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Four Objectives of the National Defence and Security Council

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



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing explores the exhibits displayed at the 60th Myanmar Gems Emporium in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

60th Myanmar Gems Emporium opens its doors

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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 attended the ceremony to open the 60th Myanmar Gems Emporium at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.
The Senior General and attendees to the ceremony watched a documen-

tary video on the production and sale of Myanmar’s pearls, production of gems and jewellery items, and preparations to organize the 60th Myanmar Gems Emporium.
The Senior General inspected lots of jade, gems and pearls displayed at the Maniyadana Jade Hall for sale at the 60th Myanmar Gems Emporium and

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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.

The Party for People and the People's Party deliver campaign speeches

THE electoral speeches of the Party for People and the People's 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, 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 citizenship scrutiny 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

60th Myanmar Gems Emporium begins in Nay Pyi Taw



Photos on the left and above showcase exhibits at the 60th Myanmar Gems Emporium, with gem merchants eagerly examining the gems and jewellery on display. **PHOTOS: KO AYE THAN**

THE first day of the 60th Myanmar Gems Emporium was held at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

A total of 5,085 jade lots, 13 raw gem lots and 147 lots of jewellery, 489 pearl lots, will be sold under the open tender system. The payment can be made with US dollars, euros, yuan, baht and other currencies allowed by the Central Bank of Myanmar.

The pearl lots will be sold

on 18-19 November, whereas all the gem lots will be sold on 20 November, and the floor prices are set in US dollars. The foreign merchants can make payment with foreign currencies, and the local merchants can make payment with foreign currencies or Myanmar kyats.

Jade lots are divided into three groups depending on the quality, market status and prices, such as Group A, B and C,

with 5,085 jade lots which can be purchased from 21 to 26 November, and the local merchants can purchase all three groups.

The groups A and B will be priced in US dollars, while Group C will be priced in Myanmar kyats. The foreign merchants have to make payment only with US dollars, and the local merchants with foreign currency for Group A, foreign currency or Myanmar kyats for Group B and only with Myanmar kyats for Group C.

The event was crowded with local and foreign gem merchants. — Aung Ye Thwin/ KTZH

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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

Myanmar hosts 60th ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting & Related Meetings

UNION Minister for Transport and Communications U Mya Tun Oo presided over the 60th ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting and Related Meetings in a hybrid mode in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

In his opening speech, the Union minister welcomed the senior officials from ASEAN countries and partner countries, and talked about the implementation of ASEAN Community Vision 2045, Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2030, ASEAN Transport Sectoral Plan 2026-2030, successive support of dialogue partner

countries in innovation and capacity building to develop the sustainable transport sector in the ASEAN region.

The country hosted the ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting and Related Meetings in 2003 and 2014, and for the third time in 2025.

The meeting was attended by senior officials from ASEAN countries and the ASEAN Secretary-General's Office and dialogue partner countries such as China, Japan, Korea and the EU. The meetings will be from 17 to 19 November. — MNA/KTZH



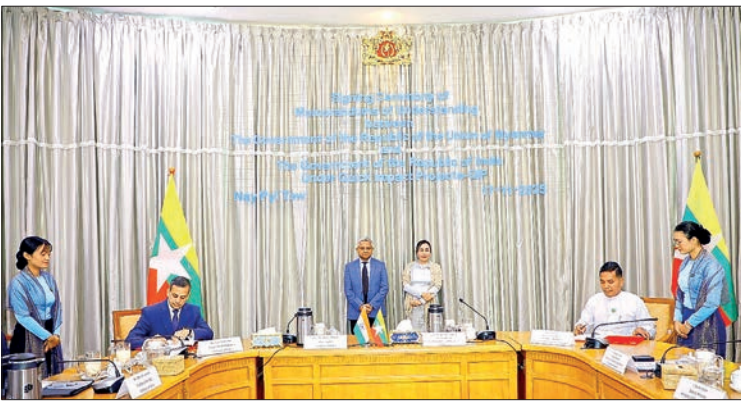
The documentary group photo session underway at the 60th ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting and Related Meetings, opened by Union Minister U Mya Tun Oo.

Myanmar-India sign MoUs on QIP implementation

THE signing ceremony for ten Memorandums of Understanding on the implementation of Quick Impact Projects (QIP) between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Republic of India was held at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by Dr Wah Wah Maung, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, deputy ministers from relevant ministries, senior officials, and Mr Abhay Thakur, Ambassador of India to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, as well as Deputy Chief of Mission Mr Ashish Sharma and representatives from the Embassy of India.

The ceremony featured the signing of ten Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs), namely the “Memorandum of Understanding for Improvement of Digital Preservation of Public



The signing ceremony of QIP implementation MoUs between Myanmar and India in progress yesterday, attended by Union Minister Dr Wah Wah Maung.

Records” by the Ministry of National Planning, the “Memorandum of Understanding for the Provision of household solar systems for ethnic people affected by the earthquake in the Inlay region” by the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs, the “Memorandum of Understanding for Replacement of Artwork at Maha Muni Buddha Image in Mandalay Region” by the Ministry of Religious Affairs and

Culture, the “Memorandum of Understanding for Dairy Buffalo Development in Myanmar” by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, the “Memorandum of Understanding for ‘Enhancing Agricultural Productivity through distribution of registered and certified Cotton and Black Matpe seeds to Cooperative Member Farmers in Myanmar” by the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural De-

velopment, the “Memorandum of Understanding for The Purchase of a JCB Mini Excavator with a Breaker Gun” and “Memorandum of Understanding for the The Purchase of Non-Destructive Test (NDT) devices for structures damaged by an earthquake” by the Ministry of Construction, the “Memorandum of Understanding for Establishment of an Offline English Language Lab in Myanmar” by Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the “Memorandum of Understanding for A project plan to obtain High Quality and High Yield Varieties of Cotton and Black Gram for the Development of Agricultural Sector in Sagaing Region” by the Sagaing Region Government and the “Memorandum of Understanding for Solar Water Pumping System Using Renewable Energy” by the Mandalay Region Government. The MOUs were signed on behalf of the Government of India by Mr

Ashish Sharma, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India.

The Indian Government will grant a total amount of US\$489,735, and Joint Project Monitoring Committees (JPMC) will be formed in order to oversee and facilitate the progress of the projects.

The Quick Impact Projects are implemented under the Framework Agreement on Quick Impact Projects (QIPs), signed between the Government of Myanmar and the Government of India, with a grant amounting to US\$50,000 per project. five projects for the 2023-2024 financial year and ten projects for the 2024-2025 financial year were implemented. For the 2025-2026 financial year, ten QIP projects will be implemented, and additional QIP projects for the coming financial years are being negotiated with the Indian Government to support Myanmar’s socioeconomic development further. — MIFER

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Myanmar delegates join 13th ASEAN Law Ministers' Meeting in Manila

THE 13th ASEAN Law Ministers' Meeting (ALAWMM) was held in the Philippines on 13-15 November, and the 24th ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting (ASLO) was on 10-13 November.

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Legal Affairs and Union Attorney-General Dr Thida Oo attended the 13th ASEAN Law Ministers' Meeting (ALAWMM) held on 13-15 November.

Speaking at the meeting, the Union minister stated that cooperation on legal matters is an essential process for promoting the rule of law and regional peace and stability within ASEAN. She added that the exchange of legal information and legal cooperation among countries serves as a key platform in the international and regional legal sphere.

In the present technological era, acts of terrorism, corruption, money laundering, and property-related offences are being committed in organized groups using advanced technology. Since these crimes are



Union Minister Dr Thida Oo poses for the documentary group photo of the 13th ASEAN Law Ministers' Meeting held in Manila, the Philippines, on 13-15 November 2025.

transnational, they pose threats not only at the international level but also to regional and global peace, stability, and the rule of law. Therefore, such issues should be addressed through both regional and international cooperation. Establishing an international legal framework concerning mutual legal assistance is crucial for effectively combating terrorism, corruption, money

laundering, and property-related crimes.

