

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.



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Belarusian President Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko meet at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Residence in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Belarus voices continued support for Myanmar worldwide

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing welcomed President of the Republic of Belarus Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko, who paid an official visit to Myanmar, with the Guard of Honour at the Hsinbyutaw Hall of the Presidential Residence yesterday morning.

The special motorcade accompanying the President of the Republic of Belarus arrived at the Presidential Residence,

The Belarus President’s official visit offers a key opportunity for both nations to explore and advance broader cooperation across a wide range of sectors.

welcomed by a Cavalry Guard of Honour escort. The Senior General extended a warm and cordial reception.

The Senior General and the Belarusian President took the salute of the Guard of Honour. Meanwhile, the artillery

unit honoured the two Heads of State with a 21-gun salute.

They inspected the Guard of Honour and presented their entourages reciprocally.

The Belarusian President signed the

visitors’ book of the Presidential Residence and posed for documentary photos together with the Senior General.

They held a specific meeting at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Residence.

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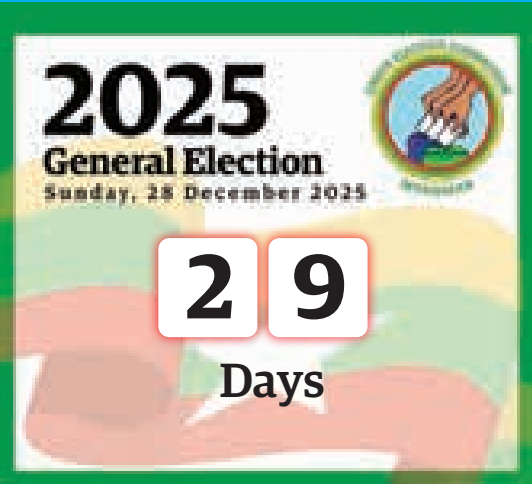
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2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

- 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.

Winners of MPT Tazaungdine Festival Digital Photo Contest announced

MPT hosted the MPT Tazaungdine Festival Digital Photo Contest from 1 to 13 November and announced the winners on 26 November. MPT's Yangon office announced that 28 November is the last day to check the winners' list.

The winning photos were selected according to contest rules and regulations. The winners are requested to provide their details via the MPT Facebook page messenger (verified with the blue mark) within three days to claim their prizes. MPT will notify the 33 winners from across the country and announce the date of the award ceremony.

— Oktha/MKKS



Images show the winners of the MPT Tazaungdine Festival Digital Photo Contest. **PHOTO: KO LWIN**

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission

Announcement 151/2025
9th Waxing of Nataw 1387 ME
28 November 2025

Notice for electoral speeches, campaigns

- The Union Election Commission has already released Announcement 56/2025 on 20 August 2025 containing 102 townships that included in Phase I of the multiparty democracy general election to be held on 28 December 2025, Announcement 141/2025 with 100 townships for Phase II on 28 October 2025, Announcement 103/2025 with 56 townships where election cannot be held on 14 September 2025, and Announcement 134/2025 that allows the political parties and Hluttaw candidates for 60-day campaign period from 6 am on 28 October 2025, until 12 midnight on 26 December 2025, on 15 October 2025.
- To hold the election peacefully and successfully, and to allow voters to freely cast their votes for their preferred political party representative or independent Hluttaw candidate, gatherings for election-related speeches and campaign activities must cease in all townships where the election will be held but except for the 56 townships where elections cannot be conducted from 26 December 2025 at 12 midnight until the completion of the election on 28 December 2025. For the townships included in Phase I, all campaign advertisements and posters must be removed not later than 26 December 2025 at 12 midnight.
- In the townships included in Phase II, campaign gatherings and election-related speeches may resume starting from 29 December 2025. Such activities must be ceased from 12 midnight of 9 January 2026 to completion of the Phase II election on 11 January 2026. All campaign advertisements and posters for Phase II townships must be removed not later than 12 midnight on 9 January 2025. The designated dates for Phase III will be announced.
- During the designated campaign period, the preparation, printing, distribution of pamphlets, installation of billboards and vinyl posters, campaign gatherings and media-based campaigning must be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Section 30 (a) of the relevant Hluttaw Election Law and Chapter (10) of the Rules, and the campaign advertisements and posters for the townships in the Phase I and II must be removed by the final dates allowed for each phase.
- If campaign advertisements and posters are not removed by the deadlines, township election subcommissions, in coordination with the respective City Development Committees or Township Development Committees, will remove them. Any costs incurred for the removal process will be charged to the relevant political party or Hluttaw candidate.

Sd/ Than Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

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

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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

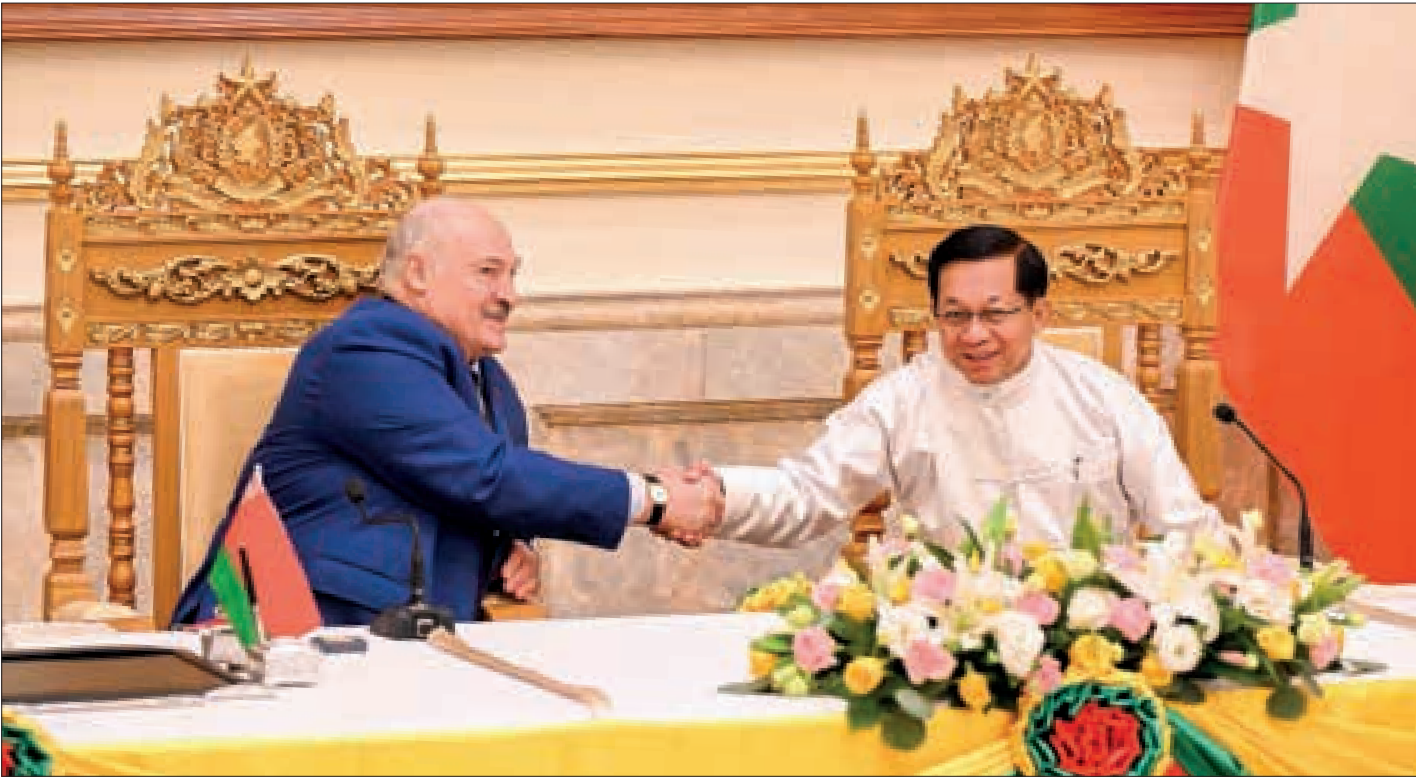
ARMED terrorists have been launching attacks by using residential homes and administrative buildings in towns and villages as cover, where they have forcibly settled. They aim to shield themselves from Tatmadaw counterattacks while also persuading temporarily displaced persons to return to their native 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)

A bilateral talk between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Belarus took place at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Residence yesterday morning.

