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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.

All citizens share duty to promote Myanmar’s rich arts and traditions

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, attended the awarding ceremony of the 26th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at the Thabin Hall of Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

In his speech, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar said that everybody knows holding the Performing Arts Competitions to uplift national cultural heritage and fine arts and strengthen natural characters in order to forge the national spirit and the Union spirit, as the good results.

He highlighted that the Performing Arts Competitions – rich in national essence – have been continuously organized by the government. Their full success has also been made possible through the support and encouragement of regional and state governments, as well as the general public. He expressed his appreciation to the judging panel of distinguished artistes and participating performers, who, with respect, dedication, and high personal quality, study, preserve, and promote traditional cultural arts. Their efforts, together with the cooperation of parents, relatives, and all art enthusiasts, have greatly contributed to the achievements of these events.

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As Myanmar elevates its cultural standards, the nation’s stature and dignity will rise accordingly, empowering it to stand with pride and distinction among the world’s nations.



- Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the awarding of the competitions
1. It is the national duty to preserve and promote these noble traditions and virtues of the past.
 2. Traditional Myanmar forms of music, including singing, dancing, recitation, and percussion, along with their customary attire, performance styles, and musical instruments, are unique cultural heritages of Myanmar.
 3. Every nation must preserve and promote its national culture to cultivate the people’s manners of dress and appearance, speech and behaviour, ways of thinking and outlook, and state of mind, making them more refined, cultured, and of a higher standard.

Acting President and SSPC Chair Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents the honorary award to the ethic traditional rural cultural troupe.

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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.

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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)

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He noted that national culture represents the vital heritage that must be preserved by every ethnic group within a nation, as it is as essential as life itself. The higher a nation's cultural standards, the greater its stature and dignity will be, enabling it to stand proudly among the nations of the world. A nation's unique identity, intrinsic values, and level of advancement can only be expressed and reflected through its national culture.

He continued that every nation must preserve, protect, and promote its national culture to cultivate and develop the people's manners of dress and appearance, speech and behaviour, ways of thinking and outlook, and state of mind, making them more refined, cultured, and of a higher standard.

He stressed that the customs and practices of Myanmar's traditional singing, dancing, composition, and instrumental music, including attire, performance styles, and the instruments used, are unique expressions of authentic Myanmar identity and constitute cultural heritage that can be proudly and honourably recognized on the international stage.

He underlined that it is the national duty to preserve and promote these noble traditions and virtues of the past, while combining them with the opportunities of the present era, so that everyone can leave a strong foundation of good values for future generations of youth. This responsibility rests squarely on all citizens of today.

Therefore, he added that the valuable Myanmar artistic and scholarly traditions inherited



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivers the concluding remarks at the awarding event of the 26th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competition yesterday.

from the ancestors of Myanmar, along with the merits of national cultural institutions, must be preserved and promoted in the present era through diligent and noble efforts.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar urged all to encourage efforts to strengthen and enhance the resources of national culture, which have been preserved and handed down through history, by combining the preservation of traditional customs with innovation and creativity. National brethren should safeguard their ancestral heritage and Myanmar's traditional national culture, while preventing the infiltration and influence of foreign cultures. Through cultural and artistic power, everyone should foster and elevate the foundations of national spirit, ethnic unity, and union-mindedness, ensuring they grow strong, resilient, and widespread.

He presented honorary prizes to ethnic traditional/rural cultural troupes from regions and states.

Commission Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Soe Win presented special prizes, first, second and third prizes to the troupes in the Dawei ethnic traditional "Yan" dance and traditional dance contest.

Commission member Prime Minister U Nyo Saw gave first, second and third prizes to the winners in the higher education level male and female Maha Gita singing contest; Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo to the winners in basic education level (aged 15-20) male and female Maha Gita singing contest; Commission member Union Minister for Defence General Maung Aye to the winners in the basic education level (aged 10-15) male and female Maha Giti singing contest; Commission member

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung to the winners in the higher education level male and female old/modern song contest; Commission member Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae to the winners in the basic education level (aged 15-20) male and female old/modern song contest; and Commission member Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin to the winners in the basic education level (aged 10-15) male and female old/modern song contest, respectively.

First prize winner Ma Moe Myint San of the Mandalay Region team sang the song "Ananta Ngaphya".

Union-level dignitaries, Union ministers, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command presented medals and certificates of honour to the winners

in the relevant contests.

First prize winners in the relevant contests presented songs and dances.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar cordially greeted the attendees.

Also, present at the ceremony were deputy ministers, regional and state ministers, members of the panel of judges, contestants and traditional dance troupes from regions and states and officials.

A total of 1,660 contestants from regions and states participated in the competitions. After the competitions, Yangon Region secured 59 prizes, Mandalay Region 47, Ayeyawady Region 37, Sagaing Region 33, Bago Region 22, Mon State 21, Magway Region 14, Kayah State 17, Shan State 13, Rakhine State 10, Kayin State 12, Taninthayi Region 13, Chin State 10 and Kachin State 5. – MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

Dinner hosted marking 26th Performing Arts Competitions



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing speaks at the honorary certificate presentation and dinner yesterday.

A ceremony to present certificates of honour in conjunction with the dinner to mark the 26th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competitions took place at the Icy Mount Hall of Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening, 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.

Speaking on the occasion, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar said that cur-

rently, officials from relevant sectors are striving for the development of the State and prosperity of the people based on their own strength under the leadership of the government. Especially, they are building a united and developed State while conserving the fine traditions of Myanmar and upgrading the natural heritages.

He continued that the natural culture is the lifeblood of a country or a people. Hence, it is necessary to enhance the physical and mental capability of entire people, including the new generation youths, to preserve the national culture through the power of fine arts.

He noted that Myanmar's traditional arts and cultural crafts have been preserved and passed down from generation to generation by successive artistes and maestros, thereby remaining strong and enduring to this day.

It was stated that throughout Myanmar's long history spanning thousands of years, successive generations of great artists have continuously nurtured, preserved, and passed down their artistic heritage. Thanks to their invaluable contributions, the people of today can stand as rightful inheritors and custodians of the rich and priceless treasury of Myanmar's

cultural arts.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presented certificates of honour to Daw Thin Thin Myat for the Singing Panel of Judges, U Aung Tin Win for the Dancing Panel of Judges, U Min Htet Tha for the Song Composing Panel of Judges, U Saw Win for the Music Panel of Judges, an administrator on behalf of the teams of regions and states and an MC on behalf of masters of ceremonies.

Singing maestro U Tin Oo Lay, on behalf of all members of the panel of judges, spoke words of thanks.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar had dinner together with attendees and contestants.

As a special programme, Maung Saw Aung Hein Htwe (aka) Eh Eh of Mon State who stood first in the basic education level (aged 15-20) dancing contest and Nang Kaday San Oo of Yangon Region who secured the first prize in the basic education level (aged 10-15) dancing contest together with retired staff officer 74-year-old Sayagyi Pantaya U Myint Thein of Fine Arts Department and retired honorary professor 76-year-old Dr Nu Nu Khin of National University of Arts and Culture (Mandalay) performed the duet dance.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presented honoraria to retired staff officer Sayagyi Pantaya U Myint Thein and retired professor Dr Nu Nu Khin, respectively and cordially greeted them.

After the dinner, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar cordially greeted the attendees.

