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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.



Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand Mr Sihasak Phuanketkeow at the Bayintnaung Villa in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Joint efforts to combat illegal trade, online fraud and gambling and weapon sales

The governments and armed forces of Myanmar and Thailand decided to make utmost efforts to ensure peace and stability of border regions which are essential for both countries in order to improve the border trade.

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received a delegation led by Mr Sihasak Phuanketkeow, Minister

of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, at the Bayintnaung Villa in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon. At the meeting, they frankly discussed the prevention of illegal border trade, demolishing the buildings by Myanmar in KK Park and Shwe Kokko

areas, where online gambling activities are taking place in the border areas, and national-level efforts to combat illegal sales of arms and ammunition at the border areas of both countries.

Further salient points in the discussions between the Senior General and the Thai FM

- 1. Myanmar and Thailand share a long history and have maintained a relationship as good neighbours and friends.
- 2. Myanmar and Thailand continue to implement agreements and work together, and they will make efforts to further strengthen and enhance these cooperative relations.
- 3. Myanmar prepares to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election this month, while Thailand plans to hold the election in January 2026.

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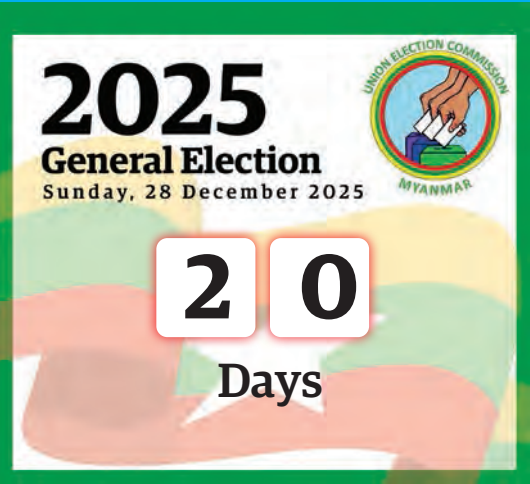
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2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

- Domestic election observers who wish to monitor the multiparty democratic general election, which will begin in phases on 28 December 2025, may apply for election observation permits at the Union Election Commission (UEC), as well as the relevant Region/State, District, and Township Election Subcommissions from today until 5 December 2025.
- The Union Election Commission announced on 16 September 2025 that domestic election observers must follow the Code of Conduct for Observers, issued under Notification 68/2025, and adhere to the procedures set out for their observation activities under Notification 69/2025. These notifications are available for viewing and can be downloaded from the Union Election Commission's official website <https://www.uec.gov.mm>.
- The Union Election Commission has also announced that international election observers will be allowed to monitor the multiparty democratic general election. Invitations will be extended directly to representatives of relevant countries and international organizations. In addition, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, invitations will be sent to representatives of foreign embassies, consulates, and permanent missions that maintain diplomatic relations with the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Union Election Commission



- Let us encourage production for prosperity of the Nation.
- Let us ensure education sector for the development of the Nation.
- Let us protect our environment for the prosperity of the Nation.

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

12th ceremony of paying tributes to fallen heroes held in Nay Pyi Taw

THE 12th ceremony of paying tributes to fallen heroes who sacrificed their lives for the State security, rule of law and sovereignty throughout the years took place at the Memorial to Fallen Heroes (Nay Pyi Taw) in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Lt-Gen Ko Ko Oo, Lt-Gen Phone Myat and senior Tatmadaw officers of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), members of the Myanmar War Veterans Organ-



Doves being released at the event of paying tributes to fallen heroes at the Memorial to Fallen Heroes (Nay Pyi Taw) in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

ization, leaders of political parties, the Yaung Ni Oo and Friends charity organization, the Shwe Pyi Taw Thoh Sone Hmat charity organization, and Tatmadaw admirers attended the ceremony.

After the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the attendees sang the national anthem, saluted the State flag, paid tributes to fallen Tatmadaw members and recited four oaths.

Then, they observed a two-minute moment of silence

for fallen heroes, released balloons, symbolizing the heroes' ascent to the heaven, and freed doves for ensuring the perpetual peace. They also laid wreaths for the fallen.

The well-wishers offered dawn meals and alms to monks at the Thadayon Monastery in Pobbathiri Township dedicating to the fallen Tatmadaw members and shared their merits gained. — MNA/KZL

SEA Games women's football 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 pm on 8 December.

The match will be broadcast live on MRTV HD, MRTV Entertainment, MRTV Sports, and Myanmar Radio starting at 2:40 pm. — MNA/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)

Myanmar, Thailand focus on further promotion of positive cooperation in regional and international landscapes

A delegation led by Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand Mr Sihasak Phuangkitkeow called on Prime Minister U Nyo Saw at the Office No 18 of the Union Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

They cordially exchanged views on further enhancement of friendship and diplomatic rela-

tions between the two countries, stability of border region between the two countries, promotion of bilateral trade, economic cooperation and environmental conservation, implementation of the peace process in Myanmar, placing emphasis on successful holding of a free and fair multiparty democratic general



Prime Minister U Nyo Saw receives Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand Mr Sihasak Phuangkitkeow in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

election under the law, and leveraging up positive cooperation in the regional and international landscapes.

Also, present at the meeting were Union Minister for Commerce U Chit Swe, deputy ministers and officials. The Thai

Minister of Foreign Affairs was accompanied by the Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar and delegation members. — MNA/TTA

Foreign Ministers of Myanmar and Thailand discuss key issues of mutual interests

UNION Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar U Than Swe met Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand Mr Sihasak Phuangkitkeow, who paid a one-day visit to Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. The Union Minister hosted a working lunch to the Foreign Minister of Thailand and his delegation at Jasmine Nay Pyi Taw Hotel.

The two Foreign Ministers reaffirmed that Myanmar and Thailand are the neighbours, bound by shared cultural traditions, societal linkages, and strong economic interdependence. They noted that these natural linkages create a solid and strong foundation for enhancing partnership between the two countries.

Both sides underscored the importance of maintaining peace, stability, and economic



Union Minister U Than Swe hosts a working lunch to the Foreign Minister of Thailand at Jasmine Nay Pyi Taw Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

prosperity along the common border, noting that this is essential for the prosperity and well-being of communities on both sides.

The Union Minister apprised the Thai Foreign Minis-

ter of the determined efforts of Myanmar on eradicating online scamming in the area bordering Thailand and highlighted the importance of effective cooperation between Myanmar and its neighbours.

In discussing the negative consequences and instability caused by illegal border trade via illegal gates, both sides exchanged views on importance of promoting legal and regulated trade channels for the benefits

of both countries. The Foreign Ministers further discussed ways to strengthen closer cooperation to address common issues and promote mutual interests of Myanmar and Thailand. The Union Minister reaffirmed that, for the prosperity of both sides, the door is always open to Thailand for enhanced cooperation between the two Foreign Ministries. In the afternoon, the Thai Foreign Minister and his delegation visited the prefabricated Basic Education High School Branch (Thapyaygon) in Pobbathiri Township, constructed by AHA Centre, with the financial support of Thailand. The delegation then paid homage to the Maravijaya Buddha Image in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

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They also exchanged views on making utmost efforts between the governments of Myanmar and Thailand and between the two Tatmadaws to ensure peace and stability of border region which are essential for both countries in order to improve the border trade.

