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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.



State Security and Peace Commission Chairman and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivers a speech to Tatmadaw members, families and cadets in PyinOoLwin Station yesterday.

Tatmadaw to maintain political leadership amid current circumstances

Tatmadaw states that it will be able to gradually scale back its representation in the various levels of the Hluttaw once the country achieves a mature democratic environment and armed ethnic groups no longer pose a threat.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing stressed that all Tatmadaw members and family members must live together in unity and harmony, and diligently carry out the duties assigned by the State and Tatmadaw.

State Security and Peace Commission Chairman and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing yesterday morning met Tatmadaw members, families and cadets in PyinOoLwin Station.

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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.**

Four National Objectives for 78th Independence Day 2025

1. 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
2. To strive forward for national unity and Union peace to implement sustainable and balanced development
3. To establish a genuine, disciplined democratic system completely by exercising the freedom and justice in accordance with the laws and regulations
4. To advance other economic sectors and promote MSMEs based on regional products

SEA Games women's football group B match to air live on MRTV

THE Myanmar women's national football team will encounter the Malaysia women's national football team in a Group B match of the XXXIII South-East Asian Games, hosted by Thailand, at 3:30 pm on 8 December.

The match will be broadcast live on MRTV HD, MRTV Entertainment, MRTV Sports, and Myanmar Radio starting at 3:15 pm on that day. — MNA/KZL

Russia-Myanmar fertilizer plant set for Dec launch



This image displays the natural fertilizer factory project being implemented through Russia-Myanmar cooperation.

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, the natural fertilizer factory project, being implemented through Russia-Myanmar

cooperation with Russian investment, is intended to commence this December.

Field inspections have been conducted to procure animal waste, the necessary raw material for the natural fertilizer factory, from livestock zones. It is reported that once the factory construction is completed, distribution will be carried out in proportion to domestic production.

In addition, a factory producing natural foliar fertilizer will also be established through Russia-Myanmar cooperation within the Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee Area, located on the Pyinmana-Taungnyo Road in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. — ASH/KZL

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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

ARMED terrorists have been launching attacks by using residential homes and administrative buildings in towns and villages as cover, where they have forcibly settled. They aim to shield themselves from Tatmadaw counterattacks while also persuading temporarily displaced persons to return to their native areas and recruiting new members. That enables terrorists to use civilians as human shields. Tatmadaw is committed to safeguarding the sovereignty of the State and will respond to these threats based on intelligence and prevailing conditions. Therefore, residents in areas where terrorists have taken control must prioritize their safety and protect themselves from being exploited by these groups.

(An excerpt from guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to Shan State cabinet members and state-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)

Tatmadaw to maintain political leadership amid current circumstances

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In his speech, the Senior General highlighted that Tatmadaw has historically participated in the nation's political leadership role. Based on historical experience and the current circumstances, Tatmadaw will continue to play a role in the country's political leadership.

He said that at a time when democracy flourishes in the country, while there is no armed ethnic group, Tatmadaw will be able to gradually reduce its participation in the Hluttaw at different levels.

He noted that Tatmadaw is being improved, whereas the reform process is being carried out for the Myanmar Police Force.

With regard to following the disciplines, the Senior General emphasized that if each Tatmadaw member is encouraged to abide by good discipline and logistic measures are effectively implemented, their morale will also strengthen. Therefore, it is necessary to emphasize and uphold fair, orderly, and efficient administration.

He urged that all Tatmadaw members and family members must live together in unity and harmony, and diligently carry out the duties assigned by the State and Tatmadaw. They should continue to contribute to the interests of the State and Tatmadaw to the best of their abilities, ensuring that they remain trustworthy and reliable to the State and Tatmadaw.

In the education sector, he

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the meeting with Tatmadaw members and families in PyinOoLwin

- 1. Tatmadaw and Myanmar Police Force members, local people's militia, and public security forces will work together to carry out security measures to ensure the election is conducted successfully and securely.
- 2. Voters should choose candidates who can serve the interests of the nation and relevant regions, uphold Our Three Main National Causes faithfully, and possess a clear vision in politics, governance, the economy, security, and the rule of law.
- 3. Students and parents should be able to participate without undue burden, following proper discipline, while providing strong support for the State's educational development efforts.

underscored that Tatmadaw has been encouraging the plans of education promotion for offspring of Tatmadaw families in successive eras. So, parents have to support their children to improve their educational qualifications.

Regarding the election measures, the Senior General noted that the election will be held on 28 December and will be conducted in three phases. The first phase will be followed by the second phase two weeks later, and the third phase will take place two weeks after the second phase.

He unveiled that to ensure the election is conducted successfully and securely, members of Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force, local people's militia, and public security forces will work together to carry out security measures.

He continued that to ensure the election is conducted successfully, all eligible voters

should be able to cast their votes. When voting, **they should choose candidates who can serve the interests of the nation and relevant regions, uphold Our Three Main National Causes faithfully, and possess a clear vision in politics, governance, the economy, security, and the rule of law.**

In the agriculture sector, the Senior General remarked that Arabica coffee produced in the PyinOoLwin region is a type of coffee that can penetrate the international market. However, the inability to cultivate and produce enough to meet market demand indicates the need for further effort and work.

He emphasized that simply holding flower shows and festivals is not sufficient. If the flowers produced in the region can be distributed to domestic, regional, and international markets, it will bring significant benefits to both the region and the country.

He outlined that only with strong production can exports be achieved, bringing in foreign currency and increasing trade revenue. Production activities have been expanded, and domestic manufacturing has been actively supported.

With respect to the development of PyinOoLwin, the Senior General spotted that PyinOoLwin is a city with a strong tradition and favourable conditions, where the pleasant climate allows for peaceful and effective learning. It is necessary to promote education in the city.

He added that students and parents should be able to participate without undue burden, following proper discipline, while providing strong support for the State's educational development efforts. The presence of universities in the PyinOoLwin area forms a solid foundation for its role as an educational city.

In the health sector, he re-

marked that efforts are underway to establish modern hospitals capable of providing quality health-care. The government is planning and implementing development initiatives for the PyinOoLwin region with a comprehensive approach. In the near future, a modern, high-standard Thumingala market will also be opened in PyinOoLwin.

Similarly, he disclosed that efforts will be made to upgrade PyinOoLwin and its main market to modern urban standards. Plans are underway to build, a railway hotel and a modern, high-standard new market near the PyinOoLwin railway station.

The Senior General explained that accommodation will also be developed to ensure that tourists visiting PyinOoLwin can stay comfortably. Other urban development projects will continue to be implemented as well.

After the meeting, the Senior General fulfilled the requirements of Tatmadaw members and families and cordially greeted them.

Also, present at the meeting were Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, the wife of the Senior General; 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, Tatmadaw members, families and cadets from PyinOoLwin Station. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

Flower festival kicks off at PyinOoLwin National Kandawgyi Park

THE opening ceremony of the 18th Flower Festival of the National Kandawgyi Park in PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Region, was held yesterday.

It was attended by State Security and Peace Commission Member Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, Union Ministers U Mya Tun Oo, U Min Naung, U Khin Maung Yi, Dr Charlie Than, Dr Myo Thein Kyaw and U Myo Thant, UCSB Chairman U Soe Min Oo, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung and his

wife, senior Tatmadaw officers, departmental officials and invitees.

