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Inwa Tooth Relic Building Rebuilt with Artworks from Three Eras

The project, costing over K600 million, is 80 per cent complete and on track for end-May completion, featuring a 70 feet six inches tower on a 33-foot base.

The reconstruction of the tooth relic building of Inwa is incorporating original artworks from three eras, Bo Shake (Yadanapura), a historian and author, told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

Excavations revealed foundation bricks believed to date from the reign of King Hsinbyushin, lotus motifs and diamond carvings from the reign of King Bagyidaw and marble lions from the King Nyaungdon era.

“When we excavated for the reconstruction, we found original foundation bricks, lotus motifs, lion statues, and diamond-patterned carvings – artworks from three different eras. Some were found intact, and some were broken.

We are repairing the broken pieces and reinstalling them. We are rebuilding it as close to the original style as possible,” he said.

The project is currently 80 per cent complete and is expected to reach 100 per cent by the end of May, and the estimated cost is over K600 million. The tower stands 70 feet and six inches high with a foundation base of 33 feet. It is supervised by donor Dr Hla Myint, owner of Lin Yaung Win Co, architect U Win Maung (Tampawady), engineer U Zaw Win and Bo Shake (Yadanapura).

The reconstruction began following a ground-breaking ceremony in December of last year, with official permission from the Department of Archaeology and the National Museum. — MT/ZN



Foundation bricks, believed to be from the King Hsinbyushin era, and lotus motifs from the King Bagyidaw era.



Yangon Zoo to host 5-day Walking Thingyan festival

DURING the forthcoming Thingyan Festival, visitors can join the walking Thingyan at Yangon Zoo.

The Walking Thingyan at the Zoo will be celebrated from 13 to 17 April, and visitors can come and enjoy the water festival from 8 am to 5 pm together with family and friends among shady green trees while exploring adorable animals. Besides, visitors can also feel the peaceful atmosphere of

the traditional Thingyan while enjoying tasty foods and joyful entertainment programmes, as well as a market fair that includes a wide variety of products.

For those looking for a place which is noise-free and best to relax, they are welcome to join the Walking Thingyan at the Zoo, where they can create good memories with their loved ones. The zoo is open from 8 am to 5 pm daily. — MT/ZS

This image showcases a poster for the Walking Thingyan at the Zoo.

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Heads of State/Government send congratulatory messages to President U Min Aung Hlaing on his election as President

THE following are congratulatory messages from HE Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, HE Mr Thongloun Sisoulith, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Rt Hon Mr Ramchandra Paudel, President of Nepal, HE Mr Asif Ali Zardari, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, sent to President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing on his election as President.

Excellency,

I extend to you my warm felicitations on assuming office as the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

As neighbours and close partners with age-old civilizational ties, India remains committed to further strengthening our bilateral relations. India's vision, guided by our 'Neighbourhood First', 'Act East' and 'MAHASAGAR' policies, provides us with a robust framework for advancing practical cooperation in this endeavour.

I recall our interactions last year and am confident that, under your leadership, the longstanding friendship between our two countries will continue to expand in areas of mutual interest.

I also wish you every success in guiding Myanmar towards peace, prosperity and sustained economic development. We will continue to support your efforts to deliver the benefits of progress to all the people of Myanmar.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister
of the Republic of India

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Lao people and on my own behalf, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes to Your Excellency on the occasion of your election as the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

I am convinced that the existing traditional friendship and relations and close cooperation between the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar will be further strengthened in the coming years. I stand ready to work closely with Your Excellency in order to further strengthen the existing bond of friendship and good cooperation in order to bring about tangible benefits for our two nations, as well as for peace, stability and development for cooperation in the region and the world at large.

May I take this opportunity to wish Your Excellency good health, happiness and greater success in your noble tasks and lead the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to further progress and prosperity.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Thongloun Sisoulith
President
of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

Excellency,

On behalf of the Government and the people of Nepal, as well as on my own, I would like to extend my warm congratulations and best wishes to Your Excellency on your assumption of office as the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Nepal highly values its friendly relations with Myanmar, which are rooted in a rich cultural heritage, as well as mutual respect and understanding. I am confident that, under your able leadership, the bonds of friendship between our two countries will continue to deepen and flourish. I also look forward to working closely with Your Excellency to further strengthen these ties in the days ahead.

On this special occasion, I wish Your Excellency good health, happiness, and success in your high responsibilities, as well as continued peace, progress, and prosperity for the friendly people of Myanmar.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ramchandra Paudel
President of Nepal

Excellency,

On behalf of the Government and the people of Pakistan, and personally, I extend my warmest felicitations to Your Excellency on your election as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Pakistan and Myanmar enjoy cordial bilateral relations, anchored in shared historical and civilizational ties. I am confident that, under Your Excellency's leadership, our bonds of friendship and cooperation will continue to grow, opening new avenues for mutually beneficial partnership in areas of shared interest.

I avail myself of this opportunity to convey my best wishes for Your Excellency's good health and success, and for the continued peace, progress, and prosperity of the friendly people of Myanmar.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Asif Ali Zardari
President of the
Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Your Excellency,

I extend my congratulations on Your Excellency's appointment as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar continue to enjoy warm and friendly relations in areas of shared interest. I look forward to further enhancing these much-valued ties. Both bilaterally and as regional partners in ASEAN for the mutual benefit of our people and countries.

With my kindest regards and best wishes for your excellency's continued good health and happiness.

Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah
of Brunei

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Appointment and Assignment of Duties to Deputy Attorney-General

DR Htein Lin Oo is hereby appointed and assigned duties as Deputy Attorney-General under Section 239 (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 16 (b) (x) of the Union Government Law and Section 6 of the Union Attorney-General Law.

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Appointment and Assignment of Duties to Deputy Auditor-General

Daw Khaing Khaing Aung is hereby appointed and assigned duties as Deputy Auditor-General under Section 244 (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 16 (b) (xi) of the Union Government Law and Section 6 of the Union Auditor-General Law.

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Appointment and Assignment of Duties to Union Civil Service Board Members

The following individuals are hereby appointed and assigned duties as members of the Union Civil Service Board under Section 246 (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union, Section 16 (b) (xii) of the Union Government Law and Section 5 of the Union Civil Service Board Law: -

1. Daw Khin Myo Myint
2. U Soe Tint
3. Dr Su Su Dwe
4. U Tun Tun Win
5. Daw Khin Shwe Myint
6. Dr Khin Chit Chit

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Appointment and Assignment of Duties to Nay Pyi Taw Council Members

The following individuals are hereby appointed and assigned duties as members of the Nay Pyi Taw Council under Section 285 (b) (ii) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 22 of the Union Government Law and Section 4 of the Nay Pyi Taw Council Law as below: -

1. Colonel Ye Moe
2. U Min Oo
3. U Khin Maung Latt
4. U Win Moe Khaing
5. U Tun Tun
6. U Aung Zeya

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Appointment and Assignment of Duties to Region & State High Courts Chief Justices

Under Section 308 (b) (iv) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 19 (b) the Union Government Law, and Section 44 of the Union Judiciary Law, the following individuals, who have obtained the approvals of the respective Region or State Hluttaw, are hereby appointed and assigned duties as Chief Justices of the respective Region or State High Courts listed below: -

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Daw Aye Aye Maw | Kachin State |
| 2. U Tun Tun Oo | Kayah State |
| 3. U Nyunt Lin | Kayin State |
| 4. U Myat San | Chin State |
| 5. U Zaw Htoo | Sagaing Region |
| 6. Daw Paik Paik Aye | Taninthayi Region |
| 7. Daw Lwin Lwin Aye Kyaw | Bago Region |
| 8. Daw Mi Mi Maw | Magway Region |
| 9. Daw Hla Myint | Mandalay Region |
| 10. Daw Htay Myint Aye | Mon State |
| 11. Daw Mya Aye | Rakhine State |
| 12. Daw Sanda Thwe | Yangon Region |
| 13. U Than Oo Lwin | Shan State |
| 14. Daw Moe Moe Aye | Ayeyawady Region |

