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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.

Local tourism surges on
Kalaw-Ywangan-Pindaya-Inlay-Taunggyi route

Local visitors have travelled not only to Ba-gan-NyaungU-Popa, Kyaiktiyo Pagoda, and pilgrimage sites in Bago, Zalun and Nay Pyi Taw, but have also increased their travel during this year’s peak season since Thadingyut, with many opting for outbound tours as well.

MANY local visitors are drawn to the Kalaw-Ywangan-Pindaya-Inlay-Taunggyi tour, captivated by its stunning ‘sea of clouds’ views.

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Images showcase popular tourist destinations in Kalaw.

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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.

New Chinland Congress (NCC) and Rakhine Nationalities Party (RNP) deliver campaign speech

THE electoral speeches of the New Chinland Congress (NCC) and the Rakhine Nationalities Party (RNP) are featured on pages 10 and 11 of today’s issue of The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper.

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These destinations can give visitors an incredible view of the sea of clouds and beautiful landscape with flowers and crop fields in the cold season.

“Visitors want to feel the beautiful nature in the cold season. They like to see the sea of clouds in the morning, and beautiful flower and crop fields are also attracting young people to take photos. The visitor arrival has sharply increased this month, and we have inquiries for December vacations,” said a hotel employee, a Kalaw resident.

In Kalaw, famous tourist attraction places are Kalaw City Viewpoint, Kalaw Myoma

Market, Byake Hill, the field of Marigold, Myinmahti Cave, Ohsi Hill orange orchard, the clock tower and park, Kalaw railway station, Cafeyard, Hnee Paya, blue lake, Ganankya waterfall, Pindaya Cave, Bawa Thanthaya Bridge, Nyaungshwe Hawnan, PhaungdawU Pagoda and floating market.

Additionally, local visitors have also taken trips to Bagan-NyaungU-Popa, Kyaiktiyo Pagoda and a pilgrimage tour to Bago, Zalun and Nay Pyi Taw. In this year’s peak season, the local visitor arrivals have elevated again as of Thadingyut. In addition to internal destinations, local visitors have also gone on outbound tours. — MT/ZS

Gems Emporium’s Day 6 sees strong sales with 716 jade lots sold



Gem traders carefully examine gemstones and jade at the 60th Myanmar Gems Emporium yesterday.
PHOTO: KO AYE THAN

THE 60th Myanmar Gems Emporium for 2025 continued into its sixth day yesterday morning at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw. From the morning session onwards, domestic and foreign gem merchants observed and inspected the jade lots displayed both inside and outside the hall at designated areas.

According to the announcement, a total of 716 jade lots out of 1,000 lots from Groups A and B were sold to domestic and foreign gem merchants through the open tender system

at yesterday’s emporium. In addition, jade lots numbered from 2001 to 2900, which will be sold on the seventh day, were examined by merchants, and their price-offer forms were submitted to the respective tender boxes. Officials opened and reviewed the tender forms yesterday afternoon, and the results for the lots sold will be announced today.

The 60th Myanmar Gems Emporium is being held at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw from 17 to 26 November. During the exhibition

period, a total of 443 pearl lots and 67 gemstone lots were sold to domestic and international merchants. Furthermore, 5,085 jade lots from Groups A, B and C are being sold through the open tender system on a day-to-day basis. A total of 754 jade lots out of 1,000 were sold on the fifth day, and 716 jade lots out of 1,000 were sold on the sixth day. The remaining 3,085 jade lots will continue to be sold to domestic and foreign merchants at the Maniyadana Jade Hall until 26 November. — Min Kyaw Swa/KZL

Corrigendum

PLEASE read ‘28,399’ instead of ‘A total of ‘22,048’ students were reported to have cast advance ballots within the designated period’ in the last sentence of the second paragraph of the second column in the news story under the headline “Press Release: Early Voting by University and College Students” issued by the Union Election Commission published on page 4 of The Global New Light of Myanmar on 22 November 2025. Error is regretted. – Ed

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)

Battery electric train with AC carriages begins
Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay service

A ceremony to inaugurate the launch of a battery electric locomotive with air-conditioned carriages on the Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay railway section was held yesterday morning at Platform No 1 of the Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station.

It was attended by Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Mya Tun Oo, deputy ministers, Nay Pyi Taw Council members, Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee vice chairman, vice mayor, departmental officials, managing director and staff of Myanmar Railways, invitees and locals.

After the opening speech of Union Minister U Mya Tun Oo, the managing director of the Myanmar Railways briefed on the plans to run the battery electric locomotive with air-conditioned coaches on the Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay railway route.

The managing director presented gifts to the Union minister, and the Union minister and party cut the ceremonial ribbon to launch the event.

The Union minister presented cash prizes to the students, Shan Ozi and Dobet troupes, and



Union Minister U Mya Tun Oo speaks at the launch ceremony of a battery electric locomotive with air-conditioned carriages on the Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay railway section at the Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station yesterday.

gave presents to the passengers who took the train, and the Union Minister and party also took the same train.

Similarly, another ceremony to inaugurate the launch of No 28 Down battery electric locomotive with air-conditioned coaches on Platform No 1 of Mandalay Railway Station was held, and Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung, Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Aung Myaing and relevant of-

ficials attended the event.

After the ceremonial procedures, the chief minister and party greeted and gave presents to the passengers. The No 28 Down train arrived at Nay Pyi Taw railway station at 11 am, and the Union minister and party welcomed the passengers warmly.

The No 27 Up and No 28 Down trains respectively contain two ordinary coaches, two air-conditioned upper coaches,

one break coach, totalling five, and can accommodate 238 passengers. No 28 down train will leave Mandalay at 6 am and arrive in Nay Pyi Taw at 11 am, whereas No 27 up train leaves Nay Pyi Taw at 12 noon and arrives in Mandalay at 5 pm. Those who want to go to Yangon from Mandalay can take the Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon No 8 Down DEMU train that leaves at 12 noon from Nay Pyi Taw, and those who take the No 31 DEMU up train that

leaves Yangon at 6 am can take the No 27 Up train to Mandalay.

The ticket prices for No 27 Up and No 28 Down trains are K15,000 per person for ordinary class and K20,000 for upper class, whereas Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon trains No 7 Up and No 8 Down DEMU and No 31 Up and No 32 Down DEMU trains are K19,000 for first class and K28,000 for upper class. The passenger can buy a Yangon-Mandalay and Mandalay-Yangon ticket, and the prices are K34,000 for first class and K48,000 for upper class.

According to the guidance of the Head of State, the Myanmar Railways has been granted permission to convert six diesel-electric locomotives with 1,300 horsepower units into battery electric locomotives (Battery Electric Locomotives – BELs) using the emergency fund of the 2024-2025 financial year. These locomotives were converted at the New Locomotive Assembling Factory (Nay Pyi Taw), and plans are underway for another six diesel-electric locomotives to change into six BELs in the 2025-2026 financial year. — MNA/KTZH

Forty Union Supreme Court trainees depart for judicial training in India

FORTY trainees from the Supreme Court of the Union of Myanmar left Yangon International Airport on 22 November 2025 to attend the 7th “Training Programme for Myanmar Judges and Judicial Officers” to be held from 24 to 28 November 2025 at the National Judicial Academy (NJA) in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India.

The training is being conducted under the Memorandum of Understanding between the Office of the Union Chief Justice and the National Judicial Academy of India on “Training Programme for Myanmar Judges and Judicial Officers in India”. This will facilitate a comparative study of the judicial systems of Myanmar

and India, thereby not only strengthening judicial cooperation between the two countries but also enhancing the capacity of Myanmar judges and judicial officers.

During the course, the trainees will be given interactive lectures by judges, university professors, and experts from India on subjects such as

the Indian Constitution, judicial ethics and professionalism, court and case management, judiciary and media, environmental and wildlife protection, evidence law, forensic evidence, alternative dispute resolution, gender-just society, etc. As part of the training, the trainees will also have the chance to visit the courts and prominent places

in Bhopal.

A total of forty trainees, including the deputy directors, the assistant directors and the staff officers of the Supreme Court of the Union, judges from district courts and township courts, and judicial officers, from the various regions and states, will attend the training. — MNA

NATIONAL

MoHA Union Minister joins 6th Mekong Human Trafficking Ministerial Meeting

THE Myanmar delegation, led by Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, travelled to Vietnam from 18 to 21 November at the invitation of the Ministry of Public Security of Vietnam to attend the sixth Inter-Ministerial Meeting of the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative Against Trafficking in Persons (COMMIT), held in Hanoi. The delegation returned to Yangon yesterday evening by air.

