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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.

Govt rolls out new peace, stability push in Kayin State

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Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met departmental officials and town elders in Hpa-an of Kayin State yesterday morning to talk about development initiatives.

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Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing observes the exhibition to showcase the products of MSME businesses in Hpa-an, Kayin State, yesterday.

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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.

Modern People Party and Labour Party deliver campaign speeches

THE electoral speeches of the Modern People Party and Labour Party are featured on pages 10 and 11 of today's issue of The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper.

Notice on Early Voting Arrangements for University and College Students

15 November 2025

AS universities, degree colleges, and colleges administered by the relevant Union ministries will soon reopen, students will be attending classes on 28 December 2025, when the date scheduled for the election.

Among these students, those who will be studying at universities, degree colleges, or colleges located outside the constituencies where their names are registered on the voter lists are also included.

Among the students who will be away from their registered constituencies, the eligible voters, who will be 18 years of age on 28 December 2025, to cast a vote according to the law, may cast advance votes to ensure they do not lose their right to vote. They can cast early votes showing their national identity cards or student identity cards issued by their relevant universities, degree colleges and colleges from 9 am to 4:30 pm between 17 and 21 November 2025 at the registered ward or village-tract subcommission offices before going to these institutions.

Union Election Commission

Myanmar delegation led by Union Auditor-General attends 8th ASEANSAT Summit in Singapore

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Auditor-General Dr Khin Naing Oo attended the eighth ASEAN Supreme Audit Institutions (ASEANSAT) Summit, held in Singapore from 12 to 14 November, and returned to Yangon yesterday afternoon.

At the summit, Singapore's Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, Ms Indranee Rajah, delivered welcome remarks. The meeting discussed the 2025 annual progress reports of the various ASEANSAT committees, the 2026-2029 Strategic Plan; the revised ASEANSAT Statutes and Rules of Procedure, the ASEANSAT Training Framework, the confirmation and appointment of the ASEANSAT Chair and Vice-Chair for 2025-



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2027, the appointment of Myanmar's Office of the Union Auditor-General as auditor to review ASEANSAT's financial statements for 2024 and 2025, the confirmation and appointment of chairs of three committees for 2026-2027, the 2026-2027 workplans of ASEANSAT committees and the Secretariat, the approval of proposed budgets for ASEANSAT activities for 2026-2027, and discussions on reports concerning coopera-

tion with development partners.

At the summit, Union Auditor-General Dr Khin Naing Oo expressed her delight at the appointment of the Office of the Union Auditor-General of Myanmar as ASEANSAT's auditor. She noted that the office had experience auditing ASEANSAT's 2013 financial statements, and affirmed that audits would be carried out in accordance with international standards applicable

to supreme audit institutions. She conveyed her sincere thanks to all member supreme audit institutions for their support in the appointment.

It was attended by the auditors-general of ASEAN member states, the secretary-general and representatives of ASEANSAT, ambassadors of the respective ASEAN countries, representatives from development partner organizations, and guests. — MNA/KZL

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.

NATIONAL

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

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Kayin State Chief Minister U Saw Myint Oo presented preparations to hold the election, seizures of illegal goods and efforts to eradicate illegal trade activities, operating agricultural tasks to increase per-acre yield of crops and develop live-stock activities, fishery business operation, conducting training for increased production, measures to ensure local food security and development MSME businesses, enhancement of tourism industry, operations of education, healthcare and sports sectors, handing over of illegal entrants from Kayin State, assistance for displaced persons and generating electricity from solar power.

Town elders and businesspersons reported on food and supply assistance from the government and state government for the victims in the flooding of Thanlwin River in Hpa-an, needs to clear the water course of Thanlwin River not to cause more flooding, further disbursement for loans to operate livestock farms, needs of inputs for paddy cultivation, more development of hotels and tourism businesses, and increased salaries for ethnic language teachers.

Officials talked about plans to dredge silt in the Thanlwin River and construction for the retaining walls in Hpa-an.

In his response, the Senior General said that in relation to solar power electricity generation, the electricity needs of Hpa-an and other towns should be calculated and addressed accordingly. Regarding flooding in Hpa-an, heavy rainfall in upstream areas contributes to more severe flooding downstream. If the previously planned Hatgyi Hydropower project is implemented in the Hpa-an area, it will help manage and reduce flooding. In addition, the project would meet the electricity needs of the region and naturally mitigate flood risks. Therefore, residents are encouraged to work together to support the successful implementation of the hydroelectric project. Kayin State is a beautiful region attracting both domestic and international tourists. Further development is needed to enhance the region. Efforts should be made to improve urban and regional aesthetics, as well as to ensure traditional foods are cleaner



Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing observes the youth talk show at Kayin State youth centre in Hpa-an yesterday.

Other salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the meeting with residents in Hpa-an

- 1. If the previously planned Hatgyi Hydropower project is implemented in the Hpa-an area, it will help manage and reduce flooding.
- 2. The project would meet the electricity needs of the region and naturally mitigate flood risks.
- 3. Residents are encouraged to work together to support the successful implementation of the hydroelectric project.
- 4. Near the Myanmar-Thailand border at the KK Park area, Tatmadaw is taking measures to eliminate online financial fraud and online gambling operations, carrying out these actions as a national duty.

and more appealing to tourists. Tourism generates significant income and is beneficial for the region. If stability and peace are maintained, tourism can develop even further, and residents should collectively work towards this goal.

Union ministers discussed plans to allow the lands for generating electricity from solar power, assessment for prevention of floods in Hpa-an, plans to further disburse agricultural loans, cultivation for Robusta coffee strains and pepper in Kayin State, use of farmlands under the law, supply of agricultural inputs, implementation of the emerald green project, conducting the industrial, agriculture and livestock schools, and efforts to increase the forest coverage in Kayin State.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior

General recounted that since Myanmar gained independence, Kayin State has experienced disruptions to peace and stability due to armed conflicts, affecting both residents and the State itself. Those undermining stability in the State are identified as armed groups operating within Kayin State.

The Senior General underscored that **those working to disrupt peace and stability in Kayin State are armed groups operating within the region.** Only with peace and stability can education be effectively provided, public health services be delivered, and regional development projects be implemented. Therefore, **residents of Kayin State have to take measures through various means to protect and maintain peace and stability and**

prevent actions that undermine the State's development.

He highlighted that the Government is actively addressing actions that disrupt stability in Kayin State. Near the Myanmar-Thailand border at the KK Park area, Tatmadaw is taking measures to eliminate online financial fraud and online gambling operations, carrying out these actions as a national duty.

He added that just as peace and stability are necessary for national development, residents of each region must also genuinely engage in productive work.

He noted that every developed country is rich in educated people, with nearly full completion rates of higher education. In Myanmar, however, completion rates at the primary, middle, high school, and higher-education levels remain relatively low.

He stressed that for a country to achieve development, it requires strength in political leadership, economic capacity, and defence capability. Strong political leadership ensures strong economic performance, and strong economic performance, in turn, enhances defence capability. Since a robust economy is an essential sector for any country, collective efforts should be made to strengthen the nation's economic capacity.

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NATIONAL

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, views on development undertakings in Mawlamyine



ACTING President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing paid homage to Kyaikthallan Pagoda in Mawlamyine of Mon State yesterday afternoon.

After paying homage to the pagoda, the Senior General enjoyed the sunset scenic beauty of Mawlamyine. He donated cash to the fund of the pagoda through members of the pagoda board of trustees.

The Senior General, together with officials, viewed around selling of traditional foods and the opening of shops at the night market along the Strand Road in Mawlamyine and cordially greeted the vendors and consumers who tasted foods at the shops.

The Senior General gave guidance to officials to build a site where people can take physical sports exercises and recreation on the bank of the strand road, upgrade the road, and beautify along the road. — MNA/TTA

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing cordially greets the vendors selling meals at the night market along the Strand Road in Mawlamyine yesterday.

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The Senior General continued that much of the farmland in Kayin State remains waterlogged, creating difficulties for the timely planting of winter crops. Therefore, measures will be explored and implemented to reduce water coverage.

He emphasized that vocational, livestock, and industrial high schools are being opened in various districts. These efforts will greatly support the country's agricultural and livestock sectors. By further developing production activities in agriculture and livestock, output levels will increase, resulting in higher incomes for individual farmers.

