

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.

SSPC Chairman & Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing delivers speech at passing out parade of DSA 67th Intake



State Security and Peace Commission Chairman and Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing inspects the graduate cadet company at the passing out parade of the DSA 67th Intake in PyinOoLwin yesterday.

State Security and Peace Commission Chairman and Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing delivered an address at the passing out parade of the 67th Intake of Defence Services Academy at the parade ground of the academy in PyinOoLwin yesterday morning.

The parade was attended by Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, the wife of the Senior Gen-

eral, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Zeya Kyaw Htin Htein Win and his wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Zeya Kyaw Htin Sithu Tun Aung and his wife, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, Union-level dignitaries, Union ministers and their wives, the Mandalay Region Chief Minister, commanders, military attaches from foreign missions to Myanmar, the commandant of Defence Services Academy, officials of

PyinOoLwin Station, parents and relatives of the cadets and guests.

The Senior General took salutes from the cadet companies and inspected the graduate cadet company. The cadet companies marched past the Senior General.

The Senior General presented the Best Cadet Award to cadet Myat Thiha, the Excellent Award in Training to cadet Hein Wai Lin, the Excellent Award in Studies (Arts) to cadet Tint Aung Htoo,

the Excellent Award in Studies (Science) to cadet Hein Htet Naing, and the Excellent Award in Studies (Computer) to cadet Htet Wai Yan Aung.

The Senior General delivered a speech. (The speech of the Senior General is reported separately on page 4)

After taking salute of the cadet companies, the Senior General left the parade ground.

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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.**

Four National Objectives for 78th Independence Day 2025

1. To safeguard the non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty by all citizens, as they are the most essential and suitable national objectives and national duties
2. To strive forward for national unity and Union peace to implement sustainable and balanced development
3. To establish a genuine, disciplined democratic system completely by exercising the freedom and justice in accordance with the laws and regulations
4. To advance other economic sectors and promote MSMEs based on regional products

Preparations underway for 86-day Mann Shwesettaw Pagoda Festival



This aerial drone photo captures scenes from the Mann Shwesettaw Pagoda and its precincts during the festival period. **PHOTO: MAUNG MAUNG (MINBU)**

THE Mann Shwesettaw Pagoda Festival will be held for 86 days starting from 22 January 2026 in Minbu (Saku) township of Minbu District, Magway Region, according to the Pagoda Festival Committee.

The authorities received advice from Ovadacariya Sayadaws, and the festival will be opened on 22 January and held for 86 days. The lodging houses, halls and stalls will be built for the pilgrims across the nation, and arrangements will also be made for the pilgrims to stay overnight, according to U Aye Lwin, district administrator and chairman of the committee.

Currently, the repairing works are being conducted in Mann Creek waterway, the location for the festival and Naga Lake of Lower Settawya

using heavy machinery. After the sandbank of Mann Creek is repaired, the locations for accommodation halls and shops will be designated, and construction will begin. Similarly, the tender, auction, and painting processes within the pagoda compound will be conducted before the festival. Moreover, a Bailey bridge will be constructed for the visitors to be able to visit Lower Settawya, said U Aye Ko, chairman of the pagoda board of trustees.

The Mann Shwesettaw Pagoda is an A-level pagoda in Myanmar, and the festival is held from the 5th Waxing Day of Tabodwe until the 1st Day of the Myanmar New Year. This year, the festival will be from 22 January to 17 April 2026, totalling 86 days. — Maung Maung (Minbu)/KTZH

MPC holds graduation ceremony for 5th Election Reporting Course

THE graduation ceremony of the fifth Election Reporting Course, organized by the Myanmar Press Council, was held on 3 December at the Shwe U Daung Hall of the News and Periodicals Enterprise (Head Office) on Theinphyu Road, Botahtaung Township, Yangon.

At the ceremony, Dr Tin Tun Oo, Chairman of the Myanmar Press Council, delivered the graduation speech, while U Khin Maung Kyaw Din, Second Vice-Chairman of the Council and Chair of the Media Development Committee, reviewed and discussed the teaching and training aspects of the course.

Following this, the Council Chairman and members, together with the Deputy Director-General of the Media Development Department and the Deputy Director from the Yangon Region Department of Information and Public Relations, presented graduation certificates to the trainees. On behalf of the trainees, one of the graduates expressed gratitude and appreciation.

The ceremony was attended by officials from departments under the Ministry of Information, members of the Myanmar Press Council, and invitees. — Thitsar (MNA)/MKKS



Myanmar Press Council Chairman Dr Tin Tun Oo presents the graduation certificate to a trainee at the fifth Election Reporting Course in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: ZWE MARN**

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)

Graduation dinner honours 67th Intake of Defence Services Academy

The graduation dinner to honour the 67th Intake of the Defence Services Academy was held yesterday evening at the mess hall of the Anawrahta Battalion of the DSA in PyinOoLwin. The ceremony was attended by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, and his wife, Daw Kyu Kyu Hla.

Also present at the dinner were Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Htein Win and his wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung and his wife, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, Union-level dignitaries and Union Ministers and their wives, the Chief Minister of



State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing warmly greets the graduating officers at the honouring dinner.

Mandalay Region, commanders, the DSA commandant, officials of the PyinOoLwin Station, parents and relatives of the graduating officers, and other guests.

The Senior General cordially greeted the graduating

officers and had dinner together with them and the other dignitaries. During the dinner, the Senior General and the dignitaries enjoyed musical performances by the Myawady Entertainment Troupe. — MNA/TH

Commissioning ceremony for graduates of DSA 67th Intake

THE Commissioned Officer Appointment Ceremony for the 67th intake of the Defence Service Academy took place at the DSA Convocation Hall yesterday.

It was attended by Military Appointment-General Lt-Gen Htein Win from the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), senior military officers from the office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commandant of DSA and graduate cadets.

The Military Appointment-General, senior military officers and the



The commissioning ceremony for the DSA 67th Intake graduates is underway.

commandant took their seats in the designated places presented the com-

missioning letter to each graduate cadet.

The Military Ap-

pointment-General gave a speech and concluded the event. — MNA/KTZH

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The Senior General met five outstanding cadets and their parents and relatives at the parlour of the DSA Headquarters and spoke words of honour.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General stressed that obedience to the advice of parents and looking after the parents means paying the debt of gratitude to those parents. Likewise, the Senior General urged the graduate cadets to uphold the honour of the State and the Tatmadaw by maintaining personal discipline and living and practising in a manner befitting a good soldier.

As different technologies are improving day by day, the graduate cadets have to study knowledge and techniques to improve their lives so as to become reliable ones for the State and Tatmadaw. Moreover, they have to avoid indulgence and supervise subordinates to be free from indulgence. They all have to serve the interests of the State and Tatmadaw with loyalty to themselves, their organization and the State. — MNA/TTA

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Speech delivered by State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing at Passing Out Parade of 67th Intake of Defence Services Academy

Comrades,

Today marks the triumphant culmination of the 67th Intake of the Defence Services Academy and serves as the Induction Day, when comrades pass through the ceremonial arch to assume their positions as junior leaders in the designated units and corps of the Defence Services – Army, Navy, and Air. This solemn occasion signifies both their elevation in duty and honour, and the successful completion of their integrated programme of academic studies and military tactics at their revered alma mater, the Defence Services Academy. Likewise, it is my honour to affirm that this day stands as a defining milestone for our comrades, imbued with profound significance and heralding a renewed vigour and enduring purpose for our Nation and the Tatmadaw.

Comrades,

The alma mater, the Defence Services Academy, has long cultivated comrades into exemplary junior leaders, guided by the steadfast aspiration ‘**To produce well-rounded and calibrated officers for the Defence Services.**’ I would like to emphasise that, through tireless dedication, these comrades, shaped by the Academy and propelled by a relentless pursuit of excellence, are called to exemplify the enduring principles of integrity and the noble ethos of ‘**Honour, Valour, Wisdom,**’ standing ever poised to discharge their duties with resolute determination within their assigned units.

Comrades,

It is imperative that comrades entrusted with the three principal duties be well-versed in the noble art of leadership. In this noble pursuit, comrades must exert themselves with steadfast purpose, guided by the sixteen traits of leadership; for **leadership is not an inborn gift, but a discipline attained through one’s own learning, conduct, and perseverance.** Above all, comrades must cultivate firm and disciplined organisational skill within their respective spheres, for a leader must be able to marshal both the morale and the capabilities of his subordinates, and thereby fulfil the missions entrusted to him with honour and success.

