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Four Objectives of the National Defence and Security Council

- 1. To steadfastly strive for emergence of political forces and the people’s representatives who can implement a genuine, disciplined multi-party democratic system while constantly emphasizing on the national interests of the State.
- 2. To persistently strive for promoting the socio-economic life of the people through the development of agro-based industries in improving the agricultural sector, the vital foundation of the economic growth of the State.
- 3. To put emphasis on enhancing the national education and health sectors for sustainable development of the State.
- 4. To implement multi-party democratic system, with the participation of the people, to ensure the success of multi-party democratic general election process and successfully moving towards with the multi-party democratic system aspired by the entire people.

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Myanmar exports 150K tonnes of rubber in Apr-Nov

Nearly 400,000 local and foreign travellers visit Bago Region in Jan-Oct 2025



This image shows visitors to the Kanbawzathadi Golden Palace in Bago Region.

According to the Bago Region Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, nearly 400,000 domestic and foreign travellers visited destinations across the region in the ten months from January to October 2025, a figure higher than that of the same period last year.

Approximately 360,000 travellers visited the region from January to October

2024. In comparison, the number of visitors increased to approximately 390,000 during the corresponding period in 2025.

“As Bago Region is home to numerous pagodas and temples, it attracts a significant number of local and foreign tourists,” said an official from the directorate. “During the Thadingyut and Tazaungdine festivals, hotels, guesthouses, and even monasteries were fully booked. As we are

now in the peak tourist season, we anticipate visitor numbers will increase further.”

The Bago Region features 42 tourist destinations, totalling 32 pilgrimage sites, eight eco-tourism sites, and two cultural tourism sites. Travellers frequently visit the Kanbawzathadi Golden Palace, Shwemawdaw Pagoda, and Kyaikpaw Pagoda, among other locations. — ASH/MKKS

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NATIONAL



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.

AFC U17 Asian Cup Qualifiers men's football match to be broadcast live

MYANMAR hosts Group G matches of the 2026 AFC U17 Asian Cup Qualifiers at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon from 22 to 30 November. The group match between the

Myanmar U17 men's football team and the Syria U17 men's team is set to take place at 4 pm on 30 November at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon.

The match will be broadcast live starting at 3:45 pm on MRTV HD Channel, MRTV Entertainment Channel and Myanma Radio. — MRTV/KZL

Belarusian delegation visits Shwedagon Pagoda, Bogyoke Market

MINISTER of Industry of the Republic of Belarus Mr Andrei Kuzniatsou, Minister of Agriculture and Food Mr Yuri Horlau, Minister of Health Mr Aliaksandr Khajayeu, Chairperson of the Belarusian State Concern for Production and Sale of Light Industry Goods (Bellegprom) Ms Nadzeya Lazarevich, and the delegation, along with officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Yangon), arrived at the Shwedagon Pagoda yesterday afternoon and were welcomed by Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs U Htay Aung and members of the Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees.

The Belarusian delegation first visited the Shwedagon Pagoda and offered flowers, water, oil lamps, and incense to the Buddha image in the prayer hall. After signing the guest book, the members of the Board of Trustees



The Belarusian delegation visits the Shwedagon Pagoda during their observation tours in Yangon yesterday.

presented a Shwedagon Pagoda replica and a record book to the delegation.

The Belarusian delegation then paid homage to the Jade Buddha image at the Shwedagon

Pagoda and toured the religious buildings on the pagoda grounds.

The delegation also posed for a group photo at the Shwedagon Pagoda and rang the bell of King Thayawady to share merits

gained.

They then visited Bogyoke Market, where they viewed and purchased jewellery, jade, sculptures, necklaces, traditional clothing, gold and silver

embroidery, paintings, and other handicrafts displayed in the market.

Afterwards, the delegation led by the Minister of Industry of the Republic of Belarus departed from Yangon at 7 pm, and the delegation led by Bellegprom Chairperson Ms Nadzeya Lazarevich departed at 7:45 pm. They were seen off by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, Deputy Minister of Health Dr Aye Tun, regional ministers, and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Yangon) at Yangon International Airport.

Before departing Yangon International Airport, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein met Mr Maxim Ryzhenkov, who was presented with a photo album documenting his trip to Yangon during his stay in Myanmar, at the airport lounge. — MNA/MKKS

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

NATIONAL

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)

MoC UM inspects Myanmar-Korea Friendship Bridge (Dala)

UNION Minister for Construction U Myo Thant inspected the construction site of the Myanmar-Korea Friendship Bridge (Dala) yesterday.

The Union minister heard the reports on the completion of the approach bridges on the Yangon side and Dala side, installation of apparatus for cable, Ramp B and Ramp A on the Yangon side and other construction-related matters, including the construction of Toll Plaza

and Administrative Office on the Dala side and a proper fee collection system.

After hearing the reports, the Union minister highlighted the need to ensure the road direction signals for safety, cooperation with YCDC, timely completion, proper waterflow system, protection for pier due to water current, installation of speed Bumps and other traffic safety measures.

The Union minister also



Union Minister for Construction U Myo Thant looks around the construction site of the Myanmar-Korea Friendship Bridge (Dala) yesterday.

inspected the installation of the Noise Barrier on each side of the approach bridge along Phonegyi street on the Yangon side, the establishment of the Barrier, the construction of the Toll Plaza and Administrative Office on the Dala side. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar Police delegation attends 93rd INTERPOL General Assembly

THE Myanmar delegation, led by Police Lt-Gen Win Zaw Moe, Chief of the Myanmar Police Force, attended the 93rd INTERPOL General Assembly held in Morocco from 24 to 27 November.

The opening ceremony of the assembly took place on 24 November, and Morocco's Director-General of National Security and Territorial Surveillance, Mr Abdellatif Hammouchi and INTERPOL President Maj-Gen Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi made opening remarks, and the chiefs and deputy chiefs of INTERPOL member countries, observation organizations from 181 countries, heads of National Central Bureau (NCB) and superior officials, totalling about 800, attended the event.

The assembly approved



Chief of the Myanmar Police Force Police Lt-Gen Win Zaw Moe attends the 93rd INTERPOL General Assembly in Morocco.

the General Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the ICPO-INTERPOL, and discussed regarding signing, ratification and accession by all member countries, signing

of United Nations Convention against Cybercrime by all member countries as the convention was approved on 24 December 2024 and close cooperation among representatives of mem-

ber countries with the National Central Bureau to promote the role of INTERPOL in UN.

Moreover, the assembly approved INTERPOL's Strategic Framework 2026-2030, which sets out four goals- to become a trusted global hub of information for the rule of law, to provide world-class investigative and operational support, to play a leading role in global rule-of-law processes, and to ensure that INTERPOL's governance, financial stability, staff capabilities, and ethical standards remain at the highest level.

It also made decision to allow participation of all member countries in each Regional Conferences, to provide a forum to discuss the INTERPOL's authorities at the regional conferences, to review and made suggestion

for data management framework and data management supervisory mechanism by the Committee on the Processing of Data through INTERPOL's information system, and also approved the financial report and statement for 2024, new statutory contributions scale for the period 2026-2028, work plans of INTERPOL for 2026 and budget draft and budget estimation for 2027-2028.

The representatives from member countries who had applied for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chairs, and members of the INTERPOL Executive Committee, whose terms expire at the end of December, were elected through a secret voting system.

The Myanmar delegation arrived back yesterday evening. — MNA/KTZH

NATIONAL

MIFER Deputy Minister-led delegation attends 27th GMS Ministerial Conference and related meetings

ACCORDING to the invitation of Mr Ekniti Nitithanprapas, Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, Office of the National Economic and Social Development Council (NESDC), to Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, GMS Minister of Myanmar, to attend the 27th GMS Ministerial Conference and related meetings to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 27 to 28 November 2025, on behalf of Union Minister, the Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister U Thant Sin Lwin attended those meetings.

