

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.

Connection cemented for Myanmar-Korea Friendship (Dala) Bridge



The government provided additional state funds to cover the remaining costs, ensuring the successful completion of the project.

An auspicious ceremony to place concrete for the connection of the Myanmar-Korea Friendship (Dala) Bridge took place at the venue in Yangon Region yesterday morning.

On the occasion, Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, laid concrete to connect the parts of the bridge with the use of the controller.

Also, present at the ceremony were Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Union Ministers U Mya Tun Oo, Dr Charlie Than and U Myo Thant, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Yangon Command and officials.

When the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar arrived at the venue to connect the bridge parts with concrete, Union Minister for Construction U Myo Thant reported on the Myanmar-Korea friendship (Dala) bridge project.

The Acting President and SSPC



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inaugurates the ceremonial concrete placement for the Myanmar Korea Friendship (Dala) Bridge connection.

Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presented the fruit basket to engineers who participated in the bridge construction project.

He then unveiled the ceremony and connected the bridge parts with concrete using the controller; and sprinkled scented water on the connected area.

They all had documentary photos taken in commemoration of the concrete laying ceremony of connecting the bridge.

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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

2025

General Election

Sunday, 28 December 2025

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Days

- 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.

Objectives of 26th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2025

- To explore, preserve, and enhance Myanmar's national prestige, integrity, and distinctive cultural heritage.
- To promote and exemplify the spirit of national solidarity and unity through Myanmar art.
- To transmit traditional performing arts to the younger generation.
- To function as a national cultural and artistic institution contributing to the State's socioeconomic development.

EARTHQUAKE

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A strong earthquake of magnitude 7.4 Richter Scale with its epicentre outside Myanmar (Mindanao, the Philippines), latitude 7.37°N, longitude 126.77°E, depth 10 kilometres, about 2,182 miles southeast of the Nay Pyi Taw seismological observatory was recorded at 8 hours 13 minutes 54 seconds MST on 10 October 2025. — DMH

Gold Market Rate as of 10 October 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,990,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

Belarusian entertainment troupe tours Shwedagon Pagoda

A delegation of four Belarusian musicians and singers, led by Belarusian musician-cum-vocalist Mr Vladimir Sukolinsky, visited the Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon yesterday morning to pay homage as part of their visit to promote friendship between Myanmar and Belarus.

The entertainment troupe first arrived at the Shwedagon Pagoda, where they were welcomed by the trustees and offered flowers, water, and oil lamps to the pagoda. Afterwards, they visited the Jade Buddha image and viewed the exhibits in the Buddhist Museum with interest. They then took a group photo at victorious Landplot and offered water to the pagoda. Finally, after examining the King Thayawady Bell, they visited the souvenir shop to buy souvenirs.

In the evening, the third goodwill concert of the Belarusian Music Ensemble was held at the RC Hall of Yangon University of Foreign Languages. The event was attended by Daw May San Yie, Rector of Yangon University of Foreign Languages; the vice-chairman of the Myanmar-Russia Friendship Association; officials from the Russian Embassy; and teachers and students from Yangon University of Foreign Languages.

Vice-Chairman Mr Alexander Ostrovskiy of the Myanmar-Russia Friendship Association delivered the opening speech at the ceremony. Then, under the leadership of Belarusian musician and vocalist Mr Vladimir Sukolinsky, singers Ms Nadezhda Bryleva and Ms Anzhelika Zaitseva performed a total of 17 songs,

including one about the traditional love between Russia and Belarus, another commemorating the 25th anniversary of Belarus–Myanmar friendship, a song about the historic city of Bagan, as well as various Belarusian traditional and contemporary pieces.

After the performance, Daw May San Yie, Rector of Yangon University of Foreign Languages, delivered a speech of thanks and presented the Belarusian artistes with honorary gifts.

The troupe arrived in Myanmar on 5 October and performed at Mandalay City Hall that evening, and at the Defence Services Technological Academy on the evening of 6 October. The Myanmar–Russia–Belarus trilateral concert will continue in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA/TH



The Belarusian entertainment troupe is pictured during their visit to the Shwedagon Pagoda.

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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)



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing reviews the report on the Head of State's directives and the progress of housing construction of the Myanmar Thakaung Advanced War Veterans Housing (Laydauntkan) in Dagon Myothit (South) Township yesterday.

ACTING President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Union ministers, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the Chief Minister of Yangon Region, the commander of Yangon Command and officials, yesterday morning inspected construction of more buildings at the Myanmar Thakaung Advanced War Veterans Housing (Laydauntkan) in Dagon Myothit (South) Township of Yangon Region.

When they arrived at the housing, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Zaw Hein reported on the accomplishment of the guidance given by the Head of State, a plan to build the solar plant for the housing area, efforts to complete more build-

War veterans' housing to be completed on schedule

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ings on time, and construction of the brick drains in the housing to ensure proper flow of water.

In his response, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar said that Myanmar Thakaung Advanced War Veterans Housing (Laydauntkan) is being built as a model housing to contribute to the development of Yangon city, on the one hand.

He stressed the need to improve the drains to have proper

flow of water under the relevant criteria and to unblock the flow of water systematically.

He underlined that roads in the housing yard must be improved to asphalt facilities. He noted that the housing must be facilitated with the school, water and power supply.

He underscored that emphasis must be placed on operating livestock and agricultural activities to support the food supply of war veterans and their families. And, he urged officials to grow shade and

windbreak plants continuously.

They visited the housing area by car and cordially greeted war veterans and families residing at the housing.

Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar inspected the progress of the Shopping Complex being built at the corner of Bayintnaung Road and the No 7 Highway near Myanmar Thakaung Advanced War Veterans Housing (Laydauntkan) and gave necessary guidance to officials.

They toured Dagon Myothit (East) and (South), Thingangyun, Thakayta, Tamway, Bahan, Dagon and Kamayut townships by car and gave guidance to officials to supervise shops along both sides of roads to sell goods under prescribed disciplines, manage proper flow of water and improvement of drainage systems in downtown Yangon, implement the green zone systematically, maintain roads to meet the road standards, and keep buildings clean, neat and tidy. — MNA/TTA

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Connection cemented for Myanmar-Korea Friendship (Dala) Bridge

FROM PAGE 1

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar viewed around the progress of implementing the project and gave necessary guidance to officials.

The Myanmar-Korea Friendship (Dala) Bridge Construction Project was initiated following discussions held during former President U Thein Sein's state visit to the Republic of Korea in 2012, during which both countries agreed to implement a Myanmar-Korea friendship project in Myanmar. The project officially commenced in 2013, and pre-engineering works were completed by 2015. Design processes had begun in preparation for

the start of bridge construction. During the bridge construction period, progress was delayed due to challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and other difficulties. However, after the current government assumed national responsibility, state funds were allocated to cover the remaining expenses, allowing the project to be completed. The Myanmar-Korea Friendship (Dala) Bridge is a cable-stayed steel bridge with four traffic lanes. The main bridge measures 2,264 feet in length, while the approach bridge on the Yangon side is 1,891 feet long, and the approach bridge on the Dala side is 1,972 feet long. The connecting roads on both sides total 3,453 feet in length,

bringing the overall length of the entire bridge to 6,127 feet.

The Bridge is the highest navigation-al clearance steel cable-stayed bridge ever constructed in Myanmar. With a clearance height of 160 feet and a width of 990 feet, it allows safe passage for large international ocean-going vessels weighing up to 15,000 tonnes, as well as domestic water transport ships to pass beneath it. The bridge is designed to support a maximum vehicle load of 75 tonnes per vehicle. Through the construction of this bridge, Myanmar engineers have gained valuable experience and technical expertise in the design, construction, and application of modern technologies

related to steel cable-stayed bridge engineering. Upon the inauguration of the bridge, it will provide convenient and faster connectivity from Yangon Region and Yangon City to Dala, Twantay, Kawhmu, and Kungyangon townships, as well as through Dedaye of Ayeyawady Region, such as Dedaye, Pyapon, Bogale, and other coastal areas. It is also expected to help ease the current traffic congestion in Yangon City to a certain extent. Furthermore, the bridge will contribute to development across multiple sectors, including social, economic, educational, health, and transport sectors, and will become one of Yangon's significant landmarks. — MNA/TTA

Myanmar observes 2025 International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

A commemorative ceremony for the 2025 International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction was held at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Chairman of the National Disaster Management Committee, Union Minister for Home Affairs, Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, attended the event and made a speech, highlighting the theme of the event "Fund Resilience, Not Disasters".