In his opening speech, the Mandalay Region chief minister stated that the Flower Festival is being held with the aims of encouraging people to value and take pride in the long historical heritage of the National Kandawgyi Park, to improve public understanding of the importance and benefits of botanical issues, to promote the knowledge of the public and support the regional socioeconomic and tourism in-



Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung leads Union Ministers to launch the 18th Flower Festival of the National Kandawgyi Park in PyinOoLwin yesterday.

dustry. The National Kandawgyi Park, which was established as May Myo Botanical Garden in 1924, marked its 100th anniversary in 2024, and the commemorative event was held grandly. He continued that the flower festival held in the garden of PyinOoLwin, a

Landmark of Myanmar, supports the tourism industry and socioeconomic status of locals.

The Union minister and party cut the ceremonial ribbon to inaugurate the 18th Immersive Flowers Festival.

The Union minister and par-

ty watched the entertainment programmes, and presented flower bouquets and cash prizes to the artistes, and also observed the park.

The festival will be from 6 December 2025 to 4 January 2026.

— MNA/KTZH

Myanmar donate humanitarian assistance to victims affected by Cyclone Ditwah in Sri Lanka



Humanitarian supplies are seen onboard the Tatmadaw aircraft before transporting them to Sri Lanka on 6 December 2025.

THE government and people of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, under the guidance of the Head of State, have donated humanitarian assistance to those affected by Cyclone Ditwah, which struck Sri Lanka on 28 November and caused flooding and landslides.

The humanitarian assistance, consisting of 26 types of

medications and medical supplies weighing 6.938 tonnes, along with 50,000 tubes of toothpaste and 5,000 toothbrushes weighing 2.262 tonnes, for a total of 9.2 tonnes, was transported to Sri Lanka from Yangon yesterday by a Tatmadaw aircraft, accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Min-

istry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

In addition to these supplies, the National Disaster Management Fund will provide US\$100,000, and the Myanmar Rice Federation will contribute 500 tonnes of rice, bringing the total value of the donation to K1,358.44 million. — MNA/MKKS

DSTA 27th Graduation Ceremony held

THE 27th Graduation Ceremony of the Defence Services Technological Academy (DSTA) was held yesterday morning at the Convocation Hall of the Academy. Commandant of the Defence Services Technological Academy Brig-Gen Aung Htay, Acting Rector Lt-Col Myint Win, members of the faculties and families of graduate cadets attended the ceremony.

The commandant, the acting rector and members of the faculties entered the Convocation Hall and took their seats at the designated places. Then, the National Anthem was played, and the graduation ceremony was opened.

The acting rector announced the holding of the graduation ceremony and pledged to abide by the code of conduct for the graduates. The acting rector presented certificates to the graduates in Master of Engineering, Diploma

of Teaching Engineering, Postgraduate Diploma of Engineering and Degree of Engineering.

The acting rector also allowed the graduates to wear suits corresponding to their degrees and signed the Graduation Record Book.

The rector delivered the graduation speech and announced the end of the ceremony.

The commandant, the acting rector and members of the faculties left the convocation hall.

DSTA has conferred engineering degrees on 7,833 graduates, Master of Philosophy of Engineering on five, Diploma of Teaching Engineering on 149, Postgraduate Diploma of Engineering on 544, Master of Engineering on 647 and Doctorate of Engineering on 176 and Honorary Doctorate on two from the first graduation ceremony up to the 27th graduation. — MNA/KZL

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NATIONAL

General Aung San Declares Firm Stand Against Election Disruption

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

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



2025 December Mass Walk event held in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, intending to encourage individual participation, improve national health and fitness, and raise the standard of Myanmar sports, held the “2025 December Mass Sports Activity Commemoration Walk” at 5:45 am yesterday at Wunna Theikdi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw.

The walk was joined by Union-level dignitaries, Union ministers, deputy ministers, the deputy auditor-general, members of the Union Civil Service Board, members of the Nay Pyi Taw Council, judges of the Supreme Court of the Union, department heads and officials, staff, and their fam-



Nearly 4,000 participants take part in Physical Fitness exercises at Wunna Theikdi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

ily members, amounting to nearly 4,000 participants who took part enthusiastically and cheerfully.

The event was opened by U Htein Lin, Deputy Minister

for Sports and Youth Affairs. Participants started at Gate 1 of Wunna Theikdi Stadium and walked along the designated route to Gate A. Staff from the Department of Sports and Physical Education demonstrated Physical Fitness Exercises 1 and 2, as well as Physical Fitness Dance exercises. Participants actively took part in the walk, and officials from the department distributed bottled water and snacks.

The walk will be held every Saturday in December, and Union ministers, deputy ministers, ministry personnel, and their family members are expected to continue participating. — MNA/MKKS

Union Sports Minister joins December Mass Walking event



Union Minister Jeng Phang Naw Taung observes the shooting athletes training at the Myanmar Shooting Federation in Dagon Myothit (North) Township yesterday.

DECEMBER mass walking events aim to strengthen national health and to encourage a full national sporting spirit through public participation. The first-week event was held yesterday morning, with Union Minister Jeng Phang Naw Taung joining Yangon Region Chief Minister U

Soe Thein and his wife, regional ministers and their wives, Director-General U Myo Kyaw Thu of the Union Minister’s Office, officials from the Department of Sports and Physical Education, officials from the Yangon Region Hluttaw Office and various departments, district and town-

ship authorities, invitees, residents from multiple townships, teachers from the University of Nursing, Thingangyun TTC and Yankin TTC, and students from the Department of Sports and Physical Institute (Yangon).

At 5:30 am, the Union minister initiated the event by firing

the starting gun. Participants began their walk from the People’s Square near Pyay Road, proceeded along Ahlon Road and U Wizara Road, and returned to the People’s Square to complete the combined physical fitness routines in groups one and two. Around two thousand people took part in the walk, and breakfast was served after the ceremony.

Afterwards, the Union minister and his team travelled to the Inya Road training camp of the Myanmar Rowing and Canoeing Federation. He watched training sessions for traditional boat events and the men’s and women’s ten-paddler crews preparing for the 500 metre and 200 metre races for the XXXIII Southeast Asian Games. He also observed training in international boat events, including women’s four-person crew, women’s two-person crew, men’s single sculls and men’s double sculls. During the visit, he instructed federation leaders, coaches and

athletes to address requirements and to strive for gold medals.

The Union minister then proceeded to the Theinbyu Gymnasium in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, where he watched training sessions of elite athletes and Kickboxing competitors.

He later visited the Myanmar Shooting Federation in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, where he observed national athletes training in the 10 metre air rifle, 50 metre three-position, 10 metre air pistol, and 25 metre sport pistol disciplines. He also visited the Myanmar Equestrian Federation in the same township. Officials briefed him on preparations for Dressage, Show Jumping and Cross Country events, which together form Eventing categories to be contested at the XXXIII South-East Asia Games. The Union Minister coordinated the necessary support and encouraged athletes to aim for higher standards and to secure the expected gold medals at the Games. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

Online scam hub buildings razed, 96 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 on-line gambling activities. The combined teams comprising security personnel and administrative bodies are involved in these operations, which include entering the areas, dismantling and removing illegal buildings, and taking further action in accordance with the law. To date, a total of 321 illegal buildings have been demolished in the KK Park area.

