

Four Objectives of the National Defence and Security Council

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



Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing warmly greets rector, faculty members and students from the University of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding (Maubin) in Ayeyawady Region, yesterday.

University of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding (Maubin) inaugurated

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing unveiled that the newly-inaugurated University of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding (Maubin) has planned to produce 300 agricultural and livestock professionals each per year.

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inaugurated the University of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding (Maubin) under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation yesterday morning.

Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Com-

Only when the agricultural and livestock sector develops and the incomes of rural residents increase can rural development contribute to the overall economic growth of the country.

mission member and Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung, Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw and Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Tin Maung Win cut the ribbon to inaugurate the ceremony.

The Senior General unveiled the signboard of the main building of the university and sprinkled scented water on the plaque of the main building.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General underscored that opening the University of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding (Maubin) starting from the 2025-2026 academic year will significantly contribute to the development of the human resources needed in the country’s agriculture and livestock sectors and support efforts to enhance the national economy.

In addition, he revealed that the university’s aim is not only to provide academic teaching and learning but also to upgrade the institution into a research-oriented university, so that it can produce agricultural and livestock science professionals who can meet international standards.

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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



2025
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- 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.

Zomi National Party delivers campaign speech

THE electoral speech of the Zomi National Party is featured on pages 10 of today’s issue of The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper.

Myanmar Gazette

Duty-Assignment of Permanent Secretary/Director-General

THE National Defence and Security Council has assigned U Htet Shan Phyو, from the Office of the Union Minister, the Ministry of Energy, to the duties of Permanent Secretary and Director-General of the same ministry concurrently.



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“ Towards 30 years of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action:
UNiTE to End Violence Against Women”

Corrigendum

PLEASE read ‘28,339’ instead of “A total of ‘22,048’ students were reported to have cast advance ballots within the designated period” in the last sentence of the second paragraph of the second column in the news story under the headline “Press Release: Early Voting by University and College Students” issued by the Union Election Commission published on page 4 of The Global New Light of Myanmar on 22 November 2025. Error is regretted. – Ed

Masanpa Island declared protected public forest

THE Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation has officially designated a mangrove forest area on Masanpa Island as a protected mangrove forest under Notification 97/2025, effective from 6 November 2025.

The newly designated Masanpa Island Protected Mangrove Forest covers a total area of 2,560 acres in Kyunsu Township, Myeik District, Taninthayi Region. The designation was made under Section 6 (e) of the 2018 Forest Law, which authorizes the ministry to manage and conserve protected areas.

The forest aims to ensure the long-term sustainability of the mangrove ecosystem, preserve biodiversity, reduce the impacts of coastal erosion and storms, and support local communities through the sustainable harvesting of marine resources such as fish, crabs, and shrimp. It also intends to strengthen the overall management of mangrove areas in the region.

By protecting the Masanpa Island mangroves, key native tree species, including *Bruguiera cylindrica*, *Bruguiera gymnorhiza*, *Rhizophora mucronata*, *Ceriops decandra*, and *Nypa fruticans*, will be preserved, along with important bird species such as herons, egrets, kingfishers, storks, and shorebirds. The forest will



Masanpa Island protected public mangrove forest.

also help maintain essential breeding grounds for fish and other marine species.

This initiative reinforces the role of mangrove ecosystems as critical coastal barriers that protect against natural disasters and contribute significantly to the stability of marine biodiversity. — Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation

NATIONAL

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

University of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding (Maubin) inaugurated

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He explained that the agricultural sector contributes up to 23.7 per cent of the country’s gross domestic product (GDP), and approximately 46 per cent of the nation’s population is rural residents earning their livelihood through agricultural, livestock, and related activities.

The Senior General noted that only when the agricultural and livestock sector develops and the incomes of rural residents increase can rural development contribute to the overall economic growth of the country.

In the past, he recounted that the Yezin University of Agriculture was only one agricultural university. Likewise, the University of Veterinary Science is a sole university of its kind in the country. At present, the Yezin University of Agriculture is producing some 300 agricultural graduates per year and the University of Veterinary Science, some 200 per year.

In its tenure, he highlighted that the current government established 19 industrial, agricultural and livestock high schools and upgraded nine agriculture and livestock institutes out of 15 agricultural institutes. Moreover, the Fisheries Institute (Twantay) and one Veterinary Institute have been established. So, these institutions could turned out 8,352 human resources rather than the past.

The Senior General underlined that the newly-inaugurated University of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding (Maubin) will produce 300 agricultural and livestock professionals each per year. Moreover, preparations are being made to establish a similar university

Salient points in the speech delivered by the Senior General at opening of University of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding (Maubin)

- 1. The newly-inaugurated University of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding (Maubin) will produce 300 agricultural and livestock professionals each per year.
- 2. Preparations are being made to establish a similar university in the upper Myanmar while opening agriculture and livestock breeding college in each region and state as the future plans.
- 3. Plans are underway to provide stipends to students of the Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Universities.

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He noted that the University of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding (Maubin) is formed 13 major departments related to agricultural sciences, 12 major departments related to livestock sciences, and three departments of arts and science, assigned with qualified faculty members.

He emphasized that the University of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding (Maubin) is also planned to offer degrees in livestock science. This will enable graduates and rural residents not only to engage in crop farming but also to earn income from livestock activities during the off-season, thereby increasing household income and reducing poverty.

Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung reported on establishment of the university and its functions and present-

ed a commemorative gift to the Senior General.

Also, present at the ceremony were senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, departmental officials, rectors, pro-rectors, teachers and students.

At the meeting hall of the university, the Union Minister reported to the Senior General on construction of the University of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding (Maubin), appointment of teachers, formation of academic departments, attending of students from regions and states at the university in 2025-26 academic year, plans to provide stipends, plans to construct more buildings of the university, number of students at the Border Region National Race Youth Development School (Maubin) and support for the students and the Union Minister for Science and Technology on facts about the Government Technical High School (Maubin), appointment of staff and conducting the

training courses.

In response, the Senior General revealed that plans are underway to provide stipends to students of the Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Universities. As country’s economy is primarily based on agriculture and livestock, adopting modern, the systematic agricultural and livestock practices rather than traditional subsistence methods would generate significant benefits. Therefore, efforts are being made to produce agricultural and livestock professionals who can support such initiatives and implement agro-based industries. Construction of universities needs to adopt the master plans for the future prospects.

The Senior General signed the guests’ book of the university. He then visited the University of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding (Maubin), the Border Region National Race Youth Development Training School (Maubin), GTHS (Maubin), and Polytechnic University (Maubin) and gave necessary guidance to officials.

The University of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding (Maubin) aims to develop the human resources needed for the country’s agricultural, livestock, and rural development; to increase the production of qualified graduates in agricultural science and livestock science; to enable students to study and acquire modern technologies and applied skills required for agricultural and livestock sectors and related basic economic enterprises; and to strengthen practical, applied research activities. — MNA/TTA

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Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views round livestock and fishery products displayed at the MSME product show and market fair of Maubin District yesterday.

Ayeyawady Region further develops cultivation of fragrant Pawsan rice

As country's economy is primarily based on agriculture and livestock, there is a great need for agricultural and livestock science professionals as human resources.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing highlighted that regarding agricultural and livestock activities, the Ayeyawady Region needs to further develop its cultivation of fragrant Pawsan rice to increase production and enable greater export opportunities abroad.

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing yesterday afternoon met departmental officials and town elders at the hall in Maubin of Ayeyawady Region to talk about regional development undertakings.

