

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.

Matho golden lotus robes woven in dedication to Lord Buddha

Fifteen loom crews weaving Matho robes from lotus yarns drew large crowds of monks, pilgrims, and visitors to the fountain square of the Maravijaya Buddha Park in Nay Pyi Taw.

A ceremony to commence the weaving of Matho golden lotus robes for the Tazaungdine festival 2025 at the Maravijaya Buddha Image took place at the fountain square of the Maravijaya Buddha Park yesterday evening, graced by the presence of Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla.

On arrival at the venue of the ceremony, the Senior General and his wife were warmly welcomed by officials, ethnic groups from the Myanma Radio and Television, and cultural troupes from the Department of Fine Arts under the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture.

Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Tin Oo Lwin read the message of “Jaya Mangala”.

The Senior General and his wife cut



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects 15 looms weaving Matho golden lotus robes at yesterday’s event in Nay Pyi Taw.

the ribbon to commence the weaving of Matho golden lotus robes for the Tazaungdine festival 2025 at the Maravijaya Buddha Image.

As a member of the Maravijaya Buddha Image Board of Trustees, U Thant Swe launched the activities by beating the

Mingala golden gong, and weaving teams started their weaving efforts. Meanwhile, artistes from the MRTV, cultural troupes from the Department of Fine Arts under the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture and artistes from the Myawady Entertainment Troupe under the Directo-

rate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare performed the song “Myaing-Myaing-Hsaing-Hsaing Latazaungdine” with dances. Attendees to the ceremony released small hot-air balloons and lanterns simultaneously.

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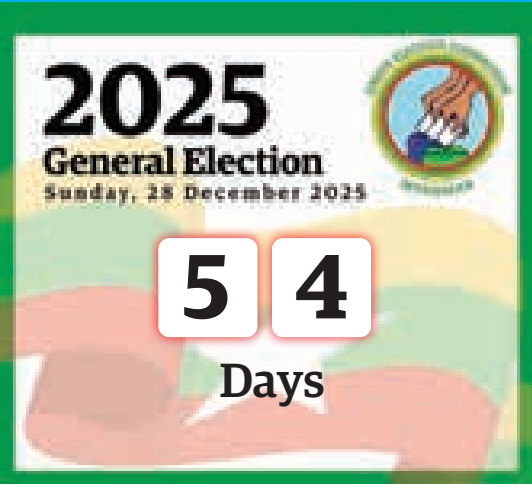
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2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

- 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.

Akha National Development Party and Inn National League Party (INLP) deliver campaign speeches

THE electoral speeches of the Akha National Development Party and Inn National League Party (INLP) are featured on page 10 and 11 of today's issue of The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper.



Myanmar reports no new COVID-19 cases

THE Ministry of Health tested 111 samples from 8 pm on 26 October 2025 to 8 pm on 2 November 2025, and no new cases were detected. Therefore, no new casualties were reported.

Currently, there is no need to worry about infection and deaths from COVID-19, but all need to follow personal hygiene methods, and the high-risk groups.

- Elderly people (aged 60 and above)
- People with diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases, and cancer
- Pregnant women (especially those beyond the third month of pregnancy) are prioritized to receive COVID-19 booster shots.

More detailed COVID-19 information can be found on the website of the Ministry of Health, moh.gov.mm.

Myanmar CDC
Public Health Department, Ministry of Health

Sample of Valid and Invalid Ballot Papers for Early Voters

FOR the multiparty democratic general elections to be held starting from 28 December 2025, eligible voters for advance votes who are outside the registered townships and early voters who can cast early votes at the respective wards and village-tract subcommissions under Sections 45 and 47 of respective Hluttaw Election Law, must mark their ballots by drawing a tick (✓) mark with a ballpoint pen inside the square box directly next to the name and symbol of the Hluttaw candidate of their choice. Therefore, the Union Election Commission has issued the sample formats of valid and invalid ballot papers for advance votes that are to be marked with a tick (✓) using a ballpoint pen.

Union Election Commission

Myanmar-Russia Cadet Shooting Competition held in Bahtoo



The opening of the Myanmar-Russia Cadet Shooting Contest in progress on 1-3 November 2025 in Bahtoo.

MYANMAR hosted the Myanmar-Russia Cadet Shooting Competition at the 600 metres ASEAN shooting range of Tatmadaw (Army) Officer Training School (Bahtoo) from 1 to 3 November. The event was attended by Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training of Commander-in-Chief (Army) Maj-Gen Aung Myo Thant, senior military officers, panel of judges, Russian delegation leader Lt-Col Andrey Semenenko, Deputy Military Attache Lt-Col Aleksei Oleinikov and cadets.

After the ceremonial procedures, the Myanmar and Russia cadets took positions in the range, the Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training made remarks, and a documentary photo was taken together.

The cadets participated in 300-metre rifle shooting and 25-metre pistol shooting competitions for three days.

The awarding ceremony was held, and the officials awarded the winners and concluded the event.

