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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.



The State’s Second Chapter Begins After the Election

Those set to serve as representatives in the Hluttaw, the Union’s legislative body, must possess an appropriate level of education to effectively carry out their duties.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing highlighted that if Tatmadaw members and families know history of the country correctly, they will also gain an understanding of Tatmadaw’s role and position within the national political landscape.

State Security and Peace Commission Chairman and Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met Tatmadaw members and families from relevant stations under the Yangon Command yesterday morning.



State Security and Peace Commission Chairman and Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivers a speech at the meeting with Tatmadaw members and families at the Yangon Command in Yangon yesterday.

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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

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued at 7 pm Saturday, 13 December 2025

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and South Bay, and a few clouds over the East-central Bay and generally fair elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 14 DECEMBER 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Taninthayi Region, isolated in Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady regions and Kayin and Mon states. The degree of certainty is 80 per cent. The weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw, Kayah and (southern and eastern) Shan states and generally fair in the remaining regions and states.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in the Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 4-6 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR THE SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of isolated light rain in Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady regions and Kayah, Kayin, Mon and (southern and eastern) Shan states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 DECEMBER 2025: A few clouds.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 DECEMBER 2025: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 DECEMBER 2025: Generally fair weather.
— DMH

40 judicial officers depart for 8th capacity building programme in India

A delegation of 40 judges and judicial officers from the Supreme Court of the Union of Myanmar departed from Yangon International Airport yesterday to attend the “8th Capacity Building Programme for Myanmar Judges and Judicial Officers”. The programme is being hosted by the National Judicial Academy (NJA) in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India, and will run for five days from 15 to 19 December 2025.

This capacity-building initiative is conducted under the Memorandum of Understanding between the Office of the Union Chief Justice and the National Judicial Academy of India on “Training Programme for Myanmar Judges and Judicial Officers in India”.

The comprehensive curriculum will cover a wide range of topics, including India’s Constitutional Framework, Judicial Ethics and Professional Skills, Court and Case Management, Environmental and Wildlife Protection Jurisprudence, Judiciary and Media Relations, Law of Evidence, Forensic Medical Testimony, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), and Gender-Equitable Society. The sessions will be led by senior Indian judges, university professors, legal experts, and specialists, who will engage in interactive discussions and experience-sharing with the participants. Additionally, the attendees will have the opportunity to go on study visits to courts and prominent sites in Bhopal.



A delegation of judges and judicial officers from the Supreme Court of the Union of Myanmar seen at Yangon International Airport yesterday before departing for India.

The delegation comprises deputy directors, assistant directors, and staff officers from the Supreme Court of the Union, as well as the heads of regional judicial offices, district-level judges, township-level judges, and other judicial officers from courts across various states and regions of Myanmar. Notably, including this batch, a total of 320 judicial officers have been sent under this ongoing training cooperation.

This collaborative programme is designed to facilitate a comparative study of the judicial systems of Myanmar and India, further strengthening judicial cooperation between the two nations. It is also a significant step towards enhancing the professional capacity and expertise of Myanmar’s judges and judicial officers. — MNA

NATIONAL

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

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At the meeting, the Senior General explained that there is a historical record of the country’s struggle for independence and, after achieving independence, Tatmadaw’s efforts to suppress internal insurgencies. If Tatmadaw members and families know this history correctly, they will also gain an understanding of Tatmadaw’s role and position within the national political landscape.

He continued that Tatmadaw has consistently prioritized and worked to ensure non-disintegration of the union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty in successive eras, governments, and political systems.

The Senior General retold that although the first democratic government led by President U Thein Sein carried out all possible efforts for national development, there was a lack of proper alignment with democratic practices. Moreover, certain organizations incited tensions by stirring up past events that had occurred in the country. As a lesson, grievances arising during the period of the socialist system were carried over and mixed with the present during the democratic period, resulting in oppositional actions.

He added that in the 2015 multiparty democratic election, the NLD party won and assumed the responsibilities of the State as the second democratic government. While the public had high expectations of them during their tenure, weaknesses in administrative experience and

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actions opposing some policies of the previous government led to economic shortcomings.

With regard to the electoral process, the Senior General remarked that since elections are the most important aspect of the democratic system, the government carried out the necessary preparations, including the 2024 population and household census, to ensure that a multiparty democratic election could be successfully held.

He underlined that in the coming weeks, everyone must work together to ensure the successful conduct of a free and fair multiparty democratic general election. When casting votes, it is necessary to choose the candidates who can genuinely act in the best interests of the nation and its regions, who possess political, administrative, economic, security, and rule-of-law perspectives, who can cooperate closely with Tatmadaw, which has remained strong and steadfast since independence, and who can uphold Our Three Main National Causes. Voters must select candidates who are knowledgeable about the law and capable of fulfilling these duties.

In noting the qualification of candidates, he underscored that it is necessary to be able to amend or repeal laws that could

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

- 1. If agricultural activities achieve their target yield per acre, more agricultural products can be exported abroad, potentially generating an additional approximately US\$8 billion in revenue.
- 2. As Tatmadaw is a strong organization responsible for national defence, it must always be “fit for fight”.
- 3. Despite encountering economic sanctions and experiencing a decline in foreign assistance, the current government repaid outstanding debts owed to foreign countries.
- 4. Hluttaw representatives to serve at the legislative body must possess the appropriate level of education.

harm the nation’s interests in accordance with the law. To carry out legislative work properly, one must know legal principles. Therefore, Hluttaw representatives to serve at the legislative body must possess the appropriate level of education.

Regarding the economy, the Senior General recounted that there were economic sanctions, and foreign assistance decreased significantly during the current government’s tenure. In addition, the government had to take measures to repay outstanding debts owed to foreign countries. Efforts were also made to increase domestic production and enable exports abroad.

He expressed his anticipa-

tion that if agricultural activities achieve their target yield per acre, more agricultural products can be exported abroad, potentially generating an additional approximately US\$8 billion in revenue.

The Senior General pointed out that as Tatmadaw is a strong organization responsible for national defence, it must always be “fit for fight”. Individually, members need to maintain good health, possess courage and resilience, and have the necessary skills.

Therefore, he highlighted that daily duties and routines must be carried out properly to ensure that, as Tatmadaw, combat strength and capability remain at a high and effective level

for the defence of the nation.

The Senior General unveiled that the State has many tasks that must be carried out moving forward. Everyone has successfully passed the first page, and after the completion of the election, they have properly carried out the second page of the State. In the future, to build a prosperous and well-developed nation, everyone must continue to work together and participate in these efforts.

The Senior General asked about the requirements of the Tatmadaw members and officers and attended to their needs.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla presented foodstuffs for Tatmadaw members and families to the commander and cash awards for the station Maternal and Child Welfare Association to the wife of the commander.

After the meeting, the Senior General, his wife and party cordially greeted the Tatmadaw members and families.