He added that the country faced K7,979 billion losses after the Mandalay earthquake that occurred on 28 March 2025, and the emergency response and rehabilitation activities were conducted under the guidance of the Head of State and close su-



Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung speaks on the occasion of the 2025 International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

pervision of the National Disaster Management Committee. As Myanmar ranks eighth among the ten most vulnerable countries according to the global risk index, it is extremely important to continuously prioritize and im-

plement disaster risk reduction activities. In building disaster resilience, not only the government and the private sector but also all development and humanitarian organizations must work to reduce losses and damages

by increasing their investment in disaster risk reduction initiatives.

A video message of UN Secretary-General Mr Antonio Guterres and a video clip on Myanmar's efforts for disaster

reduction were screened.

Winners of the commemorative competitions were awarded during the event. The Union Minister and party observed around the commemorative photo booth. — MNA/KTZH

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ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2025
Implementation Committees' meeting held

THE meeting of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2025 Implementation Committees was held yesterday at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Office 1, Nay Pyi Taw. The meeting was led by Dr Wah Wah Maung, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, and attended by deputy ministers and permanent secretaries who are the Chairs of 22 Working Committees, directors-general and representatives, around 80 participants in total.

In her opening remarks, the Union minister said that Myanmar has an unfaithful relationship in the implementation of ASEAN regional economic cooperation. She emphasized that as this year marks the final year of implementing the AEC 2025 Blueprint, the meeting aims to openly discuss the overall implementation status, Myanmar's progress and challenges, and to share updates on ASEAN vision 2045 and the upcoming AEC Strategic Plan (2026–2030), as well as to share the outcomes and follow-up actions from ASEAN economic meetings held in September.

Union Minister Dr Wah Wah Maung also emphasized the



Union Minister Dr Wah Wah Maung chairs the meeting of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2025 Implementation Committees in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

global geopolitical and geoeconomic challenges and their impacts on ASEAN, including Myanmar. To address these challenges, ASEAN has formed the ASEAN Geoeconomics Task Force (AGTF) to develop policy recommendations, and special ministerial meetings have also been convened to reinforce ASEAN's commitment to rules-based, multilateral cooperation.

She also explained that the initial implementation of the AEC Blueprint (2016–2025) comprised about 1,700 action lines, which have now expanded to more than 3,800 in response to new and emerging issues such

as the COVID pandemic, sustainable development, and green economy. She added that more than 75 per cent of these action lines have been completed, and the goal is to reach 90 per cent by the end of 2025. Remaining actions will continue beyond 2025. She also encouraged relevant ministries to align national procedures with regional commitments to ensure smooth implementation of AEC-related agreements.

Furthermore, she stressed the importance of ASEAN Vision 2045 and its strategic plans across four pillars — Political-Security, Economic, So-

cio-Cultural, and Connectivity. The AEC will contribute through four consecutive five-year strategic plans. The AEC Strategic Plan (2026-2030) was endorsed at the 46th ASEAN Summit in May 2025. She also highlighted the need for a future awareness programme with stakeholders on the post-AEC agenda and encouraged sectoral agencies to provide continued support and coordination.

The Union minister urged all ministries to actively participate in AEC implementation to ensure Myanmar keeps pace with other ASEAN countries. She also called for timely re-

porting of implementation challenges and for stronger inter-ministerial cooperation on cross-cutting issues.

During the meeting, the Union minister shared the detailed updates of ASEAN Vision 2045 and its AEC Strategic Plan (2026-2030) and Dr Marlar Myo Nyunt, Director-General of the Department of Foreign Economic Relations and ASEAN Senior Economic Official, presented the outcomes and follow-up actions of the 57th ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting and related meetings, and the implementation status of AEC 2025.

Afterwards, the Chairs and representatives of the working committees reported on the implementation of the AEC measures and the challenges of the implementation, and their future directions. The Union minister provided guidance on the report of the working committees.

Myanmar has formed 22 sectoral committees to ensure the effective implementation of the AEC blueprint 2025. Each committee is chaired by deputy ministers or permanent secretaries, with directors-general serving as secretaries and relevant departments as members. — MIFER

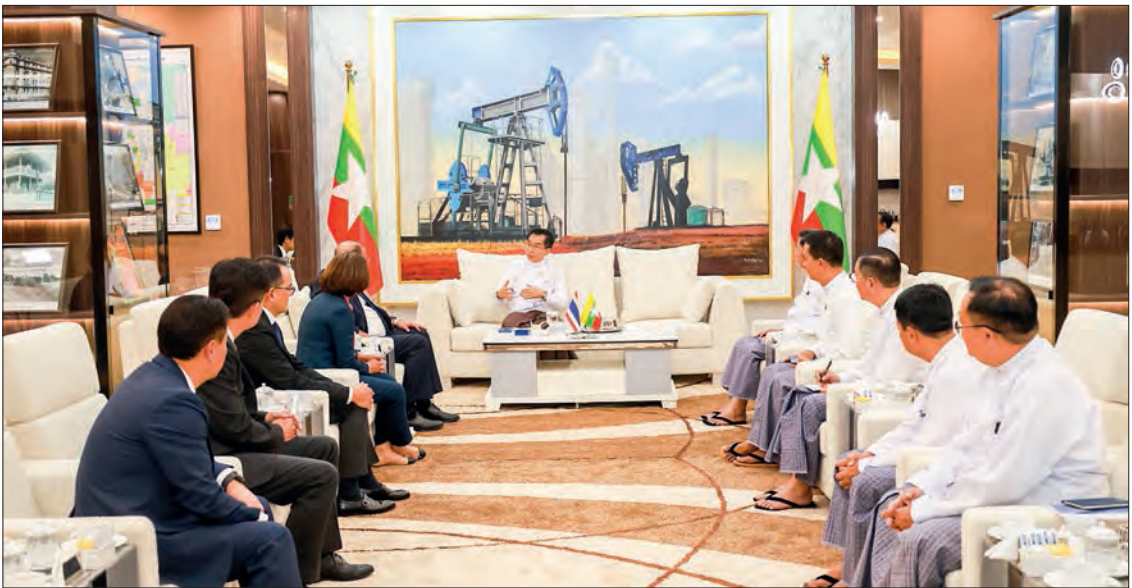
MoE Union Minister
meets CEO of Thailand's
PTTEP International

UNION Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin met Mr Montri Rawanchaikul, Chief Executive Officer of Thailand's PTTEP International Limited, which is collaborating with the Ministry of Energy on joint projects, to discuss matters related to offshore operations currently under implementation in Myanmar. The meeting took place yesterday morning at the ministry's guest hall in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, Mr Montri Rawanchaikul briefed the Union minister on the company's plans to drill new wells in the declining Yadana and Zawtika

offshore projects to increase natural gas output, as well as preparations to expedite the signing of necessary agreements for new offshore projects.

The Union minister urged efforts to commence natural gas production from the new wells at the Zawtika Project in early 2026 and to strive for the first gas extraction from the new Aung Thit-sa Offshore Project in 2028, which aims to supply natural gas for domestic electricity generation. He also reaffirmed that the Ministry of Energy is coordinating the necessary measures to ensure the swift signing of agreements.



Union Minister U Ko Ko Lwin holds talks with the CEO of Thailand's PTTEP International Limited yesterday.