She continued that Myanmar has closely cooperated with China, Laos, and Thailand in addressing online scams and transnational financial scams, enabling the arrest and prosecution of offenders. Myanmar has also signed mutual legal assistance treaties on criminal matters with the Russian Feder-

ation and India, and has ratified the BIMSTEC Convention on mutual legal assistance in criminal cases.

She also highlighted the signing of the Sanur Bali Declaration on the establishment of the ASEAN Prosecutors/Attorneys-General Meeting (APAGM) in Bali of Indonesia.

During the First ASEAN-Japan Law Ministers' Meeting, the

Union minister talked about the legal cooperation measures between ASEAN countries and Japan during the 12th ASEAN Law Ministers' Meeting (ALAWMM) and 22nd ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting (ASLOM) hosted by Myanmar.

Before the 13th ASEAN Law Ministers' Meeting (ALAWMM), the Myanmar delegation, led by Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney-General Dr Htein Lin Oo, attended the 24th ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting (ASLOM) held from 10 to 13 November.

During the meeting, they discussed judicial cooperation among ASEAN member states, mutual legal assistance in civil and commercial matters, mutual legal assistance treaties on criminal matters, and legal and judicial cooperation between ASEAN and Japan.

The Myanmar delegation also attended the working group meeting on examining modalities for harmonization of trade law on 10 November. — MNA/KTZH

Certificates conferred on individuals completing people's military service



THE government protects the rights of its citizens in accordance with the Constitution, and the citizens also have a duty to serve the State's responsibilities. The citizens who wish to dutifully serve these duties attend people's military service training courses and are then

The presentation of completion certificates underway yesterday at the Southern Command Headquarters.

assigned to various regiments and units, where they proudly perform national defence and security duties.

Among those serving duties, a completion certificate handover ceremony for those who have finished their designated military service period for a one-third reduction of service time was held yesterday afternoon at the Ayechanphyo Hall of the Southern Command Headquarters. Commander Maj-Gen Kyi Thike and relevant officials, and those who

completed the duties, attended the event.

The commander made a speech and presented the certificates to those who completed service duties.

The officials will continue coordinating with the domestic and overseas employment committees to assist those who dutifully served in people's military service in securing jobs and assigning them to their preferred occupations in accordance with the prescribed criteria. — MNA/KTZH

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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)



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responded to the reports of officials with necessary guidance. The Senior General and party explored the selling and opening of private jewellery ornament shops and booths, and inspected lots of uncut

jade stones displayed outside the hall. Also, present at the ceremony were Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, commission members, Union ministers, Union-level digni-

taries, the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, departmental officials, representatives from the Myanmar Gems and Jewelry Entrepreneurs Association

(MGJEA), and gem traders from home and abroad. The emporium will last till 26 November. It will sell 5,064 lots of uncut jade stones, 21 lots of finished jade products, 13 lots of uncut gemstones, 147 lots of jewellery items, and 489 lots of pearls to local and for-

eign gem traders through the open tender system. Sales will be conducted in foreign currencies, including US dollars, euros, yuan, Thai baht, and other currencies accepted by the Central Bank of Myanmar. — MNA/TTA

China-Myanmar media forum stresses global governance, peace efforts, and stronger bilateral ties

THE Global Governance Initiative (GGI) Forum and the China-Myanmar Media Tea Party for the Fourth Quarter of 2025, organized by the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China to Myanmar, were held yesterday morning at the Wyndham Hotel in Yangon. Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn Ms Ma Jia, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to Myanmar, the minister-counselor, the head and staff of the Information and Public Relations Section, the Chair of the Myanmar Press Council, the Chair of the Myanmar Narrative Think Tank, Dr Margaret Wong from History Department of Yangon University, representatives from Chinese and Myanmar media organizations, and guests attended the event. At the outset, an interview video file featuring three scholars from the United States, Singapore, and the United Kingdom on global governance initiatives was shown. Afterwards, Ms Ma Jia, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to Myanmar,



The Global Governance Initiative (GGI) Forum and the China-Myanmar Media Tea Party Q4 2025 in progress yesterday in Yangon, attended by Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn and Chinese Ambassador Ms Ma Jia, among others.

stated that China would continue to firmly uphold a United Nations-centred international system and an international order based on international law. She added that China supports a multipolar world that is equal and orderly, and will oppose unilateral sanctions, arbitrary tariff impositions, and similar coercive measures. She noted that China would work towards building an open,

transparent, cooperative and mutually beneficial global economy, and that by promoting inclusive economic globalization, the fruits of modern development would be more widely shared across the Global South. She further expressed her hope that media organizations, artistes and intellectuals from both China and Myanmar—who actively disseminate, guide and contribute to global governance

initiatives — would help foster a favourable public opinion and social environment for the realisation of global governance initiatives. Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn, in his remarks, stated that the future of Myanmar must be shaped by its own citizens, and that initiatives such as the GGI are highly practical in helping ensure a peaceful and prosperous future for people in

every country, including Myanmar, while also fostering mutual respect for sovereignty. He added that nations around the world, including neighbouring and regional countries, should act based on equality, avoid hegemonic dominance, work to reduce and end wars and conflicts, and for major powers to show understanding, compassion and support for smaller nations. Through such efforts, he said, countries could strive to build peaceful and stable regions and collectively work towards creating a more peaceful world by learning from past events. He further stated that Myanmar would continue to strengthen its fraternal friendship with China, and that both countries should continue to maintain close and friendly relations as good neighbours in the years ahead. The Chinese and Myanmar media representatives then continued their discussions on the Global Governance Initiative and the fourth-quarter media tea party for 2025. — MNA/MKKS

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Opening ceremonies for People’s Military Service Training 19 held



The opening event for the People’s Military Service Training 19 in action yesterday.

THE opening ceremonies for People’s Military Service Training 19 were held yesterday morning at various

military commands, with the commandants of the training depots delivering the opening speeches.

The ceremonies were attended by the Chairman of the Nay Pyi Taw Council, the chief ministers of the respec-

tive regions and states, the commanders of the relevant commands, and other officials. Trainees were presented with

cash awards and essential items and were offered encouragement and support.

The People’s Military Service Law was enacted because every citizen has a duty to safeguard the Our Three Main National Causes: non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and the perpetuation of sovereignty. The law came into effect on 10 February 2024 to facilitate the organization of military training courses.

Those who have completed the People’s Military Service Training are now serving in various military units, fulfilling their responsibilities for national defence and security. — MNA/MKKS

University students in Myeik cast advance votes

THE university students residing in Myeik, Taninthayi Region, who will attend the universities located outside the constituencies cast their early votes at the township election subcommission office yesterday.

“The township election subcommission arranged for the university and college students to be able to cast their advance votes yesterday morning. We invited the representatives of the parties. The early voting period will be

from 17 to 21 November,” said the chairman of the township election subcommission.

The university students showed their enrollment documents from their universities and colleges to withdraw the advance ballot papers and cast votes for the candidates they prefer in the secret rooms. The Myeik District election subcommission chairman and officials inspected the voting process.

The UEC announced that the students who are away

from their constituencies, the eligible voters who will be 18 years of age on 28 December, 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 citizenship scrutiny cards or student identity cards issued by their relevant universities, degree colleges and colleges at the registered ward or village-tract subcommissions before going to these institutions.

— Khine Htoo (IPRD)/KTZH



Students are seen casting their advance votes in Myeik in Taninthayi Region.

Electoral training course for polling station officers opened in Kengtung



The training course for polling station officers underway yesterday in Kengtung Shan State (East), inspected by officials.

