

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.

China supports Myanmar's election

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Chinese Special Envoy Mr Deng Xijiun held talks about further promotion of friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries.

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received a delegation led by Mr Deng Xijiun, Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China, at the Tatmadaw Guest House in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, they frankly exchanged views on plans to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement-NCA, participation of international witnesses, including China, in signing the NCA, and emphasis placed by China on the internal peace and development of Myanmar and on the sovereignty of Myanmar.

They also discussed the enhancement of friendship and strategic relations between Myanmar and China, sharing a good future as good neighbours, preparations to hold a free and fair election in Myanmar in the coming December, and support of China for holding the election.

Their discussions also focused on arrangements being made to use the Myanmar Electronic Voting Machine for voters to cast votes to hold a free and

Myanmar and China emphasized cooperation in ensuring peace and stability in border regions.



Acting President & SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Mr Deng Xijiun, Chinese Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, look into the Myanmar Electronic Voting Machine during their meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

fair election, and an invitation was extended to international election observation teams, including China, to the process of holding the election.

Moreover, they talked about the issue of cooperation in ensuring peace and stability in the border regions between the two countries, and further

promotion of friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries.

After the meeting, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar showcased the Myanmar Electronic Voting Machine (MEVM) to the Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China. Officials explained the work processes of the machine and replied to questions raised by the Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China.

Also, present at the meeting were Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief

General Ye Win Oo, Commission member Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and Lt-Gen Ko Ko Oo from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army). The Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was accompanied by his delegation members. — MNA/TTA

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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.

Public Holiday announced
for Deepavali Day

DEEPAVALI Day will fall on 20 October 2025 (Monday), the 14th Waning of Thadingyut (1387 ME).
Deepavali Day on 20 October 2025 (Monday) will be proclaimed a public holiday under Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, by Order No 190/2025 issued by the State Security and Peace Commission.

Enquiries and Reports on Voter Registration Now Accepted

1. To facilitate enquiries and reports regarding voter registration, the Union Election Commission has established call centres staffed by officials from the Union Election Commission, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the General Administration Department, and the Ministry of Immigration and Population. These call centres enable voters to enquire about voter registration matters and report any difficulties they may encounter. Voters can contact the following call centre numbers during office hours: -
- (a) Union Election Commission (Nay Pyi Taw)
(1) 067 3404302
(2) 067 3404303
(3) 067 3404304
(4) 09 252116996
(5) For text messages (SMS): 09 252116996
 - (b) Election Subcommission (Nay Pyi Taw Council)
(1) 067 417967
(2) 067 417963
(3) 067 881750256
(4) 09 5330130
(5) For text messages (SMS): 09 881750256
 - (c) Election Subcommission (Kachin State)
(1) 01 3331635
(2) 09 422544669
(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 400021303
 - (d) Election Subcommission (Kayah State)
(1) 09 881446686
(2) 09 886834233
(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 685636811

- (e) Election Subcommission (Kayin State)
(1) 058 21175
(2) 058 23432
(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 778710146
- (f) Election Subcommission (Chin State)
(1) 01 3336611
(2) 01 3336622
(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 442993233
- (g) Election Subcommission (Sagaing Region)
(1) 071 2032095
(2) 071 2032096
(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 679779520
- (h) Election Subcommission (Taninthayi Region)
(1) 059 2021211
(2) 059 2023525
(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 40372990
- (i) Election Subcommission (Bago Region)
(1) 052 2221268
(2) 052 2201991
(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 251133187
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(1) 063 2028889
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(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 5202659
- (k) Election Subcommission (Mandalay Region)
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(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 36022777

- (l) Election Subcommission (Mon State)
(1) 057 2027256
(2) 057 2024391
(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 400070903
- (m) Election Subcommission (Rakhine State)
(1) 09 421742428
(2) 09 43094457
(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 421715494
- (n) Election Subcommission (Yangon Region)
(1) 01 2506293
(2) 01 2306250
(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 441651416
- (o) Election Subcommission (Shan State)
(1) 081 2124995
(2) 081 2124540
(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 254101508
- (p) Election Subcommission (Ayeyawady Region)
(1) 042 24616
(2) 042 23783
(3) For text messages (SMS): 09 695837030

2. Please note that any telephone numbers used for purposes other than enquiries or reporting, including nuisance calls, will be recorded and deactivated.

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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and dignitaries attend the Myanmar-Russia-Belarus Trilateral Entertainment in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing enjoys Myanmar-Russia-Belarus Trilateral Entertainment

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the Myanmar-Russia-Belarus Trilateral Entertainment at the Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and attendees watched a video clip “From cultural exchange to Friendship”.

The Vice-Chair of the Russia-Myanmar Friendship Association introduced the artistes from Belarus who will perform entertainment.

At the entertainment programmes, artistes from Belarus, the Fine Arts Department from the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, the Myanma Radio

and Television from the Ministry of Information and the Myawady Entertainment Troupe under the Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and staff from the Embassy of the Russian Federation to Myanmar presented the songs “Two Rus’s - Belarus and Russia, Two Sisters” and “Bells”, the royal choral dance under the title of “Nantheingi”, the songs “The River Flows” “Will say good bye with a cup of vodka”, “Papu Thuza” and “My eyes”, the dancing performance with the title of “Lebedushka” and the drum-playing dance, the songs “Tulips” and “Red Sloboda”, the active performance of a male dancer, the song “Oh, My Scythe”, the Kalinka dance, the songs “Belarus and Myanmar”, “Myanmar”, “Thingyan”, “Kupalinka”, “St Petersburg and Myanmar”, “Bagan”, “We are With You Myanmar”, “Myanmar Hay”, “Katush”, “Ma-

tushka Zemnya Mother Land”, “Love me”, “All the Flowers”, and “I want to wish” with performances.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presented the flower basket to the entertainment troupes from the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus.

The Vice-Chair of the Russia-Myanmar Friendship Association and the leader of the Belarusian Band presented gifts to the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The Member of the Government of Saint Petersburg and Chairman of the Committee for External Relations of the Government of Saint Petersburg presented the flower basket to entertainment troupes from Myanmar.

After the ceremony, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic

of the Union of Myanmar cordially greeted the attendees.

The entertainment was also attended by Commission Member and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Commission Member and Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe, Commission members, Union ministers, Union-level dignitaries, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers, Mr Evgeny Grigoryev, Member of the Government of Saint Petersburg and Chairman of the Committee for External Relations of the Government of Saint Petersburg, Vice-Chair of Russia-Myanmar Friendship Association Mr Alexander Ostrovskiy, officials from the Russian Embassy to Myanmar, entertainment troupes from Russia and Belarus, staff members from ministries, and guests.

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Myanmar, Russia improve friendly relations and cooperation



Acting President and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Mr Evgeny Grigoryev, Member of the Government of Saint Petersburg and Chairman of the Committee for External Relations of the Government of Saint Petersburg of the Russian Federation, exchange commemorative gifts during their meeting yesterday.

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madaw Guest House in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, they cordially exchanged views on friendly relations between Myanmar and Russia, improvement of cooperation, further plans of cooperation, and promotion of cooperation in all sectors, including the sectors of economy, health, technology, culture, tourism, youth and construction.