Furthermore, the Union minister highlighted investment opportunities in new offshore projects with robust guarantees and invited PTTEP to invest in LNG import, storage, and distri-

bution projects through Kanpauk in Taninthayi Region, aimed at supplying natural gas to both domestic and Thai markets.

Also present at the meeting were the deputy minister, the per-

manent secretary, directors-general, managing directors, and senior officials from the Ministry of Energy, together with representatives from PTTEP International Limited. — MNA/KZL

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26th Performing Art Competitions enter 4th day

THE fourth day of the central level of the 26th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2025 was held at designated sites in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

In the morning, an ethnic traditional and folk dancing contest took place at the Hsinphyushin Hall, and the dance troupes from Mon State, Yangon Region, Kachin State, Bago Region, Kayin State, Taninthayi Region, Rakhine State, Mandalay Region, Sagaing Region, Chin State, Magway Region Shan State and Ayeyawady Region participated in it.

In the afternoon, the ‘Amyogon Zartigon Hmyint Tin Yay’ singing contest was organized and contestants from Mandalay Region, Magway Region, Kayah State, Sagaing Region, Shan State, Taninthayi Region, Bago Region, Rakhine State, Chin State, Yangon Region, Mon State, Kayin State and Ayeyawady Region participated in higher education level male contest with “Our Myanmar” song and contestants from Sagaing Region, Mon State, Shan State, Yangon Re-



gion, Sagaing Region, Rakhine State, Bago Region, Kayah State, Mandalay Region, Magway Region, Taninthayi Region, Kachin State, Ayeyawady Region and Chin State competed with “Eternal Peace” song in higher education level female contest.

At the Mini Theatre of the National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw), the harp competition took place with basic education level (aged 10 to 15) female contestants, with the participation of contestants from Magway Region, Rakhine State, Taninthayi Region, Shan State, Bago Region, Sagaing Region, Yangon Region, Kachin State,

Ayeyawady Region, Mandalay Region and Kayah State with ‘Hsaung Taw Theinga (Kyo)’ song. At the basic education level (aged 15 to 20) male contest, the contestants from Yangon Region, Bago Region, Rakhine State, Taninthayi Region, Mandalay Region and Kayah State competed with ‘Pyauung Pyauung Pyauung Nar Gain (Kyo)’ song, and the contestants from Bago Region, Yangon Region, Rakhine State, Mandalay Region, and Kayah State competed with ‘Bhone Moe Thoon Laung (Thachin Khan)’ song in the higher education level female contest.

The xylophone contest

took place at Wunzin Minyaza Hall of the National Library (Nay Pyi Taw), comprising the basic education level (aged 15-20) male and female contests and the higher education level female contest.

The piano contest also took place at the Yinkyay Hmu Yadana Hall of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, with the basic education level (aged 10-15) male and female contests and the higher education level male contest.

The Pobbathiri Hall hosted an orchestra troupe contest, including basic education level (aged 10-15 and 15-20) male and female contests.

Union-level dignitaries, union ministers, deputy ministers, Senior Tatmadaw officers, departmental personnel, staff, and families of Tatmadaw and students attended yesterday’s competitions to observe and support the contestants.

A total of 1,548 contestants participated in higher education level, basic education level (aged 15 to 20) and basic education level (aged 10 to 15) of the 25th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (central level), and there are 1,661 contestants this year, showing an increase in the number of contestants. — MNA/KTZH



Photos showcase contestants competing in playing traditional Myanmar musical instruments, including the Burmese harp on the fourth day.



Folk dance competition.



From Kayin State.



From Taninthayi Region.



Traditional Myanmar orchestra competition (aged 15-20)



Images showcase the ongoing state and-region-level competitions in singing, musical instruments, and traditional Myanmar orchestra, including participants aged 10-15 at the basic education level.

NATIONAL

Excessive dependence on a single market must be reduced by strengthening trade relations regionally

- ❖ We must reduce excessive dependence on a single market.
- ❖ Trade relations must be expanded and strengthened regionally and across various areas.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, at the opening of the Forum on Myanmar Beyond 2025: Challenges and Opportunities in a Multipolar World held on 21 March 2025)

World Sight Day 2025 marked in Nay Pyi Taw

THE ceremony to commemorate World Sight Day 2025 was held yesterday morning at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health in Nay Pyi Taw.

Union Minister for Health Professor Dr Thet Khaing Win, ministry officials, and representatives from partner organizations attended the event.

In his address, the Union minister cited World Health Organization (WHO) estimates indicating that around one billion people worldwide live with vision impairment, of whom 90 per cent are from developing countries. He noted that 80 per cent of vision impairments are preventable or treatable. In Myanmar, major causes of blindness include cataract, refractive errors, eye injuries, glaucoma, diabetes, and hypertension. He also highlighted that the WHO officially declared Myanmar



Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win reviews eye care activities and distribution of eyeglasses at yesterday's event.

free from trachoma in September 2020.

Although infectious eye

diseases such as trachoma have declined, the Minister

stressed the need to strengthen

the prevention and treatment of non-communicable eye diseases associated with diabetes

and hypertension. Eye health checks have been integrated into school health programmes to improve children's eye care. To reduce cataract-related blindness, cataract surgeries are being performed not only in hospitals but also through outreach surgery programmes in rural areas.

This year's World Sight Day is observed under the theme Love Your Eyes — Share Knowledge for Better Vision and Value Eye Health. The Union minister urged everyone to prioritize eye health, undergo regular eye examinations, and support equitable access to eye care services for all.

Afterwards, the Union minister and attendees visited a mini exhibition and observed eye care activities and the distribution of eyeglasses. — MNA/KZL

People's Military Service Training 15 concludes across commands

GRADUATION ceremonies for the 15th intake of People's Military Service trainees — citizens committed to safeguarding the nation's defence and security — were held yesterday at local training depots under respective military commands across the country.

The ceremonies were conducted in accordance with military traditions, where trainees took an oath of allegiance while holding the State Flag. Responsible officials at the respective training schools delivered concluding addresses, and outstanding trainees received awards in recognition of their performance.

Following the ceremonies, chief ministers of regions and states, commanders from military commands, and officials met the graduating trainees,

delivered motivational remarks, and cordially encouraged them in their future duties.

According to the 2008 Constitution, Section 385 stipulates that every citizen has the duty to defend the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of the State, while Section 386 prescribes that every citizen shall undergo military training and serve in the defence of the State in accordance with the law.

In line with these provisions, the State continues to safeguard the rights of citizens, while citizens, in turn, fulfil their national duties. Patriotic citizens who have voluntarily attended the People's Military Service training are now ready to dutifully serve in the defence and security of the nation. — MNA/KZL



The graduation ceremony of the People's Military Service Training 15 in progress yesterday.

Encourage artistes to show wonderfully artistic skills

EVERY country in the world has its own traditional culture, customs, and unique characteristics. In Myanmar as well, traditional cultural heritage has been well preserved. The 26th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2025 is being held grandly from 7 to 13 October 2025 at venues in Nay Pyi Taw, including the Myanmar International Convention Centre I (MICC-I), the National Theatre, the National Museum, the Cultural Gem Centre, the National Library, and the Nay Pyi Taw State Academy Auditorium.

According to the objectives set at the national level, the 26th Performing Arts Competitions are being held with the following four

Therefore, in order to preserve Myanmar's traditional cultural heritage and national identity, and to further promote and expand the genuine Myanmar music, dance, and traditional performing arts, contestants representing states and regions are grasping a great chance to show off their artistic skills. As such, they have to be encouraged to bring honour to their respective states and regions as well as to the nation by securing success in the competition.

This year, the 26th competition is being held once again. Contestants representing states and regions are now competing in their respective categories at designated venues across the country to qualify for the central-level competition.

