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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.

Government to honour victorious athletes who win medals at SEA Games

The State and the people expect Myanmar athletes to demonstrate their outstanding skills by securing medals that will elevate the nation's prestige.

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing urged athletes to perform their best in the upcoming SEA Games to be able to secure more medals than in the previous competition, thereby bringing honour to the State.

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said so at the ceremony to hand over the flag to ensure success for the Myanmar sports contingent, which will take part in the XXXIII Southeast Asian Games to be hosted by Thailand.

At the ceremony, which took place at the Wunna Theikdi Gymnasium A in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, the Senior General said that sports competition is an event of capability contest for a country or a nation to fairly show off their health and fitness, diligence, perseverance, endeavours and unity.

He stressed that all members of the Myanmar sports contingent have to firmly keep in mind that achieving victory in every competition, in a manner that

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Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing speaks on the occasion to hand over the flag to ensure success for the Myanmar sports contingent yesterday.

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the ceremony to hand over the flag to ensure the success of the Myanmar sports contingent

1. All members of the Myanmar sports contingent are further encouraged to give their utmost effort with patriotism, love for their heritage, determination, perseverance, and courage.
2. The sports sector is important for the longevity and health of the entire nation.
3. In the XXXII SEA Games, Myanmar's sports contingent participated in 19 sports events and secured 21 gold, 25 silver and 68 bronze medals, totalling 114.
4. The State honoured the victorious athletes with K333.3 million as cash awards for their achievements in the XXXII SEA Games.

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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.**

Peace & Diversity Party (PDP) delivers campaign speech

THE electoral speech of Peace & Diversity Party (PDP) is featured on page 10 of today's issue of The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper.

Myanmar Gazette

Appointment of Head of Service Organization

THE National Defence and Security Council has appointed Daw Aye Aye Moe, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Labour under the Ministry of Labour, as Director-General of the Social Security Board of the same Ministry on probation from the date she assumes charge of her duties.

Ninth Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee holds second day of 3rd meeting

The second day of the third meeting of the Ninth 47-Member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee in progress in Yangon yesterday.

THE second day of the third meeting of the ninth Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, comprising 47 members, continued at 8 am yesterday at the Vijaya Mingala Dhamma Sabha Hall in Yangon's Thirimingala Kaba Aye precinct.

The meeting was attended by Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chair Dr Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa, senior Committee members, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Aye Tun, the director-general of the Religious Affairs Department, the deputy pro-rector (Administration) of the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, and religious officials from the regions and states.

The Committee Chair presided over the session, while Joint Chief Preceptor Aggamahapandita Bhaddanta Kovida served as master of ceremonies.

Members presented discussions on Vinaya affairs, religious matters, and education-related issues concerning the duties of the First Subcommittee during its first term. The morning session adjourned at 9 am.

The second session resumed at 1 pm, during which further discussions and decisions were made regarding Vinaya, religious, and education matters. Presenters then continued reviewing the First Subcommittee's performance during its first term, covering Vinaya, religious, and educational affairs. The meeting approved the performance report, and participating members recited the two stanzas beginning with "Jayanto Bodhiyamule" three times, followed by three recitations of "Sadhu", bringing the meeting to a successful conclusion. Sangha members attending the meeting were offered dawn and day meals for the 43rd time by lay donors, led by Bhaddanta Manit, the presiding Sayadaw of Kyaikkasan Wailuwun (Shwegyin) Monastery in Thingangyun Township. — MNA/KZL

2024 National Literary Award for Lifetime Achievement, National Literary Award and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Ceremony to be broadcast live on MRTV

THE 2024 National Literary Award for Lifetime Achievement, National Literary Award and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Ceremony will be held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre I (MICC I) in Nay Pyi Taw at 9:30 am on 20 November.

The award ceremony will be broadcast live on MRTV-HD, MRTV Entertainment Channel, MWD HD, MWD Variety HD Channel, Readers Channel, Channel 9 and Up to Date Channel, Myanma Radio, Thazin FM, Padamyar FM, Cherry FM, FM Bagan, Mandalay FM, Pyinsawady FM, Shwe FM, Star FM, MOI Website, MOI Youtube, MRTV App and MRTV Online Platform starting at 9:20 am on that day. — MNA

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)

Government to honour victorious athletes who win medals at SEA Games

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upholds the honour of Myanmar and all its citizens, is a national duty for them.

He noted that just as the Myanmar sports contingent has contributed to the nation's sporting history and records, the Myanmar athletes were urged to participate in the XXXIII Southeast Asian Games to perform at their best and aim to win more medals than in previous competitions, thereby enhancing the country's prestige.

The Senior General underlined that the sports sector is important for the longevity and health of the entire nation. As the motto goes, "Promoting sports is protecting the nation". Sports foster patriotism and a desire to safeguard the country, which is why efforts are being made to support and promote the development of sports.

He remarked that the national athletes representing the country in competitions are already fully prepared in terms of physical fitness, technical skills, athletic performance, and adherence to standards. Therefore, to achieve victory in competitions and enhance the nation's prestige, all members of the Myanmar sports contingent are further encouraged to give their utmost effort with patriotism, love for their heritage, determination, perseverance, and courage.

He unveiled that the athletic achievements emerging from the major competitions will also be duly honoured.

The Senior General Min Maung Hlaing looks into the sports equipment and related materials at yesterday's event in Nay Pyi Taw.

The Senior General recounted that athletes from 29 sports have been sent abroad 119 times to seek international experiences in order to compete in the SEA Games to keep abreast of athletes from other countries. Myanmar athletes from 16 sports were sent to take joint training abroad 30 times. Five foreign coaches have been hired with the State budget to provide training to Myanmar athletes. In the XXXII SEA Games, Myanmar's sports contingent participated in 19 sports events and secured 21 gold, 25 silver and 68 bronze medals, totalling 114. So, the State honoured them with K333.3 million as cash awards.

He unveiled his hope that the State and the entire people expect Myanmar athletes would show off their brilliant skills by securing medals for the State so as to uplift the prestige of the State.

The Senior General handed over the flag of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar as the flag to ensure success for competition in the XXXIII SEA Games to Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Jeng Phang Naw Taung.

The Union minister reported to the Senior General on the preparations of athletes from the Myanmar sports contingent to take part in the upcoming SEA Games.

The Senior General cordially greeted the sports teams and inspected sports equipment to be used by the athletes at the sports exhibition. He gave necessary guidance to officials and attended to their needs.

Also, present at the ceremony were Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, commission members, Union ministers, Union-level dignitaries, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers, members of the Myanmar Olympic Council, and officials from the sports federations.

The XXXIII SEA Games will be hosted by Thailand from 9 to 20 December 2025. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

Union Government Meeting 5/2025 held

PRIME Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyo Saw urged all ministries, as well as regional and state governments, to cooperate across all sectors for the country's development and to ensure the successful holding of the multi-party general election. The Prime Minister made the call at the Union Government Meeting 5/2025 of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, held yesterday afternoon at the Union Government Office.

Union ministers and officials attended the meeting in person, while Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, regional and state chief ministers joined via video conference.

Prime Minister U Nyo Saw presides over the fifth meeting of the Union Government yesterday.

In his opening remarks, the Prime Minister said they are working hard to stabilize the country's political, economic, social, and electoral situation, noted that some Western powers and their allies are imposing economic sanctions and using the media to criticize Myanmar, and added that the Head of State has addressed and responded to these issues during summits with regional organizations, goodwill visits to major world powers, and meetings with various international leaders.