During the GMS Business Forum High-Level Policy Dialogue in the afternoon of 27 November, GMS ministers, deputy ministers, and representatives from the GMS Business Councils of member countries openly exchanged their views and discussed the ways to cooperate the challenges and obstacles encountered while implementing the activities in priority sectors of the GMS Programme and the potential approaches which can cooperate effectively between the governments and private



Participants, including Deputy Minister U Thant Sin Lwin, from GMS countries pose for the documentary group photo during the High-Level Dialogue between Government and Business Leaders of the GMS in Bangkok, Thailand.

sectors.

Afterwards, ministers and deputy ministers discussed in an open and frank manner how the GMS economic cooperation programme could be utilized to enhance the private sector engagement and strengthen the local government engagement at the Ministerial Retreat held on the morning of 28 November.

At the 27th GMS Ministerial Meeting held with the theme: “Fostering Inclusive Growth, Balanced Development, and Prosperity through Integrating Local Government and Private Sector in the GMS”, heads of delegations from GMS member countries and the vice-president of the Asian Development Bank delivered their brief statements

during the opening session.

At the plenary meeting, GMS ministers and deputy ministers discussed and reviewed the Senior Officials’ Meeting Chair’s report, the Development Partners’ Meeting, the Business Council Report and also the Local Governments’ Meeting Report.

The 27th GMS Ministerial

Conference was chaired by Mr Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, the host country, and co-chaired by Mr Scott Morris, Vice-President, East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific of the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

It was attended by the GMS minister of Cambodia via virtual conference and in person by GMS ministers, deputy ministers, national coordinators, senior officials, private sector representatives from the other member countries – China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam, representatives from ADB and development partner organizations, totalling about 150 participants.

The Myanmar delegation, led by the deputy Minister, departed Myanmar on 26 November 2025 and returned to Myanmar in the morning of 29 November 2025. At this year’s Ministerial Conference, Private Sector Engagement in the Greater Mekong Subregion, GMS Regional Investment Framework 2026-2028 and the Joint Ministerial Statement were also endorsed. — MIFER

Tatmadaw riverine hospital ships continue delivering medical care in Ayeyawady



Locals are seen receiving healthcare services in Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Region.

A Tatmadaw mobile medical team, including paramedics, doctors, and nurses, deployed via the riverine hospital ship “Shwe Puzon” and river-

ine vessel “Saku”, arrived in Labutta Township yesterday. They were warmly welcomed by officials, residents, teachers, and students.

The mobile medical team based their operations at the Tun Jetty in Labutta and provided healthcare services to 516 locals. Treatment included 268 general illnesses, 24 surgical cases, 31 obstetric cases, 26 paediatric cases, 63 orthopaedic cases, 29 ENT cases, 47 eye cases, and 28 dental cases.

Among them, one patient received general surgery, 13 had x-rays, 29 underwent ultrasound scans, nine had ECG examinations, and 38 received laboratory tests. — MNA/KZL

Myanmar EPS recruits land in S Korea to warm embassy welcome

A total of seventy-one Myanmar workers sent to the Republic of Korea through the Government Overseas Employment Agency under the EPS system arrived at Incheon International Airport on Korean Air flight KE492 on 25 November.

The group included 41 re-entry workers, 24 new manufacturing workers, and six new agriculture and livestock workers. When they arrived at the airport, Chargé d’Affaires ad interim/Ambassador U Myo Myint Maung welcomed them warmly via video call and advised the newly arrived



This photo shows the labour attaché welcoming the workers arriving at Incheon International Airport through the EPS system under the Government Overseas Employment Agency.

workers to contact the embassy at any time should they encounter any difficulties.

Furthermore, the labour attaché from the Myanmar Embassy in Seoul welcomed the workers at Incheon International Airport, briefed them on impor-

tant guidelines, and provided assistance where required.

According to data from the Myanmar Embassy, approximately 250 Myanmar workers were sent to the Republic of Korea through the agency in November. — Htun/KZL

NATIONAL

General Aung San Declares Firm Stand Against Election Disruption

“Our Government shall not permit any disruption of the forthcoming election. The electoral process shall remain free and fair, and no interference shall be exercised upon those who participate in it. Yet, let it be firmly declared that any attempt to disturb or sabotage the election shall be met with the full weight of authority”.

(An excerpt from the radio address regarding the election, delivered by General Aung San on 13 March 1947)



Weekly Roundup

24 November

University of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding (Maubin) inaugurated

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inaugurated the University of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding (Maubin) under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

Head of State meets locals in Maubin

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met departmental officials and town elders at the hall in Maubin of Ayeyawady Region to talk about regional development undertakings.

25 November

Belarus President to pay a State Visit to Myanmar

At the invitation of His Excellency Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, His Excellency Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Belarus, will pay a State Visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in the near future.

26 November

Termination of duties

The National Defence and Security Council has terminated U Thant Sin, Deputy Minister for Energy, from his duties under Subsection (b) of Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

27 November

NDSC issues orders of pardon

The National Defence and Security Council issued three orders on pardon orders to pardon prisoners

and the order to withdraw the hearings of the suit of suspects under Penal Code Section 505-A and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 512.

28 November

Belarusian President arrives in Nay Pyi Taw

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, a special aircraft carrying a high-level delegation led by Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Belarus, to pay an official State visit to Myanmar, started flying into the Myanmar air territory. The special aircraft, welcomed and flanked by three Su-30 SME jet fighters from Myanmar’s Tatmadaw (Air), landed at the Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw Airport in the evening.

29 November

Belarus voice 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 State visit to Myanmar, with the Guard of Honour at the Hsinbyutaw Hall of the Presidential Residence and held a talk.

Belarus keeps its door open for deeper cooperation with Myanmar

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.

Heads of State from Belarus and Myanmar meet media

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 memoranda of understanding at the Presidential Residence.

Belarusian President grows 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 Pyinmana-Taungnyo road in Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw.

Belarus President concludes visits

President of the Republic of Belarus, Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko and his entourage, who paid an official State 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.

Minsk Road opened in Nay Pyi Taw

A ceremony to name the road connecting Yazathinhaha 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.

UEC issue announcement

The Union Election Commission issued the notice for electoral speeches and campaigns for the phases of the upcoming multiparty democratic general elections. — GNLM/TTA

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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 North Sri Lanka has moved north-northwestwards. It is centred at about 795 nautical miles west-southwest of Coco Island (Myanmar), 150 nautical miles south-southeast of Puducherry (India) and 65 nautical miles north-northwest of Trincomalee (Srilanka).

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

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

The Cyclonic Storm “DITWAH” is located at a Latitude of 9.6 degrees North and

Longitude 80.7 degrees East, centre pressure of Cyclonic Storm is 998 hPa, and the maximum wind speed near the centre is 45 miles per hour at 3:30 pm MST today.

Next 36 hours forecast

It is likely to continue moving north-northwestwards and reach over the southwest Bay of Bengal (near the North Tamil Nadu and South Andhra Pradesh coasts, India).

General Caution

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

Advisory

People should be aware that due to the Cyclonic Storm “DITWAH”, domestic aviation, near-shore and offshore fishing vessels, and ships, off and along the Myanmar coasts and offshore are also advised to take precautions. — DMH

NATIONAL

Authorities continue dismantling illegal structures in KK Park

Joint inspection teams carry out coordinated operations in the Shwe Kokko area to apprehend individuals involved in telecom fraud and online gambling activities.

THE Government of Myanmar, through joint squads comprising security personnel, administrative bodies, and local authorities, is continuing operations in Shwe Kokko and KK Park areas, where most of the telecom fraud and online gambling activities are based. These operations involve raiding illegal buildings, confiscating items used in telecom fraud and online gambling activities, and systematically demolishing illegally-built structures.