After the meeting, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Member of the Government of Saint Petersburg and Chairman of the Committee for External Relations of the Government of Saint Petersburg of the Russian Federation exchanged commemorative gifts.

Also, present at the meeting were Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ko Ko Kyaw and officials.

The Russian delegation leader and party were accompanied by Mr Iskander Azizov, Ambassador of the Embassy of the Russian Federation to Myanmar and delegation members.

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Myanmar National Human Rights Commission
Statement 13/ 2025

1. Today marks the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Hluttaw, the Tatmadaw and Ethnic Armed Organizations, in the presence of domestic and international witnesses. It is observed that the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) aims to implement an inclusive political dialogue process for achieving long-lasting peace, based on principles such as freedom, equality, and justice.
2. In line with this objective, peace dialogues and discussions are being held in 2025, involving organizations from various sectors and individuals from different levels. It is believed that these efforts will greatly contribute to building genuine and perpetual peace. Only through achieving peace can the rule of law be realized and human rights be enjoyed.
3. The purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter stipulate that disputes which might lead to a breach of peace shall be adjusted or settled by peaceful means, in conformity with the principles of justice and international law. Similarly, Article 2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that everyone is entitled to all rights and freedoms without distinction of any kind. Correspondingly, the fundamental principles of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) also emphasize that all citizens residing within the Union shall enjoy equal rights without discrimination based on race, religion, culture, or gender.
4. In order to fully enjoy these rights and to realize a democratic federal system founded on justice and human rights, everyone must cooperate and strive to achieve peace and to end all armed conflicts within the country. The Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) and peace process not only contribute to ending armed conflicts within the nation but also significantly support the Right to Development for the present and future generations.
5. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission honours and welcomes the 10th Anniversary of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), a historical milestone in the peace process, for the socio-economic development of all residents in the country and for the emergence of a secure and peaceful nation, and also welcomes the associated dialogues and discussions that will be held.

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Union Ministers review implementation after visits to China, Belarus

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Wah Wah Maung presided over a coordination meeting on promoting cooperation between the government and the private sector for the implementation of the tasks to be continued in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State regarding the visits to Xiamen, People’s Republic of China, and Minsk, Republic of Belarus, yesterday.

The Union minister discussed matters related to the implementation of the guidance given by the Head of State for visit to the People’s Republic of China regarding the current status of enabling investment projects using Chinese Yuan, co-operation in the agriculture and livestock sectors through technological advancement, increasing investment in the electricity and energy sectors, promoting value-added mineral processing industries, expanding export volumes of domestic products, fostering cooperation with Chinese business entrepreneurs to attract investments and enhance technology, including AI and establishing a direct air route between Yangon and Chengdu and the export of marine products.

She also highlighted the participation of Myanmar business-



Union Minister Dr Wah Wah Maung chairs the coordination meeting on the government-private cooperation in task implementation in line with the Head of State’s guidance after the China and Belarus visits.

es in International Trade and Investment Fair held in Xiamen of China, the signing of MOU with the Xiamen Cardiovascular Hospital to enhance cooperation in the medical field, arrangements for sending trainees and medical interns, collaboration on establishing a direct air route between Yangon and Xiamen, and efforts to increase export of marine products and rice from Myanmar.

Regarding with the visit to Minsk of Belarus, she stated that discussions were held on detailed matters regarding trade and economic cooperation between the two countries, including the export of rice, rubber, finished garments, and marine products from Myanmar to Belarus, cooperation in the banking and financial sectors, development of the tourism sector, importation of medicines and

medical equipment from Belarus, particularly cancer treatment drugs, the introduction and opening of showrooms for Belarusian agricultural machinery, human resource development, the organization of package tours between the two countries, facilitation of direct business linkages between private entrepreneurs and identifying potential areas for further cooperation between Myanmar

and Belarus.

Union Minister for Commerce U Chit Swe then discussed that Myanmar is taking steps to enhance trade activities with China and Belarus, and also with ASEAN and neighbouring countries. Since China is the largest trading and investment partner of Myanmar, discussions were also made for the use of the Chinese Yuan in trade and investment, the need to further promote border trade and tourism industries, and the implementation of import substitution investment projects, promoting MSME businesses through SKD and CKD systems in connection with the import and production of electric vehicles (EVs), producing and exporting goods in line with market demand, coordination between the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and its affiliated associations, and relevant ministries and preparations by relevant associations for increasing export volumes of rice, rubber, and marine products to Belarus.

Deputy Minister for Commerce U Min Min and participants coordinated the discussion, and the Union ministers concluded the meeting. — MNA/KTZH

Education staff promotions, transfers must be transparent: UM

UNION Minister for Education Dr Chaw Chaw Sein presided over a meeting on reviewing policies for promotions and transfers of staff in the teaching and administration sectors of basic education and exploring ways to effectively increase the grade transition rate with full quality standards in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The Union minister stated that policies regarding promotions and transfers of staff and employees under the basic education sector need to be transparent. This meeting was held to establish better policies, and it is expected that, in line with the prescribed laws and civil service regulations, the most effective promotion and transfer



Union Minister Dr Chaw Chaw Sein addresses the meeting on reviewing staff’s promotions and transfers in the Education Ministry.

policies can be discussed and implemented. The efforts should

be made to support the government’s objectives, including

successfully achieving KG+9 completion and increasing the

student grade transition rate.

She continued that participants should pay attention during this discussion to help increase the transition rate. Regarding promotions and transfers, the policies established in this meeting should be implemented at the central, regional, district, and township levels. Efforts should be collectively made to ensure the meeting achieves its objectives, to establish the best possible policies, and to generate positive outcomes for the education sector.

Deputy Minister U Nay Myo Hlaing and participants coordinated the discussion. The meeting will be held for two days from 14 to 15 October. — MNA/KTZH

NATIONAL

MoST Union Minister attends World Standards Day 2025, marks completion of national quality infrastructure, certification body

THE Ministry of Science and Technology celebrated the 13th World Standards Day 2025 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Kyaw, who is also chair of the National Standards Council, highlighted this year's theme, "Shared Vision for a Better World: Spotlight on SDG 17- Partnerships for the Goals", and said the international standards are essential for global development, as they can accelerate technology and innovation. Myanmar has successfully established 948 national standards, and by applying these standards in both government and private sectors, domestic products will be of good quality and gain international recognition, and these facts will facilitate smoother trade and help enhance the ex-

port sector.

The video clips of Mr Sergio Mujica, Secretary-General of the International Organization for Standardization and World Standards Day 2025 were played.

The Union minister also addressed the completion Project on Strengthening National Quality Infrastructure and Implementation of National Certification Body for Certifying Products, Processes, and Services, developed by Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund (2023) online.

The officials of relevant departments made remarks and discussed the project processes. The event was attended by First Secretary Dr Zhang Zhonghua of the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar. — MNA/KTZH



The 2025 World Standards Day underway yesterday, attended by Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Kyaw.

MoH UM meets St Petersburg Foreign Relations Committee Chair



Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win holds talks with the Saint Petersburg External Relations Committee Chairman and his delegation yesterday.

