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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.

Over 700 spectators enjoy Traditional Myanmar Puppet Show hosted by UMTA

The show treated audiences to a rich variety of performances, including collaborative acts between humans and puppets, puppet-only programmes, presentations by the Shwe Pyi Theinga Art Troupe, and traditional Myanmar musical renditions featuring instruments such as the Pattala (xylophone) and Saung (traditional Myanmar harp).



This image displays the Myanmar Puppet Show, organized by the Union of Myanmar Travel Association.

APPROXIMATELY 700 people attended the Traditional Myanmar Puppet Show organized by the International Relations Committee of the Union of Myanmar Travel Association

(UMTA) and held at the Secretariat (former Ministers' Office), Yangon, on 9 November, with two sessions from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm and 3 pm to 5 pm, according to the UMTA.

UMTA reported that attendees included member travel companies, individuals from various organizations, students from International Schools, and the general public. **SEE PAGE 3**

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2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

- Domestic election observers who wish to monitor the multiparty democratic general election, which will begin in phases on 28 December 2025, may apply for election observation permits at the Union Election Commission (UEC), as well as the relevant Region/State, District, and Township Election Subcommissions from today until 5 December 2025.
- The Union Election Commission announced on 16 September 2025 that domestic election observers must follow the Code of Conduct for Observers, issued under Notification 68/2025, and adhere to the procedures set out for their observation activities under Notification 69/2025. These notifications are available for viewing and can be downloaded from the Union Election Commission's official website <https://www.uec.gov.mm>.
- The Union Election Commission has also announced that international election observers will be allowed to monitor the multiparty democratic general election. Invitations will be extended directly to representatives of relevant countries and international organizations. In addition, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, invitations will be sent to representatives of foreign embassies, consulates, and permanent missions that maintain diplomatic relations with the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Union Election Commission

2025
General Election
Sunday, 28 December 2025

46
Days

- Let us encourage production for prosperity of the Nation.
- Let us ensure education sector for the development of the Nation.
- Let us protect our environment for the prosperity of the Nation.

Motto for 105th National Victory Day

Let's march towards a new golden nation in unity

10th Waning of Tazaungmone 1387ME
14 November 2025

National Interest Development Party (NIDP) delivers campaign speech

THE electoral speech of the National Interest Development Party (NIDP) is featured on page 10 of today's issue of The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper.

- Objectives for 105th National Victory Day 2025**
- ★ To preserve and protect the perpetuity and stability of the Union by all ethnic people as a national duty
 - ★ To build a nation with human resources who have perfect knowledge and skills
 - ★ To promote national education for the continued and sustainable development and prosperity of the nation
 - ★ To preserve and safeguard national cultural characteristics from disappearing

Don Dance Competition highlights 70th Kayin State Day celebrations in Hpa-an

A total of 20 dance teams took part in the Don Dance Competition held to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of Kayin State Day, and the awards ceremony took place in Hpa-an yesterday evening.

Kayin traditional don dance troupes first gave performances, after which Kayin State Chief Minister U Saw Myint Oo, the Chief Justice of the State High Court, state ministers, and officials from the respective departments presented the winning teams with awards, cash prizes, and trophies.

The Myawady District Cultural Dance Troupe, which won the first prize in the Radanya song category, and the Shwe Kokkomyaing Cultural Dance Troupe,

which received the all-round prize in the don dance, performed for the audience.

Afterwards, the 70th Kayin State Day celebrations continued with exhibitions, contests, fun activities, and sports events. The celebration also featured live music performances by nationally renowned singers He Lay, D Phyo, and Gay Gay, together with local Kayin ethnic singers, followed by the presentation of awards.

— Saw Myo Min Thein (IPRD)/MKKS

Kayin State Chief Minister U Saw Myint Oo presents the first prize to the Myawady District Cultural Dance Troupe at yesterday's event.



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)

203rd Anniversary of Brazil's Independence Day held in Yangon

THE Brazilian ambassador to Myanmar organized the 203rd Anniversary of Brazil's Independence Day at his residence in Yangon yesterday.

Brazilian Ambassador Mr Gustavo Rocha de Menezes and officials cordially greeted Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein and attendees.

The event began with the national anthems of the two countries, and the Brazilian ambassador made a speech and hosted a dinner event.

The event was also attended by Yangon Mayor U Bo Htay, ambassadors and chargés d'affaires ad iterim of foreign embassies in Yangon and resident representatives of the UN and invitees. — MNA/KTZH



The 203rd Anniversary of Brazilian Independence Day in progress yesterday in Yangon, attended by Union Minister U Than Swe, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, and dignitaries.

MoIP UM meets NISG delegation to discuss digital ID collaboration



Union Minister U Myint Kyaing holds talks with Mr Sanjeev Bhatia, Adviser for Technology and Consulting at India's National Institute for Smart Government (NISG) and his delegation yesterday.



UNION Minister for Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing received Mr Sanjeev Bhatia, Adviser for Technology and Consulting at India's National Institute for Smart Government (NISG), and his delegation at the ministry's meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, both sides discussed the progress of ongoing cooperation between the Ministry of Immigration and Population and the Government of India under the Mem-

orandum of Understanding (MoU) for collaboration on the Digital Identity Pilot Project. They also exchanged views on India's valuable technical experience and assistance, the integration of Myanmar's current e-ID system with India's MOSIP platform to enhance the efficiency of public service delivery, and the continued collaboration to ensure the success of Myanmar's e-Government projects, for which the e-ID system serves as a fundamental component.

The technical experts from NISG who are currently in Myanmar will, under the MoU, work together with the ministry's technical officers to conduct technical trials and integration tests for the Digital ID Pilot Project from 11 to 19 November, and share their experience in this process.

Together with the Union minister at the meeting were Deputy Minister U Htay Hlaing, the Permanent Secretary, Directors-General, and other senior officials. — MNA/KZL

Over 700 spectators enjoy Traditional Myanmar Puppet Show hosted ...

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The show featured performances combining humans and puppets, puppet-only programmes, presentations by the Shwe Pyi Theinga Art Troupe, and performances using traditional Myanmar musical instruments like the Pattala and Saung.

The opening ceremony of the "Traditional Myanmar Puppet Show and Sales Festival" was attended by various dignitaries, including the director-general and the deputy director of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, UMTA officials together with U Khin Zaw (Patron), and ambassadors and diplomats from international embassies.

After the shows, attendees were offered a guided heritage tour of the historic site, arranged by the Secretariat of Yangon. Furthermore, the UMTA and the Myanmar Arts and Crafts Association signed an MOU during the event. — MT/ZN

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MoFA Union Minister receives Indian Ambassador

UNION Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe received Mr Abhay Thakur, Ambassador of India, at the Pan Wah Guest House in Yangon yesterday.

They discussed matters on the promotion of bilateral cooperation in various sectors between Myanmar and India,

including boundary-related matters, bilateral trade and India's assistance to Myanmar for post-earthquake recovery.

Also, present at the meeting were senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar and representatives of the Indian Embassy. — MNA



Indian Ambassador Mr Abhay Thakur calls on Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Than Swe in Yangon yesterday.

MSYA UM attends 13th International Sports Forum in Russia

UNION Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs and for Hotels and Tourism Jeng Phang Naw Taung, who is also chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee, attended the 13th International Sports Forum held from 5-7 November in Samara, Russia.

In the evening of 5 November, the Myanmar delegation led by the Union minister attended the First Asian Cooperation Dialogue Ministerial Meeting on Sports, and the delegates from 16 countries had discussions under themes such as "Russian Sports Forum," "The Future of National Sports-Reviving Traditions," "From Global Pathways in Public Sports to International Sports Projects," and "The Future of Football: Strategic Guidelines for the Russian Premier League in 2030."

