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Four Objectives of the National Defence and Security Council

- 1. To steadfastly strive for emergence of political forces and the people’s representatives who can implement a genuine, disciplined multi-party democratic system while constantly emphasizing on the national interests of the State.
- 2. To persistently strive for promoting the socio-economic life of the people through the development of agro-based industries in improving the agricultural sector; the vital foundation of the economic growth of the State.
- 3. To put emphasis on enhancing the national education and health sectors for sustainable development of the State.
- 4. To implement multi-party democratic system, with the participation of the people, to ensure the success of multi-party democratic general election process and successfully moving towards with the multi-party democratic system aspired by the entire people.



Acting President and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla watch competition of female harp contestant from Sagaing Region at the Mini Theatre of the National Museum in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, watch participation of contestants in Performing Arts Competitions

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 and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla watched participation of contestants in the 26th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (Central Level) at Hsinbyushin Hall and the National Museum in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

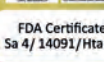
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2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

- 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.

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 Myanma art.
- To transmit traditional performing arts to the younger generation.
- To function as a national cultural and artistic institution contributing to the State’s socio-economic development.

Enquiries and Reports on Voter Registration Now Accepted

1. To facilitate enquiries and reports regarding voter registration, the Union Election Commission has established call centres staffed by officials from the Union Election Commission, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the General Administration Department, and the Ministry of Immigration and Population. These call centres enable voters to enquire about voter registration matters and report any difficulties they may encounter. Voters can contact the following call centre numbers during office hours: -

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- (p) Election Subcommission (Ayeyawady Region)
(1) 042 24616
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Union Election Commission

NATIONAL

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, his wife ...

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The events of the competitions were also attended by Commission Member, Prime Minister U Nyo Saw and his wife, Commission Member and Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe and his wife, Union ministers, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and deputy ministers, in addition to the audience.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and his wife enjoyed active dance and singing participation of contestants from regions and states at the basic education level (aged 15-20), male Ozi contest, and male Dobat contest at Hsinbyushin Hall.

They also watched the participation of girls from regions and states at the basic education level (aged 15-20) harp contest at the Mini Theatre of the National Museum.

At Yinkyayhmu Yadana Hall of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and his wife, together with his



Acting President and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing cordially greets members of the panel of judges and contestants in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

entourage, enjoyed the participation of the contestants performing the modern song “Tomorrow (or) When” at the higher education level female piano contest. After the competitions, the Acting

President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and his wife cordially greeted members of the panel of judges and contestants. Events of the 26th competition are

held at the respective venues. Enthusiasts in the fine arts arena watch the participation of contestants from regions and states, showing their brilliant artistic talents. — MNA/TTA



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn inspects the workplace of the Aung San Printing House under the Printing and Publishing Department in Insein Township, Yangon, yesterday.

Union Information Minister tours in Yangon

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn inspected the Aung San Printing House under the Printing and Publishing Department in Insein Township and the Wazira Cinema upgrading work site in Kyauktada Township of Yangon Region yesterday.

He inspected the printing operations and urged all to ensure systematic work implementation and timely completion of the tasks. He also pre-

sented cash prizes to the staff. On arrival at the Waziya Cinema, which is being upgraded into an international-level red carpet theatre, the Union minister stressed the need to preserve the original architecture and complete the project by the second week of March 2026. He also called for a proper approach, considering both short-term and long-term plans for the renovations. — MNA/KTZH

NATIONAL

Artistes perform entertainment at Russia-Myanmar-Belarus trilateral concert



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn and dignitaries join the performance of artistes from Belarus and Myanmar at the Russia-Myanmar-Belarus trilateral concert in Yangon yesterday.



Myawady Entertainment Troupe performed the song May the Union Remain Forever; while vocalists from the Russian Embassy presented the songs Zhavoronok, Bagan, We Are Together, Myanmar, Mother Earth, Katusha, The Motherland, All the Flowers and I Want to Wish with performances.

Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein presented the flower basket to the artistes.

The leader of the Belarus team presented gifts to the Union minister, the chief minister and Yangon Mayor U Bo Htay.

The concert was also attended by regional ministers, departmental officials, artistes from the National University of Arts and Culture, teachers and students, as well as enthusiasts. — MNA/TTA

THE Russia-Myanmar-Belarus trilateral concert was staged at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Road in Dagon Township of Yangon yesterday evening.

A video clip on the cultural exchange for friendship was screened. Vice-Chair Mr Alexander Ostrovskiy of the Russia-Myanmar Friendship Association

extended greetings and introduced artistes from Belarus to the audience.

The Belarusian artistes presented the song on Two Rus's-Belarus and Russia, Two Sisters, and the Belarus-Myanmar song, while artistes from the National University of Arts and Culture performed the marionette en-

tertainment and the song Bells and the song I'll Say Goodbye with a Glass of Vodka. Vocalist Saw Daniel from the MRTV sang the songs Exchange of Smiles and My Eyes. A singer from the Russian Embassy presented the Lebedushka dance, whereas the Myawady Entertainment Troupe entertained with the songs My-

anmar's Scenes and Myanmar's Soul, Tulips, and Red Sloboda.

Moreover, artistes from the National University of Arts and Culture presented dances portraying six eras, the song Oh, My Scythe, and the Kalinka dance. Vocalist La Wun May from MRTV sang the songs The River, The Myanmar, and The Thingyan. The

Kyaukme boosts vaccination as Nawnghkio expands healthcare services

THE Ministry of Health has launched initiatives to improve public health coverage, with healthcare workers from the Kyaukme Township Public Health Department in Shan State (North) providing health education, prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, and maternal and child care services to local ethnic residents in and around Kyaukme Township.

To strengthen vaccination coverage in Kyaukme Township, various strategies are being im-

plemented to reach every child, including the Big Catch-Up, Routine Catch-Up, and Special Immunization Activities.

In this regard, on 10 October, healthcare workers from the Public Health Department conducted health check-ups and health education sessions for students at Kyaukme No 1 Basic Education High School and administered necessary vaccines to 200 students under the age of 15.

Special vaccination programmes for children under the



A health worker administers a dose of vaccine to a student under the special immunization activities in Kyaukme, Shan State, on 11 October 2025.

age of 15 are being conducted in all townships in Shan State (North), including Kyaukme and Nawnghkio Townships, where regular healthcare services are provided.

Similarly, a temporary hos-

pital has been opened at the Labhamuni Chinese temple in Kyaukme since 5 October to provide essential healthcare services to local ethnic residents, including inpatient and outpatient treatment. Residents

from the surrounding areas have been coming to receive treatment. From 5 to 10 October, a total of 623 outpatients and 14 inpatients received necessary medical care. — MNA/MKKS

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General Aung San Declares Firm Stand Against Election Disruption

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

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



26th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competition concludes successfully

THE 26th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competition (Central) for 2025 took place at the designated venues in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory yesterday.

