12 rounds, 200 .357 rounds, two .38 special rounds, and two 7.62 mm rounds.

Authorities also seized three RPG grenades, seventeen homemade hand grenades, two improvised mines, five 40 mm rockets, five rifle grenades, twenty 40 mm shells, 300 detona-

tors, and eight hand grenades. In addition, two magazines for nine-round firearms, seven magazines for AK-15 rifles, thirteen magazines for AK-47 rifles, fifty-two 9 mm (pistol) magazines, nine 12-volt gun magazines, seventeen M-4 magazines, seventeen assorted magazines, one .380 magazine, one M-12 magazine, and four MA magazines were also seized. — MNA/KZL

Over K2.3B worth of heroin and meth seized in Waingmaw



Arrestees are seen together with confiscated drugs and vehicle.

THE Myanmar Police Force reported that, in Waingmaw Township, authorities seized over 47 kilogrammes of heroin and more than 700,000 methamphetamine tablets, with a total estimated value of approximately K2.3 billion.

According to the report, a combined team, including members of the security forces, stopped and searched a Toyota Hilux Revo driven by La Htaw Nan Aung and accompanied by

Za Khun Dan Rein near Natmyitkha Bridge in Waingmaw Township at around 2:30 pm on 30 October. The search led to the seizure of 47.52 kilogrammes of heroin (locally valued at K1.188 billion) and 780,000 methamphetamine tablets (locally valued at K1.17 billion), bringing the total estimated local value of the drugs to K2.358 billion.

Investigations revealed that the person transporting the drugs

was Khawng Dawng (currently at large) from Namhkam Township. The seized drugs had been transported from Namhkam to Waingmaw for distribution. Legal action has been taken against the case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, and efforts are continuing to identify and apprehend other individuals involved in the crime. — MNA/MKKS

Mark achievements on National Victory Day

THROUGHOUT Myanmar's independence struggle period, unity has proven to be a source of strength. The National Victory Day ceremonies, which were successfully designated to commemorate this achievement, have been grandly celebrated across the entire Union of Myanmar every year without fail, and this year marks the 105th anniversary.

The essence of unity from the historic and grand National Victory Day must be preserved without fail. With the collective strength of all ethnic peoples, we must build a peaceful, prosperous, and all-round developed nation. We should learn lessons from the past and present events we have experienced and strive to pass on the invaluable heritage of peace to the new generation of youth.

National Victory Day is a day that laid the foundation for the people of Myanmar to rise with a stronger patriotic spirit and vitality throughout the history of their struggle for independence. On this distinguished and sacred National Victory Day, in line with the 105th anniversary slogan, "Let's march towards a new golden nation in unity", all the people of Myanmar are encouraged to embrace the spirit of unity and together, with a strong sense of national solidarity, advance toward a forever peaceful, prosperous, and developed New Golden Land.

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Education is a fundamental strength that develops a person's character, intelligence, self-discipline, and values, and it shapes not only the life of each individual but also the future of the entire nation. Therefore, students and young people must be nurtured and trained through education to become responsible, morally upright, and patriotic citizens who truly care for their country. So, they all must prioritize the interests of the Union, the ethnic peoples, and the nation, working together to forge peace.

To ensure a nation's peace, stability, and continuous development, national education must be promoted by equipping each citizen with knowledge, skills, reasoning ability, and general understanding. This is especially important in the current era of transition to a democratic system, where ethnic citizens must carefully consider and discern right from wrong to act in the best interests of the country and their people.

Moreover, the critical thinking and problem-solving abilities gained through education serve as essential competencies that greatly support political, administrative, defence, economic, and social sectors.

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Celebrating Myanmar's National Day with Unity and Hope

By Laura Htet (UDE)

EVERY year, Myanmar celebrates National Victory Day with pride, gratitude, and deep reflection on what it means to belong to this beautiful and diverse country. It is a day that shines not only as a historical reminder but also as a heartfelt celebration of unity, learning, and cultural identity.

For many people, National Victory Day is more than just a public holiday; it is a time to remember how education and co-operation have shaped our nation and continue to guide us towards progress.

A Day Rooted in Education

National Victory Day in Myanmar marks a special chapter in the history of education. It is celebrated on the tenth day after the full moon of Tazaungmone, which usually falls in November. This day honours the early student movement that emphasized the importance of national pride, self-development, and the right to learn freely.

At its heart, National Victory Day is not about conflict but about how the love of learning can unite people. In classrooms across the country, students learn about the origins of the day – not through anger, but through appreciation of education and courage. It reminds us that progress begins when people come together to learn, share ideas, and dream of a brighter future.

Education as the Light of the Nation

Education has always been one of the most powerful forces in Myanmar society. From ancient monastic schools to modern universities, learning has been tied closely to our culture and identity.

National Victory Day beautifully highlights this connection. It celebrates the idea that education is not only about textbooks and exams, but about character, compassion, and community spirit.

In many towns and villages,



This image shows a monument in the Shwedagon Pagoda area in Yangon, Myanmar. It marks the spot where 11 university students met in December 1920 to protest the Rangoon University Act. This meeting started Myanmar's National Victory Day and the fight for independence.

PHOTO: MOI

the day is marked by events at schools and community halls. Students give speeches, perform short plays, and recite poems about the value of learning and unity. Teachers remind them that education is a lifelong journey.

Parents proudly watch their children sing songs of love for their country, often dressed in colourful traditional clothing that represents Myanmar's ethnic diversity. These moments show that the true spirit of National Victory Day lives in the hearts of the people—not in grand ceremonies, but in everyday appreciation of knowledge and culture.

A Colourful Celebration of Culture and Diversity

Myanmar is a land of many ethnic groups, languages, and traditions, each adding its own colour to the national identity. On National Victory Day, this diversity is celebrated with joy through traditional music, dance, and food.