On 19 November, the heads of delegations from Mekong sub-region countries, including the Union Minister, met Mr Bui Thanh Son, Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam. Following the meeting, the Myanmar delegation attended the opening ceremony of the sixth Inter-Ministerial Meeting (IMM6).

During the meeting, participants discussed national-level strategies and ongoing efforts to combat human trafficking and protect victims, cross-border trafficking facilitated through the misuse of tech-



Attendees, including Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, of the 6th Inter-Ministerial Meeting (IMM6) of the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative Against Trafficking in Persons pose for the documentary photo in Hanoi, Vietnam.

nology, cooperation among regional mechanisms, and future collaborative measures among Mekong sub-region countries. The fifth Sub-Regional Plan of Action (2025-2035) and the joint communiqué of the meeting were also released.

In the afternoon, the dele-

gation met the team led by Senior Lt-Gen Nguyen Van Long, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Public Security of Vietnam, to discuss the resumption of security cooperation mechanisms and security meetings between the two ministries, as well as bilateral cooperation on

cross-border crime, including human trafficking. Afterwards, the Myanmar delegation held further discussions with the team led by Mr Liu Zhong Yi, Deputy Minister of China's Ministry of Public Security, on cooperation regarding online scam suppression, stability

in border areas, and security and rule-of-law matters. In the evening, the delegation attended a welcome dinner hosted by Senior Lt-Gen Nguyen Van Long.

On 20 November, the Myanmar delegation led by the Union Minister, together with representatives from the Mekong sub-region member countries attending the meeting, visited the Trang An cultural heritage area and Bai Dinh Temple in Ninh Binh Province, Vietnam.

During the Myanmar delegation's trip to the sixth Inter-Ministerial Meeting of the Mekong Sub-region Cooperation Programme on Human Trafficking (IMM6), discussions reportedly focused on collaborative efforts among Mekong sub-region countries to combat human trafficking, as well as security and rule-of-law cooperation between Myanmar and Vietnam and between Myanmar and China. — MNA/KZL

MNHRC delegation joins SEANF's 22nd Annual Meeting and Related Events

CHAIRPERSON U Paw Lwin Sein of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) attended the 22nd Annual Meeting and related events of the Southeast Asia National Human Rights Institutions Forum (SEANF), held in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 18 to 20 November 2025. Accompanying the chairperson were Commission Member Dr Than Myint and Commission Office Director U Zay Yar Linn.

The Forum's related discussion event was held on 18 November, under the theme "SEANF Regional Conference

on Human Rights in the Digital Space: Emerging Challenges and the Role of NHRIs". The event was attended by approximately 50 participants, including chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, commissioners, and staff members from the National Human Rights Institutions that are members of the forum. In relation to the theme, MNHRC Chairperson U Paw Lwin Sein delivered a presentation titled "The Practical Application of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in the Activities of Technology Companies, Including

Artificial Intelligence and Data Protection".

The Annual Meeting of the Forum took place on 19-20 November, with participation from around 30 delegates representing the National Human Rights Institutions of Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, and Timor-Leste. At the opening ceremony, Ms Anis Hidayah, Chairperson of the Indonesian National Commission on Human Rights and the rotating Chair of SEANF for 2025, delivered opening remarks.

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Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Chairman U Paw Lwin Sein participates in the 22nd Annual Meeting & Related Events of the Southeast Asia National Human Rights Institutions Forum in Indonesia on 18-20 November.

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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)



Campaign to boost libraries and reading culture held in Danu SAZ

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, accompanied by Shan State Chief Minister U Aung Aung, attended a ceremony to launch the “Developing Libraries and Raising Reading Habits” campaign at Danu Self-Administered Zone held at BEHS (Kyothet) in Pindaya township yesterday.

In his opening speech, the Union minister highlighted his ongoing work plans and instructions of the Head of the State to promote the rate of educated persons, reading habits and libraries. He continued that the youths are prioritized as they are the leaders for the future, and the youths also should learn carefully, as the Danu Self-Administered Zone is peaceful and receiving sector-wise development.

The Union minister presented 50 MRTV DTH receivers for the Danu Self-Administered Zone and books and publica-



Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn and officials cut the ceremonial ribbon of the Developing Libraries and Raising Reading Habits campaign in Pindaya yesterday.

tions for the libraries. He also drew lots together with the Shan State chief minister and handed over 10 MRTV DTH receivers to the winners. The chief minister donated K3 million for the zone and books and publications for the libraries, and the Danu Self-Administered Zone Leading Body Chairman donated over K4.8 million and Forever Company K2.5 million. The Union minister and party inspected the competitions, displayed photos and books at the event. The Union minister also pro-

ceeded to the construction site of the Studio Complex of Forever Yaywadi Company near Pindaya and heard the reports made by the officials of the company. After hearing the reports, the Union Minister said the government manages to promote the movie industry, and the fundamental factors in the filming processes play a key role. As it is the very first Studio Complex in the movie industry, it also supports the tourism industry. He urged all to produce quality movies that ensure relaxation and bring benefits to the people.

The Union minister and party inspected the Studio Complex compound, the collection of ancient vehicles and the ongoing work plans.

They watched the filming processes at Studio Complex and cordially greeted the artistes on the same evening. — MNA/KTZH

Weekly Roundup

16 November

Head of State meets residents in Hpa-an

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met departmental officials and town elders in Hpa-an of Kayin State to talk about development initiatives.

17 November

Online scams and gambling eradicated in border regions

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said so at the meeting with departmental officials and town elders at the Mon State Hall in Mawlamyine and discussed regional development measures.

The Senior General visits South-East Command HQ

Chairman of the State Security and Peace Com-

mission, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, made his inspection tour of general staff, adjutant and quartermaster measures taken by the South-East Command Headquarters.

18 November

Myanma Gems Emporium opens its door

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the ceremony to open the 60th Myanmar Gems Emporium at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw.

20 November

Govt to honour victorious athletes

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, 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.

Union Government meeting 5/2025 held

Prime Minister U Nyo Saw made the call at the Union Government Meeting 5/2025 at the Union Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw.

21 November

Literary award winners honoured

The awarding ceremony for winners of the National Literary Awards for Lifetime Achievement, the National Literature Award and the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award for 2024 took place at the Myanmar International Convention Centre I in Nay Pyi Taw, attended by Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla. — GNLMT/TTA

NATIONAL Entertainment

CELEBRITY

BRIEF

Hein Wai Yan + Soe Pyae Thazin

THE hottest topic viralling among actors, filmmakers, and movie fans in the second week of November was none other than actor Hein Wai Yan and actress Soe Pyae Thazin's wedding reception, held on 14 November. It was also a rare moment when many of the country's top celebrities came together in one place. Regarding the ceremony, Soe Pyae Thazin expressed her gratitude to all guests who attended and supported the celebration, as well as to everyone who helped in organizing the event.

REPRESENTING Myanmar in the 74th Miss Universe pageant taking place in Thailand, Myat Yadana Soe competed in the National Costume event on 19 November. She wore a costume named “Ratana Devi”, inspired by the elegance of ancient Myanmar women, reimagined with modern designs and adorned with gemstones. She was supported by designers Ei Pont, Yu War Aung, Myat Kalaya Myo, MUA Jessica Han, and Hair Do Kyit Kyit, and accessories by Kalan Nge Htoo Thant, Photographer Aung Ye Lin and Illustrator Linn Wai.

ACADEMY Shwe Hmone Yati, who is currently in a foreign country, shared a short, memorable video with her fans on social media. The photos featured are from her October photoshoot by photographer Mie Mie Lay (My Studio). Photographer Mie Mie Lay also wrote a memorable comment depicting the beauty of the actress: "So stunning while gazing at dance performer Shwe Hmone Yati".

THE 'Chitthu Sayya' movie, in which actress Poe Mamhe Thar starred, was screened nationwide on 14 November, and the actress grabbed huge applause from her fans. The story and script were by Aye Kyi Thar Han, directed by Aryon Oo Pwint Theingi Zaw, and the cast members are Poe Mamhe Thar, Tyron, Win Khant Moe, Academy May Than Nu and other famous artists.

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ed her photo shoot with a poetic caption for her fans recently. The costume at the 30th anniversary of the Thiri Shwesin Jewellery Shop and was created by Mandalay, MUA by Saw Yadana (Nicole), hair by Toke Kyee, nail art by Ye Ye Lin, and Hmuu Paing.