Also, present at the meeting were Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Htein Win and his wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung and his wife, senior Tatmadaw officers of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives and the commander of Yangon Command. — MNA/TTA

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NATIONAL

Acting President & SSPC Chairman and wife donate over K14.5M worth of clothes, accessories for respect-paying ceremony to doyen literati



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn hands over the clothes and accessories comprising of Eeingyi and Longyi (Myanmar outfit), purses, scarves and batiks worth over K14.5 million donated by the Senior General and his wife to Myanmar Writers Association Chairman Alinka Kyaw Swa U Ohn Maung (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe)

THE Myanmar Writers Association organized a respect-paying ceremony to doyen literati marking Myanmar Literati Day or Sar-sodaw Day in Yangon yesterday.

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, State Security and Peace Commission Chairman, and Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla donated over K14.5 million worth of clothes and accessories to the event.

At the event, Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn handed over the clothes and accessories comprising of Eaingyi and Longyi (Myanmar outfit), purses, scarves and batiks donated by the Senior General and his wife to Myanmar Writers Association Chairman Alinka Kyaw Swa U Ohn Maung

(Myinmu Maung Naing Moe).

Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn presented K10 million donated by National Defence and Security Council and K3 million donated by the Ministry of Information to the Myanmar Writers Association Chairman, whereas Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein presented K28.8 million donated by Yangon Region Government, Yangon Mayor U Bo Htay K3 million donated by YCDC, and the relevant officials K1.5 million by Yangon Region USDP and K1.5 million donated by UMFCCI respectively, and received certificates of honour in return.

After the ceremonial procedures, the attendees paid respect to 288 elderly literati, and Sayagyi Ledwintha Saw Chit delivered words of advice on behalf of the elderly. — MNA/KTZH

MoI launches 2025 election awareness drive at Civil Service Academy (Lower Myanmar)

THE Ministry of Information initiated a nationwide public awareness campaign for the 2025 multiparty democratic election by cooperating with the Nay Pyi Taw Council, the region and state governments.

Yesterday, Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn presided over a campaign at the Civil Service Academy (Lower Myanmar).

Speaking at the event, the Union minister stated that every citizen who has reached 18 years of age has the responsibility to cast a vote for the representatives who can develop the country and regions. Election is the affairs of the

country rather than party politics. He then urged all the attendees to cast a vote, serving the duties of a citizen.

The Union minister and officials drew lots for MRTV DTH receivers and DVB-T2 set-top boxes and presented them to the winners.

They also distributed election pamphlets to the attendees. — MNA/KTZH

A nationwide public awareness campaign for the 2025 multiparty democratic election in progress at the Civil Service Academy (Lower Myanmar) in Hlegu yesterday.



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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)



Weekly Roundup

7 December

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Tatmadaw members, families and cadets

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

8 December

Thai FM calls on Senior General Min Aung Hlaing



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 Phuangkitkeow, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, at the Bayintnaung Villa in Nay Pyi Taw.

Myanmar, Thailand focus on further promotion 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 18 of the Union Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

10 December

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivers video message

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered a video message at the ceremony to mark the International Anti-Corruption Day, which falls on 9 December 2025.

11 December

DSMA concludes training of its 26th Intake



State Security and Peace Commission Chairman and Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech at the passing out parade of the 26th Intake of DSMA in Yangon.

Deputy Minister appointed

The National Defence and Security Council issued Order 51/2025 dated 10 December 2025 to appoint U Kyaw Naing Win to the duties of Deputy Minister for Energy, the Ministry of Energy, under Subsection (b) of Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Central Supervisory Committee formed

The National Defence and Security Council issued Order 52/2025 to form the Central Supervisory Committee on Combatting Telecom Fraud and Online Gambling, chaired by the Union Minister for Home Affairs to ensure that telecom fraud and online gambling can no longer operate within Myanmar; and to cooperate with domestic forces and international governments.

12 December

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects development undertakings

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing made an inspection tour of the urban development undertakings, proper flow of water in drains and systematic management for markets in Yangon Region.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Yangon Region cabinet members

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met mem-

bers of the Yangon Region cabinet and departmental officials at the Mingala Hall of the regional government office in Yangon.

PM attends 30th anniversary of Turkmenistan's Permanent Neutrality

Prime Minister U Nyo Saw attended the opening ceremony marking the 30th anniversary of Turkmenistan's Permanent Neutrality, held at the Monument of Neutrality in Ashgabat. and met President Serdar Berdimuhamedov of Turkmenistan.

13 December

OTS (Hmawby) produces 12th Intake of female officers

State Security and Peace Commission Chairman and Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing delivered an address at the passing out parade of the 12th Intake of the Graduate Female Cadet Course at the parade ground of the Defence Services (Army) Officer Training School (Hmawby) in Yangon.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects Myanmar Art Centre (Yangon)

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspected the construction of the Myanmar Art Centre (Yangon), in Insein Township, Yangon Region.

PM attends Intl Peace & Trust Forum



Prime Minister U Nyo Saw attended the International Forum dedicated to the International Year of Peace and Trust (2025), the International Day of Neutrality, and the 30th Anniversary of the Permanent Neutrality of Turkmenistan in Ashgabat. He also met Iranian President Masoud Kazemzadeh to discuss further strengthening the friendly and diplomatic relations between the two countries. — GNLM/TTA

NATIONAL

Myanmar hosts Asia-Pacific Liver Specialists Conference

THE opening ceremony of the Asia-Pacific Liver Specialists Conference was held yesterday morning at the Lotte Hotel in Yangon.

The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, Yangon Region ministers, departmental officials, rectors, professors, deans, medical superintendents as well as chairpersons and officials from the Myanmar Medical Council, Myanmar General Practitioners' Society, and Myanmar Medical Association. International guests included APASL President Professor Necati Örmeci (Türkiye), APASL Steering Committee Chairman Professor Shiv Sarin (India), and National Association of Liver Specialists of India President Professor Barjesh Chander Sharma, along with liver specialists from Myanmar and abroad.

At the opening ceremony, the Union minister emphasized the conference's focus on cirrhosis and its complications. He noted that cirrhosis is a global



Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win speaks at the Asia-Pacific Liver Specialists Conference opening ceremony at the Lotte Hotel in Yangon yesterday.

health problem, and liver disease can lead to complications such as brain inflammation, sepsis, and liver cancer. While liver transplantation remains the only definitive cure for patients with cirrhosis, the conference will also address alternative treatment options for liver and organ damage caused by the disease.

The Union minister highlighted the Ministry of Health's ongoing efforts to advance the treatment of liver and gastrointestinal diseases, including publishing guidelines for managing hepatitis, cirrhosis, liver cancer, and other gastrointestinal conditions. He noted that the hepatitis B vaccine is administered to newborns as part of the

routine immunization program, and hepatitis C treatment has been available nationwide under the Hepatitis C Control Plan since 2017, with free medicines provided to patients. Efforts are ongoing to eliminate hepatitis C in Myanmar.

In addition, the Union minister mentioned that equipment capable of accurately assessing

liver scarring has been installed in public hospitals, Gastroenteroscopes have been provided to hospitals with over 200 beds, and liver transplantation for liver cancer patients has been successfully implemented. He emphasized that these achievements are the result of collaboration between the hepatology and surgery departments. The conference, he said, will provide an opportunity to discuss new methods for treating cirrhosis and its complications, as well as the latest techniques in liver disease treatment.