In the Mini Theatre of the National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw), contestants from regions and states participated in the higher education men’s harp contest, the basic education (aged 10-15) boys’ contest and the basic education (aged 15-20) girls’ contest.

The contestants from regions and states took part in the basic education (aged 10-15) girl’s and (aged 15-20) boys’ and girls’ guitar contest, high education women’s and men’s guitar contest, at the Wunzin Minyaza Hall of the National Library (Nay Pyi Taw).

The piano contest was par-



A male Dobat (traditional drum) competition team from Yangon Region takes part at higher education level.

education men’s Dobat contests.

The Pobbathiri Hall hosted a mandolin contest, including basic education level (aged 10-15 and 15-20) male and female contests and higher education level men’s and women’s 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.

The competitions of the Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competition (Central) were successfully concluded, and the award ceremony and dinner event will be on 13 October. — MNA/KTZH



Photos show contestants participating in the mandolin, guitar and harp contests at the 26th Performing Arts Competitions (Central Level) on the fifth day.



Photos showcase contestants competing in playing piano, Dobat and Ozi at the 26th Performing Arts Competitions (Central Level) on the fifth day.

NATIONAL

Weekly Roundup

5 October
Mandalay University observes 100th Anniversary
A ceremony to inaugurate the centenary of Mandalay University took place at the venue, attended by 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.

Message sent to World Teachers' Day
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 Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu, Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing, sent a message to the ceremony to mark World Teachers' Day, which falls on 5 October 2025.

8 October
26th Performing Arts Competitions commence
The 26th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was launched at the Myanmar International Convention Centre I in Nay Pyi Taw, and 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, delivered

an address at the opening ceremony.

9 October
NDSC appoints Chief Justice and Judge for Regional High Court
The National Defence and Security Council has appointed and assigned Daw Moe Moe Aye to the duties of Chief Justice for the Ayeyawady Region High Court and Dr Aung Tun Lin to the duties of the Judge for the Ayeyawady Region High Court under Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in accord with Orders 41 and 42 of the NDSC.

10 October
Peace and election issues discussed
Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, received Dato' Seri Utama Haji Mohamad Bin Haji Hasan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, at the Tatmadaw Guesthouse in Nay Pyi Taw.

MMCWA holds 34th annual general meeting
The Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association held its 34th annual general meeting at the Myanmar International Convention Centre I in Nay Pyi Taw, attended by Honorary Patron of the MWCA,

Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

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

War veterans' housing to be completed on schedule
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, inspected the construction of more buildings at Myanmar Thakaung Advanced War Veterans Housing (Laydauntkan) in Dagon Myothit (South) Township of Yangon Region. — GNLM/TTA

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued at 7 pm Saturday, 11 October 2025

BAY INFERENCE: Southwest monsoon has been withdrawn from the Northeast Bay and Eastcentral Bay of Bengal and the Deltaic Myanmar areas. The weather is a few clouds over the Northeast Bay and Eastcentral Bay of Bengal. Monsoon is weak over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 12 October 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Magway Region and Kayah, Rakhine and eastern Shan states, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay Region and Chin and southern Shan states and fairly widespread in Yangon, Bago, lower Sagaing and Ayeyawady regions and Kayin, Mon and northern Shan states and widespread in the remaining regions and states. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon and Rakhine states. In the area along the cumulonimbus clouds, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied by rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur, and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

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

OUTLOOK FOR THE SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Continuations of thundery activities over the Southern Myanmar areas.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12 October 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12 October 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12 October 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

Condition of Southwest Monsoon Withdrawal from Deltaic Myanmar areas

Issued on 11 October 2025

THE Southwest monsoon has withdrawn from the Northeast Bay and Eastcentral Bay of Bengal and the Deltaic Myanmar areas. — DMH

MMA donates K1M for Motion Pictures Day and Elders' Ceremony



Officials from the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization accept the donation of the Myanmar Music Association recently.

ARTISTES are making donations for the 105th Myanmar Motion Pictures Day and the 48th Film Industry Elders' Honouring Ceremony, which will take place on 13 October. On 9 October, the Myanmar Music Association donated K1 million, according to Vice-Chair U Aye Kyu Lay of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO).

The ceremony will be held at the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (Head Office) on Wingaba Road, Bo Cho Ward, Bahan Township, Yangon Region, as film industry members and volunteers continue to make donations.

“The annual Film Industry Elders' Honouring Ceremony is held on Myanmar Motion Pictures Day, as usual. This year it will take place on 13 October, and several stars have already donated. The Myanmar Music Association donates K1 million annually,” said U Aye Kyu Lay.

At the 105th Myanmar Motion Pictures Day and the 48th Film Industry Elders' Honouring Ceremony, held on 13 October 2024, 140 veteran film artistes were honoured with cash and food items. — ASH/MKKS

Regional economic integration must be expedited to reduce possible losses due to global disruptions

- ❖ To reduce potential losses caused by possible global disruptions, it is necessary to pursue regional economic integration.
- ❖ We must collaborate to strengthen regional supply chains.

(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)

Fuel prices continue to fall

THE fuel oil prices continued to decline in the domestic market.

The prices declined to K2,730 per litre of Octane 92 and K2,800 for Octane 95, K2,505 for diesel and K3,050 for premium diesel this week ending 16 October.

Last week's prices were K2,830 for Octane 92 and K2,895 for Octane 95, K2,545 for diesel and K3,115 for premium diesel.

The figures showed an increase of K40-65 per litre.

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

Under the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil, the Petroleum Products Regulatory Department has been issuing daily reference wholesale prices to ensure price stability for energy consumers.

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

As per the statement, 90 per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced locally. Domestic fuel prices are highly correlated with international prices. The State is steering the market to mitigate the loss experienced by the importers, sellers and energy consumers.

Consequently, the government is trying to distribute the oil at a reasonable price compared to that of regional countries.

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



Vehicles are seen refuelling at the petrol station in Meiktila.

CBM sells US\$2.2M to edible oil importers

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$2.26 million to edible oil-importing companies on 10 October, in addition to an injection of \$400,000 into the market.

CBM sold over \$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 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 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



The facade of the Central Bank of Myanmar (head office) in Nay Pyi Taw.

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

TTI conducts export business startup course (batch 15)

THE Trade Training Institute (TTI) of the Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce will offer intensive training on how to start an export business (batch 15) from 9 am to 4 pm on 27-31 October 2025.

The institute is located at 228/240, at the corner of Strand Road and Shwebontha Street. The maximum number of trainees is 50. Trainees can register at the institute, providing an application form, three licensed photos, a bachelor's degree certificate, a matriculation pass certificate, a citizenship scrutiny card and other related documents. Individuals can enquire about details through the contact numbers of the Institute at 01 8250871, 09 795308195, and 09 442134380. — NN/KK

Gold Market Rate as of 11 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.