Young (Mandalay) released a photo shoot showcasing singer Jewel in traditional Myanmar bridal look for the 2026 Bridal Collection. The look was by designer Nyi Thuta, with hair by April Htun, silk attire from Hsiao Hsiao House (U San Naing Thura Tin Tun), jewellery by Zwerals by Lin Lin, setting flower bell arrangements by AR Phyto Nyi Zaw, nails by Nu Nu, and photography by Mie Mie Lay. – Htun Htun/KTZH

New family drama series 'Maung's Mya Darli' to be broadcast on MRTV-4

THE 'Maung's Mya Darli' TV series directed by Academy Khant Sithu will be broadcast on MRTV-4 on 25 November. The series was created from the novel of Sayagyi Maung Thein Saing, the script was created by Htet Myat Zin Naing, and Academy Khant Sithu directed it.

The artistes are Academy Khant Sithu, Thuta Aung, Kaung Sit Thway, Hein Htet Zaw, Academy Soe Myat Thu Zar and other supporting actors. The series will be broadcast at 8:50 pm from Monday to Friday on 25 November. – Htun Htun/KTZH



NATIONAL

MSMEs to boost economy, replace imports, and earn foreign exchange

❖ “Micro-, small-, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) aim to substitute imports, support the national economy, produce high-quality products, and export them to earn foreign exchange for the country.”

(Excerpt from the speech delivered by Acting President (On Duty) and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the 3/2025 meeting of the National Defence and Security Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 31 July 2025.)

Fraud-hub buildings dismantled, foreign illegal entrants arrested in KK Park

MYANMAR is placing strong emphasis on eradicating on-line fraud and online gambling, which pose serious threats to people’s livelihoods and safety around the world. In this effort, security personnel and administrative bodies have been conducting joint operations in Shwe Kokko and KK Park areas, where online fraud and online gambling operations have been most heavily concentrated. Working together with local authorities, these teams have continued operations to prevent illegal activities and to ensure that no foreign nationals are residing or operating unlawfully. They have also been demolishing illegal buildings. According to reports, systematic demolition of illegal buildings inside the Myawady-Maethawtalay (KK Park) area has been carried out up to the present day. In addition, foreign nationals involved in online gambling and online fraud within the Shwe Kokko area have been further identified and detained.

Ten buildings out of 635 buildings used in online fraud and online gambling were demolished in the Myawady-Maethawtalay (KK Park) area yesterday. Up to now, the au-



This image shows the demolition of a three-storey building in the KK Park area.

thorities have dismantled 206 illegal buildings, and they continue the demolition operation at the remaining illegal buildings.

Likewise, the operation is being conducted in the Shwe Kokko area, starting from 18 November. On the fifth day yesterday, the authorities carried out a search and inspection at a 12-storey Shinyonli Plaza, 14 housing buildings for workers and one two-storey building in the Shwe Kokko area. During the inspection, those involved in online fraud and online gambling activities were not found

there. They took their computers, related accessories and mobile phones along with them. In inspecting 23 four-storey Shikyinwam buildings, 240 computers and monitors without related accessories were found. So, the operation to expose and clear the materials continues.

Yesterday, the authorities arrested and detained 100 Chinese citizens, 14 Vietnamese citizens, six Malaysians, 15 Ethiopians, two Namibians, 13 Indonesians, 11 Ugandans, 11 Indians, one Zimbabwean, seven Filipinos, six Pakistanis,

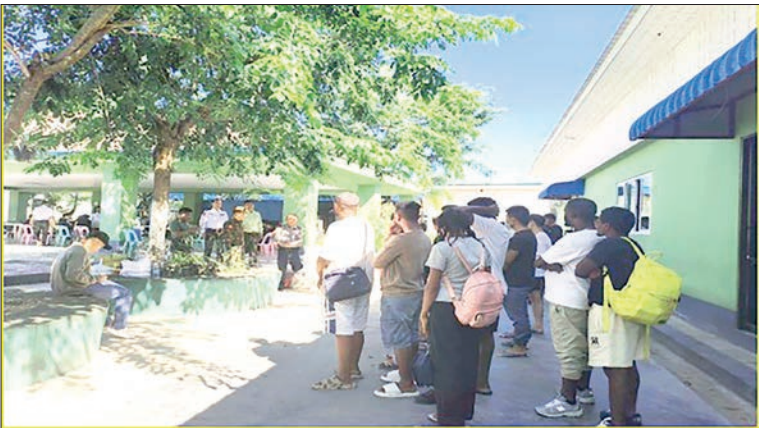
three Rawamdans, 24 Kenyans, four Nigerians, one Nepali, one Korean, one Egyptian, one Madagascar citizen and two Chinese Taipei, totalling 223 who were hidden themselves after offending online fraud and online gambling in Shwe Kokko area via some neighbouring countries including Thailand. According to the concerted efforts to conduct the operation in the Shwe Kokko area, a total of 1,590 foreign nationals who entered Myanmar illegally were arrested from 18 November to date. Moreover, authorities

seized 2,893 computers, 21,750 mobile phones, 101 Starlink satellite receivers, 21 Routers and a large number of industrial materials used in the online fraud and gambling activities. So, the operation is being conducted.

The arrested foreign nationals are being detained at the building in Lonhtin compound of Shwe Kokko Myaing Village, Pulwepu Village-tract in Myawady Township. Yesterday, the Illegal Foreigner Investigation Team verified 253 foreign nationals. The relevant departmental combined teams are carrying out the necessary processes, including collecting personal data and recording required documentation to enable their prompt repatriation to their respective countries as quickly as possible.

From 30 January to 22 November 2025, a total of 12,468 foreign nationals who had entered Myanmar illegally were detained. Of these, 11,893 individuals were screened, and 9,978 were systematically deported to their respective countries through Thailand in accordance with legal procedures. The remaining 2,490 foreign nationals are now ready to be transferred to their respective countries, and they are being properly held and cared for during this process.

The government considers the eradication of online fraud and online gambling crimes as a national responsibility and, to ensure that such activities can no longer operate within Myanmar, will continue its efforts in coordination not only with domestic forces but also with the governments of neighbouring countries. — MNA/TTA



Images display the detained undocumented foreign entrants (in the left) and confiscated fraud-related items being destroyed.

Showcase the most valuable jade and gems to the world

MYANMAR is a country rich in natural resources and various precious minerals. It possesses highly valuable natural treasures, especially renowned gemstones such as ruby, sapphire, pearl, and other precious stones.

Myanmar is a country endowed with abundant natural resources and a wide range of valuable minerals. These include gemstones and mineral deposits distributed across different regions, as well as region-specific mineral varieties that hold significant market value and demand. Among them, Myanmar’s gemstones are recognized as some of the most valuable and highest-priced in the world. For this reason, Myanmar is regarded internationally as a nation possessing a wealth of gemstones and mineral resources.

As Myanmar possesses various types of gemstones across different regions of the country, domestic gem emporiums have been

Gem emporiums help promote the image of Myanmar’s jade and gemstones and their market value to the international community, as well as support efforts to expand foreign demand, increase export permits, and boost export earnings. Myanmar’s high-value gems and gemstones exported to foreign countries generate foreign income for the nation, while also helping local gem business owners and related industries create employment opportunities for the public and contribute to national revenue through taxes and other government fees.

and prices, such as Group A, B and C, with 5,085 jade lots which can be purchased from 21 to 26 November, and the local merchants can purchase all three groups.

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As such, the foreign income and tax revenues earned from the Myanmar Gems Emporiums will, in turn, support socioeconomic development for the public, strengthen national development activities, and gradually contribute to improving the livelihoods of all citizens across the country.

organized to publicly display and auction these gemstones. Through these events, the nation earns foreign income, and citizens also benefit from economic opportunities. Therefore, the government has continuously organized gem emporiums to openly auction gemstones extracted from the country since 1964.

At the Emporium, a total of 5,085 jade lots, 13 raw gem lots and 147 units of jewellery, totalling 160 jade lots and 489 pearl lots, will be sold under the open system. The payment can be made with US dollars, euros, yuan, baht and other currencies allowed by the Central Bank of Myanmar.

