

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.

Tatmadaw (Air) strengthens combat readiness and operational capability

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing appreciated the combat power and combat capability of Tatmadaw (Air) in its 78th Anniversary celebration.

STATE Security and Peace Commission Chairman and Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the ceremony to mark the 78th Anniversary of Tatmadaw (Air) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the Nay Pyi Taw Airbase yesterday morning.

In his speech, the Senior General stated that, prior to Myanmar gaining independence, the Tatmadaw (Air) was formally established with the enactment of the Air Force Act on 15 December 1947. As of today, this marks the 78th anniversary of its founding.

Up to the present day, he recounted that Tatmadaw (Air) has actively participated not only in operations to drive out external invasion and conduct internal counterinsurgency missions but also launch anti-narcotics campaigns. The dedication, courage, and sacrifices of Air Force personnel in these operations have greatly contributed to achieving successful outcomes.

He noted that in strengthening a nation’s sovereignty, promoting national development, protecting the lives and property of the people, and safeguarding national interests, it is essential to



State Security and Peace Commission Chairman and Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attends the 78th Anniversary of Tatmadaw (Air) at the Nay Pyi Taw Airbase yesterday.

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the 78th Air Force Day

- 1. Whenever the nation faced crises, Tatmadaw stood firmly to protect the people.
- 2. Success in aviation operations requires that everyone work together in a coordinated and unified manner.
- 3. It is not enough for pilots alone to be highly skilled; aircrew, flight engineers, and aviation support staff must also master their duties.
- 4. It is emphasized that unity within the force be strengthened, and that personnel work together under correct leadership and coordinated guidance at every level.

possess a strong and resilient defence capability.

He retold that Tatmadaw emerged alongside independence as a Patriotic People’s Tatmadaw, representing the unity of all ethnic groups as the Union Tatmadaw. Throughout successive eras, it has confronted various domestic and external threats to the nation, working hand in hand with the people and sacrificing much blood and lives and effort to

protect and defend the country. Whenever the nation faced crises, Tatmadaw stood firmly to protect the people.

The Senior General underlined that it is particularly necessary to build and maintain a strong, resilient, and highly capable defence force, comprising the Army, Navy, and Air, so that it can fully confront and respond to the ever-evolving threats and challenges.

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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



Myanmar reports no new COVID-19 cases

THE Ministry of Health tested 53 samples from 8 pm on 7 December 2025 to 8 pm on 14 December 2025, and no new cases were detected. Therefore, no new casualties were reported.

Currently, there is no need to worry about infection and deaths from COVID-19, but all need to follow personal hygiene methods, and the high-risk groups.

- Elderly people (aged 60 and above)
- People with diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases, and cancer
- Pregnant women (especially those beyond the third month of pregnancy) are prioritized to receive COVID-19 booster shots.

More detailed COVID-19 information can be found on the website of the Ministry of Health, moh.gov.mm.

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Thai-Myanmar Business Council holds handover ceremony for donated medicines and medical supplies



Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win accepts the donated medicines and medical supplies from Chairman Mr Kich Aungvitulsatit of the Thai-Myanmar Business Council yesterday.

THE Bangkok-based Thai-Myanmar Business Council held a handover ceremony yesterday at the Ministry of Health in Nay Pyi Taw for the donated medicines and medical supplies in support of the Ministry of Health's

earthquake response efforts.

At the ceremony, Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win expressed his gratitude on behalf of the people of Myanmar for the donation of five dialysis machines, as well as medicines and

medical supplies worth 3.6 million baht, for Myanmar's earthquake response and rehabilitation efforts. He said the dialysis machines would be a great help in the treatment of kidney disease and noted that the donation reflected the cooperation and friendship between Myanmar and Thailand. The donated medicines will be delivered as soon as possible to Mandalay General Hospital and to health centres in Mandalay and Sagaing Regions.

Mr Kich Aungvitulsatit, Chairman of the Thai-Myanmar Business Council, then spoke about the donation.

The ceremony was attended by officials from the Ministry of Health, representatives of the Thai-Myanmar Business Council, and representatives of the Federation of Thai Industries from Ranong Province, Thailand.

The first batch of medicines and medical supplies donated by the Thai-Myanmar Business Council arrived on 12 December, and the second batch is scheduled to arrive on 16 December. — MNA/MKKS

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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

Tatmadaw (Air) strengthens combat readiness and operational capability

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He pointed out that lessons learned from experiences over successive eras have been applied to gradually develop Tatmadaw (Air) into a modern, highly capable, and resilient air power.

The Senior General stressed that it is necessary to build Tatmadaw (Air) so that both its combat strength and operational capability are fully developed and effectively utilized. To enhance combat capability, the State has been consistently providing helicopters and operational support systems as needed.

He remarked that the effectiveness and high capability of an Air Force depend on all personnel serving in their respective fields. It is not enough for pilots alone to be highly skilled; aircrew, flight engineers, and aviation support staff must also master their duties. Moreover, success in aviation operations requires that everyone work together in a coordinated and unified manner.

In both the technical and administrative sectors, the Senior General noted that work must be carried out in coordination within each department, and success in Tatmadaw (Air)'s overall missions requires collaboration between different sectors. Therefore, it is emphasized that unity within the force be strengthened, and that personnel work togeth-



The Senior General expresses words of appreciation to Tatmadaw (Air) personnel at yesterday's event in Nay Pyi Taw.

er under correct leadership and coordinated guidance at every level.

The Senior General appreciated that the achievements and successes the Air Force has attained from its founding to the present are the result of the courage, selfless sacrifice, and dedicated sense of duty of all officers and other ranks who have served through successive generations.

He encouraged Tatmadaw (Air) personnel to preserve and uphold Tatmadaw (Air)'s noble traditions, and to diligently and

responsibly carry out their duties and objectives to the best of their abilities within their respective areas of expertise.

Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung presented a gift to mark the 78th Anniversary of Tatmadaw (Air) Day to the Senior General.

Next, the skill demonstrations of helicopters and aircraft of Tatmadaw (Air) were presented with saluting the Senior General. In this regard, four Mi-17 helicopters demonstrated the Arrow Head Formation, two Bell-206 helicopters, two

H-125 helicopters and two H-120 helicopters in the Composite Formation, one MTX-1B reconnaissance aircraft and three Grob-120 TPs in the Composite Formation, five K-8 jet fighters in the Kite Formation, four F-7 fighters in the Box Formation, five MiG-29 jet fighters in the Arrow Formation, and two Su-30 SME jet fighters and two FTC-2000G fighters in the Composite Formation.

Afterwards, MiG-29 jet fighters and Su-30 SME jet fighters were deployed in the high-performance manoeuvres.

Military aircraft in squadrons saluted the Senior General in the skill demonstration. A Su-30 SME jet fighter performed the Point Roll Manoeuvre, High-G Turn Manoeuvre, Derry Turn Manoeuvre, Oblique Loop Manoeuvre, Combat Turn Manoeuvre, Flap Spin Manoeuvre and Slow Flight Manoeuvre by firing the flares as saluting the Senior General.

The Senior General and the party released birds to mark the 78th Anniversary of Tatmadaw (Air) Day. The Senior General presented cash awards to the pilots who participated in the skill demonstrations.

Also, present at the ceremony were Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Senior General, Commission member Prime Minister U Nyo Saw and his wife, Commission Secretary General Ye Win Oo and his wife, Commission member Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin and his wife, retired commanders-in-chief (Air) and their wives, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Htein Win and his wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung and his wife, Union-level dignitaries and their wives, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, airbase commanders, and guests. — MNA/TTA

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DSINPS produces 5,692 graduates, including trainees from 10th intake

THE newly-graduated trainees are encouraged to continuously develop into more skilled and competent nurses, pharmacists and paramedics, thereby enhancing their careers and professional expertise.