He pointed out that voting is being conducted using Myanmar Electronic Voting Machines (MEVMs), which prevent electoral fraud. Preparations have been made to ensure that votes can be cast properly and that no irregularities occur.

He added that in implementing a po-

litical system based on democracy and federalism, the country must adopt a federal system suitable to Myanmar. This should be a region-based federal system rather than a people-based federal system.

With regard to casting votes, he underlined that it is important to choose individuals who can genuinely serve the interests of their region, promote regional development, and work for the national interest. They should be willing to cooperate with legally established state institutions to serve the nation and have the dedication to protect and preserve their ethnic group, religion, traditional values, and culture, and to uphold Our Three Main National Causes.

He advised that after the election, state responsibilities must be carried out in collaboration with the elected representatives and the new government. The intention is to continue advancing a multiparty democratic system, which

is the desire of the people. By electing competent representatives, the country can follow a good political path. It was also emphasized that development can only occur in regions with peace and stability, and no political system can bring progress to areas lacking such stability.

The Senior General discussed the cultivation of Robusta coffee, mango, rubber, betel, bamboo and pepper in the state.

Also present at the ceremony were Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Union ministers, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of South-East Command and deputy ministers.

He visited the exhibition to showcase the products of MSME businesses in Kayin State.

At the Kayin State Youth Centre, the Senior General heard reports by the Kayin State Social Affairs Minister on the con-

duct of training courses at the centre, and talk shows on technology and plans.

In his guidance, the Senior General urged officials to conduct the training on techniques to be used in the workplace directly to the youth. The courses must comprise techniques, knowledge, political affairs, and leadership.

The Senior General inspected youth in training at the indoor games at the youth centre, conducting the youth talk show, progress of domestic science, music, painting and computer science courses, reading of youth at the library and bedrooms and the dining room.

He also visited around the Hpa-an University and Hpa-an city by car.

The Senior General also inspected the construction of the Zweekabin Gymnasium in Hlakamyin Ward and gave guidance on the systematic construction of the gymnasium, meeting the standard. He then visited the construction site. — 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)



Kachin Traditional Harvest Feast held in Myitkyina

THE Kachin Traditional Harvest Feast was organized at the Ma-jwe Hall of Manau Ground in Si-tapu Ward in Myitkyina, Kachin State, yesterday.

State Security and Peace Commission Member and Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Ethnic Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Union Ministers U Nyan Tun and Dr Myo Thein Kyaw and relevant officials attended the event jointly organized by the Kachin State Government and the Kachin Traditional Cultural Association.

The ceremony included blessing rituals by religious leaders and speeches highlighting unity, cultural preservation, and community harmony.

In his speech, Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae appreciated the meaning and essence of the harvest feast as it shows the conservation of tradition, prosperity and unity of ethnic people



State Security and Peace Commission Member and Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Ethnic Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and attendees of the Kachin Traditional Harvest Feast pose for the documentary group photo in Manau Ground in Myitkyina, Kachin State, yesterday. PHOTO: STATE IPRD

and also supports the country in addition to the state stability and comprehensive development.

After the ceremonial procedures, the Union minister and party had lunch prepared from the newly harvested rice.

At noon, the Union minister visited the No 2 Training School for Development of Nationalities Youth from Border Areas in Myitkyina and heard the report made by the Kachin State Development Supervisor and principal of the training school.

He met with staff, teachers and students of Kachin State Development Supervisory Office,

Kachin State Education and Training Department and training school, and highlighted the chances provided by the Ministry of Border Affairs for the youths to attend the training schools and further studies for higher education after completing the training.

He presented cash prizes to the staff and students, and inspected the school compound, maintenance work for Kachin State Development Supervisory Office residence and staff housing, dormitory of the No 1 training school and staff housing of the Ministry of Border Affairs in Ayeya ward.

On arrival at the office of the Kachin State Director’s Office of the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs in Shwe Sett ward, the Union Minister highlighted the duties to conserve the literature, culture and tradition of ethnic people, and presented cash prizes and materials to the staff. — IPRD/KTZH

President’s Office UM joins 2025 Korea-ASEAN Policy Exchange, Intl Dialogue

UNION Minister for the Ministry 2 of the President’s Office U Ko Ko Hlaing attended the 2025 Korea-ASEAN Policy Exchange Community International Government Policy Dialogue, held at the Shangri-La Hotel in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 12 and 13 November, and delivered a speech at the opening ceremony.

On 13 November, the Union minister delivered a keynote speech at the first session of the policy dialogue under the theme “Korea-ASEAN Strategic Alliance Toward ASEAN Vision 2045.” He stated that the partnership between the Republic of Korea and ASEAN countries is very important and has enabled close cooperation for decades. He added that Myanmar aims

to transform this strategic alliance into a relationship capable of setting long-term goals through short-term projects. He highlighted four key areas for future cooperation: food security; technology and innovation; disaster management; and efforts to combat transnational crimes such as human trafficking, illicit drugs, cybercrime, and illicit trade.

The Union minister also outlined ways to further strengthen cooperation between ASEAN and the Republic of Korea in the economic, political, security, and cultural sectors, which he noted are essential for regional peace and stability.

The 2025 Korea-ASEAN Policy Exchange Community



Union Minister for the Ministry 2 of the President’s Office U Ko Ko Hlaing represents as the keynote speaker at the 2025 KACPE International Public Policy Symposium in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

International Government Policy Dialogue was attended by ministers and ambassadors from ASEAN countries, as well as policymakers from the Republic of Korea and Australia, along with international researchers and scholars.

After the event, Union Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing returned to Yangon by air on 14 November. — MNA/MKKS

NATIONAL

Union Info Minister enjoys MMA (Central)'s election awareness group songs

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn watched the filming processes of the Myanmar Music Association (Central) for awareness songs to promote a successful election for the 2025 multiparty democracy general election at MRTV in Yangon yesterday.

The Union minister cordially greeted Association Chair U Lwin Myint and musicians. He listened and watched the group song for "Casting Vote for Future" by famous singers Ye Htike, Ko Latt, Kyi Phyu Khin, Shwe Phyu, Moh Moh Kyaw Lwin, Khin La Pyae Wunn and Pale Thant Thwe.

The song was composed by the association and accordion Aung Min Naing, and the music conductor was Academy Win Ko.

The Union minister met with the relevant officials and singers,



The filming processes for awareness songs to promote a successful multiparty democracy general election in progress at MRTV in Yangon yesterday, watched by Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn.

and appreciated the efforts of the singers for participating in raising awareness of the public

regarding the general election, not to lose their right to cast a vote and served them with tea.

At noon, the Union minister met with the members of MPPA (Myanmar Printers and

Publishers Association) at the Myanmar Motion Pictures Promotion Branch of IPRD in Bahan Township.

Speaking at the meeting, the Union minister highlighted the important role of printing and publishing in the media field, whereas the publishers have to distribute the things that the writers want to express to the readers. He also talked about the ease of censorship in publication, issuance of licences to 535 publishers, five printing entrepreneurs and 37 new agencies between 2021 and 2025, and urged the association to participate in national tasks of the country and follow the laws in the printing and publishing sectors.

The Union minister then heard the report presented by the attendees and provided proper instructions. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar attends 9th ASEAN-China agricultural ministers' meeting on pest control



Union Minister U Min Naung attends the 9th China-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Cooperation in Chongqing, China.

AT the invitation of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China, the Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung attended the 9th China-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Cooperation.

The Union minister and his delegation arrived in Chongqing on the evening of 11 November and were welcomed by the Deputy Mayor of Chongqing Munic-

ipality. On the morning of 13 November, a welcoming ceremony was held by the Party Secretary of Chongqing at the HUALUXE Chongqing Science Hall Hotel, attended by representatives from ASEAN member countries, including the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand and the Minister of Agriculture.

The Union minister and his delegation attended the opening ceremony of the 2025 Land-Sea New Corridor Economic Development Forum and Logistics

Expo and toured the exhibition booths.

In the afternoon, the 9th ASEAN-China Ministerial Meeting on Pest Control Cooperation was held. The Union minister attended the meeting along with agriculture ministers from ASEAN countries. It was co-chaired by Ms Sun Meijun, Minister of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China, and the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Agriculture of the Philippines.