Myanmar's traditional cultural performing arts and fine arts represent the nation's spiritual and cultural essence. By preserving and revitalizing these cultural heritages, the national spirit and patriotic values can be further strengthened. In the country, the diverse ethnic nationalities each possess their own literature, cultural traditions, and artistic expressions, all of which have flourished magnificently throughout history. It is the shared responsibility of all ethnic groups to protect and preserve these literary, cultural, customary, and traditional heritages from fading away with time.

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Under successive governments, Myanmar has consistently placed emphasis on preserving its traditional culture. The cultural sector has played an important role in Myanmar. The Performing Arts Competition was first organized in 1993 and continued annually until 2016. It was temporarily suspended from 2017 to 2021 due to various circumstances. The competition was resumed in 2022 as the 23rd edition, followed by the 24th competition in 2023, and the 25th competition in 2024, which was held to mark the Diamond Jubilee.

The Retreat of the Southwest Monsoon and the Weather Conditions Typically Experienced in the Post-Monsoon Period

Dr Kyaw (Meteorology School)

THE transition of the monsoon season's normally warm and humid weather to a slightly cooler and moister meteorological state, as the monsoon period nears its end, is a natural pre-indication that the region is preparing to enter the winter season. In regions located within the temperate zone of the Northern Hemisphere, such as China, Japan, Korea, and European countries, this temperature change is very distinctly felt. However, for regions like our Myanmar, which falls within the equatorial tropical zone, this change is not noticeably felt.

Nevertheless, this transition period is not a calm and gentle shift from one season to another. Instead, it is the most unstable period, where daily weather conditions can change rapidly (for example, sunny one moment and raining the next). For the Indochina Peninsula region (countries including Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam), the period from late September to the end of November can be roughly defined as the Post-Monsoon Season (or the Late Southwest Monsoon Period).

During this period, the weather events that can be encountered tend to be more severe and intense than normal, bringing significant challenges to people's livelihoods, health, agriculture, and local economies. Particularly due to the consequences of global Climate Change, it is observed that the meteorological conditions of this post-monsoon period are becoming noticeably more intense and severe.

Myanmar's Monsoon Rainy Season Cycle

The Indochina region, including Myanmar, is under the influence of the Northeast Monsoon and the Southwest Monsoon seasons. Generally, the pre-monsoon period begins around mid-May, the mid-monsoon period is from June to August, and September is the month when the southwest monsoon winds begin to retreat. According to research records, the months from October to November, before the Northeast Monsoon period begins, can be defined as the Post-Monsoon period.

During this period, the influence of the southwest monsoon on Myanmar diminishes, and it becomes a time when the country is more dominated by easterly wind waves from the east, as well as tropical typhoons. Furthermore, the northern regions of Myanmar also often experience the effects of westerly wind waves, which carry moisture from the Atlantic Ocean, travel across the Mediterranean region, and journey along the foothills of the Himalayas to the east.

Changes in Post-Monsoon Rainfall in Myanmar

The presented maps compare the total rainfall of Myanmar's post-monsoon period (i.e., the months of October and November) between the 1981-1990 decade and the 2010-2020 decade. According to Map (a), the regions receiving the highest rainfall are the already well-known Rakhine coast, the Ayeyarwady Delta region, and the Tanintharyi coast, while the central dry zone is seen to receive the least rainfall.

However, looking at the difference between the earlier 1990s decade and the post-2010 decade (Map-1-c), in the 2011-2020 decade, rainfall has significantly increased (shown in green) in many areas, including northwestern Myanmar (southern Chin State and northern Rakhine State), the Ayeyarwady Delta region, and the central basin region, including the Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory. At the same time, it was also found that rainfall has slightly decreased (red/orange) in some areas of the Tanintharyi coastal region. According to the Temporal Plot of average daily rainfall, the

country's average daily rainfall during the 2010-2020 decade was higher than in the 1981-1990 decade (Figure 2). In particular, from mid-October onwards, the average daily rate of the most recent decade (green dashed line) is significantly higher than that of the 1980s decade (blue dashed line), indicating that the pattern of rainfall received after the end of the monsoon season reflects either more intense precipitation or more rainy days.

Untimely Rainfall

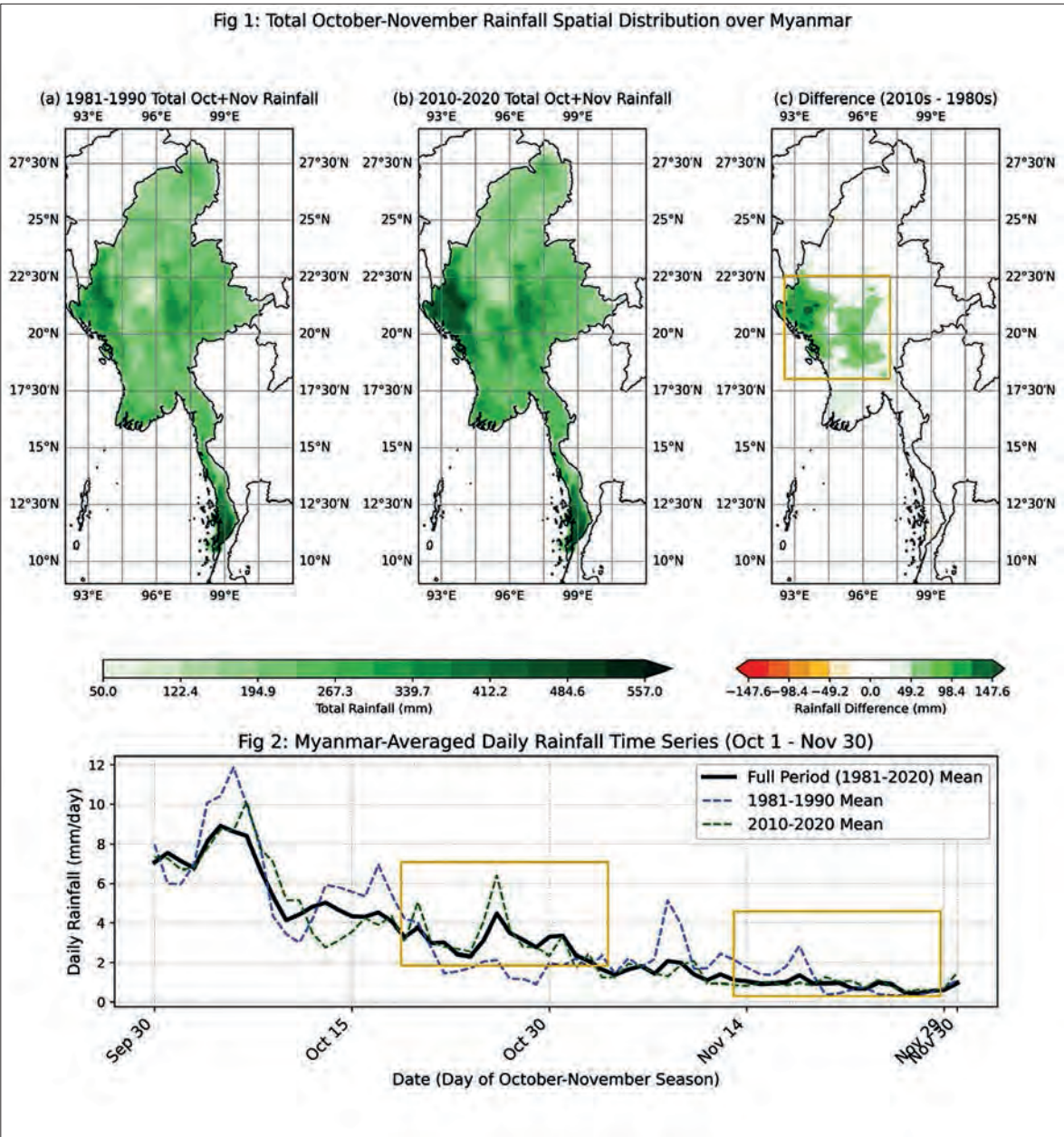
The main cause of the abnormal rainfall occurrences in the post-monsoon period is the increased frequency of suddenly forming cumulonimbus clouds, wind waves, and storm phenomena in recent years. The post-monsoon period is a time when winds transition from westerlies to easterlies. Storms and wind waves from the western Pacific Ocean, depending on their intensity, can also cause rainfall events by carrying moisture and clouds along with the easterly winds.