UNION Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win received Mr Evgeny Grigoryev, Member of the Government of Saint Petersburg and Chairman of the Committee for External Relations of the Government of Saint Petersburg of the Russian Federation, and his delegation yesterday afternoon at the Ministry of Health in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they discussed enhancing cooperation in the health sector between Myanmar and Russia, the ongoing collaboration between

the Ministry of Health and the Napalkov Cancer Centre in Saint Petersburg following the signing of a memorandum of understanding in 2024, and the exchange of expertise in cancer treatment. They also discussed the importation and distribution in Myanmar of medicines and medical supplies for cancer and diabetes produced by pharmaceutical factories in Saint Petersburg, the possibility of sending Myanmar specialists to Russia for advanced training, cooperation between medical

universities in both countries to strengthen human resource development in the health sector, and the treatment of neurological and infectious diseases among children.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Chair of the Saint Petersburg Committee for External Relations, the Russian Ambassador to Myanmar and relevant officials, representatives from the Russian Trade Mission to Myanmar, and officials from the Ministry of Health. — MNA/KZL

Ensuring steady fuel supply for public use

THE Ministry of Energy stated that fuel trucks filled with fuel have been arranged by region to ensure that people can easily buy fuel at fair prices without interruption. Petrol stations in major cities and along main roads connecting regions and states have been filled in advance, and additional supplies can be provided promptly if needed.

The Supervisory Committee on the Import, Storage, and Distribution of Fuel Oil is continuously monitoring to ensure that the people can buy fuel easily and conveniently at fair prices, and also oversees appropriate pricing, sets standards for different types of fuel, and ensures the quality and weighting of the fuel.

As a result of these arrangements, although fuel prices in the Asia-Pacific region are rising, the Myanmar kyat has remained strong and foreign exchange rates have declined. Therefore, domestic fuel prices have also decreased so that

the public and business owners can conveniently purchase the required amount of fuel at fair prices whenever needed.

Although 97 per cent of the country's fuel demand is currently met through imports, the Ministry of Energy is making efforts to reduce imports by increasing oil and natural gas exploration and production in onshore and offshore areas, upgrading existing oil refineries, and constructing new refineries.

The ministry is implementing plans to widely produce and use biofuel domestically by blending value-added products such as anhydrous ethanol and locally produced gasoline, which are made from agricultural raw materials like corn, sugarcane, and broken rice, in designated proportions.

A mobile application called MPTA FM, available on the Google Play Store, allows users to check fuel types, prices, and the number of nearby petrol stations directly from their smartphones. — MNA/KTZH

Neighbouring countries with a combined population of nearly four billion is a strong market for Myanmar

- ❖ Myanmar is surrounded by neighbouring countries with a combined population of nearly four billion—approximately 50 per cent of the world’s population — therefore, there exists a strong and stable market for exporting goods produced by our country.
- ❖ It is necessary to make effective use of the resources available in our country and to strive to realize and maximize their original value and significance.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, at the opening of the Forum on Myanmar Beyond 2025: Challenges and Opportunities in a Multipolar World held on 21 March 2025)

YITE 2025, MEIT 2025 to be held at YCC from 14 to 16 Nov

CO-LOCATED events “Yangon International Trade Expo (YITE 2025)” and “Myanmar E-commerce and IT Expo 2025 (MEIT 2025)” will take place on 14-16 November at the Yangon Convention Centre (YCC). YITE will exhibit solar, battery, power, industrial equipment, electrical appliances, transformers, control panel, wire and cable, switch and breakers, food prod-

ucts and manufacturing equipment, raw materials, packaging machines, rice, bean and maize processing machines, colour sorters, conveyors and transport vehicles. Furthermore, export potential items will be displayed for product sourcing for exporters.

Myanmar E-commerce & IT Expo will feature e-commerce platforms, Payment Gateways, IT Service Providers, SaaS, web, App developers, POS and hardware, mobile phone, laptop system units, and printers.

Interested individuals can enquire about details or book a booth through contact numbers 09 409400055, 09 409400066, and 09 409400077. — NN/KK



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CBM sells US\$1.8M to edible oil importers



Cooking oil bottles are arranged for sale in the supermarket.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$1.8 million to edible oil-importing companies on 13 October, in addition to an injection of \$594,800 into the financial market. CBM sold \$2.26 million to edible oil-importing companies on 10 October in addition to an injection of \$400,000 into the market. CBM sold over \$1.9 million to edible oil-importing companies, in addition to sales of over 354,000 yuan in the market on 9 October. CBM announced on 8 October that it would sell \$30 million

to those engaged in the fuel oil industry. CBM also sold over \$1.87 million to edible oil importing companies and over \$530,290 to fuel oil-importing companies on that day, in addition to the injection of over 4.98 million baht and over 21,480 yuan into the market. CBM pumped over \$39 million purchased from companies working on a Cut, Make, and Pack basis into the market in September 2025. Moreover, CBM also injected over \$680,000, 6.2 million yuan and 300,000 baht into the market through the foreign exchange market online

trading platform last month. 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

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Empower youth with knowledge through library access

THE government is accelerating its efforts to develop school libraries and promote reading habits. It aims to enhance the functions of libraries, enable students to access books and publications, and apply the knowledge gained from reading in practical contexts.

Nowadays, everyone is pursuing knowledge and education to build a better life. Young people must accumulate knowledge with the aim of improving their own lives and contributing to the State. Therefore, the authorities emphasize promoting reading habits and organizing youth reading activities as a way to encourage young people to read.

A person who cannot read is like someone who is merely sitting; a person who can read but does not study literature is like someone who is merely standing; only a person who can read and actively studies literature is like someone walking along the path. As young students, they should read and study diligently, advancing toward the future with full knowledge and wisdom. The knowledge gained from reading should be applied for your own benefit, the benefit of the community, and the benefit of the nation.

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Knowledge is something that cannot be exhausted or taken away. Even if students complete their formal education, they must continuously study books and literature to gain wisdom. A library is a place where one can easily access and read the books and materials they wish to study in a single location. To promote the spread of knowledge and general education among the people, the government has established libraries throughout the country and continues to provide books and literary materials. Moreover, generous donors and philanthropists contribute funds and books to ensure that people can easily access literature, to support the development of libraries, and to help knowledge and learning flourish.

The Ephemeral Seal: Currency, Craving, and the Void

By Khin Maung Myint

WHAT is the real money? To pose this question is to invite a collision between the absolute and the conditional, between the hard arithmetic of daily life and the deep, unsettling truths whispered by philosophers and sages. Is it the Russian rouble, or is it worth fluctuating with geopolitical tides? The Yanky dollar, once the undisputed global benchmark, is its power anchored in a collective, yet ultimately arbitrary, faith? Or the Sterling pound, a remnant of empire, each note a promise backed by nothing more substantial than the mutual agreement of a nation? The question provides its own partial answer: they are, in the end, mere man-made papers with seals, symbolic artefacts imbued with colossal, yet entirely projected, value. This projection is the intersection point of psychology and Buddhist philosophy.

Psychologically, money is a universal and supreme motivator,

yet its power derives not from its physical existence – a cotton-linen blend of negligible intrinsic worth – but from the complex architecture of the human mind.

The banknotes, the digital entries, they are tokens of desire. Our brains, wired for survival and status, latch onto money as the most efficient abstract representation of resources, security, power, and freedom.