Pearl lots were auctioned on 18 and 19 November, while all gem lots were auctioned on 20 November. Jade lots are being auctioned from 21 to 26 November in three separate groups – Groups A, B and C. The gems are divided into three groups depending on the quality, market status

Book Title	-	Leadership Rules: 50 Timeless Lessons for Leaders by Jo Owen
Translator	-	Myat Nyein
Publishing House	-	Seikku Cho Cho
Publication Date	-	November 2025 (2 nd Edition)
Price	-	K10,000



Good Leadership Leadership Rules: 50 Timeless Lessons for Leaders by Jo Owen

THIS week, we bring a book that says, “This book does not pretend to be a handbook of leadership. It only reflects the habits and practices of modern leaders. And then, it invites you to draw your own conclusions...”

The book is the original work of Jo Owen, titled Leadership Rules: 50 Timeless Lessons for Leaders, translated into Myanmar by Sayagyi Myat Nyein and published for the second time by Seikku Cho Cho Publishing House.

The book starts ... “Next time, when you go to the office, try the following little exercise I am going to tell you. First, throw away the mobile phone in your hand. Unplug the computer cable from the socket. Cut off all internet connections. Then, tell all the staff who are working so hard that they can hardly lift their heads from their duties: From this moment on, your services are no longer needed. All of them are now dismissed. Issue an order that the IT department, the human resources

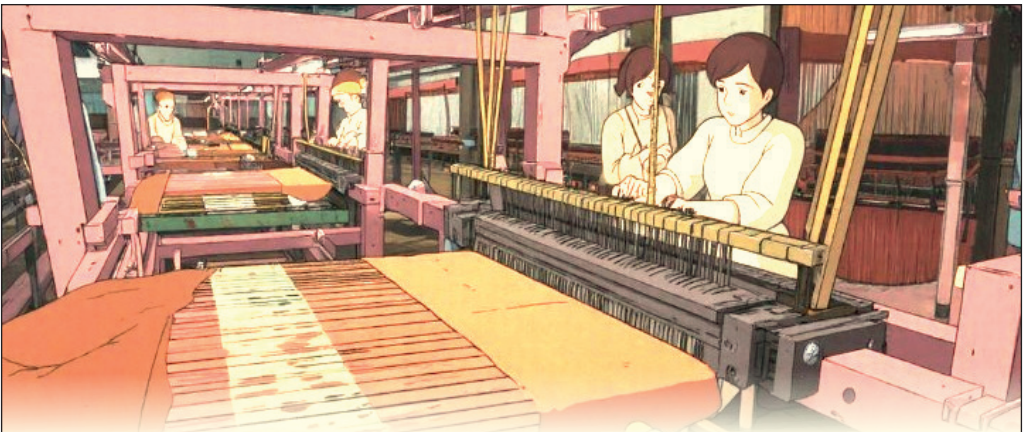
department, the finance department, the accounting department, and the legal advisory team are also no longer required. Inform the consultants that they do not need to come to the office anymore. While you are carrying out all these actions, switch off the electricity and water system connected to your office. Now... starting from this moment, try to lead this situation.

Afterwards... There is a question for the readers... If we want to rediscover the essence of leadership, we must pull ourselves out of our gold-filled cage and return to the basic principles. We must look back at the leaders of ancient generations. Those leaders led without the help of an MBA and without the benefits of computer software like PowerPoint. They did not even have access to the latest smartphones. Fortunately, we do not need to look too far to study and understand these matters. We simply need to look back at history. How did these people achieve success

without having access to the vast resources we possess today?

The second section of the book presents the skills a leader must possess and master, whereas the third section about essential actions that leaders must inevitably perform.

In the Qualities of a Leader, it states... Leaders have lived and moved through the world without an MBA for thousands of years. If kings or queens needed wise and good people, they called upon the great priests or Christian clergy for advice. They used their brains. Even today, look at the world’s top billionaires. The environment they run is free from MBA degrees. None of the tribal leaders mentioned in this book has an MBA degree. Most of them cannot even read. This shows that leadership requires something beyond the skills that business schools can teach. Those skills are important; however, they are not enough.



Weaving Matho Robe Competition Festival

By Mya Thae (Research)

After the Thadingyut Festival passes, The Tazaungdine Festival starts. Among the Tazaungdine Festivals, Weaving Matho Robe Competition Festivals are my sweetheart. People watch the amusing winning damsels’ weaving competition so much.

These are celebrated on the Shwedagon Pagoda platform on the Full Moon Day of Tazaungmone night fast. Graceful damsels wear Myanmar costumes every Tazaungmone month. Likewise, we should love Myanmar’s cultural heritage our whole lives.



Book Title	-	The Art of Leadership and Management
Author	-	Dr Thein Tun
Publishing House	-	Kaungsutha
Publication Date	-	February 2025 (5 th Edition)
Price	-	K15,000

The Art of Leadership and Management

THERE are only 35 days left until the 2025 multiparty democratic general election. Election candidates, political parties and party leaders are preparing to run in the 2025 General Election. Meanwhile, citizens are also observing the election and political parties to cast their ballots.

The Kaungsutha Publishing House issued the fifth edition of “The Art of Leadership and Management” by Dr Thein Tun. This book is tailored to team leaders, party leaders and future leaders, focusing on political party leadership and general leadership skills.

The book highlighted a quote stating, “A leader needs to take action and build leadership through consistent action and practice to achieve goals rather than building an imaginary version of leadership.

Chapter I of the book titled “Basic Concepts of Leadership” defines leadership as an art that involves a manager or executive, or leader, who will instruct and guide fol-

lowers or subordinates to reach goals and targets in specific situations.

Another Chapter is Why a leader needs to master the Art of Leadership, and why is it necessary? In a rapidly shifting world, managers must possess leadership skills to make projects or plans successful as anticipated. The art of leadership includes communication and mobilizing skills to make subordinates understand policies and plans, and realize where to start a task, how long to work on it and what benefits will be earned.

The role of a good leader states that leadership is connected to all levels of management from top, middle and lower within an organization. Top managers will lay down policy and plans, while middle and lower-level managers are responsible for implementing those policies and plans, ensuring that the work gets done according to the organisation’s objectives and policies. They all have different levels

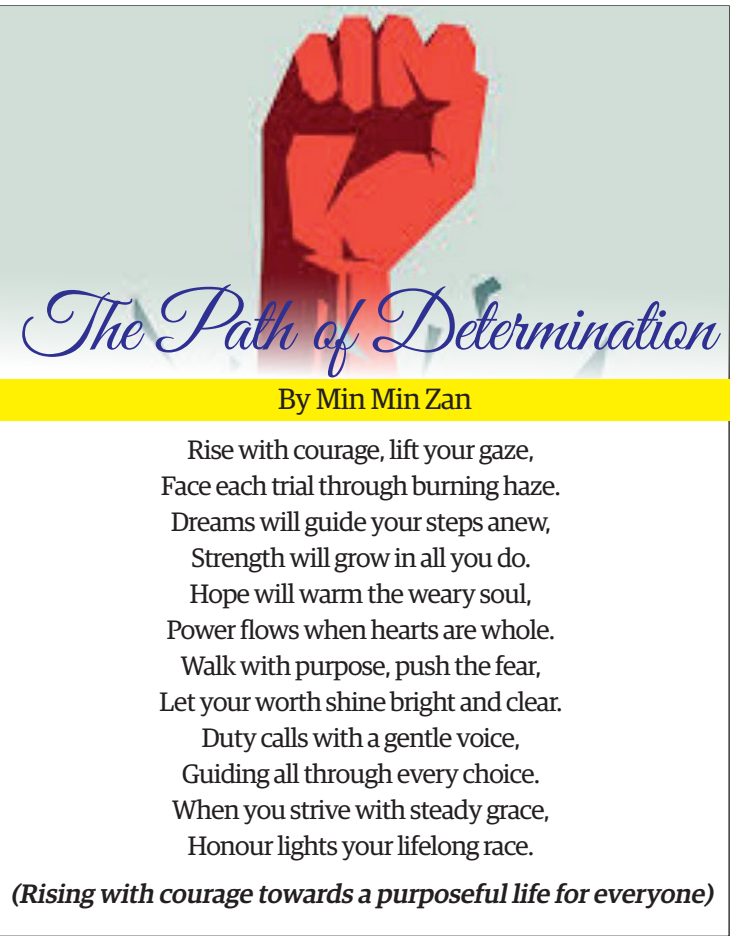
of management, so they need to master different leadership skills.

There are many qualities of effective leadership. It particularly outlines ten general qualities that every leader needs. This book sheds light on the explanations of those qualities.