Accommodate migratory birds to create a better ecosystem

THIS year’s World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) campaign will highlight the need for a healthy coexistence between humans and birds. It will focus on creating and adapting environments that support migratory bird populations across all communities, from bustling cities to smaller towns and communities. There are actions everyone can take to protect our shared spaces with wildlife.

In 2025, WMBD will raise awareness about the numerous challenges migratory birds face due to human activities and the expansion of urban development. The campaign will advocate for strategic urban planning and conservation efforts that incorporate

bird-friendly practices, ensuring that our communities become havens for these remarkable travellers. The 2025 theme encourages action from all sectors, including national and local governments, businesses, community groups, and individuals worldwide, according to the UN Environment Programme.

The 2025 World Migratory Bird Day theme is “Shared Spaces: Creating Bird-Friendly Cities and Communities”. This theme focuses on promoting a healthy coexistence between humans and birds by highlighting the need for thoughtful urban planning and community-based actions to support migratory bird populations in cities and towns.

As habitats for migratory birds are very important, governments or authorities of relevant regions have to create hibernation areas for those guest birds. Naturally, wetlands, low-lying areas, lakes and ponds, as well as proper natural environments, are the best habitats for migratory birds. As flora and fauna are interrelated with migratory birds in any country, necessary preparations should be made to create proper habitats for hibernated birds so as to create a proper natural environment.

Only when relevant countries share spaces to accommodate migratory birds which fly from different areas of the world will cities and communities of these countries be better bird-friendly areas which can attract travellers and improve the tourism industry. In this regard, Myanmar is rich in natural resources such as large wetlands and low-lying areas that significantly accommodate migratory birds.

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Generally, migratory birds travel to Myanmar using the Central Asian Flyway (CAF) and the East Asia-Australasian Flyway (EAAF) to escape harsh northern winters, which can harm the living situation of these birds. These flyways are major migratory routes spanning thousands of miles and many countries, providing critical stopover sites like Moeyungyi, Indawgyi, Inlay, Taungthaman, Sunye and some other lakes, where birds find food and rest from late autumn, from October to November; to early spring, March. It is necessary to consider that only when all living beings share space for their accommodation will they all have better societies across the world.



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Sate Ko Khana Anapaychin Pause Every Day by Danielle Marchant

A book titled ‘Sate Ko Khana Anapaychin’, translated into Myanmar by Saya Myo Lwin (MBA), has been published as Book No 43 by Thar Nge Publishing House. The book is a translation of Pause Every Day by the original author Danielle Marchant, and due to readers’ warm support, it has now been republished for the third time.

This book is a collection of simple, easy-to-follow mindful practices for those moments when you feel the need to slow down and find calm and clarity in your daily life. In today’s fast-paced and constantly moving world, people’s minds have become restless and overworked. As a result, many can no longer see or understand things clearly, feel inner peace, or even sleep well at night.

For such people, this book offers simple practices that combine body, mind, and emotions. By spending just about ten minutes a day on these exercises, readers can learn how to calm their minds, take mindful pauses, and recharge their energy so that they can face daily challenges with clarity and seize new

opportunities with strength. The book contains preface of translator and 10 chapters- pause for busy mind, pause for calm, pause for vitality, pause for perspective, pause for clarity, pause for gratitude, pause for technology, pause for restful sleep, pause for inner peace and pause for balance, and five instant actions to help you pause and rest your mind in daily life, along with daily words of encouragement for reflection.

The preface of the translator reads that Thar Nge Publishing House had given several books to choose from for translation, and this was the first one selected. The book is not very long, making it easy and quick to read. Since it is divided into short chapters, readers can conveniently read one chapter at a time and continue later without needing to set aside long. Everyone faces mental fatigue and stress in daily life, and this book offers practical ways to handle such tiredness by suggesting short pauses for the mind. I want to thank Thar Nge Publishing House and the original author for sharing this valuable

message with readers. The main purpose of the book is to encourage mindfulness — being aware in daily actions so that one can train the mind to stay calm and aware.

This book also presents many practices for you to explore and try out. Some of these methods can be incorporated into your daily routine and provide additional benefits and effectiveness. Other practices may only be useful depending on the specific circumstances.

Actually, life is quite complicated and beautiful, isn’t it? This book does not give orders or instructions. Moreover, it does not ask you to do this or that. However, if you take the opportunity to give your mind a little break in your daily life, these simple practices can be helpful.

Try following these ten practices presented in the book and observe whether they bring any noticeable difference. The idea is simply to experience each day with a sense of complete and abundant meaning in life. These little practices that give your mind a short break will surely be helpful to you.



Book Title	-	Man's Search for Meaning by Viktor E Frankl
Translator	-	Myu Yeik
Publishing House	-	Pann Satt Lann
Publication Date	-	September 2025 (1 st Edition)
Price	-	K12,000

Man's Search for Meaning by Viktor E Frankl

THIS is a must-read for those finding what to read this year. This is none other than Dr Frankl’s book titled “Man’s Search for Meaning”, the Los Angeles Times described. Myu Yeik translated this book into Myanmar and named it “Lu Bawa A Deik Pae Shar Phway Chin”. This book has sold over 12 million copies worldwide.

Rabbi Lord Dr Johnathan Sacks gave his point of view that Man’s Search for Meaning is the chilling yet inspirational story of Viktor Frankl’s struggle to hold on to hope as a prisoner in Nazi concentration camps, and is one of the true classic books about Nazi concentration camps. This book will guide people nowadays to find the meaning and purpose in life.

Viktor Frankl, a holocaust survivor who endured imprisonment in a Nazi Concentration Camp, was one of the most influential thinkers in psychotherapy and humanistic psychology in the 20th century. Sacks was moved by the idea that Frankl’s logotherapy, which focuses on finding meaning in life as a primary human motivation.

Frankl’s insights from hope to continue his days even when facing despair shed light on humanity and exemplified a fundamental need for individuals to find freedom, dignity, deep meaning and purpose in life, even in suffering.

Brian Keenam, who wrote “An Evil Cradling”, said that Viktor Frankl’s assertion emphasized that life is worth living and its meaning and dignity cannot be taken away by suffering or external circumstances. He described this book as a phoenix’s choir of the mind metaphorically, when each individual chooses to live rather than giving up on life.

The New York Times reviewed this book as a masterpiece for finding the will to meaning in life and strength in times of great despair and praised it as an enduring work of survival literature.

The author John Boyne, who wrote many famous novels including “The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas (2006)”, delivered his message in the preface of the book.

Some people might wonder why we need

to continue writing motivational books. The role of literature is pivotal in life. Regardless of different genres (romance, fantasy, science fiction, memoir), books might be close to the heart or serve as catalysts for debate and critique.

Literature is different from politics and religion as it cannot cause conflicts. Nonetheless, it welcomes and promotes diverse perspectives. Literature can also encourage critical thinking and offer richer insights into the multifaceted nature of reality.