Also, present at the dinner were Commission Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Commission member Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Commission member and Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe, Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Yin Win Oo, commission members, Union ministers, Union-level dignitaries, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers and officials. — MNA/TTA



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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)



Myanmar categorically rejects unverified and
unfounded information/accusations put forward at UN

THE Human Rights Council organized an Enhanced Interactive Dialogue (EID) during its 60th session, which was held from 8 September 2025 to 8 October 2025, concerning the reports of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and on the report of the so-called Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (IIMM). This dialogue was once again convened without the presence of Myanmar representatives, an act that is against the

Council’s fundamental principles of constructive dialogue and cooperation. It has been observed that the Council’s discussions and reports heavily rely on unverified information and consist primarily of repeated accusations against the Myanmar government. Furthermore, these one-sided and unfounded allegations are persistently advanced based on such unverified data. The Human Rights Council, a principal UN human rights mechanism,

continues to operate with bias. Rather than assessing the situation in a member state based on the principles of objectivity, non-selectivity and impartiality, it relies on one-sided information as fact. Therefore, Myanmar categorically rejects such baseless accusations and intrusive discussions that constitute interference in its internal affairs. Myanmar will continue to implement its ongoing tasks without losing sight.

State responsibility will be handed over to a winning political party based on the results of the general election, which will be conducted in phases commencing on 28 December 2025. Myanmar reiterates its commitment to continue efforts to promote and protect the fundamental rights of its citizens to achieve internal peace, stability and prosperity of its people through a Myanmar-owned and Myanmar-led process. — Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Saint Petersburg Day celebrated in Yangon

THE Russian delegation, led by Mr Evgeny Grigoriev, Chairman of the Committee for External Relations of the Government of Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation, arrived in Yangon yesterday morning and was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, regional ministers, and officials from the Strategic Studies and Training Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Days of Saint Petersburg were celebrated at Lotte Hotel in Yangon, and Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Pyae Sone Lin, relevant officials, Mr Evgeny Grigoriev, Chairman of the Committee for External Relations of the Government of Saint Petersburg, Russian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Iskander Azizov and other invitees attended the event. The video clips depicting famous sites of Saint Petersburg and Myanmar, and the video message of Saint Petersburg Governor Mr Alexander Beglov were screened. After the greeting speech of the chief minister and Russian officials, the Russian, Belarusian and Myanmar



The Days of Saint Petersburg celebrated yesterday in Yangon, attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein.

artistes performed traditional dances respectively. The chief minister and Russian officials presented flower bouquets to the cultural dance troupes. The chief minister and the Chairman of the Committee for External Relations of the Government of St Petersburg exchanged gifts. The chief minister and Russian officials cut the ribbon to inaugurate the photo exhibition marking the Saint Petersburg Day, and observed the displayed photos. The chief minister hosted lunch at the Crystal Ballroom of Lotte Hotel, and had lunch together with the Russian delegation and participants. — MNA/KTZH

10th NCA
Anniversary
Celebration to
air live on MRTV

THE 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) will be held at 9:00 am on 15 October at the Myanmar International Convention Centre I (MICC I) in Nay Pyi Taw. The ceremony will be broadcast live on Myanma Radio and Television (MRTV) HD, MRTV News, MRTV Parliament, NRC Channel, Farmers’ Channel, MITV, partner channels MNTV, Skynet Up to Date and Readers’ Channel, as well as partner channels MWD HD, MWD Variety Channel, and the MRTV Online Platform, including MOI Website, MOI YouTube, and MRTV APP. In addition, it will also be broadcast live on Myanmar Radio, Thazin FM, Mandalay FM, Pinsawaty FM, Shwe FM, Padamya FM, FM Bagan, Cherry FM, Star FM, and the Myanmar Radio App. — MNA

NATIONAL

Acting President, SSPC Chair and wife contribute K10 million to 48th Film Elders' Ceremony



The 105th Myanmar Motion Pictures Day and the 48th Respect-Paying Ceremony for film industry elders in progress yesterday, inaugurated by Deputy Minister U Ye Tint and dignitaries.

THE 105th Myanmar Motion Pictures Day and 48th Respect-Paying Ceremony for film industry elders took place at the office of Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization in Bahan Township of Yangon yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Tint, Yangon Region Ethnic Affairs Minister U Saw Jacob Htoo, MMPO Chair U Kyi Soe Tun and relevant officials cut the ribbon to inaugurate the 105th Myanmar Motion Pictures Day.

They observed the shops in the MMPO compound.

During the 48th Respect-Paying Ceremony for film industry elders, the deputy minister presented K10 million

donated 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 and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla to U Aung Lwin, patron of MMPO, while K15 million donated by the region government, K3 million by the Ministry of Information, over K6.7million by Forever Group, K2 million by USDP (central), K1 million by region USDP and K2.8 million by Mingalar Cinema Shin Family.

The deputy minister and party paid respect to the elderly and concluded the event. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar detains 51 undocumented foreign entrants



Immigration processes are underway for the deportation of 51 undocumented foreign entrants.

MYANMAR detained 31 Chinese nationals, 15 Filipinos, four Indonesians and one Pakistani, totaling 51 individuals, involved in telecom fraud and other criminal activities in Kayin State, yesterday.

Between 30 January and 13 October 2025, a total of 9,490 illegal immigrants were identified and detained in Myanmar. Of this number, 9,337 individuals have already been deported through

Thailand to their respective countries, while arrangements are being made to deport the remaining 153 individuals. These individuals are currently under detention while awaiting repatriation.

The government is strictly cracking down on online scams and online gambling by cooperating with other countries, including neighbouring countries. — MNA/KTZH

2 special criminal appeal cases, 5 special civil appeal cases passed judgements, and 2 special criminal appeal cases, 4 special civil appeal cases heard

A special appeal tribunal consisting of Union Chief Justice U Tha Htay and judges of the Union Supreme Court Daw Khin May Yi, U Thein Ko Ko, U Win Myint and Daw Soe Khet Khet was convened Monday morning at the Supreme Court of the Union

and passed judgements for two special criminal appeal cases — Nos 4/2025 (Yangon) and 5/2025 (Bago), and five special civil appeal cases – Nos 4/2025 (Yangon), 26/2025 (Yangon), 27/2025 (Ayeawady), 29/2025 (Sagaing) and 30/2025 (Shan).

In addition, a total of six special appeal cases: two special criminal appeal cases — Nos 6/2025 (Mon) and 7/2025 (Mon), and four special civil appeal cases — 31/2025 (Mandalay), 32/2025 (Mandalay), 33/2025 (Kachin) and 34/2025 (Kachin) were heard. — MNA



Myanmar reports no new COVID-19 cases

THE Ministry of Health tested 133 samples from 8 pm on 5 October 2025 to 8 pm on 12 October 2025, and no approved case was detected. During the period no new casualties were reported.

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

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

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

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We must invest in human resources to adapt rapidly changing global economy

❖ In order to adapt and thrive alongside the rapidly changing global economy, we must invest in human resources. Our large workforce must be provided with proper education and comprehensive training.
(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)

Yangon palm oil reference prices stable for two weeks

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil set for the Yangon market this week, ending 19 October, remained unchanged at K6,585 per viss, like that of the previous week, according to the Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution.

The Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia, adding transport costs, tariffs and banking services to decide the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil weekly. Despite the reference price, the market price is way too high. To control overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed consumers of



Workers are seen organizing cooking oil jerrycans for distribution and sale.

lodging complaints for overcharging through the call centre hotline in late August. The department urges consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices. The Committee notified that any person who is involved in price gouging and oil storage to attempt market manipulation will

face legal action under the Essential Goods and Services Law. The department is working together with the Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and the cooking oil importing companies to offer affordable rates of imported palm oil for consumers. The complaints for overcharging can be lodged over hotline 1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs Department, or sent to the Facebook page of the department and the region and state departments concerned. The domestic palm oil consumption is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local palm oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. About 700,000 tonnes of palm oil are imported annually through Malaysia and Indonesia to meet domestic demands. — NN/KK

MoALI supports lowland coffee farmers

ROBUSTA low-land coffee growers can seek assistance from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung observed the blossoming of one to nine-month coffee plants and the harvesting of coffee cherries at an acre coffee farm at Office 15 in Nay Pyi Taw on 9 October, in addition to visiting 2.5 acres of low-land coffee cultivation at Office 36 and 0.5 acres of coffee farm at Office 50 in Nay Pyi Taw. During the inspection trip, officials explained planting coffee under the shade of perennial trees grown during the animal monsoon tree planting festival and the growth stages of the plants by age.