In Yangon and Mandalay, schools organize exhibitions that showcase regional art, crafts, and cuisines. Students perform cultural dances – from the elegant Kinnari dance to the lively Chin folk songs. These performances remind everyone that unity does not mean sameness – it means harmony in diversity.

Even in small villages, people gather to decorate schools with paper flags and flowers. Children join in games, essay contests, and storytelling competitions about national pride. The day is filled with laughter, food, and fellowship – a living example of community spirit.

The Spirit of the Youth

Perhaps the most inspiring part of National Victory Day is the energy of young people. The day encourages youth to think about their role in building the nation – not through protest, but through creativity, kindness, and

responsibility. Teachers often ask students what kind of Myanmar they dream of. Their answers are filled with hope: a country where everyone can learn freely, where people respect one another, and where nature is protected.

For this new generation, National Victory Day is a call to action – to learn, to improve, and to contribute. They are reminded that real strength comes from knowledge and compassion, not from power or wealth.

Across the nation, student groups organize charity events, clean-up drives, and cultural programs to celebrate the day. Their enthusiasm shows that patriotism can be peaceful, positive, and full of purpose.

Reflecting on National Identity

National Victory Day is also a time to reflect on what it truly means to be Myanmar. It is not only about geography or citizenship, but about the shared values of respect, kindness, and generosity that bind people together.

We see these values every day: in the patience of a teacher, the smile of a street vendor, or the helping hand of a stranger.

Whether in a busy city or a quiet village, National Victory Day reminds us that our greatest strength is our sense of belonging. It encourages everyone to look back with gratitude and forward with hope.

The Role of Teachers and Schools

Teachers play a central role in National Victory Day celebrations. They are the silent heroes who shape the nation's future. Many schools decorate their classrooms with handmade posters and quotes about unity and learning. Teachers deliver heartfelt speeches about perseverance, moral values, and curiosity.

For students, these lessons are not only about history – they are about developing character. Through writing contests and class discussions, they express their thoughts on themes like "My

Dream for Myanmar" or "Why Education Matters".

These activities help young people connect emotionally with the meaning of National Victory Day, encouraging them to see education as a personal and national treasure.

National Victory Day in Modern Times

In today's connected world, the celebration of National Victory Day has evolved while keeping its soul intact.

Social media is filled with heartfelt posts; students share photos of school events, poems about learning, or memories from past celebrations. Educational groups host online seminars on the importance of education in shaping the nation's future.

Even Myanmar citizens living abroad take time to remember this day. They may join virtual gatherings or post messages of pride, showing that national spirit travels beyond borders.

Yet, amid all the modern changes, the message of National Victory Day remains timeless: education and unity are the roots of progress.

Symbols of the Day

Several meaningful symbols are associated with National Victory Day. The university bell represents awakening and knowledge. The student uniform, simple and white, stands for purity, discipline, and humility.

The national flag flying proudly at schools and offices symbolizes unity and peace.

And perhaps the most touching symbol of all is the book – the everyday reminder that knowledge is the key to both personal and national growth. Families often encourage their children to read something inspiring on this day, be it a poem, biography, or cultural story.

Celebrating with Hope

In a fast-moving world, National Victory Day invites us to pause and remember what truly matters – community, education,

and compassion. The beauty of the day lies not only in ceremonies but in small, heartfelt moments: a teacher encouraging a shy student, children decorating classrooms, or families sharing 'Mohinga' after school events.

These moments are gentle reminders that love for one's country is expressed through care, effort, and togetherness. As music and laughter fill the air, we see the living heartbeat of Myanmar – the joy of learning, the warmth of friendship, and the pride of belonging.

A Message for the Future

National Victory Day also sends a powerful message about the future. A country's greatest treasure is not gold or jade, but its educated, kind, and creative people. Every child who studies, every teacher who inspires, and every parent who supports learning contribute to building a stronger nation.

The new generation carries the torch of hope. They will shape Myanmar's story in their own ways – as teachers, artists, scientists, or community leaders. National Victory Day reminds them that each act of learning or kindness adds to the country's growth and harmony.

Together Towards Tomorrow

National Victory Day is not just a date on the calendar; it is a living reminder of Myanmar's spirit of unity and resilience. It celebrates the power of learning and the bond of shared values.

Every flag that waves, every student who sings, and every teacher who smiles contributes to a greater story; the story of a people who believe in education, harmony, and hope.

As the sun sets on National Victory Day, families return home with light hearts and renewed pride. The echoes of laughter and song fill the evening air, while the flame of learning continues to burn brightly in every young heart.

And somewhere, in a quiet classroom, a teacher closes a book and smiles, knowing that the true lesson of National Victory Day will live on for generations to come.

Motherland

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

*Encircled by big trees called palm,
It is the little brother's motherland.*

*By Anya boat, go to the lower
For jaggery and Thanakhar.*

*With rice plants in dun,
It is the little sister's motherland.*

*By a boat carrying rice, go to the upper
For rice, fishpaste, and salt.*

*To and fro between upper and lower,
The boat is shuttling.*

*The Ayeya River is blue.
In the river, both are happily commuting.*

*Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)
9 November 2025*

Glossary

1. Anya boat = a kind of boat made somewhere in the Upper Myanmar regions, such as Mandalay and Sagaing
2. Thanakhar = a type of make-up worn by most Myanmar women
3. Ayeya River = the longest river in Myanmar, flowing from north to south (namely the Ayeyawady River)



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2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

New Empowerment National Party (NENP) talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

Daw Win Kay Khine Aye, Chairperson of the New Empowerment National Party (NENP), presented the policy, stance and work procedures of her party through radio and television on the evening of 13 November. The full text of the presentation is as follows: -



Esteemed people,

I am Daw Win Kay Khine Aye, Chairperson of the New Empowerment National Party (NENP). Our party is a regional-level party representing the Yangon Region. I extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes for health and prosperity to all people, esteemed party members, brothers and sisters, and friends. I also sincerely hope that the strong and unwavering aspirations for democracy, deeply rooted in the hearts of all our parents, will be fully realized.