THE election subcommission of Shan State (East) organized an electoral training course for the polling station officers, deputy polling station officers and ward/village-tract election subcommissions at the city hall of Kengtung Township. It was attended by Triangle Region Command Commander Maj-Gen Soe Hlaing, officials of the township election sub-

commission and invitees. At the event, an official of UEC for Shan State (East) clarified the purpose of the training course. The commander and attendees inspected the displayed MEVM, electoral books and journals. The training will be conducted for 294 trainees until 24 November. — MNA/KTZH

Villages and wards urged to create Green Zones with tree planting

❖ “Planting trees is a vital measure to reduce heat and improve the local climate. Each village or ward should cultivate at least two acres of trees in their surroundings to establish Green Zones.”

(Excerpt from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman and Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with district and township-level officials, town elders, and MSME businesspeople from Meiktila District, Mandalay Region, on 10 July 2025)

15 AA and PDF members return to legal fold

THE government provides necessary assistance for individuals from PDF and other armed groups who return to the legal fold. A total of nine AA members and six PDF members who understand the peace process of the State and Tatmadaw returned to the legal fold, bringing along arms and ammunition.

Nine AA members from Minbya, Kyauktaw, Ponnagyun, Thandwe and Gwa townships and six PDF members from Maubin, Laymyethna, Zalun, Kyangin and Yekyi townships who returned to the legal fold were welcomed by officials and handed over to their parents.

Yesterday afternoon, Ayeyawady Region Chief Min-

ister U Tin Maung Win and Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Kyaw Htet explained the peace and stability of the region, and provisions of laws. Those who returned to the legal fold presented two automatic rifles and one grenade brought along with them to the commander. The Chief Minister, the commander and officials presented K10 million for two rifles and K300,000 for one grenade and K300,000 each to 15 persons who returned to the legal fold. They signed the consent and were handed over to their parents. It has been learned that there are still individuals who wish to return to the legal fold for reunification with families. — MNA/TTA



The reception ceremony for 15 AA and PDF members returning to law is in progress yesterday in Patheingyi, Ayeyawady Region.

Myanmar busts border scam ring, arrests 25

THE government of Myanmar continues to investigate and deport foreign nationals who illegally entered the country and became involved in online gambling, online scams, and related criminal activities in border regions.

Authorities have recently detained 25 foreign nationals, including 24 Chinese and one Malaysian citizen who had illegally entered Myanmar through border routes – some transiting via neighbouring countries, including Thailand – and were engaged in online gambling and scam operations in the Myawady–Mahtawthaly (KK Park) area of Kayin State.

Officials from the respective departments, led by Deputy Commander of Kayin State Police Force Police Colonel Soe Paing, inspected the verification process. They coordinated the collection of personal data and records to facilitate their repatriation to their respective countries as quickly as possible.

From 30 January to 17 No-



The immigration processes underway for the deportation of undocumented foreign entrants.

vember 2025, a total of 10,840 foreign nationals who had entered Myanmar illegally were apprehended, and 9,536 of them have been deported through Thailand to their home countries in accordance with rules and regulations. The remaining 1,304 individuals are under proper care and are ready for transfer.

The government of Myanmar is actively cooperating with neighbouring countries, regional nations, and international organizations to effectively and decisively identify, arrest, and take strong action against those involved in online scam centre operations, including the foreign nationals who control them from behind the scenes.

At the same time, effective coordination is underway to ensure the prompt repatriation of foreign nationals who have found themselves in difficulty for various reasons, as well as victims of human trafficking, to their respective countries. — MNA/MKKS

MMPO plans advertising signboards and weekend activities for museum

AS the Myanmar Motion Pictures Museum currently sees fewer public interest despite having a high number of visitors from schools and universities, the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO) is planning to arrange weekend activities to increase public awareness, according to U Chan Thar Kyi Soe, Second Joint Secretary of the MMPO.

There are plans to install advertising signboards to guide visitors to the museum’s location and to arrange a weekend activity at the museum.

“The Shwedagon Pagoda is located right near the museum. Also, a lot of people visit Kandawgyi Lake in the vicinity. But they don’t really know that the Film Museum exists. That’s why we plan to put up signboards to promote it. Additionally, if there is a weekend activity at the museum with young actors, their fans will likely come, too. We are planning to organize these things,” he said.

When it was first opened, large groups of students in 20 to 70 visited, but the number has decreased recently due to the approaching exam period.

The museum, managed by the MMPO, is open from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays starting 5 July. It features six main halls: the Silver Jubilee Gallery, the Golden Jubilee Gallery, the Diamond Jubilee Gallery, the Centenary Gallery, the Academy Gallery, and the Machinery Gallery, he added.

The entrance fees are K1,000 for each individual visitor, K 500 for groups from associations and schools, and Myanmar Kyats equivalent to two USD for each foreigner. — MT/ZN

Safeguard national heritage and religion from all angles

ANALYSIS of history shows that countries around the world have continuously worked to build development and long-term standing. Observing current global events, countries, including modern and developed ones, are prioritizing national interests over other political considerations.

For the nation to achieve success across various sectors, every citizen must possess a “genuine national spirit.” Looking back at Myanmar’s history, the people have long held strong nationalistic and patriotic sentiments. Everyone who is born and raised in this land should value their own literature and language, as there are historical examples of countries disappearing as a result of losing their cultural traditions and linguistic heritage.

Myanmar literature and the Myanmar language have endured throughout a long span of history with solid evidence of their continuity. It is often only when people travel abroad and find themselves in a foreign land that they come to better understand the true value of their own language.

The country’s education system is a well-designed structure that enables students to progress from classroom learning to vocational and knowledge-based skills. Only with strong human resources equipped with adequate technical and intellectual capacity can a nation achieve development and maintain sustainability. After receiving a basic school education, individuals can further pursue the technical and intellectual fields they are interested in. Therefore, the term “education” refers to advancing knowledge and skills built upon school-based learning.

to a nation that is rich in educated people. Therefore, the Government has set KG+9 as the minimum compulsory education at present, and efforts are being made to produce a strong pool of educated human resources.

The country’s education system is a well-designed structure that enables students to progress from classroom learning to vocational and knowledge-based skills. Only with strong human resources equipped with adequate technical and intellectual capacity can a nation achieve development and maintain sustainability. After receiving a basic school education, individuals can further pursue the technical and intellectual fields they are interested in. Therefore, the term “education” refers to advancing knowledge and skills built upon school-based learning.

Only through education can individuals become knowledgeable, develop broad perspectives, discern right from wrong, and contribute to the welfare of society. Educated people can help enhance the nation’s prosperity and are able to safeguard their national heritage and religion from all angles.

Therefore, the Government is working from various angles to further promote and enhance Myanmar literature and national languages beyond their existing level of development.

The term “age of knowledge” does not refer only to the present era. Since the earliest periods of human existence, people have built the human world on the foundation of knowledge. Human civilization has evolved and progressed because of knowledge. A study of developed countries shows that they have become prosperous and advanced due to having many educated individuals and because they have supported education for many years.

Having comprehensive knowledge and skills not only benefits individuals in their own lives but also brings pride

OUR bus started to leave Kaba Aye at 7:30 am. It wove its way through the streets and lanes in some residential quarters to evade the heavy traffic. Moreover, as it was a Sunday, the traffic was relatively lighter. So, in half an hour, our bus got to a river-crossing bridge leading to Thanlyin. It was the newly-built one, opened in 2025. To me, it looked like the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco in the US, which was world-famous for its excellent architectural design. I saw the old bridge a short way on the left. Cars of different models and sizes were streaming slowly along our bridge. My face was caressed tenderly by the breath of the cold breeze coming across the wide expanse of the river. My tiring mind was relaxed and refreshed. I espied a clump of tall buildings on a low-lying bank some distance on the right. My cousin, sitting by me, said that it was the Star City Housing Estate. The rippling river surface under the bridge was sparkling in the golden rays of the morning sun.