The chapter titled “How to gain public support” pointed out what election promises your party makes. What contributions have been provided to people if you want to win an election?

Political parties need to estimate the current level of public support, negative opinions of some people or favourable views of the party supporters.

The author warns political parties against forcing support for their own party or going against others through various coercive means. The author analyzed that only a vote that comes from the heart of the people is the most valuable.





2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

New Chinland Congress (NCC) talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

U Soe Htet (aka) Salai Melu, Chairman of the New Chinland Congress (NCC), presented the policy, stance and work procedures of his party through radio and television on the evening of 22 November. The full text of the presentation is as follows: -



First of all, I would like to extend my sincere wishes for good physical and mental well-being to all esteemed ethnic people and voters. I am U Soe Htet (aka) Salai Melu, Chairman of the New Chinland Congress (NCC). In today’s Myanma Radio and Television broadcast, I will briefly present the policies, stances, and work procedures of the New Chinland Congress (NCC) so that ethnic people, especially all Chin people in Chin State, and voters across the country may be informed.

The New Chinland Congress (NCC) represents Chin State and the Chin ethnic people. It is a party that will take on the national responsibility of advancing the political, economic, and social affairs of all ethnic groups living in Chin State. The party emerged from discussions held with Chin national political leaders, Chin scholars, youth, and women, who have long guided the political aspirations and development efforts of Chin State. Our New Chinland Congress (NCC) will contest only within Chin State. The party’s logo is illustrated with “a couple of Oriental Pied Hornbills together blossoming rhododendron”, highly valued and cherished by the Chin people. The party flag features three horizontal stripes of blue, red, and green, with a white star at the centre. Since the New Chinland Congress (NCC) was established based on the Chin people’s ancestral homeland in Chin State, I would also like to briefly present the historical background of Chin State.

The Chin ethnic people, along with other ethnic groups, signed the Panglong Agreement in 1947 for the establishment of the Union of Myanmar and together gained independence in 1948. Under the 1947 Constitution, the Chin Hills District and the Rakhine Hills areas (present-day Paletwa District) were consolidated and designated as the “Special Division of the Chins.” In 1974, under the Constitution, it was reorganized as Chin State, consisting of nine townships: Tiddim, Tongzan, Falam, Haka, Thantlang, Mindat, Matupi, Kanpetlet, and Paletwa. According to the 2008 Constitution, Chin State continues to exist firmly as a state. Among Myanmar’s 14 regions and states, it is the only state where the majority of the population consists of the indigenous ethnic group of that area. This provides a brief historical background of Chin State.

Esteemed people,

Although Chin State was one of the most peaceful and secure states in Myanmar after the country

regained independence, due to various reasons, it remains one of the least developed states to this day. In this situation, all Chin people who value and cherish the Chin State hope for its swift peace and rapid development. Therefore, from this platform, the New Chinland Congress (NCC) calls on everyone to join forces and work together harmoniously for the progress of Chin State.

Furthermore, I would like to present the vision of the New Chinland Congress (NCC) to participate in Chin State in the elections.

The first objective is that all Chin ethnic people have to cooperate in initiating the peace process by ceasing the armed conflicts in Chin State.

The second objective is that all Chin ethnic people need to cooperate in socioeconomic development in Chin State.

The third objective is that all national brethren have to join hands with each other in building a Union based on democracy and a federal system.

The last one is that all Union-born ethnic people have to steadfastly strive to fully enjoy equal rights.

Esteemed people,

In the political upheavals of Myanmar, Chin State has also suffered losses that should never have occurred. Things that should not have been destroyed have been destroyed. While Chin State remains peaceful and its people strive for happiness, it has not developed, and currently, due to armed conflicts, voting people are well aware of the hardships faced. What the people want is the “establishment of a Union based on democracy and a federal system.” As long as brothers continue fighting one another, a Union founded on democracy and federalism, as desired by the people, cannot emerge.

The New Chinland Congress (NCC) would also like to present its four planned courses of action to voters.

Programme (1)

This is to make efforts to negotiate and find solutions with all relevant parties to achieve a ceasefire for armed conflicts within Chin State. This process will be led by the new government formed based on the election results, and all stakeholders should participate in the process. Efforts must be coordinated from temporary ceasefire discussions to ensure a complete cessation of conflict. Measures should also be taken to ensure that internally displaced persons can return to their homes with dignity and guaranteed security; to provide opportunities for food, shelter, and employment; to restore physical and psychological injuries; and to ensure access to both immediate and long-term assistance.

Programme (2)

It is essential to rebuild and restore public infrastructure and residential areas that have been damaged or destroyed due to armed conflicts. For this purpose, the necessary funding should be sought not only from the Union government but also from domestic and international donors. The party, elected representatives, and the entire public must all collaborate and participate in these efforts.

Programme (3)

It is important to actively participate in all stages of implementing the Nationwide Cease-fire Agreement (NCA). Signed on 15 October 2015, the NCA was designed with the long-term peace, stability, and development of the Union and all ethnic groups in mind, providing guarantees from the State to the ethnic communities. To bring armed ethnic groups – whose political views differ – into the political negotiation table, coordination and support with voters and the public are necessary. Therefore, the New Chinland Congress (NCC) pledges to work with all participants in the NCA discussions, exerting every effort for the peace of the Union.

Programme (4)

The goal is to develop industries based on agriculture and livestock. Agricultural and livestock projects must be implemented in accordance with Chin State’s water resources, soil, and climate. The Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project, which passes through Paletwa Township in Chin State, is an important initiative for the state’s development. It will provide significant support for agriculture and livestock activities. If the public chooses to support our party, we will have the opportunity to effectively implement development projects desired by the people and contribute to legislation at every level of the Hluttaw.

Esteemed Chin ethnics, other ethnics and Chin tribes in Chin State,

Everyone is aware of the current situation in Chin State. At this time, all Chin people desire peace and stability in the state more than anything. They want to move and work safely, restore warmth and life to towns and villages, and return children to schools that are ready to welcome them. Vital sectors such as healthcare and education, which have been disrupted, also need to be revitalized. Therefore, it is crucial for people to actively cast their votes in the Hluttaw elections beginning on 28 December 2025.

By supporting the New Chinland Congress (NCC) with their votes, over the next five years, the people will see elected representatives emerge who will genuinely work for the welfare of the Chin ethnic communities and their families.

It is time for Chin voters who love their homeland to join with other ethnic groups and work together to ensure fair and balanced development across Chin State and the entire Myanmar.

Thus, in conclusion, I would like to sincerely appeal to all voters in Chin State to support the New Chinland Congress (NCC), symbolized by a couple of Oriental Pied Hornbills together with blossoming rhododendron, for a peaceful, modern, and progressively developed future for Chin State. Wishing everyone safety, health, and well-being.



2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION



Rakhine Nationalities Party (RNP) talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

U Ba Shein, Chairman of the Rakhine Nationalities Party (RNP), presented the policy, stance and work procedures of his party through radio and television on the evening of 22 November.
The full text of the presentation is as follows: -



To all voting people... I extend my respectful greetings and wish you complete well-being and prosperity. I am U Ba Shein, Chairman of the Rakhine Nationalities Party (RNP).

The Rakhine Nationalities Party (RNP) was established to represent the Rakhine people as well as seven other ethnic groups residing in Rakhine State. The party applied for official registration on 7 April 2025, and on 4 August, the Union Election Commission approved its registration as a Rakhine political party.

Even before Myanmar gained independence, Rakhine patriots, including monks and political activists, consistently participated in the struggle for independence and in the political process. After Myanmar's independence, Rakhine political leaders have continued to be active in the political arena. Even before independence, Rakhine patriots consistently worked to have the Rakhine region recognized and established as a separate state. However, when the 1947 Constitution was enacted, the Rakhine region was officially recognized only as a "division."

When the 2008 Constitution was enacted, seven states and seven regions were given equal status, and all states and regions gained full legislative authority. To ensure that the needs of all Rakhine indigenous people are met in a modern and effective way, we must continue to work toward strengthening the legislative powers of the Rakhine State Hluttaw and enhancing the administrative authority of the Rakhine State government.

In establishing Myanmar as a union based on democracy and a federal system, all other ethnic groups must participate together. When building a democratic and federal union, we, the Rakhine people, believe it is essential to preserve and safeguard our

national identity while participating fully. This belief is the reason why the Rakhine Nationalities Party (RNP) was founded.