In his speech, the Senior General said that the Maubin area is located in an important part of the Ayeyawady Region, and plans to open the University of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding (Maubin) have been underway since around 2021.

He noted that the government has been continuously implementing initiatives to improve education and has also worked on upgrading universities.

He stressed that as country's economy is primarily based on agriculture and livestock, there is a great need for agricultural and livestock science professionals as human resources.

The Senior General underscored that efforts are ongoing to produce skilled human resources, which include establishing new polytechnic universities and further expanding the number of agriculture and livestock breeding

universities.

Regarding agricultural and livestock activities, he continued that the Ayeyawady Region needs to further develop its cultivation of fragrant Pawsan rice to increase production and enable greater export opportunities abroad.

He pointed out that if lowland coffee (Robusta variety) is cultivated some 20,000 acres of horticultural farms in Maubin Township, it would generate

significant benefits and increase the potential for exports abroad.

He underlined that fish farming activities in the Ayeyawady Region are being successfully carried out. Similarly, efforts should be made to further develop and expand poultry, pig, cattle, and duck farming activities.

The Senior General unveiled that consideration will be given to providing a football field needed for the township, and efforts will also be made to support the development and improvement of universities in Maubin.

He remarked that preparations are being made to ensure free and fair elections and are also verifying that the elected representatives comply with the law. Primarily, voters are encouraged to choose candidates who act in the interest of the nation and the region, can responsibly safeguard Our Three Main National Causes, and possess knowledge of politics, the economy, and national defence.

The Maubin District Administrator reported to the Senior General on facts about the region, preparations to hold the election, agriculture and livestock activities, efforts to meet the target production, fish farming process, disbursement of loans from the State economic promotion fund, supply of electricity, development of education sector, one region one product (OROP) initiatives, MSME production, and needs to upgrade the township stadium.

Town elders requested the Senior General to increase disbursement of loans to local farmers, need of paddy dryers, requirement of electricity for livestock breeding, development of livestock industry and needs of more plots, cultivation of bamboo plants on the dykes of fish farms, and cultivation of coconuts.

With regard to the reports, the Union ministers and the Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister discussed plans to import paddy dryers for farmers, submission for more plots of livestock industry, designation of the rice and paddy export zone, and production of Pawsan paddy.

The Senior General viewed round domestic products, agricultural machinery, livestock products, and foodstuffs displayed at the MSME product show and market fair of Maubin District and fulfilled the needs of officials.

Also, present at the meeting were Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Union ministers, Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Tin Maung Win, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of South-West Command, departmental officials and MSME businesspersons.
— MNA/TTA

Salient points in the speech delivered by the Senior General at the meeting with residents in Maubin

1. Efforts are ongoing to produce skilled human resources, which include establishing new polytechnic universities and further expanding the number of agriculture and livestock breeding universities.
2. If lowland coffee (Robusta variety) is cultivated some 20,000 acres of horticultural farms in Maubin Township, it would generate significant benefits and increase the potential for exports abroad.
3. Efforts should be made to further develop and expand poultry, pig, cattle, and duck farming activities.

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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)



Library development and reading promotion festival held in Inlay, Shan State

A ceremony to promote library development and enhance reading habit in the Inlay region of Shan State was held yesterday afternoon at the Basic Education High School (Thalay) in Nyaungshwe.

Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, who also serves as Chairman of the Myanmar Libraries Development Cooperation Committee, and Shan State Chief Minister U Aung Aung opened the Library Development and Reading Promotion Festival.

Following the opening, the Union Minister, the Chief Minister, and officials presented cash awards to the school bands and traditional ethnic music and dance troupes that performed at the ceremony.

The officials then toured the event, observing the sports and intellectual competitions, as well as viewing the photographic displays and book exhibitions. The ceremony continued in the school hall, An MRTV-produced video clip titled Marching Forward to the

Goal was also screened.

Delivering his opening speech, the Union Minister remarked that the world-renowned Inlay area is peaceful and tranquil, facilitating development across all sectors, including tourism. He noted that although the region had experienced an earthquake, the combined efforts of the Union Government, the Shan State Government, Tatmadaw, and residents had helped restore normalcy. He encouraged the youths to study hard to excel in their education and to cultivate a habit of reading both fiction and non-fiction.

Subsequently, the Shan State Chief Minister outlined the library development and reading promotion activities being implemented across Shan State.

The Union Minister then presented 50 sets of MRTV DTH receivers, along with books and publications for libraries, to the Shan State Government. Additionally, the Union Minister and the Chief Minister held a



Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn attends Library Development and Reading Promotion Festival at BEHS (Thalay) in Nyaungshwe, Shan State, yesterday.

lucky draw to award 10 sets of MRTV DTH receivers to winner attendees.

Furthermore, the Shan State Chief Minister contributed over K10.8 million and donated books and publications towards the festival. Daw May May Ni, Chair of the Shan State

Libraries Foundation, also donated books for local libraries.

The event concluded with performances of traditional ethnic songs and dances by students from BEHS (Heya Ywama) in Nyaungshwe, after which the Union Minister presented cash awards to the

performing groups.

The festival was jointly organized by the Ministry of Information and the Shan State Government, in collaboration with the Information and Public Relations Department and the Department of Basic Education. — MNA/KZL

Five-day illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth K369M



Confiscated illegal ivory in Mandalay.

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, efforts to combat the illicit trade are continued effectively by the law.

On 12, 15 and 18 November, the combined teams impounded illegal timber weighing 1.188 tonnes worth K167,480 in Paukhaung township, forest products worth K9.6 million without official documents from a Higher mini bus (approximately K40 million) at the Yadanabon bridge com-

bined checkpoint (Hnapauk) in Amarapura township and illegal timbers worth K359,920 in Thazi Township. The action was conducted under the Forest Law.

On 15, 17 and 19 November, the combined on-duty teams seized illegal timbers weighing 3.313 tonnes worth K795,072 in Ngaputaw township, unregistered vehicle (approximately K10 million) in Pathein township, two vehicles (estimated value of K42 million) carrying consumer goods

worth K28.237 million without official documents in Waw township and industrial materials valued at K238.669 million without official documents from three containers at the Asia World Port. The action was taken under the Forest Law, the Export/Import Law and Customs procedures.

The Steering Committee reported 14 arrests on 12, 15, 17, 18 and 19 November, seizing illegal goods worth approximately K369 million. — MNA/MKKS

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Gems Emporium's Day 7 sees strong sales with 716 jade lots sold

THE 60th Myanma Gems Emporium for 2025 continued into its seventh day yesterday morning at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw. From the morning session onwards, domestic and foreign gem merchants observed and inspected the jade lots displayed at designated areas both inside and outside the hall.

According to the announcement, a total of 640 jade lots out of 900 lots from Groups A and B were sold to domestic and foreign gem merchants through the open tender system at yesterday's emporium. In addition, jade lots numbered from 2,901 to 3,650, which will be sold on the eighth day, were examined by merchants, and their price-offer

forms were submitted to the respective tender boxes. Officials opened and reviewed the tender forms yesterday afternoon, and the results for the lots sold will be announced today.

Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi attended the event on its seventh day to show his support.

A total of 5,085 jade lots from Groups A, B and C are being sold through the open tender system on a day-to-day basis. A total of 754 jade lots out of 1,000 were sold on the fifth day, 716 jade lots out of 1,000 were sold on the sixth day and 640 jade lots out of 900 were sold on the seventh day. The remaining jade lots will continue to be



Gem traders carefully examine jade at the 60th Myanma Gems Emporium on 23 November 2025.

sold to domestic and foreign merchants at the Maniyadana Jade Hall until 26 November.