Through this approach, it has become possible to discern the attitude, abilities, strengths, and shortcomings of each individual, and to strive with

concerted effort to ensure the right man in the right place, while exercising justice and prudence, and showing no partiality toward any subordinate. Moreover, the virtues and integrity required to embody righteous leadership over one’s subordinates must be steadfastly cultivated. **It is of paramount importance that great success be achieved in the execution of every task, guided by the principles of righteousness instilled within those of steadfast and honest mind.** Otherwise, tasks undertaken lacking integrity and discernment will be reprehensible, bringing disrepute and falling short of the high standards expected of true leadership. Likewise, I would like to urge that comrades embrace full responsibility for the Nation, the Tatmadaw, their units and corps, and their fellow companions, conducting themselves with honesty and striving to become exemplary leaders, even in the face of trials and dilemmas.

Comrades,

The rise and fall of a nation are inextricably bound to the diligence and discipline of its citizens, who must stand steadfast within its fold. Likewise, the prosperity and decline of an organisation rest upon the diligence and steadfast adherence to regulations demonstrated by its members. The enduring steadfastness of our Tatmadaw stands as a living testament to the discipline, loyalty, and devotion of its service members, carried faithfully across generations. Therefore, comrades entrusted with the inheritance and preservation of the honoured traditions of our Tatmadaw are called to uphold the highest standards of discipline in duty, loyalty, and integrity.

Discipline can be broadly categorized into two types: prescriptive discipline and prohibitive discipline. Prescriptive discipline lays down the rules that require comrades to act in a manner that is fitting, proper, and consonant with their duty. Prohibitive discipline, in turn, sets the rules that strictly forbid any action deemed inappropriate, unbecoming, or contrary to the standards of the service. In particular, the Sixty Codes of Conduct embodied within our Tatmadaw stand as prescriptive disciplines that uphold conduct befitting the highest soldierly bearing. These codes must be observed with steadfast devotion and constancy,

held firm as a Longyi bound at the waist. Conversely, the articles concerning the 41 types of offences set forth in the Tatmadaw Act constitute prohibitive disciplines, and comrades must exercise utmost care to avoid committing them. Furthermore, comrades, as members of the Tatmadaw, you must honour and uphold all field and workplace regulations set forth by the Tatmadaw. I also like to emphasise the utmost importance of respecting and abiding by the civil laws and regulations of our Nation.

Comrades,

Training plays a pivotal role within the Tatmadaw’s threefold operational process: **Study, Practise, Comply.** Moreover, it is accorded primacy, expressly designated as the first pillar of the Tatmadaw’s Three Readiness and the foremost of the four principal tasks of unit building. Every regulated duty performed each day by comrades forms a living cycle of continual training. Therefore, the supreme charge of our Tatmadaw, the duty from which all others flow, is training. Comrades shall undertake continuous training, both to sharpen their own quality and capability and to elevate the proficiency and effectiveness of the troops under their command and charge.

To fulfil the duties entrusted to you in their entirety, optimal health and physical resilience are indispensable. You must perform the prescribed daily fitness exercises with exactness and consistency. I urge you to refrain entirely from alcohol, tobacco, and betel quid, for such vices severely undermine the strength and readiness required of every soldier.

Comrades,

Technological leaps, coupled with state-of-the-art military weaponry and ordnance in the contemporary era, have fundamentally transformed military affairs, allowing operations to transcend traditional geographical limitations. The battlefield has evolved from one once dominated by manpower, conventional weaponry, and traditional military tactics to **a theatre defined by advanced high-tech armaments, including drones. Furthermore, operational domains have expanded significantly to encompass Artificial Intelligence, Cyber, Space, and Information Warfare.** In essence, air supremacy, mastery of electronic technologies, the

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Speech delivered by State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing at Passing Out Parade of 67th Intake of Defence Services Academy

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modernity and quality of ordnance, and operational precision now constitute the principal factors determining victory or defeat in war. To comprehend, master, and skillfully employ the evolving military tactics and modern weaponry driven by technological advancement, extensive knowledge and professional competence are indispensable. Recognising that **elevating educational standards is quintessential to building a Standard Army**, the Tatmadaw resolutely prioritises initiatives designed to advance the education and training of all officers and soldiers.

On the other hand, comrades must continually endeavour to better themselves by integrating the expertise they have acquired with practical application in their daily duties. It is imperative to engage with literature that imparts knowledge, thereby cultivating wisdom and broadening the intellect. Moreover, you are called upon to study and reflect upon works of intellectual and philosophical merit, which serve to sharpen your discernment of right and wrong, cause and effect. As **expertise broadens a person's competence, and knowledge renders a person virtuous**, I urge you to pursue excellence in both realms, so that you may grow into competent and virtuous soldiers who are at once both capable and morally upright.

Comrades,

The primary duty of our Tatmadaw is the Defence of the Nation. To discharge this responsibility fully, comrades must be endowed with three indispensable capabilities: Military Capability, Administrative Capability, and Organizational Capability. Only by mastering these three pillars can you execute the orders and duties assigned to you with complete proficiency. These capabilities are mutually reinforcing: as administrative capability strengthens, military capability is enhanced, and organisational capability correspondingly grows. Therefore, building upon the academic studies and military tactics instilled at the Defence Services Academy, I urge you, comrades, to strive to become exemplary officers, fully equipped with these three essential capabilities.

Comrades,

In light of the blatant voting irregularities perpetrated during the 2020 General Election, the Tatmadaw was compelled to assume the responsibilities of national political governance. During this period, the opposition groups, NUG and CRPH, engaged in acts of subversion, portraying the Tatmadaw as undermining democracy and seeking to mislead the youth, enticing them towards armed terrorism through false hopes and expectations. **This armed terrorism has resulted in a grievous loss of human resources for the Union we are striving to build.** It is imperative to

recognise that attempts to resolve issues through armed means have yielded no positive outcomes, even over the course of more than seventy years. Moreover, it is necessary to confront the reality that the regression of democracy stems from the armed path itself. If the ultimate objective remains the construction of a Union founded upon democracy and a federal system, **the Nation has already laid the groundwork for inviting all armed opposition groups, including the PDFs, to operate within the legal framework, with the paramount aim of safeguarding the interests of the Union.**

On the other hand, certain ethnic armed groups that had signed the NCA, by disregarding the facts of the political process, have violated their commitments and strayed from the path of peace. In light of the incidents and challenges encountered in the pursuit of peace, the Tatmadaw has clearly and precisely articulated the Six Peace Principles. As genuine peace can only be attained through dialogue and negotiation, it is imperative that, **when peace initiatives are undertaken, we focus on what must be done rather than merely expressing personal desires, and work collaboratively to achieve what is possible in unity and harmony.** I wish to underscore that only by building a practical, successful, and sustainable peace can we effectively advance the nation's development and safeguard the well-being of our people.

Comrades,

Article 339 of the 2008 Constitution stipulates that the **Defence Services shall lead in safeguarding the Union against all internal and external dangers.** The defence objective of our Nation further asserts: **'To strive to establish a modern People's Defence System, involving the entire population, based upon internal forces, and sovereign and impervious to external influence in the defence and security of the State.'** In view of the contemporary geopolitical landscape and international circumstances, the defence, security, and sovereignty of small nations, including our own, can remain stable and resilient only when founded upon forces that encompass the full participation of the people. I solemnly emphasise that, as **our national defence strategy is founded upon the People's Militia System, which rests upon the participation of all citizens, any threat that imperils or infringes upon the sovereignty of the Nation must be confronted, resisted, and extinguished through the unified strength of the entire populace, with the Tatmadaw as the central pivot. This is not merely a policy but an inherent and historic duty entrusted to every citizen.**

Comrades,

In the coming days, a multiparty democratic general election will be held. In preparation, new

laws and regulations governing the registration of political parties have been amended and enacted to ensure fair and equitable participation. Furthermore, election-related information is being disseminated by the State in a timely and transparent manner.

In the forthcoming election, all eligible citizens, except those legally disqualified, are called upon to exercise their right to vote freely. **The candidates we choose must be devoted to the service of the nation, steadfast in upholding and safeguarding our three main national causes, and committed to the advancement of our Nation.** I wish to impart that, in accordance with the principles of a multi-party democracy, all political parties and Hluttaw candidates are to engage in fair and honourable competition throughout the electoral process.

While the State Government is exerting concerted efforts on every front to ensure that the 2025 multi-party democratic general election is conducted freely, openly, fairly, and with the utmost dignity, it must be underscored that certain individuals and organisations opposing the State are seeking, through various subversive means, to impede this national agenda. **As the emergence of a government elected by the sovereign will of the people would significantly weaken the capacity of these terrorist elements to sustain their unlawful and destructive acts, they are intensifying their attempts to disrupt the electoral process.** Therefore, I call upon you, my comrades, to stand in steadfast collaboration with the people and to execute your duties in your respective sectors with utmost vigilance and unbreakable unity, securing the successful conduct of the election by pre-empting and crushing the disruptive acts of those intent on undermining it.