The seal on the pound or the portrait on the dollar triggers a deep emotional response rooted in the ego's craving. We seek to acquire it to alleviate the primordial anxiety of lack, to fortify the fragile sense of self.

The pursuit of wealth is often, at its core, a defensive psychological mechanism against the feeling of impermanence and vulnerability. We conflate a large bank balance with a solid, enduring self, a comforting illusion that momentarily silences the existential dread of our own finitude.

This psychological attachment is what makes the ruble 'real' to the Muscovite and the dollar 'real' to the New Yorker; it is the currency of their shared, culturally conditioned neurosis.

Buddhism, however, steps back from this conditioned drama and delivers a radical critique: there is nothing in the end. The central teaching of Anicca (impermanence) reveals the illusory nature of all compounded things, and this includes every single unit of currency. The gold standard, paper money, and cryptocurrency – each is a construct subject to endless flux, creation, and destruction.

If money is a token of desire, the Buddhist lens identifies desire (Tanha) itself as the root of all suffering. The craving for the next dollar, the anxiety over losing the present stockpile, the pride in having more than the neighbour – these are the mental chains forged by attachment to what is ultimately empty.

The Buddha's concept of Sunyata (emptiness) does not mean things do not exist, but rather that they exist without inherent, independent self-nature. A twenty-pound note is 'real' only insofar as it functions within a system of agreement, a collective dream of value. Remove the agreement, and it is merely fibrous pulp. Its reality is interdependent and therefore ultimately hollow.

The realization that money, the great engine of the world, is an ephemeral seal on a collective agreement – a psychological tool for managing craving – can be liberating. The pursuit of the 'real money' shifts from accumulating papers to cultivating the real and non-contingent wealth: wisdom and compassion.

Wisdom (Prajna) is the direct insight into Sunyata, the understanding that the ruble, the dollar, and the pound are ultimately phantoms of the mind, arising and ceasing.

Compassion (Karuna) is the practical application of this insight, the recognition that all beings are trapped in the same psychological drama of craving for these empty symbols.

Thus, the profound conclusion is that the 'real money' is the one currency that cannot be printed, devalued, or stolen: the unconditioned mind. The papers with seals will disintegrate, the empires that print them will fall, the market will crash, and the individual body will perish.

But the insight that all these phenomena are without inherent self-nature – that they are 'nothing in the end' – is the only enduring, true, and liberating wealth.

The great irony is that one can only truly use the man-made papers wisely and without suffering once one has fully comprehended that they are, in reality, nothing at all.

The Bullock Cart

By Maung Thar Nyan (NTG)

IN THE Eastern part of the world, things change very slowly, especially in the lives of the rural villages. The Myanmar farmer today uses the same kind of ploughs and carts, and also method that his forefathers used hundreds of years ago.

"So, Myanmar keeps its old past. What first she was, she is at last, the ancient ways remain, as in old days, so it is now obtained, the same old wooden wheels, the same old plough, the same old wooden bullock-wain."

Oh! my Lord Buddha, may we be blessed to be modernized, reverent, Sir!

When I returned to my native home, I paid a visit to my relative, a monk of the monastery at Tantawma village, which is a rural area of Natogyi, in Myingyan district, Mandalay Region.

One day, we two took a walk outside the village. Unex-

pectedly, we heard the drone of an aircraft, a jet plane, east-bound, flying at the speed of supersonic speed, leaving behind a whitish silvery line in the sky: because its humming noise left behind it. The speedy a/c is just ahead, soon after that it passed out of sight. But for some time, I could still hear its hum getting fainter and fainter till it was gone at last. Meanwhile, we saw a cart loaded with corn-plant drawn by two patient bullocks (piling up a very large quantity of complaint) crawling slowly along the road. Its wheels creak as it jolts over the ruts and lumbers heavily all along. The farmer who drives it sits on the load high up, half asleep; he wakes up now and then, and curses the bullocks or prods them with his stick or twists their tails. But neither he nor his bullocks are ever in a hurry.

What a contrast between that swift, beautiful object flying in the sky like a kite or hawk-bird, with a slow, clumsy old-fashioned bullock-cart on the road below.

In Myanmar, you often see contrasts between the slow, old-fashioned ways of the East and the swift modern ways of the West in every aspect.

Nowadays is the right time to try our best in all ways and means to rehabilitate our country and to be developed like the West, urged by our government and the country people.

Slow and steady wins the race.

We all country people, too, must have an "Aim" to gain the 'Goal' of our Mother Country and strive our best in co-operation with our government, Hand in hand.

United we stand, divided we fall.

Forgiveness - A Healing Way Towards Peace

By @Editor

silence or resentment might otherwise grow.

In communities, it fosters reconciliation after disputes, whether over land, politics, or identity. Forgiveness becomes the bridge between justice and peace, especially in post-conflict societies.

In religious and spiritual traditions, forgiveness is often elevated as divine. From Buddhist teachings on compassion to Christian calls to "forgive seventy times seven", it is seen as a path to liberation – not just for the forgiven, but for the forgiver.

In politics and transitional

justice, forgiveness plays a role in truth commissions, amnesties, and national healing. South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission is a powerful example of how forgiveness can be institutionalized to rebuild a fractured nation.

In digital and global culture, forgiveness is increasingly tested. Online shaming, cancel culture, and viral outrage often leave little room for redemption. Yet, movements advocating restorative justice and second chances remind us that forgiveness is still a radical act of hope.

Forgiveness, then, is not weakness; it is architecture. It

builds bridges where walls once stood. It is the quiet force that sustains families, communities, and nations through their most fragile moments.

Forgiveness in Practice: Personal Echoes and Public Lessons

I did not know the real meaning of *forgiveness* when I was a child. But I practised it.

One afternoon, my younger brother – barely 13 or 14 – got into a heated fight with one of his friends. It was the kind of clash that young boys often have: pride, misunderstanding, maybe a little mischief. But the conflict didn't end

there. The older brother of my brother's friend – much bigger and stronger – decided to take matters into his own hands. He punched me. It was unilateral, unprovoked, and humiliating. I was furious. My fists clenched. My pride screamed for retaliation. But I didn't fight back.

Not because I was weak. Not because I was afraid. But because something inside me – something I couldn't name then – held me back. That something was *forgiveness*. I didn't know the word. I didn't know the philosophy. But I knew the feeling: the choice to let go, to

not escalate, to walk away.

Years later, I would come to understand that forgiveness is not a surrender; it's a strength. It's the power to break cycles of revenge and resentment.

Other Echoes of Forgiveness

The Teacher Who Let Me Learn Again: - In high school, I once failed to submit an assignment – not out of laziness, but because of a family emergency. My teacher could have penalized me. Instead, she gave me a second chance. Her forgiveness taught me that grace can be academic, too.

The Friend Who Came Back: - I once lost a close friend over a misunderstanding. We stopped talking for months. Then one day, he messaged me: *"I miss our conversations. Can we talk?"* That simple act of reaching out – of forgiving and seeking forgiveness – restored

a bond that mattered more than pride.