The Union minister instructed officials concerned to disseminate the successful cultivation of low-land coffee in Nay Pyi Taw and low-land areas to the public and provide practical demonstration and necessary assistance to the coffee growers in line with rules and regulations.



PyinOoLwin Township produces 500 metric tonnes of coffee per year while 700 metric tonnes are produced in Ywangan with Shan State being a top producer. **PHOTO: KANU**

Robusta coffee can be grown at low altitudes from sea level to 2,500 feet and below under shady trees like mango, cashew, macadamia and rubber to benefit growth and yield. Furthermore, they also thrive between betel nut trees in the coastal regions. Thus, it is suitable for manageable farming to commercial farming in Myanmar. Since Robusta coffee is a commercially valued crop, those interested farmers can contact the ministry (Office 15) for necessary assistance, including technical assistance. — NN/KK

MoALI seeks macadamia export deal with China

THE Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation called for an Expression of Interest for companies that want to export macadamia nuts to China.

Those companies need to register in accordance with the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Protocol measures as per the bilateral agreement between Myanmar and China.

Interested business entities need to submit EOI by 30 November 2025 to the Agriculture Department in the respective regions and states.

Applications are available at the Department of Agriculture located on Bayintnaung Road, Insein, Yangon, through 01 644214, 09 794399321, and 095070186 or can be downloaded via www.doa.gov.mm and www.ppd.doa.gov.mm. — NN/KK

Use pesticides properly to prevent crop residue

FOR food security, various varieties of crops are cultivated to increase yields and produce quality ones. From the start of cultivation, however, farmers inevitably use chemical inputs such as pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. The chemicals applied to control pests and fungi that damage trees and crops are, in fact, substances harmful to consumers. In severe cases, they can even be fatal.

Various pesticides are being produced worldwide to control different pests that damage crops and trees. Thousands of pesticide brands are competing in global markets, and it is learned that over 3.5 million tonnes of agricultural pesticides are used annually around the world.

As Myanmar is primarily an agricultural country, it is necessary to systematically handle crops at every stage - cultivation, harvesting, and storage - to ensure they are free from chemical residues. For food safety, only residue-free products can guarantee consumer protection from health risks and prevent rejection in international markets.

People who are exposed to pesticides and fertilizers for long periods can develop liver cirrhosis, liver fibrosis, or liver cancer, and other vital organs of the human body may also be damaged. Although most of the pesticides produced worldwide are used in developed countries and only about 20 per cent are consumed in developing countries, the majority of pesticide poisoning cases occur in developing nations. Hence, it is necessary to raise farmer awareness to systematically use pesticides.

Farmers must learn how to handle and apply them systematically. Using pesticides in the correct proportions ensures effective pest control. Overuse or excessive application of pesticides and fertilizers can leave chemical residues in crops, posing risks to consumers and even leading to rejection in foreign markets. Crops should be harvested only after 14 days following pesticide application. If not, harmful chemical residues can endanger consumers' health.

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OUT of my parents and my own arrangement, I left for Australia in March 1979 to study my own postgraduate, Master of Laws (LLM) studies at Monash University in Australia.

After a few days' stop in Sydney, I proceeded to Melbourne by air. I have an introduction letter from retired Burmese Chief Justice U Myint Thein (22 February 1900-3 October 1994) to then Chief Justice of Australia Sir Garfield Barwick (22 June 1903-13 July 1997), and I went to see Sir Garfield in his office in Sydney to pay my respects to him. Later on, I was told by Uncle U Myint Thein that Sir Garfield wrote to U Myint Thein, thanking him for his letter and that I was a 'smart young man' or words to that effect.

On or about 31 March 1979, I proceeded by plane from Sydney to Melbourne. I sent a telegram from Sydney to Melbourne to the Sub-Dean of the Law Faculty, Dr Malcolm D H (David, Hamilton) Smith (Mal) (21 August 1945-22 June 2006), that I would be arriving at Melbourne's Tullamarine airport on or about 1 April 1979. I provided the flight number and the scheduled arrival time in the telegram. (Mal has written to me to inform him and Monash staff of my scheduled arrival. In retrospect, I should have telephoned him (see below).

When I arrived at Melbourne airport, there was no one to meet me. I approached one of the ground staff at the airport about how to proceed to the Howitt Hall of Monash University, where they had made a booking for the student hostel. The woman ground staff telephoned Monash Uni switchboard, saying, I recall correctly, 'there's a chap here who said someone is supposed to take him to Monash University, how do I assist him,' or words to that effect. It was a weekend, so the Law Faculty was closed. I inquired from the ground staff on how to proceed to Monash University, and they gave me directions. So, my very first arrival in Melbourne to go to Howitt Hall of Monash University in 31 March 1979 or 1 April 1979 was more complicated than going back from Rangoon University to Khabaung Hall by three buses on Fresher welcome day at RASU on 1 September 1970 (as stated in my article in 3 October 2025 issue of GNLM 'Reminiscences

Reminiscences of Monash University as my first stint of postgraduate studies in Law

Arrival at Monash University, Australia: More complicated than taking the wrong bus to Khabaung Hall at RASU

of RASU Fresher Day').

First, I took a bus from Melbourne's Tullamarine airport to the Flinders Street railway station in the middle of the city. I alighted from the bus at Flinders Street railway station with my two bags, which I had to carry along with me. I did check the signboard at the railway station and/or enquire again from the ground staff, which would take me to the nearest station to Monash University (Clayton campus). Then I walked down the stairs and took the relevant railway line to go to the nearest train station to Monash University.

This time, unlike my trip from RASU to Khabaung Hall, I took the right train line. From the nearest train station, there was (in 1979) and there still is in 2025 (from internet search) a shuttle bus that goes to Monash University (Clayton campus). I took the bus to Monash campus. The bus stop was close to the Faculty of Law at Monash University. Since it was a weekend end the Faculty was closed. How to get to Howitt Hall about at least a few thousand yards away, with my two bags? Felicitously, a Monash security patrol was touring in a minivan. I requested his help to send me to Howitt Hall. He radioed his colleague that he was 'sending a young man who has just arrived in the country' to Howitt Hall.

Later on, I narrated the story to my Australian friend, Dr Frank and Mrs Margot Broderick. When they visited Burma and narrated that to my late father, Dr San Baw (29 June 1922-7 December 1984), this 'story'. My father told them that if he had known in advance of me proceeding alone from Melbourne airport by bus, train and bus again to the Monash University halls of residence, he would have been much worried.

I checked in at Howitt Hall,

and on Monday, 2 April 1979, I walked to the Faculty of Law. I first met the Secretary of the Law Faculty, Ms Zoe Pask (later Edney), and she was very surprised that I had arrived without informing them. (I do not know where Zoe is now) I explained the situation. When I met Dr Malcolm Smith and he confirmed that he had not received my telegram.

Professor C G Weeramantry and his comments on the 'Mums and Dads' judicial system

On my first day at Monash Law Faculty, I also met Professor C G Weeramantry (from Sri Lanka) (17 November 1926-5 January 2017) and Mr Leighton Morris, a Senior Lecturer at the Law Faculty. Professor Weeramantry later became a Judge in the International Court of Justice and its Vice President. I was to enrol in their classes that semester ('Theories of Justice' with Weeramantry and 'Air Law' with Leighton Morris). When I first met Weeramantry, I ended my sentences with 'sir'. After a few 'sirs' from me, Professor Weeramantry (hereafter at times 'W') said, "It is no longer a tradition to end your sentences with sir. You will get used to that." To which I almost replied with a 'Yes, sir'. When I met him again at the University of Malaya Law Faculty, where he was a guest speaker in August 1991, I said once or twice 'sir' to him albeit he did not correct me that time. I was a commentator on his presentation 'Does International Law Matter' which he gave at the Shangri-La Hotel in Kuala Lumpur a few days earlier.

