

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.



A scene showcases a Kachin Traditional Harvest Feast held in the previous year.

Manaw Ground in Myitkyina to host Kachin traditional harvest feast, cultural exchange on 15-16 Nov

Around October and November, when the rice harvest season begins, the Kachin people traditionally celebrate the harvest feast and the new harvest welcome ceremony annually across Kachin State in accordance with cultural customs and traditions.

ACCORDING to the Kachin State Government Office, the Kachin Traditional Harvest Feast and Cultural Exchange Event will be held vibrantly on 15 and 16 November at the Majwe Hall of Manaw Ground in Sitapu Ward in Myitkyina, Kachin State.

The event will be attended

by Kachin ethnic nationals from various parts of the state, other ethnic communities, and local residents.

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in accordance with cultural customs and traditions.

“In addition, a traditional cultural performance will be staged at Myitkyina University, featuring songs and dances that showcase and exchange the cultural heritage and traditions of six Kachin tribes, five Shan tribes, as well as Bamar, Kayin, and Rakhine ethnic groups,”

said an official from the Kachin State Government Office.

The Kachin Traditional Harvest Feast and Cultural Exchange Event is organized with the aim of strengthening unity and solidarity among ethnic groups residing in Kachin State and promoting a peaceful and harmonious society. — ASH/KN

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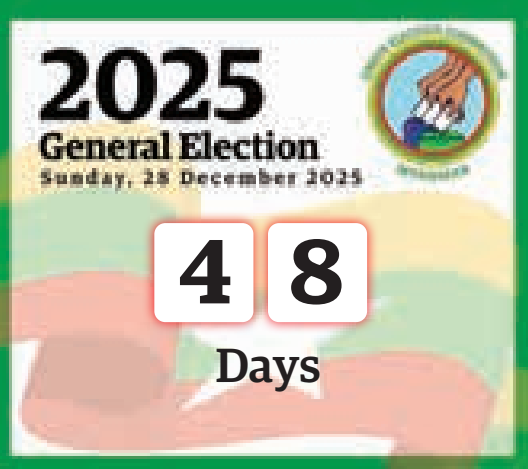
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2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

- 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.

Motto for 105th National Victory Day

Let’s march towards a new golden nation in unity

10th Waning of Tazaungmone 1387ME
14 November 2025

Shan and Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP) and Democratic Party deliver campaign speeches

THE electoral speeches of the Shan and Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP) and Democratic Party are featured on page 10 and 11 of today’s issue of The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper.

Objectives for 105th National Victory Day 2025

- ★ To preserve and protect the perpetuity and stability of the Union by all ethnic people as a national duty
- ★ To build a nation with human resources who have perfect knowledge and skills
- ★ To promote national education for the continued and sustainable development and prosperity of the nation
- ★ To preserve and safeguard national cultural characteristics from disappearing

Announcement on the Change of Date for the 34th Convocation of Dagon University (Distance Education)

DAGON University (Distance Education) hereby announces that the date for the 34th Convocation has been changed. This applies to graduates who successfully passed the examinations in Law, Arts, and Science degrees during the 2024 academic year held in October and November and have applied to attend the Convocation.

Accordingly, the Convocation for the following degree holders will be held at the Convocation Hall of Dagon University in line with the revised schedule: the degrees will be conferred on graduates in Myanmar, Philosophy, Oriental Studies, Physics and Mathematics on 5 December.

On 6 December, graduates will obtain degrees of English, Chemistry,

Geography and Zoology. Moreover, degrees will be conferred on graduates in History, Botany, Law and Psychology on 8 December.

All participants attending the Rehearsal and Convocation must wear the full traditional Myanmar attire, ethnic costume, or Western formal attire (for men).

Support letters for borrowing graduation gowns will be issued at the Convocation Hall of Dagon University from 1 to 3 December 2025.

The announcement of the 34th Convocation of Dagon University (Distance Education) previously published in The Myanma Alinn and Kyemon newspapers on 24 October 2025 is hereby cancelled and overlapped by this notice. — GNLM

Myanmar TV series ‘The One I Love the Most’ to air starting 10 November

A Myanmar television series titled ‘The One I Love the Most’ will begin broadcasting on 10 November, according to Academy Award-winning actor Aye Chan Maung, who appears in the series.

The series is based on a novel written by La Min Mo Mo, with the screenplay written by Ingyin Han and directed by Pwint Theingi Zaw.

“This drama is based on a successful novel by writer La Min Mo Mo, so the director and actors have done their best to make it appealing to the audience. Since it’s a good story, they have also tried hard not to lose the original flavour while performing,” said actor Academy Aye Chan Maung.

The series stars Academy Aye Chan Maung, Academy Chue Lay, Academy Yun Yun, Academy May Than Nu, and many others. It will air every Monday to Friday at 6 pm on Channel 7 and on the For You Cinema application starting 10 November. — ASH/TH



This poster features the poster of ‘The One I Love the Most’ series.

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)

Naypyitaw State Academy marks third anniversary

THE third anniversary of the Naypyitaw State Academy was held at the function hall of the academy at 8:30 am yesterday.

Union Minister for Education Dr Chaw Chaw Sein, Deputy Minister U Nay Myo Hlaing, directors-general from the respective departments, the rector and pro-rector of the academy, professors (heads of department), teachers, staff, and students attended the event.

In her address, the Union Minister said that the Naypyitaw State Academy was established in the capital on 9 November 2022 with the aim of turning out intellectuals and professionals, promoting creativity and innovation, and advancing the quality of higher education. The academy initially opened in the 2022-2023 academic year with four faculties — Arts, Science, Economics, and Law — offering twelve specialized courses to 126 students.



Union Minister Dr Chaw Chaw Sein speaks at the third anniversary of the Naypyitaw State Academy in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

In the following academic years, the Faculty of Medicine (2023-2024), the Faculty of Social Sciences, and the Faculty of Sports Education (2024-2025) were added, bringing the total to seven faculties and twenty specializations from undergraduate to postgraduate levels.

For the 2025-2026 academ-

ic year, four new disciplines — Nuclear Physics, Industrial Chemistry, Library and Information Studies, and Diplomatic Studies — were introduced, expanding the total number of specializations to twenty-four. The academy has been equipped with modern teaching aids, laboratories, physical training

facilities, reference books, Internet access, and an e-library to enhance teaching and learning effectiveness.

The Union Minister emphasized that student-centred learning remains vital to the academy's mission. She urged teachers and staff to continue fostering creativity, innovation,

and moral integrity among students while maintaining the academy's traditions and reputation for excellence.

Afterwards, Rector Dr Nu Nu Lwin presented a report on the academy's progress over the past three years and explained the objectives of the paper-reading session. The Union Minister then presented a bouquet to the rector in honour of the anniversary activities, followed by a visit to the exhibition booths displaying research works.

The event continued with a research paper-reading session where twenty papers were presented. Certificates of honour were awarded to the resource persons, and Pro-Rector Dr Soe Soe Aung delivered closing remarks.

The Union Minister and officials also inspected the ongoing construction of the convocation hall within the academy compound. — MNA/KZL

Thanlyin's University of Cooperatives and Management holds 10th graduation ceremony

THE 10th convocation ceremony of the University of Cooperatives and Management, Thanlyin, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, was held yesterday morning at the Convocation Hall of Yangon University in two stages. The ceremony was attended by Permanent Secretary U Khant Zaw of the ministry, the rector, pro-rectors, deans of faculties, officials, graduates and their parents.

At the ceremony, the permanent secretary delivered a congratulatory speech to the graduates and presented medals and cash prizes to the outstand-

ing students who achieved the highest marks in their respective specializations for the 2024-25 academic year.

The second part of the ceremony continued with the Rector presenting certificates to the graduates and delivering a speech.

At the 10th convocation ceremony of the University of Cooperatives and Management, Thanlyin, degrees were awarded as follows: two Master's degrees in Marketing Management; one Post-graduate Diploma in Accounting and Finance; and Bachelor of Science degrees in

Economics awarded to 82 graduates in Accounting and Finance, 67 in Marketing Management, 50 in Applied Statistics, 45 in Regional Development, and 37 in Social Enterprise Management. A total of 244 graduates received their degrees in person at the Convocation Hall, while 40 graduates were awarded their degrees with the virtual presence. — MNA/TH

Rector of the University of Cooperatives and Management presents a degree certificate to a degree graduate during the 10th convocation ceremony in Thanlyin, Yangon, yesterday.



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Mon State Chief Minister inspects Puma Power Port Terminal

MON State Chief Minister U Aung Kyi Thein visited the Puma Power International Port Terminal in Katonepaw Village, Mudon Township, yesterday morning for an inspection.

During the visit, the terminal manager reported that, under the supervision of the Mon State Government, Myanmar Energy King (MEK) Company Limited and Yar Zar Min Industry Company Limited store petroleum products at the Puma Power International Port Terminal for

monthly distribution within the state. An official also reported on the status of fuel sales to local petrol stations. State ministers emphasized ensuring there is no fuel shortage in the state.

The Chief Minister instructed that, in line with national efforts to prevent fuel shortages, the Mon State Government continues to oversee the full supply of fuel. Authorities were instructed to guarantee uninterrupted delivery of fuel to townships within the state, ensure



Mon State Chief Minister U Aung Kyi Thein inspects the port activities at the Puma Power International Port Terminal in Katonepaw Village, Mudon, Mon State, yesterday. **PHOTO: STATE IPRD**

the public can access sufficient fuel, and prevent the illegal sale of petroleum products.

The Chief Minister then observed the supply of fuel into the storage tanks with petroleum

offloaded from the LYNX SATU tanker, totalling 8,000 tonnes. They also monitored the distribution of fuel from the storage tanks to bowsers, ensuring that the public can purchase fuel

conveniently at regulated prices.