On the morning of 5 November, the Union minister met Russian Deputy Minister for Sports Mr Alexander Nikitian and discussed matters relating to the Memorandum of Understanding



The 13th International Sports Forum in progress on 5-7 November 2025 in the Russian Federation, attended by Union Minister Jeng Phang Naw Taung.

(MoU) on cooperation in the field of physical culture and sports between the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs and Russia's Ministry of Sports. At noon, he met with the Samara Mayor and discussed promoting the standards of Myanmar's sports and the development of Myanmar's sports.

In the evening, he met Belarusian Sports Minister Mr Siarhei Kavalchuk and discussed the arrangements for Belarusian coaches specializing in athletics, shooting, canoeing, kayaking, and other boating activities to be sent to Myanmar starting from 2026 under the MoU.

During the meeting with Mr

Yerbol Myrzabosynov, Minister of Tourism and Sports of Kazakhstan, they exchanged views on gaining trainers to support the development of boxing and wrestling in Myanmar.

On 6 November, the Union minister and party attended the Plenary Session of the XIII International Sports Forum "Rus-

sia: Country of Sports", and the Sports Ministers and senior officials of ACD member countries discussed the measures to promote sports, the use of technology and young athletes.

The Union minister and party visited the Palace of Sports and attended the plenary session themed "Sport for the future: Winning together." During the meeting, they had discussions with the representatives from 51 countries on national level integration in sports, further development of youth sports, introduction of the latest technologies in the sports industry, practice sessions of Myanmar youths and national athletes in different sports, preparation to participate in the 33rd SEA Games and bilateral cooperation between Russia and Myanmar in sports and youth affairs.

The Union minister and delegates attended the Memorial Parade in Samara on 7 November at noon, and arrived back in Yangon on 9 November. — MNA/KTZH

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

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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)



Buildings demolished in KK Park



Photos on the left and above reveal the demolition of buildings and facilities, including a club, workstations, and accommodation flats, among others. **PHOTOS: MIN MIN**

THE government investigated and deported the illegal foreign entrants who entered Kayin State via border routes of some neighbouring countries, including Thailand, and were involved in online scams, gambling and criminal activities. Moreover, the government demolishes the buildings in the respective zones of the KK Park area.

“There are 148 buildings in KK Park Zone A. We will demolish all buildings, aiming to combat online scams, gambling and criminal activities. Now, we finish demolishing 110 buildings, and will keep doing so for the remaining

525 buildings,” said an official.

There are a total of 635 buildings in three zones of the KK Park area. In Zone (B), there are 73 buildings- seven one-storey buildings, 29 three-storey buildings for residence, seven four-storey buildings which are under construction, five five-storey buildings under construction and 20 warehouses.

In Zone C, there are a total of 414 buildings- 33 one-storey buildings, 216 two storey buildings, 42 three-storey buildings, 39 four-storey buildings, 12 five-storey buildings, four six-storey buildings, a basketball court, two

hospitals, a two-storey SAP, a one-storey building, five two-storey markets, a two-storey supermarket, a storey supermarket, a five-storey hotel, a four-storey hotel, 35 warehouses, two clinics, a two-storey glass building, a two-storey club, a two-storey building, two one-storey kitchens, a water tank, six large warehouses and five barracks.

Yesterday, the authorities detained 40 Indians, 12 Nepalese and one Korean, totalling 53 individuals, involved in telecom fraud and other criminal activities in Kayin State.

Between 30 January and 11 No-

vember 2025, a total of 10,815 illegal immigrants were identified and detained in Myanmar. Of this number, 9,536 individuals have already been deported through Thailand to their respective countries, while arrangements are being made to deport the remaining 1,279 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. — Aung Gyaing/KTZH

133 foreign nationals deported for telecom fraud, 53 detained

A total of 133 foreign nationals involved in telecom fraud and other criminal activities were deported to their respective countries yesterday, while 53 others were detained for further investigation.

The group, comprising 127 Filipinos, five Pakistanis, and one Kazakh, had entered Myanmar illegally through border routes via neighbouring countries, including Thailand. They were found operating online gambling and telecom fraud businesses in the Shwe Kokko and KK Park areas of Myawady Township, Kayin State.

The deportation was carried out yesterday through the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge II on humanitarian grounds and in the spirit of mutual friendship between countries, in accordance with legal procedures.

Lt-Col San Shwe of the Myawady District Administration Committee and relevant departmental officials supervised the process, checking the accuracy of records and coordinating with departmental personnel to ensure a systematic and smooth operation.

The handover ceremony was attended by Deputy Director U Kyaw Kyaw Than and officials from the Ministry of Immigration and Population, as well as representatives from the embassies of Pakistan, Kazakhstan, and the Philippines in Thailand. Officials from Thailand’s Tak District Immigration Department also participated. Official transfer documents were exchanged in a proper and orderly manner.

Meanwhile, 53 other foreign nationals, including

40 Indians, 12 Nepalese, and one South Korean, who had entered Myanmar illegally through KK Park, were detained for further investigation.

From 30 January to 11 November 2025, authorities apprehended a total of 10,815 foreign nationals who entered Myanmar illegally. Of these, 9,536 have already been deported through Thailand, while the remaining 1,279 are being held in preparation for repatriation.

The government continues close cooperation with neighbouring and regional countries, as well as international organizations, to expose and take firm action against foreign nationals involved in online scam centres and human trafficking, while ensuring the safe and prompt repatriation of victims. — MNA/KZL

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Artistes create awareness videos ahead of 2025 Multiparty Democratic General Election

THE 2025 multiparty democratic general election will begin on 28 December, and filmmakers are producing awareness videos to promote a successful election.

To help ensure that everyone takes part and votes to build the democratic State the people desire – one that can only be achieved through elections – filmmakers, including directors and artistes from Yangon’s film community, have been collaborating since 5 November to produce awareness-raising videos.

In this process, film artistes such as Academy Pyay Ti Oo, Academy Sai Sai Kham Leng, Academy Tun Tun, Academy Shwe Htoo, Nyi Nanda, Hein Wai Yan, Paing Takhon, Aung Ye Lin,

Alin Yaung, Tyron, Hlwan Paing, Kyaw Htet Aung, Htoo Aung, Academy Tun Eindra Bo, Academy Khaing Thin Kyi, Academy Eindra Kyaw Zin, Academy Soe Pyae Thazin, Academy Phway Phway, Academy Wutt Hmone Shwe Yi, Academy Chaw Yadana, Academy Aye Myat Thu, Academy Shwe Hmone Yati, Academy Khin Wint Wah, Moe Hay Ko, Yun Waddy Lwin Moe, Poe Mahme Thar, Yadana Bo, Thinzar Wint Kyaw, Phoo Sone, Naw Phaw Eh Htar, Saung Wutt Ye May, May Panche, Thae Su Nyein, May Me Ko Ko, and Shwe Thame took part in producing public awareness campaign videos about the election. — MNA/TH



Photos top & above show artistes performing in awareness video production aimed at ensuring the successful conduct of the 2025 Multiparty Democratic General Election.

TV series ‘Thitsa Phyint Tha Siyin Zay’ holds press show at Sedona

THE press show for the TV series ‘Thitsa Phyint Tha Siyin Zay’ was held at the Sedona Hotel in Yankin Township, Yangon Region, on 10 November, according to Academy Min Oo, the director of the series.

The story of the series was written by Shin Ma, the screenplay was written by Ka Kyoe Shin, and Academy Min Oo directed the production.