Life is not always a smooth journey, involving ups and downs. It is an inevitable and integral part of the human experience that everyone faces hardships. These challenges provide opportunities to learn and build personal growth, resilience and self-awareness. It can be considered the pursuit of what we find meaningful.

Although tomorrow is not promised, this book inspires those who did not avoid suffering but choose to cope with it through perseverance, and those who are finding significance in the art of living despite life obstacles and burdens in life, as remarked by English-Myanmar translator Myu Yeik.

Merits and Joyous Day

By Mya Thae (Research)

Full Moon Day of Thadingyut is a meritorious and joyous day. Buddhists pay homage to pagodas, sharing merits and peacefully staying. Pagodas, parks and buildings are decorated with lanterns graciously.

Most of the religious people keep the nine precepts piously. Students and youths pay obeisance to elders and teachers nicely. Good deeds make enormous wisely.

Actors, actresses, and vocalists entertain to audience widely. Thus, we can achieve merits as well as joy from the Full Moon Day of Thadingyut.



To the Top

Translated By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

Above another, one mountain towers,
Encircled by high others.

At the end of mountaineering
As there is still one existing,
Again and again, by motivating himself,
He must try to trek.

Sometimes getting exhausted to death,
“Be the end - I don't want to move along here.”
Under the illusion that enough is

enough;
In reality, is that possible?

This had started already.
One day, it will come to an end.
Please don't give up in discouragement.

Wind down in no hurry.
Having cold lake water with flow-ers, silvery;

To birds' songs, while hearkening,
Build up new strength from reanimating.
What a lovely human being!

ထိပ်ဆုံးသို့

တစ်တောင်ပေါ် တစ်တောင်ဆင့်
တောင်အမြင့်ပတ်ခြံရံ။

တစ်တောင်ဆုံးပြန်တော့
တစ်လုံးကျန်ပြန်ပေသမို့
ဖန်ဖန်လေ အားအင်နိုးလို့ရယ်
ကြိုးလျှောက်ရပြန်။

ခါတလေ တကယ်ဝန်းတာကြောင့်
တော်ဝါပြီ ဆက်မလှမ်းချင်ဘူး
ရပ်တန့်တန့်ကရပ်မယ်ကြို
အမှန်တော့ ဖြစ်နိုင်မလား။

စခန်းဟာပေါ့
တစ်နေ့မှာ ဆုံးရာရောက်ပါလိမ့်
အားလျော့ကာ ဆုတ်ချင်စမ်းပါနဲ့
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မလားငွေ ကန်ရေအေးရယ်နှင့်
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မှတစ်သွင် အားအင်သစ်လိုက်ပျံ
ချစ်ဖွယ်လူသား။

ငွေတာရီ

Your House

By Zaw Gyi, Translated by Myint Zan

whether your house is
good or (in a) bad state
'tis your house
if your house becomes soaked
because raindrops drizzled
don't be morose and blame
(the weather)
u go and repair (the roof)



if the walls or the floors
deteriorate
don't tarry
you do the repairs continually
the broken parts, the fragile parts
the crooked parts,
the unbecoming parts
the non-harmonious parts
of your house:
use your discretion
cleverly
put your efforts
make them lively
in renewing, rebuilding
your house

မင့်အိမ်

မကောင်းမင့်အိမ် ကောင်းမင့်အိမ်တည့်
မင့်အိမ်ရွှေ့ဖို့ အမိုးလိုသော်
မပြီသင့်ပါ၊ မင်းတက်ဖာပေါ့
အကာအခင်း၊ ပျက်ယိုပွင်းသော်
မငြင်းစေချင်၊ မင်းဆက်ပြင်ပေါ့
အခွင့်အနဲ့၊ အခွင့်အစောင်း
မကောင်းမပြု၊ ဟောင်းထွေထွေကို
အခြေနှင့်မျှ ညာထိဖြင့်ဆ၍
လုံလောက်သွင်း၊ သစ်စေမင်း။

ဇော်ဂျီ

Translated on 10 October 2025

NATIONAL

Entertainment



Nay Toe
Academy member Nay Toe starred as a medium, portraying the 'Athein' character in the film 'Myitlattan Paymae'. It is the novel of author Hsaung Lu Lin. The script is written by Thet Oo Maung and directed by PK. The cast includes Nay Toe, Nay Myo Aung, Nyi Nanda, and Vitamin, among others.



Myint Myat
The new movie 'Atuu' of Academy member Myint Myat will premiere in October. He portrayed Atuu's character, who falls in love deeply with a high-society doctor. Three Academy Award-winning Win Lwin Htet directed the film with picturesque scenes of Bawsai in Shan State. Cast members are Academy member Myint Myat, Academy member Yan Aung, and Poe Mahme Thar, among others.



Theatrical performance set for 19 Oct

THE 'Thadingyut Pwekhinn' Thabin (theatrical) entertainment event will be held at Sedona Hotel in Yangon on 19 October, according to traditional theatre artist Tin Maung San Min Win.

Together with Tin Maung San Min Win, other theatrical actors San Min Aung, Boon, Phoo Chit and theatrical actress Chan Chan Moe, Hsan Shwe Shin, Thinzar Ye Win, May Myat Noe Khin, and female impersonator Lin Lat Aung will perform.

"The event will be at the Mindon Min Hall of Sedona Hotel from 4 pm to 7 pm on 19 October. We will present a duet dance with comedians," said Tin Maung San Min Win.

Another comedian, Metta Myit Myat Hein and Buu Thee will perform, and guest singer Tekkatho Myat Nu Thwe will sing Myanmar classical songs. - ASH/KTZH



Maung Myo Min (Yindwin Phyt)
Director Maung Myo Min (Yindwin Phyt) donated K300,000 to Chairman U Kyi Soe Tun of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO) for the 105th Myanmar Motion Pictures Day and the 48th Respect Paying Ceremony to Veteran Artists on 9 October. The event will be held on a grand scale on 13 October, Monday.



Su Hlaing Hnin

Actress Su Hlaing Hnin resumed her career for her fans, and on 29 September, she attended a ceremony to launch the filming process of the 'Maung Yae May' movie in which she starred. The director is Win Tun Tun, and the cast are Myint Myat, Shein Tin Htoo, Poe Mahme Thar and Su Hlaing Hnin. The actress donated K300,000 for the 48th Respect Paying Ceremony to Veteran Artists on 22 September.

Yu Thandar Tin

The premiere show and launch ceremony for the 'Yammet' movie were conducted on 10 October. Director Mel Min Bon directed it, and actress Yu Thandar Tin featured the Khin Waddy character. Yu Thandar Tin, Kyaw Htet Aung, Htet Aung Shine, Khine Hnin Wai, and other artistes star in the movie. It's on the stream via the Mahar application as an original series.