I would like to present the policy, stance and political goals of our party to the people.

On 28 December 2025, the multiparty democratic general election will be held in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Section 7 of the Constitution states, “The Union practises a genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system.” At this juncture, I would like to briefly explain the democratic system. There are two types of democracy: direct democracy and representative democracy. Most democratic countries in the world follow the representative democracy system. Under this system, citizens vote, and the representatives they elect exercise the powers of the state on behalf of the people. Therefore, elections form the fundamental cornerstone of implementing the democratic system.

Esteemed people, this election is a crucial moment for citizens to demonstrate their determination and wisdom, making it a transformative election. The governance system that we want to establish in the hearts of the people can only be changed through voting in this election. Elections are a vital process that allows citizens to fully exercise their rights and freedoms, and they serve as an important means for strengthening democracy while showcasing the resolve of the people.

Building a good and developed nation cannot be achieved by just one person, or one party system alone. For a country to truly progress, all members of society must participate equally and work together in cooperation.

In building a democratic nation, the political awareness and knowledge of the people are essential. One of the most challenging and critical tasks in a democracy is ensuring that the representatives elected by the people act responsibly, with sound judgment, knowledge, and integrity, on behalf of the people. Our party believes in the democratic system. We are committed to achieving democracy through

democratic means. That is why we established the New Empowerment National Party (NENP), and we will participate in the upcoming election to represent the people.

We want the people to vote for the New Empowerment National Party (NENP) in this election. Politics should be conducted in a way that serves the interests of the people through coordination and cooperation. It is a historic duty that every citizen must fulfil.

I can see that in your hearts, you deeply desire every Myanmar citizen to fully enjoy basic rights, protection, and freedoms. If we want our country to progress, there are several actions that citizens must take together. The first and most important step is for the people to support and empower the representatives from a capable and well-established political party that can build the nation they aspire to. The second step is to nurture and elevate politicians who will always prioritize the interests of the people and the country, strengthening the democratic system. The third step is that if parties or politicians engage in misconduct or unethical behaviour, the people must hold them accountable, rejecting, criticizing, and correcting them. These are the key ways in which citizens can actively participate in today’s political reforms.

In building a Union based on democracy and a federal system, it is necessary to bring together all ethnic armed groups to halt internal armed conflicts through dialogue and negotiation. Without peace, both the cause of democracy and the progress of people’s lives will continue to be adversely affected. In our country, where diverse ethnic groups with different languages, religions, and cultures live together, everyone must enjoy equality under the law and fair legal protection. It is also essential to ensure that all citizens fully exercise their democratic rights, including freedom, belief, expression, protest, and the right to submit proposals. Even in a democratic nation, an organized and systematic governance mechanism is fundamental. Political parties may make promises during election campaigns, but if governance systems are not properly implemented, they will lose credibility, face public criticism, and fail to maintain trust.

It is evident to everyone today that strengthening democracy is neither easy nor simple; it is a complex and challenging process. We must carry forward the positive and negative lessons of the past, learn from our experiences, and patiently and steadfastly work to gradually transform the nation, step by step, into a state that fully upholds democratic standards.

I would like to present the stance of our party for the improvement of people’s lives.

For people’s lives to improve and prosper, it is necessary not only for the country’s economy to be strong but also for the value of each citizen’s productivity to be maximized. To develop the nation, there are many measures that need to be taken: ensuring sufficient electricity and energy production and consumption, attracting a steady flow of foreign investment, expanding export markets for agricultural produce, growing medium- and large-scale industries, and increasing domestic employment while reducing unemployment.

To achieve this, the government must not only provide opportunities through supportive laws and regulations but also avoid imposing overly strict economic policies that could hinder business and economic benefits. Private entrepreneurs, in turn, must fully exercise their rights to operate and ensure that their businesses are run efficiently and effectively. All business owners must faithfully implement their businesses, contributing to the growth of the nation’s GDP. It is also extremely important to pay taxes properly and reliably so that the country can benefit. In their operations, government authorities must remain open, transparent, and impartial, prioritizing the public interest and the national economy rather than advancing the interests of any single party or group.

Our New Empowerment National Party (NENP) believes that, in order to defend and protect the Union, it is absolutely essential to have a modern, fully equipped, and world-class Tatmadaw with all the necessary capabilities.

The meaning and significance of the party flag are as follows: -

The blue background symbolizes stability, peace, and prosperity, as well as the unity of all people of the Union, reflecting the perpetuity of sovereignty.

The white star symbolizes the Union of Myanmar as a single, united country. It represents purity, integrity, and great compassion. It also signifies the ability to stand independently, shine with its own light, and steadily follow its chosen path with full energy and determination.

The yellow arrow represents unity, harmony, great wisdom, and genuine happiness. It signifies the collective strength of all ethnic groups coming together to support and uphold the great white star of the Union.

The green arrow symbolizes the nation’s abundant natural resources – land, water, forests, and agricultural areas – being utilized to develop and nurture the great white star of the Union, ensuring peace, prosperity, and a verdant, thriving environment.

The red arrow signifies the courage and determination to protect and defend the great white star of the nation from any threats or dangers that may seek to harm or undermine it.

The policies of our party place special emphasis on fundamental principles related to the national cause, democracy, the economy, human rights, and culture.

Under any circumstances, we will steadfastly work to promote peace, democracy, and the improvement of people’s lives, actively participating in the enforcement of the rule of law and the maintenance of peace and stability. I wish all the people may enjoy the peace and prosperity of the future nation.