Mon State authorities will continue to oversee fuel supply and distribution throughout the state to prevent shortages and illegal sales. — State IPRD/KZL

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Sunday 9 November 2025)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea, South Bay and Eastern Central Bay and a few cloud elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF 10 NOVEMBER 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Sagaing Region and Kachin and Chin states, scattered in Mandalay and Magway regions and Rakhine and northern Shan states, fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region and Kayah State and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady regions and Kayin and Mon states. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayah, Rakhine and (southern and eastern) Shan states. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in the Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about

6-8 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in upper Sagaing Region and Kachin, Chin and Shan states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 10 NOVEMBER 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 10 NOVEMBER 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 10 NOVEMBER 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

EARTHQUAKE

A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5 Richter Scale with its epicentre outside Myanmar (Andaman Islands, India Region), latitude 12.46°N, longitude 93.80°E, depth (113) kilometres, about (340) miles southwest of Kaba-Aye Seismological Observatory was recorded at 13 hour 8 minute 29 second MST on 9 November 2025. — DMH

103rd TOPIK to take place on 16 November

THE 103rd TOPIK (Test of Proficiency in Korean) has been planned to take place on 16 November 2025, the Embassy of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar announced.

The test venue is the University of Yangon (Hlaing Campus) and test takers will have to bring ID card and test voucher without fail, as well as passport, driver licence and household list are also eligible. Test takers won't be allowed to enter the exam room if they can't prove any type of identifications, and student ID card and employee ID card are not acceptable.

The arrival time of TOPIK 1 is 9:10 am and no one is allowed to enter the exam room if the time passes. The arrival time of TOPIK 2 is 12:20 pm and test takers will need to wait at blue area inside the campus if they arrive before the exam time and can enter the exam room by the directions and

won't be allowed to enter if the time passes.

Mobile phones and digital watches will have to turn off and must be given to exam administrators or will have to leave the exam room if digital gadgets sound when the test is in progress and stationery such as pen and correction pen provided by the exam station are only acceptable.

TOPIK 1 test takers will have to enter from Gate 1 and leave from Gate 2 after the exam and TOPIK 2 test takers will have to enter and leave from Gate 1 only. In order to prevent complication on the exam day, the exam room needs to be checked in prior with test vouchers and if the test voucher gets lost, new one can be applied before 15 November by making call to Myanmar TOPIK Centre's number 09 968862300.

The last 102nd TOPIK was held in October. — MT/ZS

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General Aung San Declares Firm Stand Against Election Disruption

“Our Government shall not permit any disruption of the forthcoming election. The electoral process shall remain free and fair, and no interference shall be exercised upon those who participate in it. Yet, let it be firmly declared that any attempt to disturb or sabotage the election shall be met with the full weight of authority”.

(An excerpt from the radio address regarding the election, delivered by General Aung San on 13 March 1947)



Illegal trade gates and warehouse along Thaungyin River in Myawady demolished

The neighbouring country does not lose any tax revenue by opening official checkpoints near these illegal import routes. This practice encourages illegal trade, so goods should be imported only through designated legal trade routes.

ILLEGAL gates have been opened along the banks of the Thaungyin River in Myawady Township, Kayin State, where armed terrorist groups have been collecting money to import, store, and distribute illegal goods from abroad. Tatmadaw has now regained control of such area and is demolishing those trade gates and warehouses used for storing and distributing such goods.

During the demolition operation, the security and demolition teams, along with machinery, vehicles, and equipment, inspected the Subgate-35 area — also domestically known as Aung Power Gate-2 — in Ward No 5 of Myawady yesterday morning and demolished a warehouse measuring 120 feet long, 60 feet wide, and 25 feet high. “We began inspecting and clearing warehouses, marina

guard posts, marina guard houses, and cargo ramps at 30 illegally opened border trade gates along the Thaungyin River in Myawady on 31 October. The completed clearances include Gate-19, Kyaukphyia Gate, Kapawhtoo Gate, Gate-14, Gate 8/Subgate-8, Gate-9, Gate-18 which is also known as Nay Soe Mya Gate, Gate-13, and Subgate-10, also known as Gate-999,” an official ex-

plained. In addition, the demolishing team inspected and cleared Outpost 2, Outpost 3 of Gate-12, Outpost 1 of Gate-14, and Outpost 5 of Grand Myawady Gate, as well as the decommissioned gates of Thaphanpin, Thaepon, Kyauktan, and Mame. “Goods are not being imported through the official trade zones designated by the government; instead, they are being

brought into Myanmar by paying money at illegal gates. As a result, the State loses a significant amount of tax revenue. The neighbouring country does not lose any tax revenue by opening official checkpoints near these illegal import routes. However, this practice encourages illegal trade, so goods should be imported only through designated legal trade routes,” said a resident. — Aung Gyaing/TH



Photos show illegal trade gates along the Thaungyin River banks in Myawady area being demolished. PHOTO: MIN MIN

Seven-day illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth K1.68 bln

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, efforts to combat the illicit trade are continued effectively by the law. On 1, 2, 3 and 5 November, the combined teams impounded consumer goods and electronic things worth K211.744 million without official documents in Kangyigon Village of Sagaing Township, industrial materials and foodstuff worth K5.145 million without official documents at the Yadanabon Bridge combined checkpoint, illegal teaks, hardwoods and other timbers

worth K20.103 million with a Mitsubishi canter truck in Patheingyi, Pyawbwe, Amarapura, Pyigyidagun and Kyaukse townships. The action was conducted under the Forest Law and the Export/Import Law. On 3 and 4 November, the combined on-duty teams seized illegal teaks, hardwoods and other timbers worth K1,546,440 in Kawhmu and Insein townships, two unregistered vehicles and five unregistered motorbikes worth K12.89 million in Insein, Htantabin, Dawbon, Mingala Taungnyunt, Pazundaung and

Thakayta townships. The action was taken under the Forest Law and the Export/Import Law. On 6 and 7 November, the combined teams confiscated illegal teaks worth K474,600 in Myanaung township, industrial materials worth K14.095 million without official documents from Kinglong bus (approximately 40 million) without official documents in Phayagyi, a ship (estimated value of K530 million) which was docked at the Motama Port (Hlainethaya) in Yangon from Kawthoung to Yangon carrying industrial materials



Officials measure the confiscated illegal timber in Mandalay Region.

and industrial materials worth K784.959 million without official documents. The action was taken under Customs procedures. The Steering Committee

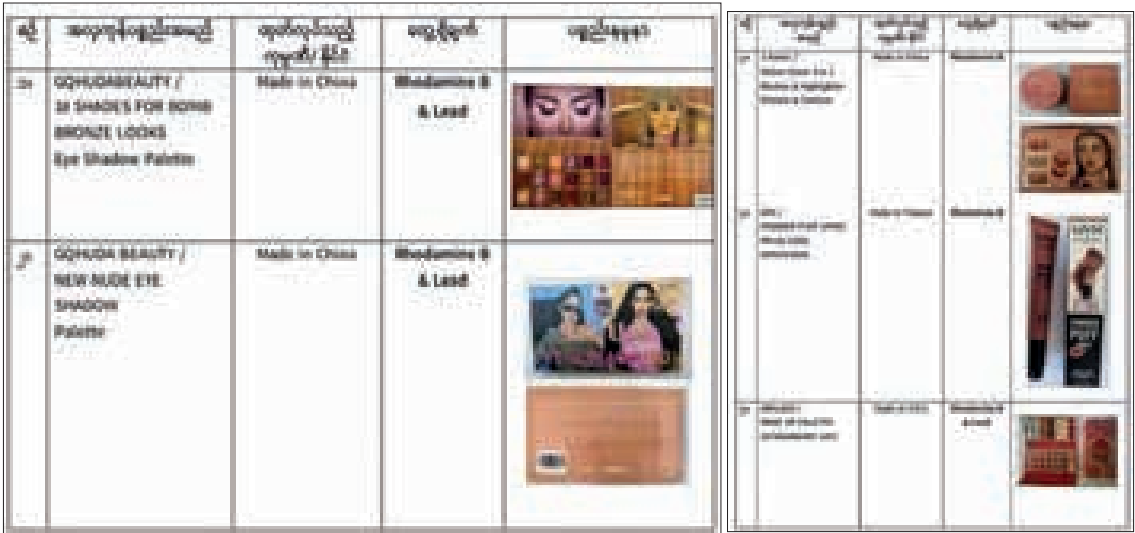
reported 43 arrests from 1 to 7 November, seizing illegal goods worth approximately K1.68 billion. — MNA/MKKS

NATIONAL

FDA flags 5 cosmetics containing prohibited chemicals

THE Department of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under the Ministry of Health announced on 8 November that five cosmetic products being sold domestically contain prohibited chemical substances that can pose a health hazard.

These five products were not registered and found to contain prohibited chemicals, so the FDA has issued a statement declaring the public should not use them. They are: GQ Huda Beauty/18 Shades for Bomb Bronze Looks eye shadow palette; GQ Huda Beauty/New Nude eye shadow palette; 1 Karite/Velvet Cheer 3 in 1 blusher & highlighter powder & contour; NYX Powder Puff



The five cosmetic products sold domestically were found to contain prohibited hazardous chemicals, as seen in the statement.

Lippie PPL01 Cool Intentions, (Strawberry Joy), which contains Rhodamine B and lead. The FDA warned that these chemicals can cause skin irrita-

tion, inflammation, skin patches, numbness, muscle tremors, fatigue, headaches, and depression, leading to kidney failure and other diseases in the long run.