Our party has nominated the candidates to compete in constituencies of Rakhine State in the coming multiparty general election.

The primary aspirations of our party are:

- (a) to emerge a Union based on democracy and a federal system with equal rights for all ethnic groups
- (b) as a party, to cooperate with relevant organizations in participating in the internal peace-making process
- (c) to strive for cooperation with all ethnic groups residing in Rakhine State
- (d) to emphasize endeavours for the rehabilitation process of Rakhine State
- (e) to make efforts to ensure the rule of law, national reconciliation, and flourishing of democracy and human rights in Rakhine State
- (f) to implement the indigenous ethnic affairs, ethnic group affairs, citizen rights and foreigner rights under the existing law

Moreover, we have adopted the vision to initiate the legislative, executive and socioeconomic programmes of Rakhine State in conformity with the current time.

Esteemed people, for many years, our people have had to leave their homeland and move to various regions due to the lack of local development and limited employment opportunities.

Currently, there are two major international development projects underway in Rakhine State. In the northern part of Rakhine, a Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project centred on Sittway is being implemented. In the southern part, a major Special Economic Zone (SEZ) project, including a deep-sea port, is being carried out with Kyaukpyu as the focal point. Once these major projects succeed, they will create numerous employment opportunities, spur development, and bring about improved living conditions. Therefore, the Rakhine Nationalities Party (RNP) strongly supports and hopes for the rapid progress and success of these regional development projects.

I would like to present the development of Manaung Island.

Around Manaung Island, there are beautiful beaches. It is one of the most promising areas for developing both inbound and outbound tourism. The key

factors include transportation access to the region and providing electricity for residents. It is also necessary for the local people and administrative organizations to enthusiastically participate in implementing this development work.

Multiple solar power plants can be built on Manaung Island. By systematically investing in and rehabilitating the old solar power plant in the Khaohnmaw area, combining it with technical expertise, Manaung can quickly access solar electricity. It is also necessary to develop the Manaung airport so that at least an ATR-72 type aircraft can land. If these measures are implemented, tourism will develop, creating many job opportunities, and fast air connections to various regions will be established. The Rakhine Nationalities Party (RNP) emphasizes that these projects must be diligently and consistently pursued to ensure the development of the Manaung Island area.

Esteemed people,

We must ensure that the voice of the people is given importance in the legislative, executive, and judicial bodies of Rakhine State and the Union.

In order to represent the voice of the people of Rakhine State, we urge all voters to cast their votes so that the majority of the Rakhine Nationalities Party (RNP) candidates can be elected to the respective parliaments.

Esteemed Rakhine people,

Throughout Rakhine State, due to armed conflicts and political instability, people from urban areas have had to flee to the rural areas, rural people have had to move to towns, and many have been displaced to other regions. In each of these places, they face numerous difficulties. We must find all possible ways to address and resolve the conflicts and challenges that the Rakhine people are facing. Through this election, if the people entrust us with responsibility, our party will make every effort to resolve these difficulties and conflicts. Finally, we would also like to ask everyone to listen to the RNP party's unifying anthem as we conclude.

Thank you all.



Second voter list released in Minbu (Sagu)

IN order to successfully hold the multiparty democratic general election scheduled for 28 December 2025 in Minbu (Sagu) Township, Minbu District, Magway Region, the voter lists have been posted for the second time at the respective ward and village-tract subcommission offices.

The voter lists were first displayed for 14 days from 30 September to 13 October 2025 at the respective ward and village-tract subcommission offices, and they are now being posted for a second 14-day period from 15 to 28 November. During this time, voters can submit requests, amendments, and objections, and many are actively checking the lists to ensure they are complete and accurate.

Voters in the township can review the voter list and request that their names and those of their family members be added using Form 3; file objections using Form 4 if their names or their family members' names are missing; submit corrections using Form 4-C if any information on the list is incorrect; and obtain the necessary forms for advance voting free of charge from the relevant ward and village-tract subcommission offices. — Maung Maung (Minbu)/MKKS

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TMK mushroom farm to offer commercial mushroom production training in Dec

TMK mushroom farm will offer the technical training sessions on commercial mushroom farming and marketing, and value-added mushroom production in December 2025, with the trainer Dr Tin Moe Khaing, founder and agriculturist of the TMK mushroom farm.

Mushrooms can be harvested in a short time. It fetches higher than other crops as well. It is also included in profitable crops with high nutritional value. These high-return crops have high profitability, yet they require technical guidance to manage possible risk and maintain food and nutritional security.

Those interested can join

the training online or on-site training. Training package 1 (Mushroom production and marketing technique) is a Zoom course at 7 pm from 1 to 3 December, with training fees of K79,000. Package 2 (value-added mushroom production and marketing strategy) will be opened at 7 pm from 4 to 6 December via the Zoom application, with training fees of K79,000. The trainees can review the recorded videos of the online training in a Telegram private group.

Package 3 (mushroom farming and value-added mushroom production practical training) will be conducted from 9 am to 4 pm on 8-10

December, with a training fee of K160,000. There will be no additional fees charged for on-site training. There is a limited number of trainees. Furthermore, training fees for those who joined all packages will be reduced to K260,000. For online packages (1+2), training fees are reduced to K140,000. Those who want to attend both packages (1+3) or (2+3) can pay only K220,000. Twenty early birds who register first can enjoy a K10,000 discount. Trainees will get an e-book on commercial mushroom farming.

Those training sessions are tailored to those who want to execute commercial mush-



A worker works at a mushroom farm.

room farming and agribusiness entrepreneurs. Interested individuals can enquire about the training through the chatbox of Miss Agripreneur (Facebook) by typing mushroom. — NN/KK

SWD to launch school-based vocational training on 24 Nov

THE Department of Social Welfare under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement will offer the school-based domestic vocational training from 24 November to 2 January at its schools in ten big cities.

This training will take place at its schools located in Yangon, Mandalay, Mawlamyine, Pathein, Toungoo, Myitkyina, Pyapon, Sittway, Ywangan and Dawei cities.

The training will provide sewing courses (women's, children's and men's clothing and coats), domestic handicraft training (crochet, embroidery, sewing), baking, cooking and floral design training with domestic and foreign experts through technical and practical approaches.

There are eight batch-



Trainees are practising in the training session.

es every financial year, with each batch taking six weeks. Moreover, schools in Yangon, Mandalay, Mawlamyine and Pathein cities offer other special training during the weekends as well.

For further details, individuals can contact the Yangon school in Bahan through contact numbers 09 427900046,

Mandalay schools through 02 4036798, Mawlamyine through 057 2027166, Toungoo through 054 2823571, Myitkyina through 074 2522558, Pyapon through 09 262757899, Pathein through 042 25373, 042 21037, Sittway through 043 22067, Ywangan through 081 4768015 and Dawei through 059 2024009. — NN/KK

MRTV to broadcast AFC U17 Asian Cup Qualifier Group G matches live

MYANMAR is hosting the 2026 AFC U17 Asian Cup Qualifier Group G matches at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon from 22 to 30 November. As part of the ongoing fixtures, the Myanmar U17 national team

will play against the Nepal U17 team at 4 pm on 24 November.

The match will be broadcast live from 3:45 pm that evening on MRTV HD Channel, MRTV Entertainment Channel and Myanma Radio. — MRTV

MNHRC delegation joins SEANF's 22nd Annual . . .

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During the 22nd Annual Meeting, the forum deliberated on the activities and progress made by member National Human Rights Institutions since the 21st Annual Meeting; the implementation status of the five priority areas under the SEANF Strategic Plan (2022–2026), including updates from member institutions responsible for each priority area; matters related to the revision of SEANF's Rules of Procedure (RoP); and issues concerning the Forum's Communications Working Group and media communication guidelines.

At the meeting, Commission Member Dr Than Myint presented the MNHRC's human rights promotion and development activities undertaken since the 21st Annual Meeting. Subsequently, Director U Zay Yar Linn discussed Myanmar's implementation efforts under Priority Area 2 of the SEANF Strategic Plan (2022–2026), titled "Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Business".

At the conclusion of the 22nd Annual Meeting, the rotating Chairmanship of SEANF for 2026 was formally handed over by the Indonesian National Commission on Human Rights to the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia.