They emphasized that Myanmar and Thailand share a long history and

have maintained a relationship as good neighbours and friends. Both countries continue to implement agreements and work together, and efforts will be made to further strengthen and enhance these cooperative relations.

Furthermore, the meeting focused on Myanmar's active cooperation in ASEAN framework, preparations to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic gener-

al election in Myanmar this month, the plans of Thailand to hold the election in coming January, and efforts to enhance friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

After the meeting, the Senior General and the Thai Foreign Affairs Minister exchanged gifts and had documentary photos taken together with the attendees.

Also, present at the meeting together

with the Senior General were Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Commission members Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe. The Thai Foreign Affairs Minister was accompanied by Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mr Mongkol Visittump and delegation members. — MNA/TTA

Union Minister inspects development activities in Shan State

UNION Minister for Border Affairs and for Ethnic Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, a member of the State Security and Peace Commission, and Shan State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Colonel Sein Win visited the Shan State Development Supervision Office (Kengtung) in Kengtung Township, Shan State (East), on 6 December.

First, the Regional Development Supervisor explained the regional development activities being carried out, and the head of the District Department of Education and Training presented information about the Border Area Ethnic Youth Development Training School and the domestic vocational training school.

The Union minister then coordinated as needed. He emphasized that development work in border areas must focus on national unity and equal progress across all regions and states, instructed employees to



Member of the State Security and Peace Commission Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae observes trainees using sewing machines at the Vocational Training Centre for the Women (Kengtung) in Shan State.

strictly adhere to civil service ethics and cooperate with local communities in implementing development activities, and also presented awards to employees while inspecting the 5,000-gallon brick tank on the office premises, the staff housing, and the cleanliness and beautification of the compound.

Next, the Union minister visited the Vocational Training Centre for Women (Kengtung) to inspect the training, dormitories, dining hall, kitchen, and library, and the Training School for the Development of Nationalities Youth from Border Areas (Kengtung) to inspect the students' dormitories, dining hall,

and sports field.

Afterwards, he proceeded to the Training School for the Development of Nationalities Youth from Border Areas in Loimwe and met with the staff, teachers, and students. He instructed the students to study hard and learn the skills taught by teachers, and urged the

teachers to train the students in line with the school's goals so that they may become strong, capable civil servants and future leaders on whom the country can rely. He also presented the students with cash awards.

Yesterday morning, he inspected the construction works and the office premises at the Mongphyat Township Development Supervision Office.

At the Vocational Training Centre for Women in Tachilek, the Union minister met the staff, instructors, and trainees, instructed the trainees to work hard to master the subjects taught and to be able to start their own businesses, presented cash awards, and inspected the school campus.

The Union minister looked into the Tachilek District Development Supervision Office, the road construction site at Loitawkhram Village-tract, and the construction of four box culverts. — MNA/TH

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General Aung San Declares Firm Stand Against Election Disruption

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

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



No 1 Basic Education High School, Tatkon holds 10th Teacher Respect-paying Ceremony

THE 10th Teacher Respect-paying Ceremony of No 1 Basic Education High School, Tatkon, was held yesterday morning at Aung San Hall in Tatkon, Nay Pyi Taw.

The ceremony was attended by the Chairman of the Working Committee on Information and Development of a Resilient and Strong Social Community Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Tin Oo Lwin, and a total of 189 former students, along with teachers aged 60 to 80 who taught at No 1 Basic Education High School, Tatkon.

First, the former students paid homage to the teachers. Then, the chairman as well as the secretary of the alumni



The 10th Teacher Respect-paying Ceremony of No 1 Basic Education High School, Tatkon, in progress at Aung San Hall in Tatkon, Nay Pyi Taw, attended by Union ministers U Maung Maung Ohn and U Tin Oo Lwin.

association made speeches of appreciation.

Afterwards, Union Minister

U Maung Maung Ohn and Union Minister U Tin Oo Lwin delivered opening remarks.

Next, Union Ministers U Maung Maung Ohn and U Tin Oo Lwin, and officials presented

MRTV DTH receivers, accessories and gifts to teachers aged 75 and above, and provided exercise books and stationery to students. Then, the teachers delivered speeches, and Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn gave 30 MRTV DTH receiver sets to former students.

Tatkon BEHS No 1 was opened as a primary school in 1946, upgraded to a middle school in 1952, and became a high school on 30 November 1957. Many talented students have emerged from the school, with numerous graduates excelling in matriculation exams. Currently, a total of 1,924 students are taught by 72 teachers. The teacher respect-paying ceremony is held once every three years. — MNA/TH

First Preservation Committee Meeting held for Bogoyoke Aung San Museum

THE first meeting of the Preservation and Exhibition Committee for the Bogoyoke Aung San Museum (Yangon) was held on 6 December at the museum located on Bogoyoke Aung San Museum Road in Bo Cho Ward 1, Yangon.

During the meeting, Vice-Chair and Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Daw Nu Mra Zan said that the Bogoyoke Aung San Museum (Yangon) is under the National Museum (Yangon), and therefore, personnel implementing the tasks will need to coordinate continuously with the National Museum (Yangon). She stated that once the Ministry of Construction completes all



The meeting of the Preservation and Exhibition Committee for the Bogoyoke Aung San Museum (Yangon) in progress at the museum in Yangon on 6 December.

renovation tasks, the museum will reinstall the transferred exhibition items for display.

She added that the committee must calculate and prepare the required special lighting and

other necessary elements for the exhibition layout, and she urged all relevant departments to implement their responsibilities systematically in line with their respective guidelines.

The Yangon City Development Committee vice mayor, senior officials from the Department of Archaeology and National Museum, the Myanmar Council of Architects, the Federation of Myanmar Engineering Society, experts from the task force-2 of the Ministry of Construction, officials from the Department of Information and Public Relations, the National Archives Department, the Central Equipment Statistic and Inspection Department, the

National Library (Yangon) and the National Museum (Yangon) discussed sector-wise matters to support the preservation and exhibition work of the Bogoyoke Aung San Museum (Yangon).

Afterwards, the deputy minister and the team inspected the ground floor, upper floor and lawn areas of the museum, which require renovation. They checked the rear lawn area and a section of ground that has subsided and instructed priority repairs. They also directed the replacement of only the damaged sections of the flooring, pillars, walls, window frames and roofs inside the building, together with other necessary arrangements. — MNA/KZL

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The Flavours of Sri Lanka 2025 event in progress at Pan Pacific Hotel, Yangon, yesterday. **PHOTO: ZWE HTET KO (IPRD)**

Yangon Region Chief Minister joins flavours of Sri Lanka 2025

THE Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein and delegation attended the Flavours of Sri Lanka 2025 event at Pan Pacific Hotel, Yangon, hosted by the Sri Lanka Embassy to Myanmar.

The ceremony featured a traditional lamp-lighting by the Yangon Region Chief Minister, regional ministers, Sri Lankan Ambassador Mrs Prabashini Ponnampereuma, and Indian Ambassador Mr Abhay Thakur.

A two-minute prayer was held for Sri Lankan communities affected by natural disasters.

