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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.

Yadanabon Cyber City Project poised to restart implementation

The project aims to drive the nation’s IT advancement by establishing a major hub for electronic product manufacturing.



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing hears the reports on the Yadanabon Cyber City Project in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Region.

Salient points from speeches delivered by the Senior General on an inspection tour of the Yadanabon Cyber City Project

- 1. The Yadanabon Cyber City project was originally implemented as a Silicon Valley to support the development of national communication and information technologies.
- 2. In addition to the original visions of the Cyber City project, efforts must now also focus on the development of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies.
- 3. The government will restart and further develop the Yadanabon Cyber City project, inviting both domestic and foreign investors interested in participating.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pointed out that just as the government is working to ensure the successful development of Yadanabon Cyber City, the regional government will also systematically implement measures for the development of the Yadanabon Myothit housing project. Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior

General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, members of the inspection team, the Mandalay Region chief minister and officials, yesterday morning inspected the Yadanabon Cyber City project near Pyinsa Village in PyinOoLwin Township. On arrival at the Yadanabon Teleport building of the project site, the Senior General and party heard reports

by Union Minister for Construction U Myo Thant on facts about the Yadanabon Myothit project, implementation of the project, construction of residential houses and buildings of the Yadanabon Teleport, construction of roads, water supply, electrification and construction of infrastructures in the project area, invitation of expression of interest (EOI) for the project, implementation of the technological industrial zone, running

of industries and plans of the project, and Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Mya Tun Oo on facts about the Yadanabon Myothit project, implementation of the project in phases, administrative buildings of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, facts about the staff housing, buildings of the Yadanabon Teleport Company Ltd, and matters related to industries in the Soft Base Factories Area.

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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.

Four National Objectives for 78th Independence Day 2025

- To safeguard the non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty by all citizens, as they are the most essential and suitable national objectives and national duties
- To strive forward for national unity and Union peace to implement sustainable and balanced development
- To establish a genuine, disciplined democratic system completely by exercising the freedom and justice in accordance with the laws and regulations
- To advance other economic sectors and promote MSMEs based on regional products

Union Election Commission issues 13 announcements

THE Union Election Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued 13 announcements from 152/2025 to 164/2025 dated 5 December 2025. — GNLM

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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Yangon high-rise buildings conduct fire & disaster preparedness drills



The fire and disaster preparedness drills in action conducted by the Fire Services Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs yesterday.

TO respond quickly and effectively to fires in high-rise buildings such as Times City Complex – whether caused by natural disasters in the Yangon Region, negligence by building occupants, or other reasons – a simulated fire drill

was conducted at 10 am yesterday by the Myanmar Fire Brigade Headquarters (Yangon), in coordination with officials from Times City Complex.

The drill was conducted under the guidance of the Director-Gener-

al of the Fire Services Department, Ministry of Home Affairs, and led by Director-General U Min San Aye of the Yangon Region Fire Services Department.

During the drill, a total of 210 firefighting, search, and rescue personnel operated modern high-rise firefighting and rescue vehicles, including two 48-metre hydraulic platform vehicles, two medium firefighting and rescue vehicles, four LUF 60s, three LUF NANOs, three Mil-trucks, six fire water vehicles, and three ambulances, to access the fire-stricken areas of the building. Firefighters and search-and-rescue teams used a fireman's lift to extinguish the fire and evacuate trapped individuals.

The EMS (Emergency Medical Services) team of the Fire Services Department provided first aid to the injured and transported them to nearby hospitals and clinics using ambulances.

The LUF 60 and LUF NANO vehicles were used to extinguish the fire and reduce the temperature directly. — Bala/MKKS

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)

DSTA produces 27th Intake of graduate cadets

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing underlined that the graduate cadets have to continuously study the scientific and technological developments occurring in military affairs around the world.

The passing out parade of the 27th Intake of the Defence Services Technological Academy took place at the parade ground of DSTA in PyinOoLwin yesterday morning, with an address by State Security and Peace Commission Chairman and Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing.

The Senior General took salutes from the cadet companies and inspected the graduate cadet company. The cadet companies marched past the Senior General.

The Senior General presented the Best Cadet Award to cadet Nyan Lin Htet, the Excellent Award in Training to cadet Arkar Phyo and the Excellent Award in Studies to cadet Swan Htet Aung, respectively.

On the occasion, the Senior General delivered a speech. He said: You have been systematically taught and trained throughout the entire course, not only in engineering disciplines but also in military science and leadership, up to the level of an Infantry Platoon Commander in accordance with the objective of the Defence Services Technological Academy “To produce undergraduate, postgraduate, and graduate engineering officers who are fully qualified for the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, and Air)”.

As you prepare to become members of the Corps of Engineers, you must be ready not only to engage in combat like infantry soldiers but also to master both your military engineering disciplines and the principles of military strategy. At the same time, you must strive to become technically proficient engineers capable of performing, with dedication and effectiveness, the national development duties entrusted to you.

Due to rapid technological advancements, concepts of military strategy, the structure of warfare, the scope and nature

Junior engineering leaders must endeavour to become capable junior leaders who can shoulder every responsibility entrusted to them.



State Security and Peace Commission Chairman and Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing presents the Best Cadet Award at yesterday's event.

of battles, and the conduct of military operations have all evolved progressively from one stage to another. We can observe the development of weapon systems capable of gathering, calculating, and integrating information and numerical data to deliver precise strikes, as well as the increasing use of integrated command systems and information-network systems. Proficiency in military strategy, superiority in air power, advancement in electronic

technology, and improvements in weapons and ammunition, particularly their effectiveness and precision, have become decisive factors determining the outcome of modern warfare.

Drones are now being employed strategically in modern warfare. At the same time, as drones become more capable and technologically advanced, counter-drone defence systems and methods of neutralizing drones have also been devel-

oped. Therefore, it is necessary to have a thorough understanding of drone and counter-drone strategies, to be able to employ them effectively, and to continue advancing technological capacity without interruption. I urge you, comrades, to continuously study the scientific and technological developments occurring in military affairs around the world.

Modern warfare now makes use of unmanned aerial vehicles, autonomous ground vehicles, and unmanned naval vessels that can automatically search for, identify, and attack targets. One of the most critical applications of artificial intelligence (AI) is in cybersecurity. With AI, cyberattacks can be detected swiftly and countered promptly, thereby enhancing the security of military networks to the highest possible level. Therefore, I urge you, comrades, to continuously study and learn the engineering technologies that are advancing in line with the times, as well as the military strategies and operational doctrines that are evolving alongside them. In doing so, you must remain committed to the motto “Study, Practise, Follow” and strive to acquire these skills ceaselessly.

In the construction of the Maravijaya Buddha Image, earthquake resistance, wind-impact endurance, and protection against various natural hazards were systematically calculated and incorporated from the very beginning of the project to ensure long-term stability. As a result, when the recent major Mandalay earthquake occurred, both the Image and the main platform remained completely undamaged. This demonstrates that engineering designs which proactively consider natural hazards earthquakes included and follow proper engineering standards, ensure long-lasting durability.

During natural disasters, you must provide rescue assistance promptly, without waiting for further orders, whenever knowledge and capability allow. At the same time, you must maintain readiness in manpower, machinery, and technological support to be able to effectively contribute to emergency response and disaster-relief operations. **SEE PAGE 4**

NATIONAL

Graduation dinner held to honour DSTA 27th Intake



SSPC Chairman and Defence Services C-in-C Senior General Min Aung Hlaing warmly greets the graduating officers at the honouring dinner yesterday.

The graduation dinner to honour the 27th Intake of the Defence Services Technological Academy was held yesterday evening at the cadet mess hall of the DSTA in PyinOoLwin. The dinner was attended by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, and his wife, Daw Kyu Kyu Hla.