The opening ceremony also featured a traditional Myanmar dance performance.

The conference will be held on 13 and 14 December, with hepatologists from China, India, Korea, Japan, Türkiye, Australia, Armenia, and ASEAN countries sharing knowledge and practical treatment experiences with Myanmar specialists. Reports indicate that 45 hepatologists from 18 countries and a total of 320 hepatologists, specialists, and doctors from Myanmar are participating. — MNA/MKKS

SEA Games heroes back: Myanmar teams bring home 8 medals

THE winners in canoe/kayak, taekwondo, and judo returned to Yangon International Airport yesterday evening on Myanmar Airways International (MAI), where they were welcomed back by officials from the Department of Sports and Physical Education, as well as by the parents and relatives of the athletes.

The sports teams competed in the 33rd South-East Asian Games, which were held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 9 to 20 December.

At the Games, Myo Hlaing Win won three silver medals in

the 500-metre singles, 200-metre doubles, and 200-metre quadruple canoe/kayak events. In taekwondo, Kay Thwe Mon Lin won a silver medal in the 67-kilogramme attack event. Zaw Lin Htet won a bronze medal in the 80-kilogramme attack event. Hein Htet Thu won a bronze in the 68-kilogramme attack event. Htaik Htaik Kyaw won a bronze in the men's 55-kilogramme judo competition. Additionally, Hlaing Min Khan secured a bronze medal in the men's doubles "Khata" competition. — MNA/MKKS



XXXIII SEA Games winning athletes are seen being welcomed back at the Yangon International Airport yesterday.

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NATIONAL

Every nation has the right to defend its sovereignty and citizens' interests

❖ “It is acknowledged that every country has the right to defend itself if its sovereignty and the interests of its citizens are threatened on the grounds of security.”

(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 a meeting with the President of the Russian Federation at the Grand Kremlin Palace in Moscow of the Russian Federation on 25 September 2025)

Online scam hub buildings destroyed; scam-related computers confiscated in Myawady

THE government of Myanmar manages a combined team comprising security forces, administrative bodies, and local authorities to raid illegal buildings in the Shwe Kokko and KK Park areas, where telecom fraud and online gambling activities are operated. The team systemati-

cally dismantles the confiscated materials and illegal buildings used in online scams and gambling activities. Yesterday, the authorities demolished 15 illegal buildings in Section 3, and a total of 413 buildings out of 635 illegal buildings have so far been demol-

ished in the KK Park area. The combined team started searching operations in Myawady and its vicinity on 8 December and found an additional illegal building used for online gambling in Ward 5, Myawady, yesterday, seizing 30 All-in-One computers from that

building. To prevent future reuse of the materials in online scams and gambling activities in KK Park and Shwe Kokko areas in Myawady, the seized materials were incinerated systematically. 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/KZL



Security forces conduct ongoing searches for illegal foreign entrants in Myawady.



The map showing the demolition measures taken in KK Park Section 3, Myawady Township, Kayin State.



A three-storey flat is seen before demolition and after demolition in KK Park Section 3, Myawady, Kayin State.



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

Myohaung-Thilawa cargo train derails after sabotaged tracks on Mandalay-Yangon railway

THE No 902 Down cargo train, which departed from Samon Station at 1:09 am yesterday on the Mandalay-Yangon route from Myohaung to Thilawa, derailed at 1:18 am at the 80-foot concrete frame bridge 687/A at milepost 327/12-11, between Samon and Thaeday stations in Wundwin Township, near the Mandalay-side bridge entrance and at another point on the track. A total of two rail track plates, rail bolts, and rail clips were removed and destroyed. The derailment occurred when

the connection between the concrete slipway and the track was tampered with, as the track control clips had been removed and destroyed by miscreants. Two fully loaded enclosed carriages and one brake carriage derailed, affecting cars 15 through 17. As a result, the Samon-Thaeday down section of the railway was temporarily closed at 1:30 am. Work to remove the three derailed carriages was completed by 1:55 pm, and the replacement of damaged concrete slipway blocks was finished by 2:15 pm.

The No 902 Down train departed for Thilawa at 2:30 pm, and the section was reopened at 2:41 pm, with train operations resuming as usual. This act is a despicable attempt to endanger train passengers and cause significant disruption to goods transport. The public is urged to report any suspicious actions to the relevant authorities in a timely manner to prevent train accidents. Under Section 79(c) in Chapter 18 of the Railway Transport Law, issued on 5 January 2016,



The complete destruction of the track plates, bolts and track clips at milepost 327/12-11 between Samon and Thaeday stations in Wundwin Township.

anyone who removes, loosens, moves, or destroys any railway track or related equipment shall be punished with imprisonment for a term of five to 20 years and may also be fined. Myanmar Rail-

ways has opened a case regarding this incident and will continue to take action according to the law, according to information provided by the Myanmar Railways. — MNA/MKKS

Successes and achievements still await the youth in the future

YOUNG people naturally face various challenges and hardships. When they try to overcome these challenges, failing to solve some problems is not something to be discouraged by. In life, everyone experiences both successes and setbacks.

If young people experience loss or failure in school examinations, it is understandable to feel downhearted, but it should not be seen as a major problem. Whenever they encounter setbacks in any area, they should commit themselves to making steady, combined efforts to break through challenges and achieve success through other paths. In fact, all young people should recognize that meaningful successes and achievements still await them in the future.

The Ministry of Education is making arrangements for various university departments to open skilled-labour training courses for students who do not pass the university entrance examination. Each year, a certain percentage of those who sit for the entrance exam consistently fail, and offering these vocational and skills-based courses for such students is expected to benefit not only them but also the country.

“Skilled labour” refers to workers who have received specialized training, possess strong experience, and have comprehensive knowledge for jobs that require technical skills. They are more capable than basic labourers, who generally work in jobs that do not require specific skills. In referring to skilled labour, the term includes both blue-collar workers.

The total number of students sitting for the matriculation examination reaches several hundred thousand each year. Looking at the recent pass rates, the matriculation examination pass rate was 48.06 per cent in 2025. In the 2025 matriculation examination, a total of 207,898 students took the exam, of whom 99,924 passed, while 107,974 students did not pass. Training this large number of students as skilled labour, and further linking them with domestic and overseas labour markets, would bring significant benefits not only to each student but also to the country as a whole.

Skilled labour forces within the country play a key role both in attracting foreign investment and in supporting the growth and development of domestic small, medium, and micro enterprises. Since the nationwide average level of education remains only at the lower secondary level, it is necessary to provide various forms of vocational and livelihood training to ensure that people are able to carry out the tasks required for national development. Greater investment is also needed in vocational education so that the country can make effective and beneficial use of its skilled labour force in the process of national development.