On the occasion, Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing extended greetings. He warmly welcomed His Excellency and the delegation from Myanmar. The diplomatic relations between our two countries have now reached 26 years, and he was pleased that this goodwill visit marks the first time a Head of State from Belarus has visited Myanmar. He expressed his gratitude for the warm hospitality extended by Belarus during his official state goodwill visit to Belarus in March of this year, as well as during his attendance at the 4th Europe-Asia Economic Forum in June, and recalled these gestures of cordial reception with sincere appreciation. During the visit to Belarus in March, the two countries signed memoranda of understanding on bilateral cooperation. During the current goodwill visit, both sides are set to sign the Myanmar-Belarus Development Cooperation Roadmap (2026-2028), as well as agreements including a visa exemption arrangement and other memoranda of understanding on cooperation, which is a source of great satisfaction. Although the two countries are geographically distant, both maintain diplomatic and military-to-diplomatic relations and are close partners built on full mutual trust and friendship. Diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Belarus have now exceeded 26 years, during which bilateral relations have noticeably strengthened. He expressed his determination to further advance cooperation in the future and conveyed gratitude to Belarus for consistently providing support to Myanmar both bilaterally and on the international stage.

The Belarusian President expressed his sincere gratitude for the warm welcome extended to him and the goodwill delegation and said he was deeply honoured and pleased that this marked his first visit to Myanmar. He noted that the official goodwill visit of the Senior General to Belarus in March was also the first state-level goodwill visit by a Myanmar



Acting President and SSPC Chair Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Belarusian President Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko share a cordial handshake during their bilateral talks yesterday.

Belarus keeps its doors open for deeper cooperation with Myanmar

Although geographically distant, Myanmar and Belarus maintain strong diplomatic and military-to-military ties, forging a close partnership built on mutual trust and longstanding friendship.

Head of State to Belarus. This year, the two Heads of State have met six times, making 2025 a year of many milestones and the establishment of new historical records in bilateral relations. Cooperation between the two countries has been successfully advanced across various sectors. Myanmar also participated in the EAEU meeting in Minsk, led by the Union Foreign Minister, and numerous meetings and discussions were held at international events and forums throughout the year, during which both sides discussed mutual assistance. He emphasized that Belarus keeps its doors always open to Myanmar and that, regardless of any external obstacles, both countries will continue to cooperate sincerely. Officials from both countries have

organized economic forums and conducted discussions that have promoted successful outcomes and strengthened bilateral cooperation. Today, the two countries signed a Myanmar-Belarus Development Cooperation Roadmap (2026-2028), which includes numerous areas of collaboration. By implementing the roadmap, economic cooperation between the two countries is expected to achieve greater success, and industrial development will advance. He reaffirmed that all agreements and points discussed in today's meetings will be diligently implemented to ensure successful results.

Afterwards, both Heads of State frankly exchanged views on showing Myanmar's gratitude to Belarus for its efforts

to conduct search and rescue operations in the earthquake-affected areas caused by the devastating Mandalay earthquake with provision of humanitarian aid, speedy enhancement of multiple sector cooperation including political, trade, economic, industrial, agriculture, food supply, health, medicines and education sectors, promotion of friendship and mutual understanding, upgrading the Myanmar consulate in Minsk to the embassy, plans to sign the memoranda of understanding on bilateral cooperation, promotion of cooperation, prospects to cooperate in trade, investment, agriculture and livestock breeding, sports, education, science and technology, health, culture, energy, industrial, tourism,

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Myanmar Acting President & SSPC Chair Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Belarus President Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko brief media on bilateral joint declaration

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, and President of the Republic of Belarus Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko explained the bilateral joint declaration of both countries to the media after the bilateral talks and signing of memorandum of understanding at the Presidential Residence yesterday afternoon.



Acting President & SSPC Chair Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Belarus President Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko clarify bilateral joint declaration to media.

ACTING President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said: Mingalaba... Your Excellency, Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Belarus, delegation members from both sides, and media.

Myanmar and Belarus are vital, long-standing friends and partners, and Belarus is one of Myanmar's most reliable countries, just as Myanmar will continue to be one of Belarus's most trusted partners. The diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Belarus, established in 1999, reach 26 years this year. Over these 26 years, our friendship and cooperation have steadily grown stronger and deeper. Belarusian President's visit to Myanmar is a historic one, as it is the first visit of the Head of Belarus to Myanmar since diplomatic tie was established between Myanmar and Belarus. It can be said that the friendship and cooperation between the two countries is the closest and has reached the highest point. While reaching the highest point, as a symbol of bilateral friendship, the Mesua ferrea plant will be planted at the National Herbal Park in Nay Pyi Taw. After our meeting today, we discussed on a wide scale on how to effectively implement previous discussions and agreements, as well as further enhancement of bilateral relations, especially in defence, agriculture, livestock, industry, education, science and technology, health, sports and tourism industry. In order to strengthen our diplomatic ties between the two countries and collaboration efforts in politics, economy and cultural sectors, we have also agreed to upgrade the Myanmar Consulate General in Minsk to an Embassy, and for Belarus to open its representative office in Myanmar. Yesterday, the third Business Forum was successfully held in Yangon, and I am very glad as we gained many positive results.

Your Excellency, distinguished delegates, and members of the media, as Myanmar is a country located between the world's two most populous nations, it has a large market surrounding it, and it also has abundant natural resources and vast areas suitable for agriculture and livestock industries, along with a coastline stretching over 1,300 miles. With many investment opportunities, I would like to invite business people from various sectors in Belarus to come and invest in Myanmar.

Your Excellency, distinguished delegates, and members of the media, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Belarus

PRESIDENT of the Republic of Belarus Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko said: I would like to extend my greetings to the President and all friends and acquaintances from Myanmar. On my part, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks on behalf of my delegation for the warm and gracious welcome extended to me and all members of my delegation at today's press briefing. As Belarus, we would like to extend an invitation to the esteemed President and all our close friends in Myanmar; and we wish to convey that Belarus always keeps its doors open. As the esteemed President mentioned today, we discussed important matters for both our countries in our meeting. In particular, we talked about key sectors such as pharmaceuticals, industrial affairs, agriculture, science and technology, and military cooperation, among others, for collaboration between our two nations. Regarding our cooperation, even if any individual interferes or raises obstacles, we will continue to move forward without paying attention to such distractions and will carry on with the collaborative efforts between our countries. The reason I emphasize this is that these cooperative efforts are carried out with the interests of the people of both Belarus and Myanmar in mind, especially for the benefit of the citizens of both countries. We will continue to implement all of these initiatives. Esteemed Mr President and all the ministers present, all the points we discussed in today's meeting can be regarded as the highest-level discussions for the cooperation between our two countries. These discussions are not merely the outcome of today's meeting alone but build upon previous dialogues held at Business Forums, where ministers from both countries and company representatives in industrial sectors have exchanged views and explored collaboration. Based on the results of today's discussions, we see that Belarus can fulfil all the needs required by Myanmar; and likewise, Myanmar can supply sectors or goods that Belarus needs. Therefore, both sides will continue these discussions to further enhance bilateral trade and economic cooperation. What I would like to add is that there are no restricted or confidential matters between our two countries. We can discuss everything openly and transparently. Esteemed Mr President and Ministers, we are not only interested in selling goods from Belarus, but we also wish to establish factories together and collaborate on business ventures and joint companies between Belarus and Myanmar. In particular, we want to cooperate on businesses that Myanmar needs and establish joint companies here in Myanmar. By setting up such collaborations, both of our countries will gain significant mutual benefits, and all future projects we undertake will have a higher chance of success. Based on the discussions we have had during our meetings, there are set timelines and specific amounts that have been agreed upon. During this period and within these circumstances, both sides will work to successfully implement trade and economic cooperation activities. Esteemed Mr President, from my perspective regarding Myanmar, it is expected that very soon — more precisely, within the next month — a historic election will be held in Myanmar. This election is an important one for the country. After this election, it is understood that its purpose is especially to establish a parliament. From my side, I would like to say again, as a friend, that I support the election led and conducted under your guidance, Mr President, because it is being held for all the people of Myanmar. Regarding this election, it should also be understood that the government is taking actions for the benefit of all the citizens of Myanmar. Esteemed Mr President, I believe that both you and Myanmar have many promising prospects for

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Belarus President Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko, Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pay homage to Maravijaya Buddha Image



Acting President and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Belarusian President Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko are pictured during their homage to the Maravijaya Buddha Image.