Ambassador Mrs Prabashini Ponnampereuma extended greetings, followed by cultural performances showcasing Sri Lanka's heritage. Guests, including the Yangon Region Chief Minister enjoyed traditional Sri Lankan cuisine demonstrations presented via video. — Zwe Htet Ko (IPRD)/KZL

Yangon begins selection for Mr & Miss Culture Myanmar 2025 contestants

YANGON Region has begun selecting contestants to represent the region in the upcoming Mr & Miss Culture Myanmar competition, according to The Model of Myanmar Model Agency, which is responsible for organizing the event.

Alinn Khit, National Director of The Model of Myanmar Model Agency, said the agency is now inviting applicants who will later compete in the Mr & Miss Culture International event. He explained that the competition

is held annually and that the agency is currently recruiting contestants for its third edition. He added that the aim is to give Myanmar's undiscovered talents the opportunity to appear on the international stage while also promoting the country's traditional culture and heritage.

Contestants must follow the competition's rules and guidelines. Those without prior experience will be offered free basic training in catwalk skills and other essential knowledge, and shortlisted candidates must be able to commit sufficient time for further training.

Applicants must be between 16 and 28 years of age. Male applicants must be at least five feet five inches tall, and female applicants at least five feet two inches tall. They must have completed at least the high-school level, possess a well-proportioned physique, demonstrate good interpersonal skills and be able to comply with the agency's rules. Applicants currently under contract with other agencies are not eligible. — ASH/KZL



A scene from the previous year's Mr & Miss Culture Myanmar competition.

Myanmar delivers humanitarian aid to cyclone-hit Sri Lanka



The acceptance ceremony for Myanmar-aided humanitarian materials is underway at the Colombo airport, Sri Lanka.

THE government and people of Myanmar delivered urgent humanitarian aid to Sri Lankan communities affected by Cyclone Ditwah. On 28 November 2025, the cyclone caused flooding and landslides across 25 districts, affecting over 900,000 people and damaging homes, roads, and essential infrastructure.

Following the guidance from Myanmar's Head of State, a delegation led by Director-General U Zaw Phy

Win of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Director-General Daw Lei Lei Aye of Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement flew to Colombo on the night of 6 December. They were welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to Sri Lanka Daw Marlar Than Htaik and senior Sri Lankan officials, including Chanmari Rodrigo of Southeast and Central Asia Affairs and Air Vice Marshal S Deshapriya GM Silva.

The Myanmar team hand-

ed over medicines, medical supplies, and personal health items carried by the military aircraft, totalling 9.2 tonnes, to support recovery efforts. This aid, valued at around US\$120,000, includes 500 tonnes of rice and an extra US\$100,000 in relief funds to be delivered in the coming days. The gesture reflects strong bilateral relations and Myanmar's commitment to assisting Sri Lanka in rebuilding swiftly. — MNA/KZL

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Users urged to avoid harmful or risky behaviour on social media

❖ “As today’s era is a media-driven age, it is important for individuals to use social networks responsibly, avoiding actions that are harmful or pose risks to themselves or their communities.”
(Excerpt from the speech delivered by State Security and Peace Commission Chairman and Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with Tatmadaw members and families of Myeik Station in the Coastal Region Command Headquarters on 19 September 2025)

Workshop on developing construction project management skills held

A workshop on developing construction project management skills for high-rise and public building projects is being held in Yangon from 5 to 12 December, according to the High-Rise and Public Building Project Committee (HPBC).
The workshop, titled “Management System for Building a Better Future Together”, is being held at the Department of Urban and Housing Development in Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region. Project directors, project managers, and civil engineers supervising construction work on high-rise projects in the Yangon Region are attending the discussion.
“Construction project management is crucial for the con-



This photo showcases a workshop on developing construction project management skills for high-rise and public building projects, held in Yangon from 5 to 12 December.

struction of high-rise and public buildings, which involve significant risks. Therefore, we are organizing these workshops to help those in the relevant sectors gain more knowledge on the subject and further develop their skills,” said HPBC Chairman U Thein Zaw.
Four construction experts discussed issues related to the Myanmar National Building Code 2025 during the workshop. The code was initially drafted in 2008 by experts from the Federation of Myanmar Engineering Societies with international assistance and was put into use in 2020. Five years later, the upgraded Myanmar National Building Code 2025 was published.
— ASH/TH

Over 150 booths exhibited at 2025 Myanmar International Textile and Machinery Fair in Yangon



Some of the booths at the trade fair.

ACCORDING to the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA), more than 150 booths from Myanmar, China, Hong Kong SAR, Korea and ASEAN countries were showcased at the 2025 Myanmar International Textile and Machinery Fair.
The fair was held from 5

to 7 December at the Yangon Convention Centre, Inya Lake Hotel, Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, with the aim of promoting small and medium-sized garment enterprises and facilitating their connection to international markets.
The event was jointly organized by the Myanmar Gar-

ment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) and the Chinese Textile & Garment Association (CTGA), with the support of the Department of Commerce of Zhejiang Province, China.
More than 110 booths from over 70 Chinese companies and around 40 booths from Myanmar took part in the fair, bringing the total to over 150 booths. Textile and machinery products from member factories of MGMA, as well as from Korea (KOGAM), Hong Kong (HKMMA) and ASEAN countries, were exhibited.
Alongside the main fair, an electrical goods exhibition, a car show, and a Thai product fair were also held from 5 to 7 December, running daily from 9 am to 5 pm for three consecutive days. — ASH/KN

MRF, MRPTA supply rice via home delivery system

THE 108-pound rice sacks, as well as 10-kilogramme bags of Shwebo Pawsan, Ayeyawady Pawsan, and Aemahta rice can be ordered through the home delivery system by contacting the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) and the Myanmar Rice and Paddy Traders Association (MRPTA).
The MRF and the MRPTA are cooperating to sell rice at affordable prices to the consumers in Yangon.
Up to 3 December, six-truck loads of rice were sold via home delivery, and to government departments, factories, and workshops, including Shwebo Pawsan (108 Lb): 144 bags, Shwebo Pawsan (10 kg): 31,207 bags, Ayeyawady Pawsan old (108 Lb): six bags, Ayeyawady Pawsan (10 kg): 15,289 bags, Ayeyawady Pawsan new (108 Lb): five bags, Ayeyawady Pawsan (Kyapyan) (108 Lb): 16 bags, Ayeyawady Pawsan (Kyapyan) new (108 Lb):

22 bags, 90 days Aemahta (108 Lb): 49 bags, 90 days Aemahta (10 kg): 11,062 bags, Aemahta (15 per cent) (108 Lb): 15 bags and Aemahta (15 per cent) (10 kg): 6,028 bags.
Selling rice by mobile trucks that travel around markets and selling rice at the Wardan warehouse are being carried out from Tuesday to Friday every week.
The MRF announced to contact the following phone numbers for buying rice: MRF-09-400067240, 09-400067250, 09-400067260; MRPTA: 018-221448.
— MT/ZN



Delivering rice sacks via the home delivery system.

Bring honour to the State by achieving great success in sports

THAILAND, as the host nation, has begun holding the XXXIII Southeast Asian Games. The Games, which run from 5 to 20 December, will feature competitions in 54 sports. Myanmar has prepared and trained in advance to compete in 38 of those sports, and it is confident that success will be achieved in the respective events.