He also highlighted the government's intensifying efforts to combat transnational crime and online gambling operations run by armed groups and international criminal networks in the border areas, noting that more than 68,000 illegal foreign entrants have been deported since late 2023. He emphasized that eliminating these illicit groups, especially those operating in Kayin State, is a national responsibility and called for coordinated action among relevant ministries to ensure that the international community clearly understands Myanmar's situation.

The Prime Minister emphasized that illegal trade harms the country's economic, social, and security sectors, noting that enforcement efforts across regions and states have already reduced such activities, highlighted newly opened trade routes and ongoing strict border inspections, urged authorities to take legal action, under the Anti-Money Laundering Law, against seized illegal goods, and stressed the need to work towards eliminating illegal trade.

He emphasized that narcotics, primarily trafficked by armed insurgent groups in insecure and border areas, are severely impacting the country's socio-economic life and particularly targeting school-age youth, and stressed the need for coordinated efforts to seize drugs and protect students' education, preventing them from falling victim to narcotics.

The Prime Minister emphasized that strengthening the manufacturing and agro-based industries is crucial for the country's economic stability and development, as these sectors are closely linked with agriculture, livestock, industry, mining, construction, and services, and can create jobs. He also highlighted the need to facilitate the flow of goods, stabilize commodity prices, efficiently manage the rice and other seasonal crop supply chains, and enforce market regulations to support farmers' livelihoods and promote socio-economic development, aligning with future sustainable development goals.

The Prime Minister emphasized that strengthening Myanmar's agricultural sector is vital for improving socio-economic conditions and meeting the country's food needs. Key priorities include increasing crop production, educating farmers on systematic cultivation, and enhancing oilseed production through upgraded mills and technological applications. He also emphasized the expansion of industrial crop cultivation, including cotton, bamboo, rubber, coffee, and chilli, to meet domestic demand and capitalise on foreign market opportunities, while promoting value-added production and supporting export-oriented growth.

The Prime Minister stressed that developing small-, medium-, and large-scale industries is vital for building a modern, self-reliant, and economically strong nation, highlighting the need to strengthen electricity infrastructure, streamline investment and licensing policies, establish industrial zones, and promote technology sharing to ensure sustained industrial growth.

The Prime Minister emphasized that MSMEs are vital for the country's manufacturing sector, highlighting the need to adopt digital systems, benefit from government support in technical, financial, and market aspects, ensure access to essential resources, and promote collaboration between the government, entrepreneurs, and the public to sustain MSME growth.

The Prime Minister emphasized that, under the slogan "Encouraging Education for National Development," Myanmar's education policies aim to provide opportunities for all, ensure completion of KG+9, improve teacher quality through training and support, promote attendance and grade progression, and expand vocational and specialized schools in industrial, agricultural, and livestock sectors, while also offering job training for students who do not pass university entrance exams.

The Prime Minister emphasized promoting public health by encouraging walking to counteract sedentary lifestyles, urging the government to organize large-scale walking events. He also highlighted the need to develop talented athletes, noting that the Head of State has provided sports facilities in schools and universities, and stressed the importance of maintaining these facilities and offering continuous training to cultivate high-performing athletes.

The Prime Minister emphasized the need for accurate and truthful reporting of project figures by ministries and regional and state authorities, noting that inconsistencies in data collection can weaken plan implementation. For the 2025-2026 financial year, all relevant government bodies must promptly finalize work plans, coordinate effectively, and ensure the timely and high-quality completion of all planned activities.

The Prime Minister outlined the three-phase multiparty democratic general election starting on 28 December, stressing that its successful conduct is vital for democratic development and requires active public participation. He urged officials at all levels to closely monitor the situation, follow policies, and provide full support to ensure a smooth election. Union Ministers presented current and planned measures in their sectors, after which the Prime Minister coordinated actions, delivered a concluding speech, and adjourned the meeting. — MNA/TH

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NATIONAL

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)

KK Park, Shwe Kokko targeted in ongoing anti-fraud and gambling sweep

AS the government of Myanmar is prioritizing the elimination of telecom fraud and online gambling, which pose a threat to the global and international community, as part of its national duty.

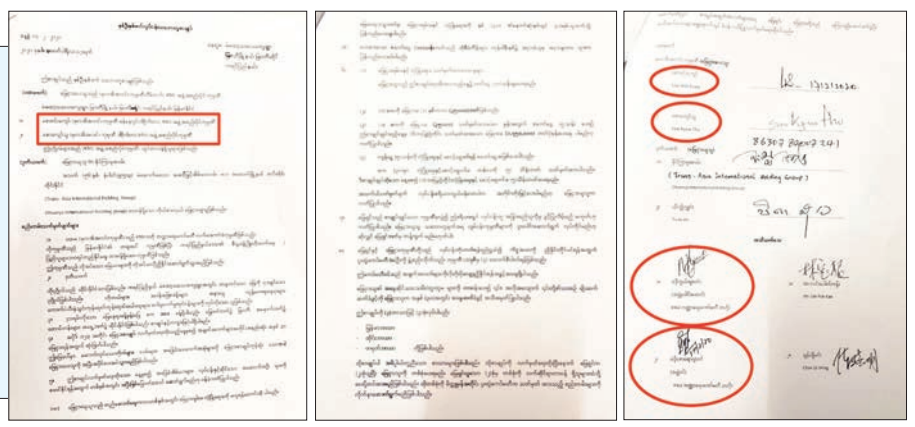
While working to eliminate telecom fraud and online gambling, starting in October, Mulaei Alin Company and Tran-Asia International Holding Group (Thailand) began operations in the Myawady-Maehtawthalay (KK Park) area. Moreover, to show reasons for carrying out regional economic development, a project was established in the Shwe Kokko area, which had previously been halted. From the morning of 18 November, combined operation teams, including security forces and administrative bodies, have been carrying out operations in these areas.

In these efforts, those involved in telecom fraud and online gambling who have been apprehended are being properly scrutinized and systematically handed over to the relevant countries. To ensure that telecom fraud and online gambling cannot reestablish themselves in the region and to prevent further criminal activities, unauthorized structures in the area are being completely demolished. These demolitions are carried out systematically using machinery and advanced technological methods to dismantle and destroy the buildings effectively.

As of 6 pm yesterday, out of 635 structures used for online scams and gambling in the Myawady-Maehtawthalay (KK Park) area, 170 have been completely demolished, and the remaining 465 structures are continuing to be dismantled.

This photo illustrates the completed demolition of one of the buildings and facilities.

Images capture the contract agreement between Tran-Asia International Holding Group (Thailand) and Mulaei Alin Company.



The elimination activities were carried out in the Shwe Kokko area starting yesterday. Yesterday's processes continued till 6 pm to arrest 184 Chinese citizens, three Malaysians, 14 Filipinos, two Nepalese, six Thai citizens, seven Vietnamese, one Nigerian and 48 Indonesians, totalling 265 from 13 buildings constructed without permit. Moreover, a total of 2,339 computers, 2,950 mobile phones and a large number of industrial accessories used in committing telecom fraud and online gambling were also seized there. According to the information on wiping the Shwe Kokko area off, a total of 611 foreign nationals under scrutiny living in Myanmar illegally were arrested together with 2,653 computers, 19,650 mobile phones and a large number of industrial materials used in the telecom fraud and online gambling. The combined teams continue the elimination operation.

Those arrested foreign citizens are being detained at the building in Lonhtinwun of Shwe Kokko Village, Pulwepu Village-tract in Myawady Township. The Illegal Foreigner Investigation Team verified 200 foreign nationals. Moreover, compilation of biographies and records of those arrestees is being conducted by departmental teams so as to hand over those arrestees to the relevant countries as quickly as possible.