The Stranger Who Smiled: - On a crowded bus, I accidentally stepped on someone's foot. I apologized. He smiled and said, *"No worries, brother"*. That moment reminded me that forgiveness doesn't always come with drama; it can be quiet, casual, and kind.

Forgiveness is not reserved for saints or sages. It lives in classrooms, buses, playgrounds, and homes. It is practised by children who don't yet know its name, and by adults who have learned its weight.

Forgiveness Today: A Quiet Revolution

In a world that often rewards outrage and punishes vulnerability, forgiveness can feel like an outdated virtue. But it is, in truth, a quiet revolution.

NATIONAL

Kyaukme sees rise in student enrolment, ongoing health services



Photos showcase the student enrolment and ongoing health services in Kyaukme, Shan State (North).

THE Basic Education High School No 1 in Kyaukme, Shan State (North), reopened on 8 October, followed by the resumption of enrolment at the Basic Education High School No 4 and Basic Education Middle School No 4 yesterday.

During the ongoing enrolment process, a further 254 students registered, bringing the total number of students currently attending schools in the township to 2,760. Students are reportedly studying peacefully in a calm and stable environment.

Newly enrolled students were provided with free textbooks, writing materials, and other school supplies distributed by the Ministry of Education. Officials from the relevant departments assisted with administrative matters to ensure the

smooth resumption of classes and proper learning arrangements.

At the same time, officials from the Department of Immigration and Population conducted household registration checks and issued citizenship

scrutiny cards to residents who had recently returned to the township.

Security personnel carried out mine-clearance operations around departmental offices, schools, and public areas to ensure the safety of teachers, students, and residents. In addition, medical teams from the Ministry of Health and the Tatmadaw jointly opened a temporary clinic at the Kyaukme Laba Munita Chinese Communal Temple, where they continued to provide healthcare services for residents.

According to reports, 106 outpatients received medical check-ups and treatment, while five patients requiring further care were admitted to the hospital. — MNA/KZL

Action taken against supporters of CRPH and NUG terrorist groups

ACTION has been taken in accordance with the law against those who supported, assisted, or participated in the propaganda and mobilization activities of the CRPH, NUG, and their subordinate organizations, which have been declared as terrorist groups, as well as those connected to them. Authorities have announced that effective legal measures will continue to be enforced against such individuals and organizations to safeguard the nation's stability and peace.

Despite prior public announcements warning against such acts, it was found that on 13 October 2025, a Facebook account named "Shwe Thet" continued to spread propaganda and instigating messages on social media with the intention of disrupting national peace and stability.

The account owner, identified as Thet Ko Ko (aka) Thamee Soe, aged 45, residing in Ward 46, Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon Region, was arrested at 8 pm and charged under the law by PyinOoLwin Myoma Police Station. — MNA/KZL

Illegal goods worth K365M seized across multiple regions & states

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, effective actions have been taken across the country under the law to prevent and suppress illegal trade.

In Kayin State, under the management of the Kayin State Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force, a combined inspection team seized two types of industrial materials worth K3 million without official documents near the Thaungyin River Bank in Ward 5, Myawady Township, on 12 October. Legal action was taken in line with Customs procedures.

In Sagaing Region, combined inspection teams managed by the Sagaing Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force conducted checks at the Kantalu Checkpoint and Yadanabon Bridge Checkpoint on 9 October. The teams confiscated two types of consumer goods and one type of foodstuff worth K40.6 million without official documents. The goods were processed under the Export and Import Law.

Similarly, in Bago Region, combined teams supervised by the Bago Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force, inspected in Pyay and Taungoo districts on 10 and 11 October. They seized 3.8 tonnes of teak and 1.616 tonnes of hardwood worth about K5.3 million. Legal action was taken under the Forest Law.

In Mandalay Region, combined in-



Images show seized illegal goods across different regions and states.

spection teams under the Mandalay Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force seized 0.418 tonne of teak, 1.764 tonnes of hardwood and 20.028 tonnes of other timber worth about K8.6 million in Kyaukse Township on 2 October. Legal action was conducted under the Forest Law.

In Mon State, a combined team managed by the Mon State Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force confiscated an unregistered motorcycle worth K3 million in Mudon Township on 10 October. Legal action was carried out under the Export and Import Law.

Under the supervision of the Customs Department, a combined team also inspected the Mottama Port on 8 October and seized one type of industrial material worth K257.9 million transported by a

vessel from Kawthoung to Yangon without official documents. On 9 October, at Nyaungkhashay Permanent Checkpoint, they seized three types of foodstuffs worth K16.4 million and a Dong Feng dump truck worth K30 million used for transporting the goods. The total seizure was valued at K304 million. Legal action was taken as per Customs procedures.

Between 2 and 12 October, a total of 14 cases of illegal trade amounting to K365 million were recorded. Such illegal imports could harm the competitiveness of legitimate traders and result in tax losses to the State. Therefore, the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee stated that relevant authorities will continue to enhance inspection and prevention measures to curb illegal trade more effectively. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL/ESSAY

Bagan Archaeological Museum sees 1,000+ daily visitors after Thadingyut

WITH the boom in tourism in this open season, the Bagan Archaeological Museum has been visited by more than a thousand people a day after the Thadingyut holidays, an official said.

The number of domestic traveller arrivals to Bagan during the Thadingyut holidays was more than expected, and visitors are found to be still coming to the museum after the holidays.

From 1 to 4 October, there were 32 locals, 130 locals and three foreigners, 151 locals and four foreigners, and 305 locals and one foreigner, respectively. From 8 to 10 October, after Thadingyut, the museum

received 1,087 locals and four foreigners, 1,115 locals and one foreigner, and 1,043 locals and two foreigners.

“From 5 to 7 October, the museum was closed. On 8 October, after Thadingyut, the number of domestic tourists to the museum exceeded one thousand. We’ve seen a lot of visitors coming”, he said.

The tourist community is also preparing to visit Bagan in the coming Tazaungdaing, during which people are interested in visiting Taunggyi, Kalaw, PyinOoLwin, Inlay, Bagan, Chaungtha and Ngwehsaung. — MT/ZN



This photo captures travellers visiting Bagan during the Thadingyut holidays.

Goethe-Institut Myanmar offers free online session on studying in Germany



The free online session for studying in Germany.

FOR those seeking to study in Germany, the online session “Study in Germany” will give a free consultation on 15 October, according to the Goethe-Institut Myanmar.

It will bring many educational opportunities for those interested in studying in Germany, and the best chance for those who have prepared for studying in Germany, it said.

In a Zoom meeting, German language teachers Chan Hsu Nyein and Pyae Phyo Wah will answer questions about German universities, subjects, application stages, fees, scholarships and part-time jobs. Participants are limited to 15.

Interested persons are urged to register as soon as possible, and the Zoom link will be sent to eligible participants, it said. To join, name, email address, and phone number are needed to be submitted to Chan-Hsu.Nyein@goethe.de.

It has been scheduled on 15 October from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. — MT/ZS

Forgiveness - A Healing Way Towards Peace

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To forgive is not to forget, nor to excuse. It is to choose peace over pride, healing over harm. It is to say: “I will not carry this weight any longer”. In doing so, we reclaim our agency – not as victims, but as architects of our own emotional freedom.