Also, present at the dinner were Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Htein Win and his wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung and his wife, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, Union-level dignitaries and Union Ministers and their wives, the Chief Minister of Mandalay Region, commanders, the Commandant of the DSTA, officials of the PyinOoLwin Station, parents and relatives of the graduating officers, and other guests.

The Senior General cordially greeted the graduating officers and had dinner together with them and the other dignitaries. He presented cash awards to the military band of the academy for playing music after the dinner.

The Senior General and his entourage, together with the graduating officers, enjoyed songs and one-act plays performed by the Myawady Entertainment Troupe under the Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare at the graduation hall. — MNA/TH

DSTA produces 27th Intake of graduate cadets

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As you are about to serve as junior military engineering leaders of the Tatmadaw, you must possess both competence and integrity, and you must be able to provide correct and principled leadership to the subordinates under your command. As future leaders, you must uphold good moral character and sound discipline.

As future junior leaders of the Corps of Engineers, you must act in accordance with the sixteen leadership attributes, uphold good moral discipline, set an example in obedience to commands and regulations, fulfil assigned duties with full capability and success, and command your subordinates with the mindset of a good leader and a fatherly spirit. By doing so, your subordinates will regard you as trustworthy leaders, and your superiors will recognize you as capable and dependable junior commanders. Therefore, I urge you to strive to become exemplary and admirable leaders.

In terms of training, faithfully carrying out one's daily duties is itself a form of training. It is necessary to strictly supervise and ensure that all individual and collective physical training exercises, conducted daily, weekly, and monthly, are carried out correctly and consistently. By living, practising, and training in a manner befitting a good soldier, each individual must strive to improve both personal capabilities and the proficiency of their unit.

Those in command must lead their subordinates with the mindset of a responsible leader and caring guardian, guiding them with genuine goodwill and dedication.

I urge you that upon joining the respective battalions or units to which you are assigned, you must strive to implement these four major pillars of force development successfully.

Since sustaining a multiparty democratic system requires the continuous implementation of elections, the government is making preparations from multiple angles to ensure that the upcoming election is free, transparent, and fair, and one that is held with dignity. The Tatmadaw, for its part, is also supporting the vitality of the multiparty democratic system, which is necessary for the emergence of a Union based on democracy and federalism and is actively cooperating to ensure the success of the 2025 multiparty democratic general election.

The junior military engineering leaders must conduct themselves in accordance with the 16 leadership attributes, maintain good moral character, set an example in obedience to orders and discipline, and carry out the duties assigned to them with full competency and success. You must endeavour to become capable junior leaders who can shoulder every responsibility entrusted to you.

After taking salute of the cadet companies, the Senior

General left the parade ground.

Also, present at the parade were Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, the wife of the Senior General; Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Zeya Kyaw Htin Htein Win and his wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Zeya Kyaw Htin Sithu Tun Aung and his wife, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, union-level dignitaries, Union ministers and their wives, the Mandalay Region Chief Minister, commanders, the commandant of DSTA, officials from PyinOoLwin Station, and parents and relatives of graduate cadets.

After the parade, the Senior General met outstanding cadets and their parents and relatives at the hall of the DSTA Headquarters. As they have acquired valuable fields of knowledge, they must continue striving to ensure their goals and objectives remain intact. They are urged to use the skills and technical expertise they have mastered to contribute to the interests of the State and the Tatmadaw. In today's era, technology is rapidly advancing, and therefore, continuous learning, research, and dedicated effort are necessary in order to keep pace with the times. In serving the duties, they need to give the correct leadership to subordinates. They have to control themselves and strive to become the reliable leaders for their families, Tatmadaw and the State, he added. — MNA/TTA

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Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing is pictured during his inspection tours on PyinOoLwin development projects yesterday.

Inspections underway on PyinOoLwin development projects

Residents of PyinOoLwin Township take pride in the impressive completion of Thumingala (Nyantaw) Market, which now features Myanmar's largest curved LED display.

The Thumingala Market (Nyantaw Market), meeting high standards, features Myanmar's largest curved LED display, measuring 165 feet in length, 61 feet in width, and positioned at a 145-degree angle. Locals take pride in the impressive completion of this modern market building, which aligns with urban development, and have been visiting to view and photograph the structure.

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied

by Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, the Mandalay Region Chief Minister and officials, yesterday afternoon inspected development undertakings in PyinOoLwin region. The Senior General looked into the axis for the construction of the new road leading to Zeepingyi Village and the Central Firefighting Training School, from the Mandalay-Lashio Highway. Officials reported to the Senior General on the plans to construct the new road. The Senior General gave guidance to establish a standardized road to ensure the long-term endurance and systemati-

cally carry out the construction of a quality road for residents. At the Department of Industrial Supervision and Inspection (PyinOoLwin District Branch) of the Ministry of Industry, Union Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than reported to the Senior General on the purpose of building the foodstuff laboratories, types of libraries to test foodstuffs, labs of the Ministry of Industry, and MSME industries and production in regions and states, processes to develop SME businesses, laboratory services, training courses for operating MSME businesses, laboratory service

of the Research Branch (PyinOoLwin), efforts to secure ISO 17025:2017 certificate and the requirements of the microorganism laboratory. In his response, the Senior General said that as there are many MSME businesses in the PyinOoLwin region, the foodstuff laboratory service will be beneficial for these businesses. The Senior General and party observed the laboratory test process for the sample products from MSME businesses and the laboratory test processes. On arrival at the construction project of the Thumingala Market (Nyantaw Market) in PyinOoLwin, the Senior General heard reports on progress of the market project, completion of the Curved LED Display which is the largest in Myanmar, and finishing of the front wing of the market, installation of the chandeliers, construction of the car parks, supply of electricity for six hours to the whole project through solar system, except the air-conditioner system, water supply and sewage facility, and supervision for completion of the project on schedule in the construction standards. After hearing the reports, the Senior General, the high-standard Thumingala market project (Nyantaw Market) in PyinOoLwin Township is being implemented to create a modern market that aligns with the town's growing population and increasing tourism, allowing local products and basic goods to be available in one place. As a market of a higher standard that matches urban development, sales operations are also expected to be organized systematically and maintained at a modern level. The Senior General viewed the work progress at the market project and gave necessary guidance to officials. The Thumingala Market (Nyantaw Market), meeting high standards, features Myanmar's largest curved LED display, measuring 165 feet in length, 61 feet in width, and positioned at a 145-degree angle. Residents take pride in the impressive completion of this modern market building, which aligns with urban development, and have been visiting to view and photograph the structure. — MNA/TTA

Commissioning ceremony for DSTA 27th Intake held

THE commissioning ceremony for cadets of the 27th Intake from the Defence Services Technological Academy (DSTA) was held yesterday morning at the Academy's Convocation Hall. Lt-Gen Htein Win, Military Appointment-General of the Office

of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), senior Tatmadaw officers from the Commander-in-Chief Office, the DSTA commandant, and newly graduated cadets attended the event. During the ceremony, Lt-Gen Htein Win, together with

senior Tatmadaw officers and the DSTA commandant, took the stage. He presented commissioning certificates to each cadet. He delivered a speech to the cadets, marking the conclusion of the commissioning ceremony. — MNA/KTZH



The commissioning event for the DSTA 27th Intake cadets in progress yesterday.

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Yadanabon Cyber City Project poised ...

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In his response to the reports, the Senior General said that the Yadanabon Cyber City project was originally implemented as a Silicon Valley to support the development of national communication and information technologies.

He recounted that during the second democratic government (2015-2020), the project was transformed into the “New Mandalay Resort City” plan, resulting in the suspension of Yadanabon Cyber City’s operations. Given that today’s era is an IT era, the country must continue advancing technological development. Therefore, in addition to the original visions of the Cyber City project, efforts must now also focus on the development of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies.