When we came to the side of Thanlyin, the scenes before us changed totally. The rain-drenched trees on the hills and mounds near the entrance to the town were still deep green and lush, as the monsoon retreated from Myanmar later this year. Our bus went on along the Kyaikkhauk Pagoda Road. As Thanlyin was a hybrid of an old town and a new one, we found some red-coloured brick buildings in the colonial style in wide compounds such as houses, churches, monasteries, mosques and Hindu temples. Some of them took on beautiful looks with big Sein-pan trees covered in red flowers in front. As it was in the Kathina season, the whole town was in a festive mood. We found some Padetha-bins (trees of plenty) erected at the corners of some streets with high-powered sound boxes playing songs noisily and with some young men and women collecting money from passers-by. We also noticed Padetha-bins

A Kathina-robe Offering Ceremony held at the Kyaikdeiwa Pagoda in Thanlyin

By Maung Maung Aye

with happy-looking young people in some open trucks going round the town. When our bus neared the Myoma market, it was held up by the heavy traffic for some minutes. I observed some high-standard tea shops, hotels, motels, restaurants and shopping malls on the sides of the Kyaikkhauk Pagoda Road.

At 8:29 am, the glittering Kyaikkhauk Pagoda crowning Utaringa hill came into view. I put my joined palms on my forehead out of veneration, turning my face towards the direction where the pagoda was. Just before reaching it, the bus diverted from the Kyaikkhauk Pagoda Road and followed a wide road which skirted around the foot of the pagoda hill. It was lined with green trees, behind which there were wide compounds fenced with brick and barbed wire walls, vast stretches of paddy fields and vegetable plantations, etc. It led to the International Thilawa Terminal. A few cars were running in a tearing rush. After a five-minute drive, our bus came to the arched gate of the Kyaikdeiwa Pagoda, which stands on a wooded low hill in a wide precinct on the eastern side of the road.

When the bus got inside the precincts, it took a path winding up the hill. I noticed a small Bodhi tree and a small gilded pagoda at its foot. Our bus ascended the gentle slope of the hill slowly and soon reached the top, where the gilded Kyaikdeiwa Pagoda, some monastic buildings, a rest-house, a prayer-hall, a Dhamma Beikman, a

spirit-shrine room, etc., were clustered about. We parked the bus under a leafy, tall, old banyan tree with outstretched branches. The leaves were fluttering in the breath of cold wind coming uninterrupted from the direction of the Thilawa port. From there, we had a bird’s eye view of some groves of green trees and a few fields covered with tall, wild grass lying around the foot of the hill. We could also enjoy the panoramic view of some distinguished landmarks outlined against the skyline, such as the Shwedagon Pagoda to the west, the Thilawa port to the south and the Padagyi Buddha image to the east. The sky above us was blue except for some thin layers of white clouds afloat. The morning sun was shedding its gold rays over the hill. We felt as if our worries had been removed due to the picturesque beauty.

After enjoying the great beauty offered by nature for a few minutes, we scurried up to the Dhamma Beikman, where our Kathina-robe offering ceremony was to be held. On the way there, we had to cross the platform of the Kyaikdeiwa pagoda, which means’ The pagoda built by gods ’ in Mon. Its history was wrapped in uncertainty. It rises to the height of 70 feet with three receding terraces. When we reached the Dhamma Beikman, we found some members of our association who had cooked alms-meal throughout the previous night busy preparing for the Kathina robe offering ceremony. We joined hands



with them. We set in place the robes and other prerequisites to be donated in front of the Dhamma throne, where Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Sobhita was to be seated to preach the Dhamma. We also placed 24 chairs for the other 24 monks behind the Dhamma throne. When everything was already made ready, 25 monks, headed by Presiding

Monk Dr Bhaddanta Sobhita, came in a file into the hall. Saya U Khin Maung Htay, who served as the master of ceremonies, read out the agenda of the ceremony. Then, Sayadaw Dr Sobhita preached a short discourse on the meaning of the word ‘Kathina’ and the benefits of the offering of the Kathina robes. It was learnt from the discourse

that the Pali word ‘Kathina’ meant ‘indestructible’ or ‘lasting’ and that the donors of Kathina robes were free from dangers and food poisoning, could undertake their duties with ease, and their properties would not be destroyed by five types of enemies. At the end of the discourse, our members offered robes and pre-requisites to the monks. After receiving the Kathina robes from us, ten monks entered the ordination hall and sanctified themselves with the Kathina robes they had received. When they processed out of the ordination hall, we, in a queue, donated some offerings to them. We were very satisfied with ourselves, for we believed that we would get a lot of merits when we donated to the monks who came out of the ordination hall, just after being consecrated by the Kathina robes. Then we offered alms-meal to the monks and we also had lunch.

After lunch, I went out into the veranda of the Dhamma Beikman and looked around. As the Dhamma Beikman perched on the northern slope of the hill, I saw the gilded Kyaikkhauk Pagoda standing on Utaringa hill some distance to the north and the medley of the roofs of some monasteries and houses amongst the groves of green, shady trees at the foot of the hill.

Soon, we walked around the precincts of the Kyaikdeiwa Pagoda. First, we went up to the pagoda platform and paid homage to the pagoda. It is said that it was built in 1909. Despite its old age, its glitter did not diminish, for it seemed to be regilded at times. Then we went down from the pagoda platform by a short flight of stairs. In a large stretch

of land, a short way down the platform, were found a devastated two-storeyed building, an old ordination hall and seven small brick buildings, in each of which only one person could meditate. Beyond them was a small monastery hanging above the steep slope of the hill. There was a long, roofed staircase leading down to the foot of the hill from the ordination hall. As this patch of land was sheltered by shady trees, we felt cool, relaxed and peaceful. We knew from the Sayadaw that the two-storeyed building was to be renovated. As it had turned about 116 years, it could be archaeologically regarded as an antique building. So, we wished it to be renovated in the original style. Then, we went back to the Dhamma Beikman, put away all the plates, pots and pans we had used during lunch and swept the floor clean. The Sayadaw and the monks retired to their rooms to take a mid-day nap. So, we left the pagoda at about 1 pm.

In conclusion, this Kathina ceremony coincides with the 50th donation of our charity association. Thus, it can be said to be the golden jubilee anniversary of our association, which was founded over four years ago. This being so, all the members put forth much more physical labour and financial resources in this ceremony than they did in other donations. The Kathina-robe offering ceremony was held successfully. The surroundings of the pagoda were very pleasant. So, all the members were filled with happiness, peace and satisfaction. Therefore, the sweet memories of this ceremony will remain branded in their minds for a long time.



Betaine has been shown to rejuvenate immune cells, reduce inflammation, and, when administered orally, replicate many of the benefits of exercise like improved cognition and reduced inflammation. ILLUSTRATION: PIXABAY

Scientists find molecule that mimics exercise, slows ageing: Study

EXERCISE appears to spark a whole-body anti-ageing cascade, and scientists have now mapped out how it happens—and how a simple oral compound can mimic it.

By following volunteers through rest, intense workouts, and endurance training, researchers found that the kidneys act as the hidden command centre, flooding the body with a metabolite called betaine that

restores balance, rejuvenates immune cells, and cools inflammation.

Even more striking, giving betaine on its own reproduced many benefits of long-term training, from sharper cognition to calmer inflammation.

A new study in the journal Cell from the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Xuanwu Hospital Capital Medical University explains how exercise helps the

body stay youthful.