In doing so, those authorities are systematically dismantling the buildings used in telecom fraud and online gambling in the Myawady-Mawthawtalay (KK Park) area in three sections. Yesterday, they demolished three more illegal buildings in the Section 3 area. So far, they have destroyed 122 buildings out of 425 illegal structures in the Section 3 area, and they have dismantled 270 buildings out of 635 illegal structures in the KK Park area in total.

Likewise, a similar operation is being conducted in the Shwe Kokko area, starting from 18 November. Yesterday, the



Photos show illegally constructed buildings in the KK Park area 3 seen before demolition (L) and after demolition (R).

authorities searched illegally residential buildings, warehouses, shops and hotels, including one two-storey building, one four-storey building, 15 five-storey buildings, three six-storey buildings, four seven-storey buildings and two eight-storey buildings, totalling 26 in the Shwe Kokko area. Any individuals involved in telecom fraud and online gambling were not found there. Those individuals took away their mobile phones and their equipment.

As the authorities started

their inspection at the structures used in the telecom fraud and online gambling activities in the Shwe Kokko area on 18 November, they found 135 illegal structures. Hence, the authorities sealed 35 three-storey buildings, one seven-storey building, and one thirteen-storey building, totalling 37 not to be reused in criminal activities. In total, 101 buildings have now been sealed.

According to the operation conducted in the Shwe Kokko area, the authorities have so

far arrested 2,042 foreign nationals who entered Myanmar illegally and seized 3,310 computers, 21,870 mobile phones, 102 Starlink satellite receivers, 22 routers and a large quantity of industrial materials used in telecom fraud and online gambling activities. These materials were destroyed systematically, and the authorities plan to continue the operation.

The detained foreign nationals are being kept at the building in Lonhtin compound of Shwe Kokko Myaing Vil-

lage, Pulwepu Village-tract in Myawady Township. So, departmental teams are collecting the personal data and records of the foreign nationals to repatriate them to their respective countries as quickly as possible.

During the period from 30 January to 29 November 2025, a total of 12,915 foreign nationals who illegally entered Myanmar were detained. Of them, 10,029 foreign nationals were systematically transferred to their respective countries via Thailand under the law. Currently, it is ready to repatriate the remaining 2,886 foreign nationals to their respective countries, and they are under systematic care.

The Government of Myanmar has taken the fight against telecom fraud and online gambling as a national responsibility and will continue operations to prevent such activities from establishing a foothold in the country, coordinating not only with domestic security forces but also with neighbouring governments. — MNA/TTA



This photo shows the building being sealed by authorities in Shwe Kokko area.



Security forces are seen in the Shwe Kokko.

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Local authorities need to seek the best ways to increase production

- ❖ “A strong economy is necessary for regional development, and production activities need to be expanded.”
- ❖ “Those serving in district- and township-level administrations should understand the specific conditions of their regions and work to find ways to promote and expand local production.”

(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 town elders in Minbu on 19 August 2025 to discuss regional development)

Myanmar exports 150K tonnes of rubber in Apr-Nov

MYANMAR shipped almost 150,000 tonnes of Myanmar rubber in the past eight months of the current financial year 2025-2026 beginning 1 April, according to the Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association (MRPPA).

MRPPA aims to achieve a rubber export target of about 350,000 tonnes in the 2025-2026 FY.

Myanmar’s rubber export bagged US\$500 million from 300,000 tonnes in the previous FY 2024-2025.

“Myanmar’s rubber in-



This image displays the processing of Myanmar’s rubber. Sheets of dried raw rubber on the storage rack.



Myint, general secretary of the MRPPA.

There are 1.64 million acres of rubber across nine regions and states, with production of over 300,000 tonnes from one million rubber tapping acres. Domestic demand is only 20,000 tonnes. The remaining is sent to foreign markets as industrial raw materials.

China accounts for 75 per cent of Myanmar’s rubber exports, and the remaining is sent to Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, India and Japan. — ASH/KK

dustry is facing a shortage of rubber tappers and adverse weather conditions. Rubber yield is possibly to decline this season. At present, the global rubber price has decreased

slightly. Consequently, Myanmar rubber also does not fetch good prices,” said U Khaing

Guidelines for gold shops announced

YANGON Region Precious Metal (Gold) Dealers Association announced guidelines for those running gold shops, gold refining businesses and goldsmith businesses.

The statement mentioned that gold shops seeking a licence through the region and state inspection task forces are allowed to operate businesses at the legal office address mentioned in the application. A digital scale measurement of 16.329325 grammes per tical is mandatory for gold transactions. The businesses must comply with relevant tax laws, bylaws and rules. Failure to comply with the rules and the reference prices will result in strict action under the existing laws.

Gold transactions valued over K20 million are required to be made through the MMQR system, and transactions over K100 million are compulsory to be reported to the Financial Intelligence Unit (AML/CFT reporting agencies), in accordance with the notifications and directives issued by the Central



A gold shopkeeper displays a variety of gold ornaments for sale.

Bank of Myanmar.

Gold entrepreneurs need to appoint a compliance officer and keep the proof of appointment at the shops. Gold shops must obtain a business licence from the relevant township development committee. Those who are involved in online transactions need to seek registration from the Ministry of Commerce at www.ecomreg.gov.mm. Gold transactions must be undertaken at the registered office address while obtaining approval from the No 2 Mining Enterprise.

Additionally, daily or monthly transaction reports

and balance sheets must be submitted to the initial scrutiny team within the first five days of each month.

Gold sales through the tally system and lottery system, a verbal deal with non-physical trading, market manipulation like spoofing and placing large orders to control the market are prohibited. Gold shops are notified to strictly adhere to specific rules outlined in the licence and stick to the reference prices to stabilize gold prices. Gold shops can buy ledger books for daily transactions, according to the statement. — NN/KK

CBM sells US\$2.2M to edible oil importers

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$2.2 million to edible oil-importing companies again on 28 November after sales of \$1.3 million on 27 November.

Furthermore, CBM injected \$2.3 million purchased from CMP companies into the edible oil import sector on 26 November.

CBM announced on 25 November that it would sell \$28 million to fuel oil-importing companies. CBM also sold \$1.46 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$545,000 to fuel oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM sold \$761,460, purchased from CMP companies, to edible oil-importing companies on 24 November, in addition to an injection of 415,800 yuan into the market. CBM sold over \$583,600 to edible oil-importing companies on 20 November.

CBM injected over \$2.48 million, 5.75 million yuan and 4.98 million baht in October, along



File photo shows a staff member at a money-changer counter counting the US dollar notes.

with sales of over \$54 million purchased from CMP companies. CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to CBM’s notification on 15 March 2024, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

OPINION

Conserve the natural environment to ensure the prosperity of the nation

THE natural environment is an essential part of human existence and is composed of the land, water, air, and all living things. In other words, the natural environment refers to everything surrounding human beings, including the soil, mountains, rivers, trees, wildlife, horticultural farms, perennial trees, farmlands, croplands, and villages.

The natural environment is gradually degrading due to global climatic and environmental changes such as rising temperatures, severe rainfall, prolonged droughts, deforestation, and soil erosion. These climatic and environmental changes lead to food insecurity, scarcity of drinking water, and the extinction of rare species and biodiversity.

In utilizing forest and mineral resources, it is important to do so with foresight and consideration for the future, using only as much as is necessary and in a sustainable manner. Furthermore, instead of excessively relying on materials that cause environmental degradation, it is advisable to use renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and water power as alternatives.

excessively extracting and using forest resources. As a result, forests are being depleted. When forests disappear, rainfall decreases, water sources dry up, and farmland that depends on these resources becomes unproductive, leading to desertification. Therefore, to prevent harm to the natural environment, it is essential to use forest resources and underground natural resources in a careful and sustainable manner.