Companies, wholesalers, and retailers that import, distribute, and sell cosmetic products are strictly required, based on ethics, not to deal with un-registered products, and failure to comply will result in action taken by the relevant authorities under Section 3(d) of the Public Health Law, it said.

The FDA is systematically regulating cosmetic products to ensure the public has access to safe, high-quality products that pose no health risk. — MT/ZN

Over 260 patients to receive eye care treatment in 15th Sitagu eyesight donation

AT the 15th time of Sitagu eyesight donation of Sitagu Cakku Dana Hospital in Yangon, follow-up medical examination and surgery will be provided for more than 260 patients on 13 November, according to the hospital.

No new patients will be accepted for this time but 261 out of those who received medical examination in September and left to undergo surgery will be covered. The hospital will make call to all who are in surgery list and warned those who need to take aspirin to stop taking the drug.

At the 14th time of eyesight donation conducted from 17 to

23 September, a total of 2,076 eye patients were covered, of them, 475 underwent surgery and up to over 50 received laser treatment. As of the previous round, a token system has been practised for registered patients so that they won't lose the right to access to the free healthcare, as there are people who come to the hospital without registering.

At the 13th round, the hospital provided medical examination for 16,147 patients, surgery service for 4,949 and laser treatment for 314 and helped total 5,263 restore their eyesight, according to the hospital. — MT/ZS



Eye patients at the 14th round of Sitagu eyesight donation.

Myanmar film 'Forever My Girl' to hit cinemas on 14 Nov



THE Myanmar film 'Forever My Girl' will be screened in cinemas nationwide on 14 November, according to Academy Aye Chan Maung.

The story was written by Mae Min Bon, with the screenplay penned by Thi Lan. The film was directed by Mae Min Bon and produced by Sunday Film Production.

"This film is a romantic

drama. It's about a man who is deeply in love with a woman," said actor Aye Chan Maung. He added that the film portrays the joys and sorrows of love.

The film stars Aye Chan Maung, Nay Myo Aung, Wai Phyo, and Academy May Than Nu, Shwe Thamee, Naw Phaw Eh Htar along with Phu Sone and others. — ASH/MKKS

This poster displays a scene from the film.

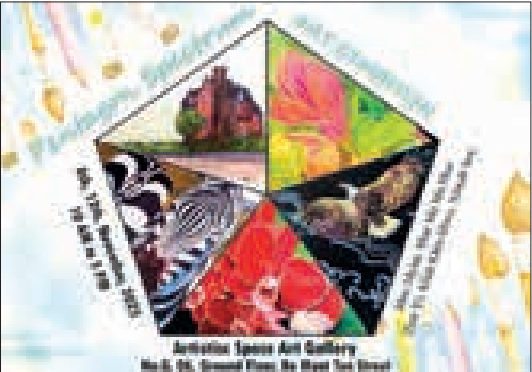
Pentagon Spectrum group art exhibition showcases creative talents at Artistic Space Art Gallery

A group art exhibition titled "Pentagon Spectrum" is being held at the Artistic Space Art Gallery in Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region, from 8 to 12 November, according to participating artist Moe Myint.

The exhibition features artworks by painters Moe Myint, Moe Ma Ma Moe, Zaw Yi, Khin Khin Htwe, Niwah Soe, and Dade, showcasing a variety of themes through different media such as watercolour, oil, and acrylic.

"The Pentagon Spectrum group art exhibition is now open at Artistic Space Art Gallery. Our exhibition presents a range of styles and techniques. It will be open daily from 10 am to 5 pm between 8 and 11 November. We warmly invite everyone to come and enjoy the show," said artist Moe Myint.

The displayed paintings are available in various sizes, including 24 by 24 inches, 36 by 24 inches, 18 by 24 inches, and 18 by 18 inches. — ASH/KZL



The catalogue of the group art exhibition titled Pentagon Spectrum.

NATIONAL

Civil service personnel must clearly distinguish between party politics and state affairs

❖ “It is essential for civil service personnel to remain free from party politics and to clearly differentiate political matters from state responsibilities. They must manage the country’s affairs with diligence, integrity, and competence in performing their assigned duties.”

(Excerpt from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman and Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with teachers at the assembly hall of No 3 Basic Education High School, PyinOoLwin, on 11 June 2025)

Potato market thrives due to high demand during open season festivals



A farmer harvesting potatoes in a field in Naungtaya, Pa-O Self-Administered Zone, Shan State (South).

THE potato market is currently thriving due to increased demand during the open season and festival period, according to the Naungtaya Potato Association.

Potato farmers indicate that during this festival time, including the Kathina robe offering

ceremony, potato demand is increasing slightly, resulting in a favourable price and market condition.

“The potato market is normally consistent with regular consumers. However, when the open season arrives, there are religious holidays such as Kathina ceremonies and festivals, so purchases increase. That’s why we can say the market is currently good,” an official from the Naungtaya Potato Association told The Global New Light of Myanmar.

Despite the current good market situation, the official noted that this is a period with less potato production, and the supply is less than the demand.

“We have finished consuming the potatoes planted in April and May by August, September, and October. Now, the early-monsoon potatoes are becoming scarce. Also, the potatoes planted in August haven’t been harvested yet. So, during this time, although demand increases, the supply is lower,” he explained.

However, the new potato harvest is expected to start again in December, and by March, potato will be abundant, which should bring the market back to normal levels. The official added that if the domestic potato market maintains a reasonable price range, farmers are likely to increase potato cultivation.

— MT/ZN

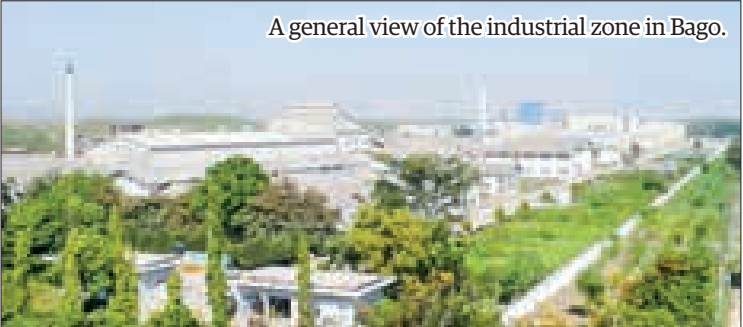
BRIC endorses domestic and foreign enterprises, create jobs for over 1,200 people in Nov

A total of three new invested businesses, one foreign investment and two domestic investment, were granted in Bago Region in November 2025 to create job opportunities for 1,285 people, according to the Bago Region Government.

The 5/2025 meeting of Bago Region Investment Committee allowed these investments. The capital from one foreign investment amounted to US\$1.425 million, and two domestic businesses

invested a total of K4.93 billion.

The amount of foreign and Myanmar investment in Bago Region totalled \$214.328 million and K234.111 billion from 1 February 2021 to 11 January 2025, while job opportunities were created for 15,619 people. The committee monthly allows investments of Myanmar citizens as well as that of foreigners in order to create more employment opportunities for residents under the laws and procedures. — ASH/KZL



A general view of the industrial zone in Bago.

Homegrown instant fried potato chips give farmers and market a lift

DOMESTIC instant fried potato chip industries are having a positive impact on the potato market, resulting in improved market access for farmers, according to potato growers.

The sale of locally produced ready-to-eat fried potato chips has become increasingly widespread in Myanmar recently.

It has a significant effect on the potato market, providing farmers with a decent price and generating consistent demand.

“When potato chip industries increase production, the supply from farmers also increases. Because of high demand, potato farmers get good prices and a strong market,” an official from the Naungtaya Potato Association told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

However, due to weather conditions, potatoes are often



A potato chip manufacturing facility.



The new packaging style features fried potato chips in a plastic bottle.

scarce during the rainy season when yields are low. Potatoes are usually abundant during the summer and winter harvests, making it necessary to utilize cold storage facilities, he said.

“In some seasons, potatoes are very abundant. During the

rainy season, potato yield is low, and we face periods of scarcity. To keep the supply consistent, storage is the main thing needed. If we can use technology for conservation and storage, it will be beneficial for everyone,” the official continued. — MT/ZN

Invest in nurturing well-versed human resources

IN any country, the abundance of natural resources alone cannot ensure development; safeguarding and nurturing human resources is equally, if not more, crucial. Without capable and well-prepared people, national progress is inevitably hindered. Across the world, nations are confronting the challenges of the modern technological era, striving to advance their development through innovation, knowledge, and human capital. Central to this effort is the comprehensive development of the younger generation, equipping them to excel and contribute effectively in diverse fields.

In Myanmar, enhancing the momentum of education has become a national priority. A comprehensive, nationwide education

True personal development requires combining knowledge with practical skills. Knowledge alone, no matter how deep, cannot guarantee success, nor can skills alone. Only by integrating both can individuals reach their full potential and contribute meaningfully to societal advancement. Engaging deeply with education at the appropriate age allows youth to secure their personal well-being while contributing to the country's long-term development.

moral, emotional, and intellectual. Youth who achieve balance in these areas not only excel academically but also possess integrity and social awareness, allowing them to integrate effectively into society and become valuable human resources. A holistic education system is essential to equip young people for this role, ensuring that today's youth are capable of shaping the future of the nation.

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In Myanmar, special emphasis is placed on youth and education as closely intertwined priorities. Efforts are underway to prevent students from ending their studies at the middle school level by opening higher-level institutions in agriculture, livestock, industrial education, and polytechnic universities that integrate technology and computers. These institutions have already produced visible and positive outcomes. By developing individual abilities, young people will become capable men and women, forming the driving force for Myanmar's sustainable development and future progress.

system has been established to develop human resources, improve overall knowledge and skills, and cultivate experts capable of contributing to production, industry, and the wider economy. This system ensures that education is accessible to all, providing opportunities for every student to reach their potential. Globally, when youth are given the chance to develop their skills and pursue their aspirations, they become a driving force for national progress. Conversely, neglecting the younger generation can lead to slowed growth, diminished stability, and, in extreme cases, a demographic crisis.