On behalf of State Security and Peace Commission Chairman and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing, SSPC Vice-Chairman, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, and Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Thiri Pyanchi Maha Thray Sithu Soe Win delivered a speech at the passing out parade of the 10th intake of the female nursing and paramedical science course at the parade ground of the Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science in Yangon yesterday morning.

The Vice-Senior General took the salute of the graduate trainee companies and inspected them. These companies marched past the Vice-Senior General.

The Vice-Senior General presented the best trainee award to female trainee Khaing Sabei Myo and the excellent award in training to female trainee Yi Yi Myint, and the excellent award in studies to female trainee Thin Thin Thiri from the 10th intake, respectively.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Senior General, on behalf of the Senior General, said that following the motto "Virtue, Knowledge, Skill," the institute has trained a total of 5,692 graduates, including those completing undergraduate, post-graduate, and diploma programmes, to become proficient, compassionate, and medically competent professionals.

He noted that the fundamental spirit of nursing is guided by the five principles of "dedication, compassion, sympathy, gentleness, and exemplary conduct," and nurses



State Security and Peace Commission Vice-Chairman, Defence Services Deputy Commander-in-Chief, and Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Thiri Pyanchi Maha Thray Sithu Soe Win inspects the graduate companies at the passing out parade of the 10th intake of the female nursing and paramedical science course in Yangon yesterday.

are urged to care for and treat patients with devotion and compassion in accordance with these principles.

He stressed that paramedics serve as key supporters in patient care within their respective areas of expertise. They are involved in disease detection and assessment, ensure that medications are properly stored and accurately delivered to patients without damage or expiry, and help patients regain both physical strength and mental well-being.

The Vice-Senior General remarked that as members of the military medical corps, they must also firmly cultivate the Spirit of Nursing. In the field, they are expected to integrate new experiences with their existing medical knowledge to develop advanced medical skills and effective treatment and care systems. They must continue to study, practise, and diligently apply these skills without deviation, striving to

maintain high standards in patient care.

He urged the nurses to study and integrate information and technological knowledge carefully, analyzing and understanding it from all angles. By applying their own intelligence and reasoning, they should discern and act only on accurate information, avoiding false or misleading news that could destabilize the nation, Tatmadaw, their organizations, or families. Through this approach, they are encouraged to continuously develop into more skilled and competent nurses, pharmacists and paramedics, thereby enhancing their careers and professional expertise.

For the 2025 multiparty democratic general election, he revealed that arrangements have been made to allow both domestic and international observation groups to observe and assess the process to ensure transparency, freedom, and fairness.

He highlighted that elections represent a first crucial step on the democratic journey desired by all ethnic communities. Any attempts to disrupt or undermine the election would negate the collective will of the people. Therefore, the public must unite in protecting and preventing any interference or sabotage that could impede the electoral process.

The Vice-Senior General underscored that Tatmadaw has temporarily assumed national responsibilities in accordance with the 2008 Constitution. Once the elections are completed, these national responsibilities will be transferred to the elected government in accordance with democratic standards.

After taking the salute of the graduate companies, the Vice-Senior General left the parade ground.

Also, present at the parade were Daw Than Than Nwe, the wife of the Vice-Senior General, Union ministers, senior Tat-

madaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the Yangon Region Chief Minister and his wife, the commander of Yangon Command, and the commandant of the institute.

After the parade, the Vice-Senior General and party met outstanding trainees at the headquarters of the institute and appreciated their efforts.

In the evening, the Vice-Senior General and party attended the graduation dinner of the 10th intake of the female nursing and paramedical science course and had dinner together with the graduate nurses and guests.

After the dinner, the Vice-Senior General and party enjoyed the music played by the military band of the institute and presented cash awards to it.

They all then enjoyed the entertainment presented by the Myawady Entertainment Troupe at the Thabin Hall of the institute. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

SSPC Vice-Chair inspects Tatmadaw Hospitals, War Veterans' Housing and Shopping Complex

STATE Security and Peace Commission Vice-Chairman, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, and Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win visited the Defence Services Orthopaedic Hosiptal (500-bed) and the Defence Services General Hospital (1,000-bed) in Mingaladon Township of Yangon Region yesterday morning and comforted Tatmadaw members receiving medical treatment at the special care centres of the hospitals and inspected Myanmar Thakaung Advanced War Veterans' Housing (Laydauntkan).

At the Defence Services Orthopaedic Hospital (500-bed) and the Defence Services General Hospital (1,000-bed), the Vice-Senior General asked about injuries and diseases of Tatmadaw members individually and presented foodstuffs and utensils.

After inspecting the hospitals and these compounds, the Vice-Senior General presented cash awards for health staff serving at the hospitals through the hospital commandants.

Daw Than Than Nwe, the wife of the Vice-Senior General, comforted pregnant women at the Defence Services Obstetric, Gynaecological and Children's Hospital (300-bed) in Mingaladon Township and gave food-



SSPC Vice-Chair, Defence Services Deputy C-in-C and C-in-C (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win warmly greets and offers words of encouragement to war veterans and their family members at the Myanmar Thakaung Advanced War Veterans' Housing (Laydauntkan) in Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon.

stuffs. She also presented cash for the hospital through the hospital commandant. She also donated cash to the medical trust fund of the hospital through the commandant.

At the briefing hall of the Myanmar Thakaung Advanced War Veterans' Housing (Laydauntkan) in Dagon Myothit (South) Township, the Vice-Senior General heard reports on progress of construction for

housing, settlement of war veterans, accomplishment of the guidance given by the Head of State, paving the asphalt concrete road in the housing area, construction of gravel-filled drains, plots for operating agriculture and livestock activities and building the market, park and playgrounds, and supply of water and electricity.

The Vice-Senior General gave instructions on the prop-

er flow of water in the housing compound, management for the convenience of residents in education, health, accommodation, food supply, transport and administrative measures, and creation of employment opportunities for the residents of the housing.

He inspected completed buildings in the compound, apartments of war veterans and their families, and raised 350

layers in the evaporated fully automatic system in the compound.

The Vice-Senior General provided nutritious foodstuffs and cash assistance to children of the pre-primary school opened in the compound and viewed around the housing compound.

At the construction site of the Shopping Complex near the war veterans' housing, the Vice-Senior General heard reports on the implementation of the project, formation of a quality control team, water and power supply and efforts to complete the project on schedule.

The Vice-Senior General instructed that when inspecting buildings, the QC team needs to assess the resilience of buildings to natural disasters not merely through visual inspection but by conducting measurements and tests using modern resilience-testing technologies and equipment. In addition, he stressed that preparations should be undertaken to systematically plant fast-growing trees and shade- and windbreak-providing plants from now on to ensure a green and pleasant environment around the shopping complex. Furthermore, he added that arrangements must be made to ensure the proper and systematic disposal of wastewater and food waste generated by restaurants. — MNA/TTA

Military parade, alms donation commemorate 78th Anniversary of Tatmadaw (Air)

A military parade commemorating the 78th Anniversary of Tatmadaw (Air) was held yesterday morning at the Nay Pyi Taw Airbase. It was attended by Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung, relevant officials of airbases, Tatmadaw (Air), families and invitees attended the event.

They saluted the State Flag and fallen heroes, and took four oaths. The Commander-in-Chief (Air) inspected the parade columns and made a speech. He took a salute and left the event.

Moreover, the early alms food donation event commemorating the 78th Anniversary of the Tatmadaw (Air) took place at the same airbase. The monks, led by Presiding Sayadaw of Pali Tekkatho Mingala Zeyon Monastery, Aggamaha Pandita Aggamaha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Vimala Buddhi, attended the event. The Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior air force officers, other ranks and their families were also present at the donation event. — MNA/KTZH



The military parade of the 78th Anniversary of Tatmadaw (Air) in action yesterday at the Nay Pyi Taw Airbase.