President of the Republic of Belarus Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko who paid an official goodwill visit to Myanmar and Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, together with their entourages, paid homage to the Maravijaya Buddha Image which is the tallest sitting marble Buddha image across the world, in the precinct of the Buddha Park in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

The Belarusian President and the Senior General were welcomed by SSPC member and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Union Ministers U Mya Tun Oo, U Than Swe, U Maung Maung Ohn, U Tin Oo Lwin, U Ko Ko Lwin and U Myo Thant,

the member of the Nay Pyi Taw Council, members of the image board of trustees and officials at the Buddha image.

The two Heads of State had documentary photos taken at the victorious plot and visited the Gandakuti Chamber. The Senior General explained the records on building the Buddha image, and construction of the Maravijaya Buddha Park.

They beat the Sadda-hipati Bell to share merits gained. They offered flowers, water and oil lights to the Image, and the Belarusian President signed the visitors' book.

The Senior General presented the history of the Maravijaya Buddha Image, documentary photos on the goodwill visits and the video documentary to the Belarusian President.

The Belarusian President and his entourage left the Buddha Park, where the Senior General and party warmly saw them off. — MNA/TTA

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At the meeting, the Senior General said that he warmly welcomed His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Belarus, and all members of his delegation to Myanmar. This visit demonstrated Belarus's goodwill and trust toward Myanmar and marked a historic occasion. It is the first time in 26 years of diplomatic relations that a Belarusian Head of State has visited Myanmar. Such reciprocal goodwill visits enhance diplomatic relations and promote cooperation across multiple sectors between the two countries. The Senior General expressed his gratitude to Belarus, which has consistently supported Myanmar on the international stage. Myanmar also welcomes Belarus's membership in the BRICS group of countries. Myanmar continues to work toward joining the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and aspires to become a member of BRICS and the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU). So, the Senior General expressed his hope that Belarus will continue to provide its support. He firmed his belief that this visit by the President of Belarus would provide an opportunity to discuss ways to further strengthen bilateral cooperation across multiple sectors.

In his response, the Belarusian President expressed his sincere gratitude for the warm and cordial welcome extended to his delegation by Myanmar and said he felt deeply honoured and pleased to witness the preparations

and hospitality provided by the country. He noted that although the two countries are geographically distant, their friendship and goodwill continue to grow steadily. Belarus, as an industrialized nation with advanced technologies in industry, pharmaceuticals, education, and agriculture, is prepared to fully cooperate with Myanmar in these key sectors. Collaboration will also be strengthened in military technologies and trade. Relevant officials from both countries have successfully organized economic forums and discussed areas for further economic cooperation. The Myanmar-Belarus Development Cooperation Roadmap 2026–2028 has been drafted and will continue to be implemented. Belarus consistently supports Myanmar in the international arena and welcomes Myanmar's mutually cooperative measures.

Both sides cordially exchanged views on further enhancement of bilateral economic cooperation and investment, promotion of cooperation in multiple sectors including education, health, industry, agriculture, livestock breeding and military technologies, efforts of the Myanmar government, as part of serving the national duty, in eradicating telecom fraud and online gambling activities harming the international community and the entire world, taking precaution and acts with vigilance over telecom fraud and online gambling activities along the Myanmar-Thailand border which poses unconven-

tional security challenges, spreading of these activities starting from 2020 after the COVID-19 pandemic infection, activities of online gambling which rooted at border regions in cooperation with illegal armed groups taking advantages of weakening rule of law at a time when Myanmar faced political instability in 2021, detaining some 70,000 foreign nationals from 52 countries from the sites of online gambling activities and repatriation processes, preparations to transfer some 1,000 remaining foreign detainees to mother countries, the complete demolition of illegally built structures not to root the telecom fraud and online gambling and other criminal activities and plans to totally wipe off these activities, preparations being made to hold a multiparty democratic general election in Myanmar soon, and a plan of Belarus to send an observation team to Myanmar, and further promotion of multiple sectors between the two countries including friendship and cooperation sectors.

The meeting was also attended by SSPC Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Union ministers, and the Myanmar Ambassador to Belarus. The Belarusian President was accompanied by high-ranking officials from the Belarusian government and ministers.

After the meeting, the Senior General and the Belarusian President had documentary photos taken. — MNA/TTA

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Belarus President Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko, Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing plant commemorative tree

Aimed at strengthening the diplomatic relations between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Belarus, a ceremony to plant a commemorative tree was held at the Nay Pyi Taw National Herbal Park of the Department of Traditional Medicine under the Ministry of Health beside the Pinyinmana-Taungnyo road in Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday afternoon.

Visiting Belarusian President Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko and Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing planted a Gangaw (*Mesua ferrea*) tree together.

The ceremony was attended by SSPC Member and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Union ministers U Tun Ohn, U Mya Tun Oo, U Than Swe, U Khin Maung Yi and Dr Thet Khaing Win, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Than Tun Oo, deputy ministers, members of the goodwill delegation of Belarus and officials.

The two Heads of State planted a Gangaw tree. The Belarusian President sprayed the bronze plaque.

The two Heads of State had documentary photos taken in front of the Gangaw tree and viewed around the commemorative trees planted by Heads of State from ASEAN and BIMSTEC Member States in the National Herbal Park. — MNA/TTA



The two Heads of State are seen viewing around the commemorative trees planted by Heads of State from ASEAN and BIMSTEC Member States in the National Herbal Park.

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natural resources and environmental conservation sectors between the two countries, bilateral cooperation in the regional and international landscapes, preparations to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election in Myanmar soon, extending invitation to internal and international observers including neighbouring countries, ASEAN countries and friendly countries to Myanmar's election, the plan of Belarus to send election observer teams to Myanmar, endeavours of the Myanmar government to ensure internal peace and stability, and combatting telecom fraud and online gambling as a national duty.

In his additional talks, the Senior General said that on 25 November, the United States Department of Homeland Security announced that it would terminate the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for approximately 4,000 Myanmar nationals residing in the US and repatriate them to Myanmar within 60 days. There are also Myanmar nationals who have arrived in other countries, including the United States, due to political differences and other reasons. He stated that Myanmar would welcome their return, and if they wish to participate, they will be able to cast their votes in elections, provided they are included on the voter list during the election period. He also expressed gratitude to Belarus for supporting

Myanmar in implementing a political system aligned with the country's circumstances and expressed confidence that, once elections are held, bilateral cooperation between the two countries can continue to be strengthened.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Belarus continued to hold a signing ceremony for memoranda of understanding. In the presence of the Senior General and the Belarusian President, ministers of both countries and the Ambassador of Belarus to Myanmar signed memoranda of understanding on cooperation in science and technology, tax matters, and trade credit arrangements, as well as agreements on national-level standards, inspection for quality control, precise measurement, and mutual recognition. They also signed memoranda of understanding to implement the roadmap, covering trade, economy, science, technology, and cultural collaboration, as well as agreements on legal assistance in cases of illicit trade and measures to promote investment. The documents were exchanged reciprocally between the two sides.

The Senior General and the Belarusian President explained the bilateral joint declaration to the media. (The full text of the declaration is reported separately.)

Also, present at the meeting were Commission Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Soe Win, SSPC Member and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Commission

Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, commission members, Union ministers and the Myanmar Ambassador to Belarus. The Belarusian President was accompanied by high-ranking officials from the Belarusian government and ministers.

The Senior General hosted a luncheon in honour of the Belarusian President and his entourage.

When they took the position at the luncheon, the State Military Band played the National Anthems of both countries.