Forgiveness is not always immediate. It may take years. It may never be complete. But even the intention to forgive is a beginning. It is a seed planted in the soil of empathy, watered by time, and warmed by understanding.

In my own life, I’ve come to see forgiveness not as a single act, but as a practice. A discipline. A way of being. From childhood instincts to adult reckonings, I’ve learned that forgiveness is not weakness; it is wisdom. It is not surrender – it is sovereignty.

As we navigate the complexities of modern life – family tensions, political divides, cultural clashes – may we remember that forgiveness is not a detour from justice, but a companion to it. It does not erase the past, but it reshapes the future.

In the end, forgiveness is not just something we give to others. It is something we give to ourselves.

In a world that bruises easily and forgives slowly, I say what I see: forgiveness is not the end of pain; it is the beginning of peace.

MGS discusses buying instruments for quake research projects

OFFICIALS from the Myanmar Geosciences Society (MGS) and the managing director from Amigos Co Ltd held a meeting on buying instruments required for the implementation of quake research.

MGS President Dr Sone Han, Vice-Presidents U Kyi Htun, U Nyunt Htay, Secretary Dr Day Wa Aung, Treasurer Dr Tin Htay Mu and Executive Member Dr Thazin Htet Tin met Amigos Managing Director U Nyi Nyi Min on 13 October. They

conducted a thorough discussion about buying the necessary quake-measuring instruments for research projects.

Beyond the 2025 monsoon, seismotectonics and paleoseismology trenching will be launched, and they have sought to acquire necessary equipment as soon as possible, said MGS.

MGS had a coordination meeting on earthquake research in September 2025. — Htun Htun/ZS



MGS and Amigos officials had a meeting on equipment purchase for quake research.

NATIONAL

MACA and YOCCF sign MoU to promote cultural cooperation

THE Myanmar Art and Cultural Advancement Association (MACA) and the Yunnan Overseas Chinese Charity Foundation (YOCCF) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation and presented certificates of honour at a ceremony held yesterday afternoon at the Myawady Media Centre on Moegaung Street, Yankin Township, Yangon.

During the event, MACA Chairperson Daw Aye Thin-

zar Thu, YOCCF Chair Mr Xia Yong, and Peking University Cancer Hospital Yunnan Hospital Chair Mr Qin Jiyong delivered opening remarks. The MoU was then formally signed by the chairpersons of both organizations. Subsequently, MACA Honourary Patron Director Pachi Soe Moe and Daw Aye Thinzar Thu presented certificates of honour to the responsible personnel.

The YOCCF team had conducted free cleft lip and palate

surgeries for children at Thingangyun Sanpya Hospital in Yangon from 9 to 14 October.

The newly signed MoU seeks to enhance cultural exchanges between Myanmar and China's Yunnan Province through joint participation in cultural festivals, professional exchanges among scholars and artistes, and continued collaboration to promote mutual understanding in the fields of traditional culture and the arts.

— MNA/KZL



The signing ceremony between MACA and YOCCF for cultural cooperation in progress yesterday.

Pyay Shwesandaw to host Buddha Pujaniya Festival on grand scale



This photo features a Buddha Tooth Relic that being carried for offering during the previous Buddha Pujaniya Festival.

THE Buddha Pujaniya Festival at Shwesandaw Pagoda in Pyay Township, Bago Region, will be held on a grand scale from 28 October to 6 November; according to U Myat Soe, a member of the pagoda's board of trustees.

The festival will also feature a consecration ceremony and a rice-offering ceremony for 109 venerable monks on the morning of 28 October.

“The annual procession for

the sacred Buddha Tooth Relic, which has been enshrined in the temple for a year, will be held on 31 October on the platform of the pagoda. On 6 November, it will be taken back to the temple, where it will be enshrined for another year. Since the event will be held during the Tazaungdine Lighting Festival, an oil-lamp offering ceremony will also take place,” U Myat Soe said.

— ASH/TH

Yangon rental market surges as property sales slow

ACCORDING to the Yangon Region Real Estate Services Association, although the property sales market in Yangon has cooled following the Thadingyut period, the rental market is active with rising rates.

An official from the Yangon Region Real Estate Services Association explained that the slowdown in sales is due to asking prices being higher than they ought to be. However, it is understood that a small number of regular transactions are still occurring between genuine sellers and buyers at appropriate prices.



This image illustrates residential and land properties in Yangon Region.

“In the current Yangon property market, there is interest in lower-storey flats and condominiums valued between K300

and K500 million, and plots of land valued above K1,000 million. In the Yangon rental market, the high-yielding foreign rental market is still absent, and the market is being driven by domestic migrants,” said an official from the Yangon Region Real Estate Services Association. “Due to an increase in people moving to Yangon, flat rental prices are rising, with flats under 1 million kyats being the most frequently rented. In the rental market, rental fees have increased by an average of at least 50,000 to 200,000 kyats within six months

to a year.”

In some townships, such as Dagon Myothit (North), where property prices once topped Yangon's market, sales have slowed since early October. Meanwhile, only a limited number of transactions are occurring in downtown and uptown areas at mutually agreed prices.

According to market sources, there is rising interest in village land and plots alongside arterial roads in suburban townships such as Taikkyi, Hmawbi, Hlegu, Kunchangon, and Twantay. — ASH/KZL

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Philippines, Brunei ink deal on agri-fisheries to boost trade

THE Philippines and Brunei signed a new memorandum of understanding (MOU) to strengthen co-operation in agriculture and fisheries, marking a renewed push for regional food security, trade, and sustainable development, the Philippines' Department of Agriculture (DA) said on Tuesday.

The MOU, signed between the Philippines' DA and Brunei's Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism at the sidelines of the 47th ASEAN Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry meeting held recently in Metro Manila, outlines joint efforts in key areas such as agrifood trade, agro-biotechnology, aquaculture, and precision agriculture. The Southeast Asian neighbours agree to

collaborate on research, exchange expertise, and promote market access. Areas of cooperation include livestock and poultry development, disease prevention, high-yield crop technologies, and downstream processing in both agriculture and fisheries, the DA said.

Private sector engagement is also a focus, with both countries committing to facilitating agrifood investment and trade through information sharing, especially in sanitary and phytosanitary standards and market access requirements. The MOU will take effect once both parties confirm compliance with their respective domestic procedures through diplomatic channels. — Xinhua

Google to invest \$15 bln in India, build largest AI hub outside US

GOOGLE said Tuesday it will invest \$15 billion in India over the next five years, as it announced a giant data centre and artificial intelligence base in the country. "It is the largest AI hub that we are investing in anywhere outside of the US," Google Cloud CEO Thomas Kurian said at a ceremony in New Delhi.

Demand for AI tools

and solutions is surging among businesses and individuals in India, which is projected to have more than 900 million internet users by year's end. Kurian announced "capital investment of \$15 billion" over the five years and a "gigawatt-scale AI hub in Visakhapatnam", a port city in the southeastern state of Andhra Pradesh. — AFP



This illustration photograph taken on 30 October 2023, in Mulhouse, eastern France, shows figurines next to a screen displaying a logo of Google, a US multinational technology company. **PHOTO: AFP**

LG Electronics India soars 50% on debut after \$1.3 bln IPO

SHARES in LG Electronics India soared 50 per cent on their market debut on Tuesday, after raising more than \$1 billion in the country's third-biggest initial public offering of the year.