Myanmar athletes have now begun competing with full training, strong confidence, and a determined will to win. Parents and supporters across the country, as well as Myanmar nationals from various regions, are already rallying behind the Myanmar teams, wishing them success. As the SEA Games is the highest-level

sporting event among ASEAN countries, Myanmar’s sporting ability also shows strong potential compared to other nations in the region.

Myanmar’s selected athletes can perform at a higher level across more sports, which is expected to result in winning more gold, silver, and bronze medals and further enhance the prestige of the nation and its citizens. In particular, it is hoped that Myanmar’s men’s and women’s football teams, which are among the most prominent sports with ongoing successes, will help elevate the country’s sporting reputation.

citizens have continuously taken pride in their sporting achievements. Recently, after winning the Asian Football U17 qualifiers, the Myanmar U17 men’s team was awarded a prize of K100 million by the Head of State. Athletes are fully aware that their efforts and dedication are supported and recognized by the government and the entire public.

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At the ongoing XXXIII SEA Games, the participating Myanmar athletes are expected to win medals for the country while demonstrating their dedication, skill, and sportsmanship through tireless effort and competition. The nation’s people are hopeful that their achievements will enhance the prestige and honour of Myanmar.

STARTING with the Global Development Initiative (GDI), which was briefly mentioned in the Governance of China IV book by President Xi around 2021, the other global initiatives have come out successively from the central committee of the Politburo or the brainchild behind, namely, the Global Security Initiative (GSI) and Global Civilization Initiative (GCI). These initiatives have become the backbone of China’s vision for the world and the bible to help countries, especially the Global South, to comprehend the underlying rationale for why China wants to make a difference in this world.

The last of these gang of four, the Global Governance Initiative (GGI), came out recently to promote the building of a more just and equitable global governance system and work together for a community with a shared future for humanity. The GGI itself is not really an idea nouveau; the writer has heard of it since his days in Peking University in 2023, being explained by professors well-connected to the central committee members.

President Xi Jinping had proposed the Global Governance Initiative

An Initiative Too Many?

By U AC

ative (GGI), calling on countries to work in concert for a more just and equitable global governance system. Xi made the remarks when chairing the “Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Plus” Meeting in north China’s port city of Tianjin, where the SCO held the largest summit in its 24-year history, attended by leaders from more than 20 countries and heads of 10 international organizations.

Xi also highlighted five principles of the GGI — adhering to sovereign equality, abiding by international rule of law, practising multilateralism, advocating the people-centred approach, and focusing on taking real actions. While the historical trends of peace, development, cooperation and mutual benefit remain unchanged, the Cold War mentality, hegemonism and protectionism continue to haunt the world, Xi said, adding that new threats and

challenges have been only increasing, and the world has found itself in a new period of turbulence and transformation. “Global governance has come to a new crossroads,” he said.

This year and the event marked the 80th anniversary of the victory in the World Anti-Fascist War and the 80th founding anniversary of the United Nations (UN). Xi stressed firmly safeguarding the status and authority of the UN, and ensuring its irreplaceable and key role in global governance. He said that all countries, regardless of size, strength and wealth, are equal participants, decision-makers, and beneficiaries in global governance. “There should be no double standards, and the house rules of a few countries must not be imposed upon others,” Xi said. The SCO should step up to play a leading role and set an example in carrying out the GGI, and remain

a force for stability in this volatile world.

On the surface, it seems the four seem to be all but one, from the bird’s eye view. Essentially, China wants the world to work together and develop, especially the Global South. A very laudable idea indeed.

How can Myanmar find synergy between GGI and its economic recovery?

These GGI concepts seem ideal in this current global environment where poorer or smaller country such as Myanmar do not have their sovereignty and dignity respected, and their domestic affairs are constantly being interfered in the context of a geopolitical game. We are not given the right to independently choose our own social system and development path. We were denied trade, engagements and investments

unless we kowtow to the West’s wishes. Even some countries from ASEAN are following that tirade.

There is no point in regurgitating the details of five concepts of GDI; namely, sovereign equality,

and exclusionary arrangements on the global stage. GGI ended by finally saying that at the international level, talk is cheap. The fifth element targets the inclusion of action and results orientation in global governance to effectively

perfect! We just have to make sure that the success of it does not have to depend on the powers from the West.

How should Myanmar promote future development within this framework?

As mentioned above, China has made its intentions clear. It has also made its vision for the world clear. So Myanmar can use this as a backbone for its own development. We can expect China to support us in the UN, to support us against bullying by the West, to support the development of our

tions, we need leadership that will guide the country with integrity and selflessness, many years down the road. We need smart and youthful captains with intelligence to compete on the global stage.

Compared to hegemony, unilateralism and protectionism, what profound and specific impact will GGI have on emerging markets and developing countries?

China has done a great service to the developing world. It has provided the leadership that the smaller countries need to ring fence us from the dangers of colonisation of the nations, through the minds. Think Tank Xinhua research has already proven many of these colonisation strategies and tactics in its recent publication.

China is already providing a huge umbrella to shield us from these hegemonies, unilateralism and protectionism. No country or civilisation in the history of this world has done that. Developing countries have a real friend now. The countries themselves have to take advantage of that to make the positive impacts exponential.

The Subtle Magic of Gentle Words

By Laura Htet (UDE)

IHAVE a small, heartfelt wish. In our journey through life, may we never have to face people who are extremely difficult to get along with. And even more importantly, may we never become one of those difficult people ourselves. That is my simple prayer — quiet, sincere, and deeply meaningful. Because the way we treat others, and the way we allow others to treat us, shapes our daily happiness far more than we often realize. Even the smallest interactions can lift us or drain us, and sometimes the tone of a single conversation can affect the rest of our day.

Many of us have known someone impossible to talk to — someone who refuses to compromise, who chooses conflict over peace, who never sees their own faults but can list every weakness in others with surprising accuracy. We have all felt the discomfort of dealing with a person who forgets kindness quickly, gets angry easily, and cannot forgive

even the tiniest mistake. Their presence feels heavy, almost as if a dark cloud follows them into every space they enter.

When we interact with such people, our own thoughts begin to twist and tighten. Even a simple conversation feels like walking on a narrow edge, where one wrong word might trigger an explosion. The mind becomes suffocated, turning in circles, trying to find a gentle path through a landscape of misunderstanding. Words like understanding, adjustment, patience, and cooperation simply do not exist in their world. Everything becomes a struggle, even when it should be effortless.

Because of this, we naturally wish to avoid people who make life harder. But that wish comes with a responsibility. While we hope not to meet such individuals, we must also hope never to become one ourselves. The world already has enough tension, pride, and miscommunication. If our own behaviour adds more difficulty, we simply add more unhappiness to the world around us. So we try — imperfectly, but truly — to stay aware of

who we are becoming and how our presence affects others.

That awareness begins with gentle, honest reflection. If we start to see that we struggle to get along with many people, if we often feel suspicious, misunderstood, or attacked, if we begin to believe that everyone else is the problem and if people quietly step back when we enter a room, then perhaps there is something within us that needs care and understanding. Realizing this can feel uncomfortable, sometimes even painful, but it is also deeply important. It is the first, quiet step toward real growth.