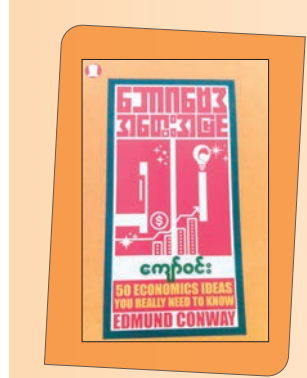
In utilizing forest and mineral resources, it is important to do so with foresight and consideration for the future, using only as much as is necessary and in a sustainable manner. Furthermore, instead of excessively relying on materials that cause environmental degradation, it is advisable to use renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and water power as alternatives.

Therefore, to ensure the long-term sustainability of the natural environment, to prevent climate change, and to preserve a healthy environment for future generations, all citizens must work together to protect and conserve the nation's natural environment. If so, those people can enjoy the fruits of their endeavours to conserve the natural environment.

Therefore, all human beings must conserve and protect the natural environment for the well-being of future generations.

In conserving the natural environment, the growth and preservation of trees and forests play a vital and essential role. In tree planting, it is beneficial to grow crops and shade trees, as well as valuable trees such as teak and ironwood, along with long-lived species like gum-kino, tamarind and mango. Trees and forests act as natural purifiers of the air by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen, thus sustaining human life. Moreover, they provide shelter and habitats for animals. Trees also supply humans with necessary materials such as wood for construction, furniture, and other daily needs.

At present, due to population growth and the increasing demand for economic development, people are



Book Title	-	50 Economics Ideas You Really Need To Know by Edmund Conway
Translator	-	Kaw Win
Publishing House	-	Tagaung
Publication Date	-	October 2025 (1 st Edition)
Price	-	K20,000

50 Economics Ideas You Really Need To Know by Edmund Conway

BEFORE talking about the book 50 Economics Ideas You Really Need to Know by Edmund Conway, we would like to say a few words about the original author first. Edmund Conway, born in 1979, is a well-known British journalist. He worked as a correspondent for the Daily Mail and served as the economics editor for the Daily Telegraph and the Sunday Telegraph. At present, he is the economics editor for Sky News and Sky Group's 24-hour television news service.

This book has been translated into Myanmar by U Kyaw Win, a writer specializing in political and economic affairs. The book contains (1) The Basics, (2) The Movements, (3) How Economies

Work, (4) Finance and Markets, (5) The Issues, and (6) Alternative Economics, and the readers will have to read a total of fifty chapters.

In the translator's preface titled Approaching Economics with the Mindset of a Cowboy, he explains his own mistakes. The first thing the translator mentions in his preface is the mistakes and twists in his own educational life. It is something he often reveals when delivering literary talks. He again repeats here: "Five to almost six years after completing grade 10, the subject I studied was medicine. But when I graduated, my major was Chemistry. For a living, I taught English tuition classes,

and now I write about politics and at the same time, I also write about economics. Therefore, I no longer know what sort of creature I really am.

The translator also mentions why he became interested in the economy. It reads that when he was in grade eight, he read Lenin's The Three Sources and Three Component Parts of Marxism. With the little understanding he had, he became curious. Since he was particularly drawn to the political economy section of that book, he continued reading economic literature, and later began seeking out books on the capitalist economy to read.

Regarding the 50 Economic Ideas book, he writes that after

returning to Yangon in the early 2000s, he read Edmund Conway's book. Since it explained everything from basic economics to 21st-century issues, it deeply attracted him. Liking it so much, he directly translated more than 80 per cent of it and combined it with some of the knowledge he himself had learned, to make the subject more accessible to readers like himself who were distant from economics. He regularly submitted these translations to The Opportunity Journal, which was being published at that time. However, when he reached 40 chapters, he had to pause for a while. Now, he has completed the remaining ten chapters and published the full collection.

He also admits that he has added the book with his own limited understanding of economics. His intention is simple- to make the subject easier for ordinary people like himself. However, he worries that his goodwill might turn into trouble. Since he has only concepts of a cowboy in economics, his additions may contain mistakes. "If there are errors, please correct me," he respectfully requests from knowledgeable readers. And if anything in this work appears incorrect, uninteresting, or boring, he asks that readers not blame the original author, but all the flaws are entirely his own shortcomings.



Book Title	-	The Art of Business War by David Brown
Translator	-	Saw David
Publishing House	-	Today
Publication Date	-	September 2025 (1 st Edition)
Price	-	K22,000

The Art Of Business War By David Brown

THIS week's pick is about the greatest rivalries in the corporate world. This is the Myanmar translation of David Brown's The Art of Business War, translated by Saw David and published by Today Publishing House as part of their Ideas and Perspectives Series No 42.

This book encompasses preface, introduction, nine chapters: 1 Entering the battlefield, 2 Waging war, 3 Strategies for success, 4 Positioning your business, 5 Substituting, 6 Strike at its weak, 7 Unfair tactics, 8 Conquering the heart and soul, 9 Resilience, and conclusion.

The preface revealed how fierce business competition could be, regardless of eras and conditions. Businesses universally face challenges and competitions that stimulate innovation and improvement. One might experience stress on how to strike at the right moment and overcome challenges to survive in the field. This book will shed light on Sun Tzu's The Art of War principles and military strategies that can

be applied to business wars.

This book includes quotes, tactics and the valuable strategic lessons of the greatest military strategies by Sun Tzu to effectively apply to business.

This book will guide you on how to fight and conquer in the fierce battle by using the wisdom and pragmatic advice of the military strategist Sun Tzu. The book started with his quotation "Do not make a move unless you see an advantage, do not use your troops unless there is nothing to be returned, do not fight unless the position is critical". Even when profitable, there will always be others who are striving to improve and to be better. Rivals crave success and market dominance. One needs to take advantage of the enemy's unreadiness, make one's way by unexpected routes and attack unguarded spots. The book emphasizes the strategies, positioning, tricks and eye for exploiting vulnerabilities.

In Chapter I: Entering the battlefield, the book pointed out that a revered General

who won the battle needs many calculations in his mind before the battle. X is the general symbol for unknown quantities across various theories. Every new business idea is an unknown X on the business landscape that needs a battle from the very start to achieve success.

It is said that nothing is fair in love and war. One needs to look at the leader first to find the weakness of the competitors. Their weakness might create great opportunities for you. To win in the business war, years of patience and strategy are key. Also, one needs to know when to strike when the iron is hot. Beyond lengthy campaigns, taking advantage of the right moment and seizing opportunities are required.

"Knowing yourself and the enemy leads to victory. You need not fear the results of the hundred battles. That principle applies to all areas of life where self-awareness and strategic assessment, and understanding the capabilities and intentions of the enemy are key to success.

Guardians of the Nation's Words

By Min Min Zan

Honouring writers who light our way,
Lifting our culture day by day,
Guardians of wisdom, proud and true,
Keeping our heritage shining through.

Voices that shape the nation's mind,
Teaching us values deep and kind,
Their words inspire the young to rise,
To serve the land with loyal eyes.

So, we salute their noble art,
Their strength of pen, their faithful heart,
For what they give, the praise we send,
Their legacy lives without an end.

(Dedicating this poem to the esteemed writers and literary masters who uplift the nation with their timeless words.)



By Mya Thae (Research)

We are all human beings.
Love together with feeling.
Don't blame each other.
Love and peace are essential to nurture.
Even if some people hate and blame,
you may be patient, and their love will come.
Buddha taught a sermon to remove greed, anger and ignorance.
When you have a love mirror, you may accept other people's loveliness.
When you have a hateful mirror,
you may acquire its hateful livers.
For these reasons, we may treat them with love, sympathy, and kindness forever.