Similarly, the intense sun of the post-monsoon period, which might lead one to believe the rainy season is completely over, heats the ground during midday. The hot air in contact with this ground, which has accumulated moisture throughout the rainy season, rises rapidly and, due to physical processes, forms large cumulonimbus clouds (CB Clouds). These massive clouds cause post-monsoon rainfall events by generating lightning, strong winds, hail, and short periods of heavy rainfall.

Although these phenomena tend to occur in localized patches, their characteristically intense rainfall can cause sudden urban flooding in urban areas, and in rural areas, can lead to landslides and flash floods. Current research indicates that, alongside climate change, the frequency and intensity of these untimely rainfall events are increasing in many equatorial regions, including Myanmar.

The Threat of Storms in the Post-Monsoon Period

The phenomenon with the most dominant influence on the weather of the Indochina region during the post-monsoon period is typhoons from the South China Sea to the east. These storms, which form in the South China Sea and the northwestern Pacific, typically move westward or northwestward, affecting Vietnam, Laos, and even Myanmar.



On average, about 15 to 20 typhoons occur annually in the South China Sea, of which at least 4 to 6 usually make landfall on Vietnam's coastline. Some of these storms occasionally reach the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal. Although these storms weaken upon landfall, they can continue to cause heavy rainfall, leading to river overflows and landslides.

Similarly, in the Bay of Bengal during the post-monsoon period, cyclones and depressions occur more frequently than in the pre-monsoon period (April-May), but their intensity and likelihood of entering Myanmar are usually very low. However, studies indicate that with rising sea surface temperatures in recent years, the intensity of these storms is also likely to increase.

Flooding

Unpredictable, untimely rainfall can cause drainage systems to overflow and lead to floods in urban areas. Furthermore, heavy rainfall from cyclones can also cause rivers to overflow, submerging villages and farmlands. Delta regions and areas near rivers and streams in Myanmar are particularly prone to this hazard.

Recommended Preparedness and Protective Measures
To systematically face and overcome the above hazards, the

following points are recommended:

- Listen to weather news regularly.** During the post-monsoon period, one should listen daily to the forecasts of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology. If storm warnings or flood warnings are issued, people in coastal areas must be prepared to evacuate to safety.
- Be cautious of flash floods.** People living in low-lying areas, river valleys, and near watercourses must be especially cautious of flash floods. When it is raining heavily, one should avoid crossing deep water areas as much as possible.
- Protect against lightning.** When large cumulonimbus clouds are forming and during thunderstorms, do not stay outdoors in open fields, in water, or under trees. Take shelter inside sturdy concrete buildings.
- Take special care of your health.** To prevent illness due to temperature changes, one should eat foods that boost the immune system. In flooded areas, one should drink clean (or boiled) water to prevent water-borne diseases.
- Farmers should** prepare in advance to protect near-harvest crops from rain damage. Monitor weather forecasts daily and perform emergency harvesting if necessary.
- Crop Selection and Scheduling:**
 - Prioritize cultivating crop varieties that can be harvested at the end of the rainy season (e.g., early maturing paddy seeds).
 - Harvest timing should be planned based on weather forecasts.
- Emergency Harvesting and Threshing:**
 - If heavy rain is forecast, emergency harvesting should be done if there is time.
 - Harvested crops should be stored in a dry place, safe from rain.
- Improving Field Drainage:**
 - Regularly clean drains within fields to ensure good water flow.
 - Main drainage channels should be dug in advance to allow water to drain from fields quickly.
- Providing Sturdy Support for Crops:**
 - Use appropriate methods (e.g., tying rice paddies with ropes) to support crops and prevent lodging from strong winds.
- Insurance and Market Research:**
 - Purchase natural disaster insurance and familiarize yourself with the procedures for claiming compensation for losses.
 - Markets should be researched in advance to either immediately sell harvested crops or store them properly.

Conclusion

While the transition from one season to another is a beautiful part of nature, the post-monsoon period, due to its unstable daily weather patterns, requires us to be more vigilant and prepared. Research today indicates that due to global climate change processes, post-monsoon storms and untimely rainfall are becoming more frequent and potentially more intense than in the past. Therefore, it is presented with the belief that by carefully listening to daily weather news and following the warnings of local authorities, we can safely overcome the meteorological challenges of the post-monsoon period. ■

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Joint efforts for marine conservation at Lampi Marine National Park



Photos showcase the rare habitats of the Lampi Marine National Park and its surrounding areas, located in Bokpyin and Myeik Archipelago in Taninthayi Region.

THE marine species and resource conservation are being carried out in 300,168.63 acres wide Lampi Marine National Park, which is located in Bokpyin and Myeik Archipelago in Taninthayi Region and surrounded by 26 small islands, according to the park official.

The Lampi Marine National Park covers an area of 57,344.03 acres of land and 242,824.6 acres of water, totaling 300,168.63 acres, of which about 75 per cent is for marine

animals, whereas 22 per cent is evergreen forest, two per cent is mangrove, and one per cent is spit.

"In the Lampi Marine National Park area, we are making collaborative efforts to conserve the coastal ecosystems, marine species and enrich marine resources. As some areas are inaccessible, and so we are working together, especially with the Tatmadaw (Navy). We conduct educational programmes in Salone areas, and work together

with the department concerned for plastic-free campaign and other educational programmes for Wa Ale Island," said U Thet Oo, director of the park.

The Lampi Marine National Park boasts 19 species of mammals, 228 species of birds, 19 species of reptiles, 11 species of amphibians, 42 species of fish, 42 species of crabs, 195 species of plants, 11 species of seagrass, 73 species of kelp, 136 species of phytoplankton, 150 species of zooplankton, and 63 species of

mangrove plants. The park is also home to endangered species such as the dugong, green sea turtle, Malayan pangolin, and near-threatened species, including the hairy-nosed otter, pig-tailed macaque, dusky langur, and various civets.

The Lampi Marine National Park features unspoiled beaches, beautiful marine scenery, rich mangrove forests, inland forest trails, and canoe-accessible mangrove waterways. It also includes turtle nesting

grounds, rare bird habitats, and diverse aquatic ecosystems, making it a place of great interest for foreign tourists and for the marine animals, rare birds and forest researchers. Due to its high biodiversity and unique natural beauty, the park is an ideal location for research and has strong potential for nature-based tourism development, creating employment and livelihood opportunities for local communities. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH

Five-day illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth K322M

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

On 5, 6, and 8 October, the combined teams impounded consumer goods worth K12.71 million without official documents in Sagaing Township, two unregistered vehicles (approximately K12 million) at the Yadanabon bridge combined checkpoint in Sagaing Township and illegal teak, hardwood and other timbers worth K11.443 million in Bago and Toungoo districts. The action was conducted under Customs procedures, the Export/Import Law and the Forest Law.

Additionally, on 4, 5 and 6 October, the combined on-duty teams seized illegal fuel oil and diesel valued at K13.536 million in Kyaikmaraw Township and 27 unregistered motorbikes valued at K81 million in Mawlamyine

and Thaton districts. The action was conducted under the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law and the Export/Import Law.

Similarly, on 2 and 8 October, the on-duty teams nabbed a Mitsubishi Fuso truck (approximately K40 million) carrying illegal teak worth K7.943 million at the junction of Hlegu-Satalin in Hlegu Township, a Toyota Corolla (approximately K30 million) carrying foodstuff worth K14.6 million without official documents at the Nyaungkhashay permanent checkpoint and industrial materials worth K99.75 million without official documents from a container at the Thilawa Port. The action was conducted under Customs procedures.