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51st Anniversary of Rakhine State marked in Sittway

THE ceremony to mark the 51st Anniversary of Rakhine State Day and to confer honorary titles was organized at U Ottama Hall in Sittway Township yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by U Aung Lin Dwe, Executive Chief of the National Defence and Security Council Office, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, U Min Naung, U Hla Moe, Dr Charlie Than and Dr Myo Thein Kyaw, NDSC Central Advisory Body Members Mahn Nyein Maung and Dr Hmuh Thang, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htein Lin and his wife, other relevant officials and invitees.

After the opening ceremony, NDSC Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe read out the message sent by Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray



National Defence and Security Council Office Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe (R) is pictured while attending the dinner at yesterday's 51st Anniversary of Rakhine State Day.

Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing to the ceremony to mark the 51st Anniversary of Rakhine State Day. The Rakhine State chief minister also delivered

a speech. The documentary video featuring regional development programmes was then screened. The Executive Chief, Union

ministers, the chief minister and officials conferred civil service awards and honorary titles and outstanding awards in various sectors, such as administration,

industrial economy, and social affairs. Afterwards, the Rakhine traditional dance troupe performed song and dance entertainment.

The Executive Chief cordially greeted the recipients of honorary awards and attendees, and presented cash prizes to the music band and cheerleading group.

At noon, he met town elders and business people at the guest-house of the Rakhine State government office and discussed regional development programmes.

He then paid homage to Maha Zeya Theikdhi Adheikhthan Sayadaw and Shwe Zedi Sayadaw.

In the evening, he joined the dinner event marking the 51st Anniversary of Rakhine State Day at Khine Thazin hall, and watched the performance of the Rakhine traditional dance troupe. — MNA/KTZH

SSPC Member receives Indian Ambassador



State Security and Peace Commission Member and Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin poses for the documentary photo during the meeting with the Indian ambassador.

STATE Security and Peace Commission Member and Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin received the Indian Ambassador to Myanmar, Mr Abhay Thakur, at the Bayint-naung Villa in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, they discussed the friendly relations between the two militaries and ways to strengthen bilateral ties further, noting that Myanmar and India are good neighbours. They also exchanged views on

prospects for enhanced cooperation between the two armed forces in ensuring security, stability and the rule of law in border areas, as well as on expanded cooperation in military training and mutual exchanges. In addition, they discussed Myanmar's adherence to the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, which it adopted as one of the three original signatory countries, and conditions for promoting development following the successful holding of multiparty democratic general

elections in Myanmar. After the meeting, the State Security and Peace Commission member and Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) and the Indian Ambassador to Myanmar posed for a group photograph together with attendees.

Also present at the meeting were senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and the Indian Defence Attaché to Myanmar, Colonel Jaswinder Singh Gill. — MNA/MKKS

Female trainees from DSINPS 10th intake commissioned

A commissioning ceremony for trainees from the 10th intake (female) of the Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Sciences was held yesterday morning at the institute's convocation hall in Mingaladon Township, Yangon Region.

The ceremony was attended by Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Phone Myat, senior Tatmadaw officers, Commandant of the institute Brig-Gen Kyaw Soe Lin, as well as graduates and their parents.

According to the proceedings of the ceremony, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Phone Myat, senior Tatmadaw officers and the Commandant of the Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Sciences took their seats in the convocation hall, after which Lt-Gen Phone Myat presented commissioning letters to each of the graduates.

Lt-Gen Phone Myat then delivered a speech, and the ceremony concluded. — MNA/MKKS



The commissioning ceremony for trainees from the 10th Intake (female) of the Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Sciences in progress yesterday in Yangon.

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Scholars urged to strive to apply AI on a wider scale

❖ “With today’s technological development, artificial intelligence (AI) is being widely applied across various sectors internationally.”
❖ “Myanmar universities are also being encouraged to have scholars strive to widely apply artificial intelligence (AI) alongside technology in the academic sector.”
(Excerpt from the speech delivered by Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the ceremony to mark the centennial celebration of Mandalay University on 4 October 2024)

Union Minister reviews development projects in Rakhine State

UNION Minister for Border Affairs and for Ethnic Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, together with Rakhine State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Kyaw Thura and officials, visited the Border Area Ethnic Youth Development Training School in Sittway yesterday afternoon.

During the inspection, officials explained details of the training school and regional development projects, and the Union minister coordinated and made the necessary arrangements based on the presentations.

In a subsequent meeting

with staff, teachers and students, the Union minister urged students to study hard, acquire knowledge beyond their practical skills, and strive to become capable and responsible individuals. At the same time, he called on teachers and coaches to help students cultivate sound values and ideas, and to become good citizens on whom the state can rely for the stability, peace and development of the country and their respective regions. He then presented awards and held a cordial discussion with the staff and students.

He also inspected the clean-



Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae warmly speaks with a student during an inspection tour of the Border Area Ethnic Youth Development Training School in Sittway, Rakhine State, yesterday.

liness of the classrooms, dormitories, dining halls and library, as well as the school grounds and the planting of seasonal crops.

Later, he met with representatives of ethnic literature and cultural associations at the meeting hall of the Rakhine State Directorate of the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs, where he delivered a speech. He addressed the requirements of the associations and provided grants to the associations and staff. — MNA/MKKS

15th annual homage ceremony for senior musicians held

THE 15th annual homage ceremony for senior musicians of the Myanmar Music Association (Central) was held yesterday afternoon at Dolphin Hall in Bahan Township, Yangon. Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, together with his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and family, donated K10 million.

The ceremony was attended by Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Tint, Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs U Htay Aung, Chairman of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Association U Kyi Soe Tun, Chairman

of the Myanmar Music Association (Central) U Lwin Myint and executive members, as well as senior musicians and guests from the music, film, literature and theatre fields.

Deputy Minister U Ye Tint and Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs U Htay Aung delivered congratulatory remarks.

Next, the Chairman of the Myanmar Music Association (Central) gave a vote of thanks, and the General Secretary explained the donations received for the ceremony.

The Deputy Minister then presented the K10 million donation made by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, his wife Daw



Deputy Minister U Ye Tint presents the K10 million donation made by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and family.

Kyu Kyu Hla and family, which was received by the Chairman of the Myanmar Music Association (Central).

He also presented a donation of K3 million from the

Ministry of Information, K15.6 million from the Yangon Region Government, and K1 million from the Yangon Region Union Solidarity and Development Party. Additional cash donations from other donors were also received by the Chairman of the Myanmar Music Association (Central), and certificates of appreciation were presented in return.

Afterwards, the attendees paid respects to 156 veteran musicians and presented them with cash and gifts.

Finally, Sithu Daw Tin Tin Mya delivered words of advice on behalf of the veteran musicians. — MNA/MKKS

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Initiate disciplines for students at schools

IF THE education sector is weak, other sectors will also weaken. Due to shortcomings in education, generational progress may decline or become stagnant. Therefore, to build a modern nation in the future, it is necessary to nurture and produce a large number of well-educated, skilled, and capable human resources. Efforts must be made to support education so that a disciplined and orderly human society can be shaped. As the saying goes, “The school initiates disciplines for the nationals,” children must receive guidance and instruction from their teachers during their learning period. Teachers should provide careful instruction and guidance, keeping in mind the students’ future, so that they grow up to become virtuous and capable individuals.

In practice, children who have attended school can be seen

Teachers must not only provide academic instruction to students but also share practical knowledge and general wisdom that can be applied immediately in real life. They should be able to teach and guide students with knowledge appropriate to their age. Only then will well-rounded and outstanding young individuals emerge. Although the instruction and training provided by teachers may seem strict, the knowledge and wisdom gained from it will later bring sweet and lasting benefits to the lives of the students in the future.