The Union minister stated that Myanmar had discussed the upgrading of the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area 3.0 and emphasized the importance of ASEAN-China pest control cooperation, which plays a key role in food safety, plant and animal health, and the facilitation of agricultural trade. He added that Myanmar fully supports the ASEAN-China Plant and Animal Disease Cooperation Work Plan 2026-2027. Accelerating cooperation in digital technologies, such as exchanging electronic SPS (e-SPS) certificates through the ASEAN Single Window (ASW), will significantly improve transparency and efficiency in agricultural trade for all member countries.

On the morning of 12 November, the Myanmar delegation led by the Union minister inspected the Huakang (Maca) crop and Sankit fruit plantations in Jiangjin, Chongqing. The Director-General of the Department of Agriculture, who accompanied the delegation, co-chaired the 9th ASEAN-Chi-

na Pest Control Cooperation Contact Persons Meeting on 12 November together with the Director-General from the International Cooperation Department of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China.

In the afternoon, the Myanmar delegation led by the Union minister met with the delegation headed by Mr Zhao Zeng Lian, Deputy Minister of the General Administration of Customs (GACC) of the People's Republic of China, and reached an agreement to discuss the temporary suspension of export permits for 25 green-bean exporting companies and seven banana-exporting companies from Myanmar due to pesticide-residue levels.

In addition, the GACC will continue discussions and coordination with the relevant Director-Generals of its Crop, Meat, and Fish sectors regarding the protocols submitted for signature, and will assist with the special agreement required for the export of bird's nests from Myanmar. — MNA/MKKS

ARTICLE

Why Has China Succeeded?

By Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ma Jia

THE Fourth Plenary Session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China was recently held in Beijing, where the Recommendations of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) for Formulating the 15th Five-Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development was examined and approved. China has formulated and implemented 14 five-year plans since 1953, and through the continuous effort and struggle of generations, has achieved a remarkable record of rapid economic growth and long-term social stability. Many of my friends from Myanmar have asked me about the secret to success in the Chinese path to modernization and the governance experiences of the Communist Party of China. I would like to share my personal perspectives on three aspects: China’s Road, China’s Governance, and China’s Ideas.

I. The leadership of the Communist Party of China is the key to China’s success in building a strong country and realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

The Communist Party of China was founded in 1921, and for the majority of the time prior to the founding of the People’s Republic of China in 1949, it was significantly weaker than its rivals. How, then, did this party, with such a modest beginning, manage to win the heartfelt support of all Chinese people in just 28 years? How did such a party, which began with just over 50 members, develop into one with more than 100 million members today? And how did this party manage to unite and lead the people of all ethnic groups in China, achieving extraordinary accomplishments over the more than 70 years since the founding of the People’s Republic of China?

Because the Communist Party of China has no selfish interests. The Party has always represented the fundamental interests of all Chinese people; it stands with them through thick and thin and shares a common fate with them. The Party has no special interests of its own, nor has it ever represented any individual interest group, power group, or privileged stratum. The Party has always adhered to the people’s position, which is the fundamental reason why it has maintained its inviolable strength.

Because the Party remains steadfast in its faith. It is not a party established for personal gain, but a party united by the belief in Marxism, the great ideal of communism, and the common ideal of socialism with Chinese characteristics. On China’s path to independence and development, millions of people have given their lives for these ideals, demonstrating the power of faith through blood and sacrifice.

Because the Party dares to pursue self-reform. The Party, although it has made mistakes, has always dared to face its problems squarely. Immediately after the 18th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party in 2012, the CPC Central Committee, with Comrade Xi Jinping as the core, formulated the “Eight-Point Decision” of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee on improving work conduct and maintaining close ties with the people. Over the past decade, this decision has been persistently implemented, demonstrating the Party’s courage and determination to carry out self-reform. As a result, Party and government conduct have been significantly improved, and social values have continued to improve, leading to a profound transformation in China’s political, economic, and social landscape.

II. The system of socialism with Chinese characteristics has fostered a vibrant vitality and strong creativity in China’s governance.

The system of socialism with Chinese characteristics can mobilize all resources to accomplish major

tasks. From the early years of the People’s Republic of China, when limited manpower, material, and financial resources were pooled together to build an independent industrial system and national economic system in a short period of time, to the efficient mobilization of resources for disaster relief in the face of major natural disasters, this system has demonstrated its capacity to exercise overall leadership and coordinate the efforts of all sides. In addition, China avoids short-term or flip-flopping policies; instead, it maintains a consistent long-term strategy, continuously drafting and implementing Five-Year Plans, staying focused on its objectives, and forging a new path for modernization with Chinese characteristics.

Let’s first look at a set of electricity data that serves as a barometer for the economy. In 1979, China generated only 282 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity. By 2024, this figure will have grown to over 9 trillion, representing one-third of global electricity production. This is approximately 2.5 times that of the United States, the second-ranked country, five times that of India, the third-ranked country, and nine times that of Russia, the fourth-ranked country. In July of this year, China’s electricity consumption reached 1,022.6 billion kilowatt-hours, marking the first time in the world that a country’s monthly electricity consumption exceeded one trillion kilowatt-hours, which is equal to the total annual electricity consumption of all ASEAN countries.

This data reflects the long-term trend of steady and positive growth in China’s economy. From 1979 to 2023, China’s economy grew at an average annual rate of 8.9 per cent, significantly outpacing the global average of three per cent. China contributes an average of 24.8 per cent to global economic growth annually, ranking it first in the world. China has remained the world’s largest goods trader for years, with its total import and export volume increasing from less than one per cent of the global market share in 1978 to 12.4 per cent in 2023. Within just a few decades, China has risen from a country of extreme poverty and backwardness to one with a per capita income surpassing US\$13,000. This is an unparalleled miracle of development in human history.

China has been the world’s largest manufacturing powerhouse for 15 consecutive years. It is the only country with all industrial categories listed under the United Nations’ Industrial Classification. During the 14th Five-Year Plan period, advanced manufacturing in China has expanded rapidly. In 2024, China produced 13 million new energy vehicles, maintaining its position as the global leader in both production and sales for ten consecutive years. In the same year, China accounted for 55.7 per cent of the global market share in completed shipbuilding volume, 74.1 per cent in new orders, and 63.1 per cent in the order backlog. China’s new quality productive forces are steadily growing, driven by the acceleration and quality enhancement of technological innovation. The world’s first fourth-generation nuclear power plant has entered commercial operation, China’s first space station, “Tiangong”, has been fully completed and put into operation, and the Chang’e-6 Mission successfully brought the world’s first samples from the far side of the moon back to Earth. China has climbed from 34th in 2012 to 10th in 2025, according to the latest Global Innovation Index report by the World Intellectual Property Organization.

III. China’s ideas, stands and actions reflect the common aspiration of people around the world for peace, justice, and progress.

China’s development model prioritizes common

prosperity for all citizens, rather than the wealth of a few individuals or a rigid form of egalitarianism. By embracing the philosophy of “leaving no one and no region behind”, China has succeeded in eliminating poverty, lifting more than 800 million people out of poverty, and bringing the benefits of the Chinese path to modernization more widely and more equitably to all its people. With the establishment of the world’s largest social security and healthcare systems, life expectancy has risen from 35 years in 1949 to 68 years in 1981, and to 79 years in 2024. China’s efforts in building a safer society have yielded impressive results, and the country is now recognized globally as one of the safest in the world. According to Gallup’s 2025 Global Safety Report, China ranked third globally in the “Feeling Safe Walking Alone at Night Index” and fourth worldwide in the “Law and Order Index”.

The Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, jointly advocated by China and Myanmar, have become fundamental principles of modern international relations and International Law. The concept of building a community with a shared future for mankind, proposed by China, has expanded from a Chinese initiative into a global consensus. China is unwavering in its defence of world peace. It is the only country to enshrine “pursuing the path of peaceful development” in its constitution and the only one among the five nuclear powers to pledge a no-first-use policy regarding nuclear weapons. China has worked actively to resolve conflicts and disputes, helping to bring about the historic normalization of relations between Saudi Arabia and Iran and facilitating internal reconciliation in Palestine. It has also contributed positively to the peaceful resolution of the Cambodia-Thailand border dispute. China is actively advancing global development by promoting the high-quality joint construction of the Belt and Road Initiative and the establishment of open cooperation platforms, including the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), the Silk Road Fund, the New Development Bank (NDB), and the International Mediation Institute. China strives to foster unity and cooperation among the countries of the Global South. The “Global Development and South-South Cooperation Fund”, established by China, has financed more than 180 projects, benefiting over 30 million people. China firmly supports the multilateral trading system, with the World Trade Organization (WTO) at its core. In the face of unilateral actions and the imposition of unjust tariffs by certain countries, China stands firm against bullying and responds with composure. At the same time, China continues to advance its high-level opening-up policy, actively sharing the opportunities offered by its vast domestic market, and serves as a “stabilizing anchor” amid the rising tide of global trade protectionism.