The researchers also highlighted betaine — a metabolite produced in the kidney — as an oral compound that can imitate many of the rejuvenating effects normally linked to physical activity.

Betaine is a small molecule found in foods like beets and spinach, but the body also makes it on its own. In this study, it emerged as an impor-

tant signal that helps coordinate the anti-ageing benefits of long-term exercise.

How the Body Responds to Exercise

The research team followed 13 healthy men over six years to observe how the body reacts to both short-term and long-term exercise.

Using multiomics tools that track genes, proteins, metabo-

lites, and gut bacteria, the scientists compared the body at rest, after a single 5 km run, and after a 25-day running programme.

Their results showed that the kidney plays a central role in managing the body’s response to exercise.

During sustained training, the kidney produced large increases in betaine, which helped send protective, anti-ageing signals throughout the body.

Solving the Exercise Paradox

The study also helps explain the “exercise paradox”, where a single intense workout causes stress but long-term training improves overall health.

A short run triggered temporary inflammation and “metabolic chaos”, while regular training restored balance and strengthened the immune system.

SOURCE: ANI



2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

The Party for People talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

U Myo Min Tun (aka) Percy Pyi Hein, Chairman of the Party for People, presented the policy, stance and work procedures of his party through radio and television on the evening of 17 November.
The full text of the presentation is as follows: -



I am U Myo Min Tun (aka) Percy Pyi Hein. I am Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Party for People. I am a candidate to compete in the election in the Mingaladon Township constituency of Yangon Region for the Pyithu Hluttaw election. In the election to be held in December 2025, the Party for People will compete in the constituencies for the Pyithu Hluttaw in Mingaladon Township, Shwepyitha Township and Kyimyindine Township.

Esteemed people,

As the Party for People, we want the opportunity to address the issues we have presented to the people. Within the nation, we aim to ensure:

- * Restoring durable peace, the rule of law, and the prevalence of law and order
- * Food security
- * Healthcare
- * Education
- * Agriculture, livestock, and business activities. We seek the chance to implement these areas in the best possible way.

The world has moved beyond the computer and Internet eras and has now entered the age of AI. Daily life shows robots, driverless cars, electric vehicles replacing the use of diesel and petrol, space travel businesses, expansion into new space sectors, powerful military weapons, and the creation of advanced arms and technology. Looking at the progress of powerful nations and the neighbouring countries, these achievements are the result of overcoming internal conflicts among citizens and controlling the misuse of weapons.

The time has come for our country to be peaceful and prosperous. If the long-standing mistrust and conflicts among ethnic groups, which have lasted over 70 years, continue, neither the nation nor the lives of its people will ever progress. It is time to unclench the fists that have held onto hostility among ethnic brethren. To do this, hearts must be open and willing to reconcile. Without peace, the nation cannot be built. Because of conflicts between ethnic communities, the country has suffered, and the people have endured hardships. The only path to peace is through the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA). By following the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement framework, we hope to allow the fruits of peace to flourish.

Esteemed people,

Regarding the education sector, nearly all citi-

zens must become literate. Generally, children of all school-age groups should have access to schooling, and every young person must gain literacy. Only when young people are educated will they acquire knowledge and the ability to critically evaluate right and wrong. Currently, obstacles such as ongoing conflicts, unstable administration, and widespread armed insurgency prevent many young people from accessing education. Peace is therefore essential for youth to study.

As a second important measure, equally important is ensuring that young people have easy access to learning opportunities. Every family should be able to manage its finances and prioritize the education of their children. On the other hand, the high costs of private schools should be reduced, and government schools must provide opportunities for all youth to learn. Teacher quality and skills must be improved, and knowledgeable professionals, writers, scholars, and skilled experts from wards and villages should be allowed to provide part-time instruction in government schools. Young people are often deprived of knowledge and critical thinking due to personal cult and extreme reliance, excessive loyalty to political ideologies, armed terrorism, misguided beliefs or armed insurgency rather than acting for the purpose of defending of the country. To ensure youth acquire knowledge and the ability to distinguish right from wrong, education must begin at an early age. Schools and teachers must instil love for the nation and a sense of responsibility in students. The Party for People seeks the opportunity to carry out these responsibilities in education.

Esteemed people,

The country is rich in natural resources and has fertile land suitable for productive agriculture. The State must actively support the cultivation of crops and other agricultural products. During the transition from manual farming to mechanized agriculture, farmers face major challenges, such as high prices for equipment and fuel. The government must assist those working in agriculture. Essential machinery, fuel, and agricultural inputs for agricultural tasks should be sold at affordable prices to the farmers. Manufacturing of agricultural tools and inputs should be controlled and provided by the government rather than left to private businesses. Currently, farmers are facing hardships and challenges over use of farming equipment, fuel, chemical fertilizers, pesticides, seeds, and other support materials as unscrupulous businesspersons in the private sector monopolize the distribution and sales of these inputs and equipment as well as speculating. If farmers cannot cultivate their land, the nation's people will face food shortages. Therefore, the government must take responsibility for properly managing and supporting agricultural enterprises.

Esteemed people,

The country's growing population and the expansion of urban and rural areas are also causing the loss of farmlands and croplands. Greedy business operators contribute to this loss by illegally selling

plots of their farmland, destroying it without permission, or using it for other purposes causing loss of farmlands and croplands without operating the agricultural tasks. Although the government has issued laws and taken action, some unscrupulous businesspeople still fail to comply with the relevant laws and directives. As such, strong and effective laws must be enacted to prevent the loss of farmland. The Party for People seeks the opportunity to take action to protect agricultural land.

Esteemed people,

It is a dangerous problem that today, some youth go abroad illegally. Hence, it is necessary to create proper employment opportunities for youth at home to live in the mother land.

As Myanmar is an agricultural and livestock-producing country, the government must provide support to make farming and breeding easy and efficient. During the time of the State Administration Council, our party is particularly pleased with one initiative: integrating industrial, agricultural and livestock schools with the basic education high schools. This is a highly commendable step. Previously, if young students failed grades 8, 9, or 10, they did not know what path to follow for their careers. By combining the basic education high schools with industrial, agricultural and livestock schools, even students who do not advance academically can still learn farming and breeding skills. This equips them to support their own livelihoods, help their families, and become productive members of society, contributing to the nation. If so, such a strata of population will come out. Young people in native areas will be able to engage in agricultural and livestock work within the country without needing to go abroad. Therefore, the government needs to establish breeding zones and agricultural zones in every township. When setting up these zones, there must also be proper regulations to prevent monopolization or control by large-scale private business operators.

Thus, The Party for People seeks the opportunity to carry out these responsibilities for the above-mentioned measures.

Esteemed people,

In conclusion, whether you like the Party for People or not, go to the polling station and cast your vote for the party or candidate of your choice. With your single vote, help build the nation. With your vote, show your love for your country. With your vote, protect the sovereignty of the Union. With your vote, help make the country prosperous. Do not let the freedom you have gained be lost because of inaction. May our great nation stand strong and enduring at the centre of the world thanks to you. Thank you all.



2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION



People's Party talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

U Ko Ko Gyi, Chairman of the People's Party, presented the policy, stance and work procedures of his party through radio and television on the evening of 17 November.
The full text of the presentation is as follows: -



Esteemed people who are the actual owners of the sovereignty of the State,

First of all, I wish all voters good health, peace of mind, and fulfilment. I am U Ko Ko Gyi, Chairman of the People's Party. The establishment of our party was based on student leaders from the '88 generation, as well as experienced professionals and leaders from various fields. The upcoming election, which we will soon participate in, is not like ordinary elections held under normal circumstances. Therefore, it is extremely important to prioritize and carefully consider which matters we should focus on during the election.