“We didn’t have many major difficulties during the shooting of this film. One memorable incident was that we lost the digital file of a scene we had shot all day, one that the entire cast and crew had worked hard on. It was quite heartbreaking. In the end, we had no choice but to reshoot it. As an actor myself, I understand how tiring it can be for the performers. This is a family drama. It not only portrays love but also highlights the importance of loyalty and faithfulness in human relationships,” said director Academy Min Oo.

The cast of ‘Thitsa Phyint Tha Siyin Zay’

includes Aye Chan Maung, Nyi Nanda, Nay Htut, Lin Zarni Zaw, Su Pan Htwa, Phoo Sone, and Academy Myint Myint Khine as a special guest star, along with many other artistes.

The 25-episode series began airing on 7 November on Mahar Application and Mahar Channel, broadcast at 6 pm every evening from Monday to Friday. — ASH/MKKS



Artistes are seen at the press show of the TV series.

Myanmar film ‘Pandora’ to hit cinemas nationwide in mid-Nov

THE Myanmar film ‘Pandora’ will be screened at major cinemas across the country in the third week of November, according to Academy Nay Win, who stars in the film.

The film was written and scripted by Didi Htet Aung, who also directed it under Bo Bo Film Production.

“This film is of the traditional horror genre, but with unexpected turns that make it truly gripping. I play the role of Lin Htet, a man so desperate to escape the hardships of poverty that he is willing to do anything for money. The story revolves around Lin Htet, Htoo Myat (played by Min Phone Myat), and May Oo (played by Su Htet Hlaing), who encounter a terrifying series of

events after accepting a mysterious gift. Audiences will soon see who will face those frightening consequences when ‘Pandora’ hits the big screen,” said Nay Win.

The film features Academy Nay Win, Min Bhone Myat, Ye Lwin Oo, Academy May Myint Mo, Su Htet Hlaing, Chue Sitt Han, Zaw Win Naing (Mann), and many other artistes. — ASH/KZL



This image shows a poster for the Myanmar film ‘Pandora’.

We will not imitate democratic systems from other countries

❖ “We will not simply copy the democratic systems of other nations. Instead, we must establish and implement a form of democracy that reflects our nation’s history, way of life, cultural values, and traditions – a democracy in the Myanmar way, guided and led by our own people.”

(Excerpt from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman and Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the opening ceremony of the Peace Forum 2025 on 25 June 2025)

Over 100 garment exhibitors to join 2025 Myanmar International Textile & Machinery Fair

A three-day 2025 Myanmar International Textile and Machinery Fair is scheduled to take place on 5 to 7 December 2025 at the Yangon Convention Centre (YCC), Inya Lake Hotel, attracting about 100 garment exhibitors from China and Myanmar, according to the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA).

Under the support of the Zhejiang Provincial Department of Commerce, MGMA and the Chinese Textile & Garment Association in Myanmar (CTGA) jointly hosted this fair.

The 2025 Myanmar International Textile and Machinery Fair will feature clothing, fabrics, and textile machinery from textile manufacturers in China. The event will help promote Made-in-Myanmar products of small and medium manufactur-

ing enterprises of Myanmar.

Furthermore, panel discussions on garment sectoral development will be held with experts from the ASEAN Federation of Textiles (AFTEX). Performances, China-ASEAN traditional costume shows, competitions, the CMP, and a local brand’s fashion show will also be featured. Additionally, there will be an Exhibitors’ Business Matching and Garment-Related Industries event.

“Advanced machinery, latest advances in garment manufacturing, connection with trade partner countries and improvement of manufacturing productivity play a key role in gaining a competitive edge with Made-in-Myanmar products in the international market. MGMA has been endeavouring to explore new markets for



This photo shows the press conference of the Zhejiang International Trade Exhibition in Myanmar.

Myanmar’s products. Participating in trade fairs and Business to Business matchings also helps boost Myanmar’s garment production capacity among global buyers. The ob-

jectives of the trade fair are to raise awareness of the latest technology for Myanmar’s garment manufacturers and create opportunities to build business relations with inter-

national companies by actively participating in this. I hope this fair will assist Myanmar’s garment sector in taking further steps,” MGMA Chair U Myint Soe said. — ASH/KK

CBM injects CNY300K, US\$800K into market

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$800,000 to edible oil importing companies on 10 November, in addition to an injection of 300,000 yuan in the market.

CBM announced on 8 November that it would inject \$30 million into the fuel oil sector. Furthermore, CBM sold \$698,900 to edible oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM also sold \$600,000, purchased from CMP companies, to edible oil-importing companies on 7 November.

CBM sold \$2.37 million to edible oil-importing companies on 6 November, along with an injection of \$58,400 and 400,000 yuan into the market.

CBM sold \$2.44 million, purchased from CMP companies, to edible oil-importing companies

on 5 November, in addition to an injection of over 1.544 million baht into the market.

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

Postgraduate Diploma in Museology (Batch 23) to commence in final week of Nov

DEPARTMENT of Archaeology and National Museum under the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture will offer a one-year Post Graduate Diploma course in Museology (Batch 23) for the 2025-2026 Academic Year.

Department of Archaeology and National Museum and National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon) will jointly open the diploma course in the fourth week of November 2025 at the National Museum (Yangon) in Dagon Township. Those who hold a bachelor’s degree are eligible to attend that course.

The civil service personnel need to present approval from the head of the respective department. The application form can be taken out from the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) and the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Yangon branch) on Pyay Road, Hlaing Township, Mandalay branch on 28th Street between 70th x71st Street in Mandalay, National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon) in Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon, the Field School of Archaeology (Pyay) in Bago Region. The deadline for sub-

mission of the application is in the third week of November.

Individuals can enquire about details through the contact numbers 067 408039 and 067 408040 of the department’s head office in Nay Pyi Taw, 01 590252 of the National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon), 09 400301289 and 09 400423341 of the Field School of Archaeology (Pyay), 02 4060061 of the Mandalay branch and 01 512136 and 01 512137 of the Yangon branch, and 067 3418432 of the National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) and 01 378652 and 01 371539 of the National Museum (Yangon). — NN/KK

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ARTICLE ESSAY

Legally apply AI technology to shape a better society

IN TODAY'S world, the rapid penetration of AI technology has brought about a series of disruptions and imbalances in various arenas. Unrestrained use of AI has unintentionally caused various forms of damage and destruction in multiple sectors of the international community. Therefore, governments and relevant authorities in respective countries now have the responsibility to monitor and regulate AI usage to ensure it follows the proper course.

Due to the astonishing advancement and widespread use of AI technology, there have been increasing instances of unlawful AI usage within human society. The misuse of AI has led, both intentionally and unintentionally, to various harmful consequences that affect individuals, groups, and the socioeconomic lives of people in many countries.

With foresight for the future and for the benefit of the State and the public, the people of Myanmar should be enabled to understand and skillfully apply AI technology. While enhancing the public's technological literacy, legal knowledge must be disseminated, especially to students and youth, to prevent potential crimes and harms that could arise from the misuse of AI. People should be taught and encouraged to use AI responsibly and lawfully. Only then can the undesirable negative impacts caused by AI be minimized and mitigated.

Moreover, unethical individuals are exploiting AI technology for wrongful purposes, engaging in activities that violate laws and regulations instead of using AI for genuine progress. To eliminate such misuse of AI, advanced technologies must be applied. Both users and government authorities are required to be proficient in high-level technologies that can detect and counteract malicious uses of AI. The main objective is to prevent and protect against the use of AI in committing illegal acts.