Comrades,

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate the following points:

- To endeavour to become individuals worthy of **'Honour, Valour, and Wisdom,'** while faithfully discharging the duties entrusted to you in your designated units.
- To perform your duties with honesty and integrity, and to strive to become exemplary leaders who stand firm and remain steadfast in the face of all difficulties and challenges.
- To live by, and endeavour to become, individuals who respect and uphold rules and laws, embracing the principle: **'Discipline Begets Safety,'** and
- To urge all to stand united in ensuring that the peoples of every ethnic nationality fully comprehend the genuine endeavours of the Tatmadaw in safeguarding internal stability and fostering lasting serenity.



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PyinOoLwin steps up drive to become Myanmar's premier flower and travel city



Acting President and State Security & Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views around the Sitha Dam in Mandalay Region yesterday.

Water resources and transport facilities in PyinOoLwin Township are being upgraded as part of broader efforts to develop the area into a national model for comprehensive development.

ACTING President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, members of the inspection team, the Mandalay Region Chief Minister and officials, inspected undertakings to ensure water sufficiency for the PyinOoLwin region and the beautification process yesterday morning.

On arrival at the briefing hall of Hsinlan Dam, the Senior General heard reports on efforts to ensure water sufficiency of PyinOoLwin Township and further works, upgrading the spillway with the two-foot more height of the facility at Hsinlan Dam for providing further sufficiency of drinking water in PyinOoLwin Township in accord with the guidance of the Head of State in April 2025, upgrading of the Sitha Dam with a three-foot-height of facility at the spillway, construction of Hsinlan-2 Dam for supplying sufficient water to PyinOoLwin and agricultural water, construction of Pwekawk diversion weir and Pintee Dam, and potential prospects.

In his response, the Senior General gave guidance, saying that the construction projects for the Hsinlan 2 Dam and the Pintee Dam should be implemented to ensure an adequate supply of drinking water and irrigation water for PyinOoLwin. The Hsinlan 2 Dam project is located on the Sinphyu Creek near Sinphyu-inn Vil-

lage. Once completed, the dam is expected to have an estimated storage capacity of 1,200 acre-feet of water. Water from Sinphyu Creek will be supplied through the Yinthama diversion weir downstream of the dam and delivered to Yadanabon New Town using a gravity-flow system. In addition to enabling the expansion of drinking water distribution to Ward Nos 9, 16, 17 and 18, the project will also provide irrigation support for farmland along the stream, benefiting agricultural areas that rely on water supplement.

The Pintee Dam construction project is located on the Thabyaik Creek near Pintee Village and, once completed, will have an estimated storage capacity of 4,000 acre-feet of water. The stored water will be supplied year-round to 1,015 acres of farmland along Thabyaik Creek through seven diversion weirs using a gravity-flow system, which is expected to significantly support local food security. In addition, the project will enable the expansion of drinking water distribution to urban Wards 10, 11 and 12 through a pumping system. Once dam projects are completed, PyinOoLwin will be able to secure a stable drinking water supply that can also meet future population needs. Furthermore, the increased water availability will support the city's signature development programmes – the Flower City and Coffee City initiatives – while also contributing to a greener environment. Tourism in the region is expected

to grow substantially, which in turn will help improve socioeconomic conditions for locals. Therefore, it is necessary to continue systematically carrying out the required preparatory and assessment work for the planned expansion and construction of the dams.

The Senior General and the party inspected the storage of water at the Hsinlan Dam and the upgrade of the spillway. The Senior General heard reports of officials and gave guidance that the rapid and effective completion, within a short period, of increasing the spillway height by two feet at Hsinlan Dam and by three feet at Sitha Dam has greatly supported the social and economic well-being of the area and residents. Continuous monitoring and enforcement are required to ensure that forest cover is maintained and that crop cultivation does not occur within the designated water catchment areas of the reservoirs. By carrying out these measures, water resources can be conserved more effectively, and water security can be further strengthened.

The Senior General and party inspected regional development along the Namkat Village-Anisakhan route in Ward 19 from Hsinlan Dam by car and gave instructions on continuous supervision for beautification of PyinOoLwin and systematic land use.

The Senior General and party looked into the efforts to upgrade the three more feet height of the Sitha Dam. The Union

Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and officials conducted a Senior General round the site.

At Sitha Dam and Sitha Water Supporting Dam, Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi reported to the Senior General on the field inspection trip to examine the root causes of forest coverage in PyinOoLwin Township from 2015 to 2020, findings in scrutiny through the RS & GIS technology in addition to Google Earth and Landsat satellite photos, nurturing of forests at the coverage decline area, raising the public awareness for forest coverage, formation of the forest reserves and protected public forests in the better coverage areas, and efforts to increase forest coverage in the vacant and fallow lands.

In his guidance, the Senior General said that efforts are being made to shape PyinOoLwin to be the cherry city and the flowery city. Pine trees must be planted to create a pleasant scene and to support the greening activities. Relevant organizations and local authorities have to conserve the forest reserves and protected public forests in order to maintain the natural environment and water sources.

He added that it is necessary to consider the plans for water supply for the travellers. Endeavours for greening tasks to symbolize PyinOoLwin are being carried out for the entire nation. The government will provide necessary assistance to ensure more forest coverage in PyinOoLwin Township.

The Senior General inspected the storage of water at the Sitha water supporting dam and gave necessary guidance to officials.

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Humans responsible for restoration of situations from climate change

- ❖ Climate change is caused by human activities, so humans must take measures to restore and protect the environment.
- ❖ Therefore, planting, conserving, and maintaining forests and trees is a fundamental way to help manage and mitigate natural disasters.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, State Security and Peace Commission Chairman, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the third monsoon tree-growing ceremony 2025 of the families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) on 11 September 2025)

PyinOoLwin steps up drive to become Myanmar's...

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The Hsinlan diversion weir and Sitha diversion weir were built in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. The two-foot added spillway of the Hsinlan Dam can store 412 more acre-feet of water than 6.848 acre-feet in the past, with 112 more million gallons of water. The

18-inch diameter steel pipe can be used in supplying water to some 15,000 people of PyinOoLwin. Likewise, the three-foot higher spillway of Sitha Dam can store 267 acre-feet of water, with a volume of some 72 million gallons than in the past. So, it can supply water to some 10,000 people.

At Anisakhan Airport, Union Minister

for Transport and Communications U Mya Tun Oo reported to the Senior General on the construction of the new apron and the airport lounge.

After hearing the report, the Senior General gave guidance that upgrading Anisakhan Airport aims to shape it as a focal point for the transport of travellers

to Shan State and facilitate the travel city of PyinOoLwin for the smooth transport of travellers. Moreover, domestic products and crops from around the PyinOoLwin region can be transported to other regions swiftly. At the same time, motor roads must be upgraded with pedestrian ways on both sides to upgrade PyinOoLwin. — MNA/TTA

MoCRD and Roscongress Foundation discuss natural fertilizer factory, agri-cooperation projects



Union Minister U Hla Moe holds talks with the Roscongress Foundation led by Supervisory Board Member Mr Sengey Shatirov yesterday.

UNION Minister U Hla Moe of the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development received a delegation led by Mr Sergey Shatirov, Supervisory Board Member of the Roscongress Foundation, at the Minister's Reception Hall yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they held an open and cordial exchange of views on matters relating to the Myanmar-Russia cooperation project to construct a natural fertilizer factory, the status of the MoU for projects jointly undertaken by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and

Irrigation, the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development and the Roscongress Foundation, the trial cultivation of nine varieties of sunflower seeds supplied by Russia through agricultural cooperative associations, the ongoing efforts to enable the local production and use of foliar fertilizer, and arrangements to begin construction of the natural fertilizer factory in December and to complete it within one year.

The permanent secretary, directors-general and other responsible officials also attended the meeting. — MNA/MKKS

DSA 70th Graduation Ceremony held

THE 70th Graduation Ceremony of the Defence Services Academy was held yesterday morning at the Convocation Hall of the Academy. Commandant of the Defence Services Academy Brig-Gen Thura Zaw Lin Soe, Rector Brig-Gen Thein Lwin, members of the Faculties and families of graduate cadets attended the ceremony.

The commandant, rector and members of the Faculties entered the Convocation Hall and took their seats at the designated places. Then, the National Anthem was played, and the graduation ceremony was opened.

The rector announced the holding of the graduation ceremony and pledged to abide by the code of conduct for the grad-

uates. The rector presented certificates to the graduates in arts, science, computer science and computer technology.

The rector also allowed the graduates to wear uniforms corresponding to their degrees and signed the Graduation Record Book.