Book Title	-	Chit Chin Yee Tu Thaw Lae and other short stories
Author	-	Mya Chit (Shwetaung)
Publishing House	-	Minthagyi
Publication Date	-	December 2025 (1 st Edition)
Price	-	K6,000

Chit Chin Yee Tu Thaw Lae and other short stories

A book-launch ceremony of Saya Mya Chit (Shwetaung) for his “Chit Chin Yee Tu Thaw Lae and other short stories” was held at the IPRD (Information and Public Relations Department) Office in Kyauktada Township of Yangon at 12 pm on 9 December. The event was attended by officials of township IPRD officials, writers and invitees, and Saya Mya Chit (Shwetaung), Saya Nwe Oo Hlaing, Saya Theinkha Thu and Saya Aung Kyaw Swar briefed the publication and made congratulatory remarks.

Although the book is Saya Mya Chit’s (Shwetaung) first collection of stories, his experience in writing spans many years. The writer wrote novels, articles and poems for weekly journals and magazines. Now, the book presents 12 old and new short stories.

In his preface, the writer

says...I am so happy to be able to make my dream come true. I deeply thank everyone who helped in various ways to create this book. My stories focus mainly on true events occurring among people and within society. I hope readers will take valuable lessons from them, lessons that may help improve their lives, guide their children’s futures, and allow them to walk peacefully toward a higher quality of life.

If even a single line I have written becomes meaningful and beneficial to readers, I feel my efforts are worthwhile.

Like fireworks, like the shining light,

May those who read literature,

Grow in life with pure wisdom

And continue to achieve success for what they have done.

The opening story, “Forgive

me, father”, is about a man who worships spirits (Nats), believing his businesses are in good condition because of their blessings. He does not care about his father, but strictly follows what the medium says. One day, when the father eats pork curry bought from outside, he sees it and angrily scolds him, saying that the spirits dislike such food and that it must not be eaten, and he even snatches the food away and throws it onto the street. The father can only whisper, “My son...” as tears stream down his face.

Later, the son’s business begins to decline, and he faces great hardships, and regrets after hearing the words of his neighbours, “ children should not insult their parents, if they insult, they will face losses in their businesses. They should treat their parents with good

food when they are alive, don’t cry when they die.” Then, the son asked the monk how to eradicate the sins that he made to parents, and the monk highlighted about Ten Great Friends, consisting of parents, and not to assault them, pay homage to them every night, worship the Three Noble Gems, do merits, and share merits gained.

In the story “Tont Kar Wutt Tin” (facing Kamma), Htun Maung, a resident of Zee Taw Gone village, earns his living as a butcher. He is skilful in his work, and he slaughters a cow with force and cruelty. Then, Htun Maung has been suffering from stomach cancer for a long time and sounds like a cow. Later, he died. According to village custom, when the people bathed the body to prepare it for the funeral, they discovered that it emitted an unbearable stench of decay. Because of this, they could no longer keep the body inside the village and had to move the funeral bier to the outskirts. Meanwhile, unexpectedly, a herd of cows-no one knew where they came from-attacked the bier and the body, trampling and destroying them. As a result, Tun Maung’s remains were left in such a state that there was scarcely anything left to bury.

The book’s title, “Chit Chin Yee Tu Thaw Lae”, is about a love triangle with a rural-based backdrop.



Book Title	-	Different Analogies: Short Stories by A Literary Couple
Author	-	Naing Swann and Thway (Sagaing)
Publishing House	-	Athwin Kwe Swetaw
Publication Date	-	June 2025 (1 st Edition)
Price	-	K8,000

Different Analogies: Short Stories by A Literary Couple

THE title of the book “Different Analogies: Short Stories by A Literary Couple” comes from different perspectives of the short stories written by a married author duo; Editor Naing Swann and writer Thway (Sagaing). This significant and diverse collection showcases the complementary literary crafts of the prominent literary couple, encompassing realism, memoir, satire and modern fantasy.

This is a collection of the works by the literary couple, featuring 11 short stories by Saya Naing Swann and eight by Thway (Sagaing). Sayama Thway (Sagaing) is the daughter of the renowned writer Sagaing Aye Lwin and the younger sister of poet and essay writer Saya Zaw Moe Lwin.

The notable writers (Saya Ye Shan, Lay Ko Tin, Aye Nya, U Nay Win Oo and two other figures) provided some valuable context

and analysis in the foreword.

The book contains the following 19 stories: The one craving for a house, The house in the dream, Half a heart without you (No Sky, No Atmosphere), Butterfly, The girl out of sync with environment, friends and another place, Once queen’s crape myrtle blossoms again, Owl man, Rat-Man-Cat, Riding the wind, the pride of the village, lunch, Hat man, The village full of peace, tranquility and other sentiments, a light of source seems to disappear in the evening, Memoir of the dorm dweller, untitled words, Lush Green Field: habitat for frogs and The one who performs Owl dance.

Saya Ye Shan’s analysis stated that the short stories titled “The one craving for a house” and “The house in the dream” showed willingness and strong desire of the couple living in a rental property to buy a home,

identifying a theme of struggle and displacement in the early life of the couple in the rural areas. I regard Thway’s Half a Heart without You (No Sky, No Atmosphere) and Once Queen’s Crape Myrtle Blossoms Again as essay-type rather than short stories. The tone, word choice and writing style with sensory details and emotion are similar to types of some short stories that Saya Mya Than Tint presented. Some short stories of Naing Swann: Owl Man, Rat-Man-Cat, Lunch, Hat Man, which critique human life are satirical and modern. The pride of the village, lunch and the village full of peace and tranquility showed realistic perspectives and contemporary experiences.

Saya Lay Ko Tin’s introduction highlights the nostalgic and autobiographical literary craft of Thway (Sagaing) in Friends and Another Place, reminiscing about Mandalay University’s life and old

friends like reading an old diary. Butterfly’s short story will give readers heart-fluttering. Once Queen’s Crape Myrtle Blossoms Again is an essay type inspired by Sayagyi Min Thu Wun’s poem (Pyin Ma Ngoke To), coping with traumatic events.

Naing Swann’s creative thinking and new ideas can be seen in short stories: “Owl Man, Rat-Man-Cat and Hat Man”. The Hat Man is a modern short story, personifying an inanimate hat in the whole short story, and one quote will give you a piece of mind. The short story titled “The Light of Source Seems to Disappear in the Evening” is a modern, unique short story, reflecting the nature of the human with different symbols (black and white). He explored the strange idea like an evil taking over the black colour. Other pieces of writing: The Pride of the Village, The Village Full of Peace, Tranquillity and Other Sentiments and Riding the Wind portrayed realism.

Poet Aye Nya gave the message that the collection of Thway’s short stories is sincere and motivational. Ko Naing Swann’s witty and thought-provoking literary works give a clarity of life. Thway’s writing is like a queen’s crape myrtle blooming against hardships, and Ko Naing Swann’s short stories awaken true nature and illuminate insights into the reality in life, the poet modified.