When we first met in April 1979, Weeramantry also asked me whether there is a 'Mums and Dads' judicial system in Burma. Weeramantry was referring to the People's judicial system practised in Burma since 7 August

1972 to about September 1988. Around 90 per cent of the then People's Judges do not have any legal qualifications, and they took the place of professional judges starting on that day. The late Judicial Minister (as he then was), Dr Maung Maung (31 January 1925- 1 July 1994). (in the Burmese language) *Courts Manual* in the year 1972 wrote that just because the People's judges do not have University or Law degrees, do not assume that they cannot be competent judges. Most Mums and Dads had to adjudicate disputes between their children. And the administration of justice is as simple as that'.

That report by the late journalist 'M C Tun' (Maung Chit Tun) appeared in the August 1972 issue of the now-defunct *Far Eastern Economic Review*. W told me that the news item was distributed to the delegates at an international conference on comparative law. That was how W came to know about 'Mum's and Dad's judicial system'. I took Professor Weeramantry's course 'Theories of Justice'. As for the term paper, he suggested that I write a jurisprudential analysis of the then-Burmese judicial system. I submitted a 7,500-word term paper titled 'A commentary on the current Burmese (People's Justice) judicial system from the viewpoints of Plato, the Socialist School and the American realist movement'. W gave me a credit on that paper, albeit in the comments he wrote '... The candidate writes reasonably well but is prone to making mistakes in English expression. Examples are (he gave a few examples) ... therefore, a wide course of reading in English and a concentration on English expression is recommended if he is to do well in the rest of the course. He had the ability and analytical skills

required, and it would be a pity if he allowed this weakness to mar his presentations'. Unfortunately, I have lost the paper that I wrote for the Theories of Justice course.

The telegram from Sydney to Melbourne that took 42 days to reach its destination

But back to the telegram that I sent on or about 30 March 1979 from Sydney to Mal (Dr Malcolm Smith). Around mid-May 1979, roughly about 42 days after I sent the telegram, Mal sent me a handwritten note stating to the effect to come and see him since he wanted to show me something. When I went to see him in his office, there it was, the telegram that I sent to Mal about 42 days ago! I affirm that this really did happen, and even now, I am at a loss as to how that telegram took 42 days to reach its destination.

Why don't you write your term papers in Burmese?

I am embarrassed to admit that my handwriting is bad. I first wrote my term paper in my handwriting before I requested Ms Zoe Pask (mentioned above) to type it for me. Zoe, at times, had difficulty reading my handwriting. Mal teasingly said, 'Why don't you write in Burmese?'. Even though I arranged to type my Theories of Justice paper in the first semester of 1979 for the second semester in the Comparative Family Law course taught by visiting Professor Winston P Nagan from the University of Florida in the United States, I was unable to arrange to type it. Professor Nagan taught Comparative Family Law, and I wrote about 'A Comparison of Divorce in Australian Law and Burmese Customary Law'. Both Weeramantry and Nagan awarded me with Credit. W gave me 65 per cent - a credit. Winston Nagan gave me 70 per

cent (five marks short of distinction). Slightly different from Prof. W's remarks on my writing skills Professor Nagan wrote that my 'writing skills are, taking his background into account, surprisingly good'. Winston Nagan also wrote that 'if I had been unnecessarily stingy with my marks (by not giving a distinction), it is because the handwritten paper makes precise marking difficult'. I am grateful to both the late Professor Malcom Smith, the late Professor and judge Christopher Weeramantry and Professor Winston P Nagan for their concern, dedication and teaching.

I have written that Monash Law was my first post-graduate law study experience. But I did not graduate from Monash Law, as I would briefly narrate.

I have to take two subjects in the first semester (March to June 1979) at Monash. As a person who has an interest in both international law and legal philosophy (Jurisprudence), I decided to take Theories of Justice (taught by Weeramantry) and International Economic Law, taught by Mr Andrew Farran. (A web search indicates that Professor Farran is academically active and is contributing articles on, among others, Donald Trump's tariffs as recently as June 2025). But Weeramantry's and Farran's classes were held at the same time in different rooms. So, I had to take the second choice of 'Air Law'. For a person who is not that well-trained in aspects of common law of Contract, Torts, Property, Carriage of Goods, etc., it was a difficult course for me. It caused me considerable anxiety. I wrote to my parents about my worries over the course. I also went to Malcolm Smith's office, talking to him about 'Air Law'. Mal mentioned in one of his reference letters that I overcame

the difficulties one by one and passed the course. Though I was slack in not sending a telegram to my parents after I arrived at Monash, I did send a telegram to my father, who then was chief of orthopaedic surgery at Rangoon General Hospital: 'Pass Air Law exam'. I learned that my father almost shouted and showed the telegram to the late gynaecologist and Chair of the then Burma Medical Association, the late Dr Shwe Tin and his family.

In the second semester, I was scheduled to take two courses. In addition to Comparative Family Law, taught by Professor Nagan as stated above, I initially enrolled in *International Air Law* (not merely domestic air law, a new course), also taught by Leighton Morris. Leighton told me not to make too many photocopies of cases since he said 'it gives a false sense of security'. Fearing that I might not do well in the course, I withdrew from it.

In the (Australian) summer of 1979-80, I did not take any courses but worked clerical jobs, which the late Professor Enid Campbell (30 October 1922-20 January 2010) assigned to me.

From Monash to The Australian National University

I was scheduled to take 'Japanese Law' where Mal Smith was the course convenor. In the first semester of 1979, Mal suggested that I take his course 'Japanese Law', which I did not. I opt for 'Air Law'. As compensation, I enrolled in Japanese Law for the first semester in 1980. Then, on 6 March 1980, I received the following telegram from the late G E Dicker, the Registrar of the Australian National University

QUOTE

Glad to offer an ANU Master's Degree Scholarship for

the Master of International Law by coursework. Letter Follows. Please respond by 11 March. Regards. Dicker NatUniv.

UNQUOTE

I applied for scholarships in October 1979 at both Monash and ANU Law and had given up on them by March 1980 since I had not heard from them. Then came the ANU offer.

I discussed the ANU scholarship with then Sub-Dean Francine McKniff (24 March 1948-2 April 2015), and she said it would not be possible for me to get a scholarship at Monash at this late stage for the academic year 1980. She suggested that I take the ANU offer and wrote me a letter of introduction to the coordinator of the Graduate International Programme at the ANU, Dr J-P Fonteyne (I cannot verify his whereabouts now). Part of the letter by Francine reads, 'We are sorry to lose him from Monash. But the realities of finances are such that we wish him all the best for his work in Canberra'.

Malcolm Smith as Mentor

I am grateful and pay my respects to my teachers at Monash: the late Professor Weeramantry, Professor Winston Nagan and Mr Leighton Morris as well as to the late Francine McKniff for her kind words she wrote (Francine bequeathed 3.2 million Australian dollars to her alma mater Monash Law for a Chair in Criminology and for two PhD students to study criminology in perpetuity) on-line sources stated. But my foremost mentor for more than 25 years, since my Monash days, was the late Professor Malcolm Smith. Sadly, Mal passed away at the age of sixty in 2006. The 21st of August 2025 would have been his eightieth birthday. There is a Malcolm D H Smith scholarship for students doing Asian (Law) Studies at the University of Melbourne Law School, and I have contributed funds to it.