Yesterday, the authorities demolished 13 illegal buildings in Section 3. A total of 173 buildings out of 425 in Section 3 have been destroyed, and a total of 321 buildings out of 635 illegal buildings have been demolished in the KK Park area so far.

The inspections began on 18 November at the buildings within the Shwe Kokko area that had been used for online scam operations. To date, a total of 694 illegal buildings have been found, and 169 buildings linked with online scams have been found. Measures to seal and confiscate those buildings to

prevent further use began yesterday, and totalling 161 buildings have already been sealed and confiscated.

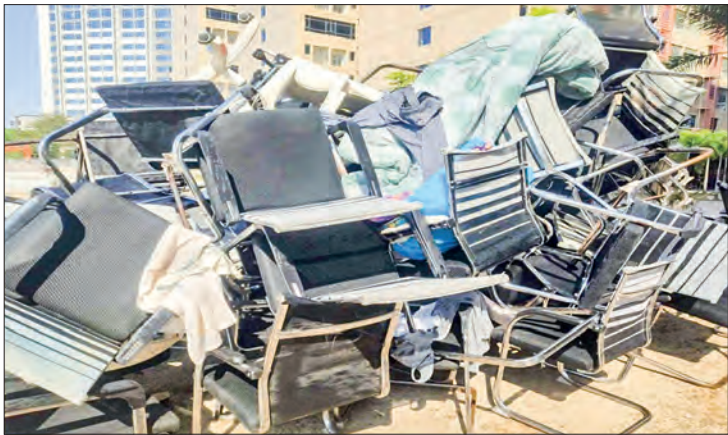
The combined team conducted a surprise check in Myawady and arrested 96 Chinese nationals near Maethawtalay village. Moreover, the authorities found five three-storey

buildings and three one-storey buildings, totalling eight buildings in Ward 3, Myawady. Yesterday, the authorities razed another five illegal buildings.

Authorities systematically destroyed the seized materials and continue the operation to expose the offences.

The government considers

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



Photos show the burning of materials used by undocumented foreign entrants in Shwe Kokko, Myawady, Kayin State.



The images show two demolished four-storey buildings in KK Park Section 3, Myawady, Kayin State, as part of ongoing demolition measures.

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.

Tatmadaw medical team delivered medical services to 591 locals at the township Sangha Nayaka office in Samma Sambuddha Pagoda compound of Mawlamyinekyun.

The treatments included general medical consultations for 205 patients, surgical care for 24 patients, obstetric and gynaecological care for 25 patients, paediatric treatments for 39 children, orthopaedic care for 115 patients, ear, nose, and throat treatment for 48 patients,



This photo captures Mawlamyinekyun residents receiving medical care provided by Tatmadaw hospital ships.

ophthalmology services for 87 patients, and dental care for 48 patients. Moreover, 20 patients had x-ray examinations, 35 were tested using ultrasound testing, 21 underwent ECG heart screenings, and 54 had laboratory tests. — MNA/KZL

Myanmar delegates visit Wuling EV automobile factory, Hu-Gui food-processing company

THE Myanmar delegation, led by Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Aung Zeya, continued the fourth-day study tour of AI Technology Exchange in Liuzhou City on 5 December.

The deputy minister and party visited the SAIC-GM Wuling company, and officials briefed the manufacturing processes of EVs with the Intelligent Island Manufacturing System every ten minutes. They then discussed cooperating in research and technology development and producing skilled experts.

On arrival at Hu-Gui food-processing company, Manager Ms Wei Qiuling and relevant officials clarified the

establishment of laboratories in the factory compound and measures to maintain the quality of products by cooperating with research groups, including Guangxi University of Science and Technology, local employment opportunities, distribution processes nationwide and e-commerce pre-order services.

The deputy minister highlighted the measures that are the same as the national objectives of Myanmar to promote the agriculture and livestock breeding-based industry and food security, and discussed AI usage and production processes in line with the standard quality. — MNA/KTZH

Citizens urged to build intellect, skills, and wider knowledge

❖ “Every individual in the nation needs to be equipped with intellect, skills, and a wider scope of knowledge for the country’s development and lasting peace and stability.”

❖ “Especially at a time when the country is transitioning to a democratic system, it is important for all ethnic nationalities to be able to think critically, distinguish right from wrong, and contribute to the interests of the nation and the people.”

(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 ceremony to award outstanding students at the city hall in Dawei of Taninthayi Region on 18 September 2025)

Fertilizer reference prices decline in Dec

THE Myanmar Fertilizer, Seed and Pesticide Entrepreneurs Association (MFSPEA) announced that fertilizer reference prices decreased a bit in December 2025 compared to those registered in November. The reference prices for December 2025 were K94,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Urea fertilizer (large granular), and K115,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Di Ammonium Phosphate.

The prices were set at K107,100 per 50-kilogramme bag of Urea fertilizer (large granular) and K139,700 per 50-kilogramme bag of Di Ammonium Phosphate in November.

The figures showed a decrease of K13,100 to K24,700 per bag in Decem-

ber compared to those of November. The prices may vary a bit depending on transport charges in other regions and states, as the aforementioned prices are set for the Yangon Region, MFSPEA stated.

Additionally, reference prices will be further announced as per rules and regulations. For overcharging, consumers can complain to the committee through contact numbers 067 410032 and 09 988539360. MFSPEA has already asked the member companies to stick to the reference prices.

At present, the Fertilizer Committee holds a quarterly meeting to ensure quality fertilizer for growers without facing shortages. Under the approval of the Fer-



A diligent farmer broadcasting fertilizers on the field.

tizer Technology Group, 12,297 fertilizer registrations have been granted after the 43rd meeting of the Fertilizer Committee. With individuals’ consent, 2,088 registra-

tions were voluntarily cancelled. The department revoked 2,867 registrations for expiration of validity, and 7,342 registrations are still under processing. — NN/KK

CBM sells over US\$1.69M to edible oil importers on 5 Dec



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

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$1.69 million to edible oil-importing companies on 5 December.

CBM sold over \$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 com-

panies 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/N/KK

DICA blacklists 25 company for non-compliance

THE Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) announced that 25 companies are blacklisted as of the end of the financial year 2026-2027 for failing to abide by existing rules, bylaws and regulations.

DICA has already notified that the registrar will publicly declare the deny list and weak compliance matters on the DICA’s website if companies registered on the online registry system, MyCO, fail to comply with the existing law, rules and bylaws of the government institutions concerned and provisions stipulated in the Myanmar Companies Law.

Those companies are found not to conduct operations at registered addresses as the relevant departments, namely the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Bureau of Special Investigation, and the Department of Inland Revenue, reported those issues respectively.

Those companies are Thinpinl Co Ltd, Myanmar MMT Jade Co Ltd, Suntex Asia Co Ltd, Swan Htet Myat Co Ltd, Nan Wai Wai Aung Trading Co Ltd, Wai Moe Aung Family Co Ltd, Hi Top Myanmar Co Ltd, Vietnam Myanmar Friendship Trading Co Ltd, Myanmar Royal



The office of the Directorate of Investment Company Administration (DICA) in Yangon.