The Steering Committee reported 40 arrests on 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8 October, seizing illegal goods worth approximately K322.982 million. — MNA/MKKS

Informant tips lead to arrests and seizures in illegal trade crackdown

SUPERVISED by the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, inspection teams under the state and regional illegal trade eradication special task forces, along with One-Stop Services led by the Customs Department, are consistently and effectively cracking down on illegal trade. These efforts take place at border trade offices and stations, permanent checkpoints along land and sea trade routes, and at ports and airports. For this, accurate information is crucial.

In September 2025, responsible citizens submitted 123 reports. Authorities seized 263 cases of illegal goods with an estimated value of K16,170.162 million. Vehicles and unregistered motorbikes were also confiscated.

Whistleblowers will be awarded 20 per cent of the estimated value of the seized items. Accordingly, departmental officials are arranging to distribute



Images reveal seizures of illegal goods.

K3,234.032 million as informing rewards for September 2025.

Responsible citizens can report illegal trade by contacting the following numbers 09 969961116 and 067 409883, or by emailing antiillegaltradeinfo@gmail.com. — MNA/MKKS

CBM sells US\$1.9M to edible oil importers

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$1.9 million to edible oil-importing companies, in addition to sales of over 354,000 yuan in the market on 9 October.

CBM announced on 8 October that it would sell \$30 million to those engaged in the fuel oil industry.

CBM also sold over \$1.87 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$530,290 to fuel oil-importing companies on that day, in addition to an injection of over 4.98 million baht and over 21,480 yuan into the market.

CBM injected over \$2.9 million into edible oil-importing



Greenbacks at the currency exchange counter.

companies on 3 October 2025.

CBM sold over \$2.6 million to edible oil-importing compa-

nies and \$656,270 to fuel oil-importing companies on 2 October, in addition to an injection of

over 524,200 yuan into the forex market.

CBM announced on 2 October that it would sell \$25 million to fuel oil entrepreneurs.

CBM pumped over \$39 million purchased from companies working on a Cut, Make, and Pack basis into the market in September 2025. Moreover, CBM also injected over \$680,000, 6.2 million yuan and 300,000 baht into the market through the foreign exchange market online trading platform last month.

CBM sold over \$1 million, 11 million yuan and four million baht in August. Furthermore, CBM also pumped over \$32 million, purchased from the

companies working on a Cut, Make, and Pack basis, into the financial market.

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

Trade Dept revises Myanmar Tradenet 2.0 service fees

THE Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce released an export/import newsletter 96/2025 that includes service fees of the Myanmar Tradenet 2.0 online portal and other digital platforms.

The amended ranges are K50,000 for annual member fee, K10,000 for online application fee, K50,000 for two-month export licence extension in the first time and K30,000 for one-month extension in the second time, the set import licence fee for first time two-month extension and the second time one-month extension, K10,000 for each amendment in export/import registration, K30,000 for cancellation of export/import licence, K5,000 per month for the first and second renewal or amendment of export/im-

port licence and K5,000 fine per month for the first and second renewal or amendment or cancellation of export/import licence starting from the expiring date.

Those reapplying for a licence after 14 days of expiry are not eligible for renewal. A permit for the amendment of the export/import licence needs to be obtained before arrival at the Myanmar Port and airports.

The Trade Department notified that the revised service fees are effective from 15 October 2025.

This bulletin will replace the previous bulletins 5/2018 and 18/2020 issued by the Department of Trade concerning the amendment of service fees for online licensing through Tradenet 2.0. — NN/KK

DICA blacklists six companies for unauthorized imports

THE Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) notified that six companies have been blacklisted for the pre-arrival of goods at the ports and airports.

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

The Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed DICA of listing six companies on the blacklist, and they were flagged for early arrival of the goods at the ports and airports. They are no longer permitted to run businesses under the existing laws starting from 23 May 2025.

Those companies are The Great Square Power Company Limited, Tharaphu Soe Myint Company Limited, Bai Long Ma Company Limited, Gold & Super Company Limited, Shine Dagon Company Limited, and Crown Kubota Myanmar Company Limited.

DICA announced last August that Myanmar Golden Mountain Company Limit-



The office signage of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

ed failed to finish the last 15 per cent of the project for the RCC two-storey school building (BEHS Wahnetchaung) in Hmawby Township from the Union Fund of the 2024-2025 FY. Therefore, this company was blacklisted for three years from the 2024-2025 FY upon non-compliance with regulatory requirements under the existing laws and bylaws, according to the meeting decision 30/2025 held on 24 July 2025 of the Yangon Region government, DICA stated.

Two companies – KZO Myanmar Company Limited and Shwe Myine Yanant Company Limited – were blacklisted for two years from 20 June 2025 to 19 June 2027 for failing to abide by existing rules and regulations.

Those two companies did not comply with the tender

rules among 41 companies that participated in bidding for border development businesses under the capital expenditure budget of the 2025-2026 financial year allocated by Mon State's Development Supervision Office. They are found to violate tender rules according to the 20/2025 meeting held on 20 June.

DICA notified in the last week of July that seven companies have been blacklisted for the pre-arrival of goods at the ports and airports.

Upon the report of the Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce, DICA put seven companies on the blacklist for early arrival of the goods at the ports and airports. They are no longer permitted to run businesses under the existing laws starting from 31 December 2024. — NN/KK

Daily newspapers available online

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Myanmar-Vietnam Expo 2025 held

THE Myanmar-Vietnam Expo 2025 is being held from 10 to 12 October at the Yangon Convention Centre exhibition hall in the Inya Lake Hotel complex in Yangon.

The opening ceremony of the exhibition was held at 9:30 am yesterday at the Yangon Convention Centre Exhibition Hall. Officials from the Yangon Region Government, the Economic Attaché and officials from the Embassy of Vietnam in Myanmar, officials from the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization of the Ministry of Commerce, the President and Central Executives from the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), the Myanmar Vietnam Friendship Association, the Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame



Visitors enthusiastically look into the exhibits at the Myanmar-Vietnam Expo 2025 in Yangon.

Seeds Merchants Association, the Myanmar Food Processors and Exporters Association and other associations who participated in the organization of the exhibition and other guests attended.

The exhibition featured over 100 brands of products

from Myanmar and Vietnam in about 120 booths. This year, the tourism and travel services booth has been expanded with the Travel Vietnam Pavilion (area 72 square meters) showcasing travel packages, airline tickets and travel services from eight major travel companies from Myanmar and Vietnam.

The Myanmar Vietnam Expo showcased food, consumer goods, industrial and household appliances, ceramics and kitchenware, shoes, IT, solar, inverters, batteries, coffee, fashion clothing, agricultural products and handicrafts.

The exhibition is jointly organized by the Myanmar Trade Fairs and Exhibitions Association and the Economic Department of the Embassy of Vietnam in Myanmar. — Myo Min Thura (MNA) /MKKS

MEODA donates oil to Ketumati Buddhist University and funds for eye treatment

THE Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers Association has donated 500 viss of edible oil for the Ketumati Buddhist University in Toungoo District and K 18 million for eye treatment.

The donors, led by the Vice President of the MEODA, U Htay Moe, donated cash to the Ketumati Buddhist University at 9 am on 9 October.

The ceremony was opened with the three-time recital of Namo Tassa, and the donors observed five precepts in the

presence of the Principal Sayadaw Ashin Dr Teikkha Thara and offered 500 viss of oil and K 18 million to the service team of the university.

The Cakku Dana Hospital of the Buddhist University in Toungoo provides free eye care and free meals to more than 10,000 eye patients a year. Donors who wish to donate to the charity for the free eye treatment can contact 09 428211952 at the university. — MT/ZN



This image shows the donation ceremony of the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers Association.

Children’s workshop to be held at Goethe-Institut

AT the Goethe-Institut Myanmar, a workshop for kids called Shadow Lantern, which will encourage children to create using effects of light and dark and shadows.