About a year before Mal passed away, I dedicated my article published in the *Victoria University of Wellington Law Review* to Mal. He kindly thanked me for the honour of the Dedication.

This Monash reminiscence, so to speak, is also dedicated to the memory of Mal Smith.

NATIONAL

11 KIA/KPF members rejoin legal fold

THE government is extending an invitation to those involved in various armed groups, including the PDF, to return to the legal fold. Those who do so are being provided with necessary assistance and support.

A total of 11 members of KIA/KPF, who came to understand and accept the true stance of the State and Tatmadaw, returned to the legal fold yesterday.

At the handover ceremony, they returned to the legal fold through nearby Tatmadaw bases and were accepted by responsible officials, who provided the necessary assistance and support. They were handed over to their parents or guardians at the local station hall of PutaO township, Kachin State, yesterday.

The individuals who re-



The handover ceremony for 11 KIA/KPF members to rejoin legal fold underway yesterday.

turned to the legal fold signed the pledge and were handed over to their parents or guardians.

The returning members

stated that they could no longer accept the terrorist acts committed by the armed groups, such as forced conscription, threatening, arresting, and

killing innocent civilians and civil servants for the benefit of terrorist organizations, planting mines and destroying non-military infrastructure like roads

and bridges. They also cited racial discrimination, internal hierarchical oppression, torture, killings, violence, poor living conditions, and demoralization due to an inability to resist Tatmadaw operations as reasons for leaving. Moreover, they expressed trust in the State and Tatmadaw's peace processes and a desire to live peacefully under the law, hoping to contribute back to the State and people whom they had caused losses to.

There are still individuals who wish to return to the legal fold. Those who intend to do so are encouraged to promptly contact and report to the nearest Tatmadaw bases or police stations. They will be welcomed and accepted, provided with the necessary assistance and support, and cash rewards for any arms and ammunition. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(ISSUED at 7 pm Monday 13 October 2025)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is a few cloud over the Northeast Bay and partly cloudy over the Eastcentral Bay of Bengal. Monsoon is weak over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 14 OCTOBER 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, and Taninthayi Regions and Kayin, and Mon States, fairly widespread in Yangon, Bago, Magway, and Ayeyawady Regions and Chin, and southern Shan States, scattered in Kayah State and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, and Magway Regions. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, and southern Shan States. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with 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 Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 4-6 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Weak monsoon over the Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST FOR NAYPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 OCTOBER 2025:

One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

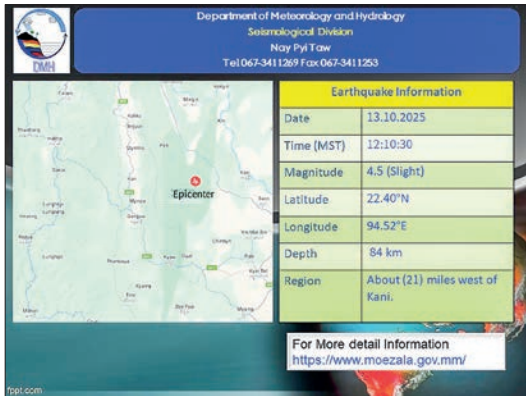
FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 OCTOBER 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 OCTOBER 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

EARTHQUAKE

(Issued at 12:25 pm MST)

A slight earthquake of magnitude 4.5 Richter Scale with its epicentre inside Myanmar (about 21 miles west of Kani, latitude 22.40°N, longitude 94.52°E, depth 84 kilometres, about 61 miles east-southeast of Haka seismological observatory was recorded at 12 hours 10 minutes 30 seconds MST on 13 October 2025. — DMH



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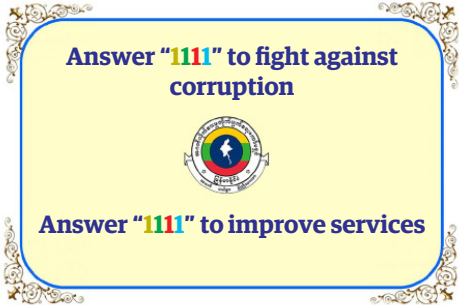
THE Anti-Corruption Commission has established corruption prevention units within ministries to curb corruption effectively.

The ACC used SMS on mobile phones to ask the public who sought services at an office of the department of the relevant ministries via short code No "1111" for feedback, including the public feedback programme (PFP).

According to the PFP, the proper replies of the citizens via short code No "1111" will provide the quality of services of each department and the requirements for corruption prevention to be fixed.

Therefore, the public should reply to the questions of the ACC and corruption prevention units of the ministries via SMS at short code "1111". Such doing is a supportive measure for PFP, and the people are urged to cooperate in the operations.

Anti-Corruption Commission



Gold Market Rate as of 13 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.

NATIONAL

MOE, PTTEP discuss boosting Yadana and Zawtika gas output

THE Ministry of Energy (MOE) and PTTEP are working together to drill new wells to extract more natural gas from the Yadana and Zawtika projects, and to sign necessary agreements to start new offshore projects.

Union Minister U Ko Ko Lwin and Mr Montri Rawanchaikul, Chief Executive Officer of PTTEP International Limited, discussed the aforesaid matters in Nay Pyi Taw on 10 October.

The MOE is coordinating to ensure that the first gas production from the new offshore project, Aung Sinkha, which is intended to be used for domestic power generation, can be started in 2028, and the agreements can be concluded as soon as possible.

During the bilateral meeting, the Union minister informed that there are good opportunities to invest in new offshore projects with good assurance and the Thai



This photo captures oil and gas offshore blocks.

state-owned PTTEP International is invited to come and invest in liquefied natural gas (LNG) import, storage and distribution

operations in Myanmar.

Union Minister U Ko Ko Lwin has urged those responsible to make efforts to start pro-

ducing natural gas from the new wells being drilled in the Zawtika project by early 2026. — Htun Htun/ZN

Myanmar Thabin Day to be designated soon

THE traditional Myanmar theatrical art (Thabin) is one of the country's most treasured national cultural arts. They will implement a commemoration of 'Myanmar Thabin Day' as soon as possible, according to a statement from the Myanmar Thabin Association (Central).

There is evidence that the Myanmar Thabin, which involves playing music and dancing, originated during the Pyu era and has been practised since then. It is one of the most treasured national cultural arts, the association said on 12 October, regarding the designation of a day to honour it.

In the near future, artists from various fields, including historians, technicians, and



A scene from the fourth Ceremony of Paying Respect to Myanmar Thabin Seniors.

scholars, will be participating in the seminars for "Designating Myanmar Thabin Day" organized by the association as soon as possible.

Regarding the designation of the 'Myanmar Thabin Day', suggestions and histor-

ical facts can be sent to the office of the association at the corner of Insein Station Road and Lanthit Road, Insein Township, Yangon, via phone numbers 01 371528, 01 3640982 and 01 3640983, it stated. — MT/ZN

Hotels, motels fully booked for Taunggyi Tazaungdine Festival

HOTEL and motel rooms have already been fully booked for the Taunggyi Tazaungdine Festival, and the visitor arrival is expected to be large, according to sources from the tourism industry.

"According to hoteliers, all rooms are already booked," said an official from the Union of Myanmar Travel Association (UMTA).

Bookings have already been made for Tazaungdine since before the Thadingyut Festival, and due to no available rooms left, residents have now rented out their bungalows and separate houses for short stays, and some people have planned to stay in Kalaw and Nyaungshwe.

In addition to Taunggyi, bookings have been large for

Tazaungdine holiday in PyinOoLwin, Inle, Bagan, Chaungtha and Ngwehsaung as well, he said.