The government has taken the elimination of telecom fraud and online gambling as a national duty. Efforts will continue to ensure that such activities cannot take root within the country, in coordination not only with domestic forces but also with the governments of neighbouring countries. — MNA/TTA

Photos show detained undocumented foreign entrants (on the left), and confiscated mobile phones and related items (R).

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NATIONAL

Myanmar hosts 24th ASEAN Banking Conference & 53rd ASEAN Banking Council Meeting in Yangon

THE Myanmar Banks Association and ASEAN Bankers Association jointly organized the 24th ASEAN Banking Conference and 53rd ASEAN Banking Council Meeting at Novotel Yangon Max Hotel in Yangon yesterday.

Speaking at the meeting, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar Daw Than Than Swe said the theme of the conference, "Optimizing Banking in a Digital Age: Successes and Challenges", completely reflects the current situation. Although the advancement of digital technology has supported inclusiveness in the financial sector of ASEAN countries, enabled more efficient services, and improved cross-border payment systems, it has also brought new risks such as cybersecurity attacks, fraud, and data security threats.

Central Bank of Myanmar Governor Daw Than Than Swe speaks on the opening occasion of the 24th ASEAN Banking Conference & 53rd ASEAN Banking Council meeting in Yangon yesterday.

The ASEAN financial community has made progress in collaboration through initiatives such as ASEAN payment connectivity, cross-border QR code payments, and the regional open banking framework. The ASEAN member states also work to develop an ecosystem where both traditional banking and digital systems can coexist. She then discussed the implementation of the National QR Code, MMQR, which has facilitated smoother domestic payments and enabled cross-border transactions.

She added that ASEAN countries need a stronger fundamental framework to prevent risks arising from rapid digital development.

The relevant experts coordinated the discussion under different topics, such as macroeconomic outlooks in the ASEAN, changes and advancements in global banking and financial systems and the tasks ASEAN nations should perform, the future of financial services in the digital era, challenges and potential successes in offering banking services in a digital age, and online scams related to payment systems.

The 24th ASEAN Banking Conference and the 53rd ASEAN Banking Council Meeting and related meetings will continue from 19 to 21 November at the Novotel Yangon Max Hotel in Yangon. — MNA/KTZH

Authorities detain 346 foreign suspects in telecom scams, transfer 125 Indians

Myanmar's Immigration officials are seen processing the repatriation of undocumented foreign entrants.

A total of 125 Indian citizens who illegally entered Myanmar through border routes from Thailand and some neighbouring countries and committed crimes in Myawady-Shwe Kokko and Mawhtawthalay (KK Park) of Kayin State were handed over to the relevant country under the law via the Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge II, as a gesture of humanitarian assistance and good neighbourly relations.

Kayin State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Min Thu Kyaw, officials from Tatmadaw and BGF inspected the Building 8 (seven-storey) in Shwe Kokko area from 1 pm to 6 pm on 18 November and arrested 65 foreign nationals who illegally entered Myanmar together with 80 computers and 4,800 mobile phones, 75 illegal foreign entrants at Building 06 (seven-storey) with 73 computers and 6,500 mobile phones and 206 illegal foreign entrants with 161 computers and 7,500 mobile phones at the 13-storey Chen Sein Building.

Those 346 foreign nationals were detained at the building of Lonhtinwun of Shwe Kokkomyaing Village of Pulwepu Village-tract in Myawady Township. The illegal foreigner investigation team verified 200 foreigners. Kayin State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Min Thu Kyaw, Director U Kyaw Myint of the Ministry of Immigration and Population and officials viewed the process of compilation of the data from the illegal migrants to be handed over to relevant countries as quickly as possible.

On 19 November, Chairman of Myawady District Management and Administration Committee U Soe Hlaing, Deputy Director U Kyaw Kyaw Than of the Ministry of Immigration and Population, Counsellor Mr Pranav Ganesh of the Indian Embassy to Thailand and officials from the Tak Province's Immigration Department of Thailand attended the ceremony to hand over the foreign nationals. Officials of Myanmar handed over relevant documents to officials from relevant countries.

A total of 11,186 foreign nationals who illegally entered Myanmar were detained from 30 January to 19 November 2025, 11,040 of whom were verified. A total of 9,978 foreign nationals have been handed over to relevant countries under the law and procedures through Thailand. Now, it is ready to hand over the remaining 1,208 foreign nationals to the relevant countries. — MNA/TTA

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

NATIONAL

Tree planting aims to benefit future generations

❖ "The benefits of growing trees are not immediate, typically taking seven to eight years to be fully realized. We ourselves enjoy the shade and comfort of large trees thanks to past planting and conservation efforts. Likewise, we must act with the intention of passing these benefits on to future generations."

(Excerpt from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman and Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the 2025 monsoon tree-growing ceremony in the Leintaw protected public forest, Meiktila District, covering 13 arid region districts, on 11 July 2025)

Wah Ale Resort in Lampi Marine National Park sees visitor arrivals

A traveller enjoys the scenic beauty of the sea around Wah Ale Island.

THE travellers have begun visiting the Wah Ale Resort, located in the Lampi Marine National Park, which is famous for the natural beauty of the sea, forests and diverse wildlife.

This year, Wah Ale Resort was opened in the second week of November, and local travellers have already begun visiting, while the travel companies in Kawthoung estimate that more foreign visitors will come by late December. The resort's travel season usually closes in March.

The Lampi Marine National Park boasts not only natural beauty but also reptiles and amphibians, and Wah Ale Resort, situated in the deep forest, offers a nature-based tourism experience focused on tranquillity and environmental preservation, and tourists mostly prefer such a situation. The visitors can kayak through the mangrove forests, explore rare plant species and birds, and enjoy the natural scenery.

"Travellers start visiting the Wah Ale Resort during this year's travel season. As it is located inside Lampi Marine National Park, visitors can enjoy a nature experience that is completely different from urban recreation. When the cold season arrives, both local and foreign travellers usually visit to enjoy the island's seas, forests, and wildlife. Visitors can also closely observe the traditions of the local Salone people, and the fresh seafood is another attraction that brings visitors back again," said U Kyi Oo, head of the Lampi Marine National Park.

At the Wah Ale Resort, services are typically offered at US$800 per foreign visitor or US$1,500 per couple. In order to facilitate faster travel, special flight arrangements have been made, and improved transportation services are helping to attract more travellers.

Visitors are seen swimming at Wah Ale Beach.

The Lampi Marine National Park, which possesses extraordinary biodiversity and ecosystems, is located in the Myeik Archipelago of Taninthayi Region with over 800 islands stretching along the 600-kilometre coastline of the Andaman Sea. The park boasts evergreen forests, mangrove forests, seagrass, coral reefs, and numerous endangered land and marine species and rare plants, and attracts both local and foreign visitors. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH

From left, the images show a visitor riding a yak boat, a rare pangolin, a rare sea cow (manatee), and underwater reefs at Wah Ale Resort in Lampi Marine National Park.

Brisk trading, big crowds mark Day 3 of 60th Gems Emporium

Gem traders are seen evaluating gemstones at the 60th Gems Emporium yesterday. **PHOTO: HTEIN NAN NAW**

THE third day of the 60th Myanmar Gems Emporium was held yesterday morning at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw, drawing a large turnout of gem merchants.