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As the national government, efforts are being prioritized and supported to promote educational development. Investments in education are essentially investments in the future of the nation. Although these investments may not yield immediate economic benefits, they will produce significant results over time. These outcomes will bring invaluable benefits not only to the students themselves but also to the country and the nation as a whole.

to have better discipline than those who have missed chances to attend school. Moreover, discipline and adherence to rules will vary according to the grade level they have reached. The ability to follow rules and maintain order will benefit these children in their future lives. In addition, they will develop good habits, behaviours, and ways of living that can help improve their own lives.

Teachers must also educate their students about avoiding the use of harmful substances such as cigarettes, alcohol, and chewing betel quid, which are detrimental to themselves and their surroundings. Only then will children gain the awareness that they should avoid these harmful substances in their lives. If students are taught systematically in this way, it will be possible to nurture a valuable new generation of young people with strong discipline and good character.

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THIS week, I’ve picked a topic that sits at the heart of crisp, modern English. Participles – the present participle (-ing) and the past participle (-ed/-en) – often function as adjectives, shaping how sentences flow, compressing detail, and giving writing its edge. Journalists rely on them to convey meaning quickly without bloating a sentence. On social media, they do the same work more informally, tagging moments as “breaking”, “trending”, “confirmed”, or “leaked”. This article walks step by step through what

structure. Instead of long relative clauses (“the team that is losing”, “the bridge that was damaged”), you get tighter phrases (“the losing team”, “the damaged bridge”). That makes sentences more direct, easier to scan, and better suited for leads and headlines where space and clarity matter. They also help us vary rhythm: stacking nouns and modifiers when we need punch, then opening into full clauses when we need nuance.

In journalism and social media alike, brevity isn’t just aesthetic; it’s functional. Readers decide

News style example: “Rising tensions along the border prompt talks.”

Live coverage example: “Developing story: widening outages across the city.”

Social post example: “Breaking: rolling delays after power surge.”

Feature tone example: “Growing frustration among commuters spills over.”

Past participles: showing result, state, and consequence
Past participles (-ed/-en)

modifier of the noun itself. The trick is to preserve accuracy – don’t erase necessary time words or agents just to shorten.

Clause to adjective (ongoing): “Reports that are emerging” → “emerging reports”.

Clause to adjective (result): “Homes that were damaged” → “damaged homes”.

Clause to phrase: “Residents who were evacuated” → “Evacuated residents”, or “Residents evacuated overnight”.

Accuracy check: Keep agents when needed: “Budget approved

Participles as Adjectives in Journalism and Everyday Writing

By Mingalajii

they are, how they work, where they shine, and how to use them cleanly in news-style prose.

The two forms: present participle and past participle

In grammatical terms, the verb-ing form is the present participle, and the verb-ed/en form is the past participle. Each can function adjectivally in front of a noun or in a participle phrase modifying a subject. Understanding their “feel” helps us choose the right one.

The present participle signals ongoingness, motion, or immediacy. It pulls readers into something unfolding. The past participle marks result, state, or completion. It frames what has already happened and the condition that remains. Journalists pivot between urgency and outcome.

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Present participle (adjective feel): “ongoing”, “rising”, “breaking”, “looming”.

Past participle (adjective feel): “confirmed”, “injured”, “damaged”, “stranded”.

Why participial adjectives matter in sentence composition

Participial adjectives simplify

within seconds whether to keep reading. Participial adjectives deliver concentrated meaning at the front of a noun phrase, right where scanning eyes land first.

Compression (from clause to adjective): “The policy that is changing” → “the changing policy”.

Focus (front-loading information): “The results that were confirmed” → “the confirmed results”.

Rhythm (mixing structures): “The rising costs sparked debate; officials released revised guidelines.”

Present participles: capturing motion and immediacy

Present participles (-ing) bring scenes to life, especially in developing stories. They suggest activity without committing to tense-heavy narration, which keeps headlines neutral and ledes energetic. They pair well with time markers (“currently”, “now”) or trend cues (“growing”, “surging”) to indicate direction.

Use them when we want readers to feel events as they unfold. In ledes, they set tone swiftly; in analysis pieces, they hint at momentum without overpromising conclusions.

emphasize what’s done or what condition persists. They excel in reporting outcomes, injuries, decisions, and verified facts. They’re common in headlines because they collapse a cause-and-effect chain into a crisp descriptor near the noun.

Use them where certainty or status matters: confirmed data, approved budgets, injured passengers, sealed deals. They help frame the “so what?” of a story quickly.

News style example: “Confirmed cases climb after festival.”

Headline shorthand: “Approved plan cuts costs.”

Outcome focus: “Stranded travellers wait for buses.”

Verification tone: “Authenticated footage shows the event.”

Reducing relative clauses: the journalist’s efficiency trick

A large part of journalistic clarity comes from reducing relative clauses (“that/who/which”) into participial adjectives. This keeps sentences compact without sacrificing meaning. Done well, reduction sharpens our subject focus and speeds reading.

Think of it as moving essential detail up front. Instead of hiding it inside a clause, we make it the

by council” avoids ambiguity.

Headlines and decks: participles for punch and pace

Headlines favour participles because they’re compact and flexible. Present participles add motion; past participles add status. In decks and subheads, they let us stack descriptors without clunky syntax. Pair them with strong nouns, and we get pacey, informative lines that still leave room for nuance in the body.

Avoid overloading a single headline with multiple participles; prioritize the most informative one. In decks, we can clarify with additional context.

Present participle headline: “Surging demand squeezes suppliers.”

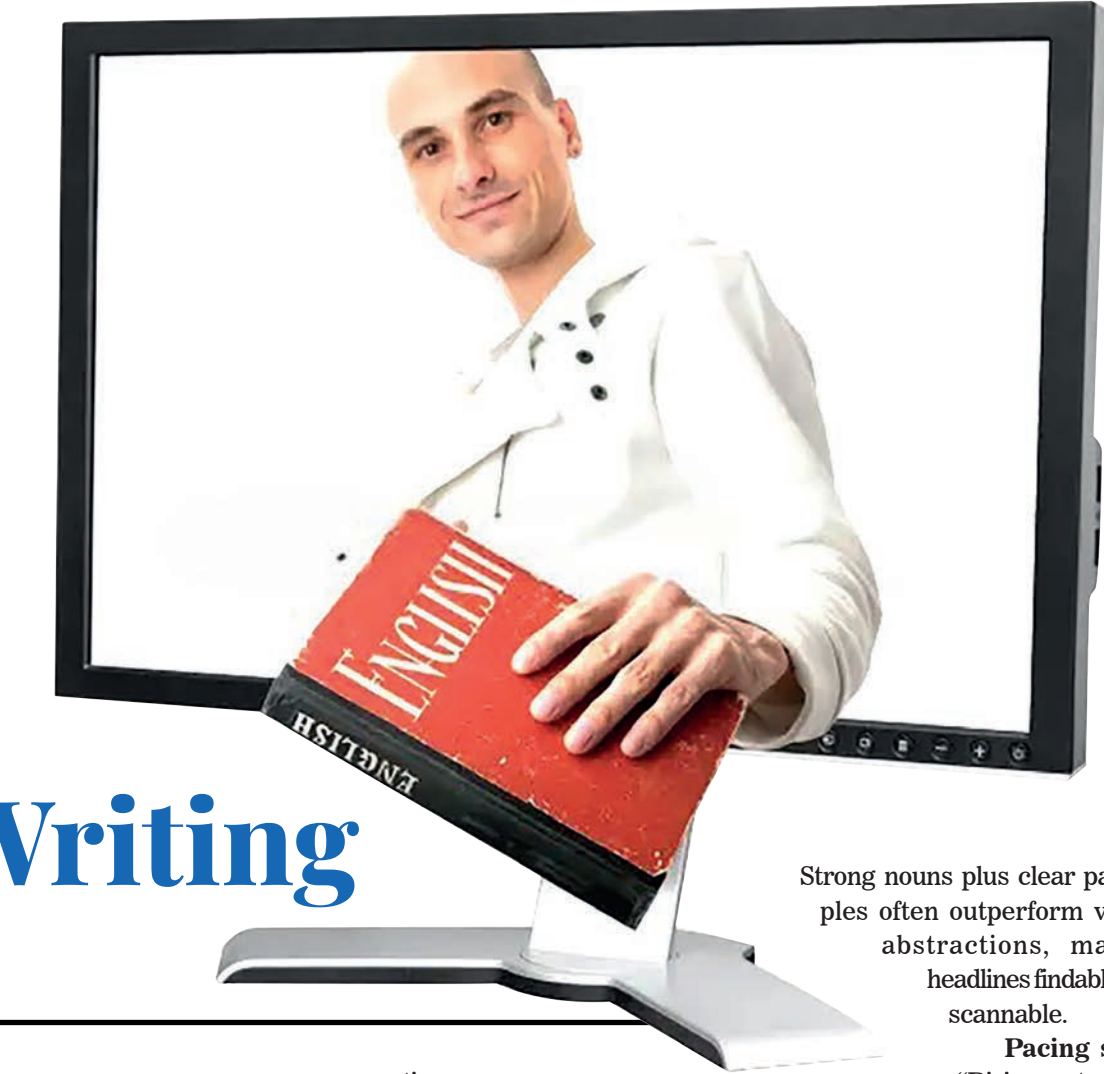
Past participle headline: “Approved budget trims travel.”