The delegation led by the MNHRC Chairperson returned to Yangon on 21 November, travelling via Myanmar International Airlines. — MNHRC

TTI to conduct 17th export business startup course

THE Trade Training Institute (TTI) of the Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce will offer intensive training on how to start an export business (batch 17) from 9 am to 4 pm on 8-12 December 2025. The institute is located at

228/240, the corner of Strand Road and Shwebontha Street. The maximum number of trainees is 50. Interested individuals can register at the institute, providing an application form, three licensed photos, a bachelor's degree certificate, a

matriculation pass certificate, a citizenship scrutiny card and other related documents. Individuals can enquire about details through the contact numbers of the Institute at 018250871, 09 795308195, and 09 442134380. — NN/KK

India to resume air cargo operations with Afghanistan

INDIA is preparing to restart air cargo services with Afghanistan, an External Affairs Ministry official announced on Friday during the visit of Afghanistan's Taliban Trade Minister Al-Haj Nooruddin Azizi to New Delhi.

Following the announcement, Anand Prakash, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, confirmed that the groundwork for resuming cargo flights has been completed. "I am pleased to announce that the air freight corridor on the Kabul-Delhi sector and Kabul-Amritsar routes have been activated and cargo flights on these sectors will come very soon," he said. Azizi is in India on a five-day visit aimed at strengthening trade ties, with a particular focus on agricultural exports. — ANI

Frida Kahlo painting breaks records at Sotheby's auction

FRIDA Kahlo's self-portrait "El Sueno" ("The Dream") set a new record at Sotheby's on Thursday, becoming the most expensive work by a female artist ever auctioned.

The 1940 painting, showing Kahlo asleep in a bed floating among clouds, sold for \$54.7 million (€47 million), surpassing the \$44.4 million paid at Sotheby's in 2014 for Georgia O'Keeffe's "Jimson Weed/White Flower No 1."

The piece was one of the few Kahlo works still in private hands outside Mexico, where her art is protected as a national treasure. — ANI

Hainan Free Trade Port One-Stop Aircraft Maintenance Base draws global clients

THE Hainan Free Trade Port (FTP) One-Stop Aircraft Maintenance Base, which started operation in 2022, has performed maintenance service on more than 2,400 aircraft, completed full-body painting for over 280 aircraft, and repaired about 60,000 aircraft components as of the end of October this year.

The maintenance base has drawn global clients like Qatar Airways, Royal Air Philippines and Iberia.

Under the Hainan FTP's favourable regulations, aircraft entering the region for maintenance are exempt from paying security deposits, and



The maintenance base has drawn global clients like Qatar Airways, Royal Air Philippines and Iberia. **PHOTO: ZHANG LIYUN**

parts imported for repair benefit from a bonded status. The policy support is expected to be amplified following the FTP's official launch of island-wide independent customs operations on 18 December. — Xinhua



Monorail train cars run near Haneda airport in Tokyo. **PHOTO: TOKYO MONORAIL CO./KYODO**

Tokyo Monorail's Haneda airport route dubbed "Panorama Line"

THE operator of monorail services in Tokyo is pitching its route connecting the city centre to Haneda airport as "Tokyo Panorama Line", highlighting the view afforded by the train's elevated tracks.

The line, which opened in 1964, just ahead

of the Tokyo Olympics, runs 17.8 kilometres from Hamamatsucho Station in Tokyo's Minato Ward to Haneda airport. It offers views of landmarks such as the Rainbow Bridge stretching across Tokyo Bay and even Mt Fuji on clear days.

The train cars, straddling a single concrete rail, also pass high-rise buildings, warehouses along a canal and a racetrack.

At Haneda Airport Terminal 3 Station, which mainly serves international flights, there is a photo spot where passengers

can capture both monorail trains and airplanes landing on the runway.

A Tokyo Monorail Co official said the company hopes "more passengers will appreciate the unique panoramic views of Tokyo" with the new nickname. — Kyodo

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V MSC KANU F VOY.NO. (SB546A)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MSC KANU F VOY.NO. (SB546A)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **23-11-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY S.A

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China speeds up quantum tech transfer, building supply chains from lab research

A new quantum computer, deployed in the eastern Chinese city of Hefei this month, is poised to be accessible to the global research and business community. The machine can reportedly solve a particular problem 450 million times quicker than the world's leading supercomputer.

This breakthrough signals a new thrust in China's campaign to build its economic future on the foundation of next-generation technology. The country's established track record in batteries, electric vehicles and renewable energy demonstrates its capacity to build new tech-intensive industries from the ground up.

Codenamed "Tianyan-287", this superconducting quantum computer is fully domestically produced. While it uses the same quantum chips as the experimental "Zuchongzhi 3.0," it is no longer a lab prototype but a purpose-built system for commercial use. — Xinhua



A visitor takes photos of an Origin Wukong superconducting quantum computer model at the 2024 World Manufacturing Convention in Hefei, east China's Anhui Province, 20 September 2024. **PHOTO: HUANG BOHAN/XINHUA/FILE**

21 NOVEMBER

India Celebrates World Fisheries Day 2025

The Department of Fisheries in India celebrated World Fisheries Day on 21 November in New Delhi with the theme "India's Blue Transformation: Strengthening Value Addition in Seafood Exports". World Fisheries Day, observed worldwide on 21 November, underscores the critical role of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in supporting food and nutritional security, livelihood generation, and ecological balance.

The day traces its origins to 1997, when delegates from 18 countries convened in New Delhi to establish the World Fisheries Forum, promoting responsible fishing practices and safeguarding the interests of fishing communities. In India, the day holds particular significance, as the country is the second-largest producer of fish and aquaculture globally, and one of the world's leading shrimp producers. — ANI

20 NOVEMBER

S Korean officials visit Japan's wartime coal mine

South Korean officials on Thursday visited a wartime undersea coal mine in Japan, where the remains of Korean forced labourers were recently discovered, according to the Ministry of Interior and Safety.

The Chosei coal mine, an undersea mine in Yamaguchi prefecture, experienced a flooding in 1942 that claimed the lives of 183 people. The victims included 136 Koreans who had been forcibly mobilized. Human bone fragments, including a skull, were discovered during an underwater recovery operation in August this year. The ministry planned to inspect the coal mine through the visit and explore ways to support the excavation of the remains. The officials inspected the mine entrances and other key areas during the visit, and review ways to support the collection of the remains. — Xinhua

19 NOVEMBER

Chinese 'lunar soil bricks' return from space

China has inched closer towards its ambitious goal of building infrastructure on the moon, as the first set of experimental "lunar soil bricks" returned to Earth after a year-long exposure to the harsh environment of space.

The bricks, part of a pioneering experiment aboard China's space station, arrived last week on the Shenzhou XXI spacecraft. Experts confirmed that the sample unit was in good condition following initial inspections.

This signals an engineering progress in China's long-term lunar programme, which includes landing astronauts on the moon by 2030 and constructing a basic model of the International Lunar Research Station by 2035.

The experiment began in November 2024, when the Tianzhou 8 cargo ship ferried the simulated lunar-soil samples up to the space station. A total of 74 small bricks were designed to be mounted on an external exposure platform on the station's exterior. — Xinhua

18 NOVEMBER

US federal court blocks redrawn congressional map

The US federal court on Tuesday blocked Republicans' efforts to use a newly redrawn congressional map in Texas to grab five seats from the Democrats in the House of Representatives in next year's midterm elections.

The court ruled that it is likely an unconstitutional racial gerrymander, ordering Texas to use its previous map drawn in 2021.

"Substantial evidence shows that Texas racially gerrymandered the 2025 Map," the ruling read. Texas Republican Governor Greg Abbott, who signed the map into law after the Republican-dominated state Senate approved a redistricting bill in August, said in a statement that Texas would appeal to the Supreme Court.

US states usually redraw congressional maps every 10 years after the nationwide census. But US President Donald Trump had urged Republicans to redraw state congressional maps to help protect the party's narrow majority in the House ahead of the 2026 midterm elections. — Xinhua

17 NOVEMBER

Ex-PM Hasina sentenced to death in absentia

A special tribunal in Bangladesh's capital Dhaka Monday sentenced Bangladesh's ousted ex-Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in absentia to death for crimes against humanity during the country's July uprising in 2024.

Bangladesh's former Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal was also awarded the death penalty, while former Inspector-General of Bangladesh Police Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the case.

The three-member International Crimes Tribunal, led by Justice Md Golam Mortuza Mozumder, started reading portions of the judgment at a packed courtroom.