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Inspiring a New Generation in Space Technology

THE opening ceremony of the Space Museum (Yangon), located at the People’s Square in Yangon, was held on 30 November 2025. The museum, originally built as the Planetarium in 1987 through collaborative efforts between the governments of Myanmar and Japan, has now been upgraded and renovated into a Space Museum.

At the Space Museum (Yangon), the previously used analogue projection systems have been replaced with modern digital projection systems. In addition, new exhibition areas have been added, including displays on space and the planetarium, space stations, and other space technology-related exhibits. The museum has been established to provide knowledge and educational opportunities not only for young people but also for the general public of all ages.

With the successful opening of the Space Museum (Yangon),

students and young people in Myanmar now have the opportunity to explore, in one place, the knowledge about space that they previously read about in books or saw on television—such as rockets launched into space, satellites orbiting the Earth, spacecraft and astronauts exploring space, planets, and the stars.

Space research activities, including space science, applied technologies, and satellite technologies, are being effectively utilized across various sectors of national capacity, such as defence, security, economy, transportation and communication, social development, healthcare, and education. Therefore, to enable the nation to compete internationally in these highly important fields of space science and technology, and to develop and apply them efficiently, the younger generation must be nurtured, trained, and educated accordingly.

The State has assigned the Myanmar Space Agency the responsibility of applying space technologies for peaceful purposes in the country’s socioeconomic development sectors. In collaboration with international partner organizations, the agency has already defined short-term and long-term projects and begun implementing them. Young scholars in Myanmar will also have opportunities to participate in these space technology initiatives through collaboration with the partner organizations.

The Space Museum has been established to inspire the younger generation of the nation with ideas and curiosity about space and science, going beyond what they learn in school lessons and giving rise to new dreams in these fields. Additionally, as space science and applied technologies are becoming increasingly important in building a modern, developed nation, the museum also aims to advance space technologies in Myanmar in line with current global developments. The inspiration and ideas gained from the Space Museum are expected to help cultivate future astronauts, scientists, engineers, and specialists in various fields who will contribute to Myanmar’s modern development.



Book Title - When the Body Ends, All Suffering Ceases

Author - Maung Yin Hlaine (Hinthada)

Publishing House - Ko Latt

Publication Date - November 2025 (1st Edition)

Price - K10,000

When the Body Ends, All Suffering Ceases

THIS week, we bring readers the book titled “When the Body Ends, All Suffering Ceases” by Saya Maung Yin Hlaine (Hinthada).

This book can be said to be a continuation of the author’s 2024 publication titled “When the Fuel is Gone, the Fire Will Cease”. Although the title highlights Dhamma-related themes, this book contains not only Dhamma topics but also various sections on daily life. Therefore, readers will have to read many different sectors.

In his preface, it reads...”Today, before we escape from the Loki area like marriage and enter the shelter of the Dhamma, we still have our assigned duties for our life, family, children, work and livelihood. However, as human beings balancing on both sides, we must consider a win-win situation between Loki and Dhamma affairs. Therefore, those who do not have huge concerns for their lives and families can lead to Dhamma quickly. Those who still cannot neglect their lives and families have to fulfil the needs of their lives and

families, and so they will have to turn to Dhamma when they have proper time or chance. Here, the main point is that we should not renounce our attachment, properties, wife and children based on a one-sided decision. For those who have huge responsibilities for their families, if they can concentrate on Dharma while living together with their families, there will be certain benefits for them.”

The article “When the Body Ends, All Suffering Ceases” says... to prevent the fuel and the fire from coming together, it is important not to be attached to the body and to material possessions. As the defilements are fire and so we all have to cease defilements. The physical body and mental matter are fuel. Don’t be attached to them. We come from the darkness, and will we go back to the darkness? Will we proceed to the light? These points should be emphasized. Throughout the long life cycle filled with darkness, the period when the Buddha enlightened the world was only a brief moment of light.

In the article “Family Dining Table”,

it says: In fact, the family dining table is a place for the family to gather once in the morning and once in the evening. It is a peaceful surrounding where the family members strengthen their unity and discuss matters related to business, prosperity, loving kindness, family issues and so on. Those who have been away from their families, have no place to eat, or have no family dining table will feel sad whenever they see the dining table of other families.

In the “From Individual to Group” article... it is just a nature that human beings perform their duties individually. In nature, it is just natural, depending on the way of speaking and behaving. Such a case can be said to be nature, tradition or custom. In fact, nature does not suddenly burst out from the earth or fall from the sky without reason. However, we are just human beings; we cultivate our own beliefs, religions, and cultural practices with dedication, effort, and perseverance, and we have to harvest what we have done in a certain period, and it is just our nature.



Book Title - Good Morning, Good Afternoon, and Good Evening

Author - Min Nan (Mawkyun)

Publishing House - Wunchataung

Publication Date - October 2025 (1st Edition)

Price - K10,000

Good Morning, Good Afternoon, and Good Evening

THIS week’s pick is a book encompassing a few things people think they understand but do not fully grasp, things they should know but have not learned and Standard Time’s articles: Offering prayers with utmost honesty and universal truth, meditation centre to the inner soul, Can the deceased receive the merits of the donation and good deeds performed on their behalf? Can you pay homage to Buddha with the right intentions and actions? Does Thagya Sasana, ruled by Thagyamin (also known as devoted Indra, the ruler of Tavatimsa Abode), align with the Buddhist teachings? Does Indra really disguise himself in human form and observe human life during Thingyan? Can ordinary human beings recognize a monk as an enlightened being who attained Nibbana? Thanda fiction, wrong view (Miccha Ditthi) of the Sutta, the highest practitioners, do not retire in life.

The author, Sayagyi Min Nan (Mawkyun), who writes religious literature, Buddhist scriptures and the revered Sages, this time introduced a new book titled “Good Morning, Good Afternoon, and Good Evening”, published by Wunchataung Publishing.

The author stated, citing the Buddha’s teachings from Bhummajja Sutta, Upripannasa Pali: One cannot extract oil by grinding sand. Similarly, one cannot achieve benefits from holding wrong perspectives even if there is a steady and persistent effort to practice. Samma Ditthi (right view) is the foremost of the Noble Eightfold Path, the first topic the Buddha mentioned in his sermons.

Right view is paramount for Theravada Buddhists as it can lead to right understanding, right thinking, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness and right concentration. This way, it would help one

pursue a life journey smoothly.

The preface of the book mentioned a collection of articles written with the intention of establishing a correct understanding and rectifying common traditional misconceptions and false beliefs.

The introduction of the book stated that Maha Gandharon Ashin Janaka Bhivamsa shed light on taking religion seriously by integrating its core principles and practices into every aspect of one’s life, according to his article titled “To Become a True Buddhist”.

The article “Meditation Centre to the Inner Soul” referenced profound teachings cited from the venerable Professor Dr Nandamala Bhivamsa. Meditation is not limited to retreats. It is the continuous cultivation of virtues like loving-kindness (Metta), compassion (Karuna), fostering happiness from others’ success and well-being (Mudita) and Equanim-

ity (Upekkha) in daily life. Which is way more valuable?

Attending the meditation retreat is just the state of meditative consciousness (Samadhi) and insights from the Vipassana exercise.