In this year's Thadingyut, the local visitor arrival was larger than that of last year, and there is also a likelihood of an increase in the local visitor arrival in the coming Tazaungdine Festival.

The 2025 Taunggyi Tazaungdine traditional hot-air balloon festival will be celebrated from 29 October to 5 November at Ahweiya hot-air balloon ground. — MT/ZS



The 2024 Taunggyi Tazaungdine hot-air balloon festival is in progress.

Embassies extend Form 15 submission deadline for advance voting

THE date for the submission of filled-in Form 15 for advance voting for overseas voters has been extended again, as relevant embassies announced on 13 October.

Relevant Myanmar Embassies made the extension until 15 October in Ottawa and the Republic of Korea, and until 16 October in Malaysia and Manila, Philippines.

The embassy in the Republic of Korea previously announced that the date for the submission of Form 15 was extended to 6 October, and it said a further extension will be made until 15 October in order for all eligible voters not to be missed.

Therefore, eligible voters in the Republic of Korea can send the filled-in Form 15 to

the embassy, Hannam-daero 28-gil 12, Yongsan-gu, Seoul, 04418, the Republic of Korea, email: seoul-embassy@mofagov.mm, via 02 7903814, 02 7903815, and 02 7903816, it said.

Voters will need to separately fill in their contact address, email and phone number on a paper attached to the Form 15, it said. — MT/ZS

NATIONAL

Historic Wazira Cinema to be restored to its original architectural design



The Wazira is seen during inspection.

ACCORDING to the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization, the historic Wazira Cinema in Kyauktada Township, Yangon Region, will be restored in line with its original architectural design.

After the government upgrades the Wazira Cinema to a Red Carpet Theatre, the venue will not only continue to operate as a cinema but will also serve as a space for stage plays, theatrical performances, puppet shows, dance and

music events, discussions, meetings, training sessions, studios, and other artistic creations.

“We are planning to complete the renovation work of the Wazira Cinema by the second week of March 2026. Wazira is a century-old cinema where film, theatre, and music artistes have, across generations, entertained the public through films and performances,” said an official from the Myanmar Motion

Pictures Organization.

Located at 327, Bogyoke Aung San Road, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, the Wazira Cinema was originally built in 1923. The building, adorned with Beaux-Arts architectural designs blending styles from the 16th to 18th centuries and decorated with sculptures and reliefs, is regarded as a landmark that deserves to be preserved with pride as part of Myanmar’s cinematic heritage. — ASH/KNN

MRTV-4 to broadcast new drama series on 17 Oct

MRTV-4 will broadcast a new Myanmar television drama series titled ‘Myuhnin Toh Htawara Wai’, according to director Ko Ko Win.

The drama series is based on a popular novel by the distinguished writer Kalaya (Arts/Science). The screenplay was written by Kyaw Kyaw Htun and Kyaw Yaza Ko, and Ko Ko Win directed the series.

“This series is adapted from writer Kalaya’s most popular novel. While adapting it into a television drama, we ensured that we remained faithful to the original story and preserved its essence. With a strong storyline and talented cast, we have filmed it with the highest quality possible,” said director Ko Ko Win.

The cast includes Shin Mway La, Phone Shein Khant, Ya Mon Myint Myat, Great Chan, Thanzin Seesar, Eh Wai Tha, Han Htet San, Hmue Thiha Thu, Min Myat Thukha, Nay Wun, Soe San, Htet Aung Htoo, Poethar Khin Khin, Academy Ye Aung, L Nay Naw, Academy Cho Pyone, Academy Wah Wah Aung, Gwan Pon Gyi, and many others.

The series will air on MRTV-4 starting from 17 October, broadcasting at 7:00 pm every Monday to Friday. — ASH/KNN



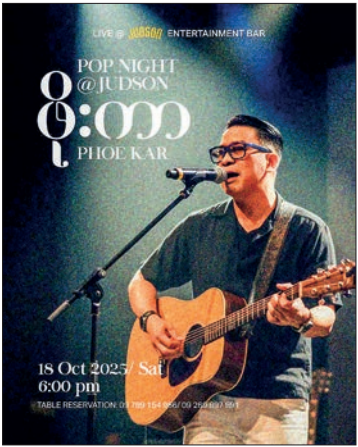
This image shows a promotional poster for the Myanmar television drama ‘Myuhnin Toh Htawara Wai’.

Popular singer to perform at Judson Entertainment Bar on 18 Oct

A live music concert titled Pop Night@Judson by singer Pho Kar will be held at the Judson Entertainment Bar in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Region, at 6 pm on 18 October, according to the singer.

The singer’s vocal performances alongside various singers will be accompanied by the outstanding live music of the well-known Judson Band.

“I’ll be performing at the Judson Entertainment Bar on the evening of 18 October. As the name suggests, it’ll be a Pop Night, so let’s sing along to pop songs together! Let’s enjoy the evening by revisiting



This image captures a poster for Pho Kar’s Pop Night @ Judson concert.

some of my songs that my fans have missed,” said Pho Kar. — ASH/KNN

Myanmar, Belarus discuss direct flights, visa-free travel, and tour packages



This image shows the map for the flight path of Belarus-Hanoi-Yangon.

MYANMAR and Belarus discussed launching direct flights between the two countries, visa exemption, and a Belarus-Bangkok-Hanoi-Yangon tour package during the second meeting of the Myanmar-Belarus Joint Committee on Trade and Economic Cooperation, according to the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations.

“We will make an effort to connect flights between Myanmar and Belarus and visa visa-free travel agreement. We need to conduct tourism marketing. We will create a compelling Belarus-Bangkok-Hanoi-Yangon tour package. There are about 150,000-200,000 travellers from Belarus to Bangkok and Hanoi,” said an official of the ministry.

Moreover, Belarus showed an interest in importing Myanmar

rice, rubber, fishery products, and clothes manufactured on a Cut, Make, and Pack basis. They are willing to purchase Myanmar rubber, Konjac, Cassava, coffee seed and dried fruits. Myanmar is eyeing agricultural equipment, pharmaceutical equipment, some pharmaceuticals (especially for cancer treatment), and dairy products for imports. Belarus is also interested in opening showrooms in Myanmar.

Furthermore, two countries agreed to make bilateral investment and trade transactions in Russian rouble and Chinese yuan.

At present, Myanmar and Belarus are endeavouring to strengthen ties.

Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn said a speech during a meeting with the Belarusian Entertainment Troupe and Vice-Chair Mr Alexander Ostrovsky of the Myanmar-Russia Friendship Association, on 8 October, that Belarus was a good friend of Myanmar. Since the two countries have deepened a friendly and close tie, he believed that holding musical performances would serve as a bridge between the people of the two countries. — ASH/KK

Japanese companies
employing various
strategies to retain
college hires



Photo shows the Geppo app for employees to input their emotional well-being. (Photo courtesy of Recruit Co) **PHOTO: KYODO**

HAVING wrapped up re-recruitment activities and orientation for upcoming university graduates who will join the workforce next spring, many Japanese companies are now focusing on ensuring their young hires do not quit within a few years, a growing trend that has become a corporate headache.

Some firms are utilizing apps to track the emotional state of new employees, while others are allowing hires to apply for specific locations or departments instead of the long-standing practice of assignments being determined by companies. According to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, 34.9 per cent of university graduates who entered the workforce in spring 2021 left their jobs within three years, up 2.6 percentage points from the previous year.

In a multiple-choice survey on why young hires quit so soon, conducted online by Staff Service Holdings Co, the most common reason cited was “poor relationships with bosses or colleagues” at 26.3 per cent, followed by “the company culture was not the right fit” at 26.1 per cent. — Kyodo

US stocks bounce as Trump
softens China trade rhetoric

WALL Street stocks jumped in early trading Monday after President Donald Trump softened his posture on China following earlier threats of large tariffs. Trump, who on Friday announced “massive” tariffs due to Chinese restrictions on rare earths, backed off that stance, saying in a Sunday social media post “it will all be fine,” adding that the United States wants to “help” China.