To address these challenges, Myanmar is preparing its youth to serve as a key source of national strength. Education aims to nurture well-rounded individuals, fully developed in five essential capacities: physical, mental,

Connecting on the Universal Dance of Words

PROVERBS and sayings are crucial to understanding and preserving a culture because they reflect shared values, beliefs, and wisdom passed down through generations.



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ဆရာကြီးဆီမှာ ပညာတွေ သင်ယူခဲ့တယ်။ ပညာတတ်မြောက်တော့ ဆရာဆီကနေ လက်နက်ငါးမျိုးကို ယူပြီး နေရပ်ရင်း ဗာရာဏသီကို ပြန်ခဲ့ပါတယ်။ လမ်းခရီးမှာ ဘီလူးစောင့်တဲ့ တောအုပ်နား ရောက်တော့ လူတွေက “ဒီတောထဲ မဝင်ပါနဲ့။ ကပ်စေးနဲ့ ဘီလူးကြီး ရှိတယ်။ ဝင်တဲ့လူမှန်သမျှ အကုန်စားတယ်” လို့ တားကြပါတယ်။ ဒါပေမဲ့ ပဉ္စမမင်းသားဟာ ခြင်္သေ့မင်းလိုပဲ ကြောက်ရွံ့ခြင်းမရှိဘဲ တောထဲကို ဝင်သွားခဲ့တယ်။ တောအလယ်လောက်ရောက်တော့ ဘီလူးကြီးက ပုံသဏ္ဌာန်ကြီး ဖန်ဆင်းပြီး “ဟေ့လုသား၊ မင်း ငါ့အစာဖြစ်ပြီ” လို့ ပြောပါတယ်။ မင်းသားကလည်း လုံးဝ မကြောက်ဘဲ “ဟေ့ဘီလူး၊ ငါ့မှာ လက်နက်အပြည့်အစုံ ပါတယ်၊ ငါ့နားကို သတိနဲ့ ကပ်” လို့ ရဲရဲပြောပြီး တိုက်ခိုက်ခဲ့ပါတယ်။ မင်းသားက ပထမဆုံး အဆိပ်လူးခြားနဲ့ ပစ်ပေမယ့် ဘီလူးကြီးက မြားတွေကို ခါချလိုက်ပြီး မင်းသားနား ကပ်လာတော့ မင်းသားက သန့်လျက်နဲ့ ခုတ်တယ်။ အဲဒါလည်း အမွှေးမှာ ကပ်ပြီးပြန်တယ်။ မြားတောင့်၊ ဆောက်ပုတ်၊ လှံ စတဲ့ လက်နက်ငါးမျိုးလုံးနဲ့ ပစ်၊ ခုတ်၊ ထိုး ပေမယ့် အားလုံး ဘီလူးရဲ့ အမွှေးမှာ ကပ်သွားကုန်တယ်။ လက်နက်တွေ ကုန်သွားပေမယ့် မင်းသားက လုံးဝ လက်မလျှော့ဘဲ “ဟေ့ ဘီလူးကြီး၊ ငါ နှင့်ကို မှန်မှန်ညက်ညက် ကြေအောင် လုပ်ဦးမယ်” လို့ ကြိုးဝါးပြီး လက်နှစ်ဖက်၊ မြေနှစ်ဖက်၊ နောက်ဆုံး ခေါင်းနဲ့ပါ တိုက်ခဲ့တယ်။ ဘီလူးရဲ့ အမွှေးမှာ အားလုံး ကပ်ပြီး မိနေပေမယ့် မင်းသားကတော့ နိုးစဉ်းမျှ မကြောက်ရွံ့ခဲ့ပါဘူး။ ဘီလူးကြီးက “ဒီယောက်ျားမျိုး ငါတစ်ခါမှ မမြင်းဘူး၊ ဘာလို့နား မကြောက်တာလဲ” လို့ စဉ်းစားပြီး မေးပါတယ်။ ပဉ္စမမင်းသားက ရဲရဲပုံပုံ ပြန်ဖြေလိုက်တာက... “ဘီလူးကြီး၊ ငါက တစ်ဘဝ တစ်ခါ သေရမှာပဲဆိုတော့ ဘာလို့ ကြောက်ရမှာလဲ။ နောက်ပြီး ငါ့ဝမ်းထဲမှာ ဝရန်နီလက်နက်ရှိတယ်။ မင်းသာ ငါ့ကို စားရင် မင်းရဲ့ အသည်းအူတွေ ပြတ်ပြီး နှစ်ယောက်စလုံး သေကြရမှာ” လို့ ပြောလိုက်တယ်။ ဘီလူးကြီးက မင်းသားရဲ့ ရဲစွမ်းသတ္တိ ဉာဏ်ပညာနဲ့ စကားမှန်ကန်မှုကို လေးစားသွားပြီး “ဒီလို ယောက်ျားကောင်းရဲ့ အသားကို စားရင် ငါ့မှာ အစာကြေမှာမဟုတ်ဘူး” လို့ တွေးပြီး မစားတော့ဘဲ လွှတ်ပေးလိုက်တယ်။ မင်းသားက ဘီလူးကြီးကို “ဒီဘဝ အကုသိုလ်လုပ်ရင် နောက်ဘဝ ပိုဆိုးမယ်” လို့ ဆုံးမပြီး ငါးပါးသီလမှာ တည်စေခဲ့တယ်။ ပြီးတော့ မိဘတွေဆီ ပြန်သွားခဲ့တယ်။ နောက်ပိုင်း ဖခင် နတ်ရွာစံတော့ မင်းအဖြစ်ကို ရပြီး တရားနဲ့အညီ မင်းပြုခဲ့ပါတယ်။ ဒီဇာတ်တော်အဆုံးမှာ လုံ့လအားနည်းတဲ့ ရဟန်းဟာ တရားအားထုတ်ပြီး ရဟန္တာအဖြစ်ကို ရောက်သွားခဲ့ပါတယ်။ ဆိုတော့... “ကြောက်လွှဲ ရဲ့မင်းဖြစ်” ဆိုတာ သတ္တိရှိတဲ့သူတွေအတွက် ရွှေတံခါး ဖွင့်ပေးမယ့် သော့ချက် ပါပဲ။

“Fear loses out, Bravery becomes king”
This proverb is the opposite of “Fear avoids trouble” (ကြောက်တတ် ဝန်ကင်း). “Fear avoids trouble” means that if you are scared, you can escape danger. “Fear loses out, Bravery becomes king” means being brave is the way to gain advantages. This ancient story, told by the Buddha himself, was originally meant to inspire a lazy monk to be more diligent. It follows the legendary journey of Prince Panca Vudha (whose name means “Five Weapons”), a young royal who was highly skilled in combat. After completing his education, the Prince began his journey home, carrying his five trusted weapons with him. The Prince’s route led him straight into a dreaded forest, the domain of a man-eating Ogre. Despite being warned that anyone who entered was devoured, Panca Vudha was fearless. He confronted the massive Ogre, but the battle quickly turned strange. He used all his five weapons – one after another – yet they all became hopelessly stuck in the Ogre’s incredibly sticky hair or fur. Even after running out of traditional weapons, the Prince’s will was unshakable. He launched himself at the giant, using his hands, feet, and even his head, only to have his limbs stick firmly to the monster’s body. He was completely trapped but still not afraid. It was then that the Prince used his wisdom instead of brute force. He looked the Ogre in the eye and declared that he was ready to die. He then issued a powerful warning: he claimed to carry an invisible ‘thunderbolt weapon’ (Warazein) inside his stomach. He told the Ogre that if it ate him, that weapon would surely tear its insides apart, re-

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sulting in both their deaths. The Ogre, astonished by the Prince’s sheer courage and cleverness, believed him. It had never encountered such a brave, resourceful human.

Impressed and intimidated, the Ogre respected the Prince’s fearlessness and let him go unharmed. Panca Vudha, having defeated the great monster through courage and wit, returned to his kingdom. He later became a just King and ruled his people righteously. The story served its purpose: the lazy monk was so moved by the Prince’s perseverance that he committed to his practice and eventually achieved enlightenment.