There is a simple story that illustrates this very beautifully. A man once walked around complaining about a terrible smell. He blamed the air, the surroundings, the weather, and even the people near him. Much later, he discovered that the smell came from a piece of dried fish stuck in his own beard. In life, this happens more often than we expect. When we constantly complain about everyone around us, when we cannot get along with

anyone, when every interaction feels like a battle, the issue may not lie outside. It may be something we are carrying within ourselves.

Difficult people often cannot tolerate even a single wrong word. They insist on being right every time. They believe they never make mistakes. Their stories always begin with how other people have treated them badly. In their eyes, blame always travels outward. Apologizing feels impossible. Compromise feels like losing. Understanding feels unnecessary.

But relationships built on pride, stubbornness, and blame rarely lead to happiness. They lead to distance. People slowly begin to avoid those who refuse to be gentle or flexible. They step back — not because they are cruel, but because peace becomes impossible when conflict follows someone everywhere they go. And no matter how lonely the difficult person begins to feel, they may still not understand that their own harshness is the cause of that loneliness.

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Tatmadaw vessel Thanlwin completes coastal healthcare mission



Medical team from Tatmadaw Hospital Ship Thanlwin welcomed by Tatmadaw members and families at Thanlyin Station.

TATMADAW vessel Thanlwin returned after providing healthcare services to local people in Yangon and Ayeyawady regions.

The Tatmadaw's special medical team includes doctors, surgeons, and nurses, aboard the Tatmadaw Vessel Thanlwin which have completed a healthcare mission

for local people in towns, villages and surrounding areas in Yangon Region's Cocokyun Township and Ayeyawady Region's Hainggyikyun Town.

The medical team carried out healthcare services from 18 November to 6 December. The vessel arrived back in Yangon yesterday, docking at the No 2 Naval

Jetty (Thilawa), where they were welcomed by Tatmadaw members and families from Thanlyin Station.

The medical team on board the Thanlwin vessel provided services the surrounding areas in Yangon Region's Cocokyun Township and surrounding villages of Hainggyikyun, Ngaput-

aw Township, Ayeyawady Region.

Throughout this mission, the team treated a total of 6,836 people including 1,831 with general diseases, 697 surgical patients, 230 obstetric patients, 383 paediatric patients, 1,092 orthopaedic patients, 400 ENT patients, 1,295 ophthalmology patients and 944 dental patients. Among them, 88 underwent surgeries for general conditions and 145 received eye surgeries on board the vessel.

In turn, 160 patients received X-ray tests, 832 were examined using ultrasound, 634 underwent ECG heart tests and 466 had laboratory tests. The medical team also successfully assisted in the delivery of five pregnant women, while three individuals were referred to local Tatmadaw and people's hospitals for further treatment.

This mission marks its 19th trip, during which 170,484 people received healthcare services. During these missions, the team has also helped deliver 27 babies safely.

— MNA/KZL

Group Art Exhibition titled "88'SSFA Friendship" held until 10 December

A group art exhibition titled "88'SSFA Friendship" is being held at the Artistic Space Art Gallery in Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region, starting from 6 until 10 December, according to artist Thit Lwin Soe, who is participating in the exhibition.

It features a diverse collection of paintings across various media and subjects by the following artists: Thit Lwin Soe, Kyee Soe, Koung Seithu, Hla Htay Aung, K Kyaw, Thein Htay, Zanthu Ya, Min Ohn Mon, Toe Toe, Maung Chaw, Por Por, Zaw Tun, Than Zaw, Tun Tun, Myint Soe (mi) and Nyo Thein Oo. The artworks include various genres, utilizing different media such as watercolour, oil paint, acrylic, and pencil sketch drawings.

"We are showcasing the Group Art Exhibition titled '88'SSFA Friendship' at the Artistic Space Art Gallery. Our diverse styles and media are being exhibited starting from 6 December, from 10 am to 5 pm daily. We respectfully invite everyone to come and visit the exhibition," said artist Thit Lwin Soe.

The paintings displayed in the exhibition come in various sizes, including 24 x 24 inches, 36 x 24 inches, 18 x 24 inches, and 18 x 18 inches. — ASH/ZN



The catalogue for the Group Art Exhibition titled "88'SSFA Friendship".

The Subtle Magic of Gentle Words

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On the other hand, people who approach life with gentleness create a quiet warmth wherever they go. Those who forgive easily, who listen carefully, who try to understand another person's heart, who are not ashamed to apologize when they are wrong — these individuals bring a sense of safety. Being around them feels relaxing. Conversations become easier. Even disagreements become manageable because respect remains at the centre. Their presence turns ordinary moments into peaceful ones.

Living this way requires

softness, but it is not a softness that weakens us. It is a strength that refuses to rely on anger or pride. It is a strength that says, "I value peace more than winning." It says, "I care more about the relationship than about proving myself right."

This gentle strength is quiet, but it is powerful. It often speaks louder than raised voices ever could.

People who are too difficult in relationships rarely find lasting joy. They unknowingly build a cold, narrow box around themselves. They close their own hearts without realizing it. And while they may believe everyone else is the problem, the truth is

simple: happiness cannot survive in a place where understanding, patience, and kindness do not exist.

Life is not as long as we imagine. Time moves quietly, and every moment we spend in unnecessary conflict is a moment of peace we lose forever. Just as we deserve happiness, the people around us deserve it too. When others feel anxious, small, or hurt because of our behaviour, it shows that compassion has stepped aside. And once compassion disappears, relationships begin to crumble.

That is why we remind ourselves to soften. To speak gently even when we feel frustrated. To

listen even when we disagree. To understand, even when it takes effort. To forgive — not because the past can change, but because our heart needs room to breathe. We practice gratitude for even the smallest things. And when we make mistakes — and we all will — we try not to let pride silence our apology.

Let us not become people who are too difficult to deal with. Let us not be the reason someone else feels afraid, stressed, or unwelcome. Instead, let us be the kind of people whose presence brings comfort and steadiness. Let us be people who carry calmness into stressful moments and kindness into uncomfortable ones.

A gentle way of relating to the world has the power to

transform not only our own lives, but also the lives of the people around us. A soft voice can calm a storm. A sincere apology can mend a broken connection. A moment of understanding can stop a cycle of conflict that might have continued for years.

We cannot control everything that happens, but we can control how we respond. We can control the kind of person we choose to become. And if we choose gentleness — if we choose understanding, patience, and humility — we create a circle of peace around us. Life becomes lighter. Relationships grow stronger. Happiness becomes easier to reach. And that, perhaps, is one of the most meaningful gifts we can offer — to ourselves, and to the world we move through each day.

12 more buildings used in telecom fraud and online gambling demolished in KK Park area

THE government of Myanmar manages the combined team comprising security forces, administrative bodies and local authorities to raid illegal buildings in Shwe Kokko and KK Park areas where telecom fraud and online gambling activities are operated, and systematically dismantle the confiscated materials and illegal buildings used in the online scams and gambling activities.

Yesterday, the combined team dissolved 12 more illegal buildings — two four-storey buildings and 10 two-storey buildings used in telecom fraud and online gambling activities in Myawady-Maethawtalay (KK Park) area. Hence, a total of 333 buildings out of 635 illegal buildings have been so far demolished in KK Park area.