The rector delivered the graduation speech and announced the end of the ceremony.

The commandant, rector and members of the Faculties left the convocation hall.

DSA has conferred basic degrees on 34,365 graduates from the first graduation ceremony up to the 70th graduation. — MNA/KTZH



The DSA 70th graduation event is underway yesterday.

OPINION

Emphasize the enhancement of the health sector for the people

ONLY when the entire people are healthy and strong can individuals and the nation effectively carry out their responsibilities and contribute to progress. In line with this, the National Defence and Security Council has been implementing one of the four objectives: "To emphasize enhancing the national education and health sectors for sustainable development of the State". Citizens, in turn, must also give priority to maintaining and protecting their own health.

Regarding healthcare, the government provides public health services by implementing preventive measures to avoid the outbreak of diseases and ensuring access to high-quality medical treatment if illnesses occur. The Head of State has set the policy that "every hospital must have doctors," and health staff are regularly assigned and replenished across hospitals nationwide. For public hospitals and remote areas, mobile medical teams from the Tatmadaw visit towns and villages each year to deliver healthcare services.

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Mobile medical teams, including medical officers, doctors, and nurses, operate along the river and are based at administrative offices in the villages, as well as in Cocokyun Township of Yangon Region and Haingyikyun of Ayeyawady Region. These teams provide daily medical treatment and healthcare services to residents in these areas, surrounding villages, and nearby communities.

Tatmadaw's mobile medical teams have provided healthcare services in rural areas, treating patients with various illnesses, including those requiring surgery, pediatric and women's health conditions, bone diseases, ear, nose, throat, and eye disorders, as well as dental and oral diseases. Services included general surgeries, X-rays, laboratory testing, ECG examinations for cardiac patients, and diagnostic tests for patients needing detailed medical analysis and treatment.

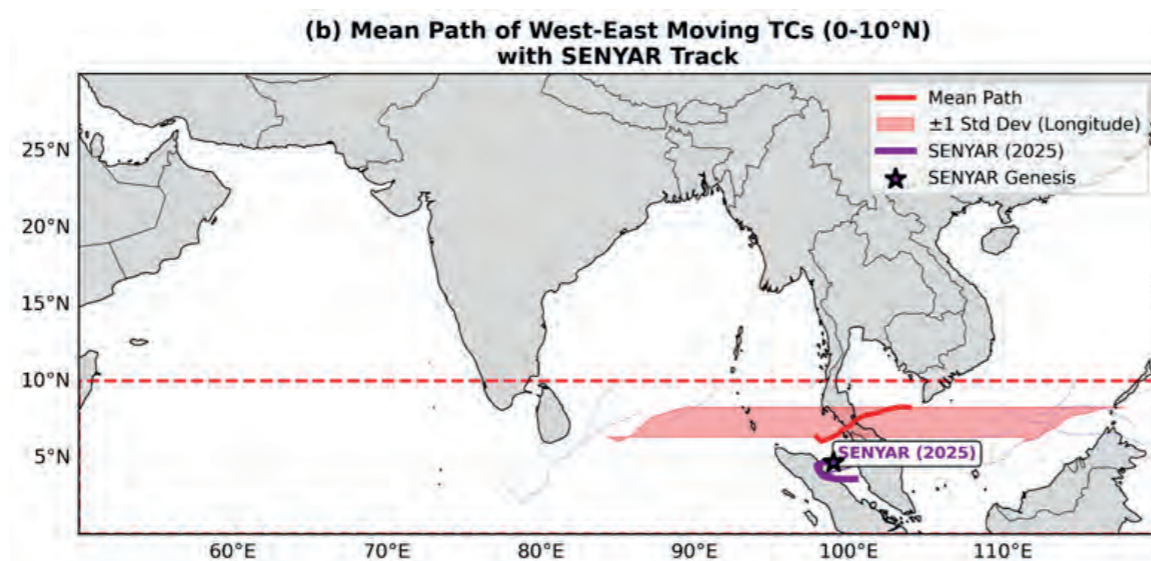
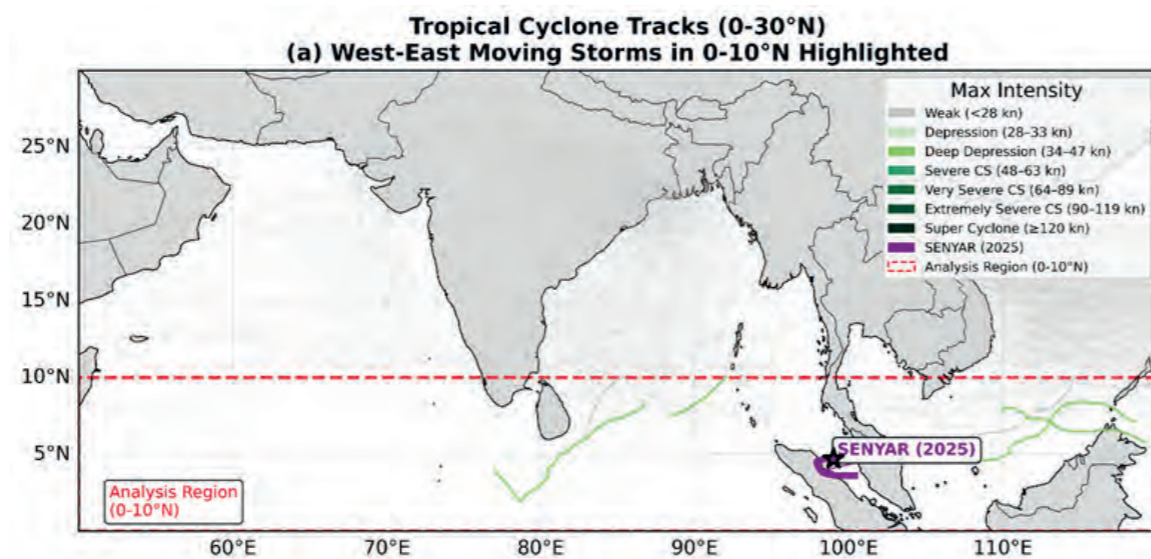
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New doctors, nurses, and midwives produced by medical universities, nursing universities, and training schools are assigned to hospitals and clinics across the country to participate in public healthcare services. So, these newly graduated health personnel represent a reliable source of human resources for the nation, contributing to the enhancement and expansion of the country's healthcare system.

Recently, to provide healthcare services to locals in public hospitals and remote areas along the Ayeyawady River, Tatmadaw has deployed naval hospital ships. Mobile medical

Why does Tropical Cyclone "Senya" move west to east, and is it recorded for meteorologists?

By Dr Kyaw
(Meteorology School)



Abstract

This study analyzes the unusual westward-to-eastward movement of Tropical Cyclone "Senya", which occurred near the Strait of Malacca in November 2025 and caused significant flooding in Malaysia and Southern Thailand. The cyclone's track is compared with historical data (1949-2025) of storms moving west-to-east between 0-10°N latitude. Such eastward-moving cyclones are extremely rare in this region, representing only 1.9 per cent of all recorded storms in the period, making "Senya" a remarkable meteorological event.

1. Introduction

Tropical cyclones typically move from east to west. However, some storms occasionally move in the opposite direction. This paper examines the characteristics of these rare west-to-east moving cyclones in the 0-10°N latitude belt, focusing on the Strait of Malacca. It provides a comparative analysis of Cyclone "Senya," including its track, impacts, and the physical reasons behind its unusual movement.

2. Overview of Cyclone "Senya"

Cyclone "Senya" (04B) formed around 25 November

2025, intensifying from a strong monsoon depression (95B).

- **Genesis:** It originated near 3.6°N, 99.9°E, in the southern Bay of Bengal near the Strait of Malacca. "Senya" is one of the closest recorded cyclones to the equator in the Northern Hemisphere, and only the second such system to form in the Strait of Malacca since Tropical Cyclone Vamei in 2001.

- **Track:** The storm initially moved eastward, making landfall on the northwestern coast of Sumatra, In-

donesia. It then recurved back over the Strait of Malacca, weakening to a "Deep Depression."

- **Impacts:** "Senya" caused torrential rain, strong winds, widespread flooding, and landslides. This led to significant casualties and displacement in Indonesia (Sumatra and Aceh), Malaysia (including Kuala Lumpur and western/central regions), and Southern Thailand.

3. Comparison of "Senya" with Historical Data

Historical data show that the average genesis point for west-to-east moving cyclones in the 0-10°N zone is near 6.4°N, 97.9°E, close to the sea west of the Malay Peninsula. "Senya's" origin at 3.6°N, 99.9°E was further south, consistent with its rare formation at a very low latitude near the equator. Its subsequent eastward movement also aligns with the average track of historical eastward-moving cyclones.