During the luncheon, artistes from the Department of Fine Arts under the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture and the Myawady Entertainment Troupe under the Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare presented songs and music of Myanmar and Belarus.

The Senior General and the Belarusian President and party enjoyed the entertainments at the Thabin Hall of the Presidential Residence.

The artistes performed songs and dances depicting Myanmar's traditional culture and songs of both countries.

After the entertainment, the Belarusian President and the Senior General presented bouquets to the entertainment troupes and had documentary photos taken with them. — MNA/TTA

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People need to choose candidates
who can actually serve their region's and nation's interests

- ❖ “To uphold the democratic system, it is necessary to cast votes during elections”.
- ❖ When voting, it is important to choose candidates who can genuinely serve the interests of both their region and the nation

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with departmental officials and MSME businesspersons in Magway on 18 August 2025 to talk about regional development undertakings)

High-level goodwill delegation led by Belarus
President returns to Belarus

PRESIDENT of the Republic of Belarus, Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko and his entourage, who paid an official goodwill visit to Myanmar at the invitation of Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, left the Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw Airport for the Republic of Belarus yesterday evening.

They were seen off at the airport by SSPC Member and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Mya Tun Oo, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, the deputy minister for Foreign Affairs, the Belarusian Ambassador to Myanmar, the Myanmar Ambassador to Belarus, and officials.

The Guard of Honour saluted the Belarusian President and party along the red carpet. Ethnic cultural troupes and dance troupes performed traditional dances while students waved off



State Security and Peace Commission Member and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw bids farewell to Belarusian President Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko at the Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw Airport.

the guests with miniature flags of both countries. Commemorative flags of both countries were hoisted along both sides of the road. The special aircraft carrying the high-level delegation led by the Belarusian President was flanked by three Su-30 SME multipurpose jet fighters from Myanmar's Tatmadaw (Air) to the end of Myanmar's air territory. — MNA/TTA

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for consistently supporting Myanmar at both the regional and international levels. Moreover, we are also grateful for Belarus's continuous support towards Myanmar while it is heading forward in line with the political pathway that is suitable for the situation of the country. Regarding the general election to be held on 28 December, we have arranged for be free and fair election, and we also made preparations to receive back about 4,000 Myanmar nationals whose temporary residencies were revoked, that the Department of Homeland Security of the US on 25 November. We will arrange for them to be able to cast a vote if they are on the voter lists. Similarly, I also want to say that I welcome Myanmar people who are in foreign countries for various reasons to return to Myanmar to cooperate peacefully in democratic affairs. I warmly welcome the election observation delegation that Belarus will send to Myanmar. I also reaffirm that Myanmar will continue to cooperate with Belarus closely on the international stage in the future. I would like to reaffirm that we will work together with Your Excellency and the people of Belarus to further strengthen cooperation between our two nations and elevate our bilateral relations. Thank you, Mr President.

the future. Under the current circumstances, Myanmar needs to establish stability and peace to realize its future potential. In this regard, as Belarus, we will assist to the best of our ability to support Myanmar's internal peace and stability. Furthermore, today, Myanmar and Belarus have also signed a Roadmap. This Roadmap details the cooperative activities and joint initiatives between the two countries. From my side, we have already had extensive discussions on economic affairs, agricultural issues, and defence-related matters. At the end of all these discussions, there is one important point: it concerns humanitarian cooperation between our two countries. The areas involved in humanitarian cooperation include medicine, healthcare, and cultural exchange. I would like to emphasize that Belarus will continue to assist in enhancing these humanitarian sectors. I would also like to add that throughout my political career, I have never encountered a government or national leader, like the one you lead, that works every single day with such dedication and effort for their country and their people. Leaders like this are very rare. Therefore, as a country, Belarus is ready to collaborate to ensure the well-being and prosperity of the people of both our nations. We welcome specialists from Myanmar to Belarus and invite discussions on what Myanmar needs. Belarus is always ready to provide support. Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the warm and cordial welcome extended to us during this visit, and for taking the time to meet with us. — MNA/KTZH/TTA

OPINION

Shape minds to overcome both success and loss

IN THE business world, there are two key things to keep in mind: success and failure. Students, too, must put importance on both winning and losing as they strive forward. In reality, no matter where you are in the world, success and failure always exist.

When everyone is successful, they may feel happy, and when we face loss or failure, we may feel distressed or discouraged. Whether it is joy or suffering, our minds become tired because they are constantly shaken. If anyone truly wishes to experience genuine happiness, they must train themselves to be steady like a strong tree that does not sway. Only when we understand, accept, and practice according to the eight worldly conditions can we keep our minds calm, whether we succeed or fail, and overcome mental exhaustion and suffering.

For example, a sturdy tree stands firm in an open field, a large. The wind cannot move it, and even strong winds cannot destroy it because it is resilient and steady. Both success and loss are only temporary. So how should we conduct ourselves? We must keep these unstable truths close to our hearts and strive to be like that great tree — steady, resilient, and unwavering.

One must be successful because of wealth, or one must be a loser because of physical and mental suffering. Whether one is wealthy or poor, what truly matters is having a noble state of mind. Not every wealthy person is happy. Only the prosperity gained through right livelihood can bring genuine happiness. No matter how rich a person becomes through unjust means, that person cannot be considered successful. Such a person will experience many forms of inner misery every day and will, in truth, be someone who is losing.

Success and failure revolve in cycles. Sometimes, having nothing can itself be a form of success. If a person thinks what they have done is already successful, careless activity can cause them to start experiencing failure. When someone believes they are failing, renewed effort and determination may help them achieve success again. In truth, life is a continual cycle moving between success and failure.

Therefore, when a person thinks they have succeeded, they should also consider that they may soon face loss. If they reflect that everything they possess is impermanent, then even if they lose something, they will not be distressed. Loss is never permanent. Just as one can lose at any time, one can also regain success at any time. This is something one should always keep in mind.

THE people of Myanmar should know the reality. The KNU, which has acted in disgraceful ways, has once again misled certain countries and is now trying to deceive the Myanmar public. They had long been involved in telecom fraud, enriching themselves while causing enormous harm to others, paving their way with the tears, sweat, and suffering of countless victims and leaving their lives destroyed. They concealed these crimes from the international community. When the Myanmar Tatmadaw, acting for the dignity of all Myanmar citizens, moved in and dismantled the areas where telecom fraud operations were being carried out. Only after Tatmadaw had taken action to root out and eliminate these networks did the KNU begin to show up, pretend to “seize” places, and falsely claim credit. Such actions can only be seen as deeply inappropriate and shameful.

As a national responsibility

Myanmar has designated the eradication of telecom fraud (online scams) and online gambling operations in the KK Park area of Myawady, Kayin State, as a national responsibility and is actively carrying out counter-measures. This is not something new. Myanmar and China previously formed a joint task force and jointly cracked down on telecom fraud and online gambling operations in the Laukkai area of Shan State (North). During that operation, a total of 53,388 individuals involved in such activities were transferred back to their respective countries.

At present, as well, the KNU has been using economic projects for regional development as a pretext while once again running illegal casinos and leading telecom fraud and online gambling operations in Myawady on the Myanmar–Thailand border.

Nearly all areas controlled by Kayin armed groups and PDFs were facilitated with full infrastructure, such as roads, electricity, and internet, deploying thousands of foreign workers. It is obvious where the machinery, equipment, labour force, internet access, and other resources required for these illegal operations came from. Certainly, they did not originate from Myanmar. Therefore, China, Thailand, and Myanmar have been cooperating

The KNU: Acting so selfishly that they reap the consequences of their own actions and claim everything for themselves

to suppress and dismantle all organizations involved in illegal activities. These joint operations have been effective. As part of a national responsibility, the areas of Shwe Kokko, KK Park, and Chongkhaed areas where illegal operations had been taking place,

They then claimed that they called on the international community to bring the foreign nationals involved in the telecom fraud activities back from the area they occupied. Immediately after occupying the site, they contacted Thailand and international

Myanmar in recent weeks to combat telecom fraud along the border areas. It is unclear what they were so urgently worried about, but they spoke as if invoking humanitarian principles. Yet hearing such statements from KNU – an organization responsi-

This is not surprising. Because various armed groups control different parts of the border, it is undeniable that many of the ethnic armed organizations in those areas, whether to a minor or significant extent, have been involved in or connected to telecom fraud operations. In this context, the fact that sanctions have been placed specifically on a DKBA leader who is currently cooperating with Tatmadaw is unusual but not unexpected.