The foreign merchants can

make payment for jade lots from group C with US dollars, euros, yuan, baht and other currencies allowed by the Central Bank of

Myanmar, and the local merchants can make payment with Myanmar currency. — MNA/KZL

Tatmadaw (Navy), local communities join efforts to protect coastal areas and islands from waste

DUE to the growing urban population and increased fishing activity leading to marine waste dumping, local residents report that Tatmadaw (Navy) is working with community members in the Taninthayi Region to systematically dispose of waste and clean up the area to prevent environmental damage.

Coastal countries, including Myanmar, are facing serious threats to humans, animals, and the environment due to urban waste, which leads to water pollution, environmental degradation, and the dumping of waste into rivers, creeks, and oceans. Marine animals are at risk of poisoning and death from consuming this waste, posing a danger to aquatic life and food supplies. In the Taninthayi Region, awareness campaigns and clean-up efforts to prevent waste from entering the sea, rivers, and oceans are also contributing to the development of the tourism sector.

The joint efforts of Tatmadaw and local communities to prevent waste from



Travellers enjoy diving in a resort island of the Myeik Archipelago in Taninthayi Region. **PHOTO: KANU**

being dumped into the sea around the resort islands of the Myeik Archipelago are supporting the region's ecotourism

industry, while the clean and beautiful seas are contributing to the future development and sustainability of the marine ecosystem.

"The Myeik Archipelago and the travel islands in Bokpyin Township are often littered with trash. The Environmental Conservation Department of Lampi Marine National Park is responsible for waste cleanup, while Tatmadaw (Navy) and other military units are taking special interest in cleaning the islands and beaches. The joint efforts of the Salon ethnic group, local villagers, and Tatmadaw (Navy) in removing waste are effectively contributing to the environmental conservation of the offshore islands and helping prevent marine pollution," said U Aung Zin Latt, general manager of Wah Ale Island Resort.

In November, during the winter season, the east wind blows along the coast of the Taninthayi Region, carrying waste — including discarded water bottles — to the islands of the Myeik Archipelago and Bokpyin District. Tatmadaw, along

with local administrative bodies and social organizations are working together to clean up urban beaches to prevent such debris from drifting out to sea. The Environmental Conservation Department has also issued a notice prohibiting the illegal dumping of waste from fishing boats into the ocean.

"This month, garbage tends to drift from Kawthoung to Kyunsu with the east wind. We carry out collective clean-up and burning of the waste that washes ashore each month. In particular, Tatmadaw (Navy) has been working with residents to clean up garbage at ports, which has helped reduce the amount of waste dumped into the sea. The department is also cooperating with residents and social organizations on the islands to remove trash, so it is especially important for fishing boats at sea to follow the established rules," said U Khin Maung Lwin, the ranger of Lampi Marine National Park. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/TH

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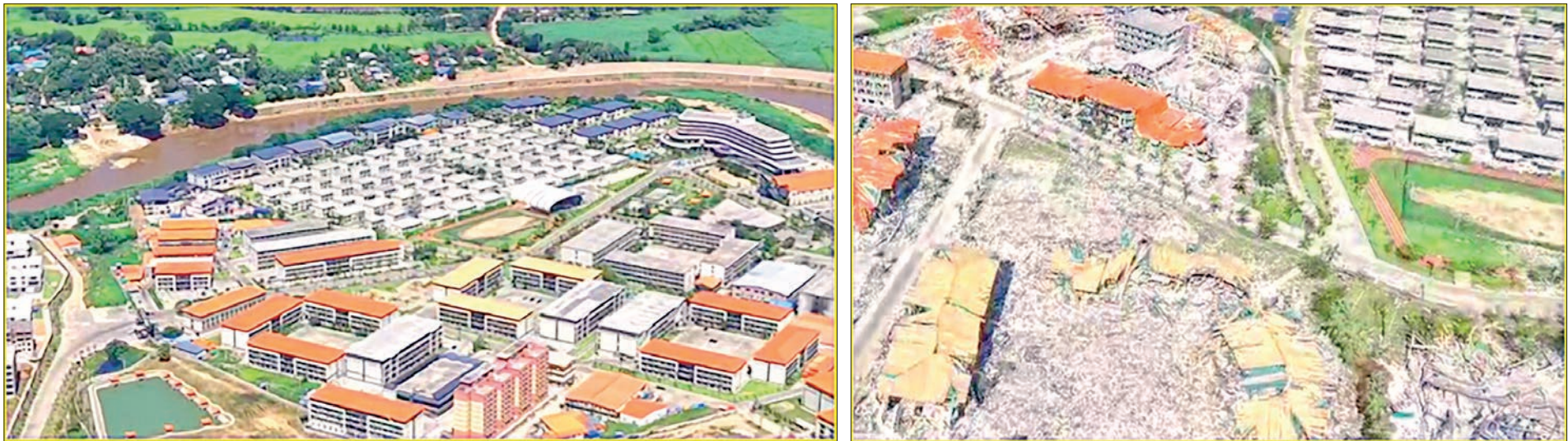
NATIONAL

Democracy and federalism must reflect the nation's context

❖ “It is important not to simply imitate the practices of other countries. Instead, we must establish democratic and federal systems that are suited to our nation in building a Union founded on democracy and federalism.”

(Excerpt from the speech delivered by Acting President (On Duty) and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the 3/2025 meeting of the National Defence and Security Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 31 July 2025.)

KK Park crackdown: More fraud and gambling buildings demolished, illegal foreign nationals arrested



The photos show illegally constructed buildings in Shwe Koko area 1 seen before demolition (L) and after demolition (R).

MYANMAR is placing strong emphasis on eradicating on-line fraud and online gambling, which pose serious threats to people’s livelihoods and safety worldwide. In this effort, security personnel and administrative bodies have been conducting joint operations in the KK Park area, where such illegal activities are most heavily concentrated. They have also been searching for and demolishing illegal buildings. In addition, foreign nationals involved in on-line gambling and online fraud in the Shwe Kokko area have been identified and detained.

A total of 11 out of 635 buildings used for online fraud

and online gambling were demolished yesterday in the Myawady-Maethawtalay (KK Park) area. So far, the authorities have dismantled 217 illegal buildings and continue to carry out demolition operations on the remaining illegal structures.

Likewise, the operation has been conducted in the Shwe Kokko area since 18 November. On the sixth day, yesterday, the authorities searched and inspected 33 buildings in the area. During the inspection, no individuals involved in online fraud or online gambling were found, as they had already taken their computers, related accessories,

and mobile phones with them.

Yesterday, the authorities arrested and detained a total of 156 foreign nationals in the Shwe Kokko area for involvement in online fraud and online gambling, including 65 Chinese, eight Vietnamese, one Malaysian, 13 Kenyan, four Ethiopian, six Indonesian, six Ugandan, one Nepali, 20 Indian, one Zimbabwean, seven Filipino, two Rwandan, three Nigerian, five Thai, one Kazakh, one Uzbek, one Benin, eight Burundian, one Togolese, and one Singaporean, who had been hiding after committing offenses via neighbouring countries, including Thailand. As part of the ongoing

operation in the Shwe Kokko area, a total of 1,746 foreign nationals who entered Myanmar illegally have been arrested from 18 November to date. Moreover, authorities have seized 2,893 computers, 21,750 mobile phones, 101 Starlink satellite receivers, 21 routers, and a large quantity of industrial materials used in online fraud and gambling activities. The operation is continuing.