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“When an elephant walks, a road is formed”
“ဆင်သွားလျှင် လမ်းဖြစ်” ဆိုတာက မြန်မာစကားပုံ၊ ဒါမှမဟုတ် ဆိုရိုးစကားတစ်ခုပေါ့။ သူ့အဓိပ္ပာယ်က နှစ်မျိုးရှိတယ်လို့ ပြောလို့ရတယ်။ ပထမအဓိပ္ပာယ် ဆင်တွေ သွားတဲ့အခါကျတော့ သူတို့ ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်က အရမ်းများတာကိုး။ အဲဒါကြောင့် သွားရင်းနဲ့ မြေသားကို နင်းချပြီးသား ဖြစ်တော့ မြေကြီးက ကျစ်ကျစ်လျစ်လျစ်နဲ့ ခိုင်မာသွားတယ်။ အဲဒီလို ဆင်သွားပြီး ကျန်ခဲ့တဲ့ လမ်းကြောင်းက သွားလာဖို့ စိတ်ချရတဲ့ လမ်းကောင်းတစ်ခု ဖြစ်သွားတာပေါ့။ ဒီသဘောအရဆိုရင် အတွေ့အကြုံရှိတဲ့လူ ဒါမှမဟုတ် ဦးဆောင်တဲ့သူတစ်ယောက်ရဲ့ နောက်ကို လိုက်သွားရင် အောင်မြင်မှုကို လွယ်လွယ်ကူကူ ရနိုင်တယ်လို့ တင်စားပြီး ပြောတာပါ။ ဒုတိယအဓိပ္ပာယ် တချို့နေရာတွေဆို လမ်းမရှိဘူးလေ။ တောနက်ထဲတို့၊ ချုံနွယ်တွေ ထူထပ်တဲ့ နေရာတွေတို့ပေါ့။ အဲဒီလိုနေရာမျိုးမှာတောင် ဆင်က သွားနိုင်တယ်။ ဆင်ဖြတ်သွားရင် လမ်းကြောင်းတစ်ခု ဖြစ်သွားတာပေါ့။ အဲဒါကြောင့် ဒီအဓိပ္ပာယ်က ခက်ခဲတဲ့ အခြေအနေ ဒါမှမဟုတ် မဖြစ်နိုင်ဘူးလို့ ထင်ရတဲ့ ကိစ္စမျိုးကိုတောင် ကြိုးစားအားထုတ်မှုနဲ့ ဖြစ်မြောက်အောင် လုပ်နိုင်တယ်လို့ တင်စားပြီး ပြောတာဖြစ်ပါတယ်။

The Myanmar proverb “When an elephant walks, a road is formed” (ဆင်သွားလျှင် လမ်းဖြစ်သည်) carries two important meanings. The first meaning comes from the physical action of the elephant. Because elephants are extremely heavy, their steps naturally press down and pack the earth. This process creates a firm, reliable, and solid path where the ground had been soft before. Figuratively, this suggests that if you follow the lead of an experienced person or a proven leader, you are essentially walking on a solid path that has already been tested. This makes achieving success much easier and more certain. The second meaning highlights the elephant’s power to overcome obstacles. Elephants can travel through dense areas like thick jungles or brush where no human trail exists. By walking through, they literally clear a path for others to follow. Figuratively, this means that even when facing a seemingly impossible or extremely difficult situation, consistent and great effort can create a way forward and lead to success.



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“ခွေးကပ်၊ ကြွေးကပ်၊ ပွေးကပ်” ဆိုတာ မြန်မာတို့ရဲ့ ဆိုရိုးစကားတစ်ခုပေါ့။ ဒီစကားက ဖယ်ရှားရတာ၊ ပြန်ဆပ်ရတာ၊ ဒါမှမဟုတ် ကုသရတာ အင်မတန် ခက်ခဲတဲ့ အရာသုံးမျိုးကို ဥပမာပေးပြီး ပြောထားတာပါ။ သူ့အဓိပ္ပာယ်ကတော့ — ၁။ ခွေးကပ် ဆိုတာက အိမ်မှာ လာခိုက်နေတဲ့ ခွေးတစ်ကောင်ကို မောင်းထုတ်ရတာ ခက်တာကို ပြောတာပါ။ အဲဒီခွေးကို ကိုယ်ကပါ အစာကျွေးထားမိရင် ပိုပြီးတောင် ဖယ်ရှားရခက်သွားတယ်။ ၂။ ကြွေးကပ် ဆိုတာကတော့ လူတစ်ယောက် အကြွေးတစ်ခါ တင်သွားပြီးဆိုရင် အဲဒီအကြွေးကို ပြန်ဆပ်ဖို့ ခက်ခဲတာကို ဆိုလိုတာပါ။ အကြွေးက တပြည်းပြည်း များလာပြီး စီးပွားရေး ဒုက္ခရောက်တတ်တာကို သတိပေးတာပေါ့။ ၃။ ပွေးကပ် ဆိုတာကတော့ အရေပြားရောဂါတစ်မျိုးဖြစ်တဲ့ ပွေးပျေ။ ပွေးကတစ်ခါ ဖြစ်ပြီးဆိုရင် ခန္ဓာကိုယ်မှာ စွဲကပ်ပြီး အမြဲပြတ်အောင် ကုသဖို့ အင်မတန် ခက်ခဲတာကို ပြောတာပါ။ ဒီဆိုရိုးစကားက ကျွန်တော်တို့ကို သတိပေးတာက... အိမ်မှာ ခွေးမွေးရင် သတိထားရမယ်။ အကြွေးမတင်မီအောင် သတိထား ရှောင်ရှားရမယ်။ ပွေးလို ရောဂါမျိုး မဖြစ်အောင် ကိုယ်ခန္ဓာ သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို ဂရုစိုက်ရမယ်လို့ သွယ်ဝိုက်ပြီး ဆုံးမထားတာ ဖြစ်ပါတယ်။ (ပွေး -- dermatophytosis or ringworm သည် အရေအပြားပေါ်တွင် မှုံကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့် ယားနာတစ်မျိုးဖြစ်သည်။) The Myanmar proverb, “ခွေးကပ်၊ ကြွေးကပ်၊ ပွေးကပ်”, which translates to “The sticking dog, the sticking debt, the sticking ringworm.” is a concise warning. It uses these three common examples to illustrate how certain problems, once they become attached to a person, are incredibly difficult to remove, repay, or cure. The first challenge is the “Sticking Dog”. It’s tough enough to chase away a stray dog that has decided to take shelter at your house, but it becomes even harder if you start feeding it. The more comfortable the dog gets, the more it “sticks,” making its removal a real headache. The second, and perhaps most serious, issue is the “Sticking Debt”. The proverb warns that once you take on debt, it’s an uphill battle to pay it back and clear it completely. Like a persistent growth, debt often expands and can quickly lead to severe financial trouble. This serves as a strong cautionary note to avoid borrowing money whenever possible. Finally, we have the “Sticking Ringworm”. This common skin fungus is notorious because it is very difficult to treat and cure completely. Just when you think it’s gone, it can return, illustrating how some problems require extreme diligence to eliminate at the root. Ultimately, this ancient saying is a powerful lesson in prevention. It urges people to be mindful of the “three sticks” and avoid them entirely. This means being cautious about commitments (like allowing a dog to settle in), being diligent in managing finances to avoid debt, and maintaining excellent personal hygiene to prevent stubborn health issues like ringworm. The proverb reminds us that an ounce of prevention is truly worth a pound of cure.



2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

Shan and Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP) talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

Thiri Pyanchi Sao Aik Pao, Chairman of the Shan and Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP), presented the policy, stance and work procedures of his party through radio and television on the evening of 9 November.
The full text of the presentation is as follows: -



Mai Son Kha! Mingalaba!

Esteemed ethnic national brethren of the Union, I would first like to extend my best wishes for complete and all-round prosperity and auspiciousness.

I am Thiri Pyanchi Sai Aik Pao, Chairman of the Shan and Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP).

Our Shan and Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP) was granted permission to form the party on 23 June 2023, with party registration number 28/2023. I would first like to explain the purpose of establishing this new party.

In 2010, the former White Tiger Party, established to promote Shan national affairs, was officially named the Shan Nationalities Democratic Party. In the 2010 general election, the party won 58 seats in Hluttaw, with five members appointed as State Ministers and one as a Deputy Minister. However, it was unable to bring about the level of national development and transformation that had been hoped for. To achieve genuine progress and change for the country, it is essential to establish a strong political party. Only then can effective efforts be made to ensure the nation's development. Therefore, the Shan and Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP) was founded to represent not only the 135 national races but also all citizens of the country.

Esteemed ethnic national brethren of the Union,

In addition to internal armed conflicts, the country is also suffering severely from natural disasters and economic hardships. At the same time, it is facing the impacts and pressures of economic sanctions imposed by foreign countries. To overcome these various challenges, our party will give priority to ensuring regional stability and the rule of law, while

also striving for the lifting of international sanctions. Only then will foreign investments begin to flow back into the country, allowing social and economic sectors to recover and move forward once again.

Esteemed ethnic national brethren of the Union,

Today's many young people have hopes of going abroad to work for the sake of their education and their families. When foreign investments begin to flow back into the country and the nation's socioeconomic situation improves, more job opportunities will emerge. At that point, the livelihoods, employment prospects, and confidence of young people can be secured, preventing the loss and outflow of human resources. Currently, many youths are leaving the country illegally in search of jobs abroad, facing high expenses and numerous dangers along the way. To prevent such suffering, the establishment of overseas employment agencies that can officially send workers abroad will be encouraged. Through this process, the State will also gain legitimate tax revenues, workplaces will be free from exploitation, and young people will be able to earn a living with security and peace of mind.

Esteemed ethnic national brethren of the Union,

Only by systematically reducing the difficulties in basic living conditions and the rising commodity prices will the people be able to live comfortably. Our party aims to support workers in industrial zones and private companies with low wages, government employees, and youths and families who have migrated for various reasons, by promoting low-cost dormitory and rental housing systems. In addition, to help revive economic enterprises, our party plans to provide special low-interest loans and supply raw materials at reasonable prices to ensure sustainable business recovery and improvement of people's livelihoods.

Only when the authorities manage sales of basic foodstuffs such as rice, cooking oil, salt, chillies and onions at the cheapest prices with the best assessment will the people be comfortable with food supply.

Esteemed ethnic national brethren of the Union,

To ensure national economic growth and improve the livelihoods of the people, it is essential to create more job opportunities, and border trade plays a vi-

tal role in achieving this goal. Our party aims to establish a new border trade route with Thailand in the peaceful and stable southern Shan State. If such a trade route can be developed, it will not only benefit Shan State but also help stabilize commodity prices across the entire country. Moreover, it will create numerous employment opportunities and make a significant contribution to strengthening the national economy.

Esteemed ethnic national brethren of the Union,

If the authorities fulfil the requirements of heavy machinery in the region in the agriculture sector, local farmers will have increased income and spare time. Hence, it is necessary to transform manual farming, which deploys manpower, into mechanised farming, which applies modern techniques without requiring huge considerate manpower. It is one of the work plans adopted by our party.