Throughout the morning, both local and foreign traders freely inspected the pearl lots, jade and other gemstones displayed at designated areas. Merchants examined pearl lots numbered 247 to 489 and submitted their bid prices into the respective tender boxes. Emporium officials later reviewed the bids and announced that 197 pearl lots had been sold.

Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi attended the event on its third day to show his support.

It has been announced that 160 gem lots will continue to be exhibited and sold to local and foreign merchants via the open tender system on the fourth day of the emporium. Accepted foreign currencies include US dollars, euros, yuan, Thai baht and other currencies approved by the Central Bank of Myanmar.

Of the 5,085 jade lots, categorized into groups A, B and C, those in groups A and B will be sold from 21 to 23 November, while group C lots will be sold from 24 to 26 November under the open tender system. The emporium is taking place from 17 to 26 November. — Thant Kyaw/MKKS

OPINION

Improve the lives of children to enjoy a better future

ON A significant day, the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child on 20 November 1959. Such an important day was recognized as the World Children's Day to represent and honour the entire children of the world, and it is celebrated on 20 November each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improve children's welfare.

Concerning the life improvement of children, "On World Children's Day, we celebrate the youngest members of our human family. But today is also a moment to recognize the enormous challenges children face in our deeply divided, tumultuous and often violent world," UN Secretary-General António Guterres remarked.

The theme for 2025 is: "Investing in our children is investing in our future." The 2025 theme emphasizes the importance of placing children's needs at the centre of sustainable development, committing resources and support to nurture every child's potential, and advocating for education, health, and protection as the foundation for a brighter global future. Let's improve the lives of children to have a better future.

Mothers and fathers, teachers, nurses and doctors, government leaders and civil society activists, religious and community elders, corporate moguls and media professionals, as well as young people and children themselves, can play an important part in making World Children's Day relevant for their societies, communities and nations. Indeed, World Children's Day offers each of us an inspirational entry-point to advocate, promote and celebrate children's rights, translating into dialogues and actions that will build a better world for children.

Naturally, children grow up to be adults, and they become the elderly. Along their lifespan, those who are older than others become seniors in society due to better growth of knowledge, wisdom, intellect, and skills in relevant arenas. So, adults have responsibilities to widen the scope of knowledge of children. Such a responsibility must be passed on from generation to generation in order to uplift capacity and produce a well-versed generation. By nurturing the children, generations of relevant communities will improve their intelligence for shaping their societies better.

The World Children's Day is concerned with all global countries with the responsibility for enhancing their children's Intelligence Quotient, emotional intelligence, social intelligence, adversity quotient, and cultural or creative quotient since their childhood. These quotients represent different aspects of human capability beyond traditional academic intelligence and are often discussed in the context of leadership, career success, and personal growth.

Only then, those children be smart in adulthood.

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ARTICLE

Public Urged to Avoid Telecom Fraud Schemes and Cooperate with Government Efforts

By Min Pyae Sone

This image shows the demolition process.

BEHIND job advertisements that claim no education, no professional skills, and no hard work are required; behind claims that a person has won a phone or an air conditioner in lucky draws; behind the attractive images on social media and the allure of sweet words; and behind various online gambling games – there are many complex stories of lies and deception.

Basically, scams are often tailored to people's needs: offering work to those who need it, offering money to those in need, fabricating stories of beauty for those drawn to it, extorting money from those with financial power, and using many other schemes to deceive people. In the end, victims' lives are disrupted, and they suffer both physical and mental harm. At the same time, fraudsters exploit the lives of honest citizens to obtain money through these deceptive schemes. Under the guise of job opportunities, the victims' futures are stolen.

Many of those working in online gambling and money laundering operations are themselves victims of fraud, including human trafficking, and are reported to work 12 to 14 hours a day. Many victims find it difficult to escape and effectively become trapped in money laundering operations. They typically engage in various online fraudulent activities, such as investment scams, online gambling, lending schemes, and extortion by posing as a romantic partner, generating billions of US dollars in revenue each year for the leaders of the online financial fraud industry.

> "Most of the materials used in the KK Park – about 90 per cent – come from Thailand. They don't use any materials from Myanmar. Everything, from electronic devices to personal items, that comes through illegal crossings is imported from Thailand. These illegal routes are not for the benefit of our ethnic people or the country; they serve the interests of armed groups," said a local from Inkyin Myaing village, located near the KK Park area.

Many foreign nationals involved in online money fraud have illegally entered Myanmar through border routes from neighbouring countries and have committed online fraud, online gambling, and other crimes in the Maehtawthalay-KK Park area of Myawady Township, Kayin State. About 90 per cent of these foreign nationals who commit online gambling and other crimes enter Myanmar via Thailand, with most of them crossing the border illegally.

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"Our area is a region controlled by armed groups with a low rule of law, so when there are clashes with the Tatmadaw, there are things we must avoid. If people cross to their side from this side, Thai soldiers set up a camp. They tell us not to go anywhere else and to stay in one place. I have never received international support to evade the fighting. Some people do, but it is not helpful. For example, they say they provide rice packets, blankets, and shirts—but they are used. When they give these items, they also record the displaced people as they cross the Thaungyin River. There is no effective system in place. There are refugee camps for people evading the fighting that receive international support, and the authorities show these people to the international community to obtain aid. It is like asking for rice by showcasing monkeys. We, the people of Myanmar, need to be aware of these things. We know this because we have experienced it firsthand," said a local from Inkyin Myaing village.

The recent KK Park incident, which occurred in the Myanmar-Thailand border area of Myawady, has become a hot topic in Southeast Asian countries. Media outlets have emphasized the need for effective action. The Myanmar government is continuously investigating and identifying foreign nationals who have committed telecom fraud, online gambling, and other crimes in the Maehtawthalay (KK Park) area of Myawady, Kayin State.

> The government is now taking effective, lawful action against online criminal gangs that pose a significant threat to the country and its citizens. To support investigations and enforcement efforts, inspections and clearances have reportedly been carried out not only in Kayin State but also in northeastern and eastern Shan State.

Such investigations and deportation procedures are being carried out systematically in accordance with the law, and the foreign nationals are being transferred to their respective countries. In addition, the buildings in KK Park where they lived are being demolished. Similarly, the routes used by armed terrorists involved in illegal trade are being blocked and destroyed.

Meanwhile, media reports have revealed that online fraud is spreading not only in Myanmar but also across Southeast Asia. According to these reports, 88 Chinese nationals were arrested in Indonesia on 29 August on suspicion of online crimes. Similarly, in Thailand, a mid-August crackdown on online financial fraud led to the arrest of a Myanmar woman, several Chinese nationals, and Thai nationals, as well as the seizure of luxury cars, real estate deeds, and cash linked to the telecom fraud.

Therefore, relevant governments in Southeast Asian countries, including the Myanmar government, are working together to take urgent action in response to the rise in online crime in the region. The national government's efforts to implement such measures, as well as the Myanmar government's cooperation with government agencies in neighbouring countries to identify and suppress these activities, have been reported in state-owned newspapers.

This photo reveals the ongoing demolition measures.

"We welcome the government's continued crackdown on telecom fraud. The land at KK Park used to be our farmland and gardens. They bought it from local farmers for a lot of money, and then they built buildings on it. I've heard that after construction, it's like a city. You don't know what kinds of businesses they run. You can't see them, and it's not easy to get in or out. There are big walls and CCTV cameras, and security is tight. Many of us locals have never been there. Those who have done manual labour there say it's hard to get in and out, so we avoid it. They say illegal gambling takes place there. We want to do legitimate manufacturing work in our area so that locals will have job opportunities and live comfortably," said a resident of Maehtawthalay village.