Seasonally, 57.1 per cent of these rare storms occur in winter (December-February) and 42.9 per cent in the autumn (September-November). "Senya's" formation in November fits this pattern.

Historically, 57.1 per cent of these storms were at "Deep Depression" intensity (34-47 knots). Although "Senya" also weakened to this intensity, it was still reported as one of the most severe storms on record for Malaysia. This indicates that a storm's impact is determined not just by its official category, but also by its rainfall and the population density of the affected area.

4. Physical Reasons for the West-to-East Movement

Typically, cyclones move westward due to steering by easterly winds and Rossby

waves. The unusual eastward movement of "Senya" can be attributed to several factors:

1. **Weak Steering Flow:** Near the equator, the Coriolis force is weak, and upper-level winds that steer storms can be weak. This allows a storm to be influ-

enced more by local pressure systems, leading to an irregular track.

2. **Influence of Nearby Pressure Systems:** The location of nearby high- or low-pressure systems can push a storm eastward. For example, a strong high-pressure

system to the north of "Senya" (over Tibet) may have steered it along its southern flank's easterly flow.

3. **Internal Storm Dynamics:** A cyclone's movement is also influenced by its internal vorticity and warm core structure. Near the equator,

these dynamics can contribute to atypical motion.

4. **Topography:** The topography of the Malay Peninsula and Sumatra can deflect wind flow, slightly altering a storm's path. "Senya's" recurvature back toward the Strait after hitting Sumatra demonstrates this effect.

5. Conclusion

Tropical Cyclone "Senya" was a rare west-to-east moving cyclone in the Malaysia region. Its atypical track was likely caused by weak steering flows, the influence of nearby pressure systems, and local topography. With climate change, such rare storms may become more frequent. Therefore, it is crucial for residents to heed storm warnings and take necessary precautions. Continuous monitoring of cyclone tracks and intensity is essential. Enhanced cyclone monitoring systems are also needed in equatorial regions in the face of changing climate patterns.

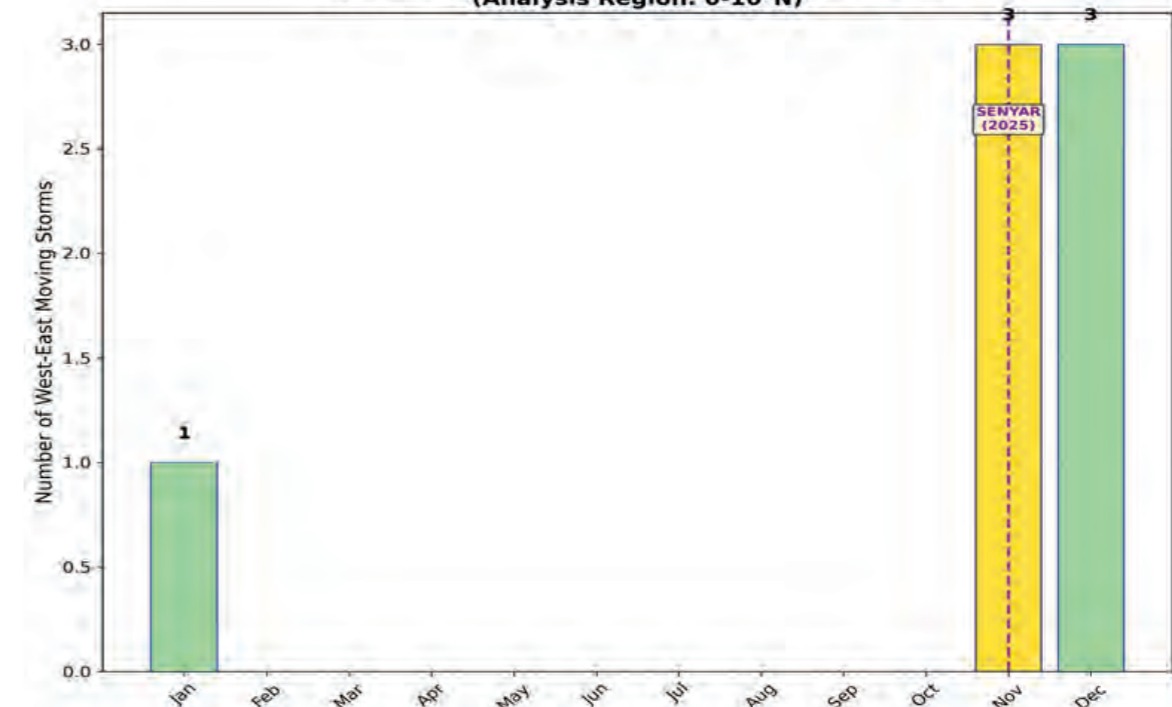
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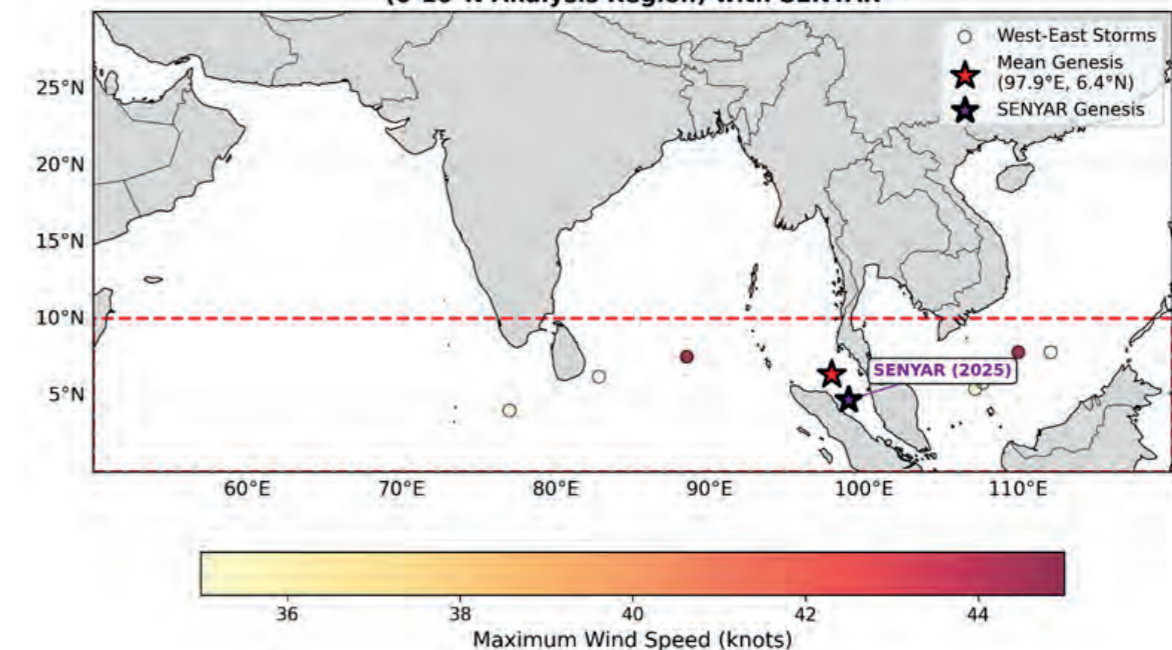
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(c) Seasonal Frequency of West-East Moving TCs (Analysis Region: 0-10°N)



(d) Genesis Points of West-East Moving TCs (0-10°N Analysis Region) with SENYAR



NATIONAL

MoIP Union Minister meets UNFPA Representative for Myanmar

UNION Minister U Myint Kyaing of the Ministry of Immigration and Population received Mr Jaime Nadal Roig, UNFPA Representative for Myanmar, and his delegation yesterday at the Minister's Reception Hall in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on the successful completion of the 2024 Population and Housing Census and the issuance of the Union Report, as well as on ar-

rangements to draft and sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate the implementation of jointly agreed projects between the Ministry and UNFPA. They also discussed the need to include only those activities that can realistically be completed within the designated timeframe, and the facilitation of visas and residency permits for UNFPA's international staff in accordance with established procedures. The



Union Minister U Myint Kyaing meets UNFPA Representative to Myanmar Mr Jaime Nadal Roig in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

importance of UNFPA providing an updated list of its international and national staff to enable the Ministry to extend necessary assistance was noted. The two sides further discussed Myanmar's current developments,

preparations for the upcoming general election, and prospects for continued close cooperation between the Ministry and UNFPA.

Also, present at the meeting were Deputy Minister U Htay

Hlaing, Permanent Secretary U Min Hein, and the directors-general of the Department of Immigration and the Department of Population, along with other responsible officials. — MNA/MKKS

MoH Union Minister receives UNFPA Representative to Myanmar



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UNION Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win received Mr Jaime Nadal Roig, Representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to Myanmar, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

They exchanged views on the ongoing collaboration between the Ministry and UNFPA in reproductive health care services, efforts to prevent shortag-

es of medicines and medical supplies, UNFPA's cooperation in the Ministry's initiatives to reduce maternal mortality, and the maternal and reproductive health care activities in 2026.