Seven to 12 years from the children's and youth programme at the library who wish to create new things can join. It has been scheduled for 18 October.

At the workshop, kids will create small lanterns based on their idea using paper and harmless LED lights and learn the effect of light and dark and shadows.

Children can participate joyfully and make diverse creations at the workshop, which is a combination of art, creativity and simple science. With free admission, the capacity is limited and participants are invited by registering their name, age and phone number at biblio-yangon@goethe.de. — MT/ZS

Italian film screenings held in Yangon for Italian Language Week

TO celebrate Italian Language Week, Italian film screenings will be held in Yangon, according to the Embassy of Switzerland.

Jointly organized by the Embassy of Italy and the Embassy of Switzerland, Italian-speaking films will be shown to mark the Italian language's borderless beauty and cultural heritage.

All movies will include English subtitles, and those who are not familiar with the Italian language can enjoy them easily, but it is a chance for those who like speaking Italian.

In commemoration of the Italian Language Week 2025, it will be held from 16 to 17 October with free admission.

Ritorno di Casanova, directed by Gabriele Salvatores, will be shown from 6 pm to 8 pm on 16 October, and Bonjour Switzerland and director Peter Luisi's comedy movies will be shown from 6 pm to 8 pm on 17 October.

The venue is the Embassy of Italy in Yangon. — MT/ZS



The films scheduled to be shown on 16-17 October.

Mural restorations completed at Kyaiklat Chaung Pagoda and Tilawkaguru Cave

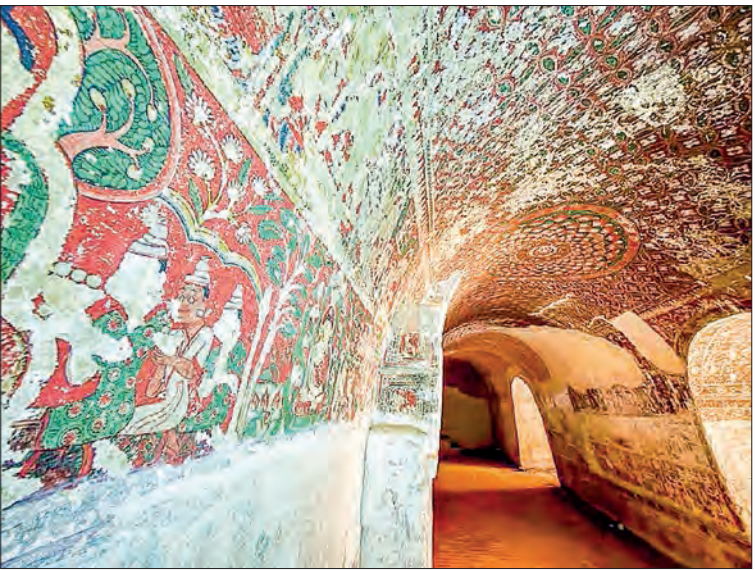
REPAIR and conservation work on the wall paintings at Kyaiklat Chaung Pagoda and Tilawkaguru Cave, located on Sagaing Hill in Sagaing Region, which sustained partial damage during the Mandalay earthquake, has now been completed, according to the Department of Archaeology and National Museum under the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture.

The conservation works were reportedly carried out using donations contributed by the public to the Department of Archaeology and National Museum for the preservation of these ancient mural paintings.

The mural paintings at Kyaiklat Chaung Pagoda are regarded as some of the finest



This image displays mural artworks at the Kyaiklat Chaung Pagoda.



examples of wall art from the Pinya period, while those at Tilawkaguru Cave represent outstanding mural works from

the Nyaungyan period. Tilawkaguru Cave, constructed in 1034 Myanmar Era (17th century AD), features re-

markable Nyaungyan-era murals. The cave's ceiling is decorated with a lotus motif, and at the entrance to the Gandakuti

chamber, an illustration of the Buddha's footprint can also be seen. — ASH/KZL

Myanmar film 'Phaint' to premiere nationwide on 17 Oct

THE Myanmar film 'Phaint' is set to premiere in major cinemas across the country on 17 October, according to its director, Ko Zaw (Ayon Oo).

The story and screenplay were written by Thet Oo Maung. The film was directed by Academy Ko Zaw (Ayon Oo), together with Ei (Ayon Oo) as co-director, and produced under Phoe Wa Film Production.

"In this film, audiences will see Academy Nay Win as the evil Dewa Kyaw Khaung, who deceives people. Academy May Myint Mo plays the vengeful spirit Saung Yati Nwe, who cannot escape from the hatred of human life and seeks revenge. When the evil Dewa Kyaw Khaung, who deceives people, encounters the real spirit Saung Yati Nwe, audiences will have to watch and support the film when it is released," said Academy Ko Zaw (Ayon Oo).

The cast includes Academy Nay Win, Min Phone Myat, Min Hein, Academy May Myint Mo, Academy Chu Lay, Academy Wah Wah Aung, Academy Moe Di, and Ye Mon, among others. — ASH/MKKS



This image displays a poster for the film.

Myanmar earns US\$500M annually from maize exports

MYANMAR'S annual maize export is estimated at US\$500 million, and Thailand is the top importing country of Myanmar's maize, according to the Myanmar Corn Industrial Association.

Thailand accounts for 50 per cent of Myanmar's overall maize export, and 15 per cent goes to India, the Philippines, Viet Nam and China.

Myanmar bagged over \$500 million from maize exports in the 2023-2024 financial year, \$400 million in the 2024-2025 FY and over \$400 million so far in the current 2025-2026 FY.

Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization has been exerting efforts to explore new markets for maize exports beyond the existing trade partners. Myanmar Economic Attaches from Thailand, India, China, the UAE and the Philippines and representatives from the relevant institutions are dis-

cussing maize export promotion matters. Value-added corn starch has earned high global demand. Consequently, Myanmar has been endeavouring to manufacture corn starch. Corn starch can be used in the pharma industry, the food industry and fertilizer processing, substituting imports. It can be exported as well when there is self-sufficiency, the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization said.

Domestic consumption of maize is approximately 35 per cent of production, and the remaining is designated for exports. There are over one million growing acres of maize across the country, yet some growing acres are producing other commercially valued crops. Therefore, the growing acres might vary. The number of maize cultivation acres increased a bit in the current 2025-2026 growing season. — ASH/KK



This image illustrates a pile of Myanmar's maize.

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.

S Korea’s imported car sale logs double-digit growth in September

SOUTH Korea’s imported car sale logged a double-digit growth last month due to strong demand for US electric vehicles and German luxury models, industry data showed Friday.

The number of imported vehicles sold here soared 32.2 per cent from a year earlier to 32,834 in September, according to the Korea Automobile Importers & Distributors Association.

For the first nine months of 2025, 225,348 foreign vehicles were sold here, up 15.7 per cent compared to the same period of last year.

US automaker Tesla ranked first in terms of automotive sales here among foreign companies by selling 9,069 units last month.

German automaker Mercedes-Benz came next with 6,904 units, followed by German carmaker BMW with 6,610 units, Audi with 1,426 units, Lexus with 1,417 units and Volvo with 1,399 units. The number of European models sold here was 19,551 last month, taking up 59.5 per cent of the total. US, Japanese and Chinese brands recorded the market shares of 30.0 per cent, 7.3 per cent and 3.1 per cent each. — Xinhua

Carmakers face massive UK dieselgate lawsuit

FIVE major car manufacturers go on trial at London’s High Court on Monday in the latest chapter of the dieselgate emissions scandal that has rocked the global car industry for a decade.

The High Court will decide whether systems installed in Mercedes, Ford, Peugeot-Citroen, Renault and Nissan diesel vehicles were designed to cheat clean air laws.

The five lead defendants deny the accusations.

The huge trial will have ramifications for other manufacturers, potentially paving the way for “billions of pounds” in compensation, said Mar-



ty Day, lawyer at Leigh Day representing the claimants.