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"All the buildings in KK Park will be demolished to prevent further online fraud, online gambling, and other crimes. There are also illegal gates, which are being removed and cleared. We are working to take legal action against everyone involved," said an official.

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2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

Peace & Diversity Party (PDP) talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

Daw Sanda Oo, Chairperson of the Peace & Diversity Party (PDP), presented the policy, stance and work procedures of her party through radio and television on the evening of 19 November.
The full text of the presentation is as follows: -

Esteemed people,

I am Daw Sanda Oo, Chairperson of the Peace & Diversity Party (PDP). Our Peace & Diversity Party (PDP) has been established since 22 March 2010. Then, we reapplied for registration of the party under the election law of the Union Election Commission on 28 March 2023. The UEC allowed registration of our party on 15 July 2024.

Our party had experienced participation of candidates in the 2010 election, 2015 election and 2020 election organized by the Union Election Commission. Candidates of our party will compete in the 2025 election.

Concerning the policy and work procedures of our party, our party has adopted the policy "Humanist Democratic Nationalism".

(1) We will not turn a blind eye to the interests of humankind.

(2) We will abide by democratic principles.

(3) We will give the first priority to the interests of the taxpayer citizens.

Our party has abandoned the habit of seeing fellow humans as enemies and has identified new adversaries. These are under development, emerging diseases, natural disasters, unemployment, and ignorance. Our party is committed to confronting these challenges continuously and persistently.

Esteemed people,

Among the five adversaries we have identified, ignorance is the most harmful. That is why we continually clarify matters related to politics and political systems. Humans think, plan, and create innovations, and because human ideas are diverse and develop in complex ways, people adopt different goals and approaches. These processes should not be controlled or dominated. Similarly, differences in perspective should not lead to enmity. As citizens, once basic needs are fulfilled, it should be up to each person how they choose to experience and build their lives. We do not wish for people to oppress or harm one another simply because of differing ideas or beliefs.

Esteemed people,

We should not attack or be hostile to one another because of our differences; instead, we should lead by example, live together peacefully, and coexist in mutual respect.

Esteemed people,

Our party believes that the private sector plays a vital role in national development. We recognize that every person is different in terms of physical, mental, moral, wealth, and social background, and we accept the natural differences in prosperity and poverty. We also believe that communist-style ideas, which suggest that if everyone cannot be equally wealthy, everyone must be equally poor, hinder national development. In running their businesses, private entrepreneurs do not work solely with their own families; from cleaners at the lowest level to top managers, they employ workers across all levels. Therefore, when businesses and enterprises of major entrepreneurs in a country prosper and grow, job opportunities increase for many people.

Esteemed people,

Our country achieved independence by resisting British colonial rule, studying, reading, and spreading works on socialist and communist ideas, and thereby gaining freedom. After gaining independence in 1948, it was established as a multiparty democratic nation. However, during that period, those in political leadership positions who dominated were mostly influenced by socialist and communist literature and culture. As a result, that era of democracy essentially reflected the type of democracy promoted by socialist and communist ideologies.

However, the private enterprises that remained under the former colonial rulers also continued to operate effectively.

Esteemed people,

Economic policies based on socialism and communism took a leading role in the production and service sectors operated by the State. Production and service activities of the private sector were not allowed. After 1988, the Tatmadaw government gradually extended permissions for the private enterprises.

The youth who were born after 1988 cannot understand that the activity of the gradual establishment of private businesses led to the transformation of the system. It is because they did not know the old system.

In 2010, the Tatmadaw government opened a new chapter of democracy. At that time, the government of President U Thein Sein came into power and expanded opportunities for private enterprises. As a result, farmers gained land-use rights under the Form 7 system, private fuel stations were allowed to open, private airlines and bus companies grew and prospered, private banks flourished, private hospitals and schools expanded, and private telecom companies were established and developed.

Esteemed people,

The world proved that the private market economic system is the most proper for Myanmar to keep abreast of the global countries in order to achieve the State's economic development.

Esteemed people,

The people are likely aware that, in another major country, a private entrepreneur operates Starlink satellites through his own business. This practical example demonstrates that strong and capable private enterprises can create numerous job opportunities, ensuring employment and income for the population. Therefore, the Peace & Diversity Party (PDP) will consistently advocate for greater opportunities for private businesses to expand, in order to promote national economic development.

Esteemed people,

Our Peace & Diversity Party (PDP), while calling for a cessation of the ongoing armed conflicts, is working together with the current government under a peaceful political framework, intending to promote the development of local ethnic communities as well as ensure peace and stability.

Esteemed people,

The people residing across the nation are experiencing the bad impacts of armed conflicts. Hence, I would like to urge all to face each other in the political arena with dialogue instead of armed conflicts.

Esteemed people,

Our Peace & Diversity Party (PDP) will uphold the rights to diversity, ensuring the protection of ethnic and religious freedoms. Any ethnic or religious practices that deny these rights will be opposed and rejected on the basis of ideologies.

Esteemed people,

The policy of our party is based on a 'humane democratic citizenship' principle. Accordingly, we will uphold and protect all human-centred ideologies and prevent any actions intended to incite hostility among people, from a national perspective.

Esteemed people,

The 2025 general election is approaching. We urge the public to select and nominate individuals from the political parties of their choice so that political forces committed to advancing national interests can gain seats in Hluttaw and help build a modern, developed democratic nation. The symbol of our party is an image widely circulated on the internet, featuring red, yellow, green, and blue colours. It signifies our aim to spread our political literature, activities, and messages through modern communication tools.

Esteemed people,

The election is extremely important given the current situation of the nation. Only when a free and fair election is held, and Hluttaw is formed in accordance with the law, can our country be free from international economic sanctions and political domination, allowing the emergence of a modern, developed nation. The Union Election Commission is also making every effort to ensure a free and fair election. Since it is the people who choose the government to lead them, we urge everyone to select individuals from political parties that prioritize national interests.

NATIONAL

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission

Statement 14/ 2025

1. Children are the foundation of a nation's future, and it is of utmost importance to ensure their holistic development – physical, intellectual, and moral while promoting the best interests of every child. Recognizing the global significance of children's rights, the United Nations adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959. Subsequently, on 20 November 1989, the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), which has since become one of the most universally ratified human rights treaties. The date of its adoption, 20 November, is commemorated annually as World Children's Day, which marks its 36th anniversary this year.
2. Myanmar acceded to the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1991. In accordance with this commitment, the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (2008) enacted that all children shall equally enjoy the rights prescribed by law. In addition, the Child Rights Law (2019) affirms that every child is entitled to the rights to survival, development, protection, and participation in society. The State recognizes these rights and ensures their equal enjoyment in accordance with the law.
3. As children are the most valuable assets for the future, ensuring the full realization of their rights enables them to actively contribute to both national development and their own personal growth. It is therefore essential that children are made aware of their rights and have equal access to them. In this regard, the State continues to implement various programs and activities aimed at promoting the development and protection of children.
4. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission continues to fulfil its primary mandates of promoting and protecting human rights. In line with these responsibilities, the Commission has conducted awareness-raising activities on child rights for the general public, civil servants, and basic education teachers, and distributed publications related to human rights. Furthermore, to ensure that all children equally enjoy the rights and protection guaranteed under existing laws, the Commission regularly conducts inspection visits to childcare centres, youth training schools, and detention facilities, and submits recommendations to relevant authorities based on its findings.
5. Recognizing the essential role of children in building a peaceful, stable, and progressive world through their new perspectives, it is imperative that their voices and opinions be respected and heard. In accordance with this year's theme, "Listen to children: my day, my rights," all relevant stakeholders are encouraged to recognize and uphold children's right to participation. On this World Children's Day, the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission urges all responsible persons across all sectors to cooperate and take concerted efforts to ensure that every child fully enjoys his or her fundamental rights.