Also, present at the meeting were the deputy minister for Health, representatives of UNFPA and other relevant officials of the Ministry. — MNA/KTZH

MoST Deputy Minister and delegation explore AI applications, agriculture, and cultural heritage in Guangxi, China

THE second day of the Artificial Intelligence Technology Exchange took place on 2 December at a college in Pingshan, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China. The Myanmar delegation, led by Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Aung Zeya, attended the event.

In the morning, Professor Lin Xuhan, an advisor to the Guangxi CPC Committee, delivered a keynote address on "Promoting Smart Agriculture and Rural Revitalization through AI in Farming". Discussions focused on China's centralized use of domestic expertise for AI development, the safe and equitable deployment of AI technologies, and the region's active role in AI Plus programmes for economic and social development. The Myanmar delegation engaged in open exchanges, and the deputy minister presented commemorative gifts.

In the afternoon, the delegation visited the CRRC factory, a leading manufacturer of wind turbines and electricity generation equipment. Mr Wang Tao, the Factory Director, provided detailed

explanations of production processes and advanced control systems. The Deputy Minister asked questions and discussed technical details.

The delegation then visited a Shenzhen community focused on poverty alleviation, where local officials briefed them on measures relating to housing, the rule of law, employment, and access to education and healthcare. The Deputy Minister engaged with the officials and presented commemorative gifts.

Later, the delegation toured a tomato plantation in Xing Cheng Village, Tianyang District, where Mr Huang Feiyi and his team explained cultivation methods, research on popular tomato varieties, and local market performance, noting that 2024 sales reached CNY 80 million. The Myanmar delegation asked questions and exchanged knowledge on agricultural technology.

In the evening, the delegation visited historical and cultural sites of the Zhuang ethnic group in Tianzhou City, learning about indigenous heritage. — MNA/KZL



The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister Dr Aung Zeya poses for the group commemorative photo during their observation tours in China.

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NATIONAL

Cocokyun students receive healthcare from Tatmadaw sea-going hospital vessel



Medical officials from the Tatmadaw Hospital Ship Thanlwin deliver healthcare services to schoolchildren in Cocokyun Township yesterday.

THE Tatmadaw Hospital Ship Thanlwin is providing healthcare services in villages in Cocokyun Township in Yangon Re-

gion and Hainggyikyun in Ayeyawady Region. Yesterday morning, the mobile medical teams arrived at Cocokyun Town-

ship of Yangon and were warmly welcomed by local officials, residents, teachers, and students.

At noon, the dental specialist of the Tatmadaw mobile medical team delivered a talk show regarding dental-related diseases and paediatricians about personal hygiene at the basic education high school in Cocokyun.

Medical officials presented anthelmintics, vitamins and toothpaste for the students, and the medical team offered medical services to 236 students. — MNA/KTZH

Tatmadaw ships continue medical services to Mawlamyinekyun locals

TATMADAW Naval Hospital Ships named Shwe Puzun and Saku provided healthcare services to locals in Ywathit village, Mawlamyinekyun Township, yesterday.

The Tatmadaw medical team provided healthcare services to residents at the Thiri Mingala Dhamma Yekiktha Monastery.

The treatments included general medical consultations for 124 patients, surgical care for 21 patients, obstetric and gynaecological care for 31 patients, paediatric treatments for 32 children, ortho-



Locals are seen receiving healthcare services in Mawlamyinekyun Township, Ayeyawady Region.

paedic care for 45 patients, ear, nose, and throat treatment for 29 patients, ophthalmology services for 45 patients, and dental care for 31 patients, totalling 361 patients.

Moreover, one pa-

tient underwent general surgery, 16 received dental treatment, 12 had X-ray examinations, 22 were tested using ultrasound, 12 underwent ECG heart screenings, and 36 had laboratory tests. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar continues crackdown on telecom fraud and online gambling, demolishes illegal buildings and deports foreign offenders

COMBINED teams of security personnel, administrative authorities, and local officials continue clearance operations against online fraud and online gambling hubs in Shwe Kokko and the Myawady-Maethawtalay (KK Park) area, where such activities remain heavily concentrated. The teams systematically enter illegal buildings, seize items used in online fraud and gambling, and demolish or seal off the structures. To date, 293 illegal buildings have been demolished in KK Park, and 161 illegal buildings have been sealed off in Shwe Kokko.

In the Myawady-Maethawtalay (KK Park) Section (3) area, the teams yesterday demolished five additional illegal buildings — two two-storey buildings, one three-storey building, and two four-storey buildings. Out of 425 buildings in Section (3), 145 have now been demolished. Across KK Park as a whole, there are 635 illegal buildings, of which 293 have been demolished.

In Shwe Kokko, inspections of buildings used for online fraud began on 18 November, and 383 structures have been inspected so far. Of these, 169 buildings were identified as sites for online fraud and gambling, and 161 illegal buildings have been sealed to prevent further use. Today, the teams have also begun demolishing a 13-storey building.

According to inspection results in



Images show the illegal building before and after the demolition in the KK Park area (top) and materials from buildings constructed illegally in Shwe Kokko are being destroyed.

Shwe Kokko, authorities have identified 1,954 illegal foreign residents in the area. Seized items include 3,310 computers, 21,870 mobile phones, 102 Starlink units, 22 routers, and a large quantity of other equipment used in online fraud and gambling. These items are being systematically destroyed, and clearance operations continue.

In addition, 360 foreign nationals involved in online gambling, fraud, and related crimes in the Myawady-Shwe

Kokko area — comprising 293 Chinese, 56 Ethiopian, and 11 Pakistani nationals — were transferred yesterday to their respective countries via the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge No. 2, in line with humanitarian considerations and bilateral cooperation.

Between 30 January and 3 December 2025, Myanmar authorities detained 12,945 illegal foreign entrants. Following screening, 10,961 individuals have been deported to their respective countries

via Thailand under legal procedures. The remaining 1,984 individuals are now prepared for transfer and are under proper care and supervision.

The Government of Myanmar regards the eradication of online fraud and online gambling as a national responsibility. It will continue efforts to eliminate these criminal activities through cooperation with domestic agencies and coordination with neighbouring governments. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL BUSINESS

YRIC approves 8 foreign and JV firms for new manufacturing investments



Female workers at a garment factory are working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis.

THE Yangon Region Investment Committee (YRIC) endorsed seven foreign enterprises and one joint venture to make investments of US\$12.408 million in the manufacturing sector, at the meeting held on 26 November, creating 6,786 jobs for locals.

“YRIC granted seven wholly foreign businesses and one joint venture to operate manufacturing of manufactur-

ing of various kinds of wearing apparel, garment, poly resin ornaments, Christmas ornaments, home decorations, ceramic, Porcelain Figurines, Cold Cast Bronze Ornaments, collectibles of earphone and accessories on a Cutting, Making and Packaging basis and marketing and distribution of various kinds of plastic bags,” said an official of the YRIC.

The committee members inspected general issues of 18 companies, including the capital expansion of three businesses. The regional investment committee has been endorsing investment projects in accordance with rules and regulations under the Myanmar Investment Law to spur investments and create more job opportunities. — ASH/KK

CBM continues injecting US dollars into edible oil import sector



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

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$1.45 million, purchased from CMP companies, to edible oil-importing companies on 2 December after sales of \$1.28 million on 1 December.

CBM made an injection of over \$21 million, 2.4 million yuan and 1.5 million baht in November.

CBM sold over \$2.2 million to edible oil-importing companies again on 28 November, after sales of \$1.3 million on 27 November.

Furthermore, CBM injected \$2.3 million purchased from CMP companies into the edible oil import sector on 26 November.

CBM injected over \$2.48

million, 5.75 million yuan and 4.98 million baht in October, along with sales of over \$54 million purchased from CMP companies.

CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March 2024, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

Exporters need to seek GACC registration extension by 6 Dec

THE Myanmar Fruit, Flower, and Vegetable Producer and Exporter Association (MFVP) has notified its members to report the extension of GACC registration by 6 December.

Registration with the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) is mandatory for food processing companies and factories to conduct legitimate exports to China, according to

GACC Decrees.

They need to submit the extension application three to six months before the expiry of the current registration. Companies with expired GACC registrations need to submit an extension application to the MFVP by 6 December. They can contact the MFVP office through the contact number 09 43127656. — NN/KK

MFVP warns chilli pepper suppliers of pesticide residues

MYANMAR Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producer and Exporter Association (MFVP) warned suppliers and exporters to monitor pesticide residues on chilli pepper.