He underscored that the project is intended to support the nation’s IT advancement and serve as a major centre for manufacturing electronic products.

He added that since the site is located near the Technological University (Yadanabon Cyber City), it can be linked with the technological universities and the universities for computer studies in Mandalay, Meiktila, and Kyaukse. This will enable collaboration and provide the necessary human resources for the project.

The Senior General added that the government will restart and further develop the Yadanabon Cyber City project, inviting both domestic and foreign investors interested in participating.

He noted that necessary land plots will be allocated for genuine investors who

intend to carry out actual business operations. The land plots within the project area that were designated for business operations but remain unused, as well as plots allocated for residential purposes where no housing has been built, will be reviewed and regulated in accordance with existing rules and procedures.

The Senior General underlined that just as the government is working to ensure the successful development of Yadanabon Cyber City, the regional government will also systematically implement measures for the development of the Yadanabon Myothit housing project.

The Senior General and party visited the Yadanabon Myothit Project by car.

At the Technological University (Yadanabon Cyber City) under the Advanced

Science and Technology Department of the Ministry of Science and Technology, Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw reported to the Senior General on construction of the lecture halls, the multipurpose hall, workshops and gymns, giving lectures to students in relevant subjects, and requirements of hostels for students and staff housing for teachers.

After hearing the reports, the Senior General unveiled the plans to construct the student hostels and staff housing for teachers. A plan is underway to supply sufficient drinking water for the university.

The Senior General and party viewed around the buildings and facilities of the university in a motorcade. — MNA/TTA

Union Defence Minister attends Thai celebration for King Bhumibol and Father's Day

THE ceremony commemorating the birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, Thailand’s National Day, and Thailand’s Father’s Day was held yesterday evening at the Thai ambassador’s residence in Yangon. State Security and Peace Commission Member and Union Minister for Defence General Maung Maung Aye attended the ceremony.

The ceremony began with the national anthems of Thailand and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, followed by a speech delivered by the Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar.

Afterwards, the Union minister and his wife, the Thai ambassador and his wife, posed for a group photo with other attendees. Guests then enjoyed performanc-

es by the Thai cultural troupe.

The ceremony was also attended by State Security and Peace Commission Member and Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Ethnic Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and his wife, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Wah Wah Maung, Central Bank of Myanmar Governor Daw Than



The celebration for the King Bhumibol's birthday, Thailand's National Day, and Thailand's Father's Day in progress yesterday in Yangon, attended by Union Minister General Maung Maung Aye.

Than Swe, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, diplomats, chargés d'affaires, military at-tachés, UN Resident Representatives, and other guests. — MNA/MKKS

Union Minister reviews SEA Games training, joins China-assisted sports donation event

UNION Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs and for Hotels and Tourism Jeng Phang Naw Taung, who also serves as President of the Myanmar Olympic Committee, inspected national teams training for the XXXIII Southeast Asian Games in Yangon yesterday morning, together with U Kyaw Oo, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Sports and Physical Education.

The Union minister first observed Wushu athletes training at the Tamway Township Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon), including Kyaw Zay Win and Zaw Tun Naing in Taolu (weapons); Khaing Sandar Soe and Thupan Htwar in Taolu (non-weapon); Tin Htoo Wai and Ye Yint Tun in Taolu (non-weapon); Myo Htwal Yan in Changquan; and Myat Noe Eain and Swan Yi Htet Naing in Taijiquan. He also inspected Myo Min Htet (70 kilogrammes) and Thiha Zaw (65 kilogrammes) in Sanshou. After presenting honorary cash awards, he encouraged the athletes to follow their coaches’ instructions closely and to strive for gold medals for Myanmar.

He then visited Chinlone athletes training in the men’s and women’s Event-3 categories and urged them to aim for Myanmar’s first gold medal at the XXXIII South-



Union Minister Jeng Phang Naw Taung presents the certificate of honour to Chinese Ambassador Ms Ma Jia.

east Asian Games. Cash awards were also presented.

At the Pencak Silat training venue, he observed demonstrations by Nay Win San in Tunggal (male); Hlaing Phu Wai in Tunggal (female); the team of Nay Win San, Phyo Ngwe Soe and Myo Htet Zaw in artistic events; and by Ye Naing Oo (55-60 kilogrammes), Aung Khant Zaw (60-65 kilogrammes), Kyaw Naing Tun (65-70 kilogrammes), Shin Htet Aung (75-80 kilogrammes), Wai Thu Lwin (85-90 kilogrammes) and Thinn Teza (55-60 kilogrammes) in

combat events. He discussed requirements with coaches and athletes. The Union minister and party later met students and had lunch with them at the Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon).

In the afternoon, a donation ceremony was held at the Institute’s Pyidaungsu Hall, organized by the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China to Myanmar to support the development of Myanmar’s sports sector. Chinese Ambassador Ms Ma Jia explained the purpose of the donation, and the Union minister delivered words of appreciation.

Ambassador Ms Ma Jia presented donations to four sports federations: the Myanmar Wushu Federation, the Myanmar Rowing and Canoeing Federation, the Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation and the Myanmar Football Federation. U Thitsa, U Thaung Htaik Min, U Ye Win Htut Tin and Dr Aung Kyaw Oo accepted the donations on behalf of their respective federations.

The Union minister later presented a certificate of honour to the ambassador. Myanmar national Chinlone athletes and Myanmar national Wushu athletes then performed skill demonstrations. — MNA/KZL

Nation must step up production of import-substitute products

- ❖ “If production can be increased with a larger volume of products for export purposes, the country will earn more foreign income, and the socio-economic conditions of the people will improve significantly”.
- ❖ “Production of goods must be raised as import-substitute products adequately at home”.

(Excerpt from the speech delivered by Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the coordination meeting between the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Union government on 12 September 2025)

Online scam buildings razed, illegal foreign entrants detained

THE government continues to conduct joint operations in the Shwe Kokko area and the KK Park area, where suspects commit telecom fraud and online 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. To date, a total of 308 illegal buildings have been demolished in the KK Park area. Yesterday, the authorities demolished 11 illegal buildings in Section 3, and a total of 160

buildings out of 425 buildings in Section 3 have been destroyed, and a total of 308 buildings out of 635 illegal buildings have so far been demolished in the KK Park area. The combined team conducted a surprise check in Myawady yesterday, and arrested 75 Indians, 58 males and 17 females in Ward 2. They were detained at the Myoma Sports Stadium on the Hlaing Hteik Khaung Tin Road in Ward 4, Myawady. Moreover, the authorities found five three-storey buildings and three one-storey buildings, totalling eight buildings in Ward 3, and one three-storey



This image reveal the demolition measures underway in the KK Park Section 3, Myawady, Kayin State.

building was destroyed yesterday, totalling two buildings. Moreover, the authorities verified 10 Chinese nationals, one Vietnamese, seven Ethiopians, eight Indonesians and two Filipinos, totalling 28 individuals yesterday.

The authorities systematically destroyed the seized materials and continued the operation to expose the offences yesterday in KK Park and Shwe Koko. 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



(From left to right): The images show a demolished two-storey structure and a four-storey flat in KK Park Section 3; the burning of materials used by undocumented foreign entrants in Shwe Kokko, Myawady, Kayin State; and immigration procedures underway for the deportation of detained illegal immigrants.