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission
Date: 20 November 2025

Myanmar delegation attends 56th GMS TWG meeting and MTCO Board meeting

THE 56th meeting of Greater Mekong Subregion Tourism Working Group (GMS TWG 56) and the Mekong Tourism Coordinating Office (MTCO) Board meeting were hosted by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Vietnam in Nam Binh, Vietnam, from 17 to 19 November.

The 56th Meeting of the Greater Mekong Subregion Tourism Working Group (GMS TWG-56) in progress in Vietnam.

The meeting was attended by heads and representatives of tourism authorities from the GMSTC countries, the Executive Director of the MTSTC, representatives from the regional tourism industry, government and private sector, and tourism experts, as well as representatives from the Myanmar Tourism Federation and the Union of Myanmar Travel Association (UMTA), led by U Maung Maung Kyaw, Director-General of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism.

On 17 November, the GMS TWG 56 was chaired by Ms Nguyen Thi Hoa Mai, Vice President of the Vietnam National Tourism Administration. The meeting discussed and agreed on the implementation of the Mekong Tourism Forum 2025 and related meeting decisions, the promotion of tourism in the Mekong region on websites and social media, cooperation with international tourism partners such as Agoda, PATA, AirAsia Move, the implementation of the Mekong Tourism Strategy 2030, the development of the Mekong Tourism Marketing Strategy, and the development of tourism in member countries.

On 18 November, the International Conference on Sustainable Tourism in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region was held, and the leaders from the Vietnam National Tourism Administration and those in charge of the Nam Binh Tourism Department of Vietnam delivered opening remarks. The conference discussed the global sustainable tourism prospects, good experiences in implementing sustainable tourism in each GMS region, and the vision and action plan for sustainable tourism for the GMS region.

Yesterday, the Mekong Tourism Coordination Office Board Meeting was held, chaired by Ms Nguyen Thi Hoa Mai, Vice-President of the Vietnam National Tourism Administration. The meeting attendees discussed the signing of the Agreement on the Establishment of the GMS Region by member countries, the process of signing the host country agreement with Thailand for the entry into force of the Agreement, the target of completing the establishment of the Office as an intergovernmental international office, and the appointment of a new Executive Director of the GMS Region in March 2026.

Myanmar will be the rotating chair to host the 57th GMS Tourism Working Group Meeting, the Mekong Tourism Forum-2026 in June 2026, along with the Greater Mekong Sub-Regional Tourism Coordination Office Board Meeting. — MNA/MKKS

Mon State to establish US$50 million medical rubber glove factory by 2026-27

THE Myanmar Rubber Growers and Producers Association has announced plans to establish a medical rubber glove factory in Mon State, where large quantities of raw rubber are produced. The factory, intended to meet strong domestic demand for medical gloves, is expected to be built and become operational in the 2026–2027 financial year.

Preparations are currently underway to ensure that construction can proceed and operations can commence within that period. The project is expected to occupy about 50 acres of land and involve an estimated investment of around US$50 million.

An official from the Association said, "Preparations are being made to build a factory that will produce medical rubber gloves directly from raw rubber. The Association itself will not carry out the project; instead, rubber industry entrepreneurs will jointly implement it. By the 2026-2027 financial year, the factory should reach the stage where construction is complete and operations can begin. Domestic demand for gloves is high, and they are still being imported from abroad. The gloves to be produced will be disposable ones. Naturally, the factory will be located in Mon State, where raw rubber is abundant. Preliminary groundwork is already underway. If the project succeeds, it will also create employment opportunities".

Mon State has more than 500,000 acres of rubber plantations, accounting for 40 per cent of the country's total rubber cultivation. It is also reported that the state produces various value-added rubber products, including rubberwood, furniture, veneer and plywood. — ASH/MKKS

Disposable gloves used for handling food.

ARTICLE/NATIONAL

Public Urged to Avoid Telecom Fraud Schemes and Cooperate ...

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To date, 9,536 foreign nationals have been systematically deported to their respective countries via Thailand in line with legal procedures, and the remaining 1,279 foreign nationals are ready to be transferred to their countries.

"In areas where the rule of law is weak, they use our land and rely on the Thaungyin River to do this. Only when the rule of law is firmly established will telecom fraud disappear. That is why we want a strong rule of law and good governance in our region. Then it will be easier to carry out other work. We will also benefit from better education, healthcare, and regional development. I hope for a situation like this," said a resident of Inkyin Myaing village.

Therefore, the public must be aware of and avoid the fraudulent money-making schemes of online criminal gangs, which involve various types of fraud, incentives, and content, and must cooperate with the processes carried out by the government in accordance with the law.

(Translated by TH)

The ongoing demolition measures in the KK Park area.

MCEF lends nearly K9B to 55 firms for quake-hit building repairs

The loan disbursement and contract signing ceremony for MCEF member companies is in action.

THE Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Federation (MCEF) disbursed a total of over K8,908 million in loans to 55 member companies for the project of renovating earthquake-damaged buildings on 18 November.

The loan disbursement and contract signing ceremony were held at the MCEF headquarters on the same day.

During the ceremony, a total of K4,150 million in loans was disbursed to 27 member companies renovating orange-level damaged buildings, and K4,758 million in loans was disbursed to 28 member companies renovating blue-level damaged buildings, totalling over K8,908 million, according to the MCEF.

At the event, MCEF President U Shein Win delivered an opening address. This was followed by explanations from Vice-Presidents U Thet Linn and Dr Nyan Thit Hlaing, detailing the efforts undertaken by the MCEF headquarters to facilitate the loan disbursements. Subsequently, Secretary-General U Ko Ko Lay explained the process of verification and signed the contracts with representatives from the respective companies. — MT/ZN

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CRIME NEWS

5M stimulant tablets worth over K7B seized in Waw

THE Myanmar Police Force has reported that five million stimulant tablets, valued at over K7 billion, were seized in Waw Township, Bago Region.

According to the report, a joint team including members of the drug enforcement police force intercepted an Isuzu six-wheeler truck driven by Hmine Swe near Nyaungkhashay village in Waw Township at 11 pm on 8 November. On inspection, the team recovered five million stimulants valued at approximately K7.5 billion from the vehicle.

Investigations revealed that the tablets were being transported from Mandalay to Hpa-an. The individuals responsible for transporting the drugs were identified as Myat Min Oo from Mandalay (still at large) and Aung Myo Win from PyinOoLwin (still at large), who delivered the truck to a location near the Swetaw bus station compound in Mandalay.

Legal action has been taken against the suspects under the Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances Law, and investigations are ongoing to apprehend all those involved in the criminal network. — MNA/MKKS

An arrestee is seen together with confiscated drugs and a vehicle.

NATIONAL

Myanmar signs MoUs to export food products to S Korea at ASEAN Trade Fair 2025

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, several memoranda of understanding were signed at the ASEAN Trade Fair 2025 held in Seoul to enable the export of certain Myanmar food products to the Republic of Korea.