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Htet Htet Htun

Actress Htet Htet Htun will take the lead role in the 'Kyama Chitthu, Thu Yorkkya' movie. It is presented by Royal King Film Production, with the story and script being directed by Swan Paing. Htet Htet Htun, Oak Soe Khant, Nyi Nanda and other famous artistes star in the film. - Htun Htun/KTZH

WORLD

CIS decides to establish expanded cooperation framework “CIS Plus”

THE Council of Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) has decided to establish “CIS Plus,” an expanded format of the organization, the press service of the CIS Executive Committee reported Friday.

The initiative was first proposed by Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev during the previous CIS Council meeting in Moscow in October 2024.

The new format will serve as a platform for cooperation between CIS member states and other countries, regional blocs and international organizations interested in engaging with the Commonwealth in areas of mutual interest.

According to the Kremlin, CIS leaders have also approved

a decision to grant the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) observer status within the Commonwealth.

“We support the strengthening of contacts between the CIS and the SCO,” said Russian President Vladimir Putin during the restricted session of the Council.

“It would be beneficial to fully harness the potential of cooperation between the two organizations to ensure the secure and sustainable development of our countries and the entire Eurasian region,” he added.

The meeting of the CIS Heads of State Council was held on Friday in Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan, under the chairmanship of Tajik President Emomali Rahmon. — Xinhua

CIS introduces new format as cooperation platform with countries, regional blocs, and international organizations.



The initiative was first proposed by Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev during the previous CIS Council meeting in Moscow in October 2024. PHOTO: RUSSIAN PRESIDENTIAL PRESS AND INFORMATION SERVICE/FILE

Hamas says Rafah crossing to reopen next week after truce as 200,000 return to northern Gaza



Palestinians walk on road returning to Gaza City, near the central Gaza Strip, 10 October 2025. PHOTO: RIZEK ABDELJAWAD/XINHUA

MEDIATORS have informed Hamas that the Rafah border crossing between Gaza and Egypt will reopen in both directions next week, the group said on Friday, following the start of a ceasefire with Israel.

A Hamas source told the group’s Al-Aqsa TV that the

crossing is expected to reopen in the middle of next week to allow movement of people in and out of the enclave, though no details were provided on operations or which travelers would be allowed through.

Mediators also said humanitarian aid and essential supplies, including fuel and gas, would begin entering Gaza freely from Saturday, the source said, adding that talks were under way to restore electricity in the territory of more than two million people. — Xinhua

Philippines begins clean-up after powerful twin quakes

PHILIPPINE authorities were assessing the scale of destruction on Saturday after two powerful offshore earthquakes and more than 800 aftershocks hit Mindanao, killing at least eight people and crippling local infrastructure.

Dazed survivors of a pair of major earthquakes in the southern Philippines awoke on Saturday to scenes of devastation, after hundreds of aftershocks rocked the region overnight.

Many coastal residents of Mindanao island had slept outdoors, fearful of being crushed to death by aftershocks of the 7.4- and 6.7-magnitude quakes that struck off the coast within hours of each other on Friday.

Philippine authorities said at least eight people were killed. — AFP

Trump administration begins layoffs on 10th day of govt shutdown

THE Trump administration announced Friday that federal layoffs had begun, as the federal government shutdown entered its 10th day.

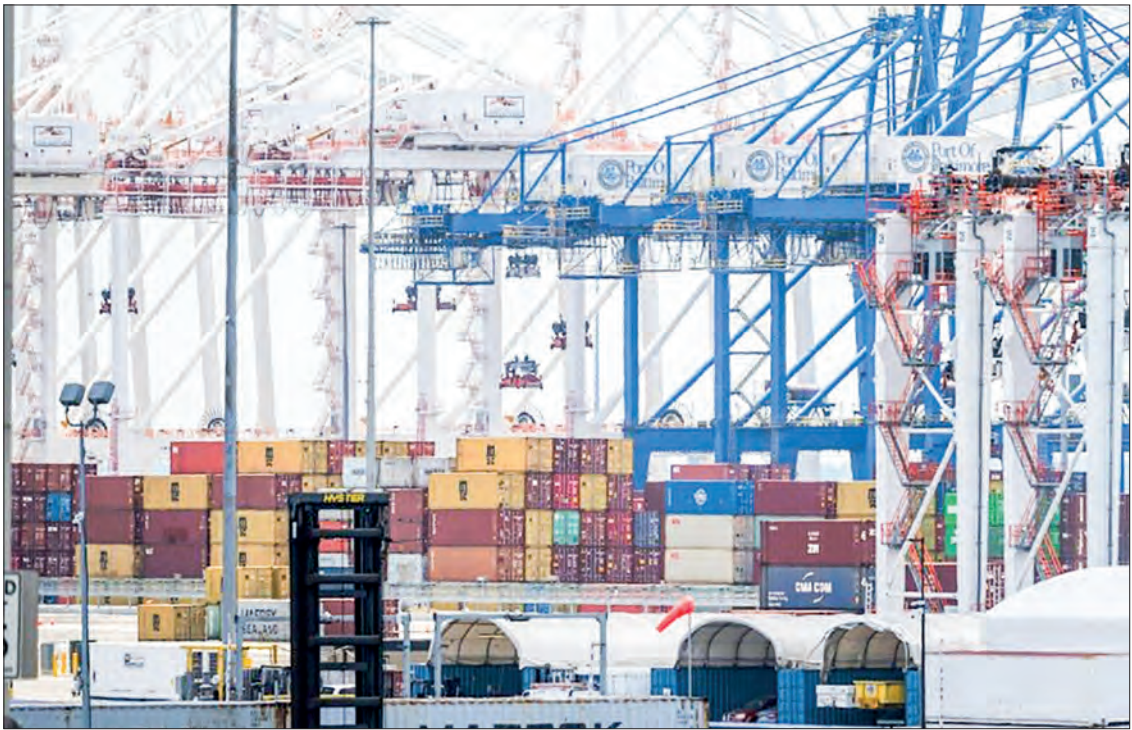
“The RIFs have begun,” Russell Vought, White House Office of Management and Budget director, said on social media platform X, referring to “Reduction in Force”. The brief post did not disclose the number of employees affected or the specific departments involved.

According to US media reports, this round of federal layoffs could be large in scale and wide in impact, with the US Homeland Security Department, the Health and Human Services Department, and the Treasury Department all planning layoffs.

US President Donald Trump and White House officials repeatedly stated that federal workers would face layoffs if the government shutdown occurs, and they blamed Democrats for the situation. Democratic leaders, however, argued that Republicans were attempting to use federal employees as pawns in this budget dispute, calling it intimidation and threat. — Xinhua

ECONOMY
WORLD

China’s countermeasures against US port fees “legitimate defence”



China will impose special port fees on US-affiliated ships to safeguard domestic industries. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

The US action is characterized as a typical unilateralist and discriminatory move that severely harms Chinese companies’ interests.