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Appointment and Assignment of Duties to Region & State Advocates-General

Under Section 266 (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 19 (e) of the Union Government Law, Section 22 of the Attorney-General of the Union Law, and Section 14 (a) of the Region or State Government Law, the following individuals, as submitted by the respective Region and State Chief Minister with the approval of the respective Hluttaws, are hereby appointed and assigned duties as Advocates-General of the respective Regions and States listed below: -

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Daw Nan Hla Hla Aye | Kachin State |
| 2. U Win Naing | Kayah State |
| 3. Daw Naw Than Than Nyein | Kayin State |
| 4. U Kap Talun | Chin State |
| 5. Daw Hla Hla Win | Sagaing Region |
| 6. U Htein Lin Kyaw | Taninthayi Region |
| 7. U Khin Maung Tint | Bago Region |
| 8. U Aye Lwin | Magway Region |
| 9. U Hla Thein | Mandalay Region |
| 10. Daw Mi Thanda Myint | Mon State |
| 11. U Win Maung | Rakhine State |
| 12. Daw Phyu Mar Wai | Yangon Region |
| 13. U Sai Kyaw Zan | Shan State |
| 14. U Khin Maung Lwin | Ayeyawady Region |

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Appointment and Assignment of Duties to Region & State Ministers

Under Section 262 (e) and (f) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 19 (c) of the Union Government Law, and Section 8 (g) of the Region or State Government Law, the following individuals, as submitted by the respective Region and State Chief Minister, are hereby appointed and assigned duties as Region and State Ministers in the respective ministries listed below: -

Kachin State			
(1)	(a)	Colonel Kyaw Thura	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs
	(b)	U Chan Tan Khin	Ministry of Planning, Economic and Finance
	(c)	U Kyaw Min Khaing	Ministry of Social Affairs
	(d)	U Aung Naing	Ministry of Electricity, Energy, Industry and Transport
	(e)	U Ye Yint Swe	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
	(f)	Dr Aung Win	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation
	(g)	Dr Than Htay Aung	Ministry of Development Affairs
Kayah State			
(2)	(a)	Colonel Than Soe Aung	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs
	(b)	U Tin Hla	Ministry of Planning, Economic and Finance
	(c)	U Aung Myo Thein	Ministry of Social Affairs
	(d)	U Ye Win	Ministry of Electricity, Energy, Industry and Transport
	(e)	U Joseph Kyaw	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
	(f)	Daw Hnin Hnin Yi	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation
	(g)	U Saw Hue Hue	Ministry of Development Affairs
Kayin State			
(3)	(a)	Colonel Soe Moe Win	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs
	(b)	U Nyi Nyi Zaw	Ministry of Planning, Economic and Finance
	(c)	U Saw Tun Aung	Ministry of Social Affairs
	(d)	U Saw Myo Myint	Ministry of Electricity, Energy, Industry and Transport
	(e)	U Aung Lwin	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
	(f)	U Sa Yin Htay	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation
	(g)	Saw Khaung Pan Htawt	Ministry of Development Affairs
Chin State			
(4)	(a)	Colonel Khin Maung Htwe	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs
	(b)	Dr Lyan Za Khup	Ministry of Planning, Economic and Finance
	(c)	U Sein Tun Hla	Ministry of Social Affairs
	(d)	U Nay Lin Aung	Ministry of Electricity, Energy, Industry and Transport
	(e)	U Pao Zalam	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
	(f)	U Win Zaw Oo	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation
	(g)	U Aung Kyaw Htay	Ministry of Development Affairs

Sagaing Region			
(5)	(a)	Colonel Win Tin Soe	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs
	(b)	U Aung Zaw Oo	Ministry of Planning, Economic and Finance
	(c)	U Nyunt Win Aung	Ministry of Social Affairs
	(d)	U Khin Maung Aye	Ministry of Electricity, Energy, Industry and Transport
	(e)	U Hsan Win	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
	(f)	U Tin Than Win	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation
	(g)	Dr Thaug Naing	Ministry of Development Affairs
Taninthayi Region			
(6)	(a)	Colonel Thein Zaw Myint	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs
	(b)	U Maung Gyi	Ministry of Planning, Economic and Finance
	(c)	U Thet Naing	Ministry of Social Affairs
	(d)	Dr Win Aung	Ministry of Electricity, Energy, Industry and Transport
	(e)	U Aung Kyaw Kyaw Oo	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
	(f)	U Thein Lwin	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation
	(g)	U Min Min Latt	Ministry of Development Affairs
Bago Region			
(7)	(a)	Colonel Nyi Lan Cho	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs
	(b)	U Zaw Win	Ministry of Planning, Economic and Finance
	(c)	Dr Htoo Cha Aung	Ministry of Social Affairs
	(d)	U Kyaw Htut	Ministry of Electricity, Energy, Industry and Transport
	(e)	U Ko Ko Oo	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
	(f)	U Kyaw Kyaw Lin	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation
	(g)	U Naing Lin Swe (a) U Tun Tun Oo	Ministry of Development Affairs
Magway Region			
(8)	(a)	Colonel Moe Min Thein	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs
	(b)	U San Lwin	Ministry of Planning, Economic and Finance
	(c)	Daw Nweni Naing	Ministry of Social Affairs
	(d)	U Hsan Nyunt Aung	Ministry of Electricity, Energy, Industry and Transport
	(e)	U Aung Naing	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
	(f)	U Sai Myint Aye	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation
	(g)	U Kyi Tun	Ministry of Development Affairs
Mandalay Region			
(9)	(a)	Colonel Nay Lin Soe	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs
	(b)	U Thein Htay	Ministry of Planning, Economic and Finance
	(c)	U Hla Kywe	Ministry of Social Affairs
	(d)	U Kyaw Moe Thet	Ministry of Electricity, Energy, Industry and Transport
	(e)	U Hla Myo	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
	(f)	Daw Theingi Aung	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation
	(g)	U Khin Maung Aye	Ministry of Development Affairs

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Mon State		
(10)	(a)	Colonel Kyaw Swa Myint Ministry of Security and Border Affairs
	(b)	Nai La Yi Tama (a) Naing Khin Maung Zin Ministry of Planning, Economic and Finance
	(c)	U Tin Zaw Tun Ministry of Social Affairs
	(d)	U Zeyar Oo Ministry of Electricity, Energy, Industry and Transport
	(e)	U Min Myint Maung Lay Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
	(f)	Mi Lawi Han Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation
	(g)	Dr Aung Myat Kyaw Sein Ministry of Development Affairs
Rakhine State		
(11)	(a)	Colonel Kyaw Thura Ministry of Security and Border Affairs
	(b)	U Aung Kyaw Moe Ministry of Planning, Economic and Finance
	(c)	U Kyaw Soe Ministry of Social Affairs
	(d)	U Kyaw Swe Lin Ministry of Electricity, Energy, Industry and Transport
	(e)	U Thet Tun Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
	(f)	U Myint Soe Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation
	(g)	U Myint Soe Win Ministry of Development Affairs
Yangon Region		
(12)	(a)	Colonel Win Tint Ministry of Security and Border Affairs
	(b)	Dr May Than Nwe Ministry of Planning, Economic and Finance
	(c)	U Bo Htay Ministry of Social Affairs
	(d)	U Nay Lin Tun Ministry of Information, Rescue and Religious Affairs