Deck with balance: “Rising prices pressure families; revised plan offers relief.”

Teaser tone: “Leaked memo outlines cuts.”

Social media tone: tagging moments, signalling credibility

On platforms where readers skim, participial adjectives serve as tags: “breaking”, “ongoing”,



Strong nouns plus clear participles often outperform vague abstractions, making headlines findable and scannable.

Pacing shift: “Rising costs strain families” (fast)

versus “Costs, rising for months, strain families” (slower, contextual).

Foregrounding: “Confirmed results spark debate” versus “Results, now confirmed, spark debate” – similar meaning, different emphasis.

Variety: “A damaged bridge” → “A bridge damaged in storms” → “The bridge, damaged in storms, will reopen”.

Editing checklist: clean, credible, concise

A quick pass with a participle-focused checklist can save us from common slips. Read aloud; listen for ambiguity. Ensure the participle modifies the noun immediately after it. Verify that the adjective reflects the latest status (especially in live updates). Trim excess modifiers before the noun. Prioritize one powerful participle over three weak ones.

When uncertain, expand the phrase to a full clause for clarity. If a participle hints at causality, confirm it or rephrase to avoid implying what we can’t verify.

Proximity: “Emerging details” (good) versus “Emerging after hours, details” (misplaced).

Status accuracy: “Confirmed report” only if verified; otherwise

“preliminary report”.

Modifier count: Prefer “revised plan” to “newly revised updated plan”.

Agent inclusion: Add “by officials” when needed for accountability.

Practice: turn clauses into participial adjectives

Practice solidifies intuition. Take typical newsroom sentences and reduce them cleanly. Keep an eye on meaning – don’t lose crucial context.

Clause to adjective: “The committee that is investigating the outage released findings.” → “The investigating committee released findings.”

Clause to adjective: “The houses that were flooded remained vacant.” → “The flooded houses remained vacant.”

Phrase with agent: “The policy that was announced by the minister faces opposition.” → “The policy announced by the minister faces opposition.”

Balance ongoing versus result: “Talks that are continuing hit a snag.” → “Continuing talks hit a snag.”

Closing perspective for journalists and creators

Participial adjectives are more than grammar labels; they’re precision tools. Present participles infuse motion and urgency; past participles frame result and status. Together, they let us compress, clarify, and control emphasis – the essence of strong journalistic prose and effective social storytelling. Use them intentionally; put the right modifier in the right place, keep the noun close, and match the participle’s “feel” to the moment. Now, readers can feel the difference before they even name it, and our sentences will carry more meaning with fewer words. Prefer “emerging reports” and “confirmed results” when we need speed and clarity, but never at the expense of accuracy.

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NATIONAL

Myanmar, China, and Thailand meet in Myawady to tackle telecom fraud and online gambling

MYANMAR, China and Thailand are continuously strengthening cooperation to combat online fraud and online gambling by investigating and identifying individuals who illegally entered Myanmar through border routes via neighbouring countries, including Thailand, and who committed online gambling, online fraud and related crimes in the Myawady-Shwe Kokko, Myawady-Maethawtalay (KK Park) and Chongkhaed areas in Kayin State.

In this regard, Joint Secretary II of the Central Committee for the Supervision of Combating Telecom Fraud and Online Gambling, Deputy Chief of Police (2) Police Maj-Gen Myo Min Htike, and officials, together with the Chairman of the Myawady District Management and Administration Committee, District Administrator U Kaung San Lin, and officials, welcomed China's Assistant Minister of Public Security, Mr Liu Zhong Yi, Pol Lt-Gen Jirabhop Bhuridej from the Office of the Assistant Com-



Delegates from Myanmar, China, and Thailand are pictured during the observation tour of the KK Park area.

missioner-General of Thailand, and their respective delegations. The visiting officials had come to study the crackdown on online fraud and online gambling and were received at the Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge I.

At 8 am, the Myanmar-China-Thailand delegations de-

parted from the Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge I for the KK Park area, where they inspected the demolition of illegal structures used for online fraud and online gambling, before returning to Myawady.

In the afternoon, they travelled from Myawady to the

Shwe Kokko area and visited buildings where illegal foreign nationals had been staying, as well as demolished buildings owned by Yatai Company that had been used for online fraud. After returning from Shwe Kokko to Myawady, they arrived at the Security and Discipline En-

forcement Office of the Border Guard Force (BGF) in Myawady and inspected Chinese nationals detained there.

The delegations from the three countries then held a Myanmar-China-Thailand trilateral meeting on combatting telecom fraud and online gambling at the meeting hall of the Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge II in Myawaddy.

At the meeting, they discussed issues related to the elimination of online fraud (telecom fraud) in the Myawady region and cooperation to facilitate the transfer of those involved in telecom fraud to their respective countries. The delegations later departed from the Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge II for Thailand.

The government has designated the fight against online fraud and gambling as a national responsibility and will continue to coordinate with local forces and the governments of neighbouring countries to eradicate it from Myanmar. — MNA/MKKS

People welcome frontline Tatmadaw personnel

A ceremony to warmly welcome the triumphant frontline Tatmadaw members who courageously wiped out PDF terrorists, earned successive victories and handed over Kyaukme and its surrounding area to the local people was held at the local battalion in Namlan village-tract of Hsipaw Township in Shan State (North) yesterday.

North-East Command Commander Brig-Gen Aye Min Oo, relevant departmental officials, Tatmadaw members, families, teachers, students and local ethnic people welcomed returning soldiers with heart-



The North-East Command commander welcomes triumphant Tatmadaw troops.

felt enthusiasm.

Brig-Gen Aye Min Oo, along with officers, other ranks, fam-

ily members, departmental officials, and local ethnic people, welcomed the victorious Tat-

madaw members with sprigs of Eugenia, garlands, and floral tributes. The event includ-

ed traditional Shan dance and music performances. — MNA/KTZH



Tatmadaw personnel are seen being warmly welcomed.

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

People’s Military Service Training 20 begins nationwide



The opening ceremony of the People’s Military Service Training 20 is underway yesterday in Hopong Township, Shan State.