The tribunal has ordered 78-year-old Hasina to return from India and face trial. She is accused of ordering a violent police response to a student protest, which led to her being removed from power last year. — Xinhua

16 NOVEMBER

Australian schools closed due to asbestos contamination

More than 70 schools in the Australian capital of Canberra were ordered to close due to growing concerns about possible asbestos contamination from decorative sand products.

The government of the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) said that 71 of 94 public schools in Canberra and surrounding suburbs would be closed on Monday after an audit found widespread use of sand products in which asbestos had been detected.

It comes after 24 ACT schools and preschools were fully or partially closed on Friday, with two reopening on Monday.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) on Wednesday issued a recall notice over a type of decorative colourful sand after laboratory testing detected chrysotile asbestos. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Premier League clubs overhaul financial rules

PREMIER League clubs voted Friday to overhaul the competition's financial rules, bringing in a new system that focuses solely on spending that directly affects what happens on the pitch.

Clubs opted by a majority of 14 to six to introduce the squad cost ratio (SCR) model, which will limit clubs' "on-pitch spending" to 85 per cent of their football-relat-

ed revenue and net profit or loss on player sales.

Squad-related costs include player wages, agents' fees and transfer fees. European football's governing body UEFA operates a similar model, which limits spending on player and coach wages, transfers and agent fees to 70 per cent of club revenue.

The Premier League said

in a statement that clubs would have a "multi-year allowance" of 30 per cent which they can use to spend above the 85 per cent limit, and that using the allowance would incur a levy — effectively a luxury tax.

Once the allowance is used up, teams will face sporting sanctions such as points deductions if they go above 85 per cent. — AFP



The Premier League trophy. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Norway's McGrath leads after first slalom run in Gurgl

NORWEGIAN skier Atle Lie McGrath clocked the fastest time in the first run of the men's slalom in Gurgl on Saturday.

Under a clear blue sky in the Austrian Alps, the 25-year-old, who started fifth, was able to best navigate the less-than-ideal conditions after recent

snow.

McGrath crossed the line in 52.12 seconds, 0.17 second faster than Finland's Eduard Hallberg and Switzerland's Tanguy Nef.

The battle for the podium looks set to be fierce in the second run, with seven skiers within half a

second of each other and 19 skiers within a second, including joint-World Cup overall leader Lucas Pinheiro Braathen of Brazil (0.73 second). — AFP



Norway's Atle Lie McGrath crossed the line in 52.12 seconds. PHOTO: APA/AFP

Man Utd forward Sesko out 'for a few weeks'

BENJAMIN Sesko will be out of action "for a few weeks" after hurting his knee before the international break, manager Ruben Amorim said on Friday.

The forward, who joined United from RB Leipzig for £74 million (\$97 million) in August, was injured during the 2-2 draw at Tottenham on 8

November and missed Slovenia's World Cup qualifiers.

Amorim was initially "more concerned" about the issue due to the fact it related to a knee, but the United boss is confident the 22-year-old has avoided a lengthy lay-off.

"He is going to stay out for a few weeks, I don't know how

long, but it is not that serious," Amorim said at his pre-match press conference for Monday's visit of Everton.

"We have to be careful with him, he is going to recover, he is doing the recovery and is feeling better. So in a few weeks I expect to have Ben (Sesko)". — AFP

Student football event to select and nurture new-generation talents

TO promote and nurture new-generation football talent, a student football competition was held on 19 November at Basic Education High School No 8, Hlinethaya (West), for the 2025-2026 academic year in Yangon. Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams on 28 November, and outstanding players will be selected and trained.

At the opening ceremony, the national flag was saluted and the sports oath was taken before the competition formally began. U Kyaw Thu Win, a member of the Hlinethaya (West) Township Administration Body, Township Education Officer

U Kyi Tun, Township Sports Officer U Zaw Htike Aung, and Headteacher U San Thein of BEHS No 8 delivered opening remarks. Students then entertained the audience with sports demonstrations and a pom-pom dance performance.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning and best-performing teams at the high school, middle school and primary school levels. Moreover, promising young football players will be selected and nurtured as district- and region-level talents. The award ceremony and player selection event will be held on 28 November. — Min Lwin (PS)/KZL



An opening event of the basic education level student football tournament in Hlinethaya on 19 November. PHOTO: MYAUK OO

Cambridge Dictionary chooses ‘parasocial’ as word of the year

The Cambridge Dictionary chose “parasocial” as its 2025 word of the year, defining it as one-sided emotional bonds with celebrities, influencers, or AI chatbots.

Do you feel a deep bond with pop stars like Taylor Swift or Lily Allen — even though you’ve never met them? If you do, then your behaviour is “parasocial” and bang on trend according to the Cambridge Dictionary, which on Tuesday unveiled the adjective as its word of the year for 2025.

Lexicographers picked it in a year they said was marked by interest in the one-sided parasocial relationships that people form with celebrities, influencers, and AI chatbots. Parasocial is defined as “involving or relating to a connection that

someone feels between themselves and a famous person they do not know”.

The term dates back to 1956, when two University of Chicago sociologists noted television viewers developing parasocial relationships with television personalities, who they viewed in the same way as close friends or family.

As artificial intelligence becomes an ever-increasing part of people’s lives, “slop” refers to low-quality AI-generated content. New entrants to the Cambridge Dictionary, meanwhile, included “skibidi”, “delulu”, and “tradwife”. — AFP



LILY ALLEN

PERFORMS WEST END GIRL

MARCH 2026	14 NOTTINGHAM ROYAL CONCERT HALL
02 GLASGOW ROYAL CONCERT HALL	15 CAMBRIDGE CORN EXCHANGE
03 LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC HALL	17 BRISTOL BEACON
05 BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY HALL	18 CARDIFF NEW THEATRE
07 SHEFFIELD CITY HALL	20 LONDON PALLADIUM
08 NEWCASTLE O2 CITY HALL	21 LONDON PALLADIUM
10 MANCHESTER THE HALL, AVIVA STUDIOS	EXTRA SHOW ADDED DUE TO DEMAND
11 MANCHESTER THE HALL, AVIVA STUDIOS	22 LONDON PALLADIUM

The image is a promotional poster for Lily Allen’s 2026 UK tour, where she will perform her new album West End Girl in full. This tour marks her first in seven years. **ILLUSTRATION: INSTAGRAM**

Christie’s suspends Paris sale of world’s ‘first calculator’



The sale was suspended after a last minute court ruling. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

“La Pascaline” is one of the world’s first calculating machines, invented by Blaise Pascal in 1642.

CHRISTIE’S has suspended the Paris auction of “La Pascaline”, one of the world’s first calculating machines, invented by Blaise Pascal in 1642. The Wednesday afternoon sale, part of the library of late collector Leon Parce, was halted after a Paris court revoked export authorization on Tuesday, preventing buyers from taking it

abroad.

This ebony-decorated device is one of only nine surviving examples and the sole one in private hands, with others in museums. Christie’s hailed it as “the most important scientific instrument ever offered at auction,” expecting a 2-3 million euro bid. It represents the first mechanization of mental calcu-

lation, designed by the 19-year-old Pascal to aid his father’s tax collection duties.

Scientists appealed to classify it as a “national treasure”, urging the court to block export. The culture ministry had issued an export certificate in May, approved by experts from the National Centre of Arts and Crafts and the Louvre. — AFP

Demon Slayer becomes first Japanese film to earn over 100B yen globally

Released internationally from August, it has drawn 89.17 million viewers worldwide.

THE latest film adaptation of the Demon Slayer manga franchise has become the first Japanese movie to gross more than 100 billion yen (\$644 million) worldwide, its distributors said.

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu No Yaiba — Infinity Castle: Part 1, about sword-swishing Tanjiro Kamado’s final showdown to slay demons and make his sister human again, is part of a planned trilogy. Released outside Japan from August, including in



In Japan, it ranks second in revenue, trailing a prior Demon Slayer hit from the COVID-19 era but surpassing Studio Ghibli’s Spirited Away (2001). **PHOTO: KYODO**

North America and last Friday in China, the caper has attracted 89.17 million viewers internationally, Aniplex and Toho said on Monday. In Japan, it remains in second place by revenues behind a previous Demon Slayer movie, a massive hit during the COVID-19 pandemic, having already overtaken Studio Ghibli’s Spirited Away (2001).

Originally penned by comic book artist Koyoharu Gotouge and then animated by studio Ufotable, Demon Slayer is often lauded for setting a new standard for anime cinematography. — AFP