	(e)	Dr Myo Thaw Ministry of Electricity, Energy, Industry and Transport
	(f)	Dr Htoo Maung Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
	(g)	U Soe Oo Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation
	(h)	U Myo Myint Aung Ministry of Development Affairs
Shan State		
(13)	(a)	Colonel Sein Win Ministry of Security and Border Affairs
	(b)	Dr La Seng Ministry of Planning, Economic and Finance
	(c)	Daw Nang Kham Lu Ministry of Social Affairs
	(d)	U Khun Than Tun Ministry of Electricity, Energy, Industry and Transport
	(e)	U Lin Aung Swe Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
	(f)	Sai Wam Leng Tip Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation
	(g)	U Khun Tun Phyu Ministry of Development Affairs
Ayeyawady Region		
(14)	(a)	Colonel Soe Min Oo Ministry of Security and Border Affairs
	(b)	U Aung San Chit Ministry of Planning, Economic and Finance
	(c)	U Khin Maung Kyi Ministry of Social Affairs
	(d)	U Kyaw Tun Zaw Ministry of Electricity, Energy, Industry and Transport
	(e)	U Kyaw Myo Tin Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
	(f)	Daw May Than Oo Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation
	(g)	U Maung Maung Oo Ministry of Development Affairs

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Appointment and Assignment of Duties to Region & State Auditors-General

Under Section 271 (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 19 (f) of the Union Government Law, Section 21 of the Auditor-General of the Union Law, and Section 20 (a) of the Region and State Government Law, the following individuals, as submitted by the respective Region and State Chief Minister with the approval of the respective legislature, are hereby appointed and assigned duties as Region and State Auditors-General: -

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Daw Khin Lay Nwe | Kachin State |
| 2. Daw Maw Maw | Kayah State |
| 3. U Aung Soe | Kayin State |
| 4. U Maung Maung Khin | Chin State |
| 5. Daw Myint Myint Thein | Sagaing Region |
| 6. Daw Htay Htay Myint | Taninthayi Region |
| 7. Daw Tin Tin Nyein | Bago Region |
| 8. Daw Aye Aye | Magway Region |
| 9. Daw Khin Khin Thi | Mandalay Region |
| 10. Daw Thein Thein Oo | Mon State |
| 11. Daw Khin Than Kyi | Rakhine State |
| 12. Daw Khin Mar Cho | Yangon Region |
| 13. Daw Khin Htwe Yi | Shan State |
| 14. Daw Nyein Nyein Win | Ayeyawady Region |

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Appointment and Assignment of Duties to Chairpersons of Self-Administered Zone Leading Bodies

Under Section 276 (e) and (f) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 19 (g) of the Union Government Law, and Section 9 (b) of the Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zone Leading Body Law, the following individuals, as nominated by the respective Region and State Chief Minister, are hereby appointed and assigned duties as Chairpersons of the Leading Bodies in the respective Self-Administered Zones listed below.

- | | |
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| 1. U Hla Tun | Naga Self-Administered Zone |
| 2. U Arkar Lin | Danu Self-Administered Zone |
| 3. U Khun Po Sein | Pa-O Self-Administered Zone |

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Appointment and Assignment of Duties to Region and State Ethnic Affairs Ministers

Under Section 262 (e) and (f) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 19 (c) of the Union Government Law, and Section 10 (a) (ii) of the Region and State Government Law, the following individuals, as submitted by the respective Region and State Chief Minister, are hereby appointed and assigned duties as Ethnic Affairs Ministers of the respective Regions and States listed below:-

(1)	Kachin State		
	(a)	U Soe Thein	Bamar Ethnic Affairs Minister
	(b)	U Tin Aung	Shan Ethnic Affairs Minister
	(c)	U Li Paw Yei	Lisu Ethnic Affairs Minister
	(d)	U Mayit Joshu	Rawam Ethnic Affairs Minister
(2)	Kayah State		
	(a)	Daw Khin Thanda Tun	Bamar Ethnic Affairs Minister
(3)	Kayin State		
	(a)	U Tin Maung Hlaing	Bamar Ethnic Affairs Minister
	(b)	U Myo Myint Naing	Mon Ethnic Affairs Minister
	(c)	Khun Myat Htoo	Pa-O Ethnic Affairs Minister
(4)	Sagaing Region		
	(a)	U Sein Pe	Shan Ethnic Affairs Minister
	(b)	U Ngun Bul Thang	Chin Ethnic Affairs Minister
(5)	Taninthayi Region		
	(a)	Saw Martin Luther	Kayin Ethnic Affairs Minister
(6)	Bago Region		
	(a)	Saw Lin Aung	Kayin Ethnic Affairs Minister
(7)	Magway Region		
	(a)	U Tun Khin	Chin Ethnic Affairs Minister
(8)	Mandalay Region		
	(a)	Sai Aung Kyi	Shan Ethnic Affairs Minister
(9)	Mon State		
	(a)	U Myo Min Hlaing	Bamar Ethnic Affairs Minister
	(b)	U Aung Kyaw Thein	Kayin Ethnic Affairs Minister
	(c)	U Chit Thein	Pa-O Ethnic Affairs Minister
(10)	Rakhine State		
	(a)	U Tin Hla	Chin Ethnic Affairs Minister
(11)	Yangon Region		
	(a)	Saw Jacob Htoo	Kayin Ethnic Affairs Minister
	(b)	U Nay Min Tun	Rakhine Ethnic Affairs Minister
(12)	Shan State		
	(a)	Daw Khin Htwe Aung	Bamar Ethnic Affairs Minister
	(b)	U Kein Mai	Kachin Ethnic Affairs Minister
	(c)	Daw Ngwe Hlaing	Lisu Ethnic Affairs Minister
	(d)	U Willison Moe	Lahu Ethnic Affairs Minister
	(e)	Daw Tin Tin Yi	Inntha Ethnic Affairs Minister
	(f)	U Tun Aung	Akha Ethnic Affairs Minister
	(g)	Daw Aye Cho Sein	Kayan (a) Padaung Ethnic Affairs Minister
(13)	Ayeyawady Region		
	(a)	Mahn Thein Kyaw	Kayin Ethnic Affairs Minister
	(b)	U Soe Nyunt	Rakhine Ethnic Affairs Minister

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Appointment and Assignment of Duties to Region and State High Court Judges

Under Section 308 (b) (iv) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 19 (d) of the Union Government Law, and Section 45 of the Union Judiciary Law, the following individuals, with the consent of the respective Region and State Hluttaw, are hereby appointed and assigned duties as Judges of the respective Region High Courts and State High Courts listed below: -

(1)	Kachin State		
	(a)	U Aung Myint	
	(b)	Daw Pyone Pyone Kyi	
	(c)	Daw Khin Pyone Yi	
(2)	Kayah State		
	(a)	Daw Cherry Khin	
	(b)	Daw Thein Thein Hnin	
(3)	Kayin State		
	(a)	Daw Khin Sein Win	
	(b)	Daw Nwe Nwe Oo	
(4)	Chin State		
	(a)	Daw Mang Hauk Nyan	
	(b)	U Kyaw Thauung Aung	
(5)	Sagaing Region		
	(a)	U Han Thein	
	(b)	Daw Mi Mi Sein	
	(c)	U Khin Maung Myint	
(6)	Taninthayi Region		
	(a)	Daw Aye Aye Than	
	(b)	Daw Yin Yin Than	
(7)	Bago Region		
	(a)	Daw Aye Aye Thant	
	(b)	Daw Khin Ohn Tint	
	(c)	Dr Zaw Win Tun	
	(e)	U Thant Zaw Than	
(8)	Magway Region		
	(a)	Daw Khin Hnin Htut	
	(b)	U Tun Tun Aung	
	(c)	Daw Marlar	
(9)	Mandalay Region		
	(a)	U Myint Hsan	
	(b)	Daw Khin San Myint	
	(c)	Daw Kyi Kyi Sein	
	(d)	Daw Khin Thit Swe	
	(e)	U Than Tun Aung	
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(10)	Mon State		
	(a)	Daw Nyo Mie San	
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(12)	Yangon Region		
	(a)	U Kyaw Swa Nyein	
	(b)	Daw Htar Htar	
	(c)	Daw Nu Nu Khin	
	(d)	U Kyaw Kyaw	
	(e)	Daw Marlar Htut	
	(f)	U Thauung Htwe	
(13)	Shan State		
	(a)	Daw Sanda Aung	
	(b)	U Aung Maw	
	(c)	Daw Thuza Aung	
(14)	Ayeyawady Region		
	(a)	Daw Yin Yin Han	
	(b)	U Win Myaing	
	(c)	Daw Khin San Win	
	(d)	Dr Aung Tun Lin	