Esteemed ethnic national brethren of the Union,

In summary, the SNDP respects and values the people's rights to participate, represent, and choose freely, and it is a party committed to working diligently from the people to the people. It aims to reduce the centralized control while establishing an effective administrative mechanism between the central and local levels.

As such,

At this juncture in time, when a new chapter in history is about to be written, let us join hands with the SNDP to collectively build a stable, peaceful, and developed union based on democracy and a federal system.

Let us rebuild the Union for a better future...
Create Our Great Future Again
I conclude by urging everyone to Create Our Great Future Again.
Thank you.



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| 1. Office of the State Administration Council
https://sacoffice.gov.mm | 4. Ministry of Information
https://www.moi.gov.mm |
| 2. Ministry of Defence
https://www.mod.gov.mm | 5. Myawady Webportal
https://myawady.net.mm |
| 3. Ministry of Legal Affairs
https://www.mlis.gov.mm | 6. Myanmar National Portal
https://myanmar.gov.mm |

2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION



Democratic Party talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

Daw Than Than Nu, Chairperson of the Democratic Party, presented the policy, stance and work procedures of her party through radio and television on the evening of 9 November.
The full text of the presentation is as follows: -



Esteemed voters,

Phase I of the multiparty democratic general election 2025 will be held on 28 December.

Those who love and cherish the democratic system support the establishment of multiple political parties and their participation in elections under a multiparty system. In addition, it is a long-standing tradition for citizens casting votes to give their ballots to the political parties they truly favour.

Some may say that nothing happens if a single vote is not cast, but when many abstain, democracy cannot be complete and fully effective. Only when all eligible voters exercise their right to vote can democracy be truly strong and vibrant.

The term “Democratic” refers to those who believe in democracy. By calling it the “Democratic Party,” it signifies a political party formed by uniting people who trust in democracy, representing the strength of democratic belief.

The Democratic Party leads efforts to ensure that the people of Myanmar can fully enjoy democratic rights and to promote the flourishing and development of democracy.

Democracy refers to a system in which the authority of governance in a country derives from the people and is exercised on their behalf.

In the democratic system that the Democratic Party believes in, it aims to ensure that the universal principles of justice, freedom, and equality are upheld and practised. It seeks to enable citizens to fully enjoy fundamental freedoms and rights, including political freedom, economic freedom, judicial independence, the ability to think and plan freely, freedom of speech and assembly, and the freedom to form social organizations.

Promoting reconciliation and mutual understanding among the nation’s citizens is essential for the country’s development. The Democratic Party places great importance on this principle because it truly supports democracy, peace, and national unity. It is committed to practising the approach emphasized by U Nu, the leader of the Democracy and Peace Party, of “forgiving past grievances and resolving conflicts” to achieve these goals.

Today, Myanmar is experiencing deep divisions among its citizens, making it crucial to undertake responsibilities that require the participation of the entire nation. To ensure the success of these efforts, it is especially necessary to create a peaceful and stable environment that allows national reconciliation to take root. Guided by this need, the focus must be on looking forward toward a new era rather than dwelling on past conflicts, to advance the country along the path

of development.

It is also a time when everyone must cultivate a sense of family spirit, recognizing that “we are members of a single nation,” and to embrace the belief that “we all are citizens of Myanmar,” so that the entire nation can work together in unity and cooperation.

The Democratic Party will focus on a long-term, sustainable education system and implement plans accordingly. At a minimum, it will legislate and ensure that secondary education is freely accessible to all. To modernize and strengthen the Union of Myanmar’s education system, the party will send more students abroad for further study and invite international experts to provide training.

Universities, colleges, and agricultural and technical schools will be upgraded and expanded to align with global educational standards. Moreover, the party will consistently support teaching skills and technical knowledge to produce skilled workers who can compete in the international labour market, enabling Myanmar workers to participate effectively and successfully on the global stage.

The Union of Myanmar’s healthcare system will be developed to meet modern standards and reach international levels. Plans will be implemented with a focus on ensuring that everyone has access to free medical treatment. Public health initiatives will combine Western medical practices with traditional medicine to create a comprehensive healthcare system.

Basic and secondary school curricula will include public health education, and public health awareness programmes will be carried out using television, radio, newspapers, journals, and social media and internet technologies.

The Democratic Party believes that all citizens of the Union of Myanmar should equally enjoy the right to protection and care within society. In particular, children and the elderly are entitled to special protection by the state. Efforts will be made to ensure that the disabled, disadvantaged, chronically ill, and patients receive at least free medical treatment and preventive care. For the homeless and destitute, temporary food, shelter, and affordable housing will be provided through national social welfare programmes. Social security measures will also be implemented for retired military personnel and elderly pensioners, allowing them to live comfortably and with dignity.

Farmers and other land-based livelihood workers, including those who cultivate their own land, will be granted rights such as land transfer, inheritance, and the right to sell their produce.

In line with democratic principles, farmers will also be allowed to freely form associations, enabling them to protect their rights, participate in joint initiatives to improve their living standards, and work together for mutual benefit.

The Tatmadaw establishment is an indispensable requirement for the formation of the Union and for the defence of the nation.

According to the historical tradition of the development of the Union of Myanmar, Tatmadaw has played a particularly significant role. It is especially necessary to preserve this unique historical tradition. It is important to continue the legacy of Tatmadaw established by General Aung San, who was both a national leader and the “father” of Tatmadaw. Tatmadaw,

composed of the nation’s most loyal and virtuous sons, must continue to be a people’s army and a patriotic force, safeguarding the nation and its citizens from dangers and threats while maintaining its honourable traditions. Aligned with the nation’s needs and financial resources, Tatmadaw should remain strong, modern, and capable, with advanced military and combat capabilities, evolving as a contemporary and highly developed armed force.

Former Prime Minister U Nu, as a leader, participated in formulating and implementing the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence and, as a frontline leader, contributed to uniting non-aligned countries. Because of these roles, he became widely known, respected, and admired among the nations of the world.

Every country must pursue its national interests while maintaining friendly relations with the international community. On that basis, foreign policy should always be formulated and implemented in accordance with the following fundamental principles, ensuring that the nation’s sovereignty and dignity are not compromised.

- (a) As a member of the United Nations, we will foster friendly and proper relations with all countries of the world in accordance with the basic principles of the UN and the norms of international relations that all nations are required to observe.
- (b) We will adhere to the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence — mutual respect for each other’s territorial integrity and sovereignty, mutual non-aggression, non-interference in each other’s internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful coexistence.
- (c) In international affairs, we will stand independently, actively, and correctly, without acting against our own national interests.
- (d) Giving priority to the interests and benefits of the State, we will cooperate with international organizations whose objectives align with our own policies and goals.

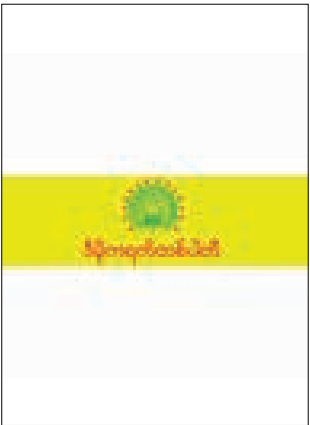
Vision of the Democratic Party

In striving to build a new Union of Myanmar, our party aims to:

- * Ensure that every citizen of the Union enjoys democratic freedoms and fundamental human rights equally and in accordance with the law;
- * Establish a peaceful and prosperous Union;
- * Promote national unity and reconciliation.

Based on these three fundamental principles, we aspire to see a strong and stable nation. Through this foundation, we will be able to work hand in hand in unity with all national people for the comprehensive development and progress of the country. With such noble objectives, the Democratic Party was established.

By the people... With the people... For the people...
Democratic Party
Thank you.



ECONOMY

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The Mumbai Metropolitan Region aims to become a global economic leader by 2047. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/LODHA GROUP**

CII proposes India Development and Strategic Fund to finance India’s long-term growth and economic resilience

To become a developed economy by 2047, India needs long-term, stable capital funding that extends beyond the yearly budget.

INDUSTRY body CII has proposed the creation of an India Development and Strategic Fund (IDSF), a sovereign-backed, professionally managed institution designed to finance India’s long-term growth, resilience, and global economic security.

Conceived as a twin-arm national fund, the IDSF would mobilize patient, long-horizon capital to build India’s produc-

tive capacity at home and secure critical economic interests abroad.

Announcing the proposal, Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, CII, said that the time has come for India to build its own enduring financial engine for development.

“India is entering a decisive window of opportunity. We are already among the world’s larg-

est economies, but to reach developed-economy status by 2047 we need structural, perpetual sources of long-term capital that go beyond the annual budget cycle,” he said.

“The India Development and Strategic Fund would be a sovereign-anchored, professionally managed instrument that invests in both national capacity and strategic security.” — ANI

NEWS IN BRIEF

Vietnam plans to raise about US\$40 bln from bonds in 2025

VIETNAM plans to mobilize about 1 quadrillion Vietnamese dong (about US\$40 billion) through bond issuance in 2025 to support economic growth, the Vietnam News Agency reported on Saturday.