2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION



United Nationalities Democracy Party talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

Naw Ohn Hla, Vice-Chairperson, and Naw Su Su Hlaing, Central Executive Committee member of the United Nationalities Democracy Party, presented the policy, stance and work procedures of their party through radio and television on the evening of 13 November. The full text of the presentations is as follows: -



Everybody, Mingalaba! I sincerely wish and pray for the health and well-being of all the people living throughout the Union of Myanmar.

I am Naw Ohn Hla, Vice-Chairperson of the United Nationalities Democracy Party. I would like to present the policies and stances of our party to the people.

Esteemed people,

The United Nationalities Democracy Party was first registered with the Union Election Commission on 11 December 2019, and for the second time on 7 November 2023. The founders of the party were former Hluttaw representatives who had won seats in the 1990 multiparty democratic general elections.

We will strive to ensure that all ethnic groups across the Union can equally enjoy social rights, including the freedom to write, speak, and assemble, as well as the human rights standards outlined in the United Nations Charter and other international agreements. Efforts will also be made to create a society where all citizens can fully exercise the rights granted by law, benefit from full legal protection, and live in an environment governed by the rule of law.

In implementing our goals and objectives, we will collaborate with political parties and organizations that share the same policies and aims. We will consult and coordinate with state-based political parties and organizations to work together on state-level issues. By forming alliances with state-based ethnic political parties that share our policies, we will collectively work toward building a Union founded on democracy and a federal system.

Esteemed people,

The nation will be developed through mutual support, respect, trust, and the united strength of fully recognized diversity, where every community can possess development. This full diversity must



be upheld as a fundamental value of the Union.

The Union must also establish respect for human rights as a core value. In addition to supporting the human rights outlined in international declarations, these rights must be respected in practice. Violations of human rights must neither be tolerated nor allowed to occur, and measures must be taken to prevent, oppose, and protect against such violations.

Whether caused by large-scale development projects, natural disasters, human actions, or armed conflicts, violations of human rights against displaced persons and victims must be prevented and stopped. Their basic social and livelihood needs must also be provided and addressed with care.

The foundation of the Union lies in its workers and farmers. Efforts will be made to ensure that workers, farmers, and their families can develop and improve their lives, live in peace, secure their future, enjoy human rights, and experience justice, equality, and fair treatment, while being respected in accordance with human dignity. We will encourage the emergence of a government that the government will actively work to provide guarantees, both under domestic laws and in line with international standards, to improve social development, although it is based on labour.

Policies will be implemented to enable the relevant government to ensure that workers and farmers can systematically enjoy daily social security, safety in the workplace, collective and individual rights, legal protection against harm or injury, a healthy social and natural environment, and freedom and well-being.

Workers' and farmers' organizations must have the freedom to form and operate independently. There must be the right to negotiate wages between employers and workers. Activities such as forced

labour and child labour must be prohibited by law. Discrimination based on occupation or livelihood must be avoided.

The freedom of expression is a fundamental human right. Everyone must have the right to hold and maintain their beliefs, to receive information and ideas, and to create and share their own thoughts and perspectives.

And then, Kayin ethnic Hluttaw candidate Naw Su Su Hlaing will continue the presentation.

Esteemed people,

I am Naw Su Su Hlaing, and I am a Kayin ethnic candidate.

With the belief that education is the most important investment for the Union, a modern and practical education system must be developed. An education system based on human rights must be established. Efforts will be made to create an academic system that promotes both multilingual education and mother-tongue-based education. Measures will be taken to ensure that ethnic languages and literatures are taught according to regional needs and that necessary support and resources are provided. Steps will also be taken to guarantee the official recognition and operation of national education schools for ethnic groups.

Respect for languages and cultures is a fundamental for building and maintaining peace and mutual dialogue. Efforts will be made to ensure that ethnic groups have the right to learn their languages and traditional cultural practices, access cultural services, and appropriately express and showcase their languages and cultures through media. They will also have the right to use their languages in government institutions and social and economic interactions. Collective rights of ethnic groups in these areas will be protected and promoted.

Esteemed people,

I would like to present that every effort will be made to demonstrate that the ultimate source of authority lies with the people and that State power truly resides in the hands of the citizens.



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NATIONAL
BUSINESS

MyanTrade negotiates for premium Indian cotton

THE third work coordination meeting on the import of high-grade cotton variety from India was held virtually on 12 November 2025 at the meeting hall of the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization, with the presence of officials from MyanTrade, the Myanmar Economic Counsellor in Kolkata, representatives from the committee on import of foreign cotton variety and the Myanmar Cotton and Cotton Products Merchants Association.

The meeting emphasized on import of Suvin cotton variety, which meets requirements of Myanmar, from India, sending estimated cost for cotton import to conduct on-farm trails of Myanmar’s growers, drafting Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for collaboration in cotton import and sending the MoU draft to India through Economic Counsellor and setting timeline for survey of International Federation of Business Intellectuals and Changemakers (IFBIC).



Workers harvest fluffy, white cotton buds in a sun-drenched local field.

Myanmar Cotton and Cotton Products Merchants Association has also connected with India and Uzbekistan to purchase high-grade pedigree cotton varieties that are well-adapted to the local climate and soil conditions.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan informed Myanmar that its Agriculture Department has prepared to deliver pest-free

high-yielding cotton varieties to Myanmar along with a list of the cotton varieties, according to MyanTrade’s notification dated 7 August.

The Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Myanmar Cotton and Cotton Products Merchants and Manufacturers Association have sent the list of premium cotton varieties to

the department concerned for further processing.