Likewise, the similar operation was conducted in Shwe

Kokko area, starting from 18 November. Up to now, a total of 169 buildings used in the telecom fraud and online gambling activities out of 694 buildings have been inspected. Authorities of the combined team have sealed 161 buildings not to be reused.

Not to reuse the materials in the online scams and gambling activities in KK Park and Shwe Kokko areas, the seized materials were incinerated systematically. Moreover, the Illegal Foreigner Investigation Team verified the foreign nationals detained in the above areas. The relevant departmental combined teams are carrying out the necessary processes, including collecting personal data and recording required documentation to enable their prompt repatriation to their respective countries



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

as quickly as possible.

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/TTA



(From Left to Right), The images show demolished building in KK Park Section 3, as part of ongoing demolition measures and the burning of materials used by undocumented foreign entrants in Shwe Kokko, Myawady, Kayin State.

Three-day illegal trade crackdown seizes various goods

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, efforts to combat the illicit trade are continued effectively by the law.

On 1 and 2 December, the combined teams impounded two unregistered vehicles worth K16 million in Kalay township, illegal timbers worth K651,840 in Dai-kU and Kyaukdaga townships, an unregistered vehicle worth K8 million at the Ayeyawady Bridge combined checkpoint in Magway township, a mobile phone with currency notes worth K163,400, which is used for gambling in Aungmyan township and an unregistered vehicle and an unregistered motorbike valued at K12 million in Ye and Bilin townships. The action was conducted under the Forest

Law, the Gambling Law and the Export/Import Law.

Additionally, on the same day, the joint on-duty teams confiscated the electronics and industrial materials worth K87.471 million without official documents from two containers at the Thilawa Port, consumer goods worth K33.05 million without official documents from a passenger's luggage at the Yangon International Airport and industrial materials valued at K3.329 million without official documents at the Yangon International Airport (Warehouse). The action was taken per Customs procedures.

The Steering Committee reported 12 seizures on 1 and 2 December, seizing illegal goods worth approximately K160 mil-



Confiscated unregistered motorbikes in Sagaing Region.

lion.

Also, on 30 November and 2 and 3 December, the combined teams seized foodstuffs, consumer goods valued at K3.9 million without official documents at the Yadanabon Bridge combined checkpoint, two unregistered motorbikes worth K2 million in Shwebo and Kalay townships, illegal teak and other timbers worth K8.144 million in Ottwin Township, an unregistered vehicle worth K7 million in Waw Township, illegal diesel worth K714,850 at the Yadanabon Bridge (Hnapauk) checkpoint in Mandalay, illegal timbers valued at K102,000 in Ngaputaw and Thaboung townships, an unregistered motorbike valued at K400,000 in Hinthada Township and industrial materials worth K5.171 million without official documents from a container at the Asia World Port. The action was taken under the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law, the Forest Law, the Export/Import Law, and Customs procedures.

The Steering Committee reported 11 seizures worth K27.43 million on 30 November and 2 and 3 December. — MNA/MKKS

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This image shows a segment of the Bac Giang - Lang Son Expressway in Vietnam. The expressway is a major transport route in Vietnam's road network. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/SHUTTERSTOCK**

Vietnamese PM orders all-out efforts to accelerate public investment disbursement

Faster public investment disbursement is seen as a key strategy to fully utilize public investment to bolster macroeconomic stability.

VIETNAMESE Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh issued an official dispatch urging faster disbursement of public investment before year-end, the Vietnam News Agency reported Sunday. The document underscored the government's push

to sustain economic momentum, maintain macroeconomic stability, and create jobs. Finance Ministry data showed that 553.25 trillion Vietnamese dong (about US\$21.99 billion) had been disbursed from January to November; account-

ing for only 60.6 per cent of the prime minister's annual target. The prime minister ordered relevant departments to take drastic measures and to fully utilize public investment to bolster macroeconomic stability. — Xinhua

Mongolia launches 2025 livestock census

MONGOLIA has launched its nationwide 2025 livestock census, the country's National

Statistical Office (NSO) said Sunday. The census data collected



A herdsman lassoes a horse in Bayankhangai, Mongolia, on 10 October 2018. **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**

between 7-17 December will be used to evaluate the activities of the livestock sector and make macro-level estimates, the NSO said in a statement. The sector of animal husbandry is one of the main pillars of the Mongolian economy, and almost 40 per cent of the country's nomadic population depends on it. However, due to the harsh and long winter, most of Mongolia's nomadic herders lose livestock every year, which leads to a reduction in their livelihoods. According to the NSO, Mongolia had 57.6 million heads of livestock at the end of 2024. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hungarian premier announces large business delegation visit to Russia

A large Hungarian delegation will visit Moscow in the coming days to discuss economic issues and cooperation strategies after sanctions are lifted, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban announced on Saturday. "A huge business delegation is heading to Moscow in the coming days, in early December, to discuss exclusively economic issues," Orban said at an event in the Hungarian city of Kecskemet, broadcast by the M1 television channel. Orban said that Hungary is negotiating with Russia on how economic cooperation between the two countries will be structured "after this entire sanctions system ends, because it cannot remain like this forever." — SPUTNIK

Export Promotion Mission sets unified path to strengthen India's export competitiveness



The Mundra Port is India's largest commercial port and its first private port, located on the Gulf of Kutch in Gujarat. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ANI**

INDIA took a major step to strengthen its export ecosystem with the launch of the Export Promotion Mission (EPM), a unified framework approved in the Union Budget 2025-26. The Mission was designed to provide Indian exporters, especially MSMEs and first-time exporters, with simpler, faster, and more coordinated support. As per data from a government release, with an outlay of Rs 25,060 crore for FY 2025-26 to FY 2030-31, the Mission aims to improve trade finance, strengthen market readiness and build competitiveness across regions and sectors. EPM brings together several fragmented schemes

into one system so exporters can access support in a clear and predictable manner. The policy rationale behind EPM is rooted in the need for a more coordinated export-support structure. India already has programmes such as interest equalisation and market-access initiatives, but official assessments show that challenges remain in access to affordable finance, meeting international quality standards, coordinated branding and easing logistics gaps. Recent export trends also point to the need for stronger digital systems and a single mechanism that can respond quickly to global trade changes. — ANI

Japan’s 1st bus service with lie-flat seats begins

JAPAN’S first overnight bus service with lie-flat seats began Saturday in western Japan, allowing passengers to relax during the roughly 10-hour trip to and from Tokyo as the operator aims to make the service a “new form of mobility”. Bus operator Kochi Ekimae Kanko, based in Kochi Prefecture, decided to launch the service in the hope of catering to the needs of bus travelers who complain that overnight bus rides are physically exhausting.

The seats can be converted into two tiers of beds. The bus departs from Kochi on Saturday night, and leaves Tokyo on Sunday night, with one stop in the city of Naruto in Tokushima Prefecture, which neighbours Kochi.