The practice of China’s Road, China’s Governance, and China’s Ideas has demonstrated that there is more than one way to modernization. The key to China’s success lies in its refusal to copy others and its commitment to following an independent path of development that suits its own national conditions. China is ready to share its experience in governance with the international community, including Myanmar, and jointly implement the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative, the Global Civilization Initiative, and the Global Governance Initiative. While seeking its own development, China is actively promoting the common development of all countries and working together to build a community with a shared future for mankind.

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OPINION

Eliminate unlawful activities of illegal border crossings

THE peace and stability of a nation are the most essential factors in its development. Therefore, the government is making continuous efforts across the entire country to maintain national peace and stability and uphold the rule of law. In this process, the government is working transparently and effectively together with relevant organizations and security forces to prevent and address situations that could disrupt national stability or hinder the rule of law.

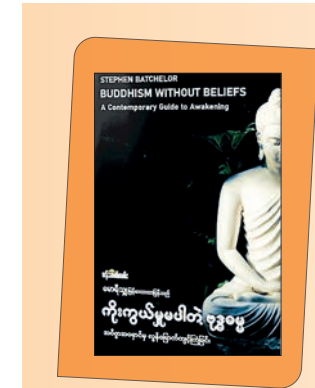
Therefore, security forces in the region launched operations against armed terrorist groups, and on 5 October this year, they cleared and took control of the KK Park area near the My-

All national ethnic groups have to cooperate and work together with the government, relevant departments, and responsible officials in these efforts to eliminate the illegal trade, gambling and different unlawful activities which can harm the socioeconomic life of the people and hamper the development of the State.

crossings and most of the outposts.

Unscrupulous traders import illegal goods and smuggled commodities through illegal channels of armed terrorist groups by paying money, but they do not import goods through the legally opened trade zones of the government. As such, the government loses a significant amount of revenue that should have been collected as tax income for the state treasury. The government has now taken decisive action to eliminate such activities that caused losses to state revenue. These measures aim to promote lawful trade and legitimate online businesses that support national development and the socioeconomic well-being of the people. To that end, the government, together with the relevant departments and security forces, is carrying out systematic security operations to completely eradicate these unlawful activities and restore the rule of law in the region.

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Book Title	-	Buddhism Without Beliefs: Practising Beyond the Darkness of Ignorance Buddhism Without Beliefs: A Contemporary Guide to Awakening By Stephen Batchelor
Translator	-	Morisha
Publishing House	-	Pann Satt Lann
Publication Date	-	October 2025 (2 nd Edition)
Price	-	K9,000

Buddhism Without Beliefs (Practising Beyond the Darkness of Ignorance)

Buddhism Without Beliefs: A Contemporary Guide to Awakening
By Stephen Batchelor

THIS week, we would like to introduce a translation book that highlights the words of Buddha: “Without escaping from the darkness of ignorance, I cannot be considered fully enlightened without the direct insight and comprehension of the Four Noble Truths.”

Saya Morisha translated Buddhism Without Beliefs: A Contemporary Guide to Awakening by Stephen Batchelor into Myanmar, with the title “Buddhism without beliefs, Practising Beyond the Darkness of Ignorance”.

Regarding this book, the

translator says... in this simple and important book, the author Stephen Batchelor explains that the Buddha was not a mystic who claimed privileged, esoteric knowledge of the universe, but a man who challenged us to understand the nature of anguish, let go of its origins, and bring into being a way of life that is available to us all. Buddhism and Buddhist practices are not things that can only be carried out through faith or belief, but rather they are practical principles that are closely connected with daily human life. The path to liberation that the

Buddha revealed and guided is a set of practical truths that work in real life, regardless of one’s personal beliefs or faith, as has been clearly and thoroughly explained in many ways.

In the preface of the original author, it reads... I have tried to write a book on Buddhism in ordinary English that avoids the use of foreign words, technical terms, lists, and jargon. The one exception is the term “dharma,” for which I can find no English equivalent. Broadly speaking, “Dhamma” refers to the teachings of the Buddha as well as to

those aspects of reality and experience with which his teachings are concerned. “Dharma practice” refers to the way of life undertaken by someone who is inspired by such teachings.

In the chapter, Ground... it reads... Do not accept something as true simply because you have heard it. Do not believe it just because it has been said repeatedly or passed down through tradition. Do not assume it is correct merely because it has happened before or because others say it is so. Do not accept it as true simply because it appears in scriptures or writings. Do not trust it just because it seems reasonable or because you can imagine it might be so. Do not think it works simply because it seems convenient or has been done a certain way. Knowing only the reasons for something, or thinking you could do it yourself, is not enough to declare it true. Do not assume it is right simply because most people accept it, or because many support it. Even when a respected or esteemed person says it is correct, do not accept it blindly. Carefully consider the consequences, and only after reflecting on its potential benefits and impact, should you make a reasoned decision and accept it.



Book Title	-	Recognition Habit and Growth Mindset
Author	-	Oxford Sayadaw Ashin Dhammasami, DPhil (Oxford)
Publishing House	-	Shan State Buddhist University
Publication Date	-	November 2025 (1 st Edition)
Price	-	K12,000

Recognition Habit and Growth Mindset

A book titled “Recognition Habit and Growth Mindset” by Oxford Sayadaw Ashin Dhammasami was published to mark his 61st birthday. This book explained Buddhist psychology and Western psychology for individuals and business entities by recognizing the positive aspects of life and practising powerful habits of appreciation and mindful compassion.

Sayadaw delivered a sermon highlighting mindfulness as a foundational practice for developing and strengthening compassion and appreciation. Sayadaw conveyed that Dhamma talks to lay people, people of all ages and those of various

social classes at different places. Sayadaw started digging into growth mindset and the science of Happiness in 2024 and put into those concepts in this book inspiring mercy and gratitude.

Moreover, Oxford Sayadaw mentioned that the “Growth mindset” is widely used in the Fortune 500 Companies to transform executive leadership. He wants the workplaces to adopt an appreciation habit for resilience and lasting success. This book will help strengthen workplace interpersonal relations and drive motivation, innovation and performance”.

The book contains the fol-

lowing chapters: 1. Growth Mindset and Mindful Compassion, 2. Growth Mindset and Self-development through mindfulness, 3. Social Awareness for Business Growth.

The chapter on Growth Mindset and Mindful Compassion provides a detailed explanation of growth mindset and mindful compassion. He also defined compassion as a stronger and effective skill to drive tangible business results, foster connection, and enhance personal well-being. He introduced American Professor Arthur Brooks, who wrote about the pursuit of happiness, to the readers.

Professor Arthur Brooks is

a professor at Harvard University who teaches courses related to happiness. Nonetheless, his wife said that if you conduct research and interview people about happiness, you also help people and institutions achieve happiness through lectures and books. Ironically, you talk about happiness, but you don’t seem to be happy. She reminded him of practising appreciation without nagging at home. She pointed out how reducing ego is the important key point prior to keeping a gratitude journal.

Professor Arthur Brooks shed light on the concept of accepting flaws and imperfections in the red pill of humility. It is the mirror that reflects our true colour. It is called humility. Red pill does not mean a pill in the colour of red, yet it can be translated as Saykhar in Myanmar, making us see ourselves as truly as we are. He added further topics related to humility. We daily pay homage to Buddha by reciting initiating Okasa, in which a Theravada Buddhist prayer requests permission to begin acts of devotion to pay homage and share merit. While worshipping the Buddha, the Buddhists try to develop humility and mindfulness.



Thamanya Phala Akataw Day

By Mya Thae (Research)

The Full Moon Day of Tazaungmone brings an enormous merry stay.

It is also known as Thamanya Phala Akataw Day. Azathadat could not sleep well that night. He was trembling because he had taken his father’s life. Daywadat, his wicked companion, urged him to murder his father cruelly.

His evil made him worry greatly. Buddha knew his tremble and taught his sermon wisely. For Buddha’s sermon, he could control the worry nicely. He reached only to Mahatapana hell (မဟာတာပနငရဲ) and did not reach to Awesi hell (အဝီစိငရဲ).