Sd/ Min Aung Hlaing
President
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Appointment and Assignment of Duties to Members of Central Bank of Myanmar's Board of Directors

The following individuals are hereby appointed and assigned duties as members of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of Myanmar under Section 9 of the CBM Law of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar as below: -

1. Dr Yi Aye
2. U Tin Myint
3. Dr Hla Nyunt
4. Dr Zaw Oo
5. Dr Phyu Phyu Ei

Sd/ Min Aung Hlaing
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

ARTICLE

The Economic Times described an article with the title "India seeks to step up engagement as Myanmar elects new president", written by Dipanjan Roy Chaudhury, ET Bureau, on 6 April 2026. The article underscored that Myanmar sits at the intersection of India's key foreign policy initiatives - Act East, Neighbourhood First and Indo-Pacific - making bilateral ties multi-layered and strategic.

The writer emphasized that India is willing to support Myanmar's development objectives and help find a solution to the internal conflict that is "Myanmar-led, Myanmar-owned and best suited for Myanmar", a person familiar with bilateral ties said. He stated the prospect of relations between India and Myanmar, saying that New Delhi believes a purely security-based approach, without parallel political engagement, has limitations. It expects the recent elections and formation of a new government to open the way for dialogue. Meaningful talks based on compromise are needed to achieve durable peace and stability, said experts on bilateral relations. The full text of the article is as follows:

India seeks to step up engagement as Myanmar elects new president

By Dipanjan Roy Chaudhury

Synopsis

Myanmar's military leader Min Aung Hlaing becomes president. India watches closely as ties are strategic. India supports Myanmar's development and conflict resolution. Dialogue is key to peace. Bilateral trade is growing, especially in pulses. Cooperation in mining is also a focus. India aims for stability and resolution through talks.

Myanmar's parliament has elected 2021 military leader Senior General Min Aung Hlaing as the country's president, solidifying his grip on power.

It has also elected two new vice-presidents - U Nyo Saw and Nan Ni Ni Aye.

A retired general of Myanmar's armed forces, Tatmadaw, U Nyo Saw, is seen as influential in economic matters and is expected to steer policy under the president's guidance. Nan Ni Ni Aye, an ethnic minority representative, is expected to push efforts on ethnic reconciliation.

Min Aung Hlaing's elevation is being closely tracked by India, which shares a more than 1,600-kilometre border with Myanmar.

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India's interest lies in stability, ces-

sation of violence and resolution of issues through dialogue in Myanmar, they said. New Delhi has been involved in Myanmar's democratic transition and has engaged with multiple stakeholders on capacity building and sharing experience on democratic systems.

Bilateral cooperation spans political, security, defence, trade, investment, connectivity, development assistance and humanitarian support. India was among the first responders to natural disasters in Myanmar, including Cyclone Mocha in 2023, Typhoon Yagi in 2024 and the Mandalay earthquake in 2025.

Trade between the two countries has expanded, with annual bilateral trade rising 22.9 per cent to \$2.15 billion in FY25. Myanmar's exports stood at \$1.53 billion, while India's exports were \$614.3 million. Pulses accounted for about 77 per cent of Myanmar's exports to India and grew 29.1 per cent during the year. India is Myanmar's fourth-largest trading partner.

The rupee-kyat settlement mechanism has been operational since January 2024. There is scope to expand trade further, particularly if fuel and pharmaceutical exports from India are scaled up against Myanmar's beans and pulses shipments under the mechanism.

Cooperation in mining, especially rare earths, is another potential area. India is ready to source heavy rare earths from Myanmar on a business-to-business basis and provide technological support and training for exploration and mining in an environmentally sustainable manner.

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INDIA

India seeks to step up engagement as Myanmar elects new president



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Synopsis

Myanmar's military leader Min Aung Hlaing becomes president. India watches closely as ties are strategic.

Link Summary:

* Myanmar's New President

Myanmar's military leader Min Aung Hlaing has been elected as the new president, solidifying his grip on power. Two new vice-presidents have also been elected.

* India's Engagement with Myanmar

India is closely watching the developments in Myanmar, as the country shares a strategic 1,600-kilometre border with India. India is willing to support Myanmar's

development and help find a solution to the internal conflict through dialogue.

* Bilateral Cooperation

India's engagement with Myanmar spans political, security, defense, trade, investment, connectivity, development assistance, and humanitarian support. India has been involved in Myanmar's democratic transition and has engaged with multiple stakeholders on capacity building and sharing experience on democratic systems.

OPINION

Provide agricultural inputs for farmers

MYANMAR is an agriculture-based country. The government is making efforts to ensure a sufficient food supply for the population. People living in rural areas mainly engage in agriculture and livestock breeding as their primary livelihoods. In cooperation with the government, all citizens need to work together to ensure food security and surplus production for the public, as well as to meet the needs of farmers.

At present, due to ongoing conflicts in the Middle East, fuel shortages are being experienced worldwide. Along with rising fuel prices, the US dollar exchange rate has also increased slightly, leading to higher costs for all imported goods. As a result, domestic commodity prices may also rise accordingly. Therefore, the government is making arrangements to ensure sufficient fuel supply for public transport and production sectors.

Although fuel shortages have created difficulties for vehicle owners, the government is ensuring that essential inputs, such

as water, fuel, and fertilizers, required by farmers, who are working to secure food sufficiency across Myanmar, are adequately supplied without disruption. In carrying out irrigation activities, efforts are also being made to reduce fuel consumption by implementing solar-powered river water pumping systems.

Due to rising fuel prices and the resulting increase in fertilizer prices, efforts need to be made to reduce the use of chemical fertilizers and promote greater use of natural fertilizers. At the same time, necessary fertilizers for agricultural activities will be supported to ensure they reach farmers at affordable prices, including through assistance measures and by reducing taxes and duties as much as possible. Among the three necessities of life, food is the most essential. Efforts must be made to address the current challenges in ensuring food security.

Due to ongoing conflicts, the rise in foreign currency prices has made it necessary to reduce the use of foreign exchange. As Myanmar imports edible oil annually to meet domestic demand, a significant amount of foreign currency is being spent. Therefore, the cultivation of oilseed crops such as sunflower, soybean, and sesame, which can be grown domestically, needs to be expanded. If sunflower production further increased, it would help reduce edible oil imports and, consequently, lower foreign currency expenditure.

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Therefore, efforts must be made to ensure that farmers are provided, to the extent possible, with the necessary inputs required to support their role in continuously supplying sufficient food for the entire population. Meanwhile, farmers are strongly urged to make greater use of natural fertilizers to help reduce foreign currency expenditure and to strive for increased productivity of the agricultural sector.



Book Title - Padauk Phuu Tae La Tagu Hnit Oo Thingyan Kha (Thingyan When Padauk Blooms)
 Author - Various Writers
 Publishing House - Seikku Cho Cho
 Publication Date - March 2018 (1st Edition)
 Price - K5,000

Padauk Phuu Tae La Tagu Hnit Oo Thingyan Kha (Thingyan When Padauk Blooms)

THIS week, we would like to introduce a book in the genre of commemorative literature that focuses on a single theme. That theme is Thingyan, the Myanmar New Year festival that every Myanmar person eagerly awaits once a year. Therefore, in this book, readers will find poems, short stories, essays, illustrations, cartoons, and caricatures all related to Thingyan.