The arrested foreign nationals are being detained in a building within the Lonhtin compound of Shwe Kokko Myaing Village, Pulwepu Village-tract, Myawady Township. Yesterday, the Illegal Foreigner

Investigation Team verified 288 foreign nationals. The relevant departmental joint teams are carrying out the necessary procedures, including collecting personal data and recording required documentation, to ensure their prompt repatriation to their respective countries.

From 30 January to 23 November 2025, a total of 12,586 foreign nationals who had entered Myanmar illegally were detained. Of these, 12,143 individuals were screened, and 9,978 have been systematically deported to their respective countries through Thailand in accordance with legal procedures. The remaining 2,608 foreign nationals are now ready to be transferred to their countries and are being properly held and cared for during the process.

The government considers the eradication of online fraud and online gambling a national responsibility and, to ensure that such activities can no longer operate within Myanmar, will continue its efforts in coordination not only with domestic authorities but also with the governments of neighboring countries. — MNA/TH



Images display the detained undocumented foreign entrants (in the left) and immigration processes underway for the deportation of undocumented foreign entrants.

Stepping up the fight against telecom fraud and online gambling

RAPID advances in technology are bringing significant benefits to societies worldwide, yet these same developments have also enabled the spread of telecom fraud, online gambling, and various forms of cybercrime. Such online crimes continue to deceive people across the globe and increasingly pose threats to national stability, public security, and the rule of law.

Myanmar has similarly been affected by the infiltration of telecom fraud, online gambling, and related criminal activities. These threats not only endanger Myanmar’s internal security but also affect neighbouring and regional countries. Recognizing this challenge as a matter of national responsibility, the Government of

Following these actions, online gambling and associated cybercrimes shifted from northern Shan State to the Myanmar-Thailand border, particularly the Myawady area. In response, the Government of Myanmar continues to conduct comprehensive nationwide operations with the aim of fully eradicating these activities. Citizens are encouraged to support these efforts by reporting any information related to telecom fraud, online gambling, or other cybercrimes to the relevant authorities as part of their national duty.

Many perpetrators of telecom fraud and online gambling offences entered Myanmar illegally through border routes, including from Thailand and other nearby countries. A large number of these individuals were trafficking victims brought from various nations and coerced into participating in online scams. Others were fugitives attempting to evade law enforcement in their home countries. After conflicts erupted in certain neighbouring areas, these groups moved into the Myawady region of Kayin State – territory temporarily controlled by Kayin armed groups – where they established online scam centres and related infrastructures.

In 2022, illegal buildings and online gambling facilities were set up in Laukkai, northern Shan State. The Government of Myanmar, in cooperation with China, launched operations to dismantle these networks. Authorities verified and repatriated 53,388 individuals involved, while the main offenders were arrested, detained, and formally handed over to the appropriate authorities.

Following these actions, online gambling and associated cybercrimes shifted from northern Shan State to the Myanmar-Thailand border, particularly the Myawady area. In response, the Government of Myanmar continues to conduct comprehensive nationwide operations with the aim of fully eradicating these activities. Citizens are encouraged to support these efforts by reporting any information related to telecom fraud, online gambling, or other cybercrimes to the relevant authorities as part of their national duty.

How Myanmar’s Youth Are Building Futures Through Online Learning

By Yin Nwe Ko

mar, and Myanmar Online Education offer tailored courses in Myanmar and ethnic languages, making digital learning more inclusive. These platforms often combine video lessons, quizzes, and peer discussion forums to create interactive learning environments.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

One of the most transformative aspects of online learning is its ability to reach students who are excluded from formal education. In some areas, where schools have been temporarily absent or teachers displaced, digital tools

provide a lifeline. Youth in these regions use smartphones and solar-powered devices to access lessons, often studying in community centres or makeshift classrooms.

Online learning also benefits working youth who cannot attend school full-time. Many young people in Myanmar juggle jobs in ag-

riculture, retail, or domestic work. For them, digital platforms offer the flexibility to learn at night or during breaks. This adaptability helps bridge the gap between education and livelihood.

Moreover, online learning encourages self-directed education. Students can choose topics that interest them, learn at their own pace, and revisit materials as needed. This autonomy fosters critical thinking and lifelong learning habits – skills essential for navigating an uncertain future.

Skills for the Future

Myanmar’s youth are increasingly using online learning to acquire practical, marketable skills. Digital literacy, coding, and graphic design are among the most sought-after competencies. These skills open doors to remote work, freelancing, and entrepreneurship, especially in a country with high unemployment and limited formal job opportunities.

English language learning is another major focus. Platforms

like BBC Learning English, Duolingo, and Myanmar-based YouTube channels help students improve their communication skills, preparing them for international scholarships, jobs, and collaborations. Some youth are even creating their own content, launching educational YouTube channels, writing blogs, or offering online tutoring. These initiatives not only generate income but also build confidence and leadership.

Barriers to Access

Despite its promise, online learning in Myanmar faces significant obstacles. Internet access remains unstable, especially in rural and some areas. Mobile data is expensive, and electricity outages are common. Many students lack devices like laptops or tablets, relying instead on shared smartphones. Language barriers also persist. While global platforms offer high-quality content, much of it is in English, limiting accessibility for non-English speakers. Efforts to localize content are growing, but

more investment is needed to ensure inclusivity. In addition, some challenges highlight the need for systemic support – affordable internet, device distribution, localized content, and digital safety training.

Stories of Resilience

Despite the hurdles, Myanmar’s youth continue to innovate and inspire. In some places, a group of certain graduates launched a community learning centre powered by solar panels and mobile hotspots. They offer free digital literacy classes and host online workshops on mental health and civic engagement.

In Yangon, a university dropout taught himself graphic design through YouTube and now runs a freelance business serving clients in Thailand and Singapore. He mentors other youth online, sharing tips and resources in Burmese.

Likewise, in many places in Myanmar, young men and women use online courses to improve their English and win a scholarship to study abroad. They now advocate for their education and digital access in their hometown. These stories reflect a broader trend: Myanmar’s youth are not waiting for change; they are creating it.

Towards a Digital Future

To harness the full potential of online learning, coordinated

efforts are needed across sectors:

Government and Telecoms:

Expand affordable internet access and invest in digital infrastructure, especially in underserved areas.

Educators and NGOs: Develop localized, culturally relevant content and train teachers in digital pedagogy.

Tech Companies and Donors: Provide devices, software, and funding for community learning hubs.

Youth Networks: Promote peer-to-peer learning, mentorship, and content creation.

Online learning is not a substitute for formal education; it is a complement, a bridge, and a catalyst. When combined with community support and inclusive policies, it can transform Myanmar’s education landscape.

Dreams in the Digital Age

In the face of adversity, Myanmar’s youth are proving that learning knows no boundaries. With curiosity as their compass and technology as their tool, they are building futures that are informed, connected, and hopeful.

Digital dreams are not just about screens and software – they are about agency, opportunity, and the belief that knowledge can change lives. For Myanmar’s young generation, the future is not something to wait for – it is something to learn into.