Thamanya Phala means to make clear passion (လိလောသာ). From this sermon, we may avoid wicked companions to lead a good life fairly.

I want to be a Creator

By Nayshan Khine, Translated by Myint Zan

human beings have existed for a few million years: what good is there? u think over in your mind there are floods, diseases hunger, starvation and famine didn’t many people die in the rubble of earthquakes the human abode is filled with unhappiness wars are raging thunderingly the journey is arduous hardships have to be faced

even though one is unwilling the tough terrain must be crossed under these circumstances, i do not want to live if i am granted the power me wants to be a Creator i will try to find ways to make this human.abode a beautiful place to live in

Composed on 12 November 2025
Translated on 15 November 2025

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Bridges of Friendship



By Min Min Zan

Across the lands, so far yet near, Two nations' hearts beat strong and clear.	Unite the peoples, proud and strong, Leaders meet with hope and grace, Smiles of peace in every place.
From Mandalay to icy plains, The bond of trust forever remains.	Projects grow through time's embrace, Strengthening ties none can replace.
Novosibirsk, with wisdom's flame, And Myanmar, of golden fame, Exchange of minds and cultures bloom, Dispelling shadows, clearing gloom.	So may this friendship ever grow, Like rivers where warm breezes blow. Russia and Myanmar's hearts entwine, In peace and progress, bright they shine.
Science and art hand in hand, Progress shines in every land. Learning, health, and joyful song,	

(Dedicating to the friendship and cooperation between Myanmar and Russia)



2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

Modern People Party talks about its policy, stance and procedures

U Aung Myo, First Joint General Secretary of the Modern People Party, presented the policy, stance and work procedures of his party through radio and television on the evening of 15 November.
The full text of the presentation is as follows: -



Everybody, Mingalaba! I warmly extend greetings to you all. I am U Aung Myo, First Joint General Secretary of the Modern People Party. It is a political successor to the great political leaders who fought for Myanmar’s independence. Just as generations continue among people, political generations must also continue for the nation. The Modern People Party has been firmly established with Abhidhamma-based, moral, and ideological principles and practices. Party members abide by the Ten Codes of Conduct. Therefore, the Modern People Party is a people’s party with its doors open to all who are worthy. The party’s emblem is decorated with three small red stars on a globe, which symbolizes the pursuit of global peace, democracy, modern science, and a socialist Nibbana era. The three red stars represent courage, unity, and solidarity, while the light green background of the party flag stands for peaceful, stable, and prosperous development.

When an ideology takes hold of the masses, it becomes a material force. As social science says, “Theory becomes a material force when it grips the masses”. Therefore, the Modern People Party adheres to the path of absolute peace. The party’s Central Executive Chairman is U Tun Aung Kyaw. The party is led by five Central Executive Committee members, two Reserved Central Executive Committee members, and eleven Central Committee members. At present, the party has been organized and established at the Ayeyawady Region level, and efforts are underway to expand and establish it nationwide.

Guideline

The Modern People Party upholds and practices four people-centred social principles, four worldly principles (Lokapala Dhamma), and four guiding principles for the party’s wise political work. The four people-centred social and worldly principles are as: (1) nothing can be achieved without the participation of the people; (2) no election can be held without the participation of the people; (3) the people must be granted full freedom to choose a policy or path that is just and consistent with their fundamental interests; and (4) if such freedom of choice is not given, the people will choose their own path independently.

The four work guidelines for the wise politics of the party

1. Let us neither believe blindly nor excessively, but think with the eyes of scientific knowledge.
2. Let us abandon irrational and biased beliefs and rely only on wisdom and intellectual understanding.
3. Let us renounce a life lacking systematic study

and analysis, and base ourselves firmly on profound Abhidhamma principles.

4. Those who blindly cling to outdated beliefs without reason are, in fact, farther from the truth than ordinary, simple people. Humans are not born fully knowledgeable or skilful — they are beings who learn by doing and gain wisdom through experience. Therefore, human society as a whole continues to evolve and progress, both in number and in quality. Despite having gone through many kinds of hardships and disasters, humanity has advanced from the Stone Age to the present era of highly developed electronic technology. Along this path of transformation, there have been stages: the primitive communal system (Stone Age), the slave and feudal systems (Iron Age), the monarchic and imperial systems (the age of craftsmanship and development), and today’s capitalist system (the era of advanced electronic technology). From here, humanity will continue to move toward a new age — the era of Modern Scientific Socialist heaven. It is essential to make every effort to advance market economies.

Policy and work procedures

Economy

The development of productive economic forces is the highest marker of progress in human society. Therefore, the Modern People Party will adopt an open market economic system that guarantees the people’s right to economic production. It will allow free competition in production, trade, and exchange, both domestically and internationally. The party will also work to promote the growth of the national private sector and encourage the emergence of successful entrepreneurs and wealthy business leaders among the nationalities. To establish a democratic nation, the people must possess a high level of knowledge and intellect.

Politics

The party will uphold a multiparty democratic system that guarantees the people’s human rights and political freedoms. It will put into practice the three fundamental democratic goals — full freedom, equality of rights, and governance based on the will of the people. Freedom of expression will be ensured for the media and social media alike.

People will be guaranteed the freedom to practise any religion of their choice and to freely carry out religious and spiritual activities. However, the use of religion for political purposes will not be permitted.

Ethnic nationality affairs

A Union will be established based on democracy and a federal system, free from racism and narrow nationalism, where all ethnic nationalities enjoy equal rights and opportunities.

Internal peace

Armed conflict is not something inevitable like death. Therefore, by learning from the bitter and painful lessons of national disunity in history, we must strive to resolve political problems through political means and work tirelessly to achieve lasting internal peace.

Gender equality

If there is no gender equality, human rights and democracy cannot progress far. Therefore, the Modern People Party will implement measures in line with the CEDAW (the Convention on the Elimination of All

Forms of Discrimination Against Women) agreement, aiming to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women, enhance women’s capabilities, and promote gender equality.

Farmers’ affairs

In Myanmar, where agriculture forms the foundation of the economy, it is necessary to improve life of farmers to have modernity. Farmers will be allowed to freely cultivate, produce, store, and sell their products. They will also have the freedom to export their goods abroad. To ensure that farmers themselves can benefit, they will be permitted to form and operate farmer organizations. Efforts will also be made to establish advanced agro-industrial systems.

Affairs of workers

The combined strength of entrepreneurs and workers is the driving force behind the progress of human society. Just as there can be no workers without entrepreneurs, there can be no entrepreneurs without workers. Therefore, the conflict between entrepreneurs and workers is not an irreconcilable one — it can be resolved through cooperation. As productive economic forces modernize, the lives of workers and the poor will also improve. To ensure that workers themselves can benefit, they will be allowed to form and operate workers’ organizations.

Healthcare services

To promote the health and fitness of the entire population, modern hospitals and clinics will be established in each region. Efforts will be made to cultivate highly skilled medical professionals. Medical research activities will be supported. The efficacy of traditional medicines will be strengthened.

Education

In today’s age of knowledge, an education system will be implemented that can cultivate scholars and skilled professionals. Efforts will be made to ensure that all young people achieve at least a basic education high school level. Private sector participation will also be permitted in the education sector.

Defence

Tatmadaw must be modern, strong, and highly capable, serving as a patriotic Tatmadaw, a national Tatmadaw, a Union Tatmadaw, and a people’s Tatmadaw.

Foreign Affairs

An independent foreign policy will be pursued. Broad international relations and cooperative activities will be carried out in accordance with the five principles of peaceful coexistence. Policies of international domination and neo-colonialism will be opposed and eliminated. Efforts will be strengthened to develop closer relations and cooperation with neighbouring countries, partner nations, and ASEAN member states.

In conclusion, with this understanding, the Modern People Party will continue to work diligently for the benefit of the nation and the people.

Thank you all.



2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION



Labour Party talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

U Myint Than, Chairman of the Labour Party, presented the policy, stance and work procedures of his party through radio and television on the evening of 15 November.
The full text of the presentation is as follows: -



Esteemed workers, farmers and entire people,

I would like to express my special thanks for the opportunity to greet you with affection through this broadcast today. I am U Myint Than, the Chairman of the Labour Party.

Our party has been striving for its standing to genuinely represent workers, farmers, the poor and the basic strata of the population for many years. Today's presentation is a milestone for our Labour Party.