In Myanmar, the government has formed a supervisory committee to disseminate legal knowledge to the people from all walks of life through Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology with a view to promoting public legal awareness through the wide application of AI technology in connection with the law. The committee aims to make legal knowledge easily accessible to the public and to ensure that legal services are readily available through the effective use of AI.

The supervisory committee is responsible for leading and facilitating cooperation between legal experts and technology professionals in carrying out AI-related legal processes. It also provides necessary guidance for incorporating legal knowledge and information, and forms supporting subcommittees as needed to ensure the successful implementation of projects that integrate legal information into Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology on a broad scale.

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THE Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has always been implementing policies and actions for the benefit and welfare of the nation and its people. In carrying out these responsibilities, civil servants play a major role in the country's administration. To support them in performing their duties effectively and to help improve their living conditions, the government has continued to provide salary increases, allowances, and financial support at different times.

Support and Allowances for Civil Servants

Civil servants serve as the main workforce in implementing the duties of the state. Recognizing their contributions, the government has been providing various forms of support, including salary adjustments and special allowances, to ease their cost of living. In October 2023, the government granted an additional allowance of K30,000 per person to all government employees as the first round of support. Later, in August 2024, another K30,000 was added as the second round of allowance.

As a result, every civil servant currently receives a total additional support of K60,000 per month. Recently, the government decided to further extend this benefit by granting an additional K30,000 per person per month, making the total monthly allowance K90,000 (ninety thousand kyats). This decision aims to help civil servants better manage their living expenses and maintain a reasonable standard of living despite rising costs.

Government's Support for Civil Servants and Pensioners

Extended Benefits for Retired Employees and Workers

The government's concern does not stop with active civil servants. It has also extended financial support to retired civil servants, pensioners, and daily-wage workers. Under this new arrangement, three groups are entitled to receive the allowance:

Civil servants currently serving in the government sector;

Daily-wage staff and workers employed under government departments; and Retired civil servants receiving pensions.

This allowance, known as the "additional support allowance", will be implemented starting from October 2025. The Ministry of Finance and Revenue and the Internal Revenue Department have announced that the payment arrangements are being prepared so that eligible individuals can receive their allowances smoothly and on time.

The Purpose of the Additional Allowance

The main aim of this allowance is to assist employees and pensioners in meeting their daily needs – food, clothing, housing,

and other essential expenses. The government understands that inflation and increasing prices of basic goods have made it difficult for many families to manage their income. Therefore, this financial support helps relieve some of the economic pressure faced by civil servants and their families.

Furthermore, the allowance is expected to motivate employees to work with greater enthusiasm and dedication. When workers feel that their efforts are recognized and supported, they tend to perform their duties more actively, responsibly, and happily. A satisfied workforce leads to better service delivery and more effective implementation of government projects.

Mutual Relationship Between the Government and Civil Servants

The relationship between the government and its employees is one of mutual support. Civil servants rely on the government for fair salaries, benefits, and career development. At the same time, the government depends on them to carry out national duties, deliver public services, and uphold the rule of law. This mutual reliance

can be compared to two islands that depend on each other for survival; each plays an important role in maintaining the balance and progress of the nation.

When the government takes good care of its employees, those employees, in return, are more likely to serve the nation faithfully and energetically. This teamwork and unity between the government and its civil servants contribute to national development and social stability.

Positive Impact on Families and Society

The recent decision to grant additional allowances not only benefits individual employees but also helps their families. Many government staff support their parents, children, or other relatives with their income. Therefore, the allowance improves the well-being of entire families.

Retired civil servants, who have devoted many years of their lives to public service, will also feel encouraged by this recognition. They often face financial difficulties after retirement, and this additional support can make a meaningful difference in their daily lives. Similarly, daily-wage

workers, who play essential roles in public projects and services, will gain greater financial security through this policy.

This government action is a form of appreciation and gratitude for the loyalty, hard work, and contributions of all employees, both active and retired. It demonstrates that the government values their service and remains committed to their welfare even after they have left their posts.

Encouraging a Stronger Public Workforce

When civil servants and workers feel cared for, they are more motivated to carry out their responsibilities with dedication and pride. This creates a positive work environment in government offices and institutions. Financially stable workers are more likely to focus on their tasks, maintain discipline, and serve the public efficiently.

Moreover, this support helps reduce financial stress and increases workplace satisfaction. As a result, employees can contribute more effectively to the nation's goals, including economic growth, social harmony, and national unity.

A Step Towards National Development

The government's continued attention to the welfare of civil servants and pensioners is an essential part of the country's overall development plan. National progress cannot be achieved without the active participation of a motivated and capable public workforce. Each employee – from senior officials to junior staff – plays a role in shaping the future of the nation.

By providing financial assistance and ensuring better living conditions, the government encourages civil servants to perform their duties faithfully, which ultimately supports the country's growth and stability. This policy reflects the government's belief that national development begins with the well-being of its people.

In sum, the government's decision to provide additional allowances to civil servants, pensioners, and daily-wage workers shows its deep concern for the welfare of those who serve or have served the nation. This financial support not only improves their standard of living but also motivates them to carry out their duties with renewed energy and commitment.

The relationship between the government and its employees is one of mutual dependence and cooperation. Just as islands rely on one another for balance, the government and civil servants must work hand in hand to ensure the country's continuous progress. Through shared responsibility, respect, and support, Myanmar can move forward toward a more prosperous and united future.

By Min Min Zan

TO understand the role and weight of a *representative*, we must first grasp what the word means globally and locally.

Global Definitions

Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary defines a *representative* as "a person who has been chosen to speak or vote for somebody else or for a group of people, or to take the place of somebody else". This definition emphasizes delegation and trust, suggesting that representatives act not on their own behalf, but as conduits for others' voices.

Merriam-Webster Dictionary offers a layered view: As a **noun**, a representative is "one that represents another or others", especially "a member of a legislative body." As an **adjective**, it refers to something "standing or acting for another especially through delegated authority", and more broadly, "constituting a government in which the many are represented by persons chosen from among them, usually by election". This highlights the democratic framework underpinning the concept.

I Say What I See: Representatives – Trustworthy Voices of the People? From Team Leaders to Lawmakers – Who Really Speaks for Us?

Local Interpretation (English-Myanmar)

According to the **Glosbe English-Burmese Dictionary**, *representative* translates to ကိုယ်စားလှယ် (ko-sa-hlè), meaning someone who acts on behalf of others. It also includes သဘောထားကိုထူထောင်, which implies expressing or embodying a viewpoint.

The **OpenTran English-Myanmar Dictionary**

expands this to describe representatives as *individuals chosen or elected to act as delegates, spokespersons, or advocates for a group, organization, constituency, or entity*.

A Simple Lesson from School

Back in elementary school, our class was divided into four teams. Each team had a leader, chosen from among us. Their job was to speak for the team, help organize activities, and make sure everyone worked together. The school wanted us to learn teamwork, and it worked. We also had a class leader,

called a monitor. He wasn't elected by us, but appointed by the teacher. He helped keep order and acted as a bridge between the teacher and the students.

Looking back, it was a simple but powerful lesson. A representative is someone who stands for others, speaks for them, and helps guide the group. Whether chosen by peers or appointed by authority, the role carries responsibility.

In the real world, especially in parliament, the idea is the same. A representative is elected by the people to speak and act on their behalf. Just like our

team leaders, they are expected to listen, support, and lead – not for themselves, but for those they represent.

From Classroom to Parliament – Where It Gets Complicated

The idea is simple: someone speaks for the group. But in the real world, especially in politics, things aren't always that clear.