CHINA’S countermeasures against the US additional port fees on Chinese ships are “legitimate defense” actions aimed at maintaining a fair competition environment in the international shipping and shipbuilding markets, the Ministry of Commerce said Friday. “The US move is a typical unilateralist action of apparent discriminatory nature, which severely harms the interests of Chinese companies,” a ministry spokesperson said in an online statement.

To safeguard the interests of domestic industries, Chinese authorities will charge special

port fees on ships with US affiliations, including those flying the US flag, built in the United States, or owned, controlled, or operated by US companies, in accordance with China’s international maritime regulations, the spokesperson said.

These countermeasures are set to take effect simultaneously with the US additional port fees on Chinese ships on 14 October. China urges the US side to correct its wrongdoings and work with China to find a solution through equal-footed consultation and cooperation, the spokesperson added. — Xinhua

US considers tariff discounts for Mexican heavy vehicles

THE United States is considering granting Mexico a discount on the recently announced 25 per cent tariff on medium- and heavy-duty vehicles, Mexican Economy Minister Marcelo Ebrard said Friday.

Ebrard said the mechanism would be similar to the one applied to light vehicles, which has benefited Mexico because of the high level of component integration between the two countries in vehicle production.

“The US government has told us there will be a discount process, and that will greatly benefit the companies operating in Mexico,” Ebrard told reporters. US President Donald Trump announced earlier this week a 25 per cent tariff on all imported medium and heavy trucks starting 1 November. A similar 25 per cent tariff on light vehicles has been in effect since April under a presidential executive order. — Xinhua

Vietnam’s GDP growth likely to exceed 8% in 2025: PM

VIETNAM’S gross domestic product (GDP) growth this year could surpass eight per cent as targeted by the National Assembly if there are no major fluctuations, Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh said Friday, local media VNExpress reported. Speaking at the plenary session of the Vietnam Private Economic Landscape Program 2025, Chinh said the strong growth momentum in the first nine months has created favorable conditions for the country to achieve its annual target.

Vietnam’s GDP expanded

8.2 per cent in the third quarter, bringing nine-month growth to 7.85 per cent, according to the National Statistics Office, which

estimated that fourth-quarter GDP needs to grow 8.4 per cent for the country to hit the full-year goal. — Xinhua



Vietnamese garment factory workers stitch apparels at a factory in Ho Chi Minh City. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

At German auto crisis meet, Merz vows to fight EU gas guzzler ban

GERMAN Chancellor Friedrich Merz pledged Thursday to fiercely oppose the EU’s 2035 ban on new combustion-engine car sales, following crisis talks with the struggling German auto industry.

Europe’s largest economy’s flagship sector grapples with weak demand, a sluggish shift to electric vehicles (EVs), and intense Chinese competition, as manufacturers argue they need more time to develop competitive EV lineups amid slower-than-expected adoption.

Merz emphasized commitment to electromobility and climate goals but demanded “flexibility” against rigid deadlines, vowing to push for realistic timelines at an upcoming EU summit. — AFP

Japanese business groups concerned over ruling coalition split

MAJOR Japanese business groups on Friday expressed concern over the possible political instability arising from the Komeito party’s withdrawal from its coalition with the ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

Yoshinobu Tsutsui, chairman of the Japan Business Federation, called the development “regrettable,” urging in a statement for the swift establishment of a stable political framework to enable

timely policy implementation. The federation is Japan’s most influential business lobby, and is known as Keidanren. With Komeito leaving the coalition, the LDP will remain a minority government in the powerful House of Representatives unless it brings in at least two relatively large opposition parties, marking Japan’s biggest political shift in a quarter century. — Kyodo

HSBC group CEO says has strong conviction in Hong Kong's economy

HSBC Group Chief Executive Georges Elhedery said Hong Kong is the group's home market and a major area of growth opportunities, expressing firm conviction in the region's future as an international financial hub.

In an exclusive interview with Xinhua, Elhedery underscored Hong Kong's role as a wealth management hub and a "super connector", attributes he identified as the cornerstone of its status as a global financial center. — Xinhua

Foreign investors return to Indian markets with Rs1,751 crore inflows this week: NSDL Data

AFTER several weeks of persistent selling, foreign investors turned net buyers in the Indian markets this week, marking a positive inflow of Rs1,751 crore between 6 October and 10 October, according to data released by the National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL).

Despite the sustained selling pressure over the past few months, domestic institutional investors (DIIs) remained broadly supportive, absorbing foreign sell-offs and helping maintain overall market stability.

Ajit Mishra, Senior

Vice President, Research, Religare Broking, told ANI, "During the week of 6-10 October, FIIs exhibited a sharp turnaround in trading behaviour in the cash market. After heavy selling in the first two sessions—offloading Rs1,584.48 crore and Rs 1,471.74 crore on 6 and 7 October, respectively — foreign investors turned aggressive buyers over the next three days, pumping in Rs 1,663.65 crore, Rs 737.82 crore, and Rs2,406.54 crore. This resulted in a net cumulative inflow of Rs1,751.79 crore for the week." — ANI



Some of the top companies listed on the NSE by market capitalization. PHOTO: ANI

Samsung Biologics secures half of Japan's top 10 pharmas as clients



The South Korean company has signed contracts with half of Japan's top 10 pharmaceutical and biotech companies. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ SAMSUNG BIOLOGICS

SAMSUNG Biologics Co sion in Japan, the world's is accelerating its expan- third-largest pharmaceuti-

cal market. The South Korean company has signed contracts with half of Japan's top 10 pharmaceutical and biotech companies, rapidly strengthening its presence in the region, according to a report by Pulse, the English service of Maeil Business Newspaper Korea.

"We have signed contracts with four of Japan's top 10 pharma companies and are in final talks with one more," the report

quoted Samsung Biologics CEO John Rim at BioJapan 2025 held in Yokohama on Thursday.

"BioJapan is a crucial event for us. To expand our client base from the global top 20 to the top 40 pharmaceutical companies, collaboration with Japanese firms is essential. That's why we established a Tokyo sales office and dispatched dedicated sales personnel," he added. — ANI

Brunei fosters entrepreneurs through micro bootcamp programme

THE Brunei Economic Development Board (BEDB) will invite new participants to join its micro bootcamp cycle in November to nurture Brunei's entrepreneurial community, according to the BEDB on Saturday.

Serving as an entry point into the BEDB's wider enterprise ecosystem, the micro bootcamp offers Bruneians continued support and opportunities for growth, it said. Held three times a year, the programme combines workshops, mentorship, and practical exercises designed to equip participants with essential knowledge in business planning, marketing, finance, and operations, while helping them develop the skills and confidence to run sustainable businesses, said the BEDB. — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MSC KANU F VOY.NO. (SB540A)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MSC KANU F VOY.NO. (SB540A)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **12-10-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **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 MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY S.A

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SITC GUANGDONG VOY.NO. (2522S)

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SITC CONTAINER LINE CO., LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V XO LUCKY VOY.NO. (X2520E)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V XO LUCKY VOY.NO. (X2520E)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **12-10-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S TI2 LOGISTICS PTE LTD

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST

OCTOBER 11

FAO celebrates 80 years of fighting hunger

THE Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Global Exhibition, “From Seeds to Foods”, is taking place on 10–13 October, 2025, at the Parco di Porta Capena in Rome. The free, public exhibition is part of the World Food Forum and the celebration of the FAO’s 80th anniversary.