THROUGHOUT human development history, there have been arising lots of diverse criticisms for different ages. Criticism is still appearing in so many fields of study, such as history, religion, literature, technology, and politics. In fact, only because there is widespread criticism in those fields are human races developing and improving from one generation to the next. Simply and clearly, criticism has been done since human beings began to exist in the world. Due to the cycle of the seasons, ancient people led an itinerant life, particularly for shelter. During that time, they would criticize their life for a meagre living. After that, they made use of fire so that they could respond to the dramatic effects of the seasons very well. This is just a result of criticizing the lifestyle of human beings, of course. Thus, it can be said that humans and criti-

Personality Traits of the Critic

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo’s Song)

cism often go hand in hand.

A critic is a human only, but he is not a regular person; he is a person in a million, especially a critic to the core. According to Oxford, a critic is termed a person who expresses opinions, including disapproval of somebody or something about their qualities, whether good or bad, publicly in particular. Really, a well-known critic almost always dedicates himself to his work of criticism. Here, I do not want to mean that a critic does nothing but his criticism. He usually spends a most of his time and effort taking criticism in the field where he has been. And criticism is no easy task, which cannot be easily conducted by a normal person. Hence, rarely is a critic seen in the world of

studies.

It is truly difficult for an average person to become a critic in any way. First of all, every dyed-in-the-wool critic has mastery of the subject related to their respective field, especially one that is worth criticizing. Any real critic never gets involved in the field where he is inexperienced or does nothing with him at all. Actually, a critic is an authority on his bent for study. Based on his subject mastery, the critic can do several functions as a professor, a motivator, a mentor, a social influencer, and a celebrity, on the positive or even negative side, just a few to mention. A critic with or without any subject mastery will be decided by their audience readers. If so, it does not mean that all

critics are always right. They like to do wrong or make mistakes in their act of criticism sometimes. More importantly, a critic must not have a finger in every pie, especially in the study field in which they cannot do well.

Secondly, a critic will be able to see a statement from all different points of view, that is to say, these points of view may be objective, subjective or the third person’s outlook. No matter what types of viewpoints they are, a critic must surely be able to take criticism from a different or wider perspective, which most people cannot provide with their eyes shut. In truth, critical readers

would like to know the unexceptional theme of a critic, which apparently differs from that of the common people, but this theme has to rely upon the benefits of the masses or stand for their hearty voice. On the other hand, literary criticism involves three main parts: history, language, and culture. It is well known that literature is expressed in language, as well as being born of history and culture. Consequently, when any works of literature are criticized, a literary critic has to be able to perceive it from all points of view of linguistic forms, human history and language culture.

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New ideas and writing styles are emerging in literature because of the critical process.

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2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

Zomi National Party talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

Daw Kai En Ciin, member of the Central Executive Committee of the Zomi National Party, presented the policy, stance and work procedures of her party through radio and television on the evening of 23 November. The full text of the presentation is as follows: -



Everybody, Mingalaba!

I am Daw Kai En Ciin. I am currently a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Zomi National Party. At present, I would like to present the policies, stances, and work procedures of the Zomi National Party. Esteemed Zomi people, in the upcoming general election, our Zomi National Party will also be competing for seats in the respective Hluttaws. Therefore, we first wish to request your collective support and encouragement to the extent possible. We also want to inform and remind the people to prepare promptly so that their decisions in the upcoming general election are well-considered and so that the Zomi ethnic group is not left behind or disadvantaged. The Zomi National Party firmly believes that political issues can only be resolved through political means and within the framework of existing laws.

Furthermore, the political stance of the Zomi National Party are aimed at ensuring that all ethnic groups living in Myanmar, including the Zomi people, enjoy political equality. The party is committed to working with relevant groups to establish a Union based on a fully meaningful democracy and a federal system. Therefore, we will present the policies, stance, and work procedures of the Zomi National Party as follows: -

- Fundamental principles**
- (1) to protect and uplift the national interests of the Zomi ethnic people
 - (2) to join hands with other national brethren to comprehensively flourish democracy and federalism
 - (3) to preserve and enhance the financial property, religion, language, literature, culture and customs of the Zomi ethnic people
 - (4) to ensure perpetuity of sovereignty of the State, build a peaceful and prosperous society and endure independence
 - (5) to help the Zomi ethnic people present their aspirations in the political changes of Myanmar and the reconstruction of the country
- I would like to continue the presentation on the primary vision of the Zomi National Party.

- Vision**
- (1) We will strive to ensure solidarity among all Zomi ethnic people.
 - (2) We will work to ensure that fundamental human rights and democratic freedoms are fully realized, so that the rights of minorities and the rights of citizens are protected without being violated or lost in any way.
 - (3) We will make an effort to promote improvement of the economic, social, education and health sectors of the land of Myanmar.
 - (4) We will strive to ensure equitable development of all regions where Zomi ethnic people have been residing since the time of their forefathers and other related areas.
 - (5) We will implement the independent market economic system thoroughly.
 - (6) We will work to enable the Zomi ethnic people to enjoy deserved benefits from natural resources which can be extracted in the Zomi area.
 - (7) We will expand more border trade routes in the

Zomi area and ensure equal sharing of revenue or tax collected from these routes with people from the Union, state and local areas.

Moreover, I would like to inform the people about the future programmes of our Zomi National Party.

- Future programmes**
- (1) to support and protect the democratic rights of the entire people residing in the Union
 - (2) to safeguard the sovereignty of the Union while firmly building the unity, harmony, and equal rights of all ethnic groups
 - (3) to contribute to international peace through internal peace while exercising independent and transparent political policy.
 - (4) to create the learning opportunities for all citizens and minorities and provide them to freely pursue different technologies and professions for the livelihoods they wish.
- In conclusion, I would like to discuss one more factor. All Zomi people certainly have to know that other relevant ethnic groups will support and elect the parties representing their ethnic groups. So, I would like to deeply urge that Zomi people need to support and cast votes for the Zomi National Party, which will represent Zomi ethnic people and protect the interests of its ethnic group.
- May all people and citizens of Myanmar enjoy peace of mind, good health, and well-being. Thank you all.



Rural development activities gain momentum in Bago Township

BAGO Region Chief Minister U Myo Swe Win visited a demonstration of voting using MEVM machines in Bago Township yesterday morning.

The Chief Minister first observed the second announcement of the voter list at the Myothit Ward Administrative Office in Bago and attended a demonstration of voting using the MEVM machine, before participating in a coordination meeting at the Regional Government Office to ensure the successful holding of the 2025 multiparty democratic general election, instructing officials to include all eligible voters on the list in each township or locality and to conduct field inspections at every polling station.

He then inspected the construction site of a 500-foot production road and water pipeline in Kamanat Village, Bago Township, and instructed those responsible to take action as soon as possible before the planting season, noting that production roads are essential for quickly and easily transporting crops to



Bago Region Chief Minister U Myo Swe Win inspects development activities in Bago Township yesterday.

the market.

Afterwards, a field inspection was conducted for the construction of a 2,200-foot-long concrete road in Kamanat Village.

The Chief Minister inspected the upgrading of a five-fur-long-long village road to concrete in Shwetan Village, Bago Township, urged villagers to maintain the roads and plant shade trees at the entrances, and met with local farmers and officials to coordinate the expansion of Pawsan rice cultivation for foreign markets. — MNA/TH

Myanmar welcomes over 800,000 foreign visitors in 10 months

ACCORDING to data from the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Myanmar received a total of 809,000 foreign visitors from January to October 2025, with Chinese, Thai, and Korean nationals forming the largest groups.

“The number of overseas visitors has declined slightly compared to last year’s figure. Most foreigners go to Yangon, Bago, Bagan, and Taunggyi, and some often visit the beaches in

the Ayeyawady Region,” said a ministry official.