Tatmadaw sea-going hospital offers medical care to Cocokyun residents



Healthcare services provided to Cocokyun locals. THE Tatmadaw mobile specialist medical team from the Tatmadaw Hospital Ship Thanlwin, which is providing healthcare services in villages in Cocokyun Township in Yangon Region and Hainggyikyun in

Ayeyawady Region, continued delivering medical care yesterday morning to 515 local people from Cocokyun Township at the general hospital of Cocokyun. The medical team provided healthcare services for 101 general patients, 64 surgical patients, 15 obstetric patients, 35 paediatric patients, 81 orthopaedic patients, 37 ENT patients, 101 ophthalmology patients and 81 dental patients. In addition, four general surgery patients, nine eye surgery patients, 46 X-ray patients, 56 ultrasound patients, 47 ECG patients and 25 laboratory test patients received the necessary diagnostic and treatment services. — MNA/KTZH

Tatmadaw vessels continue medical care in Mawlamyinekyun

TATMADAW Naval Hospital Ships named Shwe Puzun and Saku provided healthcare services to locals in Mawlamyinekyun Township yesterday. The Tatmadaw medical team delivered medical services to 485 locals at the township Sangha Nayaka office in Samma Sambuddha Pagoda compound of Mawlamyinekyun.

The treatments included general medical consultations for 209 patients, surgical care for 17 patients, obstetric and gynaecological care for 26 patients, paediatric treatments for 18 children, orthopaedic care for 79 patients, ear, nose, and throat treatment for 40 pa-



tients, ophthalmology services for 58 patients, and dental care for 38 patients. Moreover, 17 patients had x-ray examinations, 27 were tested using ultrasound testing, 18 underwent ECG heart screenings, and 50 had laboratory tests. — MNA/KTZH

Assess acts dedicated to the interests of the State and citizens

THE government is working to establish political forces and people’s representatives that can implement a genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system while prioritizing national interests. Through successful general multiparty elections and the active participation of the public, efforts are being made to fully realize a multiparty democratic system that the entire population desires.

Politics concerns all citizens and relates to the development of the interests of both the state and its people; therefore, the public should actively participate. In building a democratic country, citizens are expected to assess and select leaders who will guide the future

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to enhance national education so that each citizen is well-equipped with knowledge, skills, critical thinking, and general understanding.

During elections, all eligible voters must participate to choose representatives who can genuinely serve the interests of the nation and its people. The government has already provided opportunities for democratic participation, and citizens must carefully assess and make informed decisions. The State has prepared to ensure that elections are free and fair, and it has also scrutinized candidates to ensure they comply with the law.

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of the nation based on their qualifications, vision, competence, and integrity. To make informed judgments, the public needs to have the knowledge and ability to distinguish right from wrong.

To develop a highly educated and capable citizenry, a strong and effective education system is necessary. As citizens gain more knowledge and skills, they will have access to employment opportunities that match their expertise, leading to higher incomes. Increased knowledge and skills, the ability to discern right from wrong in various circumstances, and changes in urban lifestyles are among the positive outcomes. The emergence of a competent middle class, capable of creating a high-quality environment, is a key foundation for democratic transformation.

Strengthening a genuine and disciplined democratic system and building a union based on democracy and a federal system are the aspirations of all citizens. Ensuring national stability, peace, and continuous development is essential

From the bonds of love flows strength in all directions

IN TODAY’S multipolar and multilateral world, nations are striving to build friendships with one another, prioritizing peace and development. In a period like this, when the world is filled with conflicts, natural disasters, and various diseases, establishing an international circle of partners among countries that were once adversaries is something that can only be achieved through persistent and difficult effort. Despite ongoing global challenges driven by interest-oriented nations and leaders with strong egos, the friendship and cooperation between Myanmar and Belarus have continued to move forward with steady momentum. The relationship between the two countries has increasingly taken on the character of a close partnership – akin to a family bond, or that of true brothers.

Everything done with good intentions brings positive outcomes

In the current situation, the reciprocal visits of Heads of State and the broad cooperation between the governments and peoples of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the landlocked Eastern European country of Belarus not only benefit both nations but also have an impact extending from regional interests to global peace. There is no reason to deny this. All cooperation carried out with goodwill has brought only positive outcomes. At the invitation of Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, the President of Belarus, Aleksandr Lukashenko, visited Myanmar on 27 and 28 November 2025. His visit clearly demonstrated how the two peoples and the two nations stand to benefit. It can also be assessed as contributing to global peace. Owing to the Belarusian President’s visit, the longstanding friendly and close ties between the leaders and the peoples of the two countries have grown

even stronger.

Mutual recognition based on honesty, fairness, and compassion

The President of Belarus, who is now 71 years of age, holds a degree in history and has previously served in various fields including agriculture, the economy, the military, politics, and administration. He has served as President of Belarus for seven consecutive terms, from 1994 to the present. It is well-known that he has many memorable sayings. Among them, one notable principle is that without fairness and honesty in politics, success can never be achieved. His determination to continue serving his country and its people with integrity until the end of his term clearly reflects how deeply his leadership is rooted in honesty and fairness.

Therefore, it is worth recalling that on 7 March this year, the Head of State of Myanmar conferred on President Lukashenko the honorary title of “Aggamaha Thray Sithu”, one of the nation’s distinguished honours. These forms of mutual recognition have proven genuinely effective. When the devastating Mandalay earthquake struck Myanmar on 28 March, Belarus promptly and effectively provided humanitarian assistance, for which the Government and the people of Myanmar were deeply grateful. In addition, Belarus has also expressed strong support for the upcoming multiparty democratic general election and has even arranged to send election observation teams.

The world today is not in a state of peace, and progress remains fragile. In such an environment, both countries’ leaders understand that sowing seeds of hatred will never lead to any meaningful destination. What both nations’ peoples recognize is that only goodwill has real value. Even if physically distant, they believe that mutual goodwill can bring hearts closer together. In

line with this belief, they have already made progress. The growing trust and increasing mutual understanding themselves represent significant steps forward.

To go forward along the Roadmap

In 1999, the two countries established diplomatic relations. In 2011, the Prime Minister of Belarus paid a goodwill visit to Myanmar, and in 2015, the then Speaker of Myanmar’s Amyotha Hluttaw made a goodwill visit to Belarus. The foreign ministers of both countries also conducted reciprocal visits. The Chairman of the State Administration Council and Prime Minister of Myanmar made two visits to Belarus in June and October 2025. The first visit was to attend the fourth Europe-Asia Economic Forum (EEF-2025), during which Myanmar gained opportunities for cooperation with member states of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU).

Since those visits, the friendly relations between the two countries have strengthened, and cooperation across various sectors has expanded. The opportunity for the two Heads of State to meet again in Myanmar has further opened the way to continue broadening all areas of cooperation. The active and wide-ranging collaboration between the two Heads of State and all relevant stakeholders has become a key driving force for maintaining momentum. All efforts are aimed at the mutual benefit of both countries and their peoples. During this visit, both sides were able to sign the Development Cooperation Roadmap (2026–2028). They have also made a firm decision to proceed in accordance with the Roadmap.

16 agreements in multi-sectors

The cooperation between Myanmar and Belarus is a strategic partnership aimed at multi-sector development. Even before the President’s arrival,

Belarusian business delegations and government officials at the ministerial level had arrived in Myanmar in advance, and a Myanmar–Belarus Business Forum was held at the LOTTE Hotel in Yangon. Representatives from Bel-CCI on the Belarusian side and UMFCCI on the Myanmar side, along with other responsible officials, held sector-specific discussions in detail. A total of 16 agreements were signed, including an agreement on visa exemption. These agreements cover a wide range of areas, including investment, economy and trade, agriculture and agro-based industries, health, education, sports, science and technology, tourism and communications, transport, humanitarian cooperation, and the banking and financial sector. Investment and joint-venture opportunities are expected to increase. Myanmar is now seeing opportunities to export rice, rubber, nuts, fruits and coffee. Industrial cooperation prospects are also emerging, and new market opportunities for MSME products are visible. In the health sector, promising developments for cancer patients are beginning to appear. There will also be further reciprocal visits by ministers and departmental officials in the future.