Albeit unwilling, one has to come and go

By Nayshine Khine (Translated by Myint Zan)

without my agreement
i have to be born in this
human abode

in this life i have to bear
many sufferings
without any respite
i've to go through it
for many years:
then when i become acclimatized
to this
and just when I began to
feel happy:
I have to go

(towards death)
this time also without even
a
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to (our) wishes:
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NATIONAL

Entertainment

Po Po

FEMALE singer Po Po shared good news for her fans in Mandalay and PyinOoLwin. She invited fans to write the correct titles of all six of her released albums, share the post, and leave a screenshot in the comments. Fifty winners will be selected by a lucky draw, and those who win will get a free entry ticket to a live show performed by Po Po and Phyo Gyi.



Su Htet Hlaing

ACTRESS Su Htet Hlaing from MRTV-4 posted, "My little fans have never failed to hold me in high esteem," referring to her fans. Her fans gave her gifts and bouquets at the VIP First Look event of the film Pandora. The movie was screened nationwide on 28 November.

May Me Ko Ko

ACTRESS May Me Ko Ko, who is currently in China, made a post highlighting her pride for "Thabin The Mya Hninzi" as it was selected to screen representing Myanmar at the Lancang-Mekong International Film Festival held from 27 November to 1 December. The actress is seen attending the event together with director Min Sett Thit.



Zwe Naing Win

AFTER the passing of actor Dwe, supporting actor Zwe Naing Win has been away from film cameras for a while. He has now returned and is acting in the series 'Kyeekhin Yae Nadaung' directed by Steel (Dwe Metta). Recently, he shared, "Good morning, everyone. I'll be meeting my relatives in PyinOoLwin at the December this December," hinting at where he will be next month.



Kyaw Kyaw Bo

AFTER the 'Gaunggyi Doh Ywa' film, the new series 'Gaunggyi Pyan Lapyi' was started filming, and the event was organized at the Eaindawya



Pagoda in Yangon on 27 November. The story is created by Kyaw Kyaw Bo, script by Min Ko Soe, directed by Khin Hlaing (Nyangyi Shin). The cast includes Academy Kyaw Kyaw Bo, Aye Wuttyi Thaung, Tin Maung San Min Win and many other artistes.

Moe Hay Ko

ACTRESS Moe Hay Ko posted her photo shoot with a caption: "Its name is Thabawa... Chit Tae Moe". These photos were taken on the set of the film 'Yinkhon Chin Niyama' in which she acted with actor Paing Takhon. — Htun Htun/KTZH



Filming processes start for 'Moe Kyway Tae Saung'

THE event to launch filming of 'Moe Kyway Tae Saung' was held at the Kyaikkasan Pagoda in Yangon on 27 November, according to actress Hsaung Wuttyi May.

The actress takes the 'Myo Ma Ma' character, who is a smart and proud woman to whom men hardly

dare to approach, but who becomes easily trusting once she falls in love and ends up heartbroken.

"I personally wanted to show something different for the audience, so I carefully chose this new role," Hsaung Wuttyi May said regarding the character she will be portraying.

It is a drama and created by Canal +, arranged by W Entertainment, script and story by Mel Khine and directed by Thant Zin. The artists are Paing Zay Ye Tun, Vita Min, Melody, Hsaung Wuttyi May, and Hnin, among others. — Htun Htun/KTZH



NATIONAL

Hlawga Park to host ‘Campaign for Joy’

THE camping activities, one of the best activities offered at Hlawga Park for the winter season, have been arranged as the “Campaign for Joy” programme. It is arranged so that visitors can put aside feelings of stress and exhaustion during the winter and relax at the park where dense fog covers the mornings and cool, brisk air blows. The camping activities will take place at the Recreation Cen-

tre 4 Camping Ground Tower. Park officials will provide all the necessary equipment required for camping. The campaign package prices are K180,000 for five people, K350,000 for 10 people and K480,000 for 15 people. Visitors can choose the package according to their group size. The park also stated that the campaign package includes a delicious farm menu set. Hlawga Park is open daily from 8 am

to 5 pm, excluding holidays. To enjoy the calm and beautiful environment of Hlawga Park and participate in the fun and relaxing campaign activities, bookings can be made by contacting Hlawga Park’s hotlines 09 423104231 or 09 429998624 during office hours. — MT/ZN

People happily participating in the campaign activities at Hlawga Park.



Myanmar to compete at Miss Cosmo 2025 in Vietnam

MISS Cosmo Myanmar 2025, Myint Myat Moe, said that she will represent Myanmar in the Miss Cosmo 2025 pageant, which will be held in Vietnam this coming December. Myint Myat Moe, Myanmar’s representative for the Miss Cosmo 2025 pageant in Vietnam, has reportedly been preparing to present information about Myanmar, its traditional cultural heritage, and its customs and traditions during the competition. “My heart is really pounding as I’m going to compete in this pageant. Some contestants from other countries have already arrived for the competition, so joining them makes me even more excited. I prepared throughout the entire camp period. I’ve managed to endure a lot of challenges. I’ve made all the necessary prepa-



Myint Myat Moe at the airport with her send-off group.

rations. Each day will involve a different schedule, so I’m looking forward to it. I now have the chance to make my dream come true. I am very grateful to Sayar Htoo for sending me with confidence to the Cosmo pageant. I’ve brought about forty sets of outfits as well. I’ll do my very best,” said Myint Myat Moe, Miss Cosmo My-

anmar 2025. Representatives from Myanmar, Cambodia, China, Belarus, Colombia, Costa Rica, Congo, Denmark, Germany, Finland, Jamaica, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Chinese Taipei, Turkiye, and other countries will compete in the Miss Cosmo 2025 pageant. — ASH/KZL

Yangon Zoo welcomes new baby zebra May Wathan

ANIMAL lovers can come and see May Wathan, the young female zebra that was successfully born at Yangon Zoo. Her parents are male zebra Phoe Thar and female zebra Saung Oo May, and she was born on 12 August 2025. May Wathan was born healthy, and she will definitely grow up happily and well-being under the proper care of the zoo staff, said the zoo. Visitors who love to see the adorable and playful baby zebra, May Wathan, are invited to the zoo. In addition, a leopard cub, which is very close to being endangered, was also born in good health at the zoo at 7 pm on 22 June 2025. Wild animals are living resources of the earth, and the conservation of these species with special care to prevent them from extinction is one of the Yangon Zoo’s objectives for its existence, it said. — MT/ZS



This image displays a healthy and playful baby zebra, May Wathan.

ME to Malaysia to assist applicants facing genuine C-of-I difficulties

MYANMAR Embassy to Malaysia announced that it will help Myanmar nationals in applying C of I in compliance with procedures, if they can prove they are really in difficulty without using misconduct. The embassy has helped issue C of I in a day by asking original and a copy of the Citizenship Scrutiny Card, a copy of the household list, a recommendation with the applicant’s photo from the ward or village administration and a criminal clearance certificate, for Myanmar nationals arriving in Malaysia for various reasons and sending those in detention camps back to Myanmar. However, some people are found misconduct

for seeking C of I by submitting fake documents or using an ID card or a household list of someone else and such cases are identified at Yangon International Airport, it said and added that legal actions have been tightened against these cases. Therefore, Myanmar nationals in Malaysia are urged not to use misconducts in seeking consular services including C of I and it also requested Myanmar community in Malaysia to relay this message to others they are close to. — MT/ZS

A man holding a Myanmar passport at the Myanmar Embassy to Malaysia.



ECONOMY
WORLD

China-ASEAN innovation base
launched to boost collaboration
in emerging industries

The China-ASEAN Collaborative Innovation Demonstration Base for Emerging Industries was formally announced during the 2025 ASEAN-CHINA GBA Economic Cooperation (Qianhai) Forum.

A collaborative innovation base for emerging industries between China and ASEAN countries was officially launched on Friday, marking a new step toward deepening cross-regional cooperation in emerging technologies, rules and regulations, and industrial standards.