THE opening ceremonies for People’s Military Service Training 20 were held yesterday at various military commands, with the commandants of the training depots delivering the opening speeches. The ceremonies were attended by the

chief ministers of the respective regions and states, the commanders of the relevant commands, and other officials. Trainees were presented with cash awards, foodstuffs and essential items. The People’s Military Service Law

was enacted as every citizen has a duty to safeguard the Our Three Main National Causes: non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and the perpetuation of sovereignty. The law came into effect on 10 February 2024 to

facilitate the organization of military training courses. Those who have completed the People’s Military Service Training are now serving in various military units, fulfilling their responsibilities for national defence and security. — MNA/KTZH

Online scam hub buildings razed in Myawady

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 authorities demolished 15 more illegal buildings in Section 3, and a total of 444 buildings out of 635 illegal buildings have so far been demolished in the KK Park area. Yesterday, the authorities deported 127 individuals: 45 Ethiopians, 39 Ugandans, 25 Sri Lankans, six Burundians, three Rwandans, three Sierra Leoneans, two Cameroonians, one Mongolian, one Moroccan, one Kenyan and one Egyptian, through the Thai-Myanmar Friendship Bridge II. The combined team started searching operations in Myawady and its vicinity on 8 December and found four five-storey buildings yester-

day, but no gambling-related materials or offenders. To prevent future reuse of the materials in online scams and gambling activ-

ities 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 Myan-

mar, will continue its efforts in coordination not only with domestic forces but also with the governments of neighbouring countries. — MNA/KTZH



Images show the illegally built two-storey flat in the KK Park’s Section 3, Myawady Township, Kayin State.

NATIONAL
BUSINESS

Yangon Port handles 669 container vessels in 11 months

A total of 669 container vessels arrived at the Yangon Port in the past 11 months of 2025, the Myanma Port Authority announced.

A total of 62 container vessels in January 2025, 53 in February, 58 in March, 62 in April, 65 in May, 62 in June, 60 each in July and August, 59 in September, 68 in October and 60 in November.

This month, 59 container vessels are scheduled to call at the Yangon Port. Yangon Port handled 633 container vessels in 2024 and 629 in 2023. Thanks to the draft extension, the international ocean liners can access the inner port for now, according to the Myan-

ma Port Authority's statement on 22 June 2022.

After the new navigation channel (Kings Bank Channel) accessing the inner Yangon River was found, the draft extension work was accelerated. After that, the port can now handle larger ships. The container vessel MV SITC Zhaoming (185.99-metre LOA, 35.25-metre Beam, 29,232 GRT and 2,698 TEU) of Hong Kong-based SITC Shipping Line docked at Asia World Port Terminal for the first time on 22 June, which is the largest ship that AWPT Port has handled.

From May 2021, the arrival of the ships at terminals in



An aerial view of Yangon Port with overseas-bound merchant vessels loading and discharging export and import cargoes along the Yangon River.

Yangon has increased again. Three new container vessels by Maersk Line Myanmar (SeaLand and Maersk) started to run to

fulfil the seaborne trade requirements in 2021. Earlier, the larger ships had draft problems, preventing sailing on the Yan-

gon River. With the draft being extended up to 10 meters, the larger ocean liners can enter the Thilawa Port. — NN/KK

Weaving and Vocation School (Taunggyi) accepts new trainees for 2026 AY



Trainees begin their hands-on practical session.

THE Weaving and Vocational Training School (Taunggyi) is inviting enrolment in a one-year yarn and textile proficiency course and a six-month handloom weaving course for the 2026 Academic Year.

The one-year yarn and textile course will be conducted between 1 January and 31 December 2026 at the Weaving and Vocational Training School (Taunggyi), SME Department

under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development. The maximum number of trainees is only 20 for this course. Those who have completed the middle school are eligible to join the course.

Furthermore, the six-month handloom weaving course will be open from 1 January to 30 June 2026, with a limited number of ten trainees. Those who have completed the

primary school are eligible to apply for this course.

The trainees between 16 and 25 years old must be unmarried and have passed elementary school. The education certificate and the ward administrator's verification must be provided. The location of the training school is in Yayayekwin Ward, East Ring Road of Taunggyi. Interested individuals can enquire about details through the contact numbers of the school at 081 2121614 and 09 425888782, and enrol by 29 December 2025.

Trainees can live in the dormitories provided by the school. They will receive a monthly stipend of K30,000 and a daily food cost of K1,500 provided by the government. — NN/KK

Maelamu Pagoda Board puts 7 businesses up for auction

THE Maelamu Pagoda Board of Trustees called for vendors to operate seven businesses in the Maelamu Pagoda's precinct in North Okkalapa Township, Yangon, in 2026, with a competitive bidding system.

These businesses include selling coconuts and bananas for rituals, operating vehicle terminals, photography studios, flower shops, footwear stations with paid shoe stor-

age, and public restrooms in the precinct and near the bus terminal.

The tender document is available between 15 and 22 December. The tender will open at 10 am on 24 December 2025 at the Pagoda Board of Trustees' office. Individuals can enquire about details via the contact numbers of the board at 09 757036152 and 09 693746942. — NN/KK

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Market manipulation causes gold price volatility

MARKET manipulation contributes to significant price swings in the domestic gold market, U Myo Myint, chair of the Yangon Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association (YGEA), stressed during the opening ceremony of the Awareness Course for Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Batch 27) held on 12 December at the YGEA office.

There are unscrupulous gold traders who are spreading misleading information in an attempt to influence the price of gold for their own benefit.

The set gold reference prices are only K5.98 million per tical (16.329325 grammes) with 19.25

grammes of the density of gold at present. Yet, the gold price surged to K8.94 million per tical in the black market, showing an exorbitant high of K2.9 million per tical.

The Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee was formed on 25 October 2024 in line with the existing rules and laws, with an aim to stabilizing the gold price.

Over 1,000 gold shops have sought a metal (gold) trading licence in Yangon Region. Around 1,500 gold shop operators have been seeking gold shop business licences, with two new shops opening every month, YGEA stated. — ASH/KK



Pure gold is found in the domestic market.

Cambodia becomes 10th economy to seek entry into trans-Pacific trade pact

CAMBODIA has applied to join the trans-Pacific free trade pact, officials from member countries said Monday, becoming the 10th country or region to seek entry into the 12-member group amid global protectionist trends such as the high tariff policies of the United States.

Negotiations on Cambodia's accession to the pact, formally known as the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, will begin once all the current members, including Japan, have given their consent and established a working group to discuss the terms. To join, applicants must meet various standards, including eliminating tariffs on a broad range of goods and adhering to rules on intellectual property protection.

At a ministerial-level meeting held in Australia in November, the group began negotiations for Uruguay to join, while also indicating that negotiations with the United Arab Emirates, the Philippines and Indonesia could commence next year at the earliest. Costa Rica's membership is close to being finalized. — Kyodo

Foreign banks tap opportunities in Chinese companies' overseas businesses



This photo taken on 13 December 2025 shows a snow scenery against the skyline in Beijing, capital of China. PHOTO: XINHUA

FOREIGN banks in Beijing have supported Chinese enterprises in conducting businesses abroad, sharing in the benefits of the growth of Chinese companies, said the Beijing branch of the National Financial Regulatory Administration.

In 2024, these banks provided financial assistance to overseas businesses of 14,900 Chinese companies, with the total funding reaching 1.24 trillion yuan (about US\$175.54 billion). — Xinhua

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We, **Chengdu Kelilong Bio-Chemistry Company Inc.** would like to change the Distributor of the following products, from **Myanmar Golden Sun Crop Science Co.,Ltd** to **Agro Hero Crop Science Co.,Ltd**. If any object or enquiry, please contact to Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture, Yangon, from here to next (2) weeks.

No	Trade Name	Active Ingredient Name	Registration Type	Registration Number
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Agro Hero Crop Science Co.,Ltd. Tel: 09-784772103

PESTICIDES DISTRIBUTER CHANGING

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Sr.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration No.
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M.V TRUONG MINH DRAGON VOY.NO. (10.25)

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SPORT

The logo for the Thailand 2025 XXXIII SEAGAMES. It features a stylized multi-colored flame or ribbon graphic on the left, followed by the word "THAILAND" in large, bold, black capital letters. Below "THAILAND" is a red banner with "XXXIII SEAGAMES 2025" in white, and "9th - 20th December 2025" in smaller text below that. To the right of the banner is the year "2025" in a large, thin, black font.