Although it includes many writers, they are not obscure writers. But, they are well-known literary figures of their time, including Hanthawady U Ba Win, Saya Zeya, Saya Thein Pe Myint, Saya Zawgyi, Dagon Tayar, Dagon Natshin, Nu Yin, Min Kyaw, Maung Swan Yi, Ludu Daw Amar, Maung Thein Saing, Thawtar Swe, San Htun (Mandalay University), Lin Yone Ni, and Saung Win Lat, along with many other distinguished authors.

The book starts with the poem of Saya Zawgyi 'Padauk Tay' ... 'Shwe Oh Si Salwe Thaing Nae Bal Kaing Loh Nyar Ko Yine Baung Sa Ka Myaing'. Readers will have to read 'Taw Padauk' by Saya Dagon Tayar,

'Padauk Yanant' by Nu Yin, 'Mandalay Tuh-poh' and 'Kyanaw Doh Akyauung' by Maung Swan Yi, and 'Padauk Pan Makyauk Taya' by Gon Win.

Myoma Nyein composed the 'Nat Shin Naung' song with the words stated in the article 'Padauk Tway Shwe Yi Luu Tae Chain Kha' of Saya Thein Pe Myint ... 'Padauk Tway Shwe Yi Luu Kya Tae Anay Pale Ngon Sabei Phyu Phuu Khite Wai Wai Pan Yar Thi Sone Kuu Khae Pot Lay Chit Thu Ko Suu Khuu Tae Loh Chway', and the song was sung by Pyay Hla Pe.

"Ko Ko, that's enough... I think it's too much," she said, gently pleading with her lover, who was drinking with friends during Thingyan.

In the article 'Mandalay Thingyan... Thingyan... Thingyan...' of Ludu Daw Amar... it reads as we grow older, Mandalay Thingyan has changed so much. Nothing is the same as before. Everything has transformed. The first change is the location. In the past, Thingyan was celebrated in front of houses, where young men and women

joyfully took part in the water festival, and Shwe Bhone Shein initiated three female water festival groups. The donors of wells provided enough water. Some play with ice water near the hospital. The traders in Wah-dan Street paid K1,000 per warehouse to be crowded with people. In 84th Street, there was not only a dragon dance. There are many water festival stages ... in the north, to the Darthan and in the south, to the corner of Phayagyi. But later, about four or five or ten years, the Thingyan festival was removed to the moat from the downtown area. Along with the location change, large pavilions also had many changes in their designs. She goes on to compare the lively scenes of past Mandalay Thingyan with those of later times.

In the humorous and satirical piece 'Our Yangon Thingyan by Thawtar Swe, it states our Yangon Thingyan is unlike any New Year festival in the world, not just one or two ways, but in seventy-five ways, I would say, Hee Hee... Let us be proud of our Thingyan. Not only proud, but let us also thank our parents who gave us life, and even our in-laws who gave us partners to celebrate together.' This piece is written with a blend of humour and satire for readers to enjoy.



Book Title - Pan Su Yu Tar Yay Thoon Chain Moh (Because It's the Season to Pour Water and Offer)
 Author - Suu Hngat
 Publishing House - Pyinzagan
 Publication Date - April 2026 (2nd Edition)
 Price - K8,000

Pan Su Yu Tar Yay Thoon Chain Moh (Because It's the Season to Pour Water and Offer)

WE intend to introduce two relaxing books for those who will stay indoors, escaping the summer heat and reading during the Maha Thingyan New Year holidays. These books will keep you entertained and lift your spirit. This book is Because It's the Season to Pouring Water and Offering (Pan Su Yu Tar Yay Thoon Chain Moh) by Mandalay-based writer Suu Hngat. Pyinzagan Publishing House issued the second edition of this book in April.

Thingyan is the heart of the Myanmar people. Thingyan is a precious intangible cultural heritage which has been passed down from generation to generation, yet is not physically visible like stone inscriptions or grand palaces. Mandalay has sacredly preserved this traditional Thingyan heritage.

This book by Saya Suu Hngat suggests that Mandalay Thingyan is not merely about splashing water. It encompasses the traditional music of the Myoma Association, the harmony of the band, the

charitable act (offering food), the spirit of Myanmar generosity, and the tradition of paying respects to elders - all of which are priceless intangible heritage. Moreover, the book explains why Mandalay Thingyan became so famous, including the emergence of the Myoma Association, contemporary music troupes, water pavilions, and songs, photographic records and arts of Ko Pauk.

As Mandalay was once a royal capital and a cultural hub, it has been a growing city from its founding to the present day. Mandalay portrays unique characteristics from the Yadanabon royal capital to an administrative hub of Upper Burma, the second major city of the independent era, a commercial centre, a cultural city, the University of Arts, and later became a melting pot of ethnic, religious, and cultural identity amidst political and economic changes.

The interplay between the imagery of Mandalay Thingyan and the backdrop

of political events, and the connections are fascinating, the author highlighted.

Some excerpts from the book are Myoma U Shoon Myaing's song Farewell in the Evening, which has a European drum rhythm. As the beautifully decorated float (celebration vehicle with silver swan) departed with a steady rhythmic sway, accompanied by the lively European drum's beat of the popular hit song, the young ladies bid a lingering farewell. Thingyan touring vehicles and crowds followed in tow. Famous film actor Win Oo, singing the song, waved to the remaining audience.

The nights steeped in musical beauty have now become farewell in the late evening. The book contains a foreword by the author and 15 articles. The book also incorporates underlying political history, making it a historically valuable work while depicting the traditions of Mandalay Thingyan. This is a record of Mandalay Thingyan for Myanmar people and a relaxing book that skillfully presents historical evidence of Mandalay's cultural heritage. It is a precious treasure that deserves a place on your bookshelf.

The Fragrance of Thingyan in April

By Min Min Zan

In April's heat, the breezes softly play,
 With the scent of flowers that bloom along the way.
 Sweet Thanaka and jasmine fill the air,
 A gentle touch of joy is everywhere.
 The water splashes, cool and fresh and bright,
 While laughter echoes day and turns to night.
 The smell of festive foods drifts through the street,
 A lovely mix of fragrance, warm and sweet.
 Old year fades as new hopes start to rise,
 With scented winds beneath the sunny skies.
 Thingyan brings a peaceful, happy tune,
 Like fragrant dreams that vanish all too soon.

The Cause of Wealth and Peace

By Mya Thae (Research)

If you keep the precepts,
 you will find peace through many lives.
 If you believe in the Buddha's teachings
 and practise generosity,
 you will surely attain wealth and peace.
 If you are wise,
 you will embrace both wealth and peace.
 If you refrain from evil deeds,
 you will receive wealth, peace, and good fortune.
 Moreover, if you perform all kinds of good deeds,
 you will truly attain wealth and peace.

A Pack of Blind Chaps

By Tin Moe, Translated by Myint Zan

နေဝင်ချိန် ရွှေရင်မလို့
 နေောင်တာက ပူဝင်
 ဗိုက်မှားခဲ့ ရာဇဝင်
 ပြင်ချိန်တန်ပြင်
 မပြင်က ဘဝဆိုး။

သင်ပြုသမျှ ကုသလရယ်လို့
 အမျှဝေစရာ မရှိ
 လောဘအတိ ခေါ်သအတိ
 မောဟအတိတွေနဲ့
 မသိမှ တစ်သက်လုံး
 အဝိဇ္ဇာပုံ။

တင်မိုး
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 တနင်္လာ နေ့လယ်ခင်း

at the time when the Sun is setting
 one's 'golden chest' should arise
 with regrets and worries
 'tis time to rectify
 your past transgressions
 if not, your life will be (metaphorically) lost

u have no kusala (good deeds)
 therefore no merit-sharing can be made
 (u are) filled with greed
 full of anger
 and clutched by delusion
 ignorance pervades ur whole life

Composed on the afternoon of Monday, 22 July 2003.
 Translated on the night of Thursday, 9 April 2026.
 Translator's note: only the first stanza of Tin Moe's poem has been translated.