About 10 minutes into trading, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 1.0 per cent at 45,946.19.

The broad-based S&P 500 gained 1.2 per cent to 6,628.99, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) at the opening bell in New York on 13 October 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

Index advanced 1.5 per cent to 22,527.53. “The market is very encouraged by the softening

stance that the president seems to have taken about tariffs and trade issues with China, that’s

manifesting itself in a big release rally,” said Steve Sosnick of Interactive Brokers. — AFP

14 km of gas pipeline installed in Afghanistan
as TAPI project continues

A total of 14 kilometres of gas pipeline has been installed in Afghanistan’s Herat province as part

of the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline, spokesman for the Minis-

try of Mines and Petroleum Humayun Afghan said Monday. The 1,814 kilometres

long TAPI project, designed to transport Turkmenistan gas to Pakistan and India via Afghanistan, is significant for post-war Afghanistan, the official added. — Xinhua

LG Electronics’
preliminary
operating
profit falls
in Q3

SOUTH Korea’s tech giant LG Electronics posted a single-digit fall in third-quarter operating profit due to the negative effect of the US tariffs imposition, the company said Monday.

Preliminary operating profit diminished 8.4 per cent from a year earlier to 688.9 billion won (US\$482.5 million) in the July-September quarter.

The reduction came from external headwinds including escalating US tariffs, but the profit surpassed recent market forecasts by more than 10 per cent. — Xinhua

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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Israel welcomes last 20 surviving hostages

ISRAEL said the last 20 surviving hostages returned home on Monday after two years in captivity in Gaza, as US President Donald Trump received a standing ovation from Israeli lawmakers after brokering a ceasefire with Hamas.

Trump’s lightning visit to Israel came ahead of a summit in the Egyptian resort town of Sharm El-Sheikh co-chaired by the American president, who has declared the war in Gaza “over”.

In Tel Aviv, a huge crowd which gathered to support hostage families erupted in joy, tears and song as news broke of the first hostage releases, though the pain for the loss of those who had not survived was palpable.

Under the ceasefire deal, Israel is due to release nearly 2,000 prisoners held in its jails.

In the Palestinian city of Ramallah, huge crowds gathered to welcome home the first buses carrying prisoners, with some chanting “Alla-



This handout picture released by the Israeli army shows released Israeli hostage Omri Miran (R), one of the former captives in Gaza since the 7 October 2023 attacks by Palestinian militants, being received by a family member after being handed over in a prisoner-hostage swap and a ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas in Israel on 13 October 2025. **PHOTO: AFP/HANDOUT/ ISRAELI ARMY**

hu akbar”, or God is the greatest, in celebration. “Welcome home,” Israel’s foreign ministry said in a series of posts on X, hailing the return of the hostages.

On Tel Aviv’s Hostages Square, Noga shared her pain and joy. “I’m torn between emotion and sadness for those who won’t be coming back,” she said. — AFP

US govt shutdown inflicts increasing pain as it enters third week

THE US government shutdown dragged into a third week on Monday, with Congress gridlocked in a clash over spending and no resolution in sight to a crisis that has already cost thousands of jobs.

With hundreds of thousands of federal employees already on enforced leave, President Don-

ald Trump is following through on threats to take a hatchet to the workforce to pressure Democrats to agree to Republican funding demands.

Trump has vowed to find a way to pay troops due to go without their paychecks for the first time, although the uncertainty is already leading

to long lines of men and women in uniform at food banks. And Trump has warned that continued refusal by Democrats to support a House-passed resolution to fund the government through late November would result in mass layoffs targeting workers deemed aligned with the opposition party. — AFP



Vehicles wait in line to enter Joshua Tree National Park in California, on 10 October 2025, on the tenth day of the federal government shutdown. **PHOTO: AFP**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Canadian FM in India to rebuild relations

INDIAN Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Canada’s foreign minister in New Delhi on Monday, the most senior visit since both sides agreed to reinstate ambassadors after a bitter fallout.

“India-Canada bilateral relations have been steadily progressing in the last few months,” Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar told his Canadian counterpart Anita Anand, after her meeting with Modi.

“When we look at Canada, we see a complementary economy, we see another open society... that is the basis for a close, sustainable and long term cooperative framework,” Jaishankar said in brief comments broadcast by the foreign ministry.

Relations had deteriorated following Canadian accusations that New Delhi was involved in the 2023 assassination of a Canadian Sikh leader — claims India denied. — AFP

Vietnam reports over US\$330 mln in losses from Typhoon Matmo

THE damage caused by Typhoon Matmo in Vietnam were estimated at over 8.7 trillion Vietnamese dong (about US\$330.3 million) as of Monday morning, Vietnam News Agency reported, citing the Vietnam Disaster and Dyke Management Authority.

The northern province of Thai Nguyen suffered the heaviest losses, estimated at about 4 trillion Vietnamese dong (about \$151.9 million).

Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh on Sunday approved an additional emergency relief package worth 400 billion Vietnamese dong (about \$15.2 million) from the central budget reserve for four provinces — Thai Nguyen, Cao Bang, Lang Son and Bac Ninh — to help address the aftermath of recent floods, local daily VnEconomy reported. — Xinhua

14 injured in Philippines aftershock, weeks after deadly quake: rescuers

A moderately strong earthquake struck the central Philippine island of Cebu Monday, injuring at least 14 people and damaging infrastructure already weakened by a deadly tremor two weeks earlier, officials said.

The magnitude 5.7 aftershock, recorded by the United States Geological Survey, struck just after 1:00 am on Monday (1700 GMT Sunday).

Its epicentre was located near Bogo city, the same area devastated by a 6.9 magnitude quake on 30 September that killed 75 people and damaged or destroyed 72,000 houses, according to the provincial government.

The latest tremor tore up a road in the town of San Remigio and caused a wall to collapse at a government hospital in Bogo, which had already sustained damage in the earlier quake, local officials said.

Eight people were injured in Bogo, while six were hurt in San Remigio and the municipality of Daanbantayan, according to official data. — AFP

SPORTS

Myanmar selects 30 preliminary women for 33rd SEA Games

THE Myanmar national women's football team has unveiled 30 preliminary players on 13 October for the upcoming XXXIII SEA Games hosted by Thailand, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

The Myanmar women's team's head coach, Japanese national Yuki Tatsuro, has selected players who showed great performance in the first leg of the Myanmar Women's League. Strikers Win Theingi Tun, who is currently playing for Sabah FC in Malaysia, and May Htet Lu, who is now in the US for her studies, have not yet been included in this squad. The women's team will travel to Japan for their training and some friendly matches from 18 October until the end of the month.

The 30-woman squad is as follows: -

Goalkeepers: Myo Mya Mya Nyein, Thuza Aung (Thitsa Arman), Ei Sanda

Zaw (Ayeyawady), Zu Latt Nady (ISPE);

Defenders: May Thet Mon Myint (Thitsa Arman), Zun Yu Ya Oo, Khin Moe Win (Ayeyawady), Phyu Phwe, Yu Yu Naing (Yangon United), Lin Lei Oo, Than Than Nwe, Hayman Soe, Hnin Pwint Aye (ISPE), Khin Myo Thanda Tun (Shan United);

Midfielder: Phyu Phyu Win, Naw Htet Htet Wai (Ayeyawady), Khin Malar Tun (ISPE), Nang Phyu Phyu Thwe, Yupar Khine (Shan United), Khin Mo Mo Tun, Win Win (Thitsa Arman), Yun Wady Hlaing, Daesi Aung (Yangon United), Ei Thet Phyo (YREO);

Forwards: Myat Noe Khin (Thitsa Arman), Yin Lunn Eain, Shwe Yee Tun (ISPE), San Thaw Thaw (Ayeyawady), Zin Moe Pyae, Su Su Kyi (Yangon United). — Maung San Gyi



This photo displays players from the Myanmar National Women's team. **PHOTO: SOE NYUNT THAW**

Ancelotti ready to make World Cup history with Brazil

NO country has ever won the World Cup with a foreign-born coach but Carlo Ancelotti said Monday that there was "always a first time" as he eyes glory with Brazil.