That is not meditation. It is not a short time of practice. When one does not practice meditation every moment, one is not aware of injustice, and it will happen. The meditation is not just for ten days of joining retreats. If one harbours greed, hatred, jealousy or arrogance during the retreat, it shows that Dhamma has not been cultivated in one’s heart. The essential practice is having deeper contemplation on one’s purposes and spiritual life. One must develop a permanent meditation centre within one’s heart, regardless of location. The foundation of the practice is the cultivation of Four Divine Abidings (also known as the Four Brahmaviharas): Loving-kindness (Metta), Compassion (Karuna), Sympathetic joy (Mudita) and Equanimity (Upekkha), which are the basis of the Buddha’s perfection of virtues (Parami) over many lifetimes to attain full enlightenment.

To summarize, this book is presented as a valuable resource for Buddhists seeking to deepen their understanding, correct common misbeliefs, and integrate the Dhamma authentically into their daily lives.



Strength in Every Breath

By Min Min Zan

Each morning, light begins the day,
With gentle steps, we find our way,
A healthy mind in a body strong,
Keeps our spirits bright and long.

Through steady breaths and mindful care,
We chase away the weight of fear,
For hearts grow brave when burdens fall,
And courage rises, standing tall.

So let us walk with calm and grace,
With strength and hope in every place,
Healthy thoughts are our daily guide,
To keep life’s joy and peace inside.

“Individual health leads towards the health of the entire nation...”

The little flower cannot bloom

By Nashine Khine (Translated by Myint Zan)

No water to freshen it
a storm is brewing
no flowers on the branches
either
far from the
sunlight also
none would take care of
it tenderly
there's only those who
want to pluck it
amongst such persons
and multiple dangers
when can the little flower
bloom?

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You Little Wave

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

From the wide open sea,
Towards the pagoda on this beach,
Would you come to pay homage?
Oh dear! You little wave!

When you arrive here,
You sound pitter-patter,
Temporarily turning your original
wavefront,
Beautifying in a new form all at once;
Towards the wide sea open,
You seem to wend back again.

On earth, from where,
You wend and come here?
To some place or to some harbour,
You primp to return over and over.

I do not want to think about this
matter.

However,
I managed to have it in mind.
You were going on the seaway while
Because of a fierce storm and tidal
surges,
A seagull got exhausted.
You carried it on your back,
Your help is like a raft!
Having thought that, just with this
feeling,
So much to my gratification.

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NATIONAL

Entertainment

Thazin Nwe Win

MRTV-4 presenter Thazin Nwe Win posted her photo shoot on 4 November, and she wore the golden dress while serving as presenter for the 25th anniversary of the Shwe Fish Cracker.

Director Wyne

DIRECTOR Wyne will make a new film, 'Poe Phalan Myo Moh Mee Nae Tha Yay Cho Khe Thi, which is the novel of Saya Soe Htike (Phado) in 2026. He asked, "Who do you all want to see as Nay Lin and Cherry? Who do you think will fit the roles? From the moment I started reading the first part written by Ko Soe Htike, my heart was pounding, and the place where Cherry used to sit has already been chosen".

Thar Nyi

THAR NYI shared his experience of facing the earthquake while he was in Mandalay on 2 December. He took the character role of U Soe Zaw Latt in the 'Nay Chi Phya Ywae Lin Say Thar' movie.

Alinn Yaung

ON 4 December, actor Alinn Yaung made a post on his Facebook saying he wants to worship only the Three Noble Gems, parents and teachers. Sooner or later, he also posted his photos marking the sweet December, with a caption: Sweeter Than Candies.

Aung Zabu

TRADITIONAL Myanmar dancer Aung Zabu will portray the main lead for a movie to be directed by director Ko Zaw (Aryon Oo) for Shwe Nadi Shwe Yi film production. The theatre artiste will perform at the national stadium in Myaungmya on 6, 7, and 8 December.

Ni Ni Khin Zaw

VOCALIST Ni Ni Khin Zaw attended the Asian Academy Creative Awards 2025 wearing a costume decorated with Myanmar's Hsaing Waing and Harp to highlight the Culture Glamour of the Red Carpet Theme. She was supported by designer Shar Tra (MUA), Ma Htet (Pop Soul), Ko Aung Zaw (Love Space) for photography, Ko Nyi Nyi Hla Baw (Love Space) for retouch, and Aung Thamadi Gold, Jewellery Shops & Refinery for jewellery. — Htun Htun/KTZH



Family & romance drama series 'Thone Lun Tin Pyoh' aired

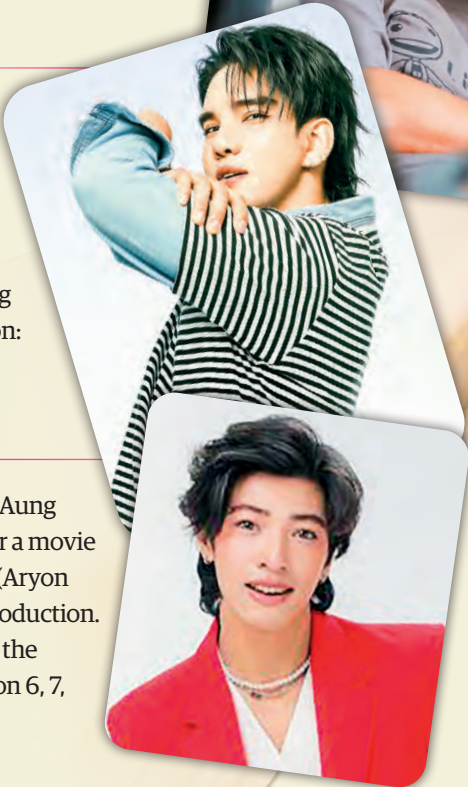
THE family-cum-romance drama series 'Thone Lun Tin Pyoh' is currently streaming on Mahar Application and Mahar TV from Monday to Friday, starting from 5 December.

The story was by Shin Ma, script by Nya Hmwe Pan and Ngwe Sin Thoon, and directed by Kyi Phyu Shin.

Actress Poe Mahme Thar took the character

of a calm and smart engineer. She has a sensitive mother who creates problems, causing her emotional burdens. She portrays the character of Apya Yint Yaung, who loves a man, Min Kha Chan Yan, who is a rich man.

The cast includes Chan Min Ye Htut, Poe Mahme Thar, Su Pan Htwar, Min Arkar, KAI, Moe Pwint Phyu and other artistes. — Htun Htun/KTZH



BRIEF



NATIONAL

National Cancer Centre to install fourth machine in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan)

THE National Cancer Treatment Centre in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, Yangon, which currently provides radiation therapy to over 250 cancer patients per day using three machines, will be installing an additional new machine, according to Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win on 6 December.

The Task Force-1 of the Ministry of Construction, continues constructing the eight-storey treatment building. The Yangon Region government and the hospital supervisory committee are working to facilitate the patients' travel and dining convenience, according to the Ministry of Health.

The Union minister coordinated and re-

solved the requirements and urged full effort to complete the project within the designated time. He also instructed all professionals to coordinate to ensure the quality of both treatment and construction, and to make the hospital environment more beautiful.

Afterwards, the Union minister inspected the current situation of radiation therapy service with the three machines, the site for the new machine, the ward organization, and the landscaping. — MT/ZN

Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win speaks words of encouragement to cancer patients.