The things hidden in the background

A question should be asked of KNU: Why did they never resolve these deeply rooted criminal operations in the past? Why are they only now suddenly acting as if they are rescuers? Although they say they are appealing to the “international community”, it is clear that the country they want to bring in is the United States. What they are doing is essentially opening a pathway for the US to enter Myanmar. They are preparing the stage in advance and shifting blame onto others, pretending they had no involvement in the telecom fraud activities they had long benefited from. As the election approaches, they are creating instability and undermining the current situation of the country. This situation can also be seen as evidence relevant to their stated intention to disrupt and destroy the election as a supposed “national duty”.

Who has controlled these areas from the beginning? Who has been responsible for these numerous telecom fraud crimes in the region? Whose signatures are on the land lease contracts? The answer in every case points to KNU. They are also the ones secretly supplying and smuggling various arms and ammunition in the border areas. They are responsible for opening numer-

ous illegal border crossings, carrying out illicit trade, and producing and selling drugs. They have allowed NUG-affiliated PDFs to live there, to engage in armed conflicts, and to carry out sabotage, while at the same time claiming to uphold human rights and appealing to the international community for support. All of these actions trace back to KNU.

The key point is that the story of KNU’s current telecom fraud crackdowns must be viewed in connection with the broader context, including the US formation of task forces to combat telecom fraud and drug trafficking. The Myanmar side has already indicated that there are deep strategic reasons behind the US’s involvement in such operations. This suggests that the US may be aiming to counter the development momentum of China’s Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and exert comprehensive pres-

sure. There may also be an objective to interfere with Myanmar’s elections. While pressure is being applied to Myanmar and China, although Thailand is responsible for roughly 90 per cent of involvement in telecom fraud, it is visible that no pressure is being put on

Thailand. Overall, each actor appears to be acting primarily in line with its own interests and strategic relationships.

Without considering the subsequent negative consequences, one is only looking out for one’s own benefit

The actions of KNU are the worst possible. Their activities hinder all the efforts of the Myanmar Tatmadaw to ensure stability and peace in the border areas, reduce violent criminal activity, enforce the rule of law, implement regional development projects, and ultimately achieve durable peace. By attacking other armed groups, the KNU is only increasing instability in the region. Conflicts will intensify, and casualties and losses will rise. There have even been reports that some foreign nationals were killed or injured during KNU’s attacks. As a result, the Myanmar Tatmadaw has had to launch operations to rescue these foreign

deepen hostility between ethnic groups and further undermine the country’s stability. No positive outcomes or benefits can be expected from this.

So why is KNU engaging in actions that bring no benefit to the wider public? For ethnic armed groups, it is not unusual to act as if they are warlords, seizing territory from one another in a predatory manner. Currently, KNU is taking advantage of the international community’s growing focus on telecom fraud crackdowns to enter and seize DKBA-controlled areas under the pretext of combatting telecom fraud. Their real objective is to expand their territory and create economic opportunities for themselves. So, the international community and local ethnic people have to understand the opportunistic schemes of the KNU.

In truth, KNU, which has never acted honourably, is now becoming increasingly recognized for its malicious behaviour. If their actions had ever been genuinely righteous, they would have already achieved success long ago. Therefore, at this point, the warning for KNU is simply to stop pretending to be virtuous and to face reality. Alongside all the telecom fraud and criminal activities they have carried out, the Myanmar Tatmadaw has firmly vowed to eliminate them. As a member of the public, the only request is this: KNU, led

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Later, it became apparent that KNU was planning to release the foreign nationals involved in telecom fraud only after collecting ransom payments, showing the extent of their opportunistic behaviour. The consequences of such actions would be to

by foreign nationals who cannot provide any real benefit for the Kayin ethnic groups, the entire Myanmar nation, the region, and the country must be decisively wiped off and eliminated from Myanmar’s territory.

Translated.

NATIONAL

Nay Pyi Taw opens ‘Minsk Road’ to deepen Myanmar-Belarus diplomacy

TO promote the long-term strengthening of friendly diplomatic relations between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Belarus, a naming ceremony was held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning. A ceremony to name the road connecting Yazathingaha Road and Zabukyetthayay Road was held with the name of Minsk, which is the capital city of Belarus. The event took place near the advanced market at the corner of Yazathingaha Road and Thirikyawswa Road.

The grand ceremony was attended by Belarusian Foreign Minister Mr Maxim Ryzhenkov, Minister of Industry Mr Andrei Kuzniatsou, Minister of Agriculture and Food Mr Yury Horlau, Minister of Health Mr Aliaksandr Khajayeu, Chairperson of the state-owned small-scale enterprise Bellegprom Ms Nadzeya Lazarevich, and Belarusian Ambassador to



Belarusian Foreign Minister Mr Maxim Ryzhenkov and Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Than Tun Oo press the electric button to launch the signage of the 'Minsk Road'.



Myanmar Mr Uladzimir Baravikou, who accompanied President Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko of the Republic of Belarus. Also present were Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung, Union Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than, Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khine Win, Chairman of the Nay Pyi Taw Council U Than Tun Oo, My-

anmar Ambassador to Belarus U Thit Linn Ohn and officials.

The Belarusian Foreign Minister stated that the capitals of Myanmar and Belarus have enjoyed friendly relations since 2011, marking many years of cooperation. He said that being able to record this historic moment during the visit of the Belarusian President signifies that the friendship between the

peoples of the two countries, their bilateral relations, and mutual understanding will continue to grow stronger and endure for many years.

The Chairman of the Nay Pyi Taw Council stated that during the official goodwill visit of the President of the Republic of Belarus to Myanmar, the road being inaugurated would be named “Minsk Road” in

honour of Minsk, the capital of Belarus. He said he was pleased, as this designation would stand as a historic symbol of the friendship between the two countries.

The Belarusian Foreign Minister and the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman unveiled the signboard of the road, and the Belarusian Foreign Minister sprinkled scented water on it. They all strolled along the road.

The newly designated “Minsk Road,” named to promote long-term friendly diplomatic relations between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Belarus, is a major road connecting Yazathingaha Road and Zabukyetthayay Road. The road is approximately 7,000 feet in length and is home to branches of Myanma Economic Bank, several private banks, and the Thiri Mingala Advanced Market. — MNA/TTA

Science Festival 2025 spotlights nuclear tech education with contests, talks and innovation events

THE fourth day of the Science Festival 2025, jointly organized by the State Atomic Energy Corporation of the Russian Federation (Rosatom) and the Ministry of Science and Technology, continued yesterday at the Nuclear Technology Information Centre in Yangon and at Yangon Technological University.

Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Aung Zeya, directors-general from the Department of Atomic Energy and the Department of Advanced Science and Technology, together with officials from ROSATOM and Russian universities, attended and encouraged the festival.

The Nuclear Quest competition was held at 9 am at the Nuclear Technology Information Centre, where three hundred and fifty basic education students took part. This was followed by a talk titled “Sustainable Development and En-



The fourth day of the Science Festival 2025 in progress yesterday in Yangon.

vironmental Benefits of SMR,” delivered by Dr Alexander Nakhebov, Deputy Head of the Department of Nuclear Physics and Engineering at the Obninsk Institute for Nuclear Power Engineering, National Research Nuclear University (MEPhI). Participants raised questions and discussed the topic, and the Deputy Minister joined the dis-

cussion with coordinated inputs.

Similarly, a panel discussion on future technology and innovation was held in the morning at Yangon Technological University. Yangon Technological University Rector Dr Hla Myo Tun, Director-General Dr Aung Moe of the Department of Atomic Energy, and Associate Professor Dr Fomin Roman from MEPhI

spoke and exchanged views.

In the afternoon, the second-day programme of the Hack-Atom competition continued at Yangon Technological University. Ten teams, each comprising eleven university students, presented their innovative ideas and information by developing computer software applications and websites based on a 4D proposal designed to build small modular nuclear power plants and support regional development. A panel of judges composed of Russian and Myanmar experts raised questions and evaluated the presentations. The award ceremony followed, during which the Deputy Minister and officials presented prizes to the winners.