FAO on Friday opened a global exhibition, celebrating eight decades of international cooperation in fighting hunger and transforming agrifood systems.

In his opening remarks, FAO Director-General Qu Dongyu said every meal begins with something small: a seed, a seedling, a fingerling or genetic material which grows into the vast diversity of foods that nourish humanity.

“Food is not only about science or biology, it is about people -- the farmers, fishers, herders, scientists, youth and women whose hands and minds make food possible every day,” he said. — Xinhua



Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Qu Dongyu addresses the opening ceremony of the FAO global exhibition titled “From Seeds to Foods” in Rome, Italy, 10 October 2025. **FAO/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA**

OCTOBER 10

Japan ruling party’s junior ally Komeito to end coalition

THE Komeito party, the junior coalition partner in Japan’s ruling bloc, said Friday that it will end its alliance with the Liberal Democratic Party amid differences over their response to a political funds scandal, bringing 26 years of partnership to a close.

With Komeito leaving the coalition, the LDP will remain a minority government in the powerful House of Representatives unless it brings in at least two relatively large opposition parties, marking Japan’s biggest political shift in a quarter century. Sanae Takaichi, a conservative lawmaker, was only elected LDP president on Saturday and has yet to be designated prime minister by parliament. Komeito’s departure has cast uncertainty over the future of Takaichi expected to become Japan’s first female leader. — Kyodo

OCTOBER 9

Europe needs reusable rockets to catch Musk’s SpaceX

EUROPE MUST quickly get its own reusable rocket launcher to catch up to billionaire Elon Musk’s dominant SpaceX, European Space Agency director Josef Aschbacher told AFP in an interview.

While the US company has an overwhelming lead in the booming space launch industry, a series of setbacks, including Russia’s withdrawal of its rockets, left Europe without an independent way to blast its missions into space.

That year-long hiatus ended with the first launch of Europe’s much-delayed Ariane 6 rocket in July 2024. But the system is not reusable, unlike SpaceX’s Falcon 9 workhorse. — AFP

OCTOBER 8

Japan bankruptcies hit 12-yr-high in 1st half of FY2025

THE number of corporate bankruptcies in Japan continued to rise in the first half of this fiscal year to over 5,100, the highest level in 12 years for the April-September period, as labor shortages and rising prices weighed on small businesses, a credit research company said Wednesday. The failures, involving debts of at least 10 million yen (\$66,000), rose 1.5 per cent from the same period a year earlier to 5,172 cases, according to Tokyo Shoko Research. It was the fourth straight rise for the fiscal first half.

With smaller businesses particularly struggling, companies with less than 10 million yen in capital and those with less than 100 million yen in debt, respectively, accounted for more than 70 per cent of those that went belly-up.

The total liabilities left by bankrupt companies in the six-month period from April sank 49.6 per cent to 692.7 billion yen. — Kyodo

OCTOBER 7

California Governor declares Diwali a state holiday

CALIFORNIA’S Governor Gavin Newsom on Tuesday (local time) officially added Diwali to the state’s list of holidays by signing Assembly Bill 268 into law.

The bill would authorize community colleges and public schools to close on “Diwali”, as specified. The bill would authorize state employees to elect to take, and would authorize certain community college and public school employees to be given, time off with pay in recognition of “Diwali,” as specified.

The bill would authorize public schools and educational institutions throughout the state to include exercises acknowledging and celebrating the meaning and importance of Diwali, as specified.

Ajay Bhutoria, former advisor to President Biden for AANHPI Commission, a prominent Silicon Valley entrepreneur, philanthropist, and dedicated advocate for the Indian American community, lauded the judgement. — ANI

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12,000-year-old pillar carved with human face unearthed

A T-shaped pillar carved with a human face has been unearthed for the first time during recent excavations at the Karahantepe archaeological site in southeastern Türkiye, a cabinet minister announced on Monday.

The discovery was made during excavations under the Stone Hills Project, a comprehensive archaeological initiative exploring humanity’s transition from a nomadic to a settled lifestyle and the evolution of belief systems around 12,000 years ago. Located in southeastern Anatolia, the project encompasses several Neolithic sites, including Gobekli-tepe and Karahantepe.

“This artefact found in Karahantepe sheds light on the history of humanity as the first example of Neolithic man carving himself on a T-shaped column,” Turkish Culture and Tourism Minister Mehmet Nuri Ersoy said. — Xinhua

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Benidorm embraces its Franco-era mass tourism model

FIFTY years after Francisco Franco’s 1975 death, Benidorm persists with the mass tourism model it pioneered under his dictatorship, defying overtourism protests elsewhere in Spain.

From a 3,000-resident fishing village, it exploded into a skyscraper-filled city hosting 400,000 peak visitors, thanks to Mayor Pedro Zaragoza Orts (1950–1966), a Falange supporter who championed bikinis, package holidays, and beaches over risky seafaring.

Facing Catholic Church backlash, Zaragoza gained Franco’s implicit approval via elite visits, boosting foreign currency. Women like hotelier Angela Barcelo drove growth, while 1960s gay bars offered refuge.

Now hailed for sustainable tourism, Benidorm draws 2.8 million visitors yearly, fuelling Spain’s second-place global ranking. — AFP

Myanmar to host AFC U17 Women’s Asian Cup Group C matches

MYANMAR will host the Group C matches of the 2026 AFC U17 Women’s Championship, with three teams, including the Myanmar squad, competing.

The group comprises Myanmar, Indonesia, and Macau SAR, after Mongolia withdrew, leaving three teams. The matches will take place from 13 to 17 October, with the top team from the group advancing to the next stage.

Group C matches hosted by Myanmar will be held at Thuwunna and Padetha stadiums in Yangon. Since Myanmar is scheduled to play against Syria at Thuwunna Stadium on 14 October as part of the third-stage matches, the match on 13 October will be played at Padetha Stadium.

The matches are scheduled as Indonesia versus Macau SAR on 13 October at Padetha Stadium, Myanmar versus Macau SAR on 15 October at Thuwunna Stadium, and Myanmar versus Indonesia on 17 October at Thuwunna Stadium. The two matches at Thuwunna Stadium will kick off at 4:00 pm, while the match at Padetha Stadium will start at 3:30 pm. Ticket prices are set at K5,000 for VIP and K2,000 for regular seating.