In school, our team leaders knew us. We saw them every day. If they didn't do their job, we could talk to them or even ask the teacher to change them. But in parliament, represent-

By @Editor

atives speak for thousands, sometimes millions. They don't know everyone. And not everyone knows them.

Some are elected with promises, but once in office, they may follow party lines, personal interests, or outside pressure. The connection between the people and their representative becomes distant. Trust fades.

So the question is: how do we make sure they still speak for us?

How Do We Make Sure They Still Speak for Us?

The answer begins with us. **Speak Up**

Representatives are not mind readers. If we stay silent, they will listen to louder voices – often those with money or power. We must speak up, clearly and often. Whether it's through voting, public meetings, or even a simple message, our voice matters.

Stay Informed

We need to know what they're doing. What laws do they support? Who funds them? What they say and what they actually do. When we understand their actions, we can judge their intentions.

Stay Close

The more distant a representative becomes, the less they reflect us. We must stay close. Ask questions. Join discussions. Remind them: "You are here because of us".

Work Together

One voice is strong. Many voices are louder. When we or-

ganize – through community groups, campaigns, or shared causes – we become harder to ignore.

Hold Them Accountable

If they stop listening, we must act. We can challenge them, replace them, or demand better. Representation is not a gift. It's a responsibility. And we have the right to take it back.

Conclusion – I Say What I See

A representative is not just a title. It's a duty. From the classroom to the parliament, the idea stays the same: someone speaks for the group. But trust is not automatic. It must be earned – and kept.

We, the people, must stay awake. We must speak, question, and act. Because if they forget who they represent, it's our job to remind them.

That's what I see. And so, I say it.



2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

National Interest Development Party (NIDP) talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

U Thant Zaw, Chairman of the National Interest Development Party (NIDP), presented the policy, stance and work procedures of his party through radio and television on the evening of 11 November.

The full text of the presentation is as follows: -



Esteemed people,

First of all, I would like to extend my greetings by wishing you all good health, happiness, and peace.

I am U Thant Zaw, Chairman of the National Interest Development Party (NIDP - Central). It is a party based in Mon State.

The multiparty democratic general election for the third Hluttaw will be held soon. How important is the correctness of voters' decisions? How deeply will the election reflect the nation's reform, development, and future progress?

Today, our country is facing tremendous pressure from the international community.

- Due to political instability, there are widespread concerns about the nation's economy, social situation, and security.
- People are also suffering from the impacts of inflation and rising commodity prices.
- In addition, foreign interference has led to incidents that have affected the country's sovereignty.

Esteemed people,

The fundamental principle of our National Interest Development Party (NIDP) is to stand clearly and firmly for the interests of all ethnic groups, the people, and the national interest of the State.

In terms of policy, we will cooperate with any political party or organization that shares the same fundamental principles.

We will focus on making efforts to ensure equal rights among all ethnic nationalities and to resolve the political and social conflicts.

We will nurture the people to forge the national spirit, the patriotism and the keenness to defend and protect the State based on the national interest correctly without leading to extremism.

Ethnic Sector

We aim to eliminate racism and localism so that Myanmar becomes the one and only country for all 135 ethnic groups, united by common goals, equal development, mutual respect and affection, and a state of peace free from suspicion.

Education and Health Sectors

We recognize public health as a fundamental right of the people.

- Every person must have equal access to healthcare services.
- Plans have been adopted to build more hospitals and clinics in rural areas and regions

with hardships.

- We will strive to upgrade the general hospitals and rural health centres for the people.
- We will distribute medicines and deploy medical doctors systematically.
- Everyone must have access to good healthcare services with affordable and guaranteed health services.
- The education sector is a foundation for the development of the State.
- Every citizen will have equal access to education, and we will support free education at least at the primary and basic levels.
- We will directly provide essential school supplies to students from rural areas to not face difficulties.
- We will expand technical, university, and vocational training programmes.

Legislative and Judicial Sectors

It is necessary to enact laws that support national economic development and ensure fair penalties for crime reduction. We will work to ensure that everyone receives equal protection under the law and put an end to actions that abuse power.

Administrative Sector

It is necessary to form a strong government composed of decision-makers who can solve problems, set sound policies, and take responsibility. Not only the Union government, but also regional and state governments and their members, should be composed of highly capable individuals with a patriotic spirit.

Economic Sector

We will focus on improving the welfare of families at the grassroots level. In addition, we will work to increase individual incomes, create job opportunities, and promote the development of markets, technology, and industrial enterprises.

Farmers' Sector

We will provide farmers with the essential support they need, including agricultural loans, fertilizer supplies, timely access to farming technology, and opportunities to sell their crops in the market.

Workers' Sector

- Workers are a fundamental force contributing to national development and construction.
- We will strive to ensure that workers fully enjoy their rights.
- Fair wages, working hours, and leave entitlements will be implemented according to international standards under labour laws.
- We will also ensure that workers working abroad receive legal protection from their home country.
- For workers' families, we will expand and establish hospitals and clinics to provide social security and healthcare services.

International Relations

In our foreign policy, we will continue to uphold the long-standing approach of being independent, active, and non-aligned. Following the five principles of peaceful coexistence, we will foster friendly relations with regional and neighbouring countries and actively par-

ticipate in international organizations.

New Generation Youth Sector

It is especially important to cultivate young people who are well-educated, practically skilled, and possess an international perspective.

Esteemed people,

The National Interest Development Party

(NIDP) pledges to ensure that the following activities and programmes will be carried out by our party's representatives elected by the public to the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw, state and regional Hluttaw, and ethnic representatives.

1. Through the Hluttaw political process, we will do our utmost to propose and enact laws that protect the public.
2. We will oppose and eliminate unfair monopolistic practices and exploitative capitalist activities.
3. We will implement measures to ensure tax exemptions on the planting and sale of seasonal crops and promote tax-free market opportunities.
4. We will prioritize drug eradication as a national responsibility.
5. In addition to establishing a fair judicial system, we will ensure that everyone receives justice impartially and with dignity.
6. We will eliminate all corrupt administrative practices and oppressive bureaucratic systems.
7. We will strive to manage the State's finances (budget) without loss and waste and implement the projects under quality control.
8. We will actively participate in the anti-corruption activities.
9. We will prevent environmental degradation and extreme extraction of State-owned natural resources.
10. We will provide legal protection for the citizens' legal ownership of their homes, farms, and land, and ensure they have the right to seek redress in case of unlawful land confiscation.
11. We will take measures to eliminate exploitative practices and monopolies carried out through financial, economic, or human power, as well as the misuse of unequal influence.

Esteemed people,

Our party is striving in Hluttaw politics solely out of a desire to serve the public interest. We will work diligently to implement practical measures for the benefit of the people and the nation.

In conclusion -

Our party's policy is to fully protect the interests of the people, always prioritize the national interest, and create a secure and reliable social environment for the socioeconomic life of the people.

We ask our fellow citizens to cast their vote for the symbol "Green Peacock" of the National Interest Development Party (NIDP).

May our fellow citizens be healthy and happy.



NATIONAL

Limited-edition Christmas-themed YPS card launched



A glimpse of a new YPS card in a Christmas theme.

NEW YPS card in Christmas theme will be sold in a limited quantity, according to Yangon Payment Services-YPS.

YPS cards for Christmas, which will fall soon, can be available from 12 November at YPS counters, it said.

YPS counters are located at Sule, Thakhin Mya Park, Myanmar Plaza, Hledan, 8th Mile, Pansodan, Thamine and Bahan.