Later in the afternoon, another round of Nuclear Quest was held at the Nuclear Technology Information Centre, with participation from fifty university students. This was

followed by “The Energy of the Future – Time Capsule” event, attended by the Deputy Minister, the Director-General of the Department of Atomic Energy, and officials from Rosatom. The programmes of this year’s Science Festival were successfully conducted.

Science festivals jointly organized by Rosatom and the Ministry of Science and Technology began in 2023. This year marks the third edition of the festival, coinciding meaningfully with the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Russia-Myanmar Friendly Cooperation Declaration and the eightieth anniversary of the founding of the nuclear industry in Russia. The festival was held for two days in Nay Pyi Taw and two days in Yangon, effectively broadening the dissemination of knowledge, awareness and perspectives related to nuclear technology. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

Union Health Minister receives two Belarusian Ministers

UNION Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win received Belarusian Health Minister Mr Aliaksandr Khajayeu and Agriculture and Food Minister Mr Yury Horlau in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed expanding cooperation in producing diagnostic and laboratory equipment under the 2013 MoU between the two Health Ministries, collaboration in medical education, postgraduate training, public health research, fast-track drug registration for Belarus-made products and opportunities for food exports to Myanmar, producing First Aid Medical Boxes

es and emergency bandages in Myanmar, strengthening medical services, including liver transplantation and expert exchanges, cooperation in training, telemedicine under virtual system, healthcare for maternal and newborns.

They also exchanged views on providing advanced courses, seminars, educational conferences and exchange programmes between the universities of medicine of the two countries, as an academic agreement was signed between the University of Medicine 1, Yangon, and Belarus State Medical University (BSMU) in November. — MNA/KTZH



Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win meets Belarusian Health Minister Mr Aliaksandr Khajayeu and Agriculture and Food Minister Mr Yury Horlau yesterday.

Notice on Re-registration of Classic Vintage Vehicles with Lapsed Licences

1. In order to preserve Myanmar’s classic vintage motor vehicles and allow them to be officially registered as historic vehicles, arrangements are being made to re-register 1980 models and vehicles manufactured before that year as classic vintage cars, subject to a designated fee. These vehicles had previously been registered with the Road Transport Administration Department but had their registrations cancelled due to failure to renew them.
 2. Only vehicles that were previously registered will be eligible for re-registration, and they will be assigned new registration numbers upon inspection. Classic vehicles that were never registered in the past will not be registered.
 3. Re-registration of classic vintage motor vehicles may be carried out at the relevant offices of the Road Transport Administration Department in the Regions, States and Districts from 1 December 2025 to 31 March 2026. For further details, please visit www.motc.gov.mm or www.myanmarrtad.com.
- Ministry of Transport and Communications

Myanmar martial arts training wraps up to enhance hotel security skills

THE graduation ceremony for the Myanmar traditional martial arts training courses for hotel security guards was held yesterday morning at Bahtoo Stadium, located on 30th, 70th between 71st streets in Mandalay.

The ceremony was attended by Mandalay Region Economic Minister U Thein Htay; the director and officials from the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, officials from various departments, members of the Mandalay Region Myanmar Martial Arts Subcommittee, trainers, representatives from hotels and tourism associations, and invitees.

At the ceremony, Mandalay Region Economic

Minister U Thein Htay urged the hotel security guards not only to provide effective security services based on the traditional martial arts they had learned, but also to continue striving for high-quality service and security that will earn the trust of both domestic and foreign travellers.

Afterwards, Dr Maung Maung Lay, Patron of the Region’s Myanmar Martial Arts Subcommittee, delivered a speech congratulating the graduates. Attendees then watched a martial arts demonstration by the graduating security personnel, after which officials presented certificates and gifts to the graduates. — Oktha/MKKS



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Cyclonic Storm “DITWAH” Condition

According to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, the Cyclonic Storm “DITWAH” over the Southwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining Sri Lanka Coast has moved North-Northwestwards and is crossing near Trincomalee (Sri Lanka). It is centred at about 805 nautical miles west-southwest of Coco Island (Myanmar), 225 nautical miles south-southeast of Puducherry (India).

It does not intend to move towards the Myanmar coasts at the present stage and therefore the Cyclonic Storm is coded as yellow stage.

Position of Cyclonic Storm “DITWAH”, center pressure and wind

The Cyclonic Storm “DITWAH” is located at Latitude 8.4 degree North and Longitude 81.0 degree East, centre pressure of Cyclonic Storm is 998 hPa and maximum wind speed near the center is 45 miles per hour at 3:30 pm MST today.

Next 48 hours forecast

It is likely to continue to move north-northwestwards and across eastern parts of the Sri Lanka Coast and adjoining Southwest Bay of Bengal and reach over the North Tamil Nadu and the South Andhra Pradesh coasts, India.

General Caution

Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 5-7 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

People should be aware of the Cyclonic Storm “DITWAH”, and domestic aviation, near-shore and offshore fishing vessels, and ships in the Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi coast and offshore are also advised to take precautions. — DMH

NATIONAL

83 PDF members rejoin legal fold

THE government is extending an invitation to those involved in various armed groups, including the PDF, to return to the legal fold. Those who do so are being provided with necessary assistance and support. The PDF members — 67 males and 16 females — entered the legal fold together with arms and munitions yesterday.

These returning members stated that they could no longer accept the terrorist acts committed by the armed groups and PDF, such as forced conscription, threatening, arresting, and killing innocent civilians and civil servants for the benefit of terrorist organizations, planting mines and destroying non-military infrastructure like roads and bridges. They also cited discrimination, internal hierarchical oppression, torture, killings, violence, poor living conditions, and demoralization due to an



A returned individual receives cash rewards at yesterday's event held at the Central Command.

inability to resist Tatmadaw operations as reasons for leaving. Moreover, they expressed trust in the State and Tatmadaw's peace processes and a desire to live peacefully under the law, hoping to contribute back to the State and people whom they had caused losses to.

The 83 individuals from different townships of Mandalay Region entered the legal fold, and were accepted by responsible officials. At the handover ceremonies, they were handed over to their parents or guardians at Yan Aung Myin Hall of Central Command and General

Administrative Office of Madaya township yesterday.

Officials presented cash prizes K50 million for 10 automatic rifles (K5 million for one rifle), K2 million for one pistol, K1.5 million for three homemade gun (K500,000 for one homemade gun), K1.8 million for six grenade and homemade mines (K300,000 for one grenade and homemade mine), K4,150,000 for 83 individuals (K50,000 per person), totalling K59,450,000 to the returnees.

They inspected the arms and munitions and cordially greeted the attendees and served them with foodstuffs.

Those who intend to do so are encouraged to promptly contact and report to the nearest Tatmadaw bases or police stations. They will be welcomed and accepted, provided with the necessary assistance and support, and cash rewards for any arms and ammunition. — MNA/KTZH

7 buildings in KK Park demolished, 64 online scam hub buildings in Shwe Kokko sealed off

THE government continues to conduct joint operations in the Shwe Kokko area and the KK Park area, where suspects commit telecom fraud and on-line gambling activities. The combined teams comprising security personnel and administrative bodies are involved in these operations, which include entering the areas, dismantling and removing illegal buildings, and taking further action in accordance with the law. In wiping off telecom fraud and online gambling activities, buildings used in carrying out online gambling and fraud are being demolished in three sections in the Myawady-Maethawtalay (KK Park) area. Yesterday, the authorities destroyed seven illegal buildings in the Section 3 area, and 115 buildings out of 425 buildings in Section 3 have been destroyed, and a total of 263 buildings out of 635 illegal buildings have so far been demolished in the KK Park area.

Similarly, the operation has been conducted in the Shwe Kokko area since 18 November, and the authorities searched 14



Images show the two-storey facility before and after the demolition in the KK Park area.

one-storey buildings, 42 two-storey buildings, 103 three-storey buildings, 63 four-storey buildings, eight five-storey buildings, and one seven-storey building, totalling 231 buildings. No individuals involved in online fraud or online gambling were found, but mobile phones and materials were seized.