Fares depend on the availability of seats, with a lower bed seat costing around 10,000 yen (\$64) one way, while an upper bed seat costs 12,000 or more. — Kyodo



File photo taken on 30 May 2025, shows a flatbed seat installed on an overnight bus service operated by a bus company based in Kochi Prefecture, western Japan. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Plastic bag plant opened in N Afghanistan

A plastic bag producing factory was officially inaugurated in the northern Afghanistan province of Balkh on Saturday, according to its managing director Mohammad Asim Ansari.

Constructed at a cost of US\$6 million by the private sector, the factory has created jobs for 200 people, Ansari said, adding that more workers would be hired as the plant expands its operations.

The plant has an initial production capacity of 20 tonnes and also produces threads, Ansari said. At the opening ceremony, Provincial Governor Mohammad Yousuf Wafa stated that the government would continue to support the private sector and companies in investing in Afghanistan to help create jobs and alleviate poverty in the country. — Xinhua

Cambodia’s pilot visa-free policy for Chinese visitors expected to boost tourism: official

CAMBODIA’S pilot visa-free policy will lure more Chinese tourists to the Southeast Asian country and boost local tourism, Cambodian Minister of Tourism Huot Hak said here on Saturday.

The government on Tuesday approved the pilot program of visa exemption for Chinese nationals traveling from China.

This exemption allows a 14-day stay during a four-month period from 15 June to 15 October 2026. They will not be required to pay any fees and will only need to complete an electronic arrival card. Multiple entries will be permitted during the trial period.

“The government’s decision marks a historic milestone in the development of the Cambodia-China tourism sector,” Hak



A Chinese artist performs at a Cambodia-China music and cultural show in Siem Reap province, Cambodia on 6 December 2025. The show was one of joint activities to promote the Cambodia-China Tourism Year 2025. **PHOTO: SAO KHUTH/XINHUA**

said in a speech at a Cambodia-China music and cultural show in the cultural province of Siem Reap.

“It will pave the way for comprehensive cooperation between the two countries, and will definitely attract more Chinese tourists to Cambodia,” he added. The minister said the move will give a boost to the development of Cambodia’s tourism industry, which is one of the major pillars supporting the country’s economy. — Xinhua

Musk slams EU over fine on social media X

US tech billionaire Elon Musk on Saturday blasted the European Union (EU) for a fine slapped on his social media platform X for violating transparency rules, warning that his response would target the officials responsible for the penalty.

“The ‘EU’ imposed this crazy fine not just on (X), but also on me personally, which is even more insane!” the Tesla CEO wrote on X. “Therefore, it would seem appropriate to apply our response not just to the EU, but also to the individuals who took this action against me.”

He followed up with another post, saying, “The EU should be abolished.”

The EU’s decision has already drawn sharp rebukes from US officials, who depicted the fine as an assault on broader free speech rights and claimed US companies are being unfairly targeted, local media reported. — Xinhua

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Myanmar's sports teams continue departure for SEA Games in Thailand



Dr Khin Aye Mu (Traditional Chinlone team administrator)



Ko Chan Myae Win (Deputy in-charge of Myanmar Equestrian Team)



U Kaung Zaw (Administrator of gymnastics sports)



U Zaw Lwin Tun (Rowing team administrator)

Interviewer: Thitsa (MNA), Photos: Zwe Marn

Athletes from relevant sports teams representing Myanmar depart one after another for Thailand to take part in the XXXIII SEA Games, starting from 30 November. Yesterday morning, athletes of Sepak Takraw, Chinlone (Caneball), equestrian, gymnastics and rowing teams left for Thailand.

In elevating the nation's prestige, the sports sector plays an important role. As citizens, individuals and teams alike have contributed to honouring the nation across generations. Today, young people continue to uphold this tradition by serving the country and its people through the fields in which they excel, and among them, selected athletes stand at the forefront. During major competitions such as the SEA Games, the public eagerly follows and supports the events across the different sports categories. As athletes return home carrying gold medals that bring pride and honour to the nation, people are prepared to warmly and joyfully welcome them back.

The national teams representing Myanmar in Sepak Takraw, Chinlone, equestrian, gymnastics, and rowing departed the Yangon International Airport yesterday morning for Bangkok, Chiang Mai, and Chonburi of Thailand to compete in the SEA Games. The athletes shared their thoughts before departure, expressing their determination, confidence, and strong desire to achieve success and bring home medals.

U Zaw Lin (Sepak Takraw team administrator)

A total of 18 men and 15 women athletes together with eight administrative officials and coaches will take part in the SEA Games. They will participate in the make regu teamwise and female regu teamwise, mixed quadrant, and Hook Takraw events. On 10 December, they will start competition in the Hoop Takraw event.

To win medals for the nation, we trained throughout 2025 in Nay Pyi Taw

and Yangon. We can say that our training is fully complete. At the XXXII SEA Games, the women's team also won a medal, and for this year's SEA Games, we expect to win gold in the mixed quadrant event for both men and women. As support for Chinlone continues to grow in Myanmar, our team is determined to give our utmost to win a gold medal. We respectfully request all the people of Myanmar to support us in the competition.

Daw Khin Aye Mu (Traditional Chinlone team administrator)

For the SEA Games, 12 men and 12 women were selected in February and



Athletes of Traditional Chinlone Team.

placed in training camp. From these, the final squad of eight men and eight women was chosen for the competition. We will be competing in two events — Men's and Women's Event-3 — and our main opponent is the host country. The traditional Chinlone events will begin on 9 December for both the men's and women's teams, and the final matches will take place on 10 December. Since only two events are being contested in this SEA Games, we are aiming for gold.

At the XXXII SEA Games, we won four gold medals, three silver medals, and one bronze medal. Therefore, we ask all Myanmar people, both at home and abroad, to support Myanmar's tra-

ditional Chinlone team in the upcoming competition.

Ko Chan Myae Win (Deputy in-charge of Myanmar Equestrian Team)

We have been preparing for the SEA Games for quite a long time. We trained four to five times in Pattaya, Thailand, and we have also gained international experience. Some of the top riders from the 2013 SEA Games will also be competing. In the equestrian events, we will compete in show jumping as well as in the Eventing Team category. Equestrian sport is unique because it requires both

for a full year both domestically and abroad. At the SEA Games, one male and two female athletes will compete in MAG and WAG gymnastics events. Although we did not participate in the XXXII SEA Games, we have competed in other tournaments and won medals. The competition will take place from 10 to 12 December, with athletes from seven ASEAN countries participating. We have prepared and trained to our fullest, and as national athletes, we aim to return with medals, serving as role models and inspiration for the next generation of young athletes.

U Zaw Lwin Tun (Rowing team administrator)

For the SEA Games, athletes from regions and states were trained for over a year. In the competition, seven athletes — three men and six women — will participate in seven different events. The team also includes one administrator and three coaches. In previous competitions in the Philippines and Vietnam, the team has won bronze medals. In this SEA Games, the men will compete in one singles rowing event and a doubles rowing event, along with another event, while the women will compete in one singles rowing event and a four-person rowing event, totalling seven events overall.

Since we trained intensively in comparison with the standards at the competition in Vietnam, we expect the women's four oar rowing team to win gold. With strong competitors from five other countries, we will give our best effort. The competition will run from 14 to 17 December, with an additional event on 19 December. Arriving early allows the team to acclimate to the water and wind conditions of the host country, giving them an advantage in the competition. The people of Myanmar are eagerly awaiting encouraging messages to inspire our international rowing athletes representing the country at the SEA Games. We aim to return with gold medals that will enhance the nation's prestige. — Translated.