The Myanmar U17 Women’s team is coached by Japanese coach Tashiro, competing in their second international tournament this year. With the group comprising teams of similar strength, Myanmar has a promising opportunity to succeed in the group stage. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



The Myanmar U17 Women’s team during a training session.

Mbappe and Konate out of France's World Cup qualifier in Iceland



France forward Kylian Mbappe (R) and defender Ibrahima Konate (L) will miss Monday's World Cup qualifier in Iceland with injuries. PHOTO: AFP

KYLIAN Mbappe and Ibrahima Konate have been ruled out of Monday's 2026 World Cup qualifier in Iceland where France could book their ticket to next year's tournament. Already suffering from a "small niggle" in his right ankle from playing for Real Madrid, Mbappe took two knocks during Friday's 3-0 World Cup qualifying win over Azerbaijan in Paris, where he opened the scoring but was substituted before the end of the match.

Liverpool defender Konate remained on the bench with a right thigh problem with his place against Iceland now taken by Marseille's Benjamin Pavard.

Mbappe's absence adds to the long list of forwards unavailable for October's World Cup qualifiers, which includes Ousmane Dembele, Desire Doue, Marcus Thuram and Bradley Barcola.

After returning to the Clairefontaine training ground on Friday night, "the French team captain spoke with (coach) Didier Deschamps who acknowledged his absence", the French federation (FFF) said in a statement.

Mbappe "has been released to his club (Real Madrid) and will not be replaced", the FFF added, confirming hours later that Konate "has returned to his club's availability". — AFP

14 weightlifting events to feature in XXXIII SEA Games

THE final selection event for Myanmar’s weightlifters competing in the XXXIII SEA Games, along with a record evaluation contest for young athletes from the Youth Camp, was held on the morning of 9 October at the Weightlifting Training Centre of Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex in Nay Pyi Taw.

The competitions included women’s 48-kilogramme, 53-kilogramme, 58-kilogramme, and 63-kilogramme categories, and men’s 60-kilogramme, 65-kilogramme, 71-kilogramme, 88-kilogramme, 94-kilogramme, and above 94-kilogramme categories, covering both snatch and clean-and-jerk events.

At the end of the event, female lifter Thuza Khin (63 kilogramme) and male lifter Win Naing Tun (94 kilogramme) set new national records in snatch, clean and jerk, and total categories. They were awarded cash awards by the Union minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, the deputy minister, the director-general, and the president of the Myanmar Weightlifting Federation.

A total of 24 athletes from the Gold Camp and Youth Camp training programmes in Nay Pyi Taw competed in the selection and record evaluation events. Myanmar will take part in 14 weightlifting events: seven men’s and seven women’s categories at the XXXIII SEA Games. — Arkar Linn/KZL



A selected female weightlifter competing in her weight category.

Messi-less Argentina down Venezuela in friendly

ARGENTINA shrugged off the absence of Lionel Messi to ease to 1-0 victory over Venezuela in a friendly international in Miami on Friday.

A well-worked 31st-minute goal from Giovani Lo Celso secured the win for the reigning world champions in a match played before just 15,000 fans at the 65,000 capacity Hard Rock Stadium. Inter Miami star Messi looked on from the stands as the Albiceleste eased to victory without ever being seriously tested by Venezuela.

Argentina forwards Julian Alvarez and Lautaro Martinez looked threatening throughout, while fullback Nahuel Molina also impressed. Alvarez and Martinez were involved in Argentina's winner, combining deftly to set up Lo Celso, who who beat Venezuela goalkeeper Jose Contreras with a crisp left-footed shot.

The match is the first of two friendlies Argentina are playing in Florida during the international break. — AFP

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A diverse group of teenagers engrossed in their smartphones while sitting together in a park. **PHOTO: STOCKCA[KE]**

Lifestyle

Safeguarding kids' digital playgrounds

The European Union, under its Digital Services Act, is scrutinizing major tech platforms for user safety.

IN today's hyper-connected world, where kids scroll through Snapchat and YouTube for fun and friends, parents are increasingly worried about hidden dangers like harmful content and addictive apps.

The European Union is stepping up, demanding tech giants explain their child protection measures to foster a safer online lifestyle for families.

Inspired by Australia's bold ban on social media for under-16s, Brussels is exploring similar restrictions

across its 27 nations.

France and Spain already advocate for age limits, while Denmark plans a under-15 ban.

Under the Digital Services Act, the EU has grilled Snapchat on blocking kids under 13, and probed Apple's App Store and Google Play for curbing downloads of risky apps — like gambling tools or “nudify” creators that generate non-consensual explicit images.

Tech chief Henna Virkkunen stresses privacy and safety as essentials for healthy digital habits. —AFP

Dassai sake to launch first brewing attempt in space from 21 October

Japanese astronaut Kimiya Yui, currently aboard the International Space Station, is preparing to conduct brewing experiments in space.

THE maker of popular Japanese sake brand Dassai will launch ingredients and equipment for the world's first attempt to brew sake in space on an H3 rocket from southwestern Japan on 21 October.

Earlier this week, Dassai Inc said the materials will take off from the Tanegashima Space Centre in Kagoshima Prefecture on the No 7 H3 rocket alongside the HTV-X1, a new Japanese-built unmanned cargo transfer spacecraft that will deliver the sake-making materials to the International Space Station,

where the sake will be brewed using “moromi”, a fermenting mash.

The brewer plans to sell a single 100-millimetre bottle of the resulting sake for 110 million yen (\$720,000). All proceeds will be donated to Japanese space development projects with the aim of “contributing to the advancement of the space industry”, it said.

Arrangements for the brewing tests to be conducted by Japanese astronaut Kimiya Yui, 55, who is currently aboard the ISS, are being made with the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency. — Kyodo



Dassai official anticipates a slower fermentation process due to reduced liquid convection. **PHOTO: DASSAI**

Tobacco industry targets youth with new nicotine products. Governments must accelerate proven policies.



Millions worldwide are quitting or avoiding tobacco thanks to effective global control efforts, according to WHO. **PHOTO: PIXABAY**

E-cigarettes are fueling new wave of nicotine addiction

WHILE the world is smoking less, tobacco still hooks one in five adults worldwide, causing millions of preventable deaths every year, and e-cigarettes are fueling a new wave of nicotine addiction, said a report released by the World Health Organization (WHO). The number of tobacco users has dropped from 1.38 billion in 2000 to 1.2 billion in 2024. Since 2010, the number of people using tobacco has fallen by 120 million, a 27 per cent drop in relative terms, according to the report.

“Millions of people are quitting, or not starting, tobacco use thanks to tobacco control efforts by countries around the world,” said WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. “In response to this strong progress, the tobacco industry is fighting back with new nicotine products, aggressively targeting young people. Governments must act faster and more strongly to implement proven tobacco control policies.” For the first time, the WHO has estimated global e-cigarette use and the numbers are alarming: more than 100 million people worldwide now vape. —Xinhua