By Min Min Zan

**Corruption’s shadow dims the nation’s light.
It steals from justice, hiding wrongs from sight.
To guard our future, people must unite,
And youths stand firm to choose the path that’s right.**

**It harms the poor and breaks the nation’s trust,
Destroys the system’s fairness, and is strong and just.
To build a country rising from the dust,
We fight corruption - fight it hard, we must.**

**Myanmar’s youths now raise their voices high,
To shape a future bright beneath the sky.
With honest hearts, their dreams will never die,
They end corruption - lift the nation high.**

Guest Bird

After entering and staying,
When he goes flying,
The branch tip is trembling.

Hu Wo (Cuckoo’s Song)
7 December 2025

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ဝင်ရောက်ခိုနား

သူပျံသွားသော်

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ပြဒါးရှင်

By Zaw Gyi Translated by Myint Zan

**i want to
give (a) philosopher’s stone (to you)
but i am not a real Zawgyi:
verily I’m frustrated**

**Composed on 9 March 1936
Translated on 2 December 2025**

ပေးချင်တဲ့ ခုအရေး
ဇော်ဂျီမောင် ငါ့စစ်လို့
စိတ်ညစ်တယ်လေး။

ဇော်ဂျီ



Translator’s note. Poet Saya Zaw Gyi composed this poem or doggerel during the second Rangoon University students’ strike in February to March 1936. He gave it to one of the female strikers, Ma Amar (later Ludu Daw Amar; 29 November 1936-7 April 2008). The poem was perhaps given to Ma Amar on the precincts of the Shwedagon Pagoda, where the students established temporary strike camps.

ပြဒါးရှင် is roughly, though not quite accurately is translated as a “philosopher’s stone”. The mythical construct of Zawgyi can, with the use of both the philosopher’s stone and a magic wand, hide under the Earth and fly in the air. But Saya Zaw Gyi (real name U Thein Han), who had taken the mythical name Zawgyi as a pseudonym, stated in his poem that, not being the “real” (albeit mythical) Zawgyi, he could not effectively help the student strikers’ cause (သည့်အရေး) as the “real” (mythical) Zawgyi. The translator dedicates his translation of the poem to the memory of ငြီးငြီး (great aunt) Ludu Daw Amar on the occasion of her 110th birthday on 29 November 2025.

NATIONAL

Entertainment



Ledwintha Saw Chit

THE film that has been receiving huge praise in the film industry this week is "Pan Myaing Lal Hma Uyin Hmu", which is adapted from a novel by Sayagyi Sithu Ledwintha Saw Chit. Sayagyi said, "The novelists are always very cautious about script because a novel can be ruined by a bad script. From the beginning, I said that I wanted to read the script. A film naturally has visual embellishments, but the essence must not be lost. I believe it will be successful." Director Maung Tin Oo used the title of this novel but not the story. Although the "Naychi Hma Shweyi Laung" movie directed by Zaw Myint Oo was the Sayagyi's novel, the title is the name of a poem by Pyinmana Maung Ni Thin. Now, the film directed by Win Lwin Htet is the same as the name of the novel and the story "Pan Myaing Lal Hma Uyin Hmu".

Myint Myint Khine

REGARDING actress Khine Hnin Wai, who appeared in the film "Maung Mi Phaya" screened on 12 December, her aunt, Academy Myint Myint Khine, commented that, "My niece Khine Hnin Wai's acting builds step by step very well. I really want her to win an Academy Award. Her acting when she realizes that her daughter has become a bad woman (sex worker) is truly impressive. I also praise the acting skills of Yadana Bo. She dares to do it and doesn't hold back at all. That's because the director is excellent".



Su Pan Htwa

THE actress who has made a comeback with the "Thone Lun Tin Pyoh" series is Su Pan Htwa. She takes on the role of Daw Min Marlar, a mother who does everything she can with love for her son to help and resolve his problems. She said, "I tried my best in this series." The series is now on air via the Mahar Application, and directed by Kyi Phyu Shin, and the cast includes Chan Min Ye Htut, Poe Mahme Thar, Su Pan Htwa, Phoo Sone, Min Arkar and Moe Pwint Phyu.

Yu Thandar Tin

ACTRESS Yu Thandar Tin, who has been receiving strong love and support from audiences through TV series roles, recently informed fans after the completion of the "Yammet" series that, "We'll meet again in the movie "Maung Miphaya". In this film, directed by Mae Min Bon, Yu Thandar Tin plays the role of Khin Yoon, a woman who loves her husband so deeply that she becomes unable to fully trust him. The artistes are Tyron, Banyar Bone Pyae, Soe Myat Thuzar, Khine Hnin Wai, Yadana Bo, along with many supporting actors.



CELEBRITY BRIEF

Hnin Wuttyi Thaung

WITH the playful caption, "Don't give me flowers - they'll wither after a while... Give me diamonds instead, they shine forever...", actress Hnin Wuttyi Thaung has shared her captivating photos. These photos were taken during the shooting of a "Sein Sabai Phoo Diamond Palace" commercial. She said, "I feel that art is truly genuine only when one can think freely and broadly, and then bring those ideas into reality. I truly respect and am grateful to the Sein Sabai Phoo family for having the courage to create and present this commercial in such a style".



Live Yangon Social Concert set for 20 Dec

SINGER and actor academy Soe Thu will hold his solo music concert named One Man Show At Yangon Special at Yangon Social F& B, Music, Kids Playground in Mayangon Township of Yangon Region, according to the singer.

Singer May Kha Lar will support his concert as a special guest, and the Majesta Band will play for him.

The Yangon Social Bar is formally called Inya Lake Garden Food Hall & Entertainment, and has now changed into Yangon Social F&B, Music, and Kids Playground.

Before this concert, Academy Soe Thu organized his One Man Show at the Excellent Bar in Nay Pyi Taw on 22 November, and Pwint Nadi Maung, Hla Myo Thinzar Nwe, Kyaw Kyaw and Su Myat Noe Oo watched his show. — ASH/KTZH



Oak Aw Than Thar

RISING young actress Oak Aw Than Thar has shared a new photo shoot with fans, captioned "Happiness..."They are just natural photos taken at "Father's Sheep Farm", which was opened on 15 November at the foot of the Manawhla Mountain in Kalaw. The actress stars in films and series frequently, and she portrayed the character of Detective Lynn in the "Kanset Kan" series, currently being broadcast on the CANAL+ Application. — Htun Htun/KTZH

NATIONAL

18th Immersive Flowers Festival welcomes 58,014 visitors at National Kandawgyi Gardens

A total of 58,014 domestic and foreign visitors attended the 18th Immersive Flowers Festival, held from 6 to 10 December; according to U Zaw Min Tun, warden of the National Kandawgyi Gardens (PyinOoLwin).

The number of visitors was 13,825 on 6 December, including four foreign tourists; 22,407 on 7 December, including nine foreigners; 8,563 on 8 December, including four foreigners; 6,750 on 9 December, including seven foreigners; and 6,469 on 10 December, including two foreigners. In total, 58,014 people visited the garden during the festival period.

In addition, musical performances and other entertainment programs were held on busy days during the 18th Immersive Flowers Festival. Special programs, including musical performances, magic shows, and dance performances, are also planned during the Christmas, New Year, and Independence Day holidays.