Exporting companies need to send chilli pepper samples to the Crop Protection Division of the Agriculture Department for assessment. Agricultural produce is allowed to be exported only after assessment at the quality control laboratory holding ISO 17025 certification, to which the division forwarded the sample, MFVP notified.

Pesticide residues such as Chlorpyrifos, Triazophos, Glyphosate and Aflatoxin were detected in dried chilli pepper and fresh chilli pepper that were recently delivered to Thailand. Consequently, MFVP warned companies and grow-

ers to obtain approval from the lab first, prior to export.

The laboratories are located at Seed Farm of the Agriculture Department on Bayintnaung Road in Insein Township at 01 644214 and 01 644019, FIDSL (Food Industries Development Supporting Laboratory) at UMFCCI Tower on 7th floor in Lanmadaw Township via 01 2300376 and 09 263213270, FDA Laboratory of the Department of Medical Research at Ziwa-ka Street, in Dagon Township via 01 379653, SGS Myanmar at 79 D, Bochain Street, 6.5 mile branch in Hlaing Township via 01 9664771, 01 9664772, and 01 9664773, U Kar Ka Food Testing Laboratory in Industrial Zone 1 on 64 Street in Mandalay via 09 974092095 and 09 798888998, and FDA Laboratory in Nay Pyi Taw via 067 403609. — NN/KK



This photo shows new long chillies produced in Shan State.

Zara owner Inditex posts higher profits

ZARA owner Inditex, the world's largest fashion retailer, posted Wednesday higher profits for the first nine months of its fiscal year. The Spanish group, which owns other top brands including Massimo Dutti, Pull & Bear and Bershka, posted a net profit of 4.6 billion euros (\$5.3 billion) between 1 February and 31 October.



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Inditex pointed to "satisfactory" sales in stores and online, which rose 2.7 per cent to reach 28.2 billion euros for the profit rise. Inditex CEO Oscar Garcia Maceiras told a news conference sales had a "solid start" to the fourth quarter, ris-

ing 10.6 per cent in November over the same time last year. Inditex is also improving its logistics to deliver online orders faster than rivals and investing in larger, more modern stores while it shuts smaller shops. — AFP

Poultry farms create 15,000 jobs in W Afghanistan

THE expansion of poultry farms has created job opportunities for about 15,000 people in Afghanistan's western Herat province and helped the region achieve self-sufficiency in chicken meat, local media reported

Wednesday. A total of 800 poultry farms are currently operational in Herat province, which produce 2.5 million eggs daily, the official Radio and Television of Afghanistan (RTA) said in a report, citing figures from

the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock.

So far, 120 million US dollars had been invested in the poultry sector in Herat and its vicinity, the report said. — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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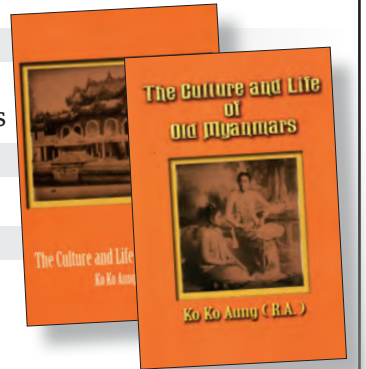
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Invitation to Open Tender for Dredging and Waterway Improvement of Dawei River

1. The Myanma Port Authority (MPA) is planning to award the contract for **dredging** across the waterway of the Dawei River (Tavoy River) in Tanintharyi and for **sand export**, in order to improve the waterway and navigation channel as the sedimentation causes shallow water-depth and disrupts port operation. MPA, in this regard, would like to invite both local and international companies to participate in an Open Tender.

2. Unlike a commercial dredging, such dredging needs to ensure a) not to incur any damage to the environment and ecosystem, by dredging at the specific shallow-water areas designated by the MPA to reach the targeted water-depth, b) not to disrupt the socio-economic conditions of the local people, and c) to assist and support to local development works and local needs if necessary. And thus, the potential bidders must present qualification in terms of work- and technical experience, and the strength of expert team and equipment as well as strong financial capability. (International companies may need to form a JV with a local company or have a branch office in Myanmar or the agreement that will be registered in Myanmar after success.)

3. Therefore, any interested companies (both local and international) that meet the above mentioned technical and financial requirements are invited to enter the tender. Tender Application and forms can be purchased from the following address and the dates and times of the tender process are as follow:

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- (c) Address for Tender submission and Date & Time - Myanma Port Authority Head Office - 6-1-2026, 1300
- (d) Tender Opening Date & Time - 6-1-2026, 1400

4. For further details, please contact the following numbers:
- 01-246380, 09-444714377

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

French President Emmanuel Macron arrives in Beijing for state visit



French President Emmanuel Macron is welcomed by Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, upon his arrival in Beijing, capital of China, 3 December 2025. **PHOTO: CAI YANG/XINHUA**

Macron is undertaking his fourth state visit to China, reciprocating Xi Jinping's historic state visit to France last year, which commemorated the 60th anniversary of China-France diplomatic relations.

AT the invitation of Chinese President Xi Jinping, French President Emmanuel Macron arrived in Beijing on Wednesday for a state visit to China through Friday.

It is Macron's fourth state visit to China and a reciprocal visit to Xi's historic state visit to France last year that marked the 60th anniversary of China-France diplomatic relations.

During the visit this week, Xi will hold talks with Macron to jointly guide the development of China-France relations un-

der the new circumstances. The two presidents will also have in-depth exchanges of views on major international and regional hotspot issues.

China is ready to work with France to take this visit as an opportunity to champion the spirit that guided the establishment of China-France diplomatic ties, strengthen strategic communication, deepen pragmatic cooperation, and work for closer coordination in multilateral affairs, said a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

US to strike "very soon" inside Venezuela in action against drug traffickers: Trump

AFTER repeated US air strikes on the boats of alleged Venezuelan drug traffickers in the Caribbean, President Donald Trump said that America will "very soon" begin striking "bad ones" living inside Venezuela.

Trump's comments during Tuesday's cabinet meeting hint at further escalation between Washington and Caracas.

"We're going to start doing those strikes on land too. Land is much easier; we know where they live. We know where the bad ones live, and we're going to start that very soon." Trump said during the cabinet meeting.

Trump's remarks come after his administration came under heavy scrutiny over its conduct in offensive targeting the alleged drug-trafficking boats, killing more than 80 people so far. — ANI

South Korean prosecutors demand 15 years for former first lady

South Korean prosecutors demanded Wednesday a 15-year prison term for former first lady Kim Keon Hee for alleged stock fraud and corruption crimes.

Kim, the wife of disgraced ex-president Yoon Suk Yeol, was arrested in August and is under investigation for an alleged stock manipulation scheme and for accepting gifts from a religious organisation widely seen as a cult.

She has also been accused of meddling in parliamentary elections.

Prosecutors said the 53-year-old had "stood above the law" and colluded with the Unification Church to "(undermine) the constitutionally mandated separation of religion and state". — AFP

Lebanon, Israel hold first direct talks in decades: source to AFP

LEBANESE and Israeli civilian representatives held their first direct talks Wednesday in decades, part of a year-old ceasefire monitoring mechanism in the war with militant group Hezbollah, a source close to the talks told AFP.

The meeting was taking place at the UN peacekeeping force's headquarters in Leb-

anon Naqura near the border with Israel, the source said, as part of a mechanism to oversee the ceasefire that took hold in November 2024.

Morgan Ortagus, the US special envoy for Lebanon, also attended Wednesday's meeting, the source added. The United States has been piling pressure on Lebanon to rapidly disarm

Hezbollah.

Ortagus was a day earlier in Jerusalem where she met Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar. Israeli media said she also met Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Until now Israel and Lebanon, which have no formal diplomatic relations, had insisted on keeping military officers in the role. — AFP



In January 2020, Israel began drilling to install ground sensors along its border with Lebanon. The installation of sensors was described as a defensive system to monitor activity along the frontier. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ AFP/FILE**

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Team Myanmar steps up SEA Games preparations in Chonburi

THE Myanmar Women's National Football Squad has begun training in Chonburi ahead of the XXXIII SEA Games.

The team arrived in Chonburi on 2 December. Striker May Htet Lu, who was previously in the United States for studies, joined the squad on the same day. Full squad training started on 3 December.

Myanmar's women's team is grouped with Vietnam, the Philippines, and Malaysia. Their opening match against the Philippines will take place on 5 December, an important game for qualifying for the semifinals.