Memoranda of understanding

It was noted that the discussions between the Heads of State from the two countries were based on mutual understanding and trust. The meetings reflected sincere cooperation and mutual recognition. It was encouraging that both sides were able to openly exchange views. In particular, they shared perspectives on ongoing national efforts to fully eliminate cross-border online gambling and telecom fraud operations, security challenges, and the situation regarding the future multiparty democratic general election. Furthermore, in the presence of the Heads of State, several memoranda

of understanding were signed and exchanged. These included cooperation in science and technology; cooperation on tax matters; a framework agreement on export credit; cooperation in setting national standards, quality conformity assessment, precise measurement, and accreditation; a Development Cooperation Roadmap; cooperation in trade, economy, science, technology, and culture; a mutual legal assistance agreement concerning illicit trade and trafficking issues; and an MoU on promoting investment.

With profound significance and many remarkable aspects

We have seen many positive signs during this visit. The visit carried significant meaning. The ceremonial arrangements, traditional ethnic cultural performances, and the high-level reception held under the flags of both countries were noteworthy. As the first foreign Head of State to visit Myanmar since 2021, the President of Belarus received an exceptional welcome. Upon entering Myanmar airspace, he was escorted by three fourth-generation Su-30SME multirole jet fighters of the Myanmar Tatmadaw (Air), both for ceremonial honour and for escort duty, an extraordinary gesture. This was an important expression of international relations, a demonstration of military capability and military protocol, and a symbol of Myanmar’s emphasis on security. It also represented a display of trust and friendship and served as a gesture of the highest honour. The ceremonial guard of further underscored the importance attached to the visiting Head of State. It reflected Myanmar’s long-standing traditions of strong culture, loyalty, and gratitude. These gestures demonstrated respect, warmth, and friendship, giving the visit profound and remarkable significance.

Translated.

By Moe Kay Naing

This historically significant day

Throughout the entire visit, there were many remarkable and significant moments, and 28 November 2025 became a historic day for both countries. This was because the visiting President paid respects and shared merit at the Maravijaya Buddha Image in Nay Pyi Taw, a site deeply revered by Myanmar’s Buddhist majority. This gesture brought joy and appreciation to all Buddhists. Afterwards, at the National Herbal Park in Nay Pyi Taw, where leaders of former BIMSTEC member states had planted commemorative trees, the Heads of State of the two countries planted a Gangaw tree (*Mesua ferrea*) as a symbol of friendship. This ceremony represented the planting of another lasting foundation in the long-term friendship between the two nations. Another notable highlight was the naming of a major road in front of the upscale Thiri Yadana Market in Nay Pyi Taw as Minsk Road, after the capital city of Belarus. It is historically significant, as it is the first time Myanmar has named a city road after the capital of a foreign country. This reflects the steady growth of friendship between the two nations — without limits, without borders, and without barriers. Both countries have increasingly emerged as strategic partners serving each other’s mutual interests. Belarus has become a true and reliable friend to Myanmar and a model partner for the future. Myanmar believes that its efforts to eventually join BRICS, the SCO, and the EAEU will be strengthened by this partnership. It is also believed that Belarus’s support for Myanmar on the international stage will continue to grow stronger as a long-term ally. Just as Myanmar–Belarus relations have had a positive history in the past and remain strong at the present, it is with pride that we observe they will continue to flourish in the future.

Rising drug resistance hinders anti-malaria progress, WHO warns

Cabo Verde and Egypt were certified as malaria-free by the WHO in 2024, and Georgia, Suriname, and Timor-Leste in 2025.



Beds nets have saved millions of children's lives from malaria since 2000. PHOTO: KATE HOLT/UNICEF

A MILLION lives were saved last year using new tools to fight malaria, but this progress is under threat from rising drug resistance, according to a report released Thursday by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Wider use of new tools against malaria, including dual-ingredient nets and WHO-recommended vaccines, helped to prevent an estimated 170 million cases and one million deaths in 2024, according to the WHO’s annual world malaria report.

In 2021, the WHO approved the world’s first malaria vaccines, and since then, 24 countries have introduced the vaccines into their routine immunization programmes. Seasonal malaria chemoprevention has also been expanded and is now being implemented in 20 countries, reaching 54 million children in 2024, an increase from about 0.2 million in 2012.

Progress is also being made in eliminating malaria. To date, a total of 47 countries and one territory have been certified malaria-free by the WHO: Cabo Verde and Egypt were certified in 2024, and Georgia, Suriname, and

Timor-Leste in 2025.

Nevertheless, there were an estimated 282 million malaria cases and 610,000 deaths in 2024 - roughly nine million more cases than the previous year. An estimated 95 per cent of these deaths were in the WHO African Region, with most occurring among children under five. The report shows that antimalarial drug resistance is growing and stands in the way of achieving malaria elimination.

Antimalarial drug resistance has now been confirmed or suspected in at least eight countries in Africa, and there are potential signs of declining efficacy of the drugs that are combined with artemisinin.

"Increasing numbers of cases and deaths, the growing threat of drug resistance, and the impact of funding cuts all threaten to roll back the progress we have made over the past two decades," said WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

However, the WHO head remains optimistic, saying that "with the leadership of the most-affected countries and targeted investment, the vision of a malaria-free world remains achievable."

SOURCE: Xinhua

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PIU holds graduation ceremony

THE Parami International College (PIU) organized a graduation ceremony for BBA and MBA degrees at the Novotel Hotel in Yangon yesterday.

At the ceremony, the educational consultant, Principal Professor Dr Daw Soe Thu of PIU College, made an opening speech, and educational board member Professor Dr Win Kyaw Kyaw Moe made a congratulatory message.

BBA and MBA degrees were conferred to the graduates, and they were sent to the principal and education board members of PIU College, and the faculty members allowed them to wear graduation gowns.

The principal then presented the Best (CEO) Award for the 2025 academic year of PIU College. This year, the PIU College conferred degrees to over 60 students. — Ottha/KTZH



The commemorative group photo session held yesterday at the graduation ceremony of the Parami International College in Yangon.

Authentic reconstruction of Inwa Tooth-Relic site and road works progress

IN addition to the construction of the Inwa tooth-relic building to its original design, a road is being constructed from the Statue of King Thado Minpya to that building, according to author and researcher Bo Shake.

The ceremony for laying the gold, silver, emerald, and ruby foundation plaques was held at 8:24 am on 2 December, an auspicious time and date, and the construction was fully funded by a single donor.

Similarly, the road construction to the building was funded by Dr Hla Myint.

"A road is needed from the Statue of Thado Minpya to enter the tooth-relic building. I was only planning to make an earth road. The donor, Saya Dr Hla Myint, contacted me, saying he will pave a durable gravel road. This road is at the site of the Min Lan that enters the palace," said Bo Shake.

The Inwa tooth-relic building was originally built by King



This image displays the foundation plaques being laid for the Inwa tooth-relic building reconstruction.

Bagyidaw, who was the fourth king to establish the city. The current preparations are to reconstruct the tooth-relic building, which was destroyed by an earthquake, back to its original pattern exactly as detailed in the Parabaik. This will allow domestic and international tourists to study a part

of Myanmar's royal traditions. Furthermore, this 40-to-50-foot-high building will serve as a spot from which visitors can view and enjoy the natural beauty of Inwa from a height. This restoration will also recover the long-lost site of a watchtower, adding one more attraction. — MT/ZN

Yangon-Mandalay Highway sees 30 fatalities in 68 accidents over 11 months

OVER 11 months of 2025, 68 road accidents occurred on the Yangon-Mandalay highway, with at least 30 deaths and declined from the same period last year, Nay Myo Win, deputy chief officer from the highway supervisory office under the Myanmar Fire Services Department, told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

Of the 68 traffic accidents that happened from January to November this year, 59 are vehicle accidents, and nine are vehicle fires.