Our party will prioritize and actively work for peace, equality, the rule of law, national economic development, and the reconstruction and reunification of the country. Although we refer to them as priority programmes, they are not intended to be carried out one by one; rather, all available resources will be pooled together and implemented simultaneously. It is extremely difficult to achieve development without peace and the rule of law. Extremism tends to grow during periods of intense conflict, but we must keep our vision for the reconstruction and reunification of the nation clear and unwavering. Therefore, we will focus on encouraging families who have been separated for various reasons to come together again, participating in reform and reconstruction efforts through peaceful political means. We will coordinate to implement a policy to ensure that people who have had to flee from conflicts can return safely to their homes, engage in rehabilitation, resume economic activities, and regain access to education, healthcare, and social services.

We will also take action to ensure the success of peace and ceasefire negotiations. Once peace is achieved, it will also help alleviate concerns related to the People's Military Service Law. We will strive to conduct inspections and oversight to ensure that the People's Military Service Law is implemented properly and in accordance with the law. In reality, the root cause of armed conflict is inequality. We will also do our utmost to carry out the necessary constitutional amendments to enable all ethnic groups to achieve equality.

Regarding the rule of law, anti-drug efforts form a fundamental part of reducing crime. The spread and use of drugs among young people also harms the country's human resources, which is why anti-drug measures will be carried out with priority. The rule of law is not only a basic requirement for building a

democratic nation but also extremely important for ensuring the safety and security of citizens in their daily lives. When we talk about the rule of law, the role of civil servants is crucial. Efforts will be made to ensure that civil servants receive fair salaries and benefits that match basic living costs, while also implementing reforms to make the civil service system more efficient, capable, and streamlined. The public administration system will also be modernized to achieve a timely and effective e-government framework. To ensure the emergence of the appropriate laws, rules, regulations, and directives will be carefully reviewed, with necessary amendments, repeals, and new enactments carried out thoughtfully and systematically.

Regarding national economic development, the electricity and energy sectors are fundamental necessities. Efforts will be made to ensure a reliable electricity supply and a secure energy sector. As an agriculture-based country, support will be provided to help farmers remain debt-free, access crop-loan and credit guarantee systems, obtain seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, fuel, and agricultural water, and protect their crops from exploitative middlemen. Assistance will also be given to produce higher-value agricultural products. Alongside the agriculture sector, support will be extended to develop livestock and aquatic products industries by providing technology, capital, and market connections. To link agricultural and industrial products to markets, necessary production routes, Union highways, and road networks will be upgraded, constructed, and maintained to ensure safe and smooth transport for trade.

With the aim of emergencing job opportunities for youth, we will work to support the youth to have vocational training courses so as to seek job opportunities, invite foreign investments as a priority to create employment opportunities, provide legal protection for the youths who will work abroad, and arrange recruitment of skilled workers to earn revenue for the State.

Infrastructure development is extremely important for national economic growth. Therefore, efforts will be made to systematically develop roads, bridges, housing, and the real estate market. Policies will also be coordinated and implemented to promote development in sectors such as tourism, education, healthcare services, and banking. Development banks for each sector will be properly established and strengthened to support growth. Accurate statistical data and clearly defined standards for each sector will be emphasized, ensuring that development plans are based on reliable figures. Support will also be provided to accelerate the transformation of the digital economy for greater efficiency and effectiveness. One of the main challenges for domestic businesses to compete with foreign enterprises is high bank interest rates. Tax collection systems will be simplified, fair, and transparent, avoiding corruption while ensuring a broad and reliable revenue system. The tax system should not be burdens for the taxpayers. If so, the proper tax system will emerge. Economic stimulus plans will be

implemented to revive businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Excessive regulations will be eased wherever possible to improve efficiency. Support will be extended to strengthen operations of small, medium, and innovative enterprises, facilitating easy access to financial markets and encouraging the emergence of public companies. Ultimately, national development is fundamentally tied to the development of its citizens. It is the responsibility of the state to ensure that citizens are healthy, capable, and intelligent.

We will make strenuous efforts to develop an education system that ensures every citizen can at least complete the middle school education level while fostering critical thinking and analytical skills in the education system. According to the United Nations Population Fund's 2025 estimates, the global average life expectancy at birth is 73.5 years, whereas Myanmar's average life expectancy is only 67.3 years, ranking 163rd out of 201 countries. Therefore, strict monitoring and control will be applied to the use of hazardous substances, toxic chemicals, and harmful drugs to ensure safety in food, medicine, and drinking water for the people. We will make efforts to take measures so as to reduce air pollution we face on a daily basis so that citizens can have access to cleaner, healthier air in their daily lives.

It is necessary to rebuild the nation based on peace, equality, the rule of law, and development, while respecting and valuing the foundations of national culture. In this process of nation-building endeavours, neighbouring countries, regional states, and the international community will also cooperate peacefully and work together for mutual benefit.

Esteemed people,

Our People's Party is a party firmly committed to building a new nation based on democracy and a federal system, grounded in universal principles of freedom, justice, and equality. The upcoming election, held under these extraordinary circumstances, is more important than regular elections. It is a chance to choose the leadership that can resolve current conflicts, ease problems related to food, clothing, and living, and guide the country over the next five years. I respectfully urge all citizens to support and vote for the People's Party, marked with a yellow background, so that through the people's votes, a new nation truly based on the will of the people can be established.

The emblem of the People's Party features a red torch held upright in the centre against a yellow background.

"Let's vote for the yellow People's Party to break through the darkness and bring in an era of light."

May all the people live with peace and serenity in their hearts.



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Theatrical artistes join public awareness campaign ahead of 2025 general election

AS the 2025 Multiparty Democratic General Election is scheduled to begin on 28 December, public awareness campaigns encouraging nationwide participation are currently being filmed to support the successful holding of the election. Yesterday, theatrical artistes took part in the production at Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) on Pyay Road in Yangon.

Participating voluntarily in these election-related public awareness recordings were theatrical artistes U Nan Win, Aung Thway Thit, Htet Myet, Zaw Gyee (Maubin), Yan Shin,

Pan Ei San, Pan Kabya, Shoon Lei Ein, Ngwe Nan San, Poe Poe Ein, and Thin Thantha.

These theatrical artistes beloved by people, are contributing from their respective fields to encourage the public to vote in the upcoming election, as the democratic nation people aspire to can be achieved only through the election, where all citizens must take part and cast their ballots. — MNA/MKKS

Theatre performers take part in a public awareness campaign ahead of the 2025 general election.



Myanmar film ‘Thabin The Mya Hninzi: The Beginning’ chosen for Lancang–Mekong International Film Festival

DIRECTOR Min Set Thit has confirmed that the Myanmar film ‘Thabin The Mya Hninzi: The Beginning’ has been selected to represent Myanmar at the Lancang–Mekong International Film Festival, which will be held in China.

The screenplay of ‘Thabin The Mya Hninzi: The Beginning’ was written by Min Set Thit and Ingyin Han, with the script fully handled by Ingyin Han. Director Min Set Thit filmed the work for Sein Htay Film Production.

‘Thabin The Mya Hninzi: The Beginning’ has been chosen as Myanmar’s representative film at the Lancang–Mekong International Film Festival, which will take place in Yunnan, China, from 27 November to 1 December.

The director noted that being selected for such an international festival was made possible thanks to the continuous support and affection of the fans of ‘Thabin The Mya Hninzi’. He added that he and actress May Mi Ko Ko will attend the festival together, representing not only themselves but the entire ‘Thabin The Mya Hninzi’ team and all their devoted fans. He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the audience for their unwavering support.

The film features a large cast including Htoo Myat, Henry San, May Mi Ko Ko, Cindy Myat, Min Arkar, Gu Gu, Yoon Thadar Han, Thanzin Phyo Paing, Shoon Lei Shwe Yi, Htoo Thar, Kyaw



This image displays a poster for the ‘Thabin The Mya Hninzi: The Beginning’ movie.