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Formation of Anti-Corruption Commission

The Anti-Corruption Commission is hereby formed with the following individuals under Section 7 (a) of the Anti-Corruption Law as below: -

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| 1. U Soe Thein | Chairperson |
| 2. U Kyaw Win Thein | Member |
| 3. Dr Tun Tun Oo | Member |
| 4. U Toe Yi | Member |
| 5. U Win Zaw Moe | Member |
| 6. U Tin Aung Win | Member |
| 7. U Lun Baw | Member |
| 8. U Kyaw Soe Nyunt | Member |
| 9. U Min Han | Member |

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President
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Appointment and Assignment of Duties to Mayors

Under Section 262 (e) and (f) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 19 (c) of the Union Government Law, and Section 4 (b) of the Region or State Government Law, the following individuals are hereby appointed and assigned duties as Mayors.

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| 1. U Myo Myint Aung | Yangon Mayor |
| 2. U Khin Maung Aye | Mandalay Mayor |

Sd/ Min Aung Hlaing
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Appointment with Concurrent Duties as Vice-Chairperson and Vice-Mayor of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee

Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Win Moe Khaing is hereby concurrently appointed and assigned duties as Vice-Chairperson and Vice-Mayor of the Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee under Section 3 (c) of the Nay Pyi Taw Council Law.

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Formation of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission

To promote and protect the fundamental rights of citizens under the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the "Myanmar National Human Rights Commission" is hereby constituted and assigned duties under Sections 4 and 9 of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law, comprising the following individuals.

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. U Thit Linn Ohn | Chairperson |
| 2. Dr Myint Thu Myaing | Member |
| 3. U Win Hlaing Oo (a) Cung Zahmon | Member |
| 4. U Than Win | Member |
| 5. U Tin Ko Ko | Member |
| 6. U Ohn Khaing | Member |
| 7. Dr Nu Nu Yee | Member |
| 8. Daw Sanda | Member |
| 9. Dr Swe Swe Aung | Member |
| 10. Dr Tin Htay Ei | Member |
| 11. Dr Ohnma Kyaw | Member |

Sd/ Min Aung Hlaing
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Appointment and Assignment of Duties to Myanmar Police Force Chief

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed and assigned duties to Maj-Gen Soe Hlaing from the Ministry of Defence as the Chief of the Myanmar Police Force.

Sd/ Min Aung Hlaing
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Formation of Space Science and Technology Development Commission

The Space Science and Technology Development Commission is hereby formed and assigned duties with the following individuals under Section 4 of the Space Science and Technology Development Commission Law as follows: -

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. U Myat Hein | Chairperson |
| 2. U Thaw Lwin | Member |
| 3. U Min Lwin | Member |
| 4. Dr Khin Than Yu | Member |
| 5. Dr Kyi Soe | Member |

Sd/ Min Aung Hlaing
President
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Appointment of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee members

The following individuals are hereby appointed as members of the Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee under Section 3 of the Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee Law as follows: -

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|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. U Khun Nay Tun Oo | Committee member |
| 2. U Moe Kyaw | Committee member |
| 3. U Kyaw Kyaw Aung | Committee member |

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President
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Formation of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Central Committee

1. The National Solidarity and Peacemaking Central Committee has been formed with the following individuals to adopt necessary policies and give guidelines so that the national solidarity and peacemaking process can be implemented in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar successfully.

(a)	U Min Aung Hlaing President	Chairman
(b)	U Nyo Saw Vice-President 1	Vice-Chairman
(c)	Nan Ni Ni Aye Vice-President 2	Member
(d)	General Ye Win Oo Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services	Member
(e)	U Khin Maung Yi Union Minister President Office	Member
(f)	U Tin Aung San Union Minister, President Office	Member
(g)	U Mya Tun Oo Union Minister Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Digital Development and Communications	Member
(h)	Lt-Gen Nyunt Win Swe Union Minister Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
(i)	U Tin Maung Swe Union Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Member

(j)	Lt-Gen Phone Myat Union Minister Ministry of Border Affairs	Member
(k)	U Than Maung Union Minister, Ministry of Ethnic Affairs	Member
(l)	Dr Thida Oo Union Minister and Union Attorney-General Ministry of Legal Affairs	Member
(m)	Lt-Gen Ko Ko Oo Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air)	Member
(n)	Lt-Gen Yar Pyae	Secretary
(o)	Lt-Gen Min Naing	Joint Secretary

2. The duties and responsibilities of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Central Committee are as follows: -
- To formulate the necessary policies for national unity and peace implementation processes, and to provide leadership and guidance.
 - To adopt policies for coordinating with domestic and international donors, governments, non-governmental organizations, and international organizations in providing assistance and support for national unity and peace implementation processes.
 - To implement the necessary policies to ensure the smooth participation and cooperation of the State, Tatmadaw, ethnic organizations and ethnic armed organizations, civil society organizations, the international community and assisting donor organizations, as well as experts and specialists from various fields, in national unity and peace implementation processes.
 - To formulate policies, based on the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), for the emergence of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar as a Union founded on democratic and federal systems.
 - To issue and implement procedures and directives in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the Central Committee.
3. The National Solidarity and Peacemaking Central Committee may, in accordance with procedures, form and appoint advisory bodies and supporting groups as necessary to ensure the successful implementation of national unity and peace processes.

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President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Formation of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Working Committee

1. The National Solidarity and Peacemaking Working Committee has been formed with the following individuals to effectively and successfully implement the responsibilities of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Central

(a)	U Nyo Saw Vice-President	Chairman
(b)	General Kyaw Swa Lin Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services	Vice-Chairman
(c)	Lt-Gen Yar Pyae	Vice-Chairman
(d)	U Min Naung Union Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Live- stock and Irrigation	Member
(e)	U Hsan Oo Union Minister Ministry of Natural Resources and Environ- mental Conservation	Member
(f)	U Myint Kyaing Union Minister Ministry of Immigration and Population	Member
(g)	Dr Soe Win Union Minister, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement	Member
(h)	Chief Minister Kachin State Government	Member
(i)	Chief Minister Kayah State Government	Member

(j)	Chief Minister Kayin State Government	Member
(k)	Chief Minister Chin State Government	Member
(l)	Chief Minister Sagaing Region Government	Member
(m)	Chief Minister Taninthayi Region Government	Member
(n)	Chief Minister Bago Region Government	Member
(o)	Chief Minister Mon State Government	Member
(p)	Chief Minister Rakhine State Government	Member
(q)	Chief Minister Shan State Government	Member
(r)	Commander Northern Command	Member
(s)	Commander North-East Command	Member
(t)	Commander Eastern Command	Member
(u)	Commander Eastern Central Command	Member
(v)	Commander Triangle Region Command	Member
(w)	Commander South-East Command	Member
(x)	Commander Coastal Region Command	Member
(y)	Commander Western Command	Member
(z)	Commander North-West Command	Member

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(za)	Commander Southern Command	Member
(zb)	Deputy Minister Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
(zc)	Deputy Minister Ministry of Border Affairs	Member
(zd)	Deputy Minister Ministry of Ethnic Affairs	Member
(ze)	Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney-General Ministry of Legal Affairs	Member
(zf)	Chief of Police Myanmar Police Force Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
(zg)	Deputy Chief of Military Affairs Security Office of the Chief of Military Affairs Security	Member
(aa)	Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win (Retd)	Member
(bb)	Lt-Gen Min Naing	Secretary