There is a large price gap between premium cotton and non-premium cotton. Therefore, cotton growers need to grow premium pedigree cotton for commercial benefits. If they grow whatever, they might experience low yield and high risks. Cotton ginners also need to maintain quality control, and so, cotton

ginners must prioritize cleanliness and systematic operations to ensure product quality, minimize waste and maintain a safe working environment, the Myanmar Cotton and Cotton Products Merchants Association stated. “When growers neglect cotton-seed consistency, their efforts will be fruitless. Ginners need to maintain quality by categorizing the cotton varieties and processing systematic operations. This way, nothing will go in vain. If not, the time, energy and resources that they put into cotton cultivation and production will be wasted. Later, it might affect the cotton-based industry, resulting in other negative consequences,” said a representative of the association.

The association has already informed the department concerned of this. It will coordinate matters for the growers to get access to high-yielding cotton varieties and achieve good prices. — NN/KK

CBM to inject US\$27M into fuel sector



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

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 12 November that it would pump US\$27 million into the fuel oil sector. Furthermore, CBM sold \$240,900 to edible oil-importing companies, along with an injection of 600,000 yuan into the market on that day.

CBM sold over \$762,760 to edible oil-importing companies on 11 November 2025, along with an injection of \$660,000 purchased from CMP companies to the market.

CBM sold \$800,000 to edible oil-importing companies

on 10 November; in addition to an injection of 300,000 in the market.

CBM announced on 8 November that it would inject \$30 million into the fuel sector. Furthermore, CBM sold \$698,900 to edible oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM also sold \$600,000, purchased from CMP companies, to edible oil-importing companies on 7 November.

CBM injected over \$2.48 million, 5.75 million yuan and 4.98 million baht in October, along with sales of over \$54 million purchased from CMP companies.

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

Myanmar Retail Sourcing Expo & FoodBev 2025 set for 21-23 Nov at Myanmar Plaza

CO-LOCATED events Myanmar Retail Sourcing, the Myanmar Retail Sourcing Ezpo, the Myanmar Retail Sourcing Expo and Myanmar FoodBev 2025 are scheduled to take place on 21-23 November at Myanmar Plaza.

The 5th Edition of the Myanmar Retail Sourcing Expo 2025 will feature POP Facial Cream, POP Herbs and toothpaste from Smilephan K baby shampoo and powder from Narak – Tiara skincare products, pure collagen, cushion powder, anti-ageing, anti-acne and whitening skincare products from SCD Beauty Complete Thailand Co Ltd, King’s Stella branded Air Fresher and Perfume (Blooming Sphere, Calm Time, Lush Around, Tropical Sunrise) from King’s Stella Group, Medical and Safety Devices from AusPlus Co Ltd, and education services from UTCC International School of Management. The Myanmar FoodBev (7th Edition) will showcase Royal Nest (100

per cent organic bird’s nest) of Excel United International, Mighty brand sardine can, Prik Tod by MaePim (Wasabi Flavour, Cashew nut Tom Yum Flavour) from Pimry Lamsum Co Ltd, Amsum Co LTD, MaePim brand fish paste and related products, the Waan Lamoon original Thai sweets experience from CJ Empire Co LTD,

OPPA Soju from Naturelic Co Lt, Aturelica Co Ltd, Amarinthip branded sticky rice powder and corn starch powder from RS Agri Tech Co Ltd Pure Foods branded Sauce and Power of Pure square Co Ltd, Vena branded seaweed related products from P & P Chain Co Ltd, Nature Best Food Co Ltd’s Koriko branded seaweed snacks, Topplus Food88 Co Ltd’s Chef Plus, Krua Mae Choice, The Chef branded canned sardine, canned corn, canned pineapple, and food packaging products and related machines from Inter Parker Co Ltd/Fillpack Technology. — NN/KK

NATIONAL

A Happy Sight: Yangon Zoo welcomes visitors to red panda habitat

THE Yangon Zoological Gardens is inviting the public to come and visit the adorable red pandas, who are well-adjusted, healthy, and happy in the panda house at the zoo.

Zoo officials lovingly renovated and constructed a safe and secure home for the red pandas that recently arrived, as well as those that were already under their care.

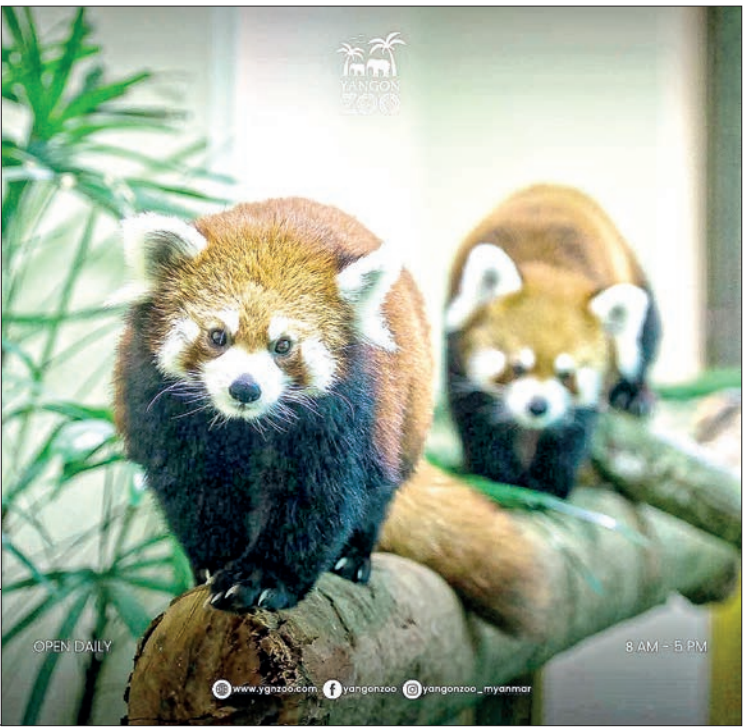
Since they come from cold

regions and enjoy nature, the renovation of their panda house was prepared to closely resemble their natural habitat, ensuring that the little animals would have no difficulty in their living environment. This was done after careful consideration from all angles by the Yangon Zoo.