"Of 68 traffic accidents, vehicle collisions and vehicle fires are included over 11 months this year, of which nine cases are vehicle fires and the rest are vehicle

collisions. Most of the accidents happened on the side of Yangon and in monsoon-June, July and August. Major factors are slippery roads and drivers falling asleep at night and before sunrise," he said.

There were 101 road accidents in the same period last year, so more than 30 cases were reduced this year, he said. This year's accidents left 192 people injured, and 33 people died, and the death rate decreased by 18 compared to last year's, he added.

The highway fire service department has taken charge of 358 miles and one furlong, and 15 fire stations have been stationed along the road to serve rescue works. — MT/ZS



This image captures a road accident that happened on the Yangon-Mandalay expressway.

Early GACC registration renewal urged for China-bound food exporters

COMPANIES which engage in exporting food products to China will need to extend their General Administration of Customs of China Registration (GACC registration) in advance, according to an announcement by the Myanmar Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Pro-

ducer and Exporter Association.

Under GACC registration requirements, applications for extensions must be submitted three to six months before the expiry date. The MFVP stated that the Plant Protection Division has announced it will issue

approval for Myanmar companies seeking to renew expired GACC registrations, as well as for those that choose not to proceed with an extension.

The deadline for issuing approval is 7 December, it said. MFVP urged members to con-

tact the MFVP phone number 09 43127656 by 6 December if they want to do an extension. — MT/ZS

MFVP urges members to extend the GACC registration.



Yangon palm oil reference price dips in week ending 11 Dec

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil set for the Yangon market was set a bit lower at K6,140 per viss, for the week ending 11 December, down from K6,280 per viss recorded last week.

The Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia, adding transport costs, tariffs and banking services to decide the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil weekly. Despite the reference price,

the market price is still high. To control overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed consumers of lodging complaints for overcharging through the call centre hotline in late August. The department urges consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices. The Committee notified that any person who is involved in price gouging and oil storage to attempt market manipulation will face legal action under the Essential Goods and Services Law. The department is working to-

gether with the Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and the cooking oil importing companies to offer affordable rates of imported palm oil for consumers. The complaints for overcharging can be lodged over hotline 1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs Department, or sent to the Facebook page of the department and the region and state departments concerned. The domestic consumption of palm oil is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local palm oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. About 700,000



Vendors prepare cooking oil for sale.

tonnes of palm oil are imported annually through Malaysia and Indonesia to meet domestic demands. — NN/KK

CBM sells over US\$900K to edible oil importers on 4 Dec

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$902,900, purchased from CMP businesses, to edible oil importing companies on 4 December.

CBM announced on 3 December that it would sell \$30 million to those engaged in fuel oil businesses. Furthermore,

CBM sold over \$1.736 million to edible oil-importing companies on the same day.

CBM sold over \$1.45 million, purchased from CMP companies, to edible oil-importing companies on 2 December after sales of \$1.28 million on 1 December.

CBM made an injection

of over \$21 million, 2.4 million yuan and 1.5 million baht in November.

CBM injected over \$2.48 million, 5.75 million yuan and 4.98 million baht in October, along with sales of over \$54 million purchased from CMP companies. CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March 2024, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK



The facade of the Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw.

MPA invites bids for dredging on Thanlwin River at Darebawk

THE Myanma Port Authority invited local and international companies to submit a tender for dredging across the waterway of the Thanlwin River (Darebawk) in the Mon State, according to the Tender Committee.

Climate change caused silt deposition and blocked the waterway as the sedimentation causes shallow water depth and disrupts port operation, leading to flooding. The Myanma Port Authority invited local and international companies to participate in an open tender to improve the waterway and navigation channel and to operate sand export.

Unlike commercial spot dredging, this work needs to ensure ecosystem restoration. Dredging at the specific shallow water areas is designated by the Myanma Port Authority to restore the original draft. Furthermore, bidders must ensure there is no disruption to the socioeconomic condition of the local people. Supporting the

local development projects and local needs is also included. The bidders need to qualify financially and technically with their past experiences in dredging works.

International companies may need to form a Joint Venture with a local company or have a branch office in Myanmar. They need to register in Myanmar upon successful tender.

Therefore, interested companies that meet the technical and financial requirements are invited to submit the tender at the Myanma Port Authority Head office at 1 pm on 6 January 2026. Tender Application and forms can be purchased from the Myanma Port Authority (Store Department) in Botahtaung Township between 8 and 31 December 2025, within office hours. Tender opening date is 6 January 2026 (2 pm).

Interested business entities can enquire about details through the Myanma Port Authority at 01 246380 and 09 444714377. — NN/KK

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Kayin State welcomes over 500,000 travellers in Jan-Oct 2025



This photo features some of the places tourists visit in Kayin State,

ACCORDING to the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism (Kayin State Branch), more than 500,000 domestic and international tourists visited destinations in Kayin State between January and October 2025.

Kayin State receives a large number of tourists during the rainy season due to its lush green landscapes and natural beauty. As the Kayin New Year festival will be held in the third week of December, domestic and international tourists have been making reservations

at hotels and guesthouses in the state since early December.

“Most tourists visiting the state go to the Hpa-an area and its surroundings. What visitors enjoy most during the rainy season are the beautiful green landscapes, forests, and mountains of Kayin State. With the Kayin New Year festival coming up this December, the number of tourists is expected to increase. Many hotels and guesthouses in the state have already received numerous reservations,” said an official from

the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism (Kayin State Branch).

Currently, there are 26 destinations in Kayin State that domestic and international tourists can visit year-round, and agriculture-based and nature-based tourism are now also being developed.

Currently, about 16 tourist area management groups have been formed and are systematically planning tours in and around Hpa-an, the most visited tourist area in the state. — ASH/TH

Magway to expand layer farming zone to supply eggs at affordable prices

ACCORDING to the Magway Region Co-operative Syndicate, a layer farm zone is being developed within the Shwe Tint Htoo Agricultural and Livestock Zone, located near Shabinhla Village in Magway Township, Magway Region.

At present, six poultry houses have been established within the layer farm zone, where more than 10,000 layer chickens are being raised.

“The establishment of the layer farm zone aims to enable people in the region to consume products at more affordable prices. The number of poultry houses will also be further expanded,” said an official from the Magway Region Co-operative Syndicate.

Currently, the Magway Region Government is implementing the first phase of the Shwe Tint Htoo Agricultural and Livestock Zone on 150 acres of virgin land. This includes rice-growing zones as well as the egg-laying chicken zone. It is also learned that, as part of the second phase, rice-growing zones together with pig-breeding and fish-breeding zones will be further developed on 200 acres.

Up to 30 poultry houses are planned for the layer farming zone, and eggs produced from the zone are currently being distributed to the market at reasonable prices. — ASH/KZL



TV series ‘Maya’ to air in Dec

THE TV series Maya will be screened in December, according to director Min Sanay.

The story and screenplay were written by Min

This image shows a poster for the TV series.

Yu, while director Min Sanay oversaw the production for Shwe Nadi Shwe Yi Film Production.

“This series is a drama that will appeal to young audiences. It is a unique love-triangle story that fans will love. It will be broadcast on the Hey Play application

and Channel 7 television in the second week of December,” said director Min Sanay.

The cast includes Nyein Thaw, May Thu Htun, Shwe Pon, Myat Hmu Wady Kyaw, Tha Tha, and Zay Yan, along with many other artistes. — ASH/MKKS



Layer chickens are seen at the Shwe Tint Htoo Agricultural and Livestock Zone.

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Russia’s new passenger car sales up 5% in Nov

SALES of Russia’s new passenger cars reached 127,921 units in November, up five per cent year on year, said Russian automotive analytical agency Autostat on Wednesday.