2. The responsibilities of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Working Committee are as follows: -
- (a) To formulate the necessary strategies for implementing the policies laid

- down by the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Central Committee,
- (b) To establish work processes for implementing policies on coordination with domestic and international donors, governments, non-governmental organizations, and international organizations in providing assistance and support for national unity and peace implementation processes,
- (c) To formulate the necessary strategic processes to ensure the smooth participation and cooperation of the State, Tatmadaw, ethnic organizations and ethnic armed organizations, civil society organizations, the international community and assisting donor organizations, as well as intellectuals and intelligentsia from various fields, in national unity and peace implementation processes,
- (d) To set work processes and timelines for building a Union based on a democratic and federal system, through strengthening peace with ethnic armed organizations that have signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA),
- (e) To set work processes and timelines for building a Union based on a democratic and federal system, by enabling ethnic armed organizations that have not yet signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) to participate in and sign the NCA,

Sd/ Min Aung Hlaing
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Formation of National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee

1. To undertake the peace negotiation processes of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and to implement the duties and responsibilities assigned by the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Central Committee, the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee is hereby formed with the following individuals:-

(a)	Lt-Gen Yar Pyae	Chairman
(b)	Lt-Gen Phone Myat Union Minister, Ministry of Border Affairs	Member
(c)	U Than Maung Union Minister, Ministry of Ethnic Affairs	Member
(d)	U Min Naung Union Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	Member
(e)	U Hsan Oo Union Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation	Member
(f)	U Myint Kyaing Union Minister Ministry of Immigration and Population	Member
(g)	U Khin Maung Soe Union Minister, Ministry of Labour	Member
(h)	Lt-Gen Myo Thant Naing Judge Advocate-General Office of Judge Advocate-General	Member
(i)	Deputy Minister Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
(j)	Chief of Police Myanmar Police Force Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
(k)	Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo (Retd)	Member
(l)	Lt-Gen Aye Win (Retd)	Member
(m)	Maj-Gen Soe Naing Oo (Retd)	Member
(n)	Col Maung Maung Ohn (Retd)	Member
(o)	A Colonel Office of the Chief of Military Affairs Security	Member
(p)	U Hla Maung Shwe	Member

(q)	U Yan Kyaw	Member
(r)	Lt-Gen Min Naing	Secretary
(s)	Col Wunna Aung Secretary Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee (JMC)	Joint Secretary

2. The duties and responsibilities of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee are as follows: -
- (a) To implement, in accordance with the strategies already formulated, the policies laid down by the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Central Committee;
- (b) To initiate the established processes for carrying out policies on coordination with domestic and international donors, governments, non-governmental organizations, and international organizations in providing assistance and support for national unity and peace implementation processes;
- (c) To undertake, in accordance with the established strategic processes, the necessary measures to ensure the smooth participation and cooperation of the State, Tatmadaw, ethnic organizations and ethnic armed organizations, civil society organizations, the international community and assisting donor organizations, as well as experts and specialists from various fields, in national unity and peace implementation processes.
- (d) To implement, in accordance with the established processes and timelines, measures to strengthen peace with ethnic armed organizations that have signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), to build a Union based on democratic and federal systems;
- (e) To implement, in accordance with the established processes and timelines, measures to encourage ethnic armed organizations that have not yet signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) to join and sign the NCA, to build a Union based on a democratic and federal system;
- (f) To identify and submit appropriate and constructive recommendations to the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Working Committee to ensure the successful implementation of national unity and peace processes.
- (g) To carry out necessary coordination in the implementation of national unity and peace processes, as well as regional development activities and human resource development programmes;
- (h) To submit reports on the activities and progress of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee to the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Central Committee and the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Working Committee;
- (i) To issue necessary procedures and regulations, with the approval of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Central Committee, for the implementation of the responsibilities of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee;
- (j) To utilize funds in accordance with the approval of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Central Committee.

Sd/ Min Aung Hlaing
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

NATIONAL

Vice-President receives India's Minister of State for External Affairs



Vice-President U Nyo Saw meets Indian Minister of State for External Affairs Mr Kirti Vardhan Singh at the President's Office in Nay Pyi Taw on 10 April.

VICE-PRESIDENT U Nyo Saw received Indian Minister of State for External Affairs Mr Kirti Vardhan Singh at the Presidential Palace Reception Hall in Nay Pyi Taw on 10 April.

They held cordial and frank discussions on further enhancing the existing friendship between Myanmar and India, as well as cooperation in agriculture, livestock, and the export

of agricultural products; current collaboration in human resource development; micro, small and medium enterprises; and trade promotion. They also exchanged gifts.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ko Ko Kyaw and other officials, as well as Indian Ambassador Mr Abhay Thakur. — MNA/TH

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They cordially and openly exchanged views on promoting relations and cooperation between Myanmar and India, including initiatives for the development

of the women and youth sectors and the implementation of exchange programmes, study tours and seminars to enhance engagement between the youth of both nations, followed by an exchange of commemorative gifts.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Naing Min Kyaw and other officials, as well as Indian Ambassador Mr Abhay Thakur and embassy officials. — MNA/TH

Union Transport Minister inspects Nay Pyi Taw-Toungoo railway

UNION Minister for Transport U Mya Tun Oo, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Aung Myaing, the permanent secretary, and the managing director of the Myanma Railways, inspected the ongoing work to upgrade the speed of the Toungoo-Nay Pyi Taw railway section, reconstruction of new stations along the route, the condition of bridges on the railway line, earthwork and bridge construction for the Toungoo bypass railway, and the construction of the new Toungoo railway station yesterday.

The Union minister and party inspected the upgrade



Union Minister U Mya Tun Oo inspects earthwork and construction along the railways in Toungoo yesterday.



work on the Toungoo-Nay Pyi Taw railway section with the RBE train, and instructed the need to complete the work in

time, dig drainage on both sides of the rail track and maintain to operate at a speed of 75 kilometres between Toungoo and

Nay Pyi Taw.

On arrival at Toungoo railway station, the Union minister and party heard the report

made by Toungoo district-level officials, and the Union minister instructed responsible officials to complete the work in time, meeting the designated design and standards.

They observed earthwork and bridge construction for the Toungoo bypass railway and the construction of a new railway station. During the inspection, the Union minister provided instructions regarding the embankment construction to ensure proper density and good compaction after the removal of topsoil, and timely completion. — MNA/KTZH

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Trump threatens Iran over tanker transit fees in Strait of Hormuz

US President Donald Trump on Thursday threatened Iran to stop charging fees to tankers passing through the Strait of Hormuz if the country is doing so. "There are reports that Iran is charging fees to tankers going through the Hormuz Strait — They better not be and, if they are, they better stop now!" Trump wrote on his social media platform Truth Social. — Xinhua



The Strait of Hormuz is a key location for global logistics. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ADOBE STOCK/FILE**

Japan gov't OKs additional 632 bln yen support for Rapidus over chips

THE Japanese government on Saturday approved the disbursement of an additional 631.5 billion yen (\$4 billion) to state-backed Rapidus Corp for its research and development of advanced chips, as the country seeks to ensure stable supplies of semiconductors.

The latest assistance for fiscal 2026 through next March brings the total extended to Rapidus for development purposes to 2.35 trillion yen, according to the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

Established in 2022, Rapidus has secured funding from both the public

and private sectors. It is aiming to mass-produce

advanced chips using 2-nanometer technology in the

second half of fiscal 2027.—Kyodo



This photo shows an opening ceremony of new facilities of Rapidus Corp in Hokkaido on 11 April 2026, attended by Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Ryosei Akazawa (C), Rapidus Chairman Tetsuro Higashi (2nd from R) and Rapidus CEO Atsuyoshi Koike (far R). **PHOTO: KYODO**

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SPORTS

Extra time at Augusta helps McIlroy make Masters magic

RORY McIlroy spent nine days over his three-week PGA Tour break making visits to Augusta National, practice that has helped him seize the greatest 36-hole lead in Masters history.