The South Korean appliance maker's India unit opened at 1,710.1 rupees on the National Stock Exchange — compared with a 1,140 rupees issue price — before paring some of the gains in early trading.

India's stock market has underperformed compared with Asian rivals this year, but a vast retail investor base — in the world's most populous country — and ample domestic liquidity still make it a key fundraising hub. Start-ups and companies have raised more than \$12 billion from IPOs so far this year, stock exchange data shows, and

that is expected to rise over the next three months.

But even by the standards of the red-hot Indian IPO market, the sale by

LG's local unit stands out.

The offer, which involved the sale of a little more than 71 million shares, received bids for

more 3.8 billion shares — making it the most-subscribed big Indian IPO in nearly two decades. — AFP



President & CEO of LG Electronics Inc William (Joowan) Cho (2L) and Chairman of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) Ashish Kumar Chauhan (2R) applaud during LG India IPO listing ceremony in Mumbai on 14 October 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

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- OD-165mm uPVC Pipe (Grey Color)
- 100° Elbow for OD-165mm uPVC Pipe (Grey Color)

2. **Tender Closing Date** – 31st October 2025

3. **Tender Submission Address** – Tower (B), Shwe Zabu Condo, Strand Road, Ahlone Township, Yangon.

4. For further information, please contact **09-755949434** during office hours.

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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Chinese, foreign experts call for sci-tech innovation to promote sustainable agrifood systems

NEARLY 800 experts from China and around the world have convened at the 2025 World AgriFood Innovation Conference (WAFI 2025), advocating agricultural sci-tech innovation to promote sustainable agrifood systems.

Held from 12 to 14 October under the theme of “Resilient Food Supply for AgriFood Systems Transformation”, the conference is underscoring the pressing need for transformative innovation in the agricultural sector.

At the conference, China Agricultural University President Sun Qixin emphasized the need to accelerate the sustainable transformation of the global agrifood system in light of mounting uncertainties brought



An aerial drone photo taken on 11 October 2025 shows a harvester working at a field in Yangquan Town, Changning City, central China’s Hunan Province. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

by climate change.

He said that WAFI is

committed to advancing cutting-edge innovation to drive

the transition of agricultural systems worldwide, with the aim

of maximizing impact through international exchange, global expertise aggregation and sustained industry-academia collaboration.

In his opening ceremony address, Kenneth M Quinn, president emeritus of the World Food Prize Foundation, highlighted three essential elements – innovation, infrastructure and inspiration – as foundational to building a sustainable future for agriculture.

Quinn also stressed the importance of inspiring the next generation of scientists and leaders, citing the legacy of pioneers such as the late celebrated Chinese scientist Yuan Longping, who is known as the “father of hybrid rice”, to ignite passion among youth. — Xinhua

WHO calls for urgent focus on brain health

THE World Health Organization called Tuesday for urgently scaling up care for neurological conditions, which impact more than three billion people globally, insisting many could be prevented or treated with the right services.

Neurological conditions affect more than 40 per cent of the global population, while disorders claim more than 11 million lives each year, the WHO said.

The top 10 neurological conditions contributing to

death and disability include stroke, migraine, Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias, meningitis, and idiopathic epilepsy, according to the latest numbers, from 2021.

But structural, financial and social barriers are hindering progress against such conditions, while widespread prejudice and misconceptions are preventing people from seeking treatment, the UN health agency warned.

“WHO is calling for urgent, evidence-based and coordinat-

ed global action to prioritize brain health and expand neurological care,” it said.

Only 63 countries have a national policy on neurological disorders, while only 34 report having dedicated funding.

“With more than one in three people in the world living with conditions affecting their brain we must do all we can to improve the health care they need,” said WHO assistant director-general Jeremy Farrar.

“Many of these neurological conditions can be prevented or effectively treated, yet services remain out of reach for most – especially in rural and underserved areas, where people too often face stigma, social exclusion and financial hardship.”

The WHO report found that low-income countries have more than 80 times fewer neurologists than high-income nations.

“This shortage means that for many patients, timely diagnosis, treatment, and ongoing care are simply out of reach,” it warned. — AFP



This photograph shows a sign of the World Health Organization (WHO) displayed at their headquarters in Geneva on 13 March 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Indonesia detects traces of radiation at clove farm as probe expands

INDONESIAN authorities found traces of radioactivity at a clove farm on Sumatra island, a government spokesperson said Tuesday, as Jakarta expanded an investigation launched after the US health authority detected Caesium-137 contamination of spices from Indonesia.

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently said it had detected the presence of Caesium-137 in a sample of cloves from PT Natural Java Spice during screening after the radioactive isotope was also detected in August in a sample of frozen shrimp from Indonesia.

The Indonesian government then launched an investigation, with inspection teams sent to a processing facility and a farm on Java island and another farm on Sumatra, task force spokesperson Bara Hasibuan told AFP Tuesday. He said the team only found traces of radioactivity at the clove farm in Lampung, Sumatra, without disclosing further details, adding that the government had banned the farm from selling its cloves as a preventive measure. — AFP

WHO issues alert about contaminated Indian cough syrups

THE World Health Organization (WHO) has issued an alert about three contaminated cough syrups identified in India, urging health authorities around the world to report any detection of these medicines in their countries to the global health body.

According to the alert on Monday, the contaminated oral liquid medicines have been identified to be specific batches of Coldrif, Respifresh TR and ReLife, manufactured by Sresan Pharmaceutical, Rednex Pharmaceuticals, and Shape Pharma.

The global health body said these contaminated products pose significant risks to patients and can cause severe and potentially life-threatening illness. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Japan make waves with friendly win over Brazil

JAPAN coach Hajime Moriyasu told his players to celebrate their 3-2 friendly win over Brazil on Tuesday but warned it would paint a target on their backs at next year’s World Cup.

Japan claimed their first win over Brazil after roaring back in the second half to stun Carlo Ancelotti’s side in Tokyo.

Japan have never gone beyond the last 16 at a World Cup but Moriyasu has said they are aiming to lift the trophy in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

They beat Germany and Spain at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar and Moriyasu said their victory over Brazil will have been felt around the world.

“I want the players to celebrate this result but strong teams will pay us more attention from now on,” he said.

“Beating top teams like Brazil in official competitions requires progress and caution



Japan’s goalkeeper Zion Suzuki (centre L) makes a save during the international football friendly match between Japan and Brazil at the Tokyo stadium in Chofu, Tokyo prefecture on 14 October 2025. PHOTO: AFP

and I want the players to build on the confidence they have got from today’s result.”

Paulo Henrique and Gabriel Martinelli scored as Brazil

turned on the style in the opening 45 minutes, four days after thrashing South Korea 5-0 in Seoul.

But Japan hit back after the break with goals from Takumi Minamino, Keito Nakamura and Ayase Ueda sending the crowd of almost 45,000 wild.

It was Japan’s first win over Brazil in 14 attempts.

“Beating Brazil can have a big impact on us going into the World Cup,” said Nakamura.

“We still have games to play in November and March and we want to keep this going.”