Domestic automaker Lada remained the market leader, accounting for more than 21 per cent of the total sales volume, Autostat said.

From January to November, 1,189,546 new passenger cars were sold in Russia, down 17.8 per cent from the same period last year, it said. — Xinhua



The Lada Iskra had its world premiere as a sedan on 5 June 2024 during the St Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF-2024). It is a new family of compact “B” class cars positioned between the Lada Granta and Lada Vesta models. **PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

Nokia, Airtel join hands to open 5G network APIs

NOKIA has joined hands with Bharti Airtel to make the telecom operator’s network capabilities available to developers and enterprises across India. The collaboration, announced in a Nokia press release, aims to open Airtel’s pan-India network to third-party innovation through Nokia’s Network as Code platform with a developer portal.

The partnership will allow developers and businesses to access Airtel’s network functions via Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) on a



Nokia has joined hands with Bharti Airtel to make the telecom operator’s network capabilities available to developers and enterprises across India. **PHOTO: ANI**

subscription basis. This access will enable them to build advanced digital solutions using technologies such as 5G, artificial intelligence (AI), and edge computing.

Following successful trials, the initiative will be rolled out for a wider developer base, including system integrators and enterprises. Through the Nokia platform, developers can integrate network functions easily, without needing to understand the underlying complexities of telecom technology. — ANI

Direct flights from Goa to Tel Aviv will be game-changer

ISRAELI Consul of Tourism Affairs for India, Galit Hoffman, on Wednesday stated that the launch of direct flights between Goa and Tel Aviv would be a “game-changer” for bilateral tourism, as well as business exchanges

between the two nations, potentially multiplying the current annual inflow of 20,000-30,000 Israeli visitors and opening the door for Goan families, business travellers and new segments. Speaking about Israel’s growing interest in

the Indian tourism market, Hoffman said that a direct route could dramatically increase travel volumes. “If we launch direct flights from Goa to Tel Aviv, this will be a game-changer for both sides. If today there are maybe 20,000

Israelis a year or 30,000 Israelis a year, if there is a direct flight, you will get the families, you will get the business people coming, and you will get more and more sectors which can be very relevant,” she said. — ANI

Sagawa Express partially suspends deliveries

SAGAWA Express Co, a major Japanese parcel delivery service, suspended cargo collection in parts of the country on Thursday due to capacity overload following a surge in parcels from online Black Friday sales.

It is the first time the firm has halted package acceptance over such a wide area, with the latest suspension covering parts of Honshu and Shikoku, two of Japan’s four main islands. Services are expected to resume on Friday.

Black Friday, which comes after Thanksgiving and is known as the busiest shopping time of the year in the United States due to the large number of discounted goods, began spreading to Japan in 2016 and has gained popularity in recent years. — Kyodo

The Republic of The Union of Myanmar Ministry of Science and Technology Department of Research and Innovation "International Open Tender"

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Myanmar women’s win over Philippines keeps semifinal hopes alive

THE Myanmar women’s national football team defeated the Philippines 2-1 in their opening Group B match at the XXXIII SEA Games, held at the IPE Chonburi Stadium in Chonburi, Thailand, yesterday.

Myanmar, one of the favourites in the group, opened the scoring with goals from forwards Win Theingi Tun and May Htet Lu, earning three points from their first match. In Group B, Myanmar will compete with Vietnam, the Philippines, and Malaysia for semi-final qualification, and the victory over the Philippines has put the team in a strong position to advance. A large number of Myanmar fans attended the match in Thailand, and their support played a key role in the team’s performance.

The team, coached by Japanese national Yuki Tatsuro, fielded Myo Mya Mya Nyein, Lin

Lae Oo, Phyu Phwe, Zune Yu Ya Oo, May Thet Mon Myint, Phyu Phyu Win, Naw Htet Htet Wai, Khin Momo Htun, Yupa Khine, San Thaw Thaw, and Win Theingi Tun in the starting line-up, while Khin Marlar Htun, May Htet Lu, and Yoon Wati Hlaing were introduced in the second half. Myanmar started aggressively, and in the fourth minute, forward Win Theingi Tun scored

the opening goal. Despite leading, the team’s play in the first half was inconsistent as they tested their opponents across both halves.

In the second half, Myanmar increased their attacking intensity and created multiple scoring opportunities, though they were initially unable to convert them. In 69 minutes, the Philippines scored a penalty

through Rami Rezz, levelling the match. Later, in 89 minutes, May Htet Lu capitalized on a precise cross from Yoon Wati Hlaing and scored with a perfectly timed header, securing the victory for Myanmar.

Myanmar remains in Group B alongside Vietnam, the Philippines, and Malaysia and will face Malaysia in their second group match on 8 December. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



Team Myanmar women's footballers celebrate victory after their hard-fought win over the Philippines yesterday.

Myanmar badminton squad to contest 7 events in SEA Games

THE Myanmar badminton team will compete in seven event categories at the XXXIII SEA Games in Thailand.

The competition will take place from 5 to 15 December, with the Myanmar team fielding 17 players. The squad includes prominent athletes such as Thet Htar Thu Zar, Phone Pyae Naing, and Hein Htut, who will participate in the following events: men’s singles, women’s singles, men’s doubles, women’s doubles, men’s team, women’s team, and mixed doubles. Myanmar previously won a silver medal at the 2023 SEA Games.

The men’s team is led by coach U Myat Min Thu and features Phone Pyae Naing, Hein Htut, Nyan Shein Lin, Hein Thih Aung, Phyo Thurein Kyaw, Nay Htun Lin, Lal Zudika, and Phone Htet Zaw. The women’s team, coached by Daw Swe Mar Oo, includes Thet Htar Thu Zar, Lin Lin Htet, Khine Thinzar, Eaint Chit Phoo, Su Labh, Than Nwe Su, Nga Mya, Seng Janang, and Seng Hlaing Mein. — Chit Ko Ko/KZL



Images show both the men’s and women’s national badminton teams.

Team leader, officials oversee rowing practice and football action at SEA Games

U Nyan Zaw Oo, Director-General of the Department of Sports and Physical Education under the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs and leader of the Myanmar Sports contingent, together with officials, visited the Myanmar rowing team’s training session for the XXXIII SEA Games, and watched the first group match for Group B of Myanmar Women’s Football Team, being held in Chonburi, Thailand.

The leader and party observed the training session of the Myanmar rowing team at the Royal Thai Navy Rowing and Canoeing Training Centre, Rayong, and provided proper instructions to the coaches and athletes regarding the pure competitive mindset and health issues.

They proceeded to the Classic Kameo Hotel, where the Myanmar women’s football players are staying, to inspect

the lunch break, and met with the coach and players. He instructed them to compete with strong determination to succeed and win in accordance with the Union Minister’s guidance, and to give their best until the last minute and strive throughout the match, scoring the goals that the Myanmar fans desire.

He watched the first group match for Group B between Myanmar and the Philippines women’s teams at TNSU Chonburi Stadium (Chonburi).

There were about 4,995 attendees at the event.

He also watched the group stage event for Group C of the U22 between Myanmar and the Philippines men’s team at the 700th Anniversary of Chaing Mai Stadium (Chaing Mai).

The Myanmar women’s football team will face Malaysia on 8 December at The Royal Thai Navy Rowing and Canoeing Training Centre, Rayong in Chonburi and the Myanmar men’s football team will face Indonesia at the 700th Anniversary of Chaing Mai Stadium (Chaing Mai) on 12 December. — MNA/KTZH



Photos display Myanmar women's football team in action against the Philippines, with crowds of spectators.