The defending champion birdied six of the last seven holes in Friday's second round to grab a Masters record six-stroke edge after 36 holes.

And the secret, it turns out, was coming to Augusta National to use the champions' locker room and enjoy the famed course.

"I think just spending so much time up here has been a big part of it," McIlroy said. "I spent a lot of time up here the last three weeks.

"Felt like I was part of the furniture at some point, but I think all those rounds I played, and chipping and putting, it has definitely paid off.

"My short game the first two days has been amazing."

With birdies on nine of 18 holes against two bogeys, McIlroy fired a seven-under par 67 to stand on 12-under 132 midway into the year's first major, Americans Sam Burns and Patrick Reed six adrift in second. "I've built up a nice cushion," McIlroy said. "I guess my mindset is just trying to keep playing well and keeping my foot on the gas." — AFP



Defending champion Rory McIlroy tips his cap to spectators at the 18th hole after seizing the largest 36-hole lead in Masters history of six strokes
PHOTO: AFP

Neymar still in Brazil World Cup frame



Neymar's legal team blamed a media storm over the case on the soccer star's celebrity status. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

NEYMAR could still be a part of Brazil's squad for the 2026 FIFA World Cup despite ongoing concerns about his fitness, according to national team assistant coach Davide Ancelotti.

Neymar, Brazil's all-time leading scorer with 79 goals in 128 international matches, has made just six appearances for Santos this year after undergoing arthroscopic surgery on his left knee in December.

He has not played for Brazil since suffering a ruptured anterior cruciate ligament in a World Cup qualifier against Uruguay in October 2023, an injury that left him sidelined for more than a year.

But Davide, the son of Brazil head coach Carlo, said the 34-year-old had time to regain full fitness before the tournament begins on June 11.

"Of course, he is the top scorer of the national team

and he has a chance," Davide said. "He has time to do his best and try to get into the list."

Davide said Brazil's World Cup squad would likely be announced on 18 May, almost two weeks before FIFA's official deadline.

That would give Neymar 11 club games to convince Brazil's coaching staff that he is ready for the tournament in the United States, Mexico and Canada. — Xinhua

Britain storm into Billie Jean King Cup finals with Australia thumping

HARRIET Dart and Jodie Burrage won a decisive doubles rubber to power Britain into the Billie Jean King Cup finals on Saturday with an emphatic 3-0 thumping of Australia.

Britain started the day with a commanding 2-0 lead after rising star Mika Stojsavljevic upset Talia Gibson and Dart beat Kimberly Birrell on day one.

It left Australia's Storm Hunter and Ellen Perez facing a must-win clash on John Cain

Arena in Melbourne, but they failed to rise to the occasion and crashed 6-3, 6-4.

"That feels amazing," said an emotional Burrage who has battled injuries in recent times.

"I'm proud of us for the way that we played, way that we came out and managed to close that out."

Victory propelled Britain — semi-finalists last year — into the September eight-team finals in Shenzhen, China. — AFP



Britain's Harriet Dart (L) and Jodie Burrage celebrate winning their women's doubles match against Australia in the Billie Jean King Cup. PHOTO: AFP

Germany sweeps women's 50m rifle 3 positions gold and silver at ISSF World Cup

GERMANY secured both gold and silver medals in the women's 50-metre rifle three positions at the ISSF World Cup in Granada, Spain on Friday, while Chinese shooters failed to reach the podium. Anna Janssen claimed the title with a total of 362.9 points, setting a new world record under the updated competition rules. Her compatriot Nele Stark finished second with 361.5 points, while Switzerland's Emely Jaeggi took bronze. — Xinhua

Young Chinese flock to theme parks for immersive ancient culture experiences

Kaifeng's Millennium City Park offers immersive experiences that let visitors step into the Song Dynasty.

For travellers looking to dive deep into Chinese culture and history, ancient-style theme parks across the country have become an excellent choice. Offering rich immersive experiences, these parks have emerged as some of China's most popular attractions, particularly among young people.

In Kaifeng's Millennium

City Park, 32-year-old Tao Jiji had a blast last week, donning a beggar's robe and earning replica Song Dynasty coins for food and rides. Modeled after the famous Riverside Scene at Qingming Festival painting, the park recreates bustling 11th-century Bianliang with over 200 daily performances and 20 immersive programmes, surging to 1,000 shows on holidays.



A drone photo taken on 12 February 2024 shows people visiting the Millennium City Park in Kaifeng City, central China's Henan Province. PHOTO: TAN YUZENG/XINHUA/FILE

Visitors like Hong Kong's Arrietty feel they've stepped into history, praising its tangible 1,000-year-old beauty. In 2025, it drew 11 million guests, generating 1.2 billion yuan (\$175 million) in revenue—up 37 per cent and

20 per cent year-on-year. Douyin videos under #MillenniumCityPark hit 17 billion views, dubbing it "Chinese Disneyland".

This taps a youth-driven trend for ancient imperial cities like Xi'an and Hangzhou. Qunar

data shows 2026 bookings for interactive Chinese theme parks doubled. Experts note tourists crave emotional cultural ties amid China's culture-tourism push in its five-year plan. — Xinhua



Passengers wait to board a bus as they return to their hometowns from Mo Chit 2 terminal in Bangkok on 10 April 2026 ahead of Thai New Year or Songkran celebrations. PHOTO: CHANAKARN LAOSARAKHAM / AFP

The festival runs 13-15 April and marks the Buddhist new year.

THAILAND'S Songkran holiday is bringing a familiar mix of joy and strain as soaring fuel prices make homebound travel more expensive for millions. Yet many Thais say the extra cost is worth it to reunite with family for the country's biggest annual festival.

At Bangkok's Mo Chit Two bus station, travellers packed queues late Friday as they headed to provincial hometowns for the 13-15 April new year holiday. An army cadet and a

Thais pay more to go home for Songkran

migrant worker both said rising fares were painful, but seeing their mothers and loved ones made the journey worthwhile.

Songkran, the Buddhist new year, is marked by water-splashing celebrations that symbolize renewal and fresh beginnings. This year, however, the festive mood is shadowed by higher transport costs

and fuel pressure linked to tensions around the Strait of Hormuz, a key route for global oil shipments.

Still, demand for buses is surging, with the state-run operator expecting up to 180,000 passengers a day before the holiday. For many travellers, the trip home remains an emotional priority despite the hardship. — AFP

Japanese children learn to speak up through creative activities

Creative clubs teach Japanese children communication skills.

JAPANESE children are increasingly building communication skills through creative extracurriculars that go beyond sports and classroom study. In Tokyo, schools and clubs are teaching everything from mock diplomacy and video production to rakugo storytelling, reflecting a growing demand for self-expression at an early age.

At Hanaso Lab in Meguro Ward, even kindergarten and young elementary students prepare speeches for a kids' Model United Nations, learning to explain ideas clearly and think in-

dependently. Parents say these programmes fill a gap left by traditional schooling, where presentation skills were not always emphasized.

In Shibuya Ward, students at video school Fulma learn digital content creation and internet literacy by making YouTube videos. In Chuo Ward, children practice rakugo to improve their voice, confidence, and storytelling style. Educators say these activities match Japan's changing education system, which now values inquiry-based learning and expressive ability more highly. — Kyodo



This photo shows a class being held at Hanaso Lab in Tokyo's Meguro Ward in February 2026. PHOTO: KYODO