The ASEAN Trade Fair 2025 took place from 13 to 16 November at the Korea International Exhibition Centre (KINTEX) in Seoul. During the exhibition, the Chargé d'Affaires ad interim/Ambassador U Myo Myint Maung, the commercial attaché and officials from the Embassy provided support to Myanmar business representatives, facilitated their engagement with Korean entrepreneurs, and coordinated various requirements. As a result, several memoranda of understanding were signed at the trade fair to allow the export of some Myanmar food products.

This photo shows one of the Myanmar booths at the ASEAN Trade Fair 2025 in Seoul.

The ASEAN Trade Fair is an annual exhibition organized by the ASEAN-Korea Centre in South Korea. Its objectives are to promote networking between ASEAN and South Korean business communities, encourage ASEAN SMEs engaged in food production, raise the profile of ASEAN food products in the South Korean market, and enhance economic cooperation between ASEAN member states and the Republic of Korea.

At the ASEAN Trade Fair 2025, ten Myanmar companies engaged in the production, distribution and sale of food products participated.

The opening ceremony of the ASEAN Trade Fair 2025 was attended by the Secretary-General of the ASEAN-KOREA Centre and ambassadors from ASEAN member states, including Chargé d'Affaires ad interim/Ambassador U Myo Myint Maung. — ASH/KZL

Seminar on Protecting Crops from Pests and Disease to be held on 23 Nov at Myaypadetha Kyun

DEPARTMENT of Agriculture and Myanmar Fruit, Flower, Vegetable Producer and Exporter Association (MFVP) will jointly hold the Safe Food from Safe Farm Seminar's agenda 1 under the theme of "Let's protect crops from pest and disease" seminar from 9 am to 12 noon on 23 November at Myaypadetha Kyun, Yangon.

Dr Khin Marlar Myint (pest expert) and Dr Win Than (plant disease expert) will share know-how of common pest outbreaks from farm to consumers, pest control methods and prevention measures. Those interested can join the seminar in person or virtually.

Furthermore, the Plant Doctor special programme will identify plant disease if the growers detect uncommon pests or non-native species and transport them in containers with ice to ensure their features remain intact to the laboratory for expert analysis.

Those who want to attend the seminar can register through Viber 0943127656, and those individuals who want to enquire about questions related to topics can contact the Viber number 09 43127656. — NN/KK

MPA invites bids for survey, design, and analysis works for new international port project

MYANMA Port Authority under the Ministry of Transport and Communications invited relevant qualified companies with experience to submit a tender for surveying, analysis and design work for the construction of a new international port located at the plot of land adjacent to Tawwin concrete pier in Kawthoung, according to the Tender Acceptance and Evaluation Committee.

The tender form is available at the Urban Engineering Department of Myanma Port Authority (head office) until 28 November 2025.

Tender will be decided at 1 pm on 5 December, and individuals can enquire about details through the contact numbers of the Tender Acceptance and Evaluation Committee at 09 43049317 and 09 408908800. — NN/KK

CBM injects over US$1.4M into edible oil sector

Cooking oil bottles are neatly organized for sale at the supermarket.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US$1.425 million, purchased from CMP companies, to edible oil-importing companies on 18 November.

CBM sold 300,000 yuan to importers of herbicide, fertilizer, tar, pharmaceuticals and raw materials, industrial raw materials, construction materials, auto parts and accessories of motorcycle, telecommunication equipment, feedstuff, packaging materials, steel, consumer goods and food commodities on 17 November.

CBM sold over $502,000, purchased from CMP companies, to edible oil-importing companies on 13 November.

CBM announced on 12 November that it would pump $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 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

BIZ
WORLD/AD

Niigata gov to OK TEPCO's 1st nuclear plant restart since Fukushima

NIIGATA Governor Hideyo Hanazumi plans to approve the restart of a nuclear reactor, northwest of Tokyo, making it the first for its operator Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings Inc since the 2011 Fukushima accident, sources close to him said Wednesday.

Hanazumi has told a person close to him that he will announce his endorsement possibly on Friday, the sources said, a decision that will remove a major hurdle to restarting the No 6 unit at the seven-reactor Kashiwazaki-Kariwa complex in Niigata, as sought by TEPCO and the central government.

Local consent is essential for the restart of a nuclear reactor after multiple meltdowns at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power complex in the aftermath of a major earthquake and tsunami raised safety concerns. Many of the country's reactors are still offline. — Kyodo

Local governor's approval is viewed as essential for restarting the No 6 reactor, with support from the heads of Kashiwazaki and Kariwa municipalities hosting the facility. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Majority of firms on Beijing bourse report profits in first three quarters

A total of 279 firms listed on the Beijing Stock Exchange (BSE) have unveiled their earnings for the first nine months of 2025, with 230 of them reporting net profits, the latest data showed.

As of 30 October, companies that disclosed their third-quarter reports had posted average operating revenue of 520 million yuan (US$73.4 million), up six per cent year on year, and average net profit of about 32.99 million yuan.

By 14 November, the BSE had 282 listed firms in total, with small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) accounting for over 80 per cent — and private firms nearly 90 per cent.

The bourse, which began trading in 2021 to meet the financing needs of smaller firms, said it would step up planning for its development during the 15th Five-Year Plan period (2026-2030) to better serve innovative SMEs. — Xinhua

Vietnamese PM urges support measures for businesses affected by US tariff policy

VIETNAMESE Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh has called for specific support measures for enterprises affected by the United States' reciprocal tariff policy, Vietnam News Agency reported Wednesday.

In a directive urging macroeconomic stability and export growth, the prime minister instructed the Ministry of Finance to finalize these measures by the end of November.

The ministry was also tasked with reviewing and adjusting export and import tariff rates in line with international and regional integration roadmaps, aiming to boost exports and support domestic production.

Visitors look at fresh seafood displayed at the 2017 Vietnam Fisheries International Exhibition in Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam, 29 August 2017.
REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/HOANG THI HUONG/XINHUA/FILE

According to a joint statement issued by Vietnam and the United States in October, Washington has agreed to maintain reciprocal tariffs at 20 per cent on Vietnamese goods while extending zero tariffs on a range of products under US executive orders. — Xinhua

India's mutual fund industry shifting to long-term investment strategy: Report

INDIA'S mutual fund industry is witnessing a major shift as more investors are now adopting long-term goal, buy-and-hold strategies, according to a report by Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

The report highlighted that the structural change is coming with passive investing gaining strong momentum over the last few years.

As per the report, the share of passive funds in the quarterly average assets under management (QAAUM) has risen to around 17.1 per cent as of September 2025, up from seven per cent in FY20.

It stated, "India's mutual fund landscape is experiencing a structural shift towards passive investing".

The report mentioned that over the period from September 2021 to September 2025, exchange-traded funds (ETFs) and index funds recorded AUM CAGR of 28 per cent and 81 per cent, respectively, while total equity AUM grew at 28 per cent. — ANI

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SITC PORT KLANG VOY.NO. (2512S)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **20-11-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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SPORTS

UEFA approves Barcelona's Camp Nou return in Champions League

UEFA has given Barcelona the go-ahead to play Champions League matches at their partially rebuilt Camp Nou stadium, the La Liga giants said on Wednesday.

The news comes just a couple of days after Barca announced their long-awaited return to league action at the stadium, which had been beset by construction chaos, after more than two years in exile.

The Spanish champions will host Eintracht Frankfurt at the Camp Nou on 9 December, just over two weeks after reinaugurating the stadium against Athletic Bilbao in domestic action on 22 November.