Zeya, San San Win, Than Than Soe, Su Yadana Htaik, Pwint Tharaphy Kyaw, and many other artistes. The film was released nationwide in major cinemas in September 2024. — ASH/KNN



Myanmar reports no new COVID-19 cases

THE Ministry of Health tested six samples from 8 pm on 9 November 2025 to 8 pm on 16 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.

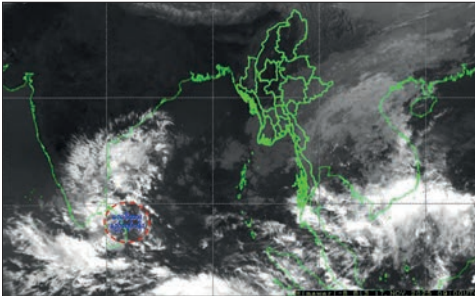
- Elderly people (aged 60 and above)
- People with diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases, and cancer
- Pregnant women (especially those beyond the third month of pregnancy) are prioritized to receive COVID-19 booster shots.

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

Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 4 pm MST on 17 November 2025



ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, the low-pressure area over the Southwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining Sri Lanka Coast persists. It is likely to move slowly west-north-westwards during the next 24 hours. — DMH

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.

CBM issues warnings against use of illegal crypto assets

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) warned individuals not to engage in buying, selling, transferring, or saving of cryptocurrency assets, according to its notification dated 16 November.

CBM announced on 3 May 2019 through state-run newspapers that digital currencies, including cryptocurrency, are not allowed to be traded personally or virtually. CBM declared digital currencies, including cryptocurrency, illegal currencies. CBM has not granted permits to any financial institutions to deal with digital currencies, according to its notification released on 15 May 2020. The governments of many countries, such as China, India, Algeria, Bolivia, Egypt, Nepal, Pakistan, Vietnam, Indonesia, Angola, and Colombia, stated that digital currency like cryptocurrency is not legal tender. Though they are not regulated in many countries as legal currency, some are qualified as digital assets.

China bans crypto crack-



The facade of the Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw.

down and pledges wider E-CNY use as a digital representation of the Chinese. CBM is also researching to create a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC). Some governments prohibit the use of cryptocurrencies. Nevertheless, their popularity among people is accumulating and saving and trading crypto is growing as our world is chang-

ing rapidly. Some people expect profit from high price volatility in crypto trading. Lack of bank investment made crypto assets attractive for illegal activities such as drug trafficking, arms smuggling, human trafficking, online scams and money laundering (AML/CFT) as they can evade taxes.

The UK and the US brought charges of money laundering and involvement in online scams against Cambodian businessman Mr Chen Zhi and sanctions assets from his Prince Group, according to the CBM, citing a BBC Burmese statement on 16 October 2025. Additionally, the US government seized approximately

US\$14 billion worth of digital currency Bitcoins for digital currency fraud linked to phishing scams with forced labour camps, making it the largest Bitcoin seizure and largest financial crackdown in history and causing the Bitcoin market to drop by about 10 per cent. The historic crypto crackdown proved that governments can track down and control crypto assets. Consequently, that makes criminals more cautious with the use of cryptocurrencies and likely reduces the use of Bitcoin. The unregulated crypto market poses a significant risk to investors to experience financial losses due to rapid price swings, weak regulation and high vulnerability to hacking and online security breaches. Thus, CBM reiterates its warnings to the public not to conduct illegal activities like buying, selling, transferring, and holding crypto assets. CBM encourages the public to use legitimate transactions only through authorized banks. — NN/KK

Myanmar's Pathein parasols set sights on foreign markets

DEPARTMENT of Industrial Supervision and Inspection (Ayeyawady Region) stated that efforts are being undertaken for Myanmar traditional Pathein parasols to boost sales with local demand and penetrate foreign markets. Pathein parasols used to receive strong local demand. Nowadays, they are only utilized as interior décor accessories at wedding ceremonies and other big events. Therefore, the department is trying to influence the buying behaviours of locals and promote Pathein parasols as souvenirs. "Pathein parasols are in high demand during festivals in the peak tourism season. This iconic parasol was previously used by the royal families. We are trying to expand markets through expos and shows. There are 25 types of Pathein parasols, including decorative



This photo displays vibrant Myanmar's Pathein parasols crafted with unique designs.

items, umbrellas both designed for sun and rain, big parasols found on the beach, parasols with enchanting designs containing artists' paintings," said an official of the Department of Industrial Supervision and Inspection (Ayeyawady Region). Over 5,300 small and medium enterprises in Ayeyawady

Region have obtained temporary SME certification. The department is trying to provide necessary technical and financial assistance for the SMEs. The department is attempting to bridge the connections between SMEs and investors and traders through local and foreign expos. — ASH/KK

IWUMD invites bids for diesel supply for salinity barrier and canal projects

IRRIGATION and Water Utilization Management Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation invited business entities and individuals to submit an open tender to supply diesel required for the construction of salinity barrier and irrigation canal excavation projects between Yway River and the Pyanmalot River, the tender committee said. The department called for bids in Kyat to procure high-quality diesel that is required for the construction of a salinity barrier and irrigation channel excavation projects between the Yway and Pyanmalot rivers under the Union Supplementary Ap-

propriation Bill for the 2025-2026 Financial Year. The tender form is available at the department in Labutta, Ayeyawady Region, by 26 November. The deadline for the submission is 4:30 pm on 27 November. The tender opening date and time will be announced separately to the companies and individuals. They can enquire about details of the open bids and regulations through the assistant director's office of the construction task force 9 of the Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department in Yangon through contact numbers 09 966006033 and 09 250413622. — NN/KK

Singapore's non-oil domestic exports up 22.2% year-on-year in Oct

SINGAPORE'S non-oil domestic exports (NODX) jumped 22.2 per cent year-on-year in October, accelerating from thwe 7.0 per cent growth recorded in September, according to data released Monday by Enterprise Singapore.

Both electronic and non-electronic exports contributed to the strong performance, rising 33.2 per cent and 18.8 per cent, respectively. Non-oil re-exports also posted robust growth, climbing 30.1 per cent year-on-year in October after a 20.2 per cent increase in September. — Xinhua

Emirates orders 65 Boeing 777X planes in \$38 bln deal

EMIRATES ordered 65 Boeing 777X planes in a deal worth \$38 billion on Monday, delivering a vote of confidence to the US manufacturer on day one of the Dubai Airshow.

Deliveries of the much-delayed plane are expected to start from the

second quarter of 2027 under the agreement, which also includes 130 GE9X engines from General Electric. Emirates, already the biggest customer for the Boeing 777, now has 270 777X, 10 777 freighters and 35 Boeing 787s on order.

“It’s a long-term commitment that supports hundreds of thousands of high-value manufacturing jobs,” Emirates Group chairman and chief executive Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum told a press conference. — AFP

Changing Distributor for Registered Pesticide

Distribution of pesticide registered by Shandong Max Agro Co., Ltd is changing from Royal Golden Citizen Co., LTD to Farmer's Friend Co., Ltd. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Co-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein within 2 weeks.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V BAO SHUN VOY.NO. (106015)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V BAO SHUN VOY.NO. (106015)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **18-11-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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SPORTS

Portugal, Norway book spots at 2026 World Cup

PORTUGAL booked their ticket to the 2026 World Cup with a 9-1 victory over Armenia on Sunday, while an Erling Haaland brace rubber-stamped Norway's place in the global showpiece as they romped to a 4-1 win in Italy.

After being held by Hungary and then stunned by Republic of Ireland last time out, Portugal sealed top spot in Group F at the third time of asking with a resounding win over bottom-side Armenia.