The National Kandawgyi Gardens (PyinOoLwin) span an area of 436.96 acres, comprising 366.96 acres of land and 70 acres of water. Established in 1924, the garden has been leased to the Htoo Group of Companies for 15 years, beginning in 2010. — ASH/MKKS



Visitors to the 18th National Kandawgyi Gardens (PyinOoLwin) Flower Festival.



A previous meteor shower event.

Year’s biggest meteor shower lights up December sky

THE Geminid Meteor Shower, which is the most visible among all phenomena, will be seen from the night of 13 December until sunrise on 15 December; according to the Myanmar Astronomy & Science Enthusiasts Society (MASSES).

The peak of this year’s Geminid Meteor Shower will occur from midnight on 13 December to before dawn on 14 December, with an estimated 100-150 meteors visible per hour. The shower will also be visible on the night of 14 December.

The peak time varies slightly depending on the country’s time zone, and it will be at midnight on

13 December for Myanmar and neighbouring countries, including Thailand and India.

The meteor shower is caused by debris left behind by an asteroid named 3,200 Phaethon, which is known to orbit the sun once every 1.4 years. Since this year’s meteor shower falls close to the new moon day, there will be minimal interference from the moon’s light, allowing for a clearer view of a large number of meteors. Meteor showers occur when dust and rocky particles, left behind in the paths of comets and asteroids that orbit the sun, enter Earth’s orbital path around the sun. — MT/ZN

Nationwide tree planting tops 121M in 2021-2025

A total of 121.87 million trees were planted across the country over the five years from 2021 to 2025, according to the Forestry Department, under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation.

Myanmar is a globally recognized biodiversity hotspot, with 42.19 per cent of the country’s area covered by forests, and has prioritized policies aimed at developing the forestry sector while tar-



This photo shows conservation work in the protected forests in Mon State.

getting an increase in forest cover to 50 per cent.

In addition, the forestry sector is a key strategic pillar in Myanmar’s Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), and efforts are underway to designate 30 per cent of the country as protected forests and 10 per cent as nature reserves by 2030.

As part of its commitment to coastal and ocean conservation, more than 500,000 hectares of mangrove forests have been conserved and protected. In addition, sustainable “blue economy” development is being prioritized, and coastal resource conservation activities are being implemented through a comprehensive coastal resource management plan. Myanmar has approved the signing of the Tropical Forests Fund for All (TFFF) Declaration and will work with the international community to implement global climate change programs to preserve and protect the planet for present and future generations. — ASH/TH

“A Gentle Breeze” painting exhibition opens at Yangon’s Artistic Space Gallery

A Collector’s Show painting exhibition titled “A Gentle Breeze Carrying Floral Fragrances” is currently underway at Artistic Space Art Gallery in Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region. The exhibition runs from 13 to 17 December.

The exhibition features a diverse range of artworks by artistes Tin Maung Oo, Moe Kyaw, Lu Maw, Marlar, Chan Nyein Kyaw, Han Tin Swe, Nyein Chan Su, Aye Myint, Rahula, Hla Han, Lu Tin, H Lwin, Soe Naing, Htun Naing, Thet Lwin, Kyaw Naing, Nu Nu, Thet Htun Oo, Zaw Zaw, Min Oo, Myint Lwin, Soe Win Aung and Thein Win. Visitors can enjoy a wide variety of

subjects and styles, including watercolours, oil paintings, acrylic works, charcoal drawings and floral-themed pieces.

“The Collector’s Show painting exhibition titled A Gentle Breeze Carrying Floral Fragrances is being held at Artistic Space Art Gallery from 13 to 17 December and is open daily from 10 am to 5 pm. We warmly invite everyone to visit and support the exhibition,” said a gallery officer from Artistic Space Art Gallery. The paintings on display are available in various sizes, including 24 by 24 inches, 36 by 24 inches, 18 by 24 inches and 18 by 18 inches. — ASH/KZL

NATIONAL BUSINESS

Khayay guesthouse near Shwezigon Pagoda up for rent

THE Shwezigon Pagoda Board of Trustees will put the Khayay guesthouse near the Shwezigon Pagoda up for rent with a five-year contract starting from 1 January 2026.

The Shwezigon Pagoda Board of Trustees currently manage the Khayay guesthouse in NyaungU. They called interested business entities to run the Khayay guesthouse near Shwezigon Pagoda in the ancient cultural heritage zone. This is a good spot to open souvenir shops and snack shops beyond the guesthouse business.

Therefore, interested individuals can submit the tender to the Pagoda Board of Trustees by 23 December 2025. The bid security is K20 million. The competitive bidding will be held at 10 am on 24 December at the office of the pagoda board of trustees.



Shwezigon Pagoda is seen being packed with pilgrims.

Rules and regulations of the lease of the guesthouse can be enquired through the pagoda board of trustees running the auction at 09 2043548 and 09 2043909. — NN/KK

Fuel oil reference prices fall slowly



A petrol station in Yangon, where vehicles line up for refuelling.

FUEL oil reference prices showed a small decline this week ending 18 December, with K2,490 for Octane 92 and K2,540 for Octane 95, K2,245 for diesel and K2,685 for premium diesel.

The prices were set at K2,525 for Octane 92 and K2,610 for Octane 95, K2,330 for diesel and K2,805 for premium diesel last week ending 11 December.

The price index set by Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS), the pricing basis for many refined products in Southeast Asia, influences the domestic fuel prices, according to the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil.

The committee is governing the market to ensure a stable price and secure supply. Furthermore, the Central Bank of Myanmar has been injecting foreign currencies into the fuel oil sector to help cut the price. Under the guidance of the Supervisory Committee, the Petroleum Products Regulatory Department has been issuing daily reference wholesale prices to ensure price stability for energy consumers.

The committee is inspecting the fuel stations to see whether they are overcharging. Authorities are taking action against those retailers of fuel stations under the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law 2017 if they are found overcharging rather than the set reference rate.

As per the statement, 90 per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced

locally. Domestic fuel prices are highly correlated with international prices. The State is steering the market to mitigate the loss experienced by the importers, sellers and energy consumers. Consequently, the government is trying to distribute the oil at a reasonable price compared to that of regional countries.

Some countries levied higher tax rates and hiked oil prices than Myanmar's. However, Malaysia's oil sector receives government subsidies, and the prices are about 60 per cent lower than those of Myanmar. Every country lays down different policy patterns to fix oil prices, the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil stated. — NN/KK

CBM sells US\$2.4M to edible oil-importing companies

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$2.4 million to edible oil-importing companies on 12 December.

CBM announced on 11 December that it would inject \$28 million into the fuel oil sector. Additionally, it sold over \$587,700 to fuel oil-importing companies and over \$836,900 to edible oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM sold over \$152,700 to edible oil-importing companies on 10 December.

CBM sold \$500,000 from CMP companies to edible oil-importing companies on 9 December.

CBM sold \$1.185 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$481,400 to fuel oil-importing companies on 8 December, along with an injection of \$120,000 into the market.