Affordable Ron 68, 72, 77 petrol hits market on 4 Dec

THE Ministry of Energy has announced that domestic Ron 68, Ron 72, and Ron 77 fuel will be sold at reduced prices starting 4 December.

The ministry initially distributed Ron 68 petrol to private individuals through a tender system, but since January 2025, it has shifted to direct consumer distribution. Ron 72 and Ron 77

are also being produced and supplied, depending on the availability of crude oil and natural gas.

Domestic petrol is sold through filling stations operated by the Ministry of Energy, and its use is expected to significantly reduce the amount of foreign currency spent on importing fuel oil. — ASH/MKKS



Locally produced fuel is on sale at a reduced price.

Myanmar EPS workers get new passports after losing documents in S Korea fire

FOR Myanmar EPS workers who lost their passports in a fire in the Republic of Korea, the Myanmar Embassy issued new passports in accordance with the official procedure.

The embassy said in the statement that 25 Myanmar EPS workers at the flyover construction site located at Mokpo in South Jeolla Province lost their passports in a fire which destroyed their housing.

It provided the issuance of new passports for the workers in compliance with the procedure. The ambassador, military attaché, labour attaché and the embassy officials attended the issuing ceremony.

The Myanmar Embassy in Seoul has helped



This image shows the ambassador greeting Myanmar EPS workers who lost their passports in a fire.

Myanmar nationals, including migrant workers in the Republic of Korea, under existing laws, it said. — MT/ZS

GIC Group offers job opportunities in Japan for people with disabilities

AS job opportunities in Japan for people with disabilities, vacancies have been called, according to the Shwe Min Thar Foundation (Myanmar). Employment for disabled people has been jointly created by Shwe Min Thar Foundation and GIC Myanmar, and disabled employees will be hired for GIC Group (Japan/Myanmar), it said.

Vacancies are available for office staff and IT

personnel at GIC Group (Japan/Myanmar), and applicants must complete JLPT N4 and be able to work in Japan. The deadline for the application is 12 December, and it can be submitted through <https://forms.office.com/r/P6kD5JdcDi>.

GIC Group has a total of 315 employees- 14 Japanese nationals and 301 Myanmar nationals, of whom some are disabled employees. — MT/ZS

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“ Towards 30 years of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action:
UNITE to End Violence Against Women”

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ECONOMY
WORLD

Alternative investment funds in India to continue healthy growth, significant opportunity emerges for DIIs

Despite regulatory limits, many DIIs, such as retirement funds and insurance companies, have not fully invested in AIFs, suggesting substantial scope for increased participation.

ALTERNATIVE investment funds (AIFs) in India continue their healthy growth and provide significant opportunities for domestic institutional investors (DIIs) to diversify their portfolios and potentially reap higher returns, highlighted a report by Crisil Intelligence.

The report noted that despite the regulatory limits in place, many DIIs, including retirement funds and insurance companies, have not leveraged the allocation. In fact, several of these have not invested in AIFs to date, highlighting substantial scope for increased participation.

It stated “The AIF land-

scape in India presents a significant opportunity for DIIs to diversify their portfolios and potentially reap higher returns. AIFs to continue their healthy growth in coming years”.

The recent popularity of AIFs is expected to continue to rise as high-net-worth individuals (HNIs), ultrahigh-net-worth individuals (UHNIs) and institutional investors are increasingly showing interest in non-traditional assets.

AIFs in India have seen remarkable growth, with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 31.5 per cent between financials 2021 and 2025. — ANI



Alternative investment funds (AIFs) in India are experiencing robust growth, offering significant portfolio diversification and potentially higher returns for domestic institutional investors (DIIs). **PHOTO: ANI**

Putin launches RT India during state visit with PM Modi

RT India began broadcasting from its studios in New Delhi, India. Russian President Vladimir Putin and RT Editor-in-Chief Margarita Simonyan jointly launched the new channel during the president’s state visit to the country on 4-5 December.

“This is a momentous event, for it [RT] grants millions of Indian citizens clearer, more direct access to insights about contemporary Russia,” Vladimir Putin said.

Commenting on RT Editor-in-Chief Margarita Simonyan’s remarks that RT’s broadcasts are being shut down in many “ill-intentioned countries”, the Russian president stated: “This is not out of malice, it is out of fear, fear of the truth. Because Russia Today is a source of truthful and reliable information, focused on serving the interests of its viewers and listeners.”

He added: “Russia Today’s mission is not merely to promote Russia, its culture, and its positions on domestic and international issues. Above all, Russia Today strives to convey truthful information about our country and about what is happening in the world. This is the absolute value of Russia Today; this is what distinguishes it from the propaganda machinery of many Western media outlets, which essentially relay the positions of their governments.”

The channel’s launch took place during the official state visit of the Russian president to India.

“I am confident that Russia Today will do its job, and do it brilliantly, at the highest level. My congratulations to Russia Today and to all of your current and future viewers and listeners. Good luck,” stated Vladimir Putin.

During the launch ceremony, the president was presented with a virtual tour of the RT India studios. — RT Press

EU reaches accord on new generation of genetically modified crops

EUROPEAN lawmakers and EU member states announced late Wednesday they had reached an agreement on developing plants obtained by so-called new genomic techniques (NGT). NGT plants are created when a small part of

their DNA is added, removed or altered, as opposed to older GMO techniques, which involve introducing genetic material from one different organism into another to make a hybrid.

Leading agriculture un-

ions support the new technique for developing crops that are more resistant to the effects of climatic change or require less fertilizer and pesticide. “The Council has reached a provisional agreement with the European Parliament on a set of rules that establish a legal framework for new genomic techniques (NGTs),” they said in a statement. “The regulation aims to improve the competitiveness of the agri-food sector and ensure a level playing field for European operators, while boosting food security and reducing external dependencies,” it said.

“The regulation ensures robust protection for human and animal health, as well as the environment, while contributing to EU sustainability goals.” — AFP



Leading agricultural unions back the use of NGTs. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/PIXABAY**

Trump says
production of
Japan-style tiny cars
approved in US

US President Donald Trump said Friday that he has approved the manufacture of “tiny” cars in the United States, as his administration faces increasing pressure over affordability.

Two days after describing ultracompact cars that he saw in Japan about a month earlier as “really cute”, Trump said on social media he had just greenlit the production.

“Manufacturers have long wanted to do this, just like they are so successfully built in other countries,” he wrote. “These cars of the very near future are inexpensive, safe, fuel efficient and, quite simply, AMAZ-ING!”

While the details remain unclear, including which very small cars would be subject to his approval, Trump said the vehicles could be gasoline, electric or hybrid powered.

At a White House event on Wednesday, Trump suddenly said he wants to see Japan-style tiny cars built and driven in the United States.

“Honda (and) some of the Japanese companies do a beautiful job, but we’re not allowed to make them in this country,” he said at the time. “I think you’re going to do very well with those cars. So, we’re going to approve those cars.” — Kyodo



The Honda N-BOX is a popular kei car (a Japanese category for small, efficient city cars with tax benefits) known for its surprisingly spacious, versatile interior and advanced safety features. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ HONDA**

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V AS SIMONE VOY.NO. (546W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V AS SIMONE VOY.NO. (546W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **7-12-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP/MITT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Myanma Port Authority

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India-Russia Business forum a
major platform for economic growth:
Roscongress CEO

THE Forum convened senior officials, industry leaders, investors, and policy institutions for dialogues, B2B meetings, and multi-sector consultations aimed at shaping long-term bilateral growth.