The dieselgate scandal first erupted in September 2015, when German automaker Volkswagen was found to have cheated pollution tests by installing so-called defeat devices to reduce nitrogen oxide readings.

It caused waves in the global car industry, ensnaring several other top carmakers and leading to legal action in several countries. — AFP

Indonesia seeks US\$5.5 bln investment to develop waste-to-energy facilities

INDONESIA needs an investment of about 91 trillion rupiah (around US\$5.5 billion) to develop waste-to-energy facilities in 33 cities across the country, said Rosan Roeslani, CEO of the state investment management agency Danantara, on Friday.

“We cannot carry out this programme alone, so we are very open to collaborating with various partners, both local and international, to achieve this goal,” Rosan said during the 2025 Indonesia

International Sustainability Forum (IISF) held in Jakarta.

He underscored that the waste-to-energy initiative would not only strengthen the national electricity supply but also deliver significant environmental and public health benefits.

Each facility is designed to process around 1,000 tonnes of waste per day, providing a sustainable solution to the growing urban waste problem in Indonesia, Rosan added. — Xinhua



Each facility is designed to process around 1,000 tonnes of waste per day. **PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ISTOCK**

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V OTANA BHUM VOY.NO. (235N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V OTANA BHUM VOY.NO. (235N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **11-10-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINES

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SPORTS

Myanmar kickboxing team trains with Japanese coach for SEA Games



Myanmar national kickboxing athletes are seen during a training session.

MYANMAR'S national kickboxing athletes are intensively training for the upcoming XXXIII Southeast Asian Games, where Myanmar will compete in kickboxing as one of its sporting events. Eight selected athletes from the Myanmar Kickboxing Federation are currently taking training and demon-

strations from Japanese coach Tokeshi at Theinbyu Gymnasium. "Our federation was newly formed on 15 May this year. Since kickboxing is a new discipline, our coaches selected promising athletes and began training in June. We train twice a day, once in the morning and once in the evening. We aim to compete in all weight classes and hope to bring home medals," said President U Kyaw Yan Naing of the Myanmar Kickboxing Federation. Myanmar's kickboxers will compete in the three-athlete team format within the traditional ring for the five-member kickboxing event. They are also scheduled to join joint training sessions in Thailand in the first week of November. — Arkar Linn/KZL



Premier League referee Anthony Taylor was harassed by angry Roma fans following the 2023 Europa League final in Budapest. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Premier League ref Taylor keeps family away from matches due to abuse

PREMIER League referee Anthony Taylor says his family no longer attends high-profile matches due to the constant barrage of abuse he receives. In an interview with BBC Sport, the British official spoke about the "worst situation" he had faced, when he was harassed by angry Roma fans following the 2023 Europa League final in Budapest. The Italian side lost to Sevilla on penalties after an ill-tempered game, during which Taylor issued 13 yellow cards. Then-Roma boss Jose Mourinho criticized Taylor in his post-match press conference before directing a foul-mouthed rant at him in a car park, labelling his performance a "disgrace". The Portuguese was subsequently banned for four matches by European football's governing body UEFA. The following day, Taylor was targeted by fans of the Italian club as he waked through an airport. A chair and drinks were thrown in his direction before he was ushered to a safe area. — AFP

Schauffele jumps into share of second in Japan

XANDER Schauffele moved four shots off the lead at the halfway stage of the US PGA Tour's Baycurrent Classic in Japan after carding a sizzling eight-under-par 63 on Friday. The American, who played in his country's Ryder Cup defeat to Europe two weeks ago, shot eight birdies against no bogeys at Yokohama Country Club to sit tied for second behind sole leader Max Greyselman. Two-time major winner Schauffele made a blistering start to his second round, carding five birdies on the front nine including four in succession. He finished his round with two more straight birdies to leave him in contention for his first title of the year heading into the weekend. "Yesterday felt like you were just trying to survive the round and at some points it felt like there's almost no wind today," said Schauffele, who finished a blustery opening round on even par. — AFP



US golfer Xander Schauffele pictured at Portrush in Northern Ireland in July. PHOTO: AFP

Tyson Fury, Liam Gallagher among mourners at funeral of Ricky Hatton

THOUSANDS of mourners lined the streets of Manchester on Friday as stars from the sporting world gathered to bid a final farewell to British former world champion Ricky Hatton. Hatton, a popular, larger-than-life character who unified the light-welterweight division and also won a world welterweight title, was found dead at his home last month. Greater Manchester Police said they were not treating the death of the 46-year-old as suspicious. Former world heavyweight champion Tyson Fury, ex-Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney and Oasis singer Liam Gallagher arrived at the cathedral for the service. Gallagher was a long-time friend of Hatton, accompanying him on his ring walk against Paulie Malignaggi in 2008. A funeral procession started at 9:45 am (0845 GMT) at the boxer's local pub, the Cheshire Cheese. A truck carrying Hatton's yellow three-wheeler car was at the head of the funeral procession, with the name "Ricky" spelt out in flowers. Stops included Hatton's boxing gym and the AO Arena, where he enjoyed some of his finest nights. Following a private memorial service at midday, the procession was due to head to the Etihad Stadium, the home of Hatton's beloved Manchester City. — AFP



British boxer Tyson Fury arrives for the funeral of Ricky Hatton at Manchester Cathedral. PHOTO: AFP



CIS leaders sign 19 documents following summit in Tajikistan: Kremlin

Among them were decisions on the CIS chairmanship for 2026 and the Secretary-General, along with granting observer status to the Shanghai Cooperation Organization within the CIS and establishing the CIS Plus Format.

THE Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) leaders signed 19 documents following the summit in Tajikistan, the Kremlin said on Friday. The Kremlin website published a list of 19 documents, including the decisions “On the Chairmanship of the Commonwealth of Independent States in 2026” and “On the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Independent States”. The leaders decided to grant the Shanghai Cooperation Organization observer status within the CIS, the Kremlin added. The leaders also decided to establish the CIS Plus Format, the Kremlin also said. — SPUTNIK

Officials attend an expanded format meeting of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) Council of Heads of State at the Palace of the Nation in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. PHOTO: SPUTNIK



DPRK holds grand meeting to celebrate 80th founding anniversary of WPK

THE Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) on Thursday held a grand commemorative meeting at the May Day Stadium

to celebrate the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers’ Party of Korea (WPK), the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) re-

ported Friday. Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, delivered a speech at the event, which was attended by delegations from foreign parties and governments. In his speech, Kim reviewed the history of the party’s formation and its leading role in the country’s revolution. He said that by successfully leading social transformation of different stages under the banner of the Juche idea, the WPK has built a genuine people’s country, a powerful country that comprehensively embodies socialist ideas and ideals, while also making a significant contribution to advancing the international cause of independence and justice, Kim was quoted by the KCNA as saying. — Xinhua



This photo taken on 9 October 2025 shows a scene during an event to celebrate the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers’ Party of Korea (WPK), at the May Day Stadium in Pyongyang, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK). PHOTO: SHEN HONG/XINHUA

China announces export control measures on superhard materials, rare earths, battery-related items

CHINA’S commerce ministry and the General Administration of Customs on Thursday announced export control measures on items related to superhard materials, rare earth equipment and materials, and batteries. Effective from 8 November exports of items related to superhard materials, equipment and raw materials related to rare earths, five medium and heavy rare earth elements including holmium, lithium batteries, as well as synthetic graphite anode materials, will not be permitted without approval, the Ministry of Commerce stated. Given the dual-use nature of these items, the ministry said that China implements export control measures in accordance with laws and regulations, which conforms to international common practice and is in line with better safeguarding China’s national security and interests, and better fulfilling its international obligations, such as its commitment to non-proliferation. The Chinese government is willing to work with all countries to maintain the stability and smooth operations of global industrial and supply chains, the ministry said. — Xinhua