The squad includes Officials: U Kyi Lwin (Team Manager), Head Coach Yuki Tatsuro (Japan), Assistant Coaches Daw Thet Thet Win, Daw San San Thein, Daw Thu Zar Htwe, and Goalkeeping Coach U Sein Aye. Players include Goalkeepers

Myo Mya Mya Nyein (Thitsa Arman), Zulat Nadi (ISPE), Ei Sanda Zaw (Ayeyawady); Defenders: Zun Yu Ya Oo (Ayeyawady), Phyu Phway (Yangon United), Yu Yu Naing (Yangon United), Lin Lae Oo, Than Than Nwe, Hnin Pwint Aye, May Thet Mon Myint (Thitsa Arman); Midfielders: Lin Myint Mo, Phyu Phyu Win, Naw Htet Htet Wai, Khin Mo Mo Tun, Win Win, Shwe Yi Htun, Khin Ma La Htun, Yupa Khine (Shan United), Yoon Wati Hlaing (Yangon United); Forwards: Win Theingi Tun (Sabah-Malaysia), San Thaw Thaw (Ayeyawady), Myat Noe Khin (Thitsa Arman), and May Htet Lu (SFVFC-USA). — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL



Players from the Myanmar Women's National Football Team are seen at their training session.

Myanmar Traditional Lethwei Federation receives training support ahead of 33rd SEA Games



The donation event of training equipment and funds underway yesterday.

A ceremony to donate training equipment and funds to the Myanmar Traditional Lethwei Federation for athletes preparing to compete in the 33rd Southeast Asian Games was held yesterday morning at the Theinbyu Traditional Lethwei Hall meeting room in Mingala Taungnyut Township, Yangon.

At the ceremony, U Wunna, central executive member of the Myanmar Traditional Lethwei Federation and chairman of the Myanmar Muay Thai Federation, expressed gratitude, and an official from IMAKI Company explained the purpose of the donation. Following this, IMAKI Company presented Lethwei training support equipment, and

Ko Min Thu (real estate agent) and his associates contributed K5 million in cash. The donations were received by U Wunna, chairman of the Myanmar Muay Thai Federation, and U Kyaw Zin Oo, Chief Executive Officer of the Myanmar Traditional Lethwei Federation, who also presented certificates of appreciation in recognition of the contributions.

In the 33rd Southeast Asian Games, Myanmar will be represented in kickboxing by five male and three female athletes, and in Muay by nine male and four female athletes, competing across all weight categories from 45 kilogrammes to 75 kilogrammes in both sports. — Bala/MKKS

Man City's Haaland makes 'huge' Premier League history with 100th goal

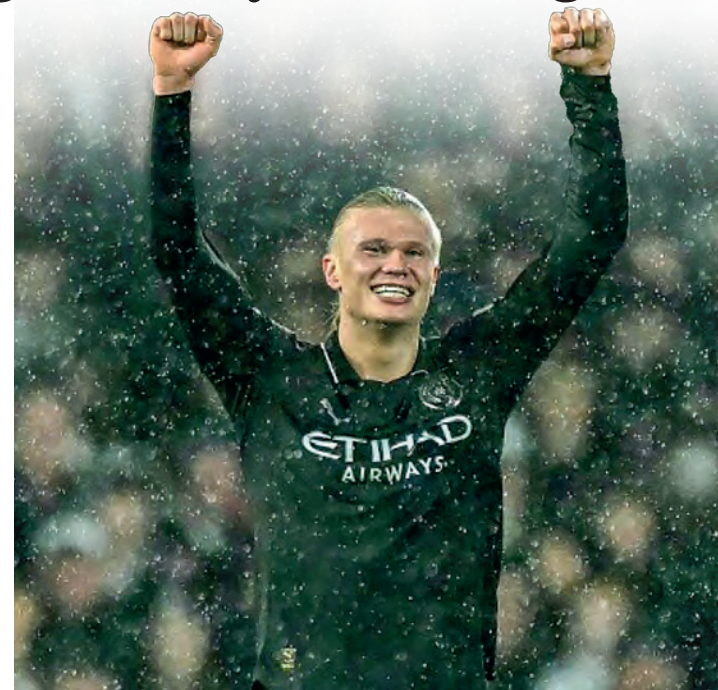
ERLING Haaland said he was "proud" to make history as the Manchester City striker became the fastest player to reach 100 Premier League goals in Tuesday's pulsating 5-4 win against Fulham.

Haaland's clinical finish in the first half at Craven Cottage took him to his century in just 111 league appearances for City.

The 25-year-old broke the previous record set by former Newcastle and Blackburn star Alan Shearer, who took 124 matches to reach 100 goals.

"It's huge and I'm really proud. Of course it's a massive thing, 100 club is a nice thing to be in and I'm happy," Haaland said.

"I knew about the record, that's what I tried to do. I try to help the team scoring goals, that's my job."



Manchester City striker Erling Haaland celebrates scoring against Fulham. PHOTO: AFP

Haaland, who signed from Borussia Dortmund in 2022, had failed to score in his previous three games against Newcastle,

Bayer Leverkusen and Leeds. He broke that mini-drought with the latest milestone in his glittering City career. — AFP

McIlroy wants more big trophies, Ryder Cups, starting in Australia

MASTERS champion Rory McIlroy has reset his goals after completing golf's career grand slam in April and on Wednesday said it was now about chasing the biggest trophies at sacred venues.

That starts with the Aus-

tralian Open at Royal Melbourne this week. The Northern Irishman is in Australia for the first time in 11 years, where he is on a mission to lift a second Stonehaven Cup to go with his 2013 victory over Adam Scott on the final hole at

Royal Sydney.

McIlroy has already declared 2025 his career-defining year given it included an emotional breakthrough at Augusta National, a triumph at the Players Championship and the Pebble Beach Pro-Am. — AFP



‘Not moved away from peace’ — Ushakov after 5-hour US-Russia talks

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin and US special envoy Steve Witkoff have not discussed specific formulations, but the essence of the documents proposed by the United States on the Ukrainian peace settlement issue, Russian presidential aide Yury Ushaov said.

“Of course, we discussed with the US counterparts the essence of the documents, which the Americans submitted to our colleagues some time ago. We discussed the documents. We were not discussing specific formulations, specific proposals, but the essence of these US documents,” Ushakov told reporters.

According to the Russian presidential aide, the parties discussed the prospects for the long-standing peace settlement of the Ukrainian conflict.

“There was a document containing 27 points; it was handed to us, and we reviewed it, of course. Although we didn’t work on the wording and there were no discussions with our American colleagues about it. Then we received several more documents, four documents, which were also discussed today,” Ushakov told reporters. Russia and the United States agreed that they would not disclose the essence of the talks between Russian President Vladimir Putin and US special envoy Steve Witkoff, Russian presidential aide Yury Ushaov said. — SPUTNIK

Ushakov reported receiving and reviewing a 27-point document without collaborating on its wording or discussing it with US colleagues.



Russian President Vladimir Putin meets with U.S. President Donald Trump’s envoy Steve Witkoff and Trump’s son-in-law Jared Kushner, as Russian Presidential Aide Yury Ushakov and Russian Direct Investment Fund CEO - Special Presidential Representative for Investment and Economic Cooperation with Foreign Countries Kirill Dmitriev sit nearby, at the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia. **PHOTO: KRISTINA KORMILITSYNA /SPUTNIK**

China brings record lineup to Asia TV Forum and Market in Singapore



People visit a booth of Chinese exhibitor Bilibili at the 26th Asia TV Forum and Market (ATF) held in Singapore on 3 December 2025. **PHOTO: THEN CHIH WEY/XINHUA**

CHINA mounted its largest presence to date at the 26th Asia TV Forum and Market (ATF) as the event held its opening ceremony on Wednesday, drawing strong interest from buyers and producers worldwide.

The China Pavilion has expanded to 270 square meters this year, with 24 participating companies, both record highs. Exhibitors range from major media groups, such as China International Television Corporation and Shanghai Media Group, to studios including XiXi Pictures and Huace Film

and TV. Animation producers, streaming platforms and industry service firms are also part of the delegation.

The pavilion is showcasing 156 Chinese-language titles, spanning TV series, micro dramas, films, documentaries, animation and variety shows. It will also host a series of presentations and networking sessions.

Beyond the main China Pavilion, several other China-related stands are also present, including those of Bilibili, Tencent Video and Youku. — Xinhua

S Korean babies’ life expectancy hits record high in 2024

LIFE expectancy of South Korean babies hit a record high last year, statistical ministry data showed Wednesday. Average life expectancy of the babies born in 2024 reached 83.7 years, up 0.2 years longer than the previous year, according to the Ministry of Data and Statistics. It marked the longest since relevant data began to be compiled in 1970 when the average life span was 62.3 years. The life expectancy had steadily increased except for the first decrease in 2022, affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. — Xinhua