To facilitate international tourists visiting Myanmar, visa-related requirements are being relaxed. In addition, Myanmar is participating in international tourism exhibitions, organizing familiarization tours, and continuously carrying out digital tourism promotion activities.

As an ASEAN member country, Myanmar is promoting



File photo shows tourists are seen at a souvenir shop.

sustainable tourism through regional cooperation, adhering to ASEAN tourism standards, and

encouraging the use of green energy in the tourism sector. According to the Ministry of

Hotels and Tourism, 1.06 million foreigners visited Myanmar in 2024. — ASH/MKKS

‘Safe Food From Safe Farm Market’ opens every weekend at Myaypadethakyun

ACCORDING to the Myanmar Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producer and Exporter Association (MFVP), vegetables, fruits, and other produce grown using natural organic methods, good agricultural practices (GAP), and natural techniques are being sold every Saturday and Sunday at the ‘Safe Food From Safe Farm Market’.

The market is held every weekend at Myaypadethakyun in Bahan Township, Yangon

Region.

“The ‘Safe Food From Safe Farm Market’, selling vegetables, fruits, and products grown via natural organic, GAP, and natural methods, has been operating at Myaypadethakyun in Yangon since September. It is open every Saturday and Sunday from 6:30 am to 2:00 pm. The market is organized by the association. We are conducting these sales to establish a marketplace for organic farmers,”

said U Tin Aung, Secretary of the association.

In addition to fresh produce, MSME products processed from these crops are also available at the market to generate market opportunities for value-added goods.

The ‘Safe Food From Safe Farm Market’ was originally launched in 2013. It was suspended during the post-COVID-19 period and has been reopened this year. — ASH/KZL



Sales of vegetables and fruits underway at the ‘Safe Food From Safe Farm Market’.

7th Myanmar Retail Sourcing Expo, Myanmar FoodBev 2025 held



The seventh Myanmar Retail Sourcing Expo and Myanmar FoodBev 2025 was held at Myanmar Plaza in Yangon.

CO-LOCATED events, Myanmar Retail Sourcing Expo and Myanmar FoodBev 2025, took place from 9 am to 7 pm on 21-23 November at Myanmar Plaza, jointly held by Thailand’s Index Creative Village Company and NMT Company from Myanmar.

The expos created good opportunities for those who want to collaborate with distributors and build partnerships with Thai companies. The visitors bought high-quality Thai prod-

ucts at special prices.

Thailand’s beverages, cosmetics, supplements and products of famous brands were showcased at the expos. Over 90 per cent of exhibitors were Thai companies.

The Pop Star Challenge Myanmar Season 2, live music shows, business talk shows, performances of famous singers and other fun events were also included in the expos. — ASH/KK

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India, Israel may seal first phase of Free Trade Agreement: Piyush Goyal

India could finalize the first phase of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) initially, followed by the complete agreement in two phases.



Israel's expertise in drip irrigation and its progress in agriculture, even with "limited land, limited funds, and limited water," offered lessons India could learn from. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ LINKEDIN

UNION Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal has said that there is a clear indication that India and Israel might finish the first phase of their proposed free trade agreement (FTA) before moving to the whole deal in a second phase.

Goyal, while speaking to ANI, said, "There is a possibility that we may finalize the

first phase of the FTA first and finalize the entire FTA in two phases," adding that the details would emerge as discussions continued.

He said there was "a lot of enthusiasm" during his talks with Israeli ministers. According to him, Israel's agriculture minister showed interest in joining hands with India on

technology in farming.

Goyal said Israel's expertise in drip irrigation and its progress in agriculture, even with "limited land, limited funds, and limited water," offered lessons India could learn from. He explained that this experience could help both countries grow together. — ANI

Japanese sushi chain sets Guinness record for largest tuna filleting show

JAPANESE sushi restaurant chain Choushimaru Co recently won a Guinness World Records title for the largest simultaneous tuna filleting performance, conducted at 71 locations in and near Tokyo.

Having sourced bluefin tuna weighing about 40 kilogrammes from Nagasaki Prefecture for the event, chefs at each restaurant began cutting into giant fish from around 11:30 am on 1 November which is promoted as "sushi day" in Japan.

All venues, which involved outlets in Tokyo, Saitama, Chiba and Kanagawa prefectures, were connected via video conference

and followed the same show format.

Choushimaru, which operates its sushi restaurant chain mainly in the broader Tokyo area, prides itself of having skilled sushi chefs across all outlets. It has revived its tuna cutting show, which was paused in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

As the efforts were recognized by the Guinness World Records, Ken Ishii, who heads the company, was overcome with joy, calling the achievement the result of "various departments working together on procurement and hygiene management." — Kyodo



Japanese sushi restaurant chain Choushimaru Co holds tuna filleting performance at its outlet in Tokyo on 1 November 2025, in the bid to win the Guinness World Records title for the largest simultaneous tuna filleting show. PHOTO: KYODO

New Zealand International Health Industry Investment Summit 2025 held in Auckland

THE "High 5" New Zealand International Health Industry Investment Summit 2025 was held in Auckland on Friday.

During the summit, NEXT Park and the NZ China Commerce & Inno Hubs were offi-

cially launched.

These initiatives will focus on health foods, biomedicine, agricultural technology, digital technology, and green energy. Stefan Bohlander, a professor at the University of Auckland,

noted that breakthroughs in cancer research, especially leukemia, demonstrate that scientific innovation depends on interdisciplinary collaboration and international cooperation, adding that China-New Zea-

land scientific cooperation has a solid foundation, with strong complementarities in medical research, clinical resources, and innovation ecosystems, and should be further strengthened.

The summit also featured

six thematic roundtable discussions covering technology investment, health foods, traditional medicine, solar energy, aged care and wellness, and industrial chain cooperation. — Xinhua

Personality Traits of the Critic

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Nevertheless, critics show exhibitionism in one way or another, which means that they tend to make others know they are better people to a greater or lesser degree, honest to say. As a result, they sometimes intentionally commit mocking, satirizing, mounting a personal attack, including personal cas-

es, breaking professional ethics and even saying harsh words. After all, a critic might mock or satire those whom they want to either on purpose or to no purpose. But then again, he had better not make a personal attack, denounce personal cases or utter bad language. Most importantly, any critic should follow a strongly defined work

ethic of criticism. In the main, `cetana`, maybe called willing support, and empathy must be considered in any form of criticism. Unless a person can criticize others tactfully, they will get most hated or could even end up in bars.

Obviously, many people are given to staying away from criticism as a sin. At the very

least, they should say a few words in relation to criticism. And even most amateur writers abstain from a sort of criticism which their audience readers want none of. Really and truly, critics and criticism is needed for the continuous improvement of human development. Thanks to criticism, medical personnel have been still dis-

covering new drugs and cures that do not cost a lot in the field of medicine till nowadays. Similarly, writers' new ideas and style of writing are patently appearing in today's world of literature owing to criticism. Above all, the quality of criticism is only founded on the personality traits of a critic, I strongly believe.

Pakistan’s top anti-graft body vows to provide conducive environment to attract foreign investments

Since 2023, NAB has redefined its mandate, improved its credibility, and ensured efficient oversight of corruption cases to boost investor confidence and protect legitimate business activities.

PAKISTAN’S National Accountability Bureau (NAB), the country’s top anti-corruption institution, said on Saturday it is committed to helping the government to foster a transparent and conducive environment to attract foreign investments.