Speaking at the government’s regular press conference, Deputy Minister of Finance Nguyen Duc Chi said the government expects to issue about 500 trillion Vietnamese dong (about \$20 billion) worth of government bonds this year, while the corporate bond market, both public and private, is projected to issue a similar amount. — Xinhua

Ferosplavna-1 line reconnected to Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant

THE 330 kilovolt Ferosplavna-1 line was reconnected to the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) after repair work on Saturday, providing back-up power for the first time in six months, according to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Under an IAEA-brokered local ceasefire, technicians started repairing the damaged section of the power line earlier in the day, with IAEA experts monitoring on the ground, said the UN nuclear watchdog on social media platform X, noting that restoration is vital for nuclear safety. — Xinhua

The Netherlands orders culling 120,000 chickens after bird flu detected

THE Netherlands has ordered the culling of around 120,000 chickens at a poultry farm in the northern province of Friesland after a highly pathogenic strain of bird flu was detected, the agriculture ministry announced on Friday night.

To prevent further spread of the virus, the Dutch Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA) will cull all birds at the site in the village of Drogeham. — Xinhua

Piracy of Japan manga, literature causes 8.5 tln yen loss a year: study

LOST revenue from illegal on-line viewing of Japanese manga and other publications worldwide was estimated at around 8.5 trillion yen (\$55 billion) a year, highlighting the extent of damage caused to rights holders by piracy websites, a recent study showed.

Anti-piracy group ABJ examined access numbers and viewing times for 913 websites for the month of June. The group found that the sites offering unauthorized access to Japanese comics, novels and photo books received about 2.8 billion visits

during the period from users in 123 countries and regions, with total viewing time reaching around 700 million hours.

Losses for rights holders were estimated at 704.8 billion yen, calculated based on the assumption that users finish reading a 500-yen comic book in 30 minutes. This would translate to roughly 8.5 trillion yen a year, according to the Tokyo-based group formed by members from the publishing, e-book distribution and related sectors.

The issue of piracy websites has long been a major headache



Japan is strengthening coordination with foreign investigative authorities to thwart online piracy of the country’s anime and manga. **PHOTO: KYODO/FILE**

for Japanese publishers, artists and authors as new sites continue to emerge, with many often changing their domains to evade detection.

By country, Indonesia recorded the largest share of total viewing time of illegal manga at 12.8 per cent, followed by Japan at 12.4 per cent and the United States at 11.2 per cent, the study showed. — Kyodo

Huge Godzilla installation to see off travellers at Tokyo airport from Dec

TRAVELLERS leaving Tokyo to take international flights will be watched over by the world’s largest indoor Godzilla installation from late December, likely becoming the latest attraction at the busy Haneda airport.

The Godzilla monument, which portrays the reptilian monster as if bursting from a building, measures about 40 metres

long and 9 metres high. It will be situated in the departures lobby at Haneda’s Terminal 3.

The famous Japanese monster has featured in more than 30 films in and outside the country since the first “Godzilla” was released in 1954, according to its official website.

The planned installation is a joint project between Toho, the cre-

ator and producer of the hit movie series, as well as companies operating Haneda airport’s terminal buildings. — Kyod

Supplied photo shows a visualization of a huge indoor Godzilla installation to be shown at Terminal 3 of Haneda airport in Tokyo. **PHOTO: TM & COPYRIGHT TOHO CO, LTD/KYODO**



TAPI gas pipeline project fuels Afghans’ hope

FORMALLY commenced its construction a year ago, the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline, designed to transfer the natural gas from Turkmenistan to Pakistan and India through Afghanistan, has been regarded by Afghans as a major development project that could benefit the impoverished post-war country economically.

“The project, which transports Turkmenistan gas to Pakistan and India, could serve as a viable source of energy for the western region of Afghanistan,” local economic expert Rafiq Shahir told Xinhua in a recent interview.

After about three decades of suspension, work for the TAPI project began in September last year. So far, 14 km of gas pipeline has been



This photo taken on 11 September 2024 shows a tractor working in Herat province, Afghanistan. Work inauguration for the construction of the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline on Afghan territory was formally initiated by the leaders from Afghanistan and Turkmenistan on Wednesday. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

installed in Afghanistan’s Herat province, and the land for 100 km more has been cleared.

Afghanistan would earn nearly US\$500 million for royalty or transit fee annually from the essential 1,814 km project if implemented, the expert believes.

“Implementation of the project would facilitate Afghans with access to cheaper energy, which is vital for the families’ economy on one hand, and on the other hand, around US\$ 500 million could be added to Afghanistan’s budget annually by collecting transit fees,” Shahir said. — Xinhua

Egypt unveils new gas discovery in Western Desert

EGYPT’S Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources announced Saturday a new gas discovery in the country’s Western Desert.

The discovery, made by Badr El Din Petroleum Company at the Badr-15 area through exploration well BED 15-31, came amid Egypt’s continued efforts to gradually increase domestic energy production and reduce reliance

on imports, the ministry said in a statement.

The well has an estimated daily output of 16 million cubic feet of gas and 750 barrels of condensate, expected to add 15 billion cubic feet of gas to Egypt’s overall reserves, it said.

The reservoir in the area is being re-evaluated to identify the best sites for drilling new wells in the future, it added. — Xinhua

Sugar production in India expected to rise 16% in 2025-26

INDIA’S sugar production for the 2025-26 sugar season is projected to rise sharply to 343.5 lakh tonnes, up around 16 per cent from 296.1 lakh tonnes in 2024-25, according to the first advance estimates released by the Indian Sugar and Bio-Energy Manufacturers Association (ISMA) this week.

The estimates, based on post-monsoon satellite imagery captured in October 2025, were reviewed at ISMA’s Executive Committee meeting held on 4 November. The assessment reflects improved cane acreage, favourable weather, and higher yields across major sugar-producing states nationwide.

The total sugarcane acreage for 2025-26 is estimated at 57.35 lakh hectares, slightly higher than 57.11 lakh hectares in the previous year, representing a marginal 0.4 per cent increase. — ANI

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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Cambodia celebrates 72nd
Independence Day anniversary

The celebration was held under the auspices of the nation's King Norodom Sihamoni.



Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni (C) attends the 72nd anniversary of the Independence Day in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 9 November 2025. PHOTO: SOVANNARA/XINHUA

CAMBODIA on Sunday commemorated the 72nd anniversary of its national independence from French colonial rule.

The celebration was held under the auspices of the nation's King Norodom Sihamoni and was accompanied by Prime Minister Hun Manet, Senate President Samdech Techo Hun Sen, and National Assembly President Khuon Sudary.

Representatives of foreign diplomatic corps were also among thousands of celebrants at the one-hour event held at the Independence Monument in the capital, Phnom Penh.

During the commemoration, Sihamoni laid a wreath and lit the ceremonial victory fire inside the Independence Monument to symbolize the country's independence. Hun Sen said 9 November reminded the people of a noble mission conducted by the late Cambodian King Father Norodom Sihanouk to demand independence from the French colony. — Xinhua

US Senate session to continue until conclusion of deal to end shutdown

THE US Senate session will continue until a deal is reached to resume the work of the American government, the Hill newspaper reports, citing Senate Republican Majority Leader John Thune.

Thune told reporters on Saturday that senators would continue the session until a deal is reached to resume government operations, according to the publication.

It is noted that initially the upper house of Congress was supposed to go on recess for Veterans Day, 11 November.

A new fiscal year began in the United States on 1 October, but Congress failed to agree on a budget, and the government is now unable to function. Such a government shutdown in the United States implies the cessation of work of some government agencies funded



Police officers stand in front of the US Capitol building in Washington, DC, the United States, 1 October 2025. PHOTO: LI RUI/XINHUA/FILE

directly by Congress due to the lack of an agreed budget for the next fiscal year, and this is not an uncommon situation. — SPUTNIK

162 hospitalized in Vietnam after eating sandwiches

A total of 162 people in Vietnam's southern hub Ho Chi Minh City were hospitalized following a case of mass food poisoning linked to two Vietnamese

sandwich shops under the same brand, the Vietnam News Agency reported Saturday.

Most victims experienced nausea,

vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea, fever, and fatigue of varying degrees.

Notably, one patient was in critical condition and receiving intensive care,

while a pregnant woman was at risk of premature labour. A blood sample from one patient tested positive for Salmonella. — Xinhua

NEWS In BRIEF

Syrian president arrives in US for landmark visit

SYRIA'S President Ahmed al-Sharaa arrived in the United States on Saturday for a landmark official visit, his country's state news agency reported, a day after Washington removed him from a terrorism blacklist.

Sharaa, whose rebel forces ousted longtime ruler Bashar al-Assad late last year, is due to meet US President Donald Trump at the White House on Monday.

It's the first such visit by a Syrian president since the country's independence in 1946, according to analysts.

The interim leader met Trump for the first time in Riyadh during the US president's regional tour in May. — AFP

Sri Lanka identifies high-crime zones

SRI Lankan authorities have identified six police divisions in the Western and Southern Provinces as high-crime zones, a senior government minister told parliament on Saturday.

Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs Ananda Wijepala said the government has launched several measures to curb criminal activity in these locations.

In addition to increasing regular police patrols, officers in plain clothes have been deployed for surveillance, and dedicated elite police motorcycle units are being established in the identified areas, he said.

Wijepala added that while targeted operations are being carried out in high-crime divisions, police across the country are also conducting random checks on residences, vehicles and individuals to locate illegal weapons and contraband.

Sri Lankan law enforcement authorities are also coordinating with Interpol to issue red notices for wanted Sri Lankan suspects living overseas, the minister said. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Myanmar wins 14 medals at 8th WVVF World Vovinam Championship

THE Myanmar Vovinam team won 14 medals: two gold, five silver, and seven bronze medals at the 8th WVVF World Vovinam Championship 2025, held in Bali, Indonesia from 1 to 8 November.