YPS card and YPS QR services can be used for YBS 2, YBS 3, YBS 4, YBS 6, YBS 7, YBS 8, YBS 10, YBS 11, YBS 12, YBS 13, YBS 14, YBS 15, YBS 17, YBS 18, YBS 19, YBS 21, YBS 22, YBS 23, YBS 24, YBS 25, YBS 26, YBS 27, YBS 28, YBS 29, YBS 30, YBS 31, YBS 32, YBS 35, YBS 36, YBS 37, YBS 38, YBS 39, YBS 40, YBS 42, YBS 43, YBS 55, YBS 57, YBS 58, YBS 59, YBS 60, YBS 61, YBS 62, YBS 63, YBS 64, YBS 65, YBS 66, YBS 68, YBS 72, YBS 76, YBS 77, YBS 78, YBS 79, YBS 80, YBS 81, YBS 84, YBS 85, YBS 87, YBS 88, YBS 89, YBS 90, YBS 92, YBS 93, YBS 94, YBS 96, YBS 97, YBS 100, YBS 103, YBS 104, YBS 105, YBS 106, YBS 107, YBS 108, YBS 109, YBS 110, YBS 111, YBS 112, YBS 113, YBS 114, YBS 115, YBS 116, YBS 117, YBS 118, YBS 119, YBS 120, YBS 128, YBS 130, YBS 131, YBS 132, YBS 133, YBS 134, YBS 135, YBS 136, YBS 137, YBS 138, YBS 139, YBS 140, YBS 141, YBS 142, YBS 143, YBS 144, and YBS 145.

For more information, inquiries can be made to the Yangon Payment Services Facebook page or call centre phone number (hotline number) 09 77266699, between 9 am and 5 pm from Monday to Friday. — MT/ZS



Images capture the aerial view of the location of the Temporary Data Collection Centre (TDCC).

TDCC in Maha Chai to close temporarily starting 15 Nov

THE Temporary Data Collection Centre (TDCC) in Maha Chai, Thailand, will be closed for a temporary period as of 15 November, said the Labour Attaché Office in Bangkok.

The TDCC has helped issue passports for Myanmar migrant workers holding Certificate of Identity (C I) in Thailand and having complete documents of citizenship. The process

of TDCC will be suspended temporarily starting from 15 November 2025, it announced on 10 November.

The Labour Attaché Office has announced that Myanmar migrant workers who haven't taken out passports will need to come before 15 November. The date to reopen will be announced later, it added. — MT/ZS

Goethe-Institut Myanmar to host Woven Paths of Inclusivity Food Fair & Family Fest

THE Woven Paths of Inclusivity Food Fair and Family Fest will be held at the Goethe-Institut Myanmar in collaboration with the Myanmar Deaf Chefs, a disability partner organization.

It will also involve other disability partner organizations and take place from 2 pm to 6 pm on Saturday, 22 November, in front of the library and in the garden area at the Goethe-Institut Myanmar.

The festival aims to bring together partner organizations and all guests for a joyful meeting to build a warm and friendly community. Admission is free, and everyone is invited to attend.

In addition to stalls from Myanmar

Deaf Chefs and other disability partner organizations, the festival will feature a music programme. The special programme includes a performance by The Fingers Band, a group composed of musicians with diverse abilities, as well as Live DJ music. Fun craft activities will also be available for children. The public is invited to attend with their families to enjoy shopping and listening to the music performances together. — MT/ZN

This image reveals an announcement for the "Woven Paths of Inclusivity Food Fair and Family Fest" to be held at the Goethe-Institut Myanmar in collaboration with disability partner organizations.



Myanmar reports no new COVID-19 cases

THE Ministry of Health tested 138 samples from 8 pm on 2 November 2025 to 8 pm on 9 November 2025, and no new cases were detected. Therefore, no new casualties were reported.

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

- Elderly people (aged 60 and above)
- People with diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases, and

cancer

- Pregnant women (especially those beyond the third month of pregnancy) are prioritized to receive COVID-19 booster shots.

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

Myanmar CDC

Public Health Department, Ministry of Health

ECONOMY WORLD

Laos promotes coffee growing to boost livelihoods



A farmer picks up coffee beans at a coffee plantation in Champasak Province, Laos, 9 November 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

LAOS is promoting coffee growing to improve rural livelihoods and boost the country's agricultural production.

More than 800 families in northern Laos' Huaphan province have shifted from opium poppy cultivation to coffee farming, planting 800 hectares of coffee trees and generating exports worth over US\$1.37 million. The transition has also supported the rehabilitation of 100 former opium addicts, according to a report from the Lao-UN Opium Replacement Development Project, published during a meeting on 6 November to summarize the project's achievements and set future directions.

The project was carried out in 38 villages across the province, providing sustainable alternatives to opium cultivation through

livelihood development, improved food security, and drug rehabilitation services. From 2017 to 2025, farmers received high-quality coffee seeds, organic fertilizer, nursery equipment, and training.

To boost quality and market access, the initiative also funded roasting facilities, drying sheds, and water reservoirs in 12 villages. From 2021 to 2025, 12 containers of coffee were exported, generating more than \$1.37 million in revenue.

Laos is working with its partners to expand coffee cultivation in parts of the country, aiming to increase production, ensure a stable supply for both domestic and export markets, and promote modern, clean, safe, and quality-focused farming practices for sustainable development. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mongolia's inflation rises to 9.2% in Oct

MONGOLIA'S inflation rate, as measured by the consumer price index (CPI), rose to 9.2 per cent in October, according to the National Statistics Office (NSO) on Tuesday.

The figure marks a 2.6 percentage point increase compared with the same month in 2024, and a 0.6 percentage point rise from September, the NSO said in a statement.

Mongolia's central bank aims to keep inflation within five per cent (two percentage points) from 2027 to ensure macroeconomic and financial stability.

Meanwhile, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development has predicted that Mongolia's economy would grow by 5.8 per cent in 2025 and 5.5 per cent in 2026. — Xinhua

Vodafone lifts outlook on Germany rebound, UK tie-up

BRITISH mobile phone giant Vodafone on Tuesday gave a positive outlook after an unexpected revenue rebound in main market Germany and following a sizeable UK merger.

Net profit dropped 22 per cent to 829 million euros (\$959 million) in its first half on higher costs, Vodafone said in an earnings statement. But investors cheered slight revenue growth in Germany and the group's first dividend increase for seven years, sending Vodafone's share price rising four per cent in London morning deals.

"In the second quarter we saw service revenue accelerating, with good performances in the UK, Türkiye and Africa, and a return to top-line growth in Germany," group chief executive Margherita Della Valle said in the statement. "Based on our stronger performance, we are now expecting to deliver at the upper end of our guidance range for both profit and cash flow." The CEO launched a turnaround plan in 2023, which has included thousands of job cuts to slash costs, selling its Spanish and Italian branches and a UK merger with rival Three, which finalised at the end of May. — AFP

Japan vows to revise ecotourism policy amid overtourism concerns

JAPAN'S Environment Ministry on Tuesday unveiled a draft revision to its ecotourism policy amid concerns that the surging number of inbound visitors could damage valuable ecosystems.

The first revision to the government's ecotourism policy since its establishment in 2008 includes measures to strengthen monitoring and promote responsible travel practices. It could be finalized

as early as March.

The draft notes that social media and other factors have led to an excessive number of tourists visiting certain destinations, potentially resulting in traffic congestion, illegal waste disposal and harm to wildlife and plants.

The document, however, acknowledges that ecotourism is "a new direction for tourism that balances conservation of nature and culture with visi-

tor experiences," arguing that expanding such efforts is key to building sustainable local communities.

The draft urges local governments to continually monitor and assess the impact of tourism on ecosystems and residents' lives.