The red pandas are well-adjusted to their new home and are happily spending every day in good health.

The Yangon Zoological Gardens is open from 8 am to 5 pm daily, without holidays. The zoo invites the public to visit and enjoy seeing the red pandas playing happily with their charming gestures and behaviours. — MT/ZN

Red pandas are seen at the panda enclosure in the Yangon Zoological Gardens.



2025 General Election Guidebook for Journalists launched in Hpa-an

THE introduction ceremony to the Guidebook for the 2025 General Election for Myanmar Journalists was held at the meeting hall of the Kayin State Department of Information and Public Relations in Hpa-an, Kayin State.

At the event, Kayin State Minister for Social Affairs U Saw Tun Aung delivered the opening address, while Myanmar Press Council Member and Kayin State representative U Aung Kyi (Aung Kyi Nyunt – Tekkatho) gave introductory remarks.

Following this, Myanmar Press Council Member U Sein Toe (San Lin) explained the details of the guidebook and presented copies to Director



The launch of the 2025 General Election Guidebook for Journalists is in progress in Hpa-an, Kayin State.

U Maung Maung of the Kayin State Department of Information and Public Relations.

The ceremony was attended by Kayin State Minister for Social Affairs U Saw Tun Aung, members of the Myanmar Press Council, officials and staff from the Kayin State Department of Information and Public Relations, departmental representatives, and journalists. — ASH/KZL

Mystical series ‘Don’t Deceive Spirit & Dragon’ unveiled at press show

THE press show for the TV series Don’t Deceive Spirit & Dragon was held at the Nawa-day Cinema in Mayangon Township, Yangon, on 11 November, according to Khun Thar Cho. Khun Thar Cho wrote the story and script of the series, and the series was directed by Mahar (MSc) for Khun Thar Cho Production.

“In the drama series Don’t Deceive Spirit & Dragon, I will be playing two characters. This is an awareness-raising film, similar to my previous works. Please look forward to seeing what interesting themes are included in this production, just like in Don’t Deceive Spirit and Dragon,” said actor Khun Thar Cho.

The cast includes Khun



Artistes are seen at the press show of the TV series.

Thar Cho, Min Thwe Khant, Min Thu, Khaing Noe, Mommy Thet, Academy Nwet Nwet San, Academy Khin Soe Paing, and Academy Wah Wah Aung, along with many other artistes.

The 19-episode series began airing on 13 November on Fortune TV, broadcast at 8 pm every evening from Monday to Friday. — ASH/MKKS

Embassy ensures Myanmar migrant workers in ROK receive full entitlements

CONCERNING Myanmar migrant workers’ affairs in the Republic of Korea, the Myanmar Embassy said it has assisted in order to ensure entitlements under the existing laws of the two countries.

Myanmar workers have been sent to the Republic of Korea under the EPS system through the Public Overseas Employment Agency (POEA). The embassy said name cards

will be arranged for Myanmar workers when they arrive at Incheon International Airport as of 28 October, as foreign workers in the Republic of Korea are being called “hey” and “you” and it is rude, instead of using their names.

The POEA sent EPS Myanmar workers to the Republic of Korea, with 10 re-entry workers departing on 4 November by Korean Air KE492, 126 manu-

facturing workers and four agricultural workers, totalling 130, departing on 5 November by Myanmar National Airlines UB8301. Additionally, 22 re-entry workers and one service worker, totalling 23, departed on 11 November by Korean Air KE492.

The labour attaché from Seoul welcomed the workers and advised them on what to follow. Moreover, the ambassador greeted them via video call. — MT/ZS



This image shows Myanmar workers arriving in the Republic of Korea.



Visitors view tropical fruits at the 2022 China (Hainan) International Tropical Agricultural Products Winter Trade Fair in Haikou, south China's Hainan Province, 15 December 2022.
PHOTO: GUO CHENG/XINHUA

China-ASEAN agri-food trade grows 8.9% in first 10 months

TRADE in agricultural and food products between China and ASEAN reached US\$51.3 billion in the first ten months of this year, up 8.9 per cent year on year, according to China's General Administration of Customs (GAC) on Thursday.

The figures were announced during the 9th China-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Co-operation held in south-west China's Chongqing Municipality.

ASEAN has been China's largest trading partner for agri-food products for eight consecutive years, and has remained for many years China's top export market and second-largest import source for agri-food products, said Sun Meijun, head of the GAC at the conference.

Sun highlighted that since China established a goal in late 2021 to import US\$150 billion worth of high-quality agricultural products from ASEAN over the next five years, substantial progress has been made. — Xinhua

US gas prices to double by 2035 due to domestic demand, LNG exports

GAS prices in the United States will double by 2035 to \$4.5 per million British thermal units (MBTU), or about \$160 per 1,000 cubic meters, due to rising domestic demand and a sharp increase in exports of liquefied natural gas (LNG), the International Energy Agency (IEA) said on Wednesday.

Energy Outlook report in 2035 will decrease by almost 12 per cent, to \$9.1 per MBTU, or \$325 per 1,000 cubic metres. — SPUTNIK



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Japan govt raises gasoline subsidy to reduce prices ahead of tax removal

THE Japanese government raised its gasoline subsidy by five yen (\$0.03) to 15 yen per liter on Thursday as a temporary measure to curb prices and ease the burden on households ahead of its planned scrapping of the existing provisional fuel tax at the end of the year.

Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's government is set to increase its subsidy every two weeks, reaching about 25 yen on 11 December when it will effectively cancel out the provisional tax, the energy agency said. With the help of the bridging subsidy, the national average gasoline price of 173.50 yen per litre as of Monday is expected to fall to a four-year low of around 160 yen by late December, if market conditions remain stable.