In the absence of the suspended Cristiano Ronaldo, star midfielders Bruno Fernandes and Joao Neves both scored hat-tricks as the Portuguese ran riot in Porto.

Renato Veiga, Goncalo Ramos and Francisco Conceicao were also on the scoresheet.

"The most important thing was qualifying for the World Cup," Paris Saint-Germain

lynchpin Neves told RTP.

"For me, as I always say, the team always comes before the individual. I'm very happy to have scored my first goal for the national team, and my second and third as well."

Portugal will compete in a seventh consecutive edition of the World Cup, a tournament which the Euro 2016 champions are yet to win.

"We're at the World Cup! Let's go, Portugal!" Ronaldo posted on social media.

The striker could miss the start of the tournament depending on whether FIFA extend his suspension beyond the mandatory one-match ban he served against Armenia. Ireland sewed up the play-off place in the group thanks to Troy Parrott's 96th-minute hat-trick goal handing them a 3-2 win over third-placed Hungary. — AFP



Portugal's midfielder (8) Bruno Fernandes scores his team's fifth goal from the penalty spot during the 2026 World Cup qualifiers Europe zone group F football match between Portugal and Armenia, at Dragao stadium in Porto on 16 November 2025. PHOTO: AFP

Sinner hails 'amazing' ATP Finals triumph over Alcaraz

JANNIK Sinner cut a delighted figure on Sunday after he finished a turbulent season in the best possible fashion, seeing off rival Carlos Alcaraz in straight sets to retain his ATP Finals title.

Italian Sinner was roared

to a 7-6 (7/4), 7-5 victory by supporters in Turin, who watched their idol cap a landmark season in which he became the first of his countrymen to win Wimbledon. "It's (an) amazing season... This year making four Grand Slam finals, coming here, win-

ning here, having this big streak in end of the year, it's amazing," Sinner told reporters.

"But mostly I feel to be a better player than last year, I think this is the most important. It's all part of the process. I always say and believe that if you keep working and trying to be a better player, the results, they're going to come. This year it was like this."

Sinner collapsed to the ground with a mixture of joy and relief after sealing his triumph at the season-ending tournament where he hasn't lost a match since being beaten in the 2023 final by Novak Djokovic.

The win brought to a close a year in which the 24-year-old had to bounce back from a three-month ban, which chopped out a large chunk of his season despite the World Anti-Doping Agency accepting that the Italian was accidentally contaminated with banned substance clostebol in March 2024. — AFP



Italy's Jannik Sinner celebrates with the trophy after winning over Spain's Carlos Alcaraz at the end of the men's single final match at the ATP Finals tennis tournament, in Turin, on 16 November 2025. PHOTO: AFP

Kok breaks women's 500m world record at speed skating World Cup in Salt Lake City

DUTCH sprinter Femke Kok broke the women's 500-metre world record and the United States dominated the men's team pursuit on the final day of the ISU Speed Skating World Cup in Salt Lake City on Sunday.

Kok stunned the Utah Olympic Oval by clocking 36.09 seconds, slicing 0.27 off the 12-year-old world mark set by South Korea's Lee Sang-hwa. Skating in the last pair against Olympic champion Erin Jackson of the United States, Kok opened aggressively and held her speed through the final lap before watching the scoreboard in disbelief.

"This is bizarre," Kok, who won Saturday's first 500-metre race, told the ISU official website. "I've dreamt about this for so long... I felt more powerful than yesterday." She added that the record even left room for improvement: "[Lee] was one tenth

of a second faster in the opener, so it's still possible to improve."

Jackson also dipped under her previous best, finishing in 36.57, while Lee Na-hyun of South Korea placed third in 37.03.

In the men's team pursuit, the American trio of Ethan Cepuran, Emery Lehman and Casey Dawson powered to 3:32.49, lowering their own world record by more than a second. Racing in the final pairing, they built an early lead and finished well ahead of Norway, while China's Ning Zhongyan, Wu Yu and Liu Hanbin secured bronze in 3:36.65. The excitement continued in the men's 500 metres, as Dutch sprinter Jennings de Boo triumphed in 33.63 seconds, just 0.02 outside the world record. Kazakhstan's Yevgeniy Koshkin finished second in 33.67, while South Korea's Kim Jun-ho clocked 33.78 for third. — Xinhua

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Smart “braided truck” unveiled to drive green transformation in China’s freight sector



This photo taken on 7 November 2025 shows an electrified smart “braided heavy truck” in Zhuzhou, central China’s Hunan Province.
PHOTO: XINHUA

A NEW type of electrified smart “braided heavy truck” has been developed to support the green transformation of China’s logistics industry, according to the Chinese manufacturer CRRC Zhuzhou Locomotive Co Ltd.

The smart truck — known as the Zhidao Electrified Highway Transport System — made its debut at a recent international rail transport expo in central China’s Hunan Province, injecting fresh momentum into the upgrading of the highway transport sector and offering a

more efficient, intelligent and eco-friendly mobility solution.

The smart green truck integrates a range of advanced technologies, including intelligent energy replenishment, smart energy connectivity, intelligent driving, and intelligent safety control and operations, the developer told Xinhua.

The truck draws power through pantographs connected to overhead “braids” on the catenary system. This allows it to break free from the battery-capacity constraints of traditional electric heavy-duty

vehicles, enabling longer, continuous operations suitable for heavy-haul transport, according to the developer.

In addition to its intelligent energy replenishment system, the truck’s intelligent driving design integrates technologies such as environmental perception, decision-making and planning, and control execution. These features work together to optimize vehicle performance, enhancing both operational intelligence and overall transportation efficiency. — Xinhua

Princess Aiko begins her 1st official overseas trip in Laos

PRINCESS Aiko, the only child of Japanese Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, arrived in Laos on Monday on her first official overseas trip to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries.

During her six-day trip through Saturday, the 23-year-old princess will meet Laotian President Thongloun Sisoulith and attend a banquet, the Imperial Household Agency said. She will also learn about Laotian history and culture and interact with locals.

Anticipation for her debut on the global stage has grown, as fostering friendship with other countries is regarded as a major role of the imperial family.

Following her arrival in Vientiane, the capital of Laos, on Monday night, the princess will visit major landmarks, including the Patuxai war monument, on Tuesday before paying a courtesy call on Thongloun.

In the evening, a state banquet will be hosted by Vice-President Pany Yathottou.

On Thursday, the princess will travel by rail to the ancient capital of Luang Prabang, where she will visit the national museum and the famous Wat Xieng Thong temple.

During her trip, she will also visit a children’s hospital built with Japanese aid, and a school where Japanese-language teachers work. — Kyodo

Iranian official accuses IAEA of tipping Israel off about nuclear sites

THE first Iran’s nuclear site that Israel attacked in June was a plant producing fuel for a nuclear research reactor, located in Tehran, of which only the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) knew, Iranian Vice-President and President of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran Mohammad Eslami said on Sunday.

“The first site Israel attacked was the plant that pro-

duced fuel for the Tehran reactor ... Information about it was available to the IAEA. We had a room for tests in that building, and it was equipped with the IAEA’s help, and then it was exactly that room that was attacked. How could such a precise strike have been carried out except by misusing IAEA information?” Eslami said during a conference in Tehran.

The nuclear research re-

actor, for which the plant’s fuel was used, has peaceful purposes, such as production of radioactive drugs for hospitals, the minister added.

On 13 June, Israel launched a military operation against Iran, targeting nuclear facilities, military commanders, prominent nuclear physicists and air bases after accusing the country of running a secret military nuclear programme. — SPUTNIK



A handout picture provided by the Iranian presidency on 8 October 2021 the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant, southeast of the city of the same name, during the visit of the country’s president. **PHOTO: IRANIAN PRESIDENCY / AFP**