Concerning the current challenges, we all face Esteemed people,

Today, our country is facing economic, social and political challenges. Especially, workers and farmers are encountering hardships in their lives.

Wages and salaries that are insufficient for food, clothing, and shelter; limited employment opportunities; disputes over land ownership; high cultivation costs; and the inability to earn fair prices or adequate income are the main problems faced by the workers and farmers. Without security in the lives of these basic social classes, our country cannot achieve genuine peace or sustainable development.

Vision of the Labour Party

As such, our Labour Party has adopted three primary visions. These are:

- 1. To have fair wages and salaries, rights and safety of workers
- 2. To raise the prices of farmlands and agricultural produce
- 3. To establish an education, healthcare service and social security system

These visions are our strategies for our party to

build the Union based on democracy rooted in social justice and economic equality, and a federal system.
In presenting the policy and work procedures of the party

Esteemed people, our party does not make empty promises; we believe in practical policies that will improve the lives of the people.

The political stance of our party is to exercise the political programme led by the citizens in the multiparty systems.

As the work procedures of the party

- * Ensuring that all citizens and workers equally enjoy rights, entitlements, and privileges under the law.
- * Providing support from the State budget to the elderly and the unemployed.
- * Ensuring that Union-born citizens have the opportunity to lead and receive priority in the legislative, executive, judicial, defence, and economic sectors, and enabling the formulation of economic policies that benefit Union-born citizens through appropriate means.

Especially for the workers' role

- * Increasing minimum salary: We will submit the bill to the Hluttaw for setting the minimum salary, which must be appropriate for daily needs, depending on the current commodity prices.
- * Strengthening Labour Unions: We will work to support the independent labour unions, which will bravely protect workers in disputes between employers and employees.
- * Enhancing the social security role: We will develop the social security system to be stronger to guarantee pension and healthcare services for workers and entitlements of the unemployed.
- * Some 70 per cent of the population of the nation resides in the rural areas, engaging in agricultural activities.

Hence, for the farmers' role

- * We will guarantee that farmers to swiftly resolve the problems of land rights and disputes under the law and guarantee them to have firm farming rights for their farmlands.
- * We will work to support farmers to reduce agricultural costs, seek the markets and provide agricul-

tural inputs such as fertilizers and pesticides at fair prices while linking with the foreign markets for their agricultural products to fetch fair prices.

- * We will emphasize resolving the debt problems of farmers and reducing their debts while initiating the long-term loan system at soft interest rates for agricultural activities.

Esteemed workers, farmers and entire people,

The vision of our Labour Party is to be a party born for those who are "left behind by the times, constantly marginalized, and have yet to experience genuine progress". We do not hate anyone, but we only oppose "social injustice and poverty".

Our Labour Party will reform the entire economic system with policies focused on the interests of workers and farmers, building a nation that respects labour and values the fruits of hard work. Such a change cannot be achieved by one person or one party alone; it requires the support and votes of all the people.

Therefore, in this election, choose good representatives who will help improve the lives of the people. Vote strongly for the Labour Party to eliminate social hardships. This vote will be a vote that increases your wages, secures your land rights, ensures education for your children, and develops your family life. The Labour Party candidates competing in each constituency are people who have emerged from among the citizens themselves. They are the ones who will stand with you and help solve your difficulties together.

In conclusion, I would like to present –

This election is a historic opportunity. Do not let this opportunity slip away. I respectfully urge you to vote for the Labour Party so that justice, equality, and a better social life can be realized.

May all the people be healthy and happy in body and mind. Thank you.



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C E L E B R I T Y

BRIEF

1

Naing Zaw
GUITAR Naing Zaw's new book 'Naing Zaw 100' will be released soon. He said "I signed the books to be ready on the release day on 12 November, and I shared the photo taken by Kaung Htet Zaw on social media. I also thank those who came and bought the books when I posted I would sign on Facebook, and I really appreciate it, as they bought even though I gave them as presents."

2

Tyron
AT the premiere show of the movie 'Chitthu Sae Yar', in which actor Tyron plays a special leading role, held on 21 November at the President Cinema, fans and people from the film industry filled the entire theatre to show their support. The story and script are created by Aye Kyitha Han and directed by Pwint Theingi Zaw, featuring Tyron, Poe Mamhe Thar, Academy May Than Nu, Win Khant Moe, Hnin, and many other artistes. It was screened across the country starting from 14 November.

3

Chaw Yadana
ACADEMY Chaw Yadana posted a new photo shoot on her social media page on 12 November with the caption, "Remembering the Almanack Era from Long Ago". In this shoot, the outfits were designed by Laminn Koko, makeup by Nyi Nyi Maung (Sangyoung), fabrics by Royal Gorgeous - Silk & Fabric, photography by Aung Zaw (Love Space), and retouching by Nyi Nyi Hla Baw (Love Space).

4

May Toe Khine
THE film 'Pyan Mapyaw Ya', which was released on 7 November, continues receiving strong support from audiences. Actress May Toe Khine, who stars in the movie, said, "I'm happy to see and hear all your opinions after watching it. Please share your thoughts after you see it". The film was written, scripted, and directed by Lucius Wayne, and the cast includes Kyaw Zaw, Ye Naung Cho, Swan Htet Nyi Nyi, Aung Zeya Min Htin, Thurain Win, May Toe Khine, Thiri Soe, Hsu Htet, Thiri Kyaw, Pyae Pyae, Hsaung, and many supporting artistes.

5

Poe Hmee
SINGER Poe Hmee released her new MV song 'Yin Kwal Ma Tat Lwan Nay Tal', marking her birthday on 10 November. She also requested her fans to subscribe to her YouTube channel to listen to her song at <https://youtube.com/@poemiofficialchannel?si=CYnyccUeR-LmZOvQW> to be a birthday present for her. – Htun Htun/KTZH

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San Yay Moe
ALTHOUGH the performance of traditional dancer San Yay Moe was scheduled to take place at Ward 70 in Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon, on 2 November, the event was cancelled due to the weather conditions. San Yay Moe encouraged his fans to meet again. The exact date for the event will be announced on his page.



Live music show for Sangyoung Link Grand Opening Festival

TWO vocalists, Phyoe Pyae Sone and Jewel, performed at the live music show for the Sangyoung Link Grand Opening Festival. The event took place at the Sangyoung Link Bazaar in Sangyoung Township in Yangon on 14 November.

"For such a valuable evening like this, it's a great chance to shop around Sangyoung Link while listening to your favourite songs by top artistes. It's the perfect way to create a complete and memorable day together. And the best part is that you don't need

to pay any entrance fee at all. Since it's free entry, you definitely shouldn't miss this opportunity. Are you ready to immerse yourself in the glow of the lights and the rhythm of the music?" said an organizer.

The Sangyoung Link Bazaar is a newly opened market lane filled with clothing shops, consumer goods, and rows of food stalls. The lively musical performances by artistes are also arranged in the evenings for visitors to enjoy free of charge. – Htun Htun/KTZH

NATIONAL

Russian warships depart following joint military

THE three Russian Navy Pacific Fleet warships, which arrived in Yangon on 10 November to conduct the third Myanmar–Russia joint naval security exercise and to make a goodwill visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, departed Yangon’s Thilawa Port on the morning of 13 November together with Myanmar Navy vessels for the exercise area at sea. Senior officers and other ranks of Tatmadaw (Navy), Russian Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Navy Vice-Admiral Aleksei Anatolievich Kiiashko, the Russian military attaché to Myanmar, and officials saw them off.

Vice-Admiral Aleksei Anatolievich Kiiashko met with Chief of Staff (Navy) Vice-Admiral Aye Min Htwe at Ayeyawady Naval Region Command on 11 November evening. They discussed bilateral naval relations,



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reciprocal goodwill visits of naval vessels, the exchange of maritime security information, and training cooperation. After the discussion, they had a documentary photo taken.

The opening ceremony of the third Myanmar–Russia joint naval security exercise took place at the Thiri Maha Zeya Kyaw Htin Hall of the Naval Training Command Head-

quarters on 12 November. It was attended by the Chief of Staff (Navy), Tatmadaw officers and other ranks, the Russian Navy Vice-Admiral, Russian military attaché, and observers from China, India, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

During the visit, they visited famous sites in Yangon, joined in friendly sports competitions, studied naval vessels of two countries, hosted dinner events and conducted harbour phase exercises.