An NAB spokesperson said in a statement that NAB has been accelerating reforms, improving oversight, and strengthening internal accountability as part of the gov-

ernment’s wider efforts to attract foreign investments, especially under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

“NAB has undergone far-reaching reforms since 2023 to redefine its mandate and improve its credibility,” said the statement, adding that the NAB has been ensuring efficient oversight of major corruption cases while reducing bureaucratic paralysis, improving investor confidence, and safeguarding

legitimate business activities. NAB had strengthened the legal framework and improved administrative mechanisms to promote rule of law and create a predictable environment necessary for foreign investment, it added.

NAB has also established Accountability Facilitation Centres to support investors and business persons seeking clarity on procedural matters, according to the statement.

— Xinhua



A drone photo taken on 23 June 2024 shows a view of Rashakai Special Economic Zone under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor in Nowshera, Pakistan’s northwest Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province. **PHOTO: AHMAD KAMAL/XINHUA/FILE**

Second human bird flu death recorded in US

A resident of Washington state died on Friday after contracting a rare strain of bird flu previously only reported in animals, the second human fatality linked to the virus in the United States this year.

The patient was only identified as “an older adult with underlying health conditions” and had been hospitalised since early this month, the Washington state department of health said on Friday.

Tests conducted by the University of Washington confirmed the patient was suffering from H5N5 avian influenza,



H5N1 continues to circulate widely in commercial and backyard poultry flocks, with the last confirmed detection in a domestic flock reported in November 2025. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

the department said in a statement, calling it “the first recorded infection with this variant in a person globally”. The result was confirmed by the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. — AFP

Osaka Metro bids farewell to expo-themed trains, gives bonuses to staff

SPECIAL trains commemorating the World Exposition in the western Japanese prefecture of Osaka completed their final runs on Friday, after around two years aiding the local push to make the event a success.

A ceremony was held to mark the last day for the subway trains decorated in red and blue, the symbolic colours of the expo’s official mascot Myaku-Myaku. Operator Osaka Metro Co also rewarded its roughly 5,000 employees with one-off bonuses made possible by the exhibition.

Full-time employees directly engaged in train and bus operations received 200,000 yen (\$1,280) per person while others were given 100,000 yen each. The operator reported a 41.3 per cent year-on-year jump in net profit to 22.9 billion yen for the fiscal first half through September. At Nakamozu Station in the city of Sakai, stationmaster Katsunori Kojima sent a departure signal to the decorated trains with passengers on board.

“I feel relieved and proud that we were able to transport passengers safely until today,” Kojima said. — Kyodo

Air India, Air Canada reinstate codeshare agreement to boost air connectivity

AIR India on Saturday announced the reinstatement of its codeshare agreement with fellow Star Alliance carrier, Air Canada, to offer more flight options for travellers and boost connectivity between India and

Canada.

By definition, a codeshare flight is an agreement between airlines to sell seats on each other’s flights, helping airlines to fly a wide range of destinations.

Effective 02 Decem-

ber 2025, the codeshare agreement will enable Air India to offer its customers convenient access to six points across Canada beyond its gateways at Vancouver and London (Heathrow), Air India said in a statement. — ANI

At least 7 killed after tourist bus overturns in western Mexico

AT least seven people were killed and many others injured Saturday after a tourist bus overturned in the western Mexican state of Michoacan, local authorities said.

The Michoacan At-

torney General’s Office said on social media that the bus had departed from Uruapan and was heading to Talpujahua municipality. Investigators and forensic teams have been dispatched to the crash site.

Local media reported that at least 20 passengers were injured. Authorities have not yet determined the cause of the accident and investigation is underway, according to reports. — Xinhua

ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

PM Modi shares G20 Johannesburg highlights, terms summit engagements “fruitful” and meetings “productive”

In a post on X, the Prime Minister described the G20 Summit proceedings in Johannesburg as fruitful, noting his participation in two sessions where he shared views on key issues and his productive meetings with several world leaders.

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday stated that the previous day’s engagements at the G20 Summit in Johannesburg were “fruitful,” highlighting that he participated in two sessions and shared his views on key global issues.

In a post on X, the Prime Minister stated, “Yesterday’s proceedings at the G20 Summit in Johannesburg were fruitful. I took part in two sessions and shared my views on key issues. Also had productive meetings with many world leaders. Watch the highlights...”

PM Modi also highlighted a series of interactions with global leaders on the sidelines of the summit, calling the discussions “productive” as he underscored



India’s continued engagement on matters of international importance.

These interactions set the stage for India’s broader contributions to the summit’s agenda.

Building on these engagements, PM Modi outlined six major global proposals at the G20 Leaders Summit in Johannesburg, where India’s imprint was reflected in the outcome document released by member nations, building on the momentum from his earlier engagements. — ANI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi during address at G20 Summit.
PHOTO: @MEAINDIA/X/ANI

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ukraine, US to hold consultations on peace plan in Switzerland

DELEGATIONS from Ukraine and the United States will hold consultations in Switzerland in the coming days on the possible parameters of a future peace agreement with Russia, Rustem Umerov, secretary of Ukraine’s National Security and Defence Council, said Saturday.

“This is another stage of the dialogue that has been ongoing in recent days and is primarily aimed at aligning our vision for the next steps,” Umerov wrote on Facebook.

He stressed that Ukraine is approaching the peace process “with a clear understanding of its interests.” — Xinhua

Trump meets with NYC mayor-elect

U.S. President Donald Trump met on Friday with New York City Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani at the White House, downplaying recent tensions.

Speaking to reporters after their meeting, both sides said they had a productive discussion centred around improving the nation’s biggest city.

“The better he does, the happier I am,” Trump said Friday after the meeting. — Xinhua

Flooding displaces over 5,000 people in northern Malaysia

FLOODING displaced over 5,000 people in Malaysia, with the hardest-hit area being the northern state of Kelantan, according to authorities on Sunday.

Kelantan, which has seen continuous heavy rains over several days, recorded 5,142 flood evacuees, who were being housed in 26 flood relief centres. — Xinhua

Vietnam flooding kills at least 90



People wade through floodwaters near inundated vehicles in Nha Trang, Vietnam’s coastal Province of Khanh Hoa, on 20 November 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

TORRENTIAL rains and landslides have pushed Vietnam’s flood death toll to 90, with thousands still stranded and widespread devastation reported across multiple provinces.

Heavy rain, severe flooding and landslides in Vietnam have killed at least 90 people in the last week, authorities said Sunday, leaving others strand-

ed on rooftops and mountain roadways blocked.

Relentless rain has lashed south-central Vietnam since late October and popular holiday destinations have been hit by several rounds of flooding, with economic losses estimated in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Whole sections of coastal

Nha Trang city were inundated last week, while deadly landslides struck highland passes around the Da Lat tourist hub.

In the hard-hit mountainous province of Dak Lak, 61-year-old farmer Mach Van Si said the floodwaters left him and his wife stranded on their sheet-metal rooftop for two nights. — AFP

SPORTS



Daung Maik Thway (Top-1) and Lel Tamalar (Ray) compete at the New Generation Lethwei event in Yangon yesterday.

THE ‘Myanmar Fight New Generation’ traditional Lethwei tournament was held yesterday at the Theinbyu Gymnasium in

Yangon. The event was jointly organized by the Department of Sports and Physical Education, the Myanmar Traditional Leth-

‘Myanmar Fight New Generation’ Lethwei Tournament held at Theinbyu Gymnasium

wei Federation, and the Myanmar Martial Art Group (MMAG), with major sponsorship from Myanmar Economic Holding Public Company Limited.