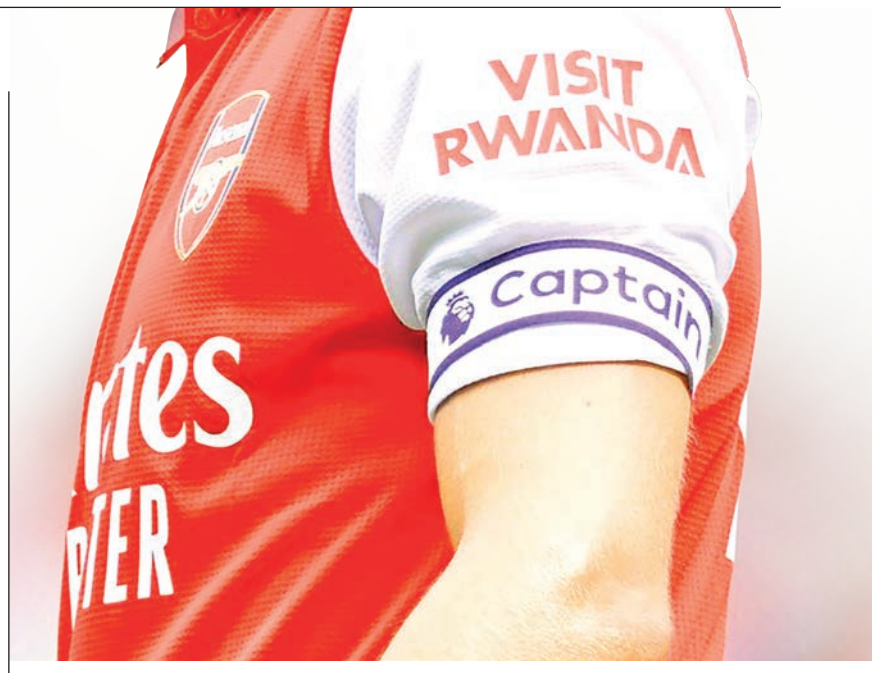
Barcelona said in a statement that "UEFA accepted the request, considering that all the necessary requirements have been met."

The Camp Nou return will end a messy saga in which Barcelona repeatedly had to postpone their announced reopening of the stadium as construction delays and a failure to secure safety licences curtailed their plans.

The Catalans were humiliatingly forced to play two matches at their 6,000-capacity Johan Cruyff training ground stadium in the first weeks of the season after failing to get the permit they needed for Camp Nou, because of safety reasons.

They have since then been playing in the 55,000-seater Olympic stadium on Montjuic hill. — AFP

The Camp Nou return will end a messy saga in which Barcelona repeatedly had to postpone their announced reopening. **PHOTO: AFP**



The Visit Rwanda logo on the sleeve of Arsenal player Martin Odegaard in 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

Arsenal to end partnership with Visit Rwanda

PREMIER League leaders Arsenal will end their partnership deal with Rwanda at the end of this season, the African country's development board announced on Wednesday.

The Visit Rwanda partnership, signed eight seasons ago, had increasingly come under scrutiny due to spiralling violence in mineral-rich eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, which borders Rwanda.

The DRC accuses Rwanda of arming and supporting the M23 militia, which has seized swathes of DRC territory since taking up arms in 2021.

The conflict has killed thousands of people and triggered a humanitarian crisis, although the DRC and M23 have signed a ceasefire deal and peace framework in recent months.

Arsenal fans in April protested against the ongoing partnership, which involves the Visit Rwanda logo being carried on the sleeves of the players' jerseys. — AFP

Eight-time world surf champion Gilmore set for comeback

SURFING great Stephanie Gilmore said Wednesday she was coming out of retirement in a bid to win a record ninth world title.

The 37-year-old Australian stepped away from the World Surf League two years ago but has accepted a wildcard for the 2026 season. Her last world title came in 2022 when she surpassed the seven won by fellow Australian Layne Beachley, who is now retired.

To win another she will have to topple Australia's newest world champion, Molly Picklum. – AFP

Confident Japan eye World Cup history after impressive year

JAPAN have set themselves the ambitious target of winning next year's World Cup and coach Hajime Moriyasu believes they are making big strides in the right direction heading into 2026.

The four-time Asian champions have never gone past the last 16 at a World Cup but a strong squad of Europe-based players and impressive recent results have convinced the coach that they can make history in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Japan beat Brazil for the first time in October and followed that up with convincing wins over Ghana and Bolivia to end the year on a high.

Moriyasu celebrated his 100th game in charge in Tuesday's 3-0 win over Bolivia in Tokyo and thinks his team is shaping up nicely.

"Of course it's important to win when we're on top but the players showed tonight that we can win even when things aren't going our way, which builds confidence," he said. — AFP

Japan ended the year with a friendly win over Bolivia in Tokyo on Tuesday. **PHOTO: AFP**

Vietnamese PM urges support measures for businesses affected by US tariff policy

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Commissioning of El Dabaa Nuclear Power Plant to strengthen Egypt's energy security: Putin

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Sisi expressed gratitude to Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday for his participation in the ceremony installing the reactor vessel at the first power unit of Egypt's El Dabaa Nuclear Power Plant.

THE commissioning of the El Dabaa Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) will significantly strengthen Egypt's energy security, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday.

Earlier in the day, Putin and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Sisi took part in ceremony of installing reactor vessel of first power unit of the El Dabaa NPP in Egypt.

"The planned commissioning of four power units at the El Dabaa Nuclear Power Plant with a total capacity of 4,800 megawatts will significantly strengthen Egypt's energy security," Putin said.

Russia will provide assistance to Egypt at all stages of the nuclear project's implementation, the president added.

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Sisi said on Wednesday that he was grateful to his Russian President Vladimir Putin for participating in the ceremony of installing the reactor vessel at the first power unit of the El Dabaa NPP.

"I express my gratitude and appreciation to Russian President Vladimir Putin for participating in this ceremony," Sisi said, speaking via video link.

The relations between Egypt and Russia are built on mutual respect, the president said. — SPUTNIK

The El Dabaa Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) is being constructed in the city of El Dabaa, within the Matrouh Governorate, on the Mediterranean coast of Egypt. **PHOTO: ROSATOM/SPUTNIK**

Chinese premier says SCO can play greater role in promoting good global governance

THE Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is equipped and capable of taking the joint implementation of the Global Governance Initiative (GGI) as an opportunity to play a greater role in bringing the world under good governance, Chinese Premier Li Qiang said on Tuesday.

Chinese Premier Li Qiang attends the 24th Meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of Member States of the SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization) in Moscow, Russia, 18 November 2025. **PHOTO: GAO JIE/XINHUA**

Li made the remarks when addressing the 24th Meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of Member States of the SCO.

Leaders and representatives from SCO members, observers and dialogue partners, guests of the host country, as well as leaders of international organizations attended the meeting, which was chaired by Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin.

Chinese President Xi Jinping solemnly put forth the GGI at the SCO Tianjin Summit in September, offering Chinese wisdom and solutions to help the international community jointly address global transformation and urgent challenges, Li said.

He underscored the SCO's importance in building and reforming the global governance system. — Xinhua

Vietnam, Kuwait elevate ties to strategic partnership

VIETNAM and Kuwait elevated bilateral relations to a strategic partnership during Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh's recent visit to the Middle Eastern country, Vietnam News Agency reported Wednesday.

Chinh made his first official visit to Kuwait from Sunday to Tuesday, said the report.

According to a joint statement, both sides pledged to expand the scope of their bilateral cooperation through comprehensive programmes covering various fields, including emerging technologies, digital media, artificial intelligence and food security through joint projects in supply chains, production and storage.

Vietnam and Kuwait established diplomatic relations in 1976. – Xinhua