The Russia-India Business Forum 2025, led by the Roscongress Foundation and held alongside President Vladimir Putin's state visit, concluded with a unified commitment to expand trade, investment, and sectoral collaboration across both countries. According to a release, over two days, the Forum convened senior officials, industry leaders, investors, and policy institutions for dialogues, B2B meetings, and multi-sector consultations aimed at



Discussions across the Forum underscored the growing convergence in pharmaceuticals, engineering goods, machinery, food products, technical textiles, and marine equipment. **PHOTO: ANI**

shaping long-term bilateral growth. Discussions across the Forum underscored the growing convergence in pharmaceuticals, engineering goods, machinery, food products, technical textiles, and marine equipment, while also identifying new joint-venture opportunities in medical technology, hospital infrastructure, cybersecurity, AI, digital innovation, and advanced manufacturing. — ANI

Notice for Change of Registration Distributor

Notice is hereby given that the official registration distributor has been changed for the following pesticides distributed by Myanma Awba Group Co., Ltd. to Pyinsa Crop Science Co., Ltd.

No	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration Type	Registration Number	Registration distributors	
					Old	New
1	Paung Thae Apin Seinn	Pyrazosulfuron-ethyl 0.04% G	Full	F2024-4513	Myanma Awba Group Co., Ltd.	Pyinsa Crop Science Co., Ltd.

Pyinsa Crop Science Co., Ltd. invites objections to Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon from all parties within a period of fourteen (14) days form 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.

Address- Pyinsa Crop Science Co., Ltd.

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Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S MAERSK A/S

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Agent For:

M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINE

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M/S MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY S.A

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST

DECEMBER 6

Iraq sets up national database to track weapons

IRAQ has set up a National Data Bank for Weapons to tighten state control over arms and help strengthen international tracking.

Major-General Mansour Ali Sultan, rapporteur of the Interior Ministry’s State Arms Control Committee, told the Iraqi News Agency that the measure is part of the government’s weapons-regulation programme. The newly established unified database covers government-owned weapons as well as arms seized or confiscated during operations.

“Iraq has, for the first time, joined the international weapons-tracking database, enabling the tracking of stolen weapons both inside and outside the country,” he said.

Sultan added that 42,237 weapons were withdrawn from civilian ministries in Baghdad and other provinces this year.

— Xinhua



In this file photo taken on 29 January 2021, members of the Iraqi federal police forces stand guard at a checkpoint in a street in the Baghdad.

PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ AHMAD AL-RUBAYE/AFP/FILE

DECEMBER 5

Sri Lanka issues fresh landslide warnings

HEAVY rains triggered fresh landslide warnings in Sri Lanka’s worst-affected central hills on Friday, as the death toll from last week’s Cyclone Ditwah jumped to 607.

The National Building Research Organization (NBRO), which monitors the stability of mountain slopes, said heavy rainfall could further saturate the hills and make them unstable.

“Since rainfall within the past 24 hours has exceeded 150 millimetres, if the rains continue, evacuate to a safe location to avoid the risk of landslides,” the NBRO said in a statement.

The latest deluge was brought on by the onset of the monsoon rains, although some of the earlier flooding that began last week has started to subside. The Disaster Management Centre (DMC) said 607 people had been confirmed dead.

— Xinhua

DECEMBER 4

Japan eyes ban on gene-edited babies

JAPAN plans to introduce a ban with penalties on implanting a genome-edited fertilized human egg into the womb of a human or another animal amid concerns over “designer babies”.

A government expert panel broadly approved a proposal, including the ban, at a meeting Thursday. With concerns rising over babies whose genetic makeup has been altered to accommodate the parents’ preferences, the government aims to submit related legislation during next year’s ordinary parliamentary session at the earliest.

In 2019, the government’s Expert Panel on Bioethics drafted a report calling for discussions on laws and regulations on the subject, following the birth of genome-edited twins in China. Japan did not establish any legislation at the time as genome editing had not been clinically applied.

— Kyodo

DECEMBER 3

Rice-based fare chosen as Japan’s “Dish of the Year”

RICE-BASED food has been selected as Japan’s “Dish of the Year” for 2025, reflecting public interest in the stable supply of the country’s staple food amid a recent rice shortage driven by poor harvests and rising prices, a restaurant search website operator said Wednesday.

Gurunavi Inc said this year’s dish was also chosen because people are increasingly looking for ways to make stockpiled rice taste better. To ensure a stable domestic supply, the government has begun releasing stockpiled rice for sale.

“Rice consumption is decreasing, but its value will increase if new recipes and menus are developed. I hope many people will eat rice,” a Gurunavi official said.

The company selects its “Dish of the Year” based on search history on its website and the results of a questionnaire.

Matcha came in second, driven by its growing popularity among travellers visiting Japan. The Chinese dish “malatang,” or spicy hot pot, was also nominated.

— Kyodo

DECEMBER 2

US medical agency will scale back testing on monkeys

THE United States will scale back certain drug-safety testing requirements on monkeys, federal regulators said Tuesday, as President Donald Trump’s administration pushes ahead with its pledge to reduce animal use in research.

Under new draft guidance from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), computer models, lab-grown mini-organs, and human studies will replace six-month repeat-dose toxicity tests in monkeys for monoclonal antibodies – lab-engineered proteins used to treat cancers, autoimmune conditions and more.

“We are delivering on our roadmap commitment to eliminate animal testing requirements in drug evaluation and our promise to accelerate cures and meaningful treatments for Americans,” FDA Commissioner Marty Makary said in a statement.

The statement added that typical nonclinical programmes involving monoclonal antibodies could include more than 100 macaque monkeys – apes are no longer used in any invasive research in the US – yet often do not yield human-approved treatments.

— AFP

DECEMBER 1

US Supreme Court hears online music piracy case

THE US Supreme Court heard arguments on Monday on whether internet service providers should be held liable for the online pirating of copyrighted music by their users.

Cox Communications, a major broadband ISP, is asking the court to throw out a jury verdict awarding \$1 billion in damages to Sony Music Entertainment and other record labels.

Cox was accused in the high-stakes 2019 case of failing to take action against customers accused of illegally downloading copyrighted music.

Joshua Rosenkranz, an attorney representing Cox, warned of “cataclysmic” consequences if the court did not limit the company’s copyright liability.

A majority of the nine justices appeared sympathetic to the argument.

— AFP

NOVEMBER 30

‘Rage bait’ wins Oxford’s word of 2025

IT SAID the word – chosen through a combination of public voting, sentiment and analysis of OUP’s “lexical data” – had “captured our emotions” this year.

Casper Grathwohl, president of OUP’s languages division, said the growing use of such words “reveal how digital platforms are reshaping our thinking and behaviour”.

“It feels like the natural progression in an ongoing conversation about what it means to be human in a tech-driven world – and the extremes of online culture,” he added in a statement.

Oxford defines “rage bait” as “online content deliberately designed to elicit anger or outrage by being frustrating, provocative, or offensive, typically posted” in order to increase web traffic or engagement.