It was Brazil’s second defeat since the Italian Ancelotti took over in May, following a 1-0 away loss to Bolivia in World Cup qualifying.

Ancelotti said his team needed better balance but vowed to continue experimenting with his line-up before the World Cup.

“We need to learn from the mistakes we made in the second half,” said Ancelotti.

“I think the biggest problem was not having a good reaction to the first mistake.” — AFP

Cape Verde secures first-ever World Cup spot

CAPE Verde made history by qualifying for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, finishing top of Group D in the African qualifiers after a 3-0 home victory over bottom-placed Eswatini on Monday.

After finishing the group stage with 23 points, Cape Verde will appear on world football’s biggest stage for the first time. With a population of just over 500,000, Cape Verde is the second smallest country after Iceland to qualify for the World Cup finals.

The crucial moment came

in the eighth matchday when Cape Verde upset Cameroon 1-0 at home. Despite a subsequent 3-3 draw with Libya delaying Cape Verde’s qualification, the Blue Sharks held their nerve against Eswatini to secure their place in the finals.

The 2026 World Cup, expanded to 48 teams for the first time, grants Africa nine direct qualifying spots, which go to the nine qualifying group winners. The four best group runners-up will enter a playoff for a chance of competing in the inter-confederation playoffs. — Xinhua

IOC announces Paris 2024 Fair Play Awards winners

THE International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced Monday that two individuals and one federation have received the Paris 2024 Fair Play Awards for gestures of friendship, sportsmanship and solidarity.

Norway’s decathlete Sander Skotheim, Spain’s Antonio Rojas, and the German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB),

received the awards at the Olympic Museum on Sunday.

The International Fair Play Committee, an organization recognized by the IOC, chose Skotheim after he continued competing despite failing to clear a height and register a score in the pole vault in the men’s decathlon competition. — Xinhua

De Bruyne’s penalty double fires Belgium to vital win over Wales

KEVIN De Bruyne scored a pair of penalties as Belgium boosted their bid to qualify for the World Cup with a crucial 4-2 win against Wales on Monday.

Rudi Garcia’s side trailed to Joe Rodon’s early opener at the Cardiff City Stadium.

But De Bruyne levelled from the penalty spot and Thomas Meunier fired Belgium ahead before half-time.

De Bruyne converted another penalty in the closing stages before Nathan Broadhead got one back for the hosts.

Leandro Trossard extinguished Wales’ hopes of a dramatic finish as Belgium moved to the top of Group J.



Belgium’s midfielder (7) Kevin De Bruyne shoots from the penalty spot to score the team’s third goal during the 2026 World Cup Group J qualifier football match between Wales and Belgium, at Cardiff City Stadium, in Cardiff, on 13 October 2025. PHOTO: AFP

Belgium are one point clear of second-placed North Macedonia, who were held to a 1-1 draw by Kazakhstan on Monday.

They will be guaranteed to qualify if they win either of their remaining games against Kazakhstan or Liechtenstein in November.

The Red Devils haven’t lost a qualifier for the World

Cup or European Championship in 46 games since Gareth Bale sealed Wales’ shock victory against them in 2015.

Wales sit in third place after squandering a chance to move a step closer to next year’s tournament in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Craig Bellamy’s team are four points behind Belgium, with both sides having two games to play, while North Macedonia have one match remaining.

Belgium were held 0-0 at home by North Macedonia on Friday, a result that had put Wales’ World Cup destiny in their own hands.

Wales knew three wins from their last three matches would clinch a World Cup place.

But now they face a potential play-off route if they cannot overhaul Belgium, with a trip to Liechtenstein before a home game against North Macedonia. — AFP

Chinese, foreign experts call for sci-tech innovation to promote sustainable agrifood systems

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THE International Monetary Fund on Tuesday lifted its outlook for global growth this year, flagging a milder-than-expected economic hit from President Donald Trump's tariff policies while warning of risks ahead.

In its flagship World Economic Outlook (WEO) report — compiled before the most recent US-China tariff spat — the IMF hiked its 2025 global growth forecast to 3.2 per cent, up from 3.0 in July, while leaving its prediction for 2026 unchanged at 3.1 per cent.

The global inflation rate is expected to remain elevated at 4.2 per cent this year, and 3.7 per cent in 2026, underpinned by elevated inflation in several countries including the United States.

"The tariff shock itself is smaller than initially feared," IMF chief economist Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas told reporters in Washington on Tuesday, adding that the private sector had also supported growth by responding to Trump's tariffs in an agile way.

Other factors, including the AI boom and fiscal policies in Europe and China had also helped to prop up the global economy, he said.

But, he warned, "the tariff shock is here, and it is further dimming already weak growth prospects."

Since returning to office, Trump has imposed sweeping tariffs on top trading partners including China and the European Union in a bid to reshape US trading relationships and boost domestic manufacturing.

Over the weekend, the US president threatened fresh tariffs of 100

IMF lifts 2025 global growth forecast, warns of ongoing trade 'uncertainty'



International Monetary Fund Chief Economist Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas (C) speaks during the "World Economic Outlook" press briefing during the IMF/World Bank annual meetings in Washington, DC on 14 October 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

per cent on China, on top of current steep levies, criticizing Beijing's recent decision to tighten export controls on the rare earth minerals crucial to the

defence and high-tech sectors.

"Everything is very fluid," Gourinchas told AFP in an interview. "But I think it's a very useful reminder that

we live in a world in which this kind of increase in trade tensions, increase in policy uncertainty, can flare up at any time." — AFP

UN, Red Cross demand opening of all Gaza crossings to let in aid

THE United Nations and the international Red Cross called on Tuesday for all crossings into Gaza to be opened to allow des-



Trucks carrying aid which entered Gaza through the Karm Abu Salem crossing, drive past displacement tents at the Nuseirat refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip on 14 October 2025, a day after a ceasefire between Israel and Palestinian factions came into effect. **PHOTO: AFP**

perately needed aid into the Israeli-blockaded Palestinian territory. The fragile truce in war-ravaged Gaza, introduced under US President Donald Trump's plan, needs to see crossings opened to flood the famine-hit territory with aid, they said.

"That's what humanitarians, including ICRC, have been calling for in the last hours — making sure that, because of the huge needs, all entry points can be open," International Committee of the Red Cross spokesman Christian Cardon told reporters in Geneva. Jens Laerke, spokesman for the UN humanitarian agency OCHA, added: "We need all of them open." — AFP

Parliamentary vote to pick new Japan PM arranged for 21 Oct

THE government and the ruling Liberal Democratic Party are making final arrangements for the parliamentary vote to choose Japan's next prime minister to be held on 21 October, sources familiar with the matter said Tuesday.

The vote by lawmakers to pick the successor to outgoing Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba, previously planned for this week, is expected to take place on the first day of an envisaged extraordinary parliament session, according to the sources.

However, there is a possibility it could be pushed back further amid intensifying maneuvering between the LDP, under new president Sanae Takaichi, and the largest opposition Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan to win support from other political groups for the vote.

After Takaichi's victory in the LDP leadership contest on 4 October, her party's junior coalition partner, the Komeito party, announced Friday its exit from the ruling bloc criticizing its longtime ally's handling of a slush funds scandal. — Kyodo