The team consisted of two coaches, three male and three female athletes, competing in 16 events. In the women's 48-51 kilogramme category, Hnin Thet Wai won a gold medal. May Honey Aung Lwin also secured a gold and a bronze medals in the Dual Knife Form (female) and Ying Yang Sword Form (female) events respectively. Tin Htoo Zaw won a silver medal in the Dragon-Tiger Form (male) and another in the Four-Element Staff Form (male). Htein Htet Aung and Kyaw Thu Soe Aung claimed a silver medal in the Pair Knife Form (male), while



The Myanmar Vovinam team is seen being warmly welcomed back on their arrival at the Yangon International Airport yesterday.

Htein Htet Aung and Tin Htoo Zaw together earned two silver medals in the Pair Sword Form (male) and Pair Machete Form (male). The team also earned seven bronze medals in various group and individual categories including the Mixed Basic Self-Defence

Technique (three females and three males), Ying Yang Sword Form (male), One Female Defence Against Males with Weapons, Cross Form (male), Female Self-Defence Form, and Pair Sword Form (female).

At the conclusion of the championship on 7 November, the Myanmar team achieved an impressive total of 14 medals for the country.

The victorious team returned to Yangon yesterday morning via Singapore from Bali, where they were warmly welcomed back by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, regional ministers, senior officials from the Department of Sports and Physical Education, and trainees from the Institute of Sports and Physical Education (Yangon). — MNA/KZL

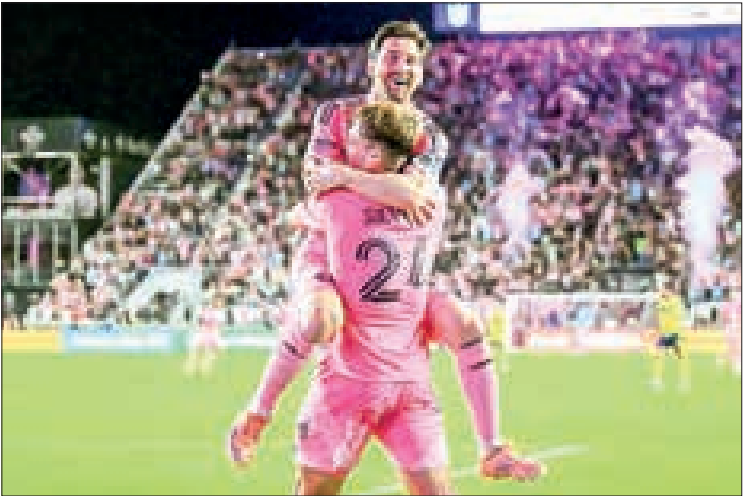
Xi declares 15th National Games open

CHINESE President Xi Jinping declared the 15th National Games open on Sunday.

Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, attended the opening ceremony of the Games in Guangzhou, capital city of Guangdong Province. — Xinhua



The main venue for the 15th National Games in Guangzhou, south China. PHOTO: VCG/CGTN



Inter Miami's Argentine star forward Lionel Messi celebrates scoring his second goal with teen countryman Mateo Silveti, front, in an MLS playoff victory over Nashville that advanced Miami to the second round. PHOTO: AFP

Messi leads Miami into MLS playoff matchup with Cincinnati

LIONEL Messi scored two goals and assisted on two by Tadeo Allende to spark Inter Miami in a 4-0 rout of Nashville on Saturday to advance in the MLS Cup playoffs.

Argentine icon Messi opened the scoring in the 10th minute, added another goal in the 39th and set up compatriot Allende's goals in the 73rd and 76th that sealed Miami's triumph.

"I want to congratulate Leo for the game he played," Miami coach Javier Mascherano said. "He was the first one who guided us in high pressure. To see him press like that at 38 years old is crazy. We all know about Leo with the ball, but what happened with Leo without the ball today was impressive".

Inter Miami won the best-of-three Eastern Conference first round series 2-1 to book a second round match against FC Cincinnati, who defeated Columbus 2-1 in another series-deciding encounter. — AFP

Forest goalkeeper John Victor earns Brazil call-up

NOTTINGHAM Forest goalkeeper John Victor has been drafted into Brazil's squad for friendlies against Senegal and Tunisia, the Brazilian Football Confederation said on Saturday.

The uncapped 29-year-old replaces Corinthians' Hugo Souza, who was ruled out due to a thigh injury.

John was also called up by Brazil manager Carlo Ancelotti for friendlies against South Korea and Japan last month but was an unused substitute in both matches.

Brazil will meet Senegal at London's Emirates Stadium on 15 November and Tunisia at Pierre-Mauroy Stadium in Lille three days later.

The fixtures will provide one of the last chances for Ancelotti to assess his options before next year's FIFA World Cup in the United States, Mexico and Canada. — Xinhua



WORLD

US informs Russia extension of New START restrictions under consideration: Lavrov

THE United States has informed Russia through diplomatic channels that it is considering Russian President Vladimir Putin's idea of maintaining the restrictions laid down in the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) beyond February 2026, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told Sputnik in an interview published on Sunday.

"There has been no substantive response from Washington yet. As we were told through diplomatic channels 'the matter is under consideration,'" the minister said.

The idea of maintaining the restrictions outlines in the New START agreement beyond February 2026 is simple and does not require in-depth discussion, Lavrov added.

"The constructive initiative put forward by President Putin in the post-New START sphere speaks for itself. It has no hidden agenda and is extremely easy to understand. Its practical implementation will not require any specific additional efforts. Therefore, we see no need for in-depth discussion of our idea," he said.

Russia is not going to persuade the US to accept Putin's proposal, Lavrov also said.

"We are not going to persuade anyone. We believe that our act meets the interests of both parties and the entire international community. We are prepared for any developments. However, we hope that the outcome will be positive," he said. — SPUTNIK

President Putin's post-New START initiative is constructive, transparent, easy to grasp, and requires no extra effort to implement, so no in-depth discussion is needed.



Russia holds a ceremony to unveil its new nuclear submarine, the "Khabarovsk" on 1 November 2025 in Severodvinsk.
PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ SPUTNIK

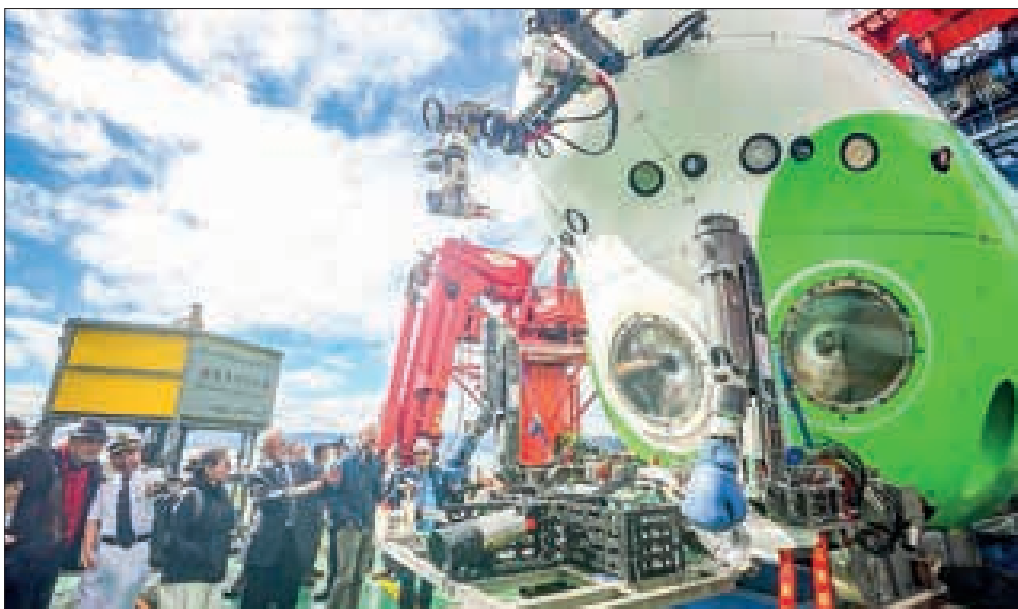
Deep-sea AI tool powers up marine research, poised for global use

A deep-sea exploration AI model developed by a collaborative team, led by Chinese scientists, was launched this week as part of a major international scientific project, which is expected to advance global understanding and governance of the deep ocean.

The model DePTH-GPT integrates AI technologies -- including deep learning, large language models, computer vision and knowledge reasoning, to process data such as video footage, topography, hydrodynamics, sediment and bioacoustics.

It is poised to advance deep-sea research from traditional qualitative analysis toward an intelligent, interpretable and predictive stage.

The AI model has already established an intel-



People look at deep-sea manned submersible Fendouzhe (Striver) aboard Tansuo-1 research vessel during a Concluding Open Day of a joint China-New Zealand dive expedition in Wellington, New Zealand, 21 March 2025. PHOTO: LONG LEI/XINHUA/FILE

ligent cognitive system for a deep-sea seamount and a hydrothermal vent field, according to the Second Institute of Oceanography under

the Ministry of Natural Resources.

DePTH-GPT is an outcome of the Digital DEPTH project, which focuses on

deep-sea habitats and was launched under the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. — Xinhua

Philippines faces Super Typhoon Fung-Wong days after deadly Kalmaegi

AHEAD of Super Typhoon Fung-Wong's arrival on Sunday lashing Catanduanes and nearby areas with life-threatening winds and coastal flooding, the Philippines evacuated hundreds of families, local media reported.

The country's state weather bureau PAGASA warned that the typhoon, which is called Uwan locally, could bring violent winds, torrential rain, and storm surges up to three metres high.

Typhoon Fung Wong was expected to enter the Philippine Area of Responsibility on Friday night or early Saturday while moving generally westward before turning west-northwestward.

Today it struck the Philippines' eastern coast with maximum sustained winds of 205 kilometres per hour and gusts up to 250 kph, causing flooding and storm surges in Catanduanes and nearby provinces. — ANI