U Kaung Zaw (Administrator of gymnastics sports)

Before the competition, we trained

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Myanmar women meet Malaysia in SEA Games Group B today

THE SEA Games women's football Group B fixtures continue today in Chonburi, Thailand, with Myanmar facing Malaysia. Myanmar will play Malaysia at 3 pm Myanmar Standard Time, followed by Vietnam against the Philippines at 6 pm. If both Myanmar and Vietnam win today, they will be well placed to reach the semi-finals before meeting each other in the final group match. If either team drops points, qualification will hinge on the final-day results. On the opening day, 5 December, Myanmar defeated

the Philippines 2-1, while Vietnam recorded a 7-0 victory over Malaysia. Myanmar will need a convincing win over Malaysia to remain on course for the top spot in the group. However, with several players injured in the previous match against the Philippines, head coach Yuki will have to adjust the line-up with the upcoming fixtures in mind. Myanmar are expected to take all three points against Malaysia, but the margin of victory may prove decisive. — Htun Thway Eain/KZL



Women's selected footballers seen in training.

Indonesia beat Singapore in SEA Games women's football

THE second day of Group A in the SEA Games women's football tournament continued in Chonburi on 7 December, where Indonesia claimed a 3-1 victory over Singapore.

Group A features only three teams, and host Thailand have almost secured top position after winning their opening match. That left the Indonesia-Singapore fixture effectively as the decisive contest for the remaining semi-final place. Indonesia strengthened their qualification chances with this win, while Singapore, who still have Thailand left to play, are now virtually out of contention for a place in the next round.

Singapore opened the scoring in the 22nd minute through Fannah Neth, who finished a quick move to give her side an early lead. Indonesia responded nine minutes later when Iza levelled the match in the 31st minute, sending the teams into the break with one goal each.

Indonesia controlled the second half with stronger pressing and more decisive attacking play. Kaludia gave Indonesia the lead in the 63rd minute after a well-worked attacking sequence. The match moved towards its conclusion with Singapore struggling to regain rhythm, and Indonesia sealed the result in the 90+5 minute of added time when Ulia scored their third goal to secure all three points.

In Group A, Thailand lead with three points from one match, while Indonesia also hold three points from two matches played. Singapore have yet to earn a point after one match. The final group fixture, Thailand ver-



Indonesia and Singapore players in action during the match. PHOTO: FAS

sus Singapore, will be played on 10 December and will determine the final standings. — Maung San Gyi/KZL

MYANMAR teams exited from the quarter-finals of the team events at the XXXIII Thailand SEA Games' badminton competition, held on 7 December at Thammasat University. In the women's team event, only seven teams participated, giving host nation Thailand a bye into the semi-finals, while the remaining six teams played in the quarter-finals. Indonesia beat Myanmar by three matches to nil, Singapore defeated the Philippines by the same margin, and Malaysia overcame Vietnam by three matches to one. Thailand will face Singapore in the semi-finals, while Malaysia will meet Indonesia. Myanmar's women's team contested two singles matches and one doubles match against Indonesia. In singles, Thet Htar Thuzar lost 2-1 to Putri of Indonesia, and Eaint Chit Phoo lost in straight games to

Myanmar badminton teams bow out in SEA Games quarter-finals



Thet Htar Thuzar is trying to respond to her opponent in badminton event of SEA Games. PHOTO: MBF

Mariska of Indonesia. In the doubles fixture, the pair Su Latt and Khine Thinza were also beaten in straight games. In the men's team event, only seven teams took part as well, with Indonesia receiving a bye into the semi-finals. In the quarter-finals, Thailand swept Myanmar by three matches to nil, Singapore beat Laos by the same score, and Malaysia recorded a straight-matches win over the Philippines. Myanmar's badminton squads will continue to compete in the individual men's and women's singles and doubles events. — Chit Ko Ko/KZL



New US National Security Strategy recognizes Russia, China and US as World's Great Powers: Expert

THE document's dismissal of Europe "as a power of no significance signals that there are three truly great powers left: the United States, Russia and China," military expert Alexei Borzenko told Sputnik.

The US is also "well aware that we've outpaced them on certain types of weapons," the observer said, citing Russian advances in hypersonics, and the depletion of US and European weapon stocks in Ukraine.

The US is eager to end the crisis in Ukraine, which has proven "a dead-end situation" for NATO "from which the only way out is peace," Borzenko said, citing the document's conciliatory language on the conflict and on Russia.

Furthermore, "during negotiations, the Americans figured out what the Kiev junta represents, and how difficult it is to negotiate with it. They understand what kind of crooks they are dealing with" and are tired of it, Borzenko argues.

That's why various leaders' recent claims that the Ukrainian crisis could end abruptly seems like a real possibility, according to the analyst. "If this happens, everything will become completely different in an instant," Borzenko summed up. — SPUTNIK



Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin have a chat over tea at the president's office of the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia, 8 May 2025. **PHOTO: XIE HUANCHI/XINHUA/FILE**

New China-Vietnam air route boosts links with ASEAN

COLOURFUL Guizhou Airlines has launched a direct route linking Guiyang, capital of southwest China's Guizhou Province, with Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam, further ex-

panding China's air links with fast-growing ASEAN markets amid rising regional travel and trade.

The service began on Saturday, the Guizhou civil aviation

group said. According to the route schedule, outbound flight GY703 will depart from Guiyang at 10:50 pm Beijing Time and land in Ho Chi Minh City at 1:30 am local time. Return flight GY704 will take off at 2:30 am local time and arrive in Guiyang at 7:10 am Beijing Time.

This new route will operate alongside the carrier's existing Guiyang-Hanoi service, thereby ensuring direct connections between this mountainous province and Vietnam's two biggest cities.

Officials said the expanded network is expected to support trade, tourism and business travel between southwest China and ASEAN.

China-ASEAN air connectivity has been accelerating in recent months. — Xinhua



This photo shows the first direct flight of Colourful Guizhou Airlines from Guiyang to Hanoi of Vietnam at Guiyang Longdongbao International Airport in Guiyang, southwest China's Guizhou Province, 31 August 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**
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Seawater transfer project launched for industrial use in C Iran

IRANIAN President Masoud Pezeshkian inaugurated a major pipeline project on Saturday to transport desalinated seawater from the Gulf of Oman to Isfahan province in central Iran, aiming to alleviate water shortages in local industries.

According to a statement by Pezeshkian's office, the 800-km pipeline project was implemented with an investment of US\$291.6 million over two years, with significant support from Isfahan-based privately owned Mobarakeh Steel Company.

The project, completed in early July, is expected to

reduce reliance on the Zayandehrud, a famed, once-flourishing river running through central Iran, which has become largely dry.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, Pezeshkian voiced confidence in solving the country's water stress, noting that industrial development should shift toward southern coastal regions with direct sea access. According to a 2023 report by the World Resources Institute, a global research non-profit organization, Iran was among the 25 countries being "exposed to extremely high water stress annually". — Xinhua