Myanmar athletes win 3 silvers, 1 bronze in Wushu, 2 silvers in athletics, 1 bronze in sailing

MYANMAR athletes competed in 21 different sports competitions at the 33rd SEA Games being held in Bangkok and Chonburi of Thailand, and Deputy Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Htein Lin, who is also general secretary of the Myanmar Olympic Committee, Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Aung Kyaw Tun and relevant officials watched the events yesterday.

In the morning, the deputy ministers and officials observed several competitions being held in Bangkok. These included the men's and women's 10-metre Air Pistol shooting event at the Shooting Range of the Sports Authority of Thailand, Bangkok, where Myanmar athletes Ye Htun Naung and Khine Khine Wai were competing for third place, the men's individual billiards and snooker match at Thunder Dome, Muang

Thong Thani, Nonthaburi, between Myanmar athlete Phone Myint Kyaw and Indonesia's Dhendy Kristanto, and the wushu competitions of Myanmar athletes at the Chaeng Wattana Government Complex (Multi-Purpose Area, 2nd Floor, Rattha Prasana Bhakti Building) in Bangkok.

Yesterday, the Myanmar team took part in different events such as men's 200-metre breast-stroke swimming, women's cricket T20i, men's and women's Compound individual knockout archery, men's and women's four-player Sepak Takraw events, men's and women's 10-metre air pistol shooting, men's volleyball, Pencak Silat events for men and women in the 65-70 kilogramme, 55-60-kilogramme, 75-80-kilogramme, and 85-90-kilogramme categories, men's individual snooker event, men's super-five kabaddi



Winning medallist celebrate their victory at the XXXIII SEA Games.

event, women's kickboxing K1-52 kilogrammes and point fighting-50 kilogrammes, women's futsal, athletics including men's javelin throw and men's and women's 800-metre races, men's five-on-five basketball, wushu events for men and women including Nanquan, Taijiquan, combined events (with weapons) and (without weapons) and Sanda

women's 56-kilogramme and 60-kilogramme events, muay events in -54-kilogramme and -71-kilogramme categories, e-sports men's team event (MLBB), chess events including traditional Thai chess men's doubles and women's team four-player rapid events, rowing events including international women's coastal single scull (two oars, combined

eight oars), men's double scull (two oars, combined four oars), and women's quadruple scull (two oars, combined eight oars), weightlifting men's 79 kilogrammes and women's 63 kilogrammes, sailing Keel SSL 47 and men's hockey.

In wushu events, Tint Htoo Wai and Ye Yint Htun won a silver medal in Duilian (without weapon) event. In contrast,

Khine Sanda Soe and Thu Pan Htwa won the bronze medal in Duilian (weapon) event, Hnin Nu Wah won in the women's 60-kilogramme sanda event, and Cherry Than won a silver medal in the women's 56-kilogramme event.

On 14 December, Myanmar athletes Naing Lin Tun, Zin May Htet, and Khun Tun Oo won a silver medal, a silver medal, and a bronze medal, respectively, in the men's and women's 20-kilometre race walk events, and the boys' ILCA 4.7 event.

The achievements of athletes were recognized with cash awards presented by the officials.

As of 15 December, Myanmar had won three gold medals, 17 silver medals and 20 bronze medals, bringing the total to 40 medals and placing the country seventh in the overall standings at the 33rd SEA Games. — MNA/KTZH



Images show Myanmar athletes participating in the sailing, athletics, and snooker events.



SEA Games medallists return with officials

THE athletes and administrative team members returned to Yangon yesterday evening by Myanmar Airways International (MAI) from the XXXIII SEA Games, which were held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 9 to 20 December. They were welcomed back by officials from the Department of Sports and Physical Education, as well as by the parents and relatives of the participating athletes.

Naing Lin Tun won a silver med-

al in the men's 20-kilometre walk, while Zin May Htet secured a silver medal in the women's 20-kilometre walk. Florence Nay Chi Tun claimed a silver medal in the women's under-50-kilogramme kumite event, and Thinza Yun won a bronze medal in the women's under-61-kilogramme kumite. In addition, Aye Aye Aung earned a silver medal in the women's under-78-kilogramme judo event and a bronze medal in the mixed team

event.

Bronze medals in the men's team rope jumping event were won by Htoo Aung Kyaw, Aung Aung, Kyaw Min Thu and Min Thant Thu. In the women's team rope jumping event, the bronze medallists were Nant May Thu Htwe, Lai Ro In, Thiri Aung and Kyu Kyu Thin. A bronze medal in the men's snooker 6-red team event in billiards was won by Win Ko Ko. — MNA/MKKS



Medallists from Team Myanmar are seen being welcomed at the Yangon International Airport.



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SPORTS

Myanmar's wrestling team leaves for Thailand for 33rd SEA Games

AS Myanmar national athletes continue to compete in the 33rd South-East Asia (SEA) Games hosted by Thailand, the final group of athletes, Myanmar's wrestling team, departed for Thailand yesterday morning from Yangon International Airport.

The wrestling competitions will be held from 17 to 19 December in Chonburi, Thailand. The Myanmar national wrestling team will compete in both Greco-Roman and freestyle wrestling events.

"Our team consists of a total of 11 members, including one foreign coach, one Myanmar coach, one team administrator, five male athletes, and three female athletes. We will compete in both Greco-Roman and freestyle wrestling events. We are



The Myanmar wrestling team players and officials pose for the commemorative group photo before departing for Thailand's SEA Games. **PHOTO: ZWE MARN**

all ready for the SEA Games. We selected experienced athletes and young talents, and conducted a training camp in April under the Wrestling Federation. We practised in India in October, and we are all active mentally and physically. Being the last group, we, the wrestling team, will grab gold

medals," said Daw Thida Mon, head of the wrestling team.

Male athletes will compete in both Greco-Roman and freestyle wrestling events, while the female athletes will compete in freestyle events.

"For the SEA Games, we trained intensively not

only in Myanmar but also in India with a combined team of Indian and Myanmar coaches. I also have experience in judo, which I have integrated with wrestling techniques to prepare as best as possible. I will compete in the women's freestyle 53-kilogramme category. I have studied the condition of

my opponents as well. Although competitions always involve wins and losses, I expect to compete at my best and for a gold medal," said Ma Khin Khin Su, a female wrestler.

Although Myanmar did not participate in wrestling at the previous two SEA Games, the

federation has carefully formed a team of veteran athletes and new-generation wrestlers, training them both domestically and abroad with internationally experienced coaches. As a result, the team is well prepared to win medals for the country at this SEA Games.

"I will compete in the Greco-Roman 97-kilogramme category. I have trained well with foreign coaches, and in India, I trained alongside world champions, which has given me strong confidence. My main competitors will be from Vietnam and Indonesia. My event is scheduled for 17 December, and I have prepared thoroughly, intending to achieve the highest award, gold medal," said Ko Zaw Zaw Aung. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH

Messi mania peaks in India's pollution-hit capital

FOOTBALL superstar Lionel Messi ended his whirlwind tour of India on Monday with a lap of honour in New Delhi, thrilling thousands of fans and thanking them for "all the love and support".

The 38-year-old Argentine great greeted chanting supporters at a nearly packed Arun Jaitley Stadium, usually home to cricket, with fans dressed in Argentina jerseys waving flags and shouting his name.

"It was beautiful to receive all the love and support. I knew it was there, but to receive it first-hand was, well, amazing", Messi told the crowd, speaking in Spanish, saying he will "definitely be back".

Clad in a pink jersey and black trousers, Messi enthralled the audience with his charm as he kicked footballs into the crowd and obliged star-struck delegates and fans with selfies.