The Russian naval vessels conducted naval exercises together with the vessels of Tatmadaw (Navy) on 13 and 14 November, and they reviewed the exercises and organized the closing ceremony on the Tatmadaw naval vessel Mottama. — MNA/KTZH

Weekly Roundup

12 November

Buildings demolished in KK Park

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

13 November

MoFA Union Minister holds diplomatic briefing

A diplomatic briefing was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Yangon, in which Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe briefed ambassadors, heads of missions, diplomats, and representatives from United Nations agencies based in Yangon on the current developments in Myanmar.

14 November

Head of State sends message to National Victory Day

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing sent a message to the ceremony to mark the 105th Anniversary of National Victory Day 2025, which falls on 14 November 2025.

15 November

YMBA awards winners in Mingala exams

The Young Men’s Buddhist Association-YMBA (Central) held a ceremony to present prizes to winners in the 38 Blessings and Buddhological Examination to mark the 75th Anniversary (Diamond Jubilee) of YMBA at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta, Yangon, attended by Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, and Life Patron of YMBA Senior General Min Aung Hlaing. — GNLM/TTA

Six-nation meeting in Kunming pledges stronger action against online scams

THE first Ministerial Meeting on Joint Action Against Online Fraud among China, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam was held on 14 November 2025 from 9 am to 5 pm at the Hai Geng Hotel in Kunming, China.

The meeting was attended by a Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Kyaw Kyaw, a Chinese delegation led the Assistant Minister of Public Security, a Cambodian delegation led by the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Interior, a Lao delegation led by the Deputy Minister of Public Security, a Thai delegation led by the Deputy Police Commissioner of the Royal Thai Police, and a Vietnamese delegation led by the Deputy Commander of the Criminal Police Department under the Ministry of Public Security. Representatives from the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UN-ODC), INTERPOL’s Singapore Regional Office and the

Lancang–Mekong Law Enforcement and Security Cooperation Centre (LMLECC) also attended as observers.

The meeting’s chair, the Assistant Minister of China’s Ministry of Public Security, delivered opening remarks, followed by statements from the heads of delegation from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs of Myanmar, Maj-Gen Aung Kyaw Kyaw, stated that Myanmar would strengthen regional cooperation to combat online fraud, dismantle criminal networks, rescue victims, and maintain rule of law.

He said that the country was committed to decisively dismantling fraud networks and criminal gangs, rescuing individuals trapped within such networks; and safeguarding regional law enforcement governance. He stressed that the fight against online fraud was a shared responsibility of the Lancang–Mekong communi-

ty and that the Lancang–Mekong cooperation mechanism provided a platform capable of addressing challenges.

Discussions continued under three agenda topics: the establishment of an international coalition to combat telecommunications and online fraud, joint operations to clear and dismantle areas where online fraud activities were taking place and enhance extradition cooperation, and joint control of key locations involved in online fraud operations. Delegates from each participating country contributed to the discussions.

Afterwards, the Assistant Minister of China’s Ministry of Public Security, and the heads of delegation from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam each delivered closing remarks.

The Myanmar delegation, led by Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Aung Kyaw Kyaw returned to Yangon on the afternoon of 15 November 2025. — MNA/KZL

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST

NOVEMBER 15

Israel builds concrete wall crossing into Lebanese territory: UNIFIL

THE Israeli army has built a concrete wall along the border near the Lebanese village of Yaroun, crossing the Blue Line, blocking access to more than 4,000 square metres (43,000 square feet) of Lebanese territory, the United Nations Interim Force in Southern Lebanon (UNIFIL) said.

“In October, UNIFIL peacekeepers conducted a geospatial survey of a concrete T-wall erected by the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) southwest of Yaroun. The survey confirmed that the wall crossed the Blue Line, rendering more than 4,000 square metres of Lebanese territory inaccessible to the Lebanese people. — SPUTNIK



Peacekeepers of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) man their armoured vehicle in the southern Lebanese town of Naqoura, near the border with Israel, 15 October 2023. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

NOVEMBER 14

EU lawmakers back proxy voting for pregnant women

PREGNANT lawmakers and new mothers will get the right to vote by proxy in the European Parliament under a rule change backed Thursday by the assembly, and now headed to member states for approval.

Voting at the EU body is currently only possible in person — something that critics said unfairly penalizes women, as some might have to skip key sessions before or after giving birth. On Thursday, lawmakers backed updating the rules to allow colleagues who are pregnant or have recently given birth to delegate a fellow parliamentarian to vote in their place. “No woman should have to choose between serving her voters and having children,” Parliament President Roberta Metsola said, hailing the “landmark” proposal adopted to cheers from women’s rights advocates. — AFP

NOVEMBER 13

Sri Lanka launches digital platform for shrimp farming

SRI LANKA’S MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, Aquatic and Ocean Resources, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the National Aquaculture Development Authority, on Wednesday launched the country’s first Shrimp Industry Information System (SIIS) to promote smart and sustainable aquaculture.

The new digital platform was developed under the FAO-led project titled “Smart and Sustainable Aquaculture through Effective Biosecurity and Digital Technology,” with funding from the South Korean government.

According to the FAO, the SIIS will connect shrimp farmers, laboratories, and regulatory agencies through real-time data and analytics. — Xinhua

NOVEMBER 12

PM Modi, Bhutan King discuss on cooperation

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI held wide-ranging discussions with Bhutan’s King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck during his visit to the Himalayan country. The discussions covered areas such as energy, defence, and technology.

PM Modi hailed the meeting and said that it covered the full range of ties between the two countries.

“Had a very good meeting with His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, the King of Bhutan. We covered the full range of India-Bhutan relations. We discussed cooperation in sectors like energy, capacity building, connectivity, technology, defence and security. India is proud to be a key partner in Bhutan’s development journey,” he said in a post on X. In another post, he shared how moved he was by the reverence with which the sacred relics of Lord Buddha have been received in Bhutan and underlined how it showed the spiritual bond between the two nations. — ANI

NOVEMBER 11

CoP30 Brazil: India underlines need for access to climate technologies

INDIA on Tuesday delivered statements on behalf of the BASIC (Brazil, South Africa, India and China) group and the Like-Minded Developing Countries (LMDC) group at the Opening Plenary of the UNFCCC CoP30, in Belem, Brazil, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change said in an official statement. As per the ministry, the statement reiterated the central importance of equity, common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities (CBDR-RC), and the full and effective implementation of the Convention, its Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement. India expressed full and unwavering support for multilateralism and international cooperation on climate change, particularly in the current geopolitical context. The statement acknowledged with deep appreciation the extensive and meticulous preparations and efforts that the Brazilian Presidency has invested in preparation for CoP30. — ANI

NOVEMBER 10

Indonesia names late dictator Suharto a national hero

INDONESIA added former president Suharto to a list of national heroes during a ceremony on Monday, despite objections from activists and academics over the deceased military dictator’s human rights record.

In a decree read by the presidential military secretary, Suharto was named among 10 honourees newly dubbed national heroes, joining a list of more than 200 people that includes the first democratically elected president, as well as prominent women’s rights advocates, Islamic scholars and independence activists.

Sitting President Prabowo Subianto, Suharto’s former son-in-law, presided over Monday’s National Hero Day ceremony.

In response to outcry over the plan to include Suharto, Prabowo’s office had insisted he has the right to bestow the title upon whomever he chooses. — AFP

NOVEMBER 9

Japan aims new strategic headquarters to revive regional economies

THE Japanese government is preparing to establish a new strategic headquarters led by Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi to promote regional economic revitalization, local media reported.

The body will formulate concrete measures to attract investment, foster industrial clusters, and encourage population migration to local areas, national broadcaster NHK reported.

In her policy speech, Takaichi has highlighted that government-backed initiatives have drawn semiconductor manufacturers to Kumamoto and Hokkaido, generating visible economic benefits. To replicate such success stories nationwide, the new headquarters, composed of relevant cabinet ministers, will focus on policies to boost local industries’ value-added production, support new market development, and strengthen regional supply chains. — Xinhua

SPORTS

981 runners join Runderful Bagan Temple Run 2025 in 3 race categories

THE Runderful Bagan Temple Run 2025 marathon took place at 6 am yesterday in the Bagan Archaeological Zone, starting from the ground near the southern arch of Ananda Temple in Taungbi Village of Bagan.

The event was launched by Lt-Gen Thaung Aye (Retired) and U Kyaw Min Nyo, Chairman of the NyaungU District Management and Administration Committee.