The China-ASEAN Col-

laborative Innovation Demonstration Base for Emerging Industries was announced at the 2025 ASEAN-CHINA GBA Economic Cooperation (Qianhai) Forum, held in Shenzhen, a reform pioneer in south China's Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA). The two-day event attracted over 1,000 participants

from government bodies, business associations and enterprises in China and ASEAN countries.

The first four demonstration bases will be established in Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, forming a network to facilitate industrial cooperation and regulatory alignment. — Xinhua



Researchers work in China-Indonesia Joint Research Laboratory for New Energy Materials and Metallurgical Engineering Technology in Bandung Institute of Technology in Bandung, Indonesia, 27 August 2024. PHOTO: XU QIN/XINHUA/FILE

Craft gin distillery hopes to help
improve Fukushima's image

A distillery in northeastern Japan's Fukushima Prefecture is endeavouring to do its bit to change the negative public image of the region after the 2011 nuclear disaster through its craft gin using locally sourced spring water and flora.

Founder Sota Oshima runs the naturadistill Kawachimura Joryusho distillery

in Kawauchi, a village that was temporarily evacuated in the aftermath of one of the world's worst nuclear crises. The 29-year-old was driven to create a brand that would attract visitors back to the region.

"I want to deliver the 'aroma of Fukushima' to the world," said Oshima, who opened the distillery after renovating a

pharmacy's unused storage shed in November last year.

A native of Utsunomiya, Tochigi Prefecture, Oshima spent around two weeks in the village for field work as a student at Fukushima University in the summer of 2015, and came to love what he considers the community's coexistence with nature. — Kyodo



Pharmaceutical exports dipped only 1.6 per cent, while petroleum product shipments declined 15.5 per cent. The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine manufacturing unit of the Serum Institute of India (SII) at its headquarters in Hadapsar, Pune. PHOTO: INDRANIL MUKHERJEE/AFP/FILE

Tariffs dent India exports;
launch promotion mission

INDIA'S exports to its largest export market, the United States, have suffered a sharp reversal under the impact of aggressive tariff hikes. Between May and October 2025, shipments fell 28.5 per cent, plunging from USD 8.83 billion to USD 6.31 billion, according to trade-focused think-tank Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI).

The decline in exports followed a rapid escalation in US duties that began at 10 per cent on 2 April rose to 25 per cent on 7 August and reached 50 per cent by late August.

The spike in tariffs made Indian goods among the most heavily taxed of any US trading partner, according to a GTRI report Saturday.

India's exports to the US during the period has been divided into three tariff regimes in the GTRI report — Tariff-exempt items such as smartphones, pharmaceuticals and petroleum products accounted for 40.3 per cent of October exports but still fell 25.8 per cent, from US\$3.42 billion in May to US\$2.54 billion in October—a contraction of US\$881 million. — ANI

Brazil's jobless rate hits record low

BRAZIL'S unemployment rate declined to 5.4 per cent in the quarter ending in October, hitting a record low since 2012, the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics said Friday.

According to the report, this rate fell by 0.2 percentage points from the previous quarter and by 0.7 percentage points from a year earlier.

The employment rate stood at 58.8 per cent, mainly driven by the increasing employed population in construction, public administration, defence, education, health and social services, while the employment rate in other services declined. — Xinhua

Construction of water supply
networks begins in Afghanistan

AFGHAN authorities have launched the construction of 42 water supply networks in eastern Paktika province, the official Bakhtar news agency reported on Sunday.

The networks, valued at more than US\$3.5 million, will be implemented across multiple districts of the province and are expected to be completed within one year. Once operational, the new water networks will provide safe drinking water to hundreds of families in Paktika and nearby areas.

To mitigate health risks associated with contaminated water, the Afghan government has been investing in the construction of water supply networks, dams and irrigation canals nationwide. — Xinhua

Crowds, bargains greet US shoppers on ‘Black Friday’

THE annual “Black Friday” kickoff to the US holiday shopping season drew crowds Friday as millions of Americans seized on the time-tested custom at physical stores and through e-commerce.

A preliminary retailer assessment of the big shopping day — which falls the day after the Thanksgiving holiday — won’t be available until next week.

But images from Boston, Houston and elsewhere showed the event still attracted hordes of bargain hunters, even if it has lost some luster compared with yesteryear.

Consumers lured to the Big Apple for Black Friday were met with cool temperatures but a bright sun as stores of varying size and price point pulled out the stops.

There were few takers early Friday morning at Target’s big-box store near Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, where shoppers seemed to be outnumbered by staff who were rearranging merchandise and affixing signs boasting of 40 per cent discounts. — AFP



Consumers lured to the Big Apple for Black Friday were met with cool temperatures but a bright sun as stores of varying size and price point pulled out the stops. **PHOTO: AFP**

Horse version of Bing Dwen Dwen hits market

HORSE version of Bing Dwen Dwen, mascot of the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics, officially hit the market on Friday.

The mascot’s Chinese zodiac series continues to carry forward the Olympic legacy after Beijing 2022. Following the previous tiger, rabbit, Chinese dragon and snake versions, the horse-themed Bing Dwen Dwen was initially unveiled in Beijing on 14 November.

Dressed in a costume featuring horse elements, the mascot was designed to celebrate the Year of the Horse and the fourth anniversary of Beijing



Horse version of Bing Dwen Dwen is out now. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

2022 in February 2026.

About 20 licensed products of Bing Dwen Dwen horse version are available.

In the traditional Chinese culture, the horse represents a symbol of loyalty and bravery, delivering best wishes and indicating a bright future. — Xinhua

Colombo Port suspends operations amid heavy rains, strong winds

SRI Lanka has temporarily suspended operations at the Colombo Port due to severe weather conditions, the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) announced on Saturday.

According to the SLPA, all terminal operations were halted after heavy rains and strong winds created unsafe conditions for port workers and vessels. Officials said the suspension is a precautionary measure and that services will resume once weather conditions improve.

The Colombo Port, one of South Asia’s busiest transshipment hubs, handles the majority of Sri Lanka’s container traffic and plays a key role in regional shipping routes.

Sri Lanka has been experiencing intense rainfall, flooding and landslides over the past few days as a deep depression off the island’s southeast coast intensified into a cyclonic system. — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ITHACA VOY.NO. (0100N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ITHACA VOY. NO. (0100N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **30-11-2025** 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.

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Myanma Port Authority

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Notice for change of distributor

We, **Pilarquim (Shanghai) Co., Ltd**, would like to change the Distributor of the following products, which registered under Pesticide Registration Board, Myanmar, from **Seinn Lae Thwin Co., Ltd** to **Buffalo Agro Science Co., Ltd**. If any objection or enquiry, please contact to Co-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture, West Gyogone, Insein township, Yangon from here to next two weeks.

No	Old Distributor	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Reg. Type	Reg. Number	New Distributor
1	Seinn Lae Thwin Co., Ltd	Pilar-Neuro Gain	Clethodim 240 g/l EC	Full	F2025 - 5034	Buffalo Agro Science Co., Ltd

Buffalo Agro Science Co., Ltd. (Address: No (1), Block-22, Nawaday Garden Housing, Hlaing Thar Yar Township, Yangon Region, Myanmar. Ph: 09755779581, 09403723854)

CHANGING THE NAME OF TRADING

Notice is hereby given that the official trade name has been changed of **Buffalo Agro Science Co., Ltd** for the following product manufactured by **Pilarquim (Shanghai) Co., Ltd**.

Sr.	Old Trade Name	New Trade Name	Active Ingredient Name	Reg. Type	Reg. Number
1.	MGM Daung Special	Pilar Daung	Fenoxaprop-P-ethyl 6.9% EW	Full	F2025 - 4891

We invite objections to Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon from all parties within a period of fourteen (14) days from the publication of this notice. If no objections are received within the period prescribed, parties mentioned above shall proceed with the completion of formalities recorded with the Pesticide Registration Board.