It also recommends creating rules of use, when needed, in consultation with local residents and tourism operators. — Kyodo



Tourists take pictures as cloud-clad Mount Fuji is seen in the background from Oishi park in the town of Fujikawaguchiko, Yamanashi prefecture on 18 October 2025 **PHOTO: AFP**

SoftBank Group Apr-Sep net profit hits record on OpenAI investment

SOFTBANK Group Corp on Tuesday posted a net profit of 2.92 trillion yen (\$18.97 billion) for the first fiscal half, a record for any Japanese firm on a six-month basis, boosted by gains from its investment in OpenAI, the developer of chatbot ChatGPT.

The profit for the April-September period nearly tripled the 1.01 trillion yen from the same period a year earlier, as the investment and technology group increasingly counts on the growth potential of artificial intelligence. Revenue was up 7.7 per cent at 3.74 trillion yen.

SoftBank Group has focused its investments on

AI-centred industries from the semiconductor, robotics, data centres and energy infrastructure sectors.

The firm said in April that it planned to make a maximum additional \$40 billion investment in OpenAI on top of the \$2.2 billion the company had already invested to fund its goal of realizing artificial super intelligence.

“We are approaching an era where the realms of physical movement and AI will integrate and will be able to make autonomous complex actions,” Chief Financial Officer Yoshimitsu Goto said at a press conference.

“When looking at phys-

ical AI, there are many different areas apart from robotics, ranging from autonomous driving, logistics and manufacturing that have the potential to affect lifestyles and workstyles,” he added. “There is still much we should be able to do.” The company logged 3.93 trillion yen in investment profit for the first six months, also a record high, compared to the 2.65 trillion yen profit the previous year.

SoftBank Group said last month that it will acquire the robotics business of Swiss industrial automation company ABB Ltd. by 2026 to beef up its robotics business utilizing AI technology. — Kyodo



This photo taken on 3 November 2025 shows a new energy vehicle (NEV) assembly line of BYD, China's leading NEV manufacturer, at the plant of BYD in Zhengzhou, central China's Henan Province. PHOTO: XINHUA

China's NEV output, sales surge in first 10 months of 2025

CHINA'S new energy vehicle (NEV) sector posted strong growth in production and sales in the first 10 months of 2025, according to industry data released Tuesday.

NEV production jumped 33.1 per cent year on year to nearly 13.02 million units during the first 10 months, according to data released by the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers (CAAM).

Sales during the same period climbed 32.7 per cent year on year to more than 12.94 million units,

accounting for 46.7 per cent of total new vehicle sales in China, CAAM data showed.

According to the association, China's auto market maintained a robust growth trend in October, with the NEV market growing rapidly and auto exports demonstrating resilience.

In October alone, NEV sales reached nearly 1.72 million units, accounting for 51.6 per cent of all new vehicle sales. This also marked the first time that NEV sales accounted

for more than half of all new vehicle sales in the country.

Total auto output topped 27.69 million units in the first 10 months, marking a 13.2 per cent year-on-year increase, while sales grew 12.4 per cent to nearly 27.69 million units. Tuesday's data also showed that China's auto exports rose 15.7 per cent year on year to 5.62 million units during the same period. Notably, NEV exports surged 90.4 per cent year on year to 2.01 million units. — Xinhua

Vietnam's seafood export value hits US\$9.31 bln in 10 months

VIETNAM'S total seafood export value was estimated at US\$9.31 billion in the first 10 months of this year, up 12.9 per cent year-on-year, local newspaper VnEconomy reported Monday.

China, the United States and Japan remained Vietnam's three largest seafood export markets

during the period, accounting for 20 per cent, 17.4 per cent and 15.1 per cent of the total export value, respectively, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment.

The Vietnam Association of Seafood Exporters and Producers forecast that in the fourth quarter of

2025, the country's seafood exports will drop sharply to about \$2.19 billion, down over 22 per cent compared to the same period last year.

For the full year, Vietnam's seafood export value is projected to reach around \$10.5 billion, according to the association. — Xinhua

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

US Senate passes bipartisan spending package to end longest govt shutdown

THE US Senate on Monday night passed a bipartisan spending package in a bid to end the longest government shutdown, which has entered its 41st day and has brought mounting consequences for Americans.

This came after the upper chamber voted 60-40 in a key procedural vote to move forward with the spending package on Sunday night. Eight Democrats joined Republicans to advance the measure.

The Senate voted 60-40 to approve the spending package, which would fund most federal agencies at current levels through 30 January, and fund the Agriculture Department, the Veterans Affairs Department and military construction projects, and the operations of Congress, for the full fiscal year.

This package will provide



Passenger aircrafts taxi at LaGuardia airport in the Queens borough of New York City on day 41 of the government shutdown, on 10 November 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

full-year funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programme, known as SNAP, whose funding was put in jeopardy amid the prolonged government shutdown.

As part of Democrats' agreement to end the shutdown, Senate Majority Leader John Thune promised Senate Democrats a vote "no later than second week in December" to enhanced Affordable Care Act subsidies.

Some Democrats voiced objection, arguing that the agreement merely promises a vote and does not ensure the continuation of the subsidy, which is set to expire at the end of the year. Protecting health care benefits remains the Democrats' central demand in the current shutdown standoff. — Xinhua

Foreign diplomatic missions condemn Delhi Red Fort car blast, urge caution

DIPLOMATIC missions worldwide expressed grief and solidarity after a car explosion near Delhi's Red Fort on Monday killed at least 10 people and injured about 20, according to Indian authorities.

Several countries also issued security advisories urging their citizens in India

to avoid crowded areas and follow local guidance.

The US Embassy in India offered condolences and said it is closely monitoring the situation. It issued a security alert advising US citizens to avoid the Red Fort and Chandni Chowk areas, remain vigilant in places frequented by tour-

ists, and monitor local media for updates.

The British High Commissioner to India conveyed sympathies and shared an updated travel advisory, urging those in the vicinity to follow instructions from local authorities.

Envoys from Argentina and France extended condolences on behalf of their governments and wished a swift recovery for the injured.

The High Commission of Sri Lanka in India said it stands in solidarity with the people and government of India and conveyed deep sympathies to affected families.

Morocco's Embassy in India expressed condolences and support for the injured, while Australia's High Commissioner to India sent sympathies to all affected and wished the injured a speedy recovery. — Xinhua



Indian policemen, firefighters and media journalists gather at the site of a car blast near the Red Fort in New Delhi, India, 10 November 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Return mission for Shenzhou-20 astronauts proceeds smoothly



This image captured at Beijing Aerospace Control Centre on 1 November 2025 shows the crew of Shenzhou-20 and Shenzhou-21 spaceships talking with each other. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

WORK on the return mission of China's Shenzhou-20 astronaut crew is proceeding in an orderly manner as planned, the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA) announced on Tuesday.

After the return mission was postponed, emergency response plans and measures were immediately activated, and a comprehensive simulation analysis, testing, and safety assessment of

the Shenzhou-20 manned spacecraft were conducted to study the return implementation plan for the Shenzhou-20 crew, the CMSA said. All systems are rigorously conducting joint tests as required, while key product status reviews and quality confirmations are carried out. Concurrently, the landing site is performing comprehensive exercises for the crew's return. — Xinhua

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Italy's Jannik Sinner hits the ball during his match against Canada's Felix Auger-Aliassime at the ATP Finals tennis tournament in Turin on 10 November 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

Sinner dominates injury-hit Auger-Aliassime in ATP Finals opener

ITALY'S Jannik Sinner got his title defence off to a solid start with a dominant straight sets win over ailing Canadian Felix Auger-Aliassime at the ATP Finals on Monday in Turin.