A total of 981 participants competed across three categories: 10 kilometres (411 male and female runners), 21 kilometres (460 runners), and 42 kilometres (110 runners). Winners were presented prizes by Lt-Gen Thaung Aye (Retired), Deputy Commander of the Mandalay Region Police Force, Police Colonel Aung Ko Oo, NyaungU District Administration Committee Chairman U Kyaw Min Nyo,

and officials from the organizing committee.

In the 10-kilometre category, the first prize winner received K500,000, the second K300,000, and the third K200,000. In the 21-kilometre race, the first, second, and third prize winners received K700,000, K500,000, and K300,000, respectively. In the 42-kilometre category, the top three winners were awarded K1 million, K700,000, and K500,000.



A marathoner nears the finish line at the Runderful Bagan Temple Run 2025.

Additionally, MARS Company Limited, Beroco Company Limited, and Herbal Activ Company Limited provided gift items. — Dipa Lin/KZL

Croatia qualify for 2026 World Cup, Netherlands close, Germany in limbo

CROATIA booked their ticket to the 2026 World Cup in North America with an unconvincing 3-1 win over the in-form Faroe Islands on Friday as the Netherlands all but booked their spot in the finals too.

Germany's qualification hopes still rest on their final Group A match on Monday at home to Slovakia despite a Nick Woltemade brace giving them a laboured 2-0 win at Luxembourg. After Geza David Turi had given the Faroes a shock lead, strikes from Josko Gvardiol, Petar Musa and Nikola Vlasic in Rijeka handed 2018 World Cup finalists Croatia their ticket to the



Croatia's Manchester City defender Josko Gvardiol (C) lashed in an equalizer after some hesitant Faroes defending. PHOTO: AFP

finals in Canada, Mexico and the United States.

Victory gave Croatia a six point lead over the Czech Republic at the top of Group L with just a single game left to play.

"For Croatia, for the fans!" a jubilant Gvardiol posted on his X account.

But it was a night when the underdogs struck fear into more illustrious opponents, although without managing to strike a telling blow. — AFP

Golf's world No 8 Thomas has back surgery

TWO-TIME major-winner Justin Thomas said Friday he has undergone a microdiscectomy procedure to treat hip pain and will be sidelined through the start of the 2026 US PGA Tour season.

"Life update - I've had some nagging hip pain for a handful of months and after some time off and worsening symptoms, an MRI showed I had a disc problem that needed to be treated," the 32-year-old American wrote in a social media post.

He said he had a successful procedure in New York on Thursday and had already left the hospital. "My next few weeks will be a lot of resting before the



World No 8 Justin Thomas competes in the 2025 Ryder Cup. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

rehab process begins," Thomas said. "I have a great team behind me who I fully trust to get me back to a better place than I was before!" — AFP



Mikaela Shiffrin was over a second clear of the field after the opening run in the slalom at Levi. PHOTO: LEHTIKUVA/AFP

AMERICAN ski queen Mikaela Shiffrin laid down a marker to potential challengers this season with a storming first run in the opening slalom of the World Cup programme at Levi in Finland on Saturday which left her over a second ahead of the rest of the field.

Dominant Shiffrin leads after first slalom run in Levi

The 30-year-old, who missed much of last year to serious injury before coming back to clinch her 100th World Cup victory, was the third to go and powered down the slopes to finish in 56.08 seconds.

No one else came close on the opening run with Albanian skier Lara Colturi next best 1.08 seconds behind. The German Lena Duerr was third fastest 1.49 seconds behind Shiffrin.

Already an eight-time winner in Lapland, her record number of victories on a single slope, Shiffrin could clinch her 102nd World Cup victory at the end of the second run, further improving her all-time record for victories. — AFP

Japan's Tomono leads after men's short programme at Skate America

JAPAN'S Kazuki Tomono topped the men's short programme at Skate America on Friday with a polished performance that included a pair of quadruple jumps and earned 95.77 points.

Tomono was more than two points clear of France's Kevin Aymoz, whose emotion spilled over after an outstanding performance that garnered 93.56 points.

World silver medallist Mikhail Shaidorov of Kazakhstan, who took bronze at the Cup of China last month, was third on 89.67 points.

That left the pre-competition favourite plenty of ground to make up going into Saturday's deciding free skate.

Tomono, who is vying to land one of Japan's three men's Olympic team spots for the Milan-Cortina Winter Games in February, looked the part as the fifth stop on the grand prix circuit got underway in Lake Placid, New York.

The 27-year-old opened with a quadruple toe-triple toe jump combination and also had a quadruple salchow and a triple axel. — AFP

Swiss Gruyere crowned world cheese champ

Held in Bern's Festhalle with 2,000 spectators; featured diverse cheeses like blues and hard varieties.

A Swiss Gruyère, the 18-month-old Vorderfulltigen Spezial from Bergkaserei Vorderfulltigen in the pre-Alps near Bern, clinched the 2025 World Cheese Champion title at the World Cheese Awards in Bern. It outshone 5,244 entries from 46 countries, marking the event's debut in Switzerland — though Gruyère varieties have won five times previously.

Grand final judge Perry Wakeman hailed its “massive” impact, flinty texture, and delicate crystals, calling it a cheese that excites enthusiasts. The contest, established in 1988 by the British Guild of Fine

Food, featured 265 international judges — cheese-makers, chefs, and experts — evaluating cheeses on appearance, aroma, and flavor. They sought balance, terroir, and harmony, favouring traditional, well-aged varieties.

In Bern's Festhalle, 2,000 spectators witnessed the diversity, from blues to hard cheeses. British judge Nigel Barden noted the joy of palate-refreshing surprises.

Managing director John Farrand explained the awards' aim to spotlight small producers and revive the link between land, milk, and cheese amid 1980s dairy consolidation. Next year's event heads to Córdoba, Spain. — AFP



Judges assess various aspects of the cheeses such as the appearance of the rind, the aroma and the texture. **PHOTO: AFP**



A woman takes a picture of the art installation “The Shen” by artist by Mert Ege Kose during the fifth edition of the “Forever is Now” art exhibition by Art d’Egypte at the Giza pyramids necropolis. **PHOTO: AFP**

Monumental art displayed in shade of Egypt’s pyramids

It emphasizes unity across cultures, continents, and eras, transforming a desert site into a space for reflection on eternity, innovation, and human interconnectedness.

THE fifth edition of the contemporary art exhibition “Forever is Now” features installations by international artists at the Giza pyramids outside Cairo, running until 6 December. Renowned creators like Italy’s Michelangelo Pistoletto, Portugal’s Alexandre Farto (Vhils), and others engage with ancient history in this desert setting.

Pistoletto’s Il Terzo Paradiso includes a mirrored obelisk and infinity symbol in the sand, with his works reaching five million people worldwide through 2,000 events across five continents. Franco-Beninese artist King Houndekpinkou’s White Totem of Light is a column of ceramic fragments from a Cairo factory, symbolizing dialogue with 4,500 years of history.

South Korean artist Jongkyu Park’s Code of the Eternal uses the Great Pyramid’s measurements for geometric structures with acrylic mirrors encoding a Morse code poem imagining a conversation between Korea’s legendary founder Tangun and an Egyptian pharaoh. — AFP

Türkiye moves to protect popular Mediterranean hiking trail from tourism pressure

The Lycians were a civilization from the 15th century BC, recognized for their rock-cut tombs and city-states.

TURKISH authorities and tourism bodies said that they are collaborating to address infrastructure and environmental challenges facing the Lycian Way, a 540-kilometre Mediterranean hiking trail gaining popularity among foreign visitors. The trail, most of which falls within Antalya province, once served as an ancient trade route of the Lycians, an ancient civilization known for its rock-cut tombs and city-states from the 15th century BC. It is now one of the world’s

top trekking destinations. According to data from the Turkish Culture and Tourism Ministry, Antalya welcomed 16.3 million foreign visitors in the first 10 months of this year, up by 176,884 compared to last year, many of whom drawn to the trail.

Oznur Kose, general secretary of the Antalya branch of the Association of Turkish Travel Agencies, said Tuesday that the trail’s soaring popularity has exposed infrastructure gaps. — Xinhua



Environmental concerns such as soil erosion, littering and wildlife disturbance have also emerged with rising visitor numbers. **PHOTO: ANTALYA TOURISM INFORMATION**