The inspections began on 18 November at the buildings within the Shwe Kokko area that had been used for online scam operations. To date, a total of 109 illegal buildings has been found, and measures to seal and confiscate those buildings to prevent further use began yesterday, with 64 buildings already sealed and confiscated.

To date, the authorities have detained 2,042 undocumented foreign entrants and seized 3,310 computers, 21,870 mobile phones, 102 Starlink satellite receivers and 22 Routers used in telecom fraud and online gambling activities. Authorities systematically destroyed the seized materials and continue the operation to expose the offences.

The arrested foreign nationals are being detained at the building in the Lonhtin compound of Shwe Kokko Myaing Village, Pulwepu Village-tract in Myawady Township.

From 30 January to 28 November 2025, a total of 12,882 foreign nationals who had entered Myanmar illegally were detained. Of these, 10,029 individuals were screened to be expelled and were systematically repatriated to their respective countries through Thailand in accordance with legal procedures. The re-

maining 2,853 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 telecom 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/KTZH

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission

Statement 15/2025

1. to ensure that all eligible voters do not lose their right to freely and fairly cast a vote in the forthcoming multiparty democracy general election, the National Defence and Security Council, through Order 10/2025 dated 26 November 2025, has conditionally pardoned 724 male and female prisoners who face punishment, from their respective prisons, jails and camps under Penal Code Section 505 (a). Furthermore, through Order 11/2025, a total of 2,361 male and female prisoners who face punishment, from their respective prisons, jails and camps under Penal Code Section 505 (a) are reduced in their remaining punishment. In addition, Order 12/2025 was issued to pardon and withdraw the hearings of the suit of 5,580 who were prosecuted under Penal Code Section 505 (a) and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 512 for attempting to evade.

2. Article 21 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states: “everyone shall be entitled to participate in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures”. Article 38 (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (2008) stipulates that “Every citizen shall have the right to elect and to be elected in accord with the provisions of the law”.
3. Through the granting of amnesty, pardons, and the closure of ongoing cases with orders for release, those who are now free have become citizens with the right to vote and have the opportunity to freely express their will. Furthermore, individuals who had been evading arrest due to charges under Section 505 (a) will be able to reunite with their families and exercise their right to vote with peace of mind.

4. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission has been conducting inspection visits to prisons, jails, and detention facilities as part of its mandate to safeguard human rights, and has been issuing relevant recommendations accordingly. In its recommendations, the Commission has also urged that all categories of offences be given equal consideration in matters relating to amnesties and pardons. In this regard, the Commission is pleased to welcome the granting of pardons for cases relating to Section 505(a) of the Penal Code, as such measures contribute to the promotion and enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms.
- Myanmar National Human Rights Commission
27 November 2025

Press Council raises funds for veteran journalists ahead of 2026 ceremony

ACCORDING to the Myanmar Press Council, the second donation ceremony to support veteran journalists will be held in January 2026, and a fundraising donation event to contribute to this support was organized on 26 November at the Myanmar Press Council office in Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region.

At the donation event, the Myanmar Press Council contributed an initial outlay of K1 million, while Council members donated K2.5 million, making a total of K3.5 million, which was handed over by Council Chair

Dr Tin Tun Oo and members to U Khin Maung Kyaw Din, head of the Media Development Committee.

The Myanmar Press Council is carrying out this initiative to assist distinguished senior journalists who devoted their entire lives to the profession and served the country, but who are now few in number, and to pass on their experience, knowledge, insights and achievements to the State and the new generation of journalists.

The first donation ceremony for veteran journalists was held in January 2025. — ASH/KZL



Myanmar Press Council members donate a total of K3.5 million at the ceremony to support senior veteran journalists.

MWVO's delegation attends VECONAC meetings in Indonesia



The Myanmar War Veterans Organization and its delegates join the meetings of the Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries held in Indonesia on 23-27 November 2025.

THE Myanmar delegation led by Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Executive Committee Chairman General Khin Aung Myint (Retd) returned to Yangon by air at 11 am yesterday after attending the 37th Executive Board Meeting and the 24th General Assembly of the Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries (VECONAC), held at the Borobudur Hotel in Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia, from 23 to 27 November.

The 37th Executive Board Meeting of VECONAC was held on 24 November and attended by chairmen and representatives of war veterans' organizations from the ten member countries. The meeting reviewed and discussed nine draft resolutions to be submitted to the 24th General Assembly and decided to approve them.

The 24th General Assembly of VECONAC took place on 25 November, attended by chairmen and their spouses, representatives, observers, and invited guests from the ten member countries. During the country report session, the Myanmar War Veterans Organization's report was presented by General Khin Aung Myint (Retd), Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Myanmar War Veterans Organization.

The General Assembly approved the nine resolutions discussed and decided upon at the 37th Executive Board Meeting of VECONAC, and it was reported that the heads of delegations from the ten member countries signed the Joint Declaration. — MNA/KZL

GLOBAL VIEWPOINTS:
WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS/AD

PM Modi inaugurates Indian space start-up Skyroot's Infinity Campus, unveils rocket Vikram-I

Prime Minister Modi unveiled Skyroot Aerospace's first orbital rocket, Vikram-I, which can launch satellites into orbit, alongside a state-of-the-art 2,00,000 square feet facility for designing, developing, integrating, and testing multiple launch vehicles, capable of producing one orbital rocket per month.

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Indian space start-up Skyroot's Infinity Campus in Hyderabad via video conferencing on Thursday.

PM Modi also unveiled Skyroot's first orbital rocket, Vikram-I, with the capability to launch satellites to orbit. The state-of-the-art facility will have around 2,00,000 square feet of workspace for designing, developing, integrating and testing multiple launch vehicles, with

a capacity to build one orbital rocket every month.

Skyroot is India's leading private space company, founded by Pawan Chandana and Bharath Dhaka, both alumni of the Indian Institutes of Technology and former ISRO scientists turned entrepreneurs. In November 2022, Skyroot launched its sub-orbital rocket, Vikram-S, becoming the first Indian private company to launch a rocket to space, according to a press release by



Skyroot Aerospace in 2022 became the first Indian private-sector company to conduct a successful rocket launch. **PHOTO: SKYROOT AEROSPACE /FILE**

the PMO.

This is looked at a step towards making India a global space power.

Earlier on Wednesday, PM Modi virtually inaugurated Safran Aircraft Engine Services' new Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility in Hyderabad, marking the growth of India's aviation sector at an "unprecedented pace."

PM Modi said that India is dreaming big, doing bigger and delivering the best as he urged investors to come to India as co-creators in the journey of a developed India.— ANI

Japan's jobless rate unchanged at 2.6% in Oct

JAPAN'S unemployment rate in October remained at 2.6 per cent for the third straight month, but the number of jobless people continued to increase, government data showed Friday.

The number of employed individuals edged up 0.2 per cent to a seasonally adjusted 68.46 million, while those without jobs grew 2.2 per cent to 1.85 million, according to the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

Of those unemployed, 460,000 people left their jobs involuntarily, up seven per cent from the previous month, while the number of people newly seeking jobs rose 4.2 per cent to 500,000, the ministry said. — Xinhua

Singapore's labour force participation dips slightly in 2025 amid aging: advance release

SINGAPORE'S labour force participation rate fell slightly in 2025, reflecting the country's aging population, but remains among the highest in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the Ministry of Manpower said Friday in its labor force advance release.

The participation rate for residents aged 15 and over dropped for the fourth consecutive year, from 70.5 per cent in 2021 to 68.2 per cent in 2024, and further to 67.9 per cent in 2025. However, participation across most age groups remained broadly stable or higher than last year.

Singapore's overall rate continues to rank high among OECD countries, most of which are high-income nations similar to Singapore, the ministry added.