Nine days after their duel in the final of the Paris Masters, Sinner was again the strongest winning 7-5, 6-1.

But fellow Italian Lorenzo Musetti was earlier outclassed 6-3, 6-4 by American Taylor Fritz.

After a tight first set, Sinner swept aside Auger-Aliassime, who had been hampered by a left calf injury by breaking serve to rush to a 3-0 lead.

He broke him a second time to close out the match with an ace after one hour 41 minutes.

"Obviously winning the first match is very important in this competition and this format," said 24-year-old Sinner.

"It was a very tough match until 6-5. I had some chances to break. He served very well, only once I missed a return, but it can happen. He played some very aggressive tennis, so I'm happy to overcome a very tough test today.

"I hope it's nothing too serious," Sinner added of his rival. "I wish him obviously a very speedy recovery and hopefully he is back to 100 per cent physically." — AFP

Cristiano Ronaldo says 2026 World Cup 'definitely' his last

PORTUGUESE superstar Cristiano Ronaldo on Tuesday said next year's World Cup would be his last as he winds down one of the all-time great careers.

The 40-year-old forward, with more than 950 club and international goals, also said he would retire from football in "one or two years".

"Definitely, yes," he told a Saudi forum by video link, when asked if 2026 would be his World Cup swansong. "I'm gonna be 41 years old and I think it will be the moment."

Ronaldo, who began a lucrative stint at Saudi Arabia's Al Nassr in 2023, also elaborated on comments last week when he said he would retire "soon".

"Let's be honest, when I mean soon, it's probably one or two years I'll still be at the game," he said.

The five-time Ballon d'Or winner is targeting a sixth World Cup next year. He came closest to lifting the trophy in 2006, when Portugal lost to France in the semi-finals.

Portugal have yet to qualify for the 2026 tournament in the USA, Canada and Mexico, but can secure their spot if they beat Ireland on Thursday.

Ronaldo joined Al Nassr after leaving Manchester United for a second time in late 2022, a move that heralded a influx of late-career stars to the oil-rich kingdom. — AFP

Spain coach dismayed as Yamal drops out of squad after treatment

SPAIN coach Luis de la Fuente has expressed his dismay at the news that FC Barcelona winger Lamine Yamal would miss Spain's upcoming World Cup qualifiers after undergoing treatment on his ongoing groin injury.

De la Fuente on Friday included Yamal in his squad for games against Georgia and Türkiye, saying that he believed the winger was fit after he had

played all of Barcelona's 3-3 draw against Club Brugge during the week.

Yamal also played over 90 minutes in his side's 4-2 win away to Celta Vigo on Sunday, but the Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) discovered later that he had undergone treatment on Monday morning for his injury and wouldn't be able to play for his country. — Xinhua

China's Yao, India's Samrat become ISSF world champions in 10m air pistol

CHINA'S Yao Qianxun and India's Samrat Rana won the women's and men's 10-metre air pistol titles on Monday at the 2025 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championship Rifle/Pistol in Cairo.

Yao, 20, topped the women's final with 243.0 points, followed by Shing Ho Ching of China's Hong Kong with 241.2 and China's Qian Wei with 221.4 to finish

China's podium sweep. The eight-time World Cup medallist celebrated her first senior world championship title. "I feel very happy and excited," she said after the final. "I hope I can continue to work hard and become even better in the future."

Asked how the World Championships compared with her previous international events, Yao added, "For me, every competition is the same - each one

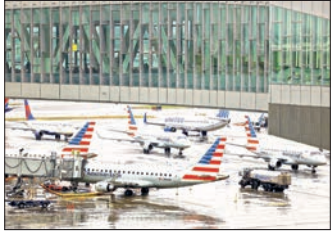
is a new beginning."

Later Monday, India's Samrat Rana edged China's Hu Kai by 0.4 points to take the men's title, 243.7 to 243.3. Fellow Indian Varun Tomar took bronze with 221.7.

The result marked a landmark for Indian shooting, with Samrat becoming the first Indian pistol shooter in an Olympic discipline to win a world title. — Xinhua



Yao Qianxun of China competes during the 10-metre air pistol women's final of shooting at the 2025 ISSF World Championship Rifle/Pistol in Cairo, Egypt, on 10 November 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**



Russia-led nuclear plant construction to allow Kazakhstan complete full nuclear fuel cycle

KAZAKH President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev believes that the construction of the country's first nuclear power plant, led by Russia's Rosatom, would allow the republic to complete the full nuclear fuel cycle, from uranium mining to electricity production.

"The energy sector occupies a special place in our cooperation. Through joint efforts, we ensure the uninterrupted transit of Russian energy resources to China and Central Asian countries. We are building and modernizing large energy facilities. Here, undoubtedly, the anchor project will be the construction of the first nuclear power plant in Kazakhstan with the participation of an international consortium led by Rosatom. The construction of the nuclear power plant will allow our country to complete the full nuclear fuel cycle, from uranium mining to electricity production," Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev said in an article for the Russian media. The head of the republic noted that the project would also open up new prospects for technology transfer, training of specialists, creation of new jobs, and the development of related industries, including such as machine and instrument manufacturing.

Tokayev stated that the key event of his visit to Russia would be the signing of a declaration on the transition of re-



Russian President Vladimir Putin and Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev attend a signing ceremony following a meeting at the Akorda presidential residence in Astana, Kazakhstan, on 27 November 2024. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

lations between Kazakhstan and Russia to the level of a comprehensive strategic partnership and alliance.

The head of the republic noted that Kazakhstan and Russia had built truly

exemplary interstate relations.

Kazakhstan and Russia, despite sanctions pressure and international tensions, have managed to maintain stability and dynamism in mutual co-

operation, Tokayev said.

Russian President Vladimir Putin is respected in Kazakhstan as a global statesman, the Kazakh leader said. — **SPUTNIK**

Iraqis vote in parliamentary elections

IRAQIS began to vote in parliamentary elections on Tuesday morning for a new 329-member Council of Representatives.

Up to 8,703 polling centres will open in the Middle Eastern

country from 7:00 am local time (0400 GMT) to 6:00 pm (1500 GMT) for more than 20 million registered voters to cast their ballots, according to data from the Independent High Elector-

al Commission.

Voting is underway amid a mandatory election silence period imposed for security reasons. Iraq's last parliamentary elections in 2021 sparked violent clashes in the capital Baghdad and resulted in nearly a year of political deadlock before a government was formed.

In a televised address to the nation on Friday, Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia' al-Sudani urged Iraqis to take part in the vote, calling it the most important election since 2003, saying it would "determine the future of Iraq for the next 20 years".

Al-Sudani cast his ballot at a polling centre in the Karrada district of central Baghdad. — **Xinhua**



A man has his fingerprint scanned before casting his vote at a polling station in Baghdad, Iraq, on 11 November 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

COP30 summit kicks off in Belem, Brazil

THE 30th United Nations climate change conference, commonly known as COP30, opened Monday in Belem, Brazil, with the aim of putting the fight against climate change back in the centre of international priorities, according to local authorities.

At the opening ceremony, COP29 President Mukhtar Babayev called to meet the goals of the climate summit held last year in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan. COP30 President Andre Correa do Lago thanked Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva for appointing him and reiterated that COP30 must

present solutions.

Despite recent setbacks, the living conditions of populations around the world can and must continue to improve, Correa do Lago emphasized. "Science, education, culture are the path that we have to follow," he said.

Multilateralism is definitely the way forward in the fight against climate change, he said.

A series of topics, including climate adaptation, just transition, and implementation of the Paris Agreement's global balance, are expected to be discussed at the event. — **Xinhua**