Voices from the heart of Myanmar's athletes competing in the SEA Games

Interviewed by Thitsa (MNA)

Myanmar's selected athletes from relevant sports leave in groups for the South-East Asian Games 2025, which are currently being hosted by Thailand. Starting from 30 November, Myanmar sports teams depart one after another for the competition. Yesterday morning, Myanmar's athletes in women's futsal, judo, yachting, and badminton sports left the Yangon International Airport for Bangkok and Chonburi, Thailand.

Myanmar athletes are drawing inspiration

from the spirit, abilities, discipline, and unwavering effort of the senior athletes who once elevated Myanmar's sporting reputation. With strong determination, they are now working to contribute to the development of the country's sports sector. Looking ahead to the XXXIII SEA Games, each athlete carries the hope of returning home with medals and being welcomed with pride and joy by the public. The thoughts and messages of the Myanmar athletes are reported as follows: -



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Daw Wah Wah Khaing (Assistant Coach of the women's futsal team)

For the SEA Games, the women's futsal competition was organized in Myanmar with 31 players selected from various clubs, and a final shortlist of 14 players was confirmed. After three and a half months of training, a team of 30, comprising 10 administrative officials and coaches and 16 players, has now departed for the SEA Games' tournament. The team has been placed in Group B and will compete against Indonesia and Vietnam. Their first match is scheduled for 1 pm on 13 December, starting with Indonesia.

Although our opponents are strong teams, the coaches have trained the team very well, and our team is ready to advance to the semifinals. In the group stage, we plan to perform our best against Indonesia and secure a win over Vietnam to move out of the group. On the other side, we are likely to face either Malaysia or the Philippines. If we win that match, we will meet the host nation, Thailand, in the final. We aim to return home with medals, and we will work hard to win gold. We are also eagerly looking forward to the support of Myanmar football fans who love the sport.

U Thet San (Administrator of Badminton Team)

A total of 21 members, including four coaches and officials and 17 athletes, have left for the SEA Games. The team will compete in men's and women's singles, doubles, and other events. Training camps were conducted over the past six months in preparation for the tournament. Since Southeast Asian countries are among the world's top competitors in badminton, our team will compete to the best of its ability for the country and aim to secure at least a bronze medal.

The team will compete against Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Laos, four of which are countries with world-class rankings. For this SEA Games, new-generation players such as Linn Linn Htet, together with well-known athletes Thet Htar Thu Zar, Phone Pyae Naing, and Hein Htut, are participating. As they also have international experience, they will compete against these world-class teams and work hard to win medals for the country. We also encourage everyone in Myanmar to support the team during the competition days.



U Thant Zin Oo (Jujitsu Team Administrator/Coach)

Before the SEA Games, some athletes had already been competing in events, and based on those performances, two competitions were held to choose the best athletes. Eight athletes will compete in the Games. As this is the first time the Jujitsu Federation is participating in the SEA Games, the team is determined to make a strong effort, and they are hopeful of achieving success.

As the Jujitsu Federation is a newly formed organization, it has faced several challenges. However, it has overcome those difficulties and reached this stage successfully. We would like to express our

gratitude to all the organizations that have supported and assisted us along the way.

Among the three competition categories, our team will primarily compete in Ground Fight events. To be honest, we have already set medal expectations for all our athletes. We aim to compete for gold. Although sports can depend partly on luck, we will strive to perform at our best. The host nation and other participating countries are strong competitors. Myanmar will begin competing on 10 December. As this is the first time Jujitsu is participating in the SEA Games, we kindly ask for public support.

Daw Mya Thiri Lwin (Yachting Team Administrator)

In yachting, the athletes have trained throughout the year, and the best performers from the four competitions a year were selected. For this event, two officials and four athletes, competing in the 12-year-old, 15-year-old, 17-year-old, and 19-year-old categories will participate. They will enter four different yachting styles, each of which has its own format and requirements.

As a yachting team, they have competed consistently in inter-

national events throughout this year. Foreign coaches were hired to provide the best possible training. The team hopes to win medals for the country. They will compete against Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Vietnam, with Thailand, Malaysia, and Singapore being teams to watch closely. Having prepared thoroughly, the Myanmar team asks the public to support them wholeheartedly so they can return home with medals.



Myanmar slip 2-0 to Philippines in SEA Games debut, slim hopes remain

THE Myanmar men's national football team suffered a 2-0 defeat to the Philippines in their opening Group C match at the XXXIII SEA Games, hosted by Thailand at the 700th Anniversary Stadium in Chiang Mai yesterday.

As Group C consists of only three teams, Myanmar now faces slim chances

of progressing to the semi-finals after this opening loss. The team struggled throughout the match and was unable to mount an effective challenge against the Philippines, resulting in a disappointing start to their campaign.

Head coach Kurozaki of Japan drew criticism for his squad selection, as several

key players were left out of the matchday line-up. Myanmar also continued its poor form in recent international competitions, suffering yet another defeat without signs of improvement.

The Philippines dominated from the outset, applying sustained pressure. Myanmar failed to organize effectively in defence

and created only a few scoring chances. In 19 minutes, Alex opened the scoring for the Philippines, and in 50 minutes, Myanmar defender Lat Wai Bhone inadvertently put the ball into his own net, giving the Philippines their second goal. Myanmar will face Indonesia in their second group match on 12 December. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL



Putin and Modi adopt joint statement following their New Delhi talks

INDIAN Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin adopted a joint statement following their talks in New Delhi.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that Russian President Vladimir Putin laid the foundation for the strategic partnership between Russia and India 25 years ago.

Modi praised Putin's capable leadership, noting that it has significantly contributed to the development of bilateral relations and played a special role in strengthening ties between the two countries.

The Indian prime minister thanked Putin for his tireless commitment to working with India, emphasizing that relations between Russia and India are rooted in mutual respect and deep trust.

He added that Russia and India are now elevating their cooperation to a new level and have agreed on a programme of economic cooperation extending until 2030. Narendra Modi stated that the Russia-India Business Forum will play a key role in strengthening business ties between the two countries.

He also emphasized that cooperation in the field of fertilizers is especially important, noting its direct impact on food security. Modi highlighted that Russia and India are actively working towards the conclusion of a free trade agreement between the Eurasian Economic Union and India, calling it a major step towards expanding economic partnership and creating new opportunities for both sides.

Putin added that Russia and India thoroughly examined the entire spectrum of their multifaceted cooperation, under-

Putin underscored Russia and India's key partnership in trade, investment, and technology, noting a swift transition to national currencies for 96 per cent of their mutual settlements and the establishment of sustainable interbank cooperation channels.



Russian President Vladimir Putin and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi shake hands as they pose for photos before a meeting at Hyderabad House in New Delhi, India. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

scoring the depth and strategic importance of the partnership. Vladimir Putin described the package of agreements signed after the Russia-India talks as "solid", noting that each of them is aimed at expanding bilateral economic cooperation.

He confirmed that Russia and India have agreed on a comprehensive programme of economic cooperation extending until 2030.

Putin emphasized that Russia and India are important partners in trade, investment, and technology, and highlighted the rapid shift to national currencies in mutual settlements — which now account for 96 per cent of transactions. He added that sustainable interbank cooperation channels between the two countries have already been established. — SPUTNIK



Singapore warns of northeast monsoon lasting into 2026

SINGAPORE has advised the public, port users and maritime industry stakeholders to remain vigilant during the northeast monsoon, which is expected to persist until March 2026 and may bring stronger winds, choppy seas and moderate to heavy rainfall.

Inspectors from the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) will step up safety checks on ferries, harbour craft and pleasure craft, the authority said in a release on Thursday.

The inspections will cover vessel conditions, embarkation and disembarkation procedures, the state of firefighting and life-saving equipment, and operators' overall emergency preparedness.

Passengers travelling on ferries and other vessels are urged to observe basic safety practices. — Xinhua

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