Among residents aged 25 to 64, female participation has improved over the decade, rising from 74.1 per cent in 2015 to 80.5 per cent in 2025, while male participation remained high at 91.8 per cent in 2025. — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V AREZOO VOY.NO. (SCY1192)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V AREZOO VOY. NO. (SCY1192)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **26-11-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** 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.
Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S LAND AND SEA INTERMODAL LOGISTICS SDN BHD LINE

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V ERASMUS ICON VOY.NO. (545W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ERASMUS ICON VOY.NO. (545W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **29-11-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S MAERSK A/S

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M.V TC MESSENGER VOY.NO. (155N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V TC MESSENGER VOY.NO. (155N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **29-11-2025** 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.

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V MANALI VOY.NO. (019L)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MANALI VOY. NO. (019L)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **30-11-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **IBTT** 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

Wounded Barca, shaky Real Madrid need La Liga morale boost

SPANISH champions Barcelona and current league leaders Real Madrid are looking to build confidence this weekend in La Liga after chastening nights in the Champions League.

Barca host Alaves on Saturday while Madrid visit Girona on Sunday, as the top two aim to fend off in-form pair Atletico Madrid and Villarreal, who are hot on their

tails.

Barcelona suffered a morale-crushing 3-0 defeat at Stamford Bridge by Chelsea on Tuesday, while Real Madrid's defence wobbled alarmingly in also conceding three at Greek side Olympiacos, although they managed to claim a 4-3 victory thanks to four goals from Kylian Mbappe.

After the hefty loss in

London, Barca coach Hansi Flick was left perplexed and scrabbling around for some positivity.

"I see how we train, the quality, the intensity. It's totally different than maybe six weeks ago," he told reporters.

"Players are coming back, increasing the quality in the training. I have good feeling about that and am (feeling) positive." — AFP



Real Madrid let in three goals against Olympiacos but Kylian Mbappe scored four to claim victory in Athens in midweek. PHOTO: AFP



Cole Palmer has not played for Chelsea since September. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Chelsea's Palmer fit to face Arsenal

COLE Palmer is fit to start Chelsea's Premier League summit meeting against Arsenal this weekend after more than two months on the sidelines, manager Enzo Maresca said Friday.

The England forward has not played for the club since 20 September — initially missing with a groin problem before fracturing a toe.

Chelsea boss Maresca told his pre-match press conference that Palmer was available to start Sunday's match at Stamford Bridge.

"Everyone is happy, his teammates are happy, we are

all happy and the most important thing is that Cole is happy because in the end football players want to play games," said the Italian.

Palmer was Chelsea's top-scorer in the Premier League last season, with 15 goals.

He has made just four appearances in all competitions for the club this season, scoring twice.

"He is probably our best player," said Maresca. "We are happy that he is back. Now we need to give him time, you know, to be 100 per cent fit." — AFP

UK unveils record-breaking bid for 2035 Women's World Cup

UK football chiefs on Friday unveiled details of their unopposed joint bid to host the Women's World Cup in 2035, with 22 proposed stadiums listed in the official submission.

The bid team said the 48-team finals would be the biggest single-sport event ever staged in the UK.

It would be the first World Cup played on British soil since the men's finals in 1966, which were solely hosted by England.

"With 63 million people living within

two hours of a proposed venue, it would be the most accessible tournament ever," the bid team said in a statement.

Sixteen of the stadiums on the shortlist are in England, with three in Wales, two in Scotland and one in Northern Ireland, across 15 cities.

The final number of stadiums is expected to be whittled down to around 16.

A measure of the size of the event is that at the Qatar men's World Cup in 2022 just eight stadiums were used.

— AFP



Spain won the 2023 Women's World Cup. PHOTO: AFP/FILE



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natural resource management, and ecology, the BelTA news agency reported.

“These sectors ensure the country’s economic and food security, provide employment for hundreds of thousands of people, and create the necessary conditions for a comfortable life for citizens,” she said.

Kochanova noted that Belarus has achieved significant results in the agricultural sector thanks to dedication and hard work of employees in sectoral enterprises and farms. — Xinhua



Grodno Azot, one of the largest chemical companies in the CIS and Eastern Europe, produces nitric acid, nitrogen mineral fertilizer, caprolactam, methanol and other chemical products. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ SPUTNIK**

India Inc sees governance as top priority for scaling AI infrastructure: IBM Study

AS Indian enterprises accelerate their shift toward AI-driven operations, effective governance has emerged as the most critical requirement for success, according to a new study by the IBM Institute for Business Value (IBV).

The report, ‘AI Infrastructure That Endures’, shows that 83 per cent of Indian executives believe strong governance frameworks are essential for building AI systems at scale, but only four per cent say they have fully embedded mechanisms to manage AI-related risks.

The study highlights a widening readiness gap even as organizations rapidly increase investments. Only 1 in 10 business leaders surveyed feel their current infrastructure meets all AI requirements, underscoring the need for modernization to ensure speed, trust and scalability.

Amid rising demand, 58 per cent of Indian organizations have increased infrastructure spending, with budgets growing by an average of 19 per cent in 2025, closely tracking global patterns. The report notes that enterprises must now translate their AI ambitions into measurable, sustainable impact.

Subhathra Srinivasaraghavan, Vice-President, IBM India Systems Development Lab, said Indian companies are entering a decisive phase of their AI journey. — ANI

Beijing passes new regulations to protect Great Wall

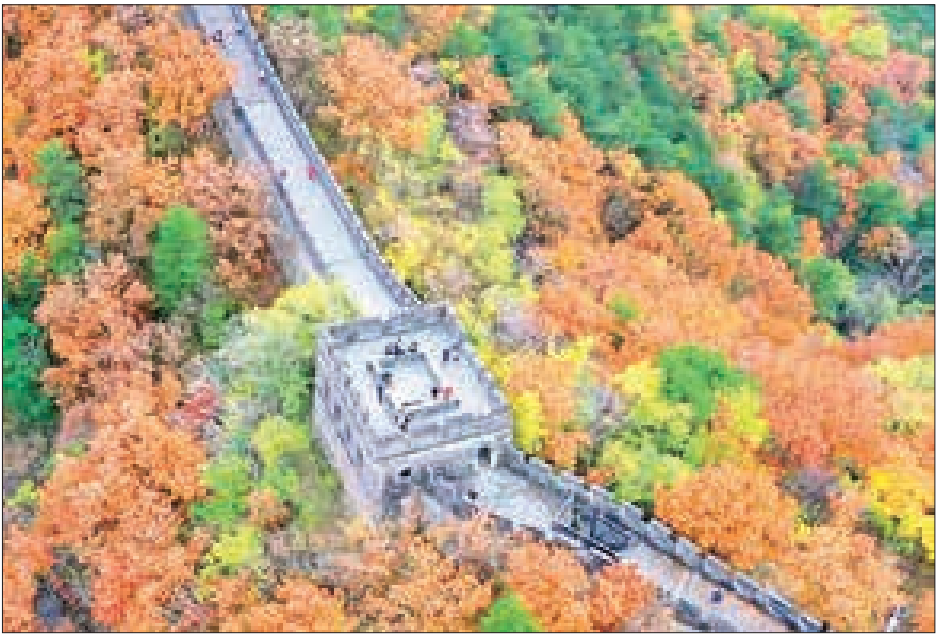
BEIJING on Friday passed new regulations on Great Wall protection, providing legislative norms for the protection, management, utilization and inheritance of the Great Wall section in Beijing.

The regulations, passed by the Standing Committee of the Beijing Municipal People’s Congress and set to take effect on 1 March 2026, clearly defined the application scope, which includes the Great Wall itself, related cultural heritage and the surrounding environment.

The regulations also stated that efforts should be made to strengthen the coordinated protection work in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region and within the

provincial-level regions and cities along the Great Wall. It is the first dedicated regulation on the protection of the Great Wall in China after a revised Law on the Protection of Cultural Relics took effect on 1 March this year.

The Great Wall in Beijing spans six districts, namely, Pinggu, Miyun, Huairou, Changping, Yanqing and Mentougou. The Great Wall in Beijing is 520.77 kilometres long and consists of 461 sections, dating from the Northern Qi Dynasty (550-557) to the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644). In 1987, the Badaling section of the Great Wall was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. — Xinhua



The Mutianyu Great Wall was built in 1368 AD by general Xu Da on the ruins of the Northern Qi Great Wall. It is the essence of the Ming Dynasty’s Great Wall.

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