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST



Liked several of his predecessors, Pope Leo XIV paid a visit to Sultan Ahmed mosque, better known as the Blue Mosque for the tiles lining its interior. **PHOTO: AFP**

29 NOVEMBER

Pope Leo XIV visits Istanbul’s famed Blue Mosque

POPE Leo XIV visited Istanbul’s famed Blue Mosque early on Saturday on the third day of his trip to Türkiye. It was the first time the American pope, elected in May as leader of the world’s 1.4 billion Catholics, visited a Muslim place of worship since taking over from his late predecessor Francis.

The Blue Mosque is one of Istanbul’s main tourist attractions, with six minarets

and a roof of cascading domes, its interior lined with vibrant blue Iznik tiles.

With such a highly symbolic gesture, Leo follows in the footsteps of Pope Benedict XVI, who visited the site in 2006, and Francis who did the same in 2014.

Outside several dozen onlookers gathered behind high barriers, most of them foreign tourists. — AFP

28 NOVEMBER

Japan high court rules same-sex marriage ban constitutional

A JAPANESE COURT on Friday ruled that the country’s ban on same-sex marriage is constitutional, becoming the only high court to uphold the state’s position among six rulings on similar lawsuits filed nationwide. The Tokyo High Court concluded the current civil law provisions that do not allow same-sex marriage are still reasonable under the current circumstances, in contrast with five earlier high court rulings in Sapporo, Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka and Fukuoka that said the lack of legal recognition of same sex marriage violated the Constitution. Those other rulings, however, all rejected compensation claims.

In handing down the latest ruling, Presiding Judge Ayumi Higashi said that the current marriage system is useful in preparing an environment for raising children. — Kyodo

27 NOVEMBER

US to reexamine green card holders

THE US CITIZENSHIP and Immigration Services (USCIS) said Thursday that it will reexamine green card holders from 19 “countries of concern,” including Afghanistan.

At the direction of US President Donald Trump, “I have directed a full-scale, rigorous reexamination of every Green Card for every alien from every country of concern,” USCIS Director Joseph Edlow said in a statement on social media.

The announcement comes a day after two National Guard soldiers were shot and critically wounded near the White House by a suspect identified as an Afghan national who entered the United States in 2021.

A Green Card (a Permanent Resident Card) authorizes an individual to live and work permanently in the United States. Lawful permanent residents (LPRs) have most of the rights of US citizens. — Xinhua

26 NOVEMBER

Aus advocacy group challenges under-16 social media ban

AN INTERNET rights group launched a legal challenge Wednesday to halt world-first Australian laws that will soon ban under-16s from social media.

From 10 December, Australia will force the likes of Facebook, Instagram and TikTok to remove all users under the age of 16 or face hefty fines.

The Digital Freedom Project said it had challenged these laws in Australia’s High Court, arguing they were an “unfair” assault on freedom of speech.

“This ban is a direct assault on young people’s right to freedom of political communication” the Digital Freedom Project said in a statement.

The group said it filed the legal case along with two 15-year-olds to represent millions of young Australians who would lose their access to the “modern town square”. Australia’s Communications Minister Anika Wells said the government would not back down. — AFP

25 NOVEMBER

Russian scientists grow barley in Simulated Martian

RESEARCHERS at Southern Federal University (SFedU) have grown the first barley sprouts from soil that replicates the Martian regolith.

The scientists added a special mixture of microorganisms to the soil — ten strains of bacteria and yeast that help each other survive and form a layer of nutrients, the university told Sputnik.

For plants to grow, the soil must be rich in humus — a complex mix of organic matter from which seedlings draw nutrients. Humus forms through the activity of microorganisms that “colonize” lifeless ground and turn it into fertile soil, SFedU scientists explained. Martian regolith is an extreme form of “lifeless” earth: it contains no nutrients and is rich in metal salts that hinder plant growth.

The research was carried out with support from the Priority-2030 strategic academic leadership programme, part of the national Youth and Children scheme, under the Soil Bioengineering Technologies technological strategic project. — SPUTNIK

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Vienna’s Riding School probed over animal abuse claims

AUSTRIA is probing Vienna’s Spanish Riding School after claims that the famed school mistreated some of its Lipizzaner horses, the government said.

It is the latest headache to hit the classical dressage institution whose managing director was let go in September over alleged expense irregularities.

Public broadcaster ORF reported late Monday that employees described mistreatment of young horses in a 2023 internal survey.

“I take these allegations very seriously and have therefore immediately commissioned the internal audit to conduct an investigation,” said agriculture and environment minister Norbert Totschnig, whose ministry is in charge of the school.

The Spanish Riding School was founded in 1565. — AFP

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The café offers access to Western video games

WESTERN video game titles such as the “Call of Duty” and “Counter-Strike” first-person shooter series have proven popular among players at a recently established closed-network cybercafe in Pyongyang, according to social media posts.

It is rare that games originating from countries other than China are permitted in North Korea.

Many players, mainly men in their 20s and 30s, frequent the gaming space, which opened in August in the Hwasong area, a new district in the capital city, according to Choson Sinbo, published by the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan, known as Chongryon.

The newsletter of the pro-Pyongyang group said some players visit the cybercafe almost daily. It costs \$2 per hour to play games there. — Kyodo

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Myanmar U17 topple Oman to preserve flawless AFC qualifying campaign



Players from Myanmar’s U17 men’s team (red) and Oman U17 (white) men’s team compete during the 2026 AFC U17 Asian Cup Qualifiers on 28 November 2025.

MYANMAR’S U17 men’s team earned a confident two-nil win over Oman U17 in the Group G match of the 2026 AFC U17 Asian Cup Qualifiers, held on the evening of 28 November at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre on the Waizayanta Road in Yangon. More than twenty thousand supporters packed the stadium and drove the team forward from start to finish.

Both sides fought aggressively for an opening goal in the first 45 minutes. Myanmar broke the deadlock in the 63rd minute when captain Aung Thiha, wearing shirt number five,

struck a long-range effort to give his team the lead. Energized by the crowd’s roar, Myanmar tightened its control of the match, and three minutes later, number 10 Nyi Nyi Thant delivered the decisive second goal. Oman could not pull one back, and Myanmar sealed a clean two-nil victory at full-time.

Myanmar started the match with Myint Myat Ko Ko (3), Myo Khant Kyaw (4), Aung Thiha (5), Arnt Htoo Paing (7), Lin Yaung (8), Nyi Nyi Thant (10), Myat Min Thu (13), Win Zaw (15), Chan Lant Tint (16), Htet Wai Yan (18) and Ye Naing Aung (19). In the

second half, Win Min Thant (6) came on in the seventy-ninth minute, Di Wai Yan (9) replaced Nyi Nyi Thant in the eighty-ninth minute, and Kaung Khant (23) substituted for Ye Naing Aung deep in added time. All substitutes contributed with a high work rate in the closing phase.

With three wins from three matches, Myanmar now stands on nine points and is close to securing qualification. The team needs only a single point in the final fixture to progress. Myanmar U17 will face Syria U17 at 4 pm on 30 November. — MNA/KZL

Pétanque athletes hold final trial ahead of XXXIII SEA Games

PÉTANQUE athletes training in Nay Pyi Taw for the XXXIII Southeast Asian Games, which will be held in Thailand from 9 to 20 December 2025, conducted their final trial match yesterday morning at the pétanque training ground of the Nay Pyi Taw Sports Training Camp (Gold Camp).

Deputy Minister U Htein Linn, together with officials, observed the final trial events in the men’s and women’s shooting categories, as well as the mixed doubles and mixed triples events.