The tournament featured a total of nine bouts, resulting in three wins and six draws. In the decisive matches, Myat Min Thant (YMA) defeated Nine Nine (Opar) in the third round after Nine Nine suffered two knock-downs from heavy punches. Similarly, Soe El Hel Soe (Worriers) secured a victory over Naing Phyo Aung (Ray) in the second round with a combination of

punches and kicks. In another intense bout, Daung Maik Thway (Top-1) defeated Lel Tamalar (Ray); the fighters exchanged heavy blows until the third round when Lel Tamalar sustained an injury and, following the doctor’s assessment, conceded the match.

The remaining matches ended in draws, despite fierce exchanges of blows. These included bouts between Yaza Htun (Ray) and Star (HOC), Moe Kyo (Bago Club) and Naing Zin Oo (Kyar Bayin), Htet Htet (Shwepaukkan) and Soe Gyi (Opar),

Salai Kharatt (YMA) and Nga Yae (SMART-FIGHT), Ayars Khan (Zar Htet Meiktila) and Ngwe San Min (Top-1), as well as Wai Yan Min Thu (Bago Club) versus Ye Maik Tee (MK-1).

The tournament highlighted the emergence of a new generation of Lethwei fighters, with many rising stars excelling in traditional striking techniques. The Myanmar Traditional Lethwei Federation organized this event to provide a platform to promote and elevate these young talents in the sport. — Bala/KZL

Dutch skaters bag two more golds at speed skating World Cup

DUTCH skaters continued their dominance at the ISU Speed Skating World Cup in Calgary by taking two golds out of four on offer on Saturday. Femke Kok clocked 36.65 seconds to take her fifth consecutive World Cup gold over 500 metres across this and last season.

Kok's opener was 10.36 seconds, compared with 10.19 last week in Salt Lake City, but she was quick enough in the rest of the race to beat Chen Ying-Chu of Chinese Taipei into second place by 0.49 seconds. The bronze medal went to American Erin Jackson, who finished in 37.15s.

"My opener was not so good. I was not very sharp today, and then the way I entered the last corner was wretched, but my speed is all right so I'm happy to be able to post a time like this after those mistakes, and to still win by such a big margin," said Kok. — Xinhua

Barca thrash Athletic to inaugurate rebuilt Camp Nou in style

BARCELONA made a triumphant return to their rebuilt Camp Nou stadium on Saturday following two and a half years in exile with a 4-0 win over Athletic Bilbao to go joint top of La Liga. The Spanish champions had planned to reopen their stadium a year ago but construction delays and other setbacks meant they were forced to wait for their homecoming. Ferran Torres netted a brace after Robert Lewandowski opened the scoring. Fermin Lopez also struck in a comfortable win against Athletic, who had Oihan Sancet sent off in the second half. Hansi Flick's side pulled level with Real Madrid at the



Robert Lewandowski celebrates scoring the opening goal in the win over Athletic Bilbao in the first game back at Camp Nou. PHOTO: AFP

top of the table. Los Blancos visit Elche on Sunday. "For everyone, the players, the staff, the coaches, it was a special game, and also for the fans to be back here in

this stadium is unbelievable," Flick told reporters. "I'm happy with the clean sheet, the four goals and the three points — the perfect day for us". — AFP



Spain's Pedro Martinez (R) celebrates with captain David Ferrer (L) after reaching the Davis Cup final. PHOTO: AFP

Spain to face holders Italy in Davis Cup final

MARCEL Granollers and Pedro Martinez helped Spain set up a Davis Cup final with two-time defending champions Italy after eliminating Alexander Zverev's Germany 2-1 on Saturday. As in the quarter-final victory against the Czech Republic, qualification came down to the decisive doubles match, in which Granollers and Martinez defeated German pair Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. "I'm really proud of my players, they had to fight to get this

far," said Spain captain David Ferrer. It is a first final for six-time champions Spain since 2019 and they are playing without injured world number one Carlos Alcaraz. Italy are also playing without world number two Jannik Sinner and eighth-ranked Lorenzo Musetti. "The most important is that we're in the Final. Of course, we're playing in Bologna. It's Italy's home," said Ferrer. — AFP

PM Modi shares G20 Johannesburg highlights, terms summit engagements “fruitful” and meetings “productive”

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Chinese premier urges G20 to uphold free trade, build open world economy

G20 members, despite their diverse regions, systems, and cultures, have successfully overcome various challenges and advanced global progress and development through a spirit of solidarity.

CHINESE Premier Li Qiang on Saturday urged the Group of 20 (G20) economies to stay committed to solidarity, firmly uphold free trade and build an open world economy in the face of a sluggish global economic recovery.

Li made the remarks while addressing the first session of the 20th G20 Summit in Johannesburg, which focused on inclusive and sustainable economic growth and was chaired by South African President Cyril Ramaphosa.

Chinese President Xi Jinping pointed out at the 17th G20 Summit that solidarity is strength, but division leads nowhere, Li said.

Over the years, G20 members from different regions and with different systems and cultures have managed to overcome one challenge after another and promote global progress and development, thanks to the spirit of solidarity, he added.

Today, the world economy is once again confronted with major challenges, marked by a rise in unilateralism and protectionism, as well as escalating trade restrictions and confrontations, Li said.

Meanwhile, World leaders at the 20th



The Group of 20 summit held in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 22 November 2025. PHOTO: POOL PHOTO / KYODO

Group of 20 (G20) Summit reached broad consensus on disaster resilience, debt sustainability, just energy transitions and critical minerals as they adopted the G20

South Africa Summit’s Leaders’ Declaration on Saturday.

The announcement of the declaration’s adoption was made at the opening

of the summit, the first ever held in Africa. The two-day gathering is being held in Johannesburg under the theme “Solidarity, Equality and Sustainability”. — Xinhua

COP30 ends with finance boost but no fossil fuel roadmap

THE COP30 climate summit in Belem closed with a compromise agreement that expands financial support for developing nations but avoids any reference to phasing out fossil fuels, CNN reported.

Brazil, which held the presidency of COP30, pushed the deal through after two weeks of tense and extended negotiations between representatives of more than 190 countries. The United States did not send an official delegation to the summit that ended on Saturday.

India extended strong support to Brazil, praising the COP30 presidency for its inclusive approach and for steering a difficult negotiation process with fairness.

India welcomed several significant decisions adopted at the conference, in the “High-level Statement” at the Closing Plenary of the UNFCCC CoP30 in the port city of Belem, known as the gateway to the Amazon.



COP30 President Andre Correa do Lago speaks during a plenary session of the COP30 UN Climate Change Conference in Belem, Para state, Brazil, 21 November 2025.

PHOTO: PABLO PORCIUNCULA / AFP

The statement conveyed India’s gratitude to the CoP President for his leadership, which it said was rooted in

inclusion, balance, and the “Brazilian spirit of Mutirão”, and guided CoP30 with integrity. — ANI

Unstructured clinical data opens fresh market for AI firms

THE healthcare industry’s vast pool of unstructured clinical data is fast emerging as a major market opportunity for companies building Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven solutions, say experts and market watchers.

With most patient information still locked in free-text notes, reports, and PDFs, AI firms in the healthcare sector are increasingly positioning themselves to unlock and monetize this untapped data.

Unstructured clinical data is healthcare information that lacks a predefined format and includes clinical notes, medical images, lab reports, and patient correspondence. Because it is not organized in traditional databases, it requires advanced tools like natural language processing (NLP) and image recognition to extract valuable insights, which can lead to imp. — ANI