Messi and his fellow stars played football with children before being presented with a T20 World Cup ticket and an Indian jersey by the chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Jay Shah.

India — a nation of 1.4 billion — are a cricket powerhouse, but struggles on the football pitch and are 142nd on the FIFA rankings.

Former India football captain Bhaichung Bhutia took the stage with Messi, who signed Argentine jerseys for the Indian star and his family.

His final stop in India went smoothly after a chaotic opening day on Saturday, when fans vandalised a stadium in the city of Kolkata, where his brief presence left the crowd frustrated.

Heavy security left fans struggling to catch a glimpse of him. Many had paid more than \$100 for tickets, and they broke down barricades and stormed the pitch after the superstar abruptly left the arena.

In New Delhi on Monday, thousands of excited fans dismissed hazardous choking air pollution to see their hero.

"I'm very excited to see Messi, I have been watching him since my childhood", said 29-year-old fan Sumesh Raina.

New Delhi, and its wider



Argentina's footballer Lionel Messi (L) signs an autograph for a young fan during his GOAT Tour at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi on 15 December 2025. **PHOTO: AFP** sprawling metropolitan region of 30 million residents, is regularly ranked among the world's most polluted capitals, due to a deadly mix of emissions from power plants, heavy traffic, as well as the burning of rubbish and crops.

Levels of cancer-causing PM 2.5 microparticles hit more than 300 micrograms per cubic metre in parts of New Delhi on Monday, according to monitoring organization IQAir, 20 times the World Health Organization's recommended daily maximum. — AFP

Athletes to stay in pop-up cabins in the woods at Winter Olympics

HUNDREDS of athletes at Italy's Winter Games in February will stay in mobile homes as part of a high-altitude Olympic Village offering mid-winter luxury camping at 1,300 metres (4,240 feet).

The 377 cabins have been installed in the grounds of the old airport at Cortina d'Ampezzo, on the edge of a forest and a ten-minute drive to the centre of town.

A spokeswoman for delivery company SiMiCo told AFP on Monday the village was designed "to be installed and then dismantled without leaving a trace".

The 38-million-euro (\$44.7 million) project will accommodate 1,400 athletes, coaches, support staff and delegates to the February 6-22 Games, and is in addition to the Olympic Village built in Milan.

Located at the foot of the Dolomite mountains,

the 18-square-metre (194 sq ft) cabins are designed for two people, each boasting two bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms.

Despite the snow on the ground outside, temperatures inside will reach a balmy 23 degrees Celsius (73.4 Fahrenheit). But the athletes will have to brave the cold to reach the restaurant, lounge, gym and laundry, which are a ten-minute walk away, or to take the shuttles to the competition sites.

For now, the cabins are only partially furnished, according to an AFP photographer who visited the site on December 11.

"We've done our job, it's now up to the Milan-Cortina organizing community to provide furnishings and equip the common spaces," the SiMiCo spokeswoman said. — AFP



WORLD

OFFICIALS and experts from China and Africa on Sunday called for stronger scientific and technological cooperation to address desertification and land degradation, urging closer coordination to advance Africa's Great Green Wall initiative.

The calls were made at the fourth Taklamakan Desert International Forum, held in Nouakchott, the capital of Mauritania, where participants stressed that desertification remains a shared global challenge requiring joint action and the sharing of experience.

Duan Weili, vice president of the Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography under the Chinese Academy of Sciences, said China has developed a distinctive approach to combating desertification through more than 70 years of sustained efforts, combining scientific management, integrated treatment and livelihood-oriented ecological restoration.

China has taken the lead globally in achieving "zero growth" of land degradation, Duan noted, adding that practices from the management of the Taklamakan Desert, including ecological barriers and vegetation restoration along desert margins, could offer valuable references for arid and semi-arid regions in Africa.

He said China stands ready to deepen cooperation with African countries in research platforms, technology sharing and capacity building to support the localization and practical application of desertification control technologies.

Sidna Ahmed Ely, director general of Mauritania's National Agency of the Great Green Wall, said the Sahara Desert and the Taklamakan Desert share many similarities in ecological characteristics and

Forum on combatting desertification calls for deeper China-Africa cooperation



Officials and experts from China and Africa attend the Fourth Taklamakan Desert International Forum in Nouakchott, Mauritania, 14 December 2025. **PHOTO: XINJIANG INSTITUTE OF ECOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA**

governance challenges, making the forum an important platform for dialogue between the two major desert ecosystems.

In recent years, Mauritania has worked with Chinese research institutions on pilot projects involving dune fixation, vegetation restoration and soil

improvement, Ely said, expressing hope for expanded cooperation in information exchange, joint research and environmental monitoring.

Xiao Wensheng, economic and commercial counsellor at the Chinese Embassy to Mauritania, said combating

desertification is an integral part of global governance. Since joining the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, China has explored solutions suited to its national conditions and accumulated experiences that are both replicable and scalable, he said. — Xinhua

Guarantees of Ukraine's non-alignment with NATO one of cornerstone issues – Kremlin

THE issue of guarantees of Ukraine's non-alignment with NATO is one of cornerstone elements, it is subject to special discussion, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry

Peskov said on Monday.

On Sunday, Volodymyr Zelensky expressed his readiness to refuse to join NATO if he receives security guarantees

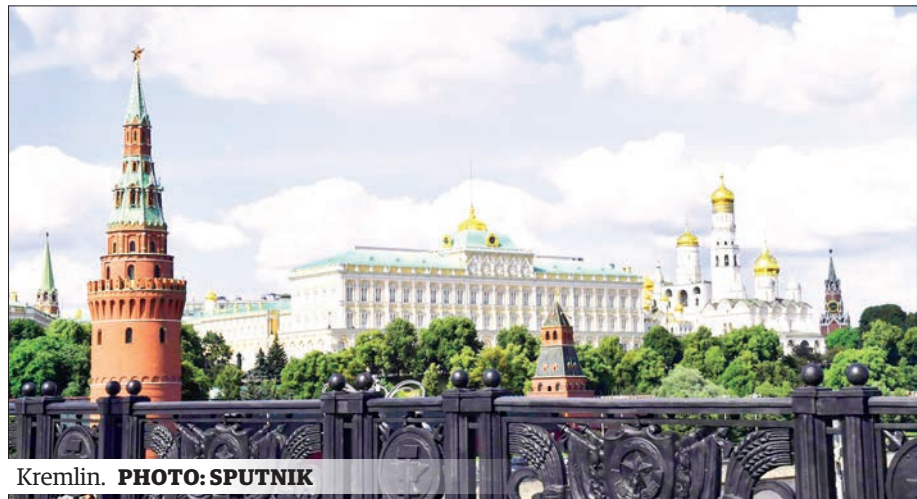
from individual countries, including the United States.

Russian President Vladimir Putin is open to peace and serious decisions on Ukraine and is not open to tricks to create temporary respites, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov also said.

Last week, Financial Times reported, citing sources, that US President Donald Trump hopes to reach an agreement on a settlement in Ukraine by Christmas.

Russia does not want to conduct "megaphone negotiations" on the Ukrainian settlement, the official added.

US President Donald Trump and his administration are sincerely working on a settlement in Ukraine, and Russia highly appreciates this, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said. — SPUTNIK



Kremlin. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

Death toll from Morocco floods rises to 41

At least 41 people were killed in flash floods caused by heavy rainfall in Morocco on Sunday, authorities said on Monday.

In the Atlantic coastal province of Safi, local authorities said in a statement that the death toll had risen to 37, with 14 injured people receiving treatment at local hospitals. In the southern province of Tinghir, four people were killed after their vehicle was swept away by strong currents and overturned into a river between the areas of Fezou and El Hafira, local news outlet Hibapress reported. The statement said the floods in Safi were caused by intense thunderstorms that occurred within about one hour. — Xinhua