It beat out fellow shortlisted contenders “aura farming” and “biohack”.

— AFP



SPORTS

Myanmar women's national futsal team prepares in Thailand for SEA Games

THE Myanmar women's national futsal team has arrived in Thailand, the host country of the XXXIII SEA Games, and is now under training.

The Myanmar women's futsal team is holding pre-tournament training at the Imane Gymnasium in Piranburi. They plan to play more friendly matches before the SEA Games, after which 14 finalists will be selected.

The head coach of Myanmar's national futsal team, Thai national Pirasak (Thai coach), took 16 players to the SEA games, of which two players were reduced, and 16 are currently training with the team.

The Myanmar women's national futsal team is placed in Group B for the SEA Games. They are scheduled to play against Indonesia on 13 December and Vietnam on 14 December. — Maung San Gyi/KZL



Myanmar women's futsal players are seen training in an intense session.

SEA Games Men's Football: Malaysia, Timor-Leste win, Laos eliminated from group

THE men's football group stage matches of the SEA Games took place at Rajamangala Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday. Malaysia and Timor-Leste secured decisive victories, while Laos was eliminated from the group stage.

In Group B, Malaysia defeated Laos 4-1. The win ensures Malaysia a strong chance to advance to the semifinals, as a draw in their final match will secure the top spot in the group. Laos, having failed to score in both matches, exited the tournament early. Malaysia conceded an early goal in four



Footballers vie for the ball at the SEA Games.

Myanmar Sepak Takraw Team to compete in 7 events at SEA Games

THE Myanmar Sepak Takraw team will participate in seven event categories at the XXXIII South-East Asia (SEA) Games, hosted by Thailand.

The Games will feature nine event categories, and Myanmar will compete in the men's and women's team events, the men's and women's regu events, the men's and women's quadrant events, and the mixed men's and women's quadrant event. Myanmar will not participate in the men's

and women's regu events individually.

According to the groupings, Myanmar's participation is as follows: in the men's regu event, Group A includes Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, and Singapore; Group B includes Cambodia, Brunei, Indonesia, and Thailand. In the women's regu event, Group A features the Philippines, Vietnam, and Thailand; Group B includes Malaysia, Indonesia, Myanmar, and Cam-

bodia. In the men's quadrant, Group A comprises Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Timor-Leste, and Thailand; Group B includes Cambodia, Laos, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, and Vietnam. In the women's quadrant, Group A features Vietnam, Laos, the Philippines, and Cambodia; Group B includes Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, and Thailand. In the mixed quadrant event, Group A includes the Philippines, Indonesia, and

Thailand; Group B includes Vietnam, Malaysia, Laos, and Myanmar. The men's and women's doubles events will include Thailand, Brunei, Timor-Leste, Myanmar, the Philippines, and Cambodia, while the women's doubles include Thailand, Cambodia, the Philippines, Laos, and Myanmar.

At the 2023 Cambodia SEA Games, the Myanmar Sepak Takraw team won two golds, two silvers, and one bronze. — MNA/KZL



Team Myanmar players pose for the group photo session.

minutes by Vongfar but equalized in 33 minutes through Hakek. In the second half, Malaysia added three more goals: Azam in 59 minutes, Mosak in 61 minutes, and Khalil in 90 minutes. Malaysia and Vietnam both sit on three points each, while Laos finishes without points.

In Group A, Timor-Leste defeated Singapore 3-1. Although Timor-Leste had previously lost to hosts Thailand, this victory still leaves them with limited chances to reach the semifinals. Timor-Leste came from behind after conceding an early goal to secure the win. At the group's conclusion, Thailand has three points from one match, Timor-Leste has three points from two matches, and Singapore remains scoreless after one match.

The final group stage matches for Groups A and B will be held on 11 December, featuring Malaysia versus Vietnam and Thailand versus Singapore. — Chit Ko Ko/KZL

Italy to open Europe's first marine sanctuary for dolphins

The Mediterranean's first sanctuary for captive dolphins will open off Italy's coast in Puglia.



Demand for re-homing dolphins has risen with the closure of marine parks across Europe. **PHOTO: AFP**

THE Mediterranean's first sanctuary for dolphins that have lived in captivity will open off Italy next year, as demand for re-homing rises with the closure of marine parks across Europe.

"We must develop a new model for managing dolphins in a natural but supervised environment," Carmelo Fanizza, head of the San Paolo Dolphin Refuge, told AFP. Located off the coast of Taranto in the southern Italian region of Puglia, the sanctuary still needs a final green light from the government.

But the site will be ready by the end of this month and the first dolphins are expected to arrive "no later than May or June 2026", Fanizza said. Animal rights concerns have driven countries such as Canada and France to ban the capture of dolphins, porpoises and whales, while growing numbers of marine parks are shutting. — AFP



Katja Burgler (L), Maya Stieger (R) and Peter Looser perform in the garden of the UNESCO headquarters in Paris. **PHOTO: DIMITAR DILKOFF / AFP**

Yo-de-lay-UNESCO? Swiss hope for yodel heritage listing

Yodelling is deeply intertwined with the "Swiss mountain idyll," as iconic to the nation's image as chocolate, Heidi, and William Tell.

SWITZERLAND hopes to have yodelling recognized by the United Nations this month to help protect the ancestral sing-song tradition of the Alpine nation's herders and shepherds.

As bound up with the myth of the Swiss mountain idyll as chocolate, Heidi and William Tell, yodelling will be examined for inclusion on UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list when the UN

culture body convenes from 8 to 13 December.

Switzerland currently counts some 12,000 keen yodellers liting their way through the style's distinctive topsy-turvy up-and-down melodies across 780 yodelling clubs.

Keen yodellers can also be found in the mountains of neighbouring Austria and Germany.

But unlike in 2020, when Switzerland teamed up with

France to seek recognition for the Jura region's history of watch-making, the Swiss have decided to honour their tradition of splendid isolation and forge ahead to seek yodelling recognition alone.

"This is important for the future," Markus Egli, choir director at the Buergeturner Yodel Club in Lucerne, told AFP on the sidelines of a concert in the picturesque peak-fringed city this week. — AFP

Mass wedding brings hope amid destruction in Gaza



Some 54 couples tied the knot in a mass wedding ceremony in Khan Yunis in southern Gaza — a defiant celebration of life. **PHOTO: AFP**

Grooms in black suits walked on a red carpet laid over rubble, accompanied by the beat of drums.

IN a powerful display of resilience, 54 Palestinian couples participated in a mass wedding ceremony in Khan Yunis, southern Gaza.

Organized by the Emirati Al-Faris Al-Shahim Foundation, the event took place amidst the ruins of war-torn buildings, symbolizing hope rising from destruction. The brides wore traditional white and red embroidered dresses, while grooms donned black suits, parading on a red carpet laid over rubble to the beat of drums. They held bouquets featuring the

Palestinian colors, celebrating life despite the devastation surrounding them.

Hundreds of spectators, some perched on damaged buildings, watched the ceremony, which included traditional music and dances. Newlyweds described the event as a much-needed moment of joy and a fresh start after enduring two years of conflict, hunger, and loss.

Organizers emphasized that the "dress of joy" would prevail over the destruction. — AFP