After the competitions, the prize-presentation ceremony was held. The deputy minister awarded cash prizes to the mixed doubles team of Htwe Ko Ko and Pan Ei Phyo, and to Khin Cherry Thet, who won the individual shooting event.

He then met administra-



Pétanque athletes takes part in the final trial match at the Nay Pyi Taw Sports Training Camp (Gold Camp) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

tors, coaches and athletes, noting that the final trial was conducted in line with the Union Minister’s guidance to achieve the expected results at the 33rd SEA Games and to gain competition experience. He urged them to further strengthen their basic techniques and mental training to

secure higher scores, and to compete with determination, discipline and perseverance until the final stage to bring honour to the country through pétanque. It is reported that the deputy minister also addressed and fulfilled the needs of the coaches and athletes. — MNA/KZL

Arteta says 'special' Rice has even more to offer Arsenal

ARSENAL manager Mikel Arteta is adamant that there is more to come from Declan Rice ahead of the England international’s confrontation with Chelsea’s formidable midfield duo of Enzo Fernandez and Moises Caicedo.

The trio, who between them cost more than

£300 million (\$397 million), have been among the best players in the Premier League this season are all set to feature when leaders Arsenal, six points clear of second-placed Chelsea, make the trip across London for Sunday’s encounter at Stamford Bridge. — AFP

Best yet to come from Trent at Real Madrid: Alonso

REAL Madrid coach Xabi Alonso said Saturday he believes Trent Alexander-Arnold is only just starting to show what he can do following his summer move from Liverpool.

The England international missed several weeks of the season injured but completed both of Madrid’s last two matches.

Alexander-Arnold, 27, was rotated with veteran Dani Carvajal at the start of the season before his hamstring injury. "I think we will see a better Trent," Alonso told a news conference before Madrid’s

La Liga clash with Girona on Sunday.

"Without doubt it’s positive after the injury he could do 90 minutes against Elche, 90 against Olympiacos.

"We need him. It’s his first year and it’s normal to have this adaption (period)." The defender left his boyhood club Liverpool after playing more than 300 times for the Premier League giants.

Alexander-Arnold struggled at times in the 2-2 draw against Elche but found a higher gear as Madrid beat Olympiacos 4-3 in Athens. — AFP



Real Madrid’s English defender Trent Alexander-Arnold is starting to find his feet in the Spanish capital.
PHOTO: AFP

Human washing machine goes on sale in Japan

The “Human Washer of the Future” is a large, pod-like machine that offers a fully automated, spa-like bathing experience.

After wowing World Expo visitors, a human washing machine is now on sale in Japan, a company spokeswoman said Friday.

Users lie down in the pod, close the lid and get cleaned like clothes in a washing machine — but without the spin — while music plays.

A prototype of the device, called the human washer of the future, attracted long queues

at the six-month Expo that wrapped up in Osaka in October after welcoming over 27 million people.

Made by Japanese firm Science, the device is an update of a product displayed the last time Osaka hosted the event, in 1970.

“Our (company) president was inspired by that as a 10-year-old boy at the time,” Science spokeswoman Sachiko Maekura told AFP.

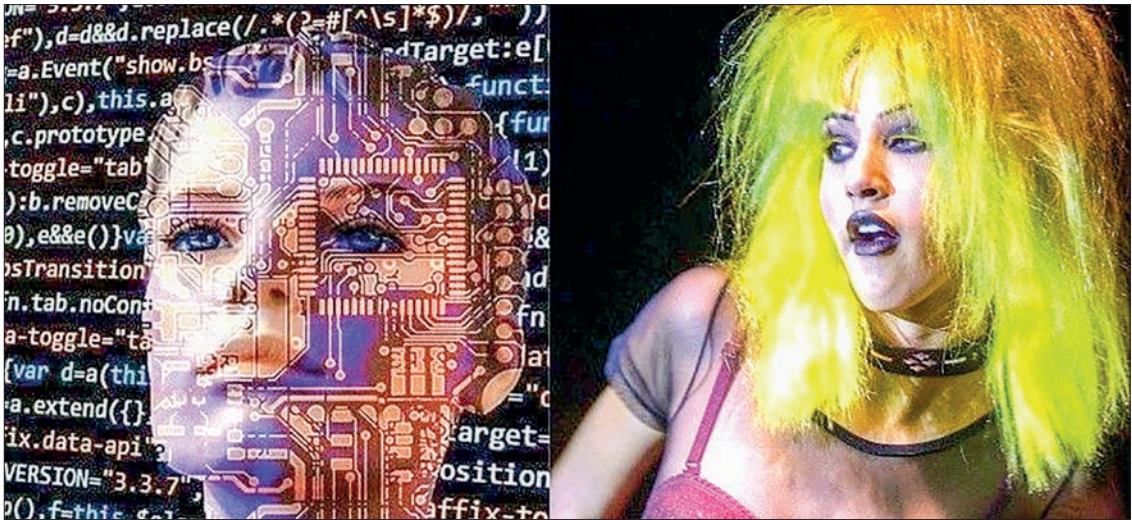
The machine “not only



A photo of the Mirai Human Washing Machine, which attracted attention at the Osaka Expo. PHOTO: AFP

washes your body but also your soul”, she added, while also monitoring users’ heartbeats and other vital signs.

A hotel in Osaka bought the first machine and is preparing to offer the service to hotel guests, the spokeswoman said. — AFP



A model displays a popular hairstyle of the early 1980’s during a dance and music presentation to showcase the various hairstyles over the years, on the third day of India Fashion Week in New Delhi on 19 August 2000. PHOTO: ARKO DATTA/AFP

AI-generated videos recreating an idealized 1980s era have exploded in popularity on platforms like Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube, amassing millions of views.

Accounts such as Maximal Nostalgia use tools like OpenAI’s Sora, Google’s Veo, or Luma AI’s Ray to produce hyper-realistic montages depicting pre-smartphone life — outdoor activities, real-life connections, and vibrant fashion like big hair and padded shoulders.

These clips, often set to hits like “Everybody Wants to Rule the World,” evoke a soft-focused fantasy world, omitting darker realities such as inequality, the AIDS epidemic, and crack cocaine addiction.

AI Nostalgia: Idealized Visions of the 1980s

The AI videos look real but skip all the bad stuff that actually happened in the 80s.

Creator Tavaius Dawson, a 26-year-old entrepreneur born post-1980s, explains the appeal: younger generations, overwhelmed by digital life, yearn for a simpler time. Psychology professor Anna Behler notes this “rose-colored glasses” effect, where nostalgia idealizes turbulent eras.

While some, like cosmetics

director Alicia West Fancher, find the videos emotionally resonant and authentic, experts warn of anachronisms (eg, modern bike lanes) and the risk of blurring real history with fiction.

Channels like Purest Nostalgia and Neptunian Glitter Ball blend fantasy with nostalgia, viewing it as “emotional survival”. — AFP

Big dreams for Palestinian teens at Singapore robot fest

More than 1,500 competitors from over 90 countries and territories gathered in the Southeast Asian city for the event.

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD Palestinian student Razan Shawar travelled 24 hours from Ramallah in the Israeli-occupied West Bank to Singapore for the World Robot Olympiad, aiming to spotlight innovation over conflict. “We want to show the world that we are not just under war,” she told AFP, dreaming of global recognition for Palestinian achievements. The three-day event drew over 1,500 competitors from 90 countries, fostering youth solutions to global challenges. Malaysia dominated, securing a third of medals, with Hong Kong, Costa Rica, Canada, and the Philippines also winning top spots. Palestine’s West Bank delegation — absent from Gaza due to the Israel-Hamas war — competed in the Future Innovators category with “Agribot”, an AI-powered robot measuring soil parameters like moisture and nutrients to enhance agriculture. — AFP



The Palestinian delegation to the World Robot Olympiad in Singapore left without a medal, but with a sense of pride. PHOTO: AFP