The Italian became Brazil's first overseas coach in six decades when he took over in May and he helped the five-times champions punch their ticket for next summer's World Cup.

Brazil face Japan in a friendly in Tokyo on Tuesday, fresh from a 5-0 hammering of South Korea in Seoul last week.

Ancelotti said he is aiming to create history for himself and his team at the World Cup in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

"My goal is to give my best for the Brazil national team, to try to get them to perform at their best and to win the World Cup," he said.

"Of course, no foreign-born coach has ever won the World Cup but there is always a first time in life."

Brazil made hard work of qualifying, finishing fifth in the South American table.

Ancelotti is their fourth coach since Tite stepped down following the quarter-final loss to Croatia at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.



Brazil's head coach Carlo Ancelotti attends a press conference ahead of the international football friendly match between Japan and Brazil at the Tokyo stadium in Chofu, Tokyo prefecture on 13 October 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

Brazil sparked against South Korea, with 18-year-old starlet Estevao scoring twice and Real Madrid pair Rodrygo and Vinicius Jr also among the goals. — AFP

Walsh wins 100m fly, Marchand falls again at Carmel short course World Cup

AMERICAN Gretchen Walsh capped a record-setting week at the short course swimming World Cup event in Carmel, Indiana, with a dominant triumph in the 100-metre butterfly on Sunday.

Walsh, who lowered her own world record in the 50-metre fly on Saturday, couldn't top her 100 metre fly world mark, but her winning time of 53.69 seconds was more than a second-faster than runner-up Alexandria Perkins, who clocked an Australian record of 54.93.

Australia's five-time Olympic champion Kaylee McKeown turned the tables on world record-holder Regan Smith in the women's 200-metre backstroke with a win in one minute 58.86 seconds.

Smith, who rallied to beat McKeown in the 100-metre back on Saturday, settled for second in 2:00.07.

Lani Pallister added another win for Aussie women in the 800-metre freestyle in 8:02.02.

Caspar Corbeau of the Netherlands won the men's 200-metre breaststroke, holding off a late charge from French star Leon Marchand to win in 2:01.63.

Corbeau, who also won the 100-metre breaststroke, led by almost a second at the 100-metre mark and hung on as Marchand — winner of four gold medals at the 2024 Paris Olympics and two individual medley golds at the World Championships in Singapore this year — closed the gap. — AFP

Barca's Olmo a doubt for Clasico after calf injury

BARCELONA midfielder Dani Olmo is a doubt for the upcoming La Liga Clasico match against Real Madrid after being diagnosed with a calf injury on Monday.

"Olmo has a muscle injury in his left calf, without connective tissue involvement," said Barcelona in a statement, not specifying his expected recovery time.

Spanish media reported Olmo could miss around a fortnight, making him a doubt to face Real Madrid at the Santiago Bernabeu on 26 October.

Olmo was sent home from the Spanish national team camp last week because of the injury.

Barca forward Ferran Torres also left the Spain camp on Monday because of muscular discomfort.

Torres was "diagnosed with muscle overload without any structural injury" said Spain, and he will miss their 2026 World Cup qualifier against Bulgaria on Tuesday. — AFP



WORLD

NATO launches major nuclear drills

NATO's annual Steadfast Noon nuclear deterrence exercises began Monday, involving 71 aircraft from 14 countries, including US, German, Swedish, and Finnish forces.

Germany has deployed Tornado fighter-bombers capable of carrying US nuclear weapons. The exercise "sends a clear signal to any potential adversary that we will and can protect and defend all allies against all threats," NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte said. President Putin has stated numerously that Russia has no intention of attacking NATO countries. The Western alarm is a political manipulation to distract from domestic issues, he said. — SPUTNIK

Russia and India commence joint Indra-2025 military exercise

THE ceremonial opening of the Russia-India "Indra-2025" exercise has taken place in India, where military personnel from both countries will be practising counterterrorism operations, the Russian Defence Ministry reported.

The main stage of the Indra-2025 exercise is being conducted at the Mahajan training ground in India. The drill scenario involves a simulated terrorist attack on a populated area, with the taking of local civilians as hostages.

The exercise is held in several key stages: conducting reconnaissance and locating terrorist groups, deploying Russian and Indian army military equipment and units, blocking and countering the sabotage and reconnaissance groups of the terrorists while on the move, and providing first aid for the hostages and evacuating them. The training mission is also practising the use of drones for strikes and intel collection, electronic warfare systems, and the delivery of ammunition to the combat area as part of a logistical drill. — SPUTNIK

Xi puts forward proposals to advance women's all-round development



Chinese President Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan pose for a group photo with the heads of foreign delegations and their spouses attending the Global Leaders' Meeting on Women in Beijing, capital of China, 13 October 2025. Xi attended the opening ceremony of the Global Leaders' Meeting on Women and delivered a keynote speech at the China National Convention Centre in Beijing on Monday. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Monday put forward four proposals to accelerate the process of women's all-round development.

Addressing the opening ceremony of the Global Leaders' Meeting on Women held in Beijing, Xi said that the proposals were introduced to build a wider consensus, open up broader pathways and take more practical actions for this cause, as women's all-round development is still facing complex challenges.

The Chinese president proposed joining efforts in fostering an enabling environment for women's growth and development. "Their all-round development is achieved under the prerequisite of peace and tranquillity," Xi said.

He emphasized the need to enhance the protection of women and girls in regions struck by war, conflict, poverty or natural disaster, and support the vital role of women in preventing conflict and rebuilding their homes. It is crucial to improve mechanisms against violence and resolutely crack down on all forms of violence against women, Xi added.

The president proposed cultivating powerful momentum for the high-quality development of women's cause.

Xi urged efforts to address the imbalance and inadequacy of women's development around the world, and enable all women to share the benefits of economic globalization. It is important to harness scientific and technological innovation to

empower women's high-quality development, and to support women in playing an even bigger role in green development.

Xi also proposed developing governance frameworks to protect women's rights and interests. He called for improving institutions and laws, and introducing further tangible and accessible policy measures, and channelling more quality health and educational resources to all women. It is vital to promote an inclusive and harmonious social environment that sets women free from discrimination and bias, broaden the channels for women to participate in and deliberate on political affairs, and support their extensive engagement in state and social governance, he noted. — Xinhua



Kerstin Enflo (R), member of the Committee for the Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel speaks during the announcement of the winner of the 2025 Nobel Prize in Economics, the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm, Sweden, on 13 October 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

Trio wins economics Nobel for work on tech-driven growth

THE Nobel prize in economics was awarded on Monday to American-Israeli Joel Mokyr, France's Philippe Aghion and Canada's Peter Howitt for work on technology's impact on sustained economic growth.

Mokyr, 79, won one half of the prize "for having identified the prerequisites for sustained growth through technological

progress", the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said.

Aghion, 69, and Howitt, 79, shared the other half "for the theory of sustained growth through creative destruction", it added.

John Hassler, chair of the prize committee, told reporters their work answered questions about how technological innovation drives growth and how sustained growth can be maintained.

Mokyr, who is a professor at Northwestern University in the United States, "used historical sources as one means to uncover the causes of sustained growth becoming the new normal", the jury said in a statement. — AFP