CBM sold \$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 companies on the same day.

CBM made an injection of over \$21 million, 2.4 million yuan and 1.5 million baht in November.

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



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

1st large-scale modular hotel projects in PNG under construction

THE first large-scale hotel developments in Papua New Guinea (PNG) to apply modular construction are progressing steadily, the constructor said recently, adding that some projects have moved from factory manufacturing to on-site assembly.

Feng Wanhao, general manager of CSCEC Science and Industry (South Pacific) and CSCEC STEEL (PNG), told Xinhua that the modular hotel projects in PNG include the Kerema

Heritage Hotel project in PNG's Gulf Province, as well as the Kikori Heritage Hotel and Kutubu Heritage Hotel projects in Southern Highlands Province.

CSCEC Science and Industry, a subsidiary of China State Construction Engineering Corporation (CSCEC), has undertaken modular building projects in Australia, New Zealand and other markets.

Under the "factory manufacturing plus on-site assembly" model,



the Chinese constructor produces the buildings in standardized modular units integrating structural, mechanical and electrical, and interior finishing functions. — Xinhua

The image displays the construction of a modular building by China State Construction Engineering Corporation (CSCEC), utilizing the Modular integrated Construction (MiC) approach. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ CSCEC**

Operations of 30% firms in northeastern Japan disrupted by bears: survey

NEARLY 30 per cent of companies in northeastern Japan said their operations have been disrupted by bears, a survey by a credit research firm showed Friday, amid a surge in attacks and sightings. The online survey by Tokyo Shoko Research, the first of this kind by the firm, found that 28.9 per cent of companies in the northeastern region, which saw the highest number of bear attacks in Japan this year, were affected by bears and 6.6 per cent in firms nationwide. — Kyodo

India's seafood export to US remains robust over past five years



To strengthen the sector, the government has undertaken multiple initiatives through the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA). **PHOTO: ANI**

INDIA has intensified support for its shrimp and seafood sector even as exports to the United States have remained robust over the past five years, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry said on Friday.

In a written reply in the Rajya Sabha, Minister of State for Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Jitin Prasada, said India's frozen shrimp exports to the US stood at 311,948 metric tonnes valued at US\$2.51 billion in 2024-25, showing sustained demand despite global market fluctuations. Ex-

port volumes had peaked at 342,572 metric tonnes in 2021-22, with a value of US\$3.15 billion.

Overall seafood exports from India registered a 13.93 per cent increase in value during April-October 2025, rising to US\$4.79 billion from US\$4.21 billion in the corresponding period last year. However, shrimp exports to the US during August-October 2025 (provisional) declined to 55,282 tonnes worth US\$512.81 million, compared with 83,375 tonnes valued at US\$673.98 million a year earlier. — ANI

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M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES

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Myanmar bags 12 more medals, secures 7th at 33rd SEA Games

MYANMAR athletes secured a further 12 medals at the XXXIII South-East Asia (SEA) Games in Thailand, winning two silver and two bronze medals in teqball, one silver medal in judo, four bronze medals in taekwondo, and one bronze medal each in billiards and snooker, karate and weightlifting, according to competition results on 13 December.

The XXXIII SEA Games are being held in Bangkok and Chonburi, where Myanmar athletes are competing across multiple disciplines. On the morning of 13 December, Chair of the Myanmar Olympic Committee and Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs and for Hotels and Tourism U Jeng Phang Naw Taung, Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Tint, Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs U Htay Aung, along with team leaders and officials, attended competition venues to encourage Myanmar competitors.

In the teqball events on 13 December, Naing Naing Win and Su Mon Aung won a silver medal in the women's doubles, while Ko Ko Lwin and Naing Naing Win secured another silver medal in the mixed doubles. In judo, Aye Aye Aung claimed a silver medal in the women's -78-kilogramme category, while Htaik Htaik Kyaw, La Yaung Hlyan and Hlaing Min Khant earned bronze medals in their respective events.

Myanmar athletes also collected bronze medals in taekwondo, with Nan Thounari Kaung competing in the -62-kilogramme category and Moe Myint Myat in the -57-kilogramme category. In billiards and snooker, Phone Myint Kyaw, Win Ko Ko and Kyaw Wai Yan Soe won a bronze in the men's snooker team event. Tin Zar Yun secured bronze in the women's karate kumite -61-kilogramme category, while Naw Ta Bo Ra



Myanmar judo athlete Aye Aye Aung is seen receiving silver medal.

added another bronze in the women's 53-kilogramme weightlifting event.

As of the conclusion of events on 13 December, Myanmar had won two gold medals, 12 silver medals and 14 bronze medals, bringing its total medal haul to 28 and placing the country seventh in the overall medal table at the XXXIII SEA Games. — MNA/KZL



Myanmar and Indonesia taekwondo athletes in action.



The Myanmar women's teqball team competes at the women double teqball event.



Myanmar's Naw Ta Boe Ra competes during the women's 53-kilogramme event at the XXXIII SEA Games in Thailand yesterday.

Myanmar chess team leaves for XXXIII SEA Games in Thailand

CHESS players departed by air for Thailand yesterday morning to compete in the XXXIII South-East Asia Games being hosted by Thailand.

"Each chess team consists of one coach and eight players: three men and five women. The competition will begin on 15 December. We have been preparing for this for more than two years, selecting players through national trials. As this is not a traditional sport at the SEA Games, there have been challenges, but we have trained and

prepared thoroughly. The event will feature both traditional Thai chess and ASEAN-style chess, so we have devoted extra time to specialized training," said U Win Kyaing, coach of the national chess team.

The chess competitions will be held from 15 to 19 December, with the Myanmar team competing in the men's doubles event in Thai-style chess and the women's four-player team event in ASEAN-style chess.



U Win Kyaing.



May Hset Lwin (twin sister).



May Su Lwin (twin sister).

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“Playing chess has been my passion since childhood. My parents taught me the game, and I competed in tournaments throughout my university years. In 2013, I won a gold medal at the 27th SEA Games when Myanmar hosted the event. In this edition, our main rivals are Vietnam and the Philippines, and we are fully prepared to aim for the top medals,” said May Su Lwin, a member of Myanmar’s national chess team.

At the previous XXXII SEA Games in Cambodia in 2023, Myanmar athletes won two bronze medals in chess.

“We have been training for the Games in advance using AI analysis, team training sessions



Myanmar Chess team seen at the Yangon International Airport before departing for Thailand. **PHOTOS: ZWE MAHN**

and practice at clubs. In this competition, we will take part in the four-player team event, and we are giving our best to achieve results worthy of national pride,” added May Hset Lwin, another member of the national chess team. — Thitsa (MNA)/KZL

Myanmar sepak takraw teams miss final in regu event

THE regu team events in sepak takraw at the XXXIII SEA Games in Thailand continued on 13 December, with Myanmar teams missing out on the final.