In late October, Takaichi's Liberal Democratic Party agreed with opposition parties to remove the provisional tax rate of 25.10 yen per litre on 31 December. — Kyodo

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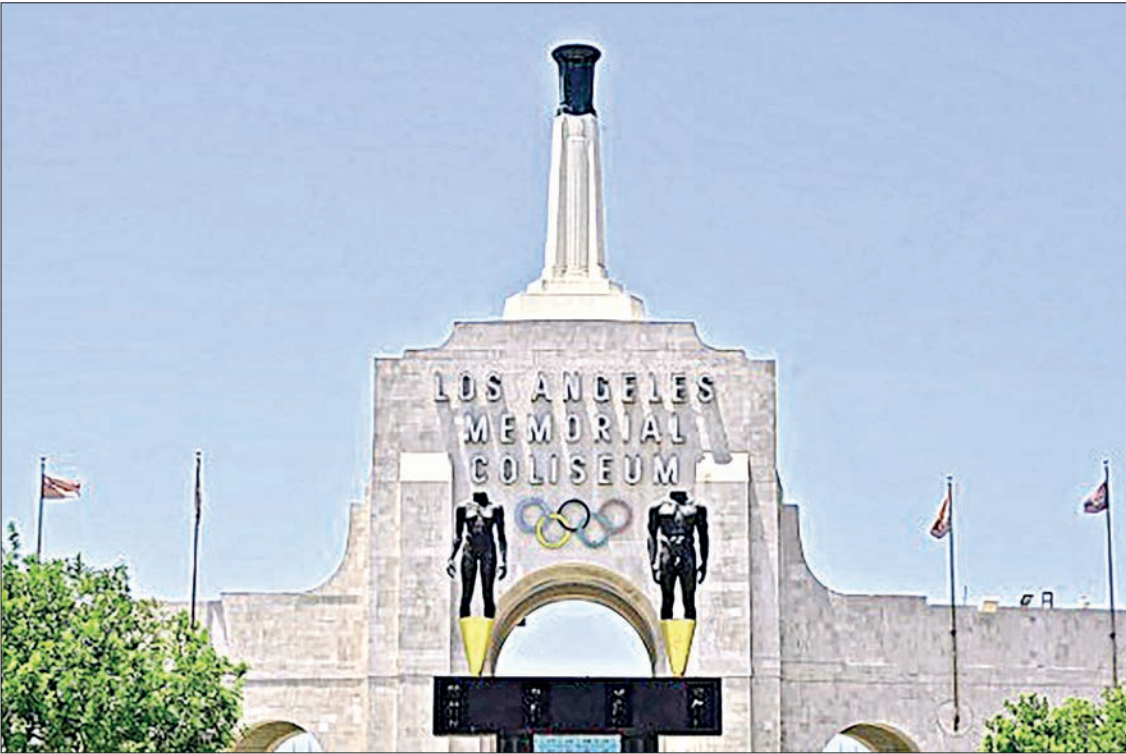
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SPORTS



The next Summer Olympics will be held in Los Angeles in 2028. Flags fly in the wind at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on 18 July 2024 in Los Angeles, California. PHOTO: FREDERIC J BROWN/AFP/FILE

South Africa
announces plan to bid
for Olympic Games

SOUTH Africa plans to bid for the 2036 or 2040 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the government said Thursday, aiming to bring one of the world's biggest sporting events to Africa for the first time. The country was the first on the continent to host the football World Cup in 2010. "South Africa initiates its intention to bid for the 2036 and 2040 Olympic Games," minister in the presidency Khumbudzo Ntshavheni said in a press briefing. She said Pretoria had entered into "continuous dialogue with the

International Olympic Committee", headed since June by Zimbabwean Kirsty Coventry.

It is as a "preliminary and exploratory engagement that is critical to advance South Africa's intention to bid for the hosting rights of the Olympic and Paralympic Games," Ntshavheni said, without specifying the potential host city. Cape Town had bid to host the 2004 Games, which ultimately went to Athens in a 1997 vote. — AFP

Gauff and Fritz back
for United Cup against
Swiatek's Poland

COCO Gauff and Taylor Fritz will spearhead the United States' title defence at the mixed teams United Cup in Australia, organizers said Thursday, with Iga Swiatek leading Poland's quest for revenge. World number three Gauff and sixth-ranked Fritz edged Poland to win the title at the season-opening ATP-WTA event in January, a key lead-up tournament to the Australian Open. Gauff beat world number two Swiatek in the decider, while Fritz downed Hubert Hurkacz, who is also returning. Five of the world's top 10

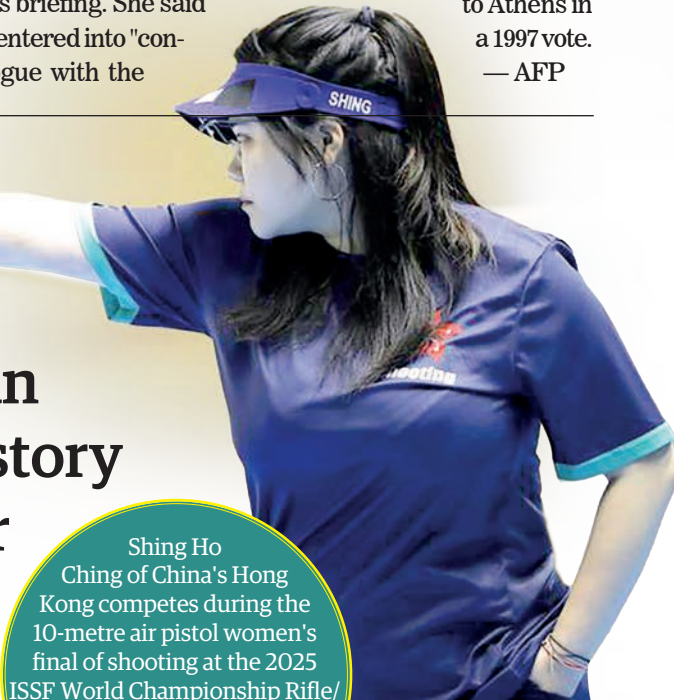
men and four of the world's top 10 women are among those signed up for the 2-11 January tournament which will see 18 countries playing in Sydney and Perth. Each team features three men and three women, with ties comprising one men's and one women's singles and an often decisive mixed doubles. Australian Open champion Jannik Sinner and rival Carlos Alcaraz have opted for an exhibition match in South Korea on 10 January before making their way to Melbourne Park for the season-opening Grand Slam starting eight days later. — AFP



Taylor Fritz and Coco Gauff will team up once again at the 2026 United Cup. PHOTO: AFP

Hong Kong veteran
shooter makes history
with Worlds silver

UNDER the bright lights of a Cairo shooting range, Shing Ho Ching carved a historic moment for Hong Kong sports. The 31-year-old pistol shooter won a silver medal in the women's 10-metre air pistol final Monday at the 2025 ISSF World Championships - Hong Kong's first-ever medal at the prestigious tournament. "Just making the final was already a win," Shing said afterward, still smiling in disbelief. "This was beyond anything I expected." The final unfolded like a drama marked by composure and courage. Shing, known for her brisk pace, led the field midway through the



Shing Ho Ching of China's Hong Kong competes during the 10-metre air pistol women's final of shooting at the 2025 ISSF World Championship Rifle/Pistol in Cairo, Egypt, on 10 November 2025. PHOTO: AHMED GOMAA/XINHUA

contest. "I'm almost always the first to finish," she said with a laugh. Her quick rhythm gave her a 0.8-point advantage until the final two series, when the pressure intensified. China's 20-year-old Yao Qianxun surged with shots of 10.6 and 10.7. Shing, in a split-second decision, re-raised her pistol after an unsatisfactory aim. — Xinhua

Winter Olympic Federations reject adding
Summer sports to Winter Games

THE Winter Olympic Federations (WOF) said Wednesday they oppose adding non-Olympic disciplines from Summer International Federations to the Winter Olympic Games, while supporting innovation within snow and ice sports. "The Winter Olympic Federations believe that the future of the Olympic Winter

Games is not better served by piecemeal proposals, such as the inclusion of Summer IFs' non-Olympic disciplines," read a statement. They argued that such proposals would "dilute the brand, heritage, and identity" of the Winter Games, which they described as "a celebration of sports practised on

snow and ice, with distinct culture, athletes, and fields of play." WOF President Ivo Ferriani said innovation should come from evolving existing winter sports to attract wider audiences, citing the inclusion of ski mountaineering as "a successful example" of authentic development. — Xinhua



China is promoting China-ASEAN FTA 3.0 upgrade protocol's early entry into force

The signing is a major milestone that broadens economic integration to encompass emerging areas such as digitalization, green development, and supply chains.

CHINA'S Ministry of Commerce (MOC) is accelerating the domestic ratification of the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area (FTA) 3.0 Upgrade Protocol and is collaborating with ASEAN to promote the protocol's early entry into force and implementation.

Ministry spokesperson He Yadong said at a regular press conference that the signing of the protocol is a significant milestone in the cooperation between the two sides.

It marks that the economic integration process between the two sides has expanded from traditional trade and investment liberalization and facilitation to emerging fields such as digitalization, green development, standards, and production and supply chain.



An aerial drone photo taken on 21 March 2025 shows trucks loaded with agricultural products from China and ASEAN countries at the Friendship Pass Port in Pingxiang, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. **PHOTO: CAO YIMING/ XINHUA**

The 3.0 upgrade protocol will boost regional digital technology empowerment, green industry cooperation, interconnection of production and supply chain, and alignment of standards and regulations, facilitating the accelerated integration and

development of the large market and production and supply chain within the region, said He. Enterprises from China and ASEAN recognize the huge business opportunities presented in the protocol, said the spokesperson. — Xinhua

US longest govt shutdown ends with governance problems lingering

THE record-breaking US federal government shutdown was expected to end soon after the congressional approval of a spending package on Wednesday.



The agreement, passed by both the Senate and the House of Representatives, allows hundreds of thousands of furloughed federal workers to return to their jobs and ensures they receive back pay. **PHOTO: AFP**

However, as bipartisan power struggles show no sign of alleviating, the recurrence of this shutdown remains highly possible within just two months.

The US House of Representatives voted 222-209 in favour of the spending package on Wednesday night, two days after the Senate passed it 60-40. The legislation was later signed into law by President Donald Trump.

However, the package only temporarily and partially resolves the political dilemma paralyzing Washington for the past 43 days. It funds most federal agencies at current levels through 30 January but covers only three of the 12 annual appropriations bills that Congress must pass each year. If both parties fail to reach an agreement on the nine remaining bills, the US government could be trapped in another shutdown in just over two months. In fact, the two parties did not stop trading blame even with the reopening of the federal agencies in the near future. — Xinhua

Mumbai leads India's Data Centre capacity

MUMBAI has emerged as India's top data centre hub, accounting for 53 per cent of the country's total data centre capacity of about 1,530 megawatts (MW) as of September 2025, according to a report by CBRE. The city's dominance is linked to its proximity to global internet exchange points and submarine cable landing stations that connect India with the rest of the world.

The report, titled 'India's Data Centre Market in a New Era', stated that other major contributors include Chennai with 20 per cent, Delhi-NCR with 10 per cent, and Bengaluru with seven per cent of the total capacity. Together, these four cities account for nearly 90 per cent of India's data centre infrastructure.

The country's data centre capacity crossed the 1.5-gigawatt mark for the first time between January and September 2025. Around 260 MW of new supply was added during this period, driven by rapid digitalisation, supportive government policies, and increasing corporate investments in Artificial Intelligence (AI). — ANI