In the women’s regu team semifinals, host Thailand defeated Myanmar without dropping a set, while Vietnam beat Indonesia without losing a set. In the men’s semifinals, host Thailand overcame Myanmar without dropping a set, and Malaysia defeated Indonesia 2-1. The final will continue today, with the men’s teams facing Thailand and Malaysia, and the women’s teams competing against Thailand and Vietnam. The Myanmar men’s and women’s teams, which lost in the semifinals, will receive



Myanmar women’s Sepak Takraw team compete against Team Thailand during Women’s Team Regu event at the Sea Games yesterday. **PHOTO: PPS**

the joint bronze medals. Following the regu events, the mixed quadrant team com-

petitions will take place, with Myanmar teams also participating. — Chit Ko Ko/KZL

XXXIII SEA Games medal table

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Thailand	95	60	39	194
2	Indonesia	31	43	36	110
3	Vietnam	30	29	54	113
4	Singapore	19	19	25	63
5	Malaysia	16	15	48	79
6	Philippines	15	23	52	90
7	Myanmar	2	12	16	30
8	Laos	2	3	13	18
9	Brunei	-	1	4	5
10	Timor-Leste	-	-	2	2



Pauk Sa, member of the Myanmar billiards team. **PHOTO: MSYA**

THE Myanmar team reached the final of the billiards team event at the XXXIII SEA Games in Thailand after securing victory in the semifinals on 13 December.

With only four teams competing in the billiards team event, the competition began directly at the semifinal stage. Myanmar defeated Indonesia 3-2 and then overcame host nation Thailand 3-1 to advance to the final against Singapore. The Myanmar team, comprising Pauk Sa, Nay Thway Oo and Aung Htay, initially fell behind after losing the first two individual matches but rallied to win the next three and secure qualification for the final. Myanmar recorded scores of 81-101 in the first match and 29-100 in the second, before claiming victories of 101-67, 100-27 and 100-42 in the remaining matches.

The final will be played today, with Myanmar facing Singapore. — Maung San Gyi/KZL

SEA Games: Myanmar women’s futsal team loses to Indonesia

THE second day of the women’s futsal group stage at the XXXIII SEA Games continued on 13 December, with the Myanmar team losing 4-0 to Indonesia.

If Myanmar had won this match, they would have advanced to the semifinals. However, the loss has effectively ended their chances of progressing from the group stage. Although Myanmar still has a remaining match against Vietnam, Vietnam’s earlier victory over In-

donesia has further limited Myanmar’s opportunity to qualify.

In Group A, the Philippines defeated Malaysia 3-1 in the second match. On the final day of the group stage today, Myanmar will face Vietnam at 1:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time, while Thailand will play Malaysia at 4:30 pm.

Currently in Group A, Thailand has one win worth three points, the Philippines has two wins worth three points, and

Malaysia has yet to score. In Group B, Indonesia has two wins worth three points, Vietnam has one win worth three points, and Myanmar has yet to score. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

A Myanmar player vies for the ball with an Indonesia player during the futsal event at XXXIII SEA Games. **PHOTO: MFF**



Not just pizza: Italian cuisine makes UNESCO list

UNESCO recognized on 10 December that Italian food is more than pizza, pasta and gelato, adding the range and ritual of the famed cuisine to its list of intangible cultural heritage.

Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, whose hard-right government has championed “Made in Italy” products as part of her nationalist agenda, hailed the recognition that she said “honours who we are and



Italian cuisine was added to the UNESCO list of intangible cultural heritage. **PHOTO: AFP**

our identity”.

“Because for us Italians, cuisine is not just food or a collection of recipes. It is much more: it is culture, tradition, work, wealth,” she said in a statement.

Pizza-making in Naples already features on the UN cultural agency’s list of intangible heritage, as does espresso coffee. — AFP



People watch fireworks light up the sky as part of Diwali celebrations in Mumbai in October. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Indian festival of lights Diwali joins UNESCO heritage list

India’s festival of lights, Diwali, was on 10 December announced as an addition to UNESCO’s intangible cultural heritage list, sparking celebrations.

The United Nations cultural agency, meeting in the Indian capital New Delhi from 9 to 11 December, is examining dozens of nominations from as many as 78 countries.

The new announcements will join UNESCO’s list of cultural heritage, whose purpose is to “raise awareness of the diversity of these traditions” and protect them in future.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed the announcement, saying the festival was “very closely linked to our culture and ethos”.

As one of Hinduism’s most significant festivals, millions of Indians celebrate Diwali, also known as Deepavali, not just in India but globally.

Many people, including those from the Sikh and Jain religious communities,

It is one of the biggest festivals of India.

observe it as a five-day festival which symbolises the triumph of good over evil.

The festival is also strongly associated with worship of Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and prosperity.

Brief History of Diwali, also known as Deepavali

Deepavali or Diwali is an Indian festival of lights. ‘Deepa’ means lamp or light and ‘Vali’ means string or row, and Deepavali means rows of lights. It celebrates the victory of good over the evil. Diwali falls on the day of ‘Amavasya’ or no moon day, usually in the month of October or November.

The date of celebrating Diwali is based on the movement of the moon and falls on different date every year. For Hindus, Diwali is one of the most important festivals of the year and is celebrated in families by performing traditional activ-

ities together in their homes.

It is one of the biggest festivals of India. Diwali celebrates the return of Lord Rama, along with Sita and Lakshmana, from his 14-year-long exile after defeating the demon-king Ravana.

The festival originated in the Indian subcontinent, likely a fusion of ancient Indian harvest festivals.

It is mentioned in early Sanskrit texts like the Padma Purana and the Skanda Purana, composed between the seventh and 10th centuries.

The Skanda Kishore Purana mentions diyas (lamps) as symbolizing parts of the sun, the cosmic giver of light and energy.

During the seventh century, Emperor Harsha’s Sanskrit play Nagananda refers to it as DpapratiPadotsava, a time for lighting lamps and exchanging gifts between newly engaged couples. — AFP

Time magazine names ‘Architects of AI’ as Person of the Year



TIME magazine named the “Architects of AI” as its Person of the Year on Thursday, highlighting the US tech titans whose work on cutting-edge artificial intelligence is transforming humanity.

Nvidia’s Jensen Huang, OpenAI’s Sam Altman and xAI’s Elon Musk are among the innovators who have “grabbed the wheel of

history, developing technology and making decisions that are reshaping the information landscape, the climate, and our livelihoods,” Time wrote. One of two covers of the magazine is a homage to the famous 1932 photograph of ironworkers casually eating lunch on a steel beam above New York City. In the Time illustration, sitting astride the city are Me-

ta’s Mark Zuckerberg, AMD chief Lisa Su, Musk, Huang, Altman as well as Google’s AI boss Demis Hassabis, Anthropic’s Dario Amodei and Stanford professor Fei-Fei Li.

Alongside popular AI models like ChatGPT and Claude, Time credited investors like SoftBank CEO Masayoshi Son, who has plunged billions of dollars into the technology.

Time’s Person of the Year selection is an acknowledgement of the year’s most influential figure. — AFP

2025 was the year AI shifted from promise to reality.
PHOTO: TIME / AFP