The Myanmar-Russia

Cadet Shooting Competition was held to strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries, enhance cooperation between the two armed forces, bolster the friendship between the cadets of the two countries, and exchange shooting techniques.

The Russian delegation also visited the Aungmyay Sakya Mingala Pagoda, Bahtoo spring, Yaksawk Myoma market, and observed the Kathina ceremony of locals. — MNA/KTZH

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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

Matho golden lotus robes woven ...

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Moreover, those artistes entertained audiences with traditional choral dances, Ozi and Dobat music and songs.

The Senior General and his wife, together with the audience, interestingly observed the weaving process of Matho golden lotus robes at 15 looms.

The Senior General, his wife and attendees watched the release of night hot-air balloons and Seinnapan hot-air balloons together with pilgrims and people who visited the Tazaungdine lighting festival at the Maravijaya Buddha Image.

Also, present at the ceremony together with the Senior General and his wife were Commission Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Soe Win and his wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Commission member and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw and his wife, Commission member and Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe and his wife, Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo and his wife, commission members and their wives, Union-level dignitaries, Union ministers and their wives, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Com-

mander-in-Chief and their wives, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and officials, and weaving teams which will participate in the weaving of Mathoe golden lotus robes. These activities were crowded by pilgrims, monks and people.

The Tazaungdine lighting festival will be held on a grand scale at the Maravijaya Buddha Image Park in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory from 2 to 4 November. During the festival, associations will recite religious verses and offer 9,000 oil lights on the platform of the Image, while fireworks will be launched and night hot-air

balloons and Seinnapan hot-air balloons released, dedicated to Lord Buddha. Moreover, the weaving of Matho golden lotus robes is carried out to offer them to the Buddha Image.

In the precinct of Buddha Park, all structures are illuminated with LED lights. Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) display and sell domestic products, foodstuffs, personal goods and Myanmar traditional snacks at relevant stalls. In addition, renowned artistes perform song entertainment, whereas theatrical troupes present theatrical performances. — MNA/TTA

MoNP holds Kathina robe donation ceremony

THE Kathina robe donation ceremony of the Ministry of National Planning was organized at Masoeyein Monastery in Pynmana township yesterday morning, and Prime Minister and Union Minister U Nyo Saw and his wife Daw San San Aye, the deputy minister, officials concerned, and families attended the ceremony.

The Prime Minister and party first received the Five Precepts from Masoeyein Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Revata and listened to the sermons delivered by Sayadaws and monks. Then the Prime Minister and his wife donated robes and offerings to Masoeyein Monastery Sayadaw and Aung Mingalar Monastery Sayadaw.

The attendees also donated robes and offerings to Sayadaws and monks.

The Prime Minister and party shared the merit gained and offered day meals to Sayadaws. — MNA/KTZH

The Kathina robe donation event of the Ministry of National Planning in progress yesterday, attended by Prime Minister U Nyo Saw.



Mandalay Mahamuni holds 36th Matho Robe Donation Ceremony



THE Mahamuni Buddha Image in Mandalay hosted the opening ceremony for the 36th annual Matho Thingan robe weaving event on the morning of 3 November.

The opening ceremony was attended by Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung, the commander of Central Command, the chief justice of the Mandalay Region High Court, regional ministers,

The Mandalay Region chief minister and officials look around looms where weaving Matho robes is in progress yesterday.

Chairman of the board of trustees of the Mahamuni Buddha Image U Mya Win, members, and invitees.

The chief minister, the commander and officials cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the ceremony.

Afterwards, the chief minister and officials watched the step-by-step weaving for the Mahamuni Buddha Image and warmly greeted the weavers, tailors, and volunteers. They also said that the robe would be woven overnight and offered to the Mahamuni Buddha Image on the morning of the full moon day of Tazaungmone (today). — MNA/MKKS

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Bullock cart finals, bovine beauty pageant mark 55th Tatkon Maha Kathina

THE final matches and award ceremony of the bullock cart competition and bovine beauty pageant marking the 55th Tatkon Maha Kathina ceremony took place at Tatkon Myoma stadium yesterday.

Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, who is also chairman of the Working Committee on Information and Development of a Resilient and Strong Social Community, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Than Tun Oo, council members, departmental officials, contestants and locals attended the event.

After the final matches, the Union minister and party gave the trophy, cash prizes and certificates of honour to the first, second, third and special prize-winning teams, respectively.

The competitions were held from 1 to 3 November with 28 carts. The first bullock cart competition was initiated during the 54th Tatkon Maha Kathina ceremony, and this year marks the second event. — MNA/KTZH



The final event of the bullock cart competition and bovine beauty pageant marking the 55th Tatkon Maha Kathina in progress yesterday.

Russian delegation visits Naypyitaw State Academy, meets MoE Union Minister

A Russian delegation led by the Russian Federation's Novosibirsk Governor, Mr Andrey Travnikov, visited Naypyitaw State Academy yesterday.

On arrival at the Naypyitaw State Academy, Rector Dr Nu Nu Lwin and officials welcomed them, and briefed the intentions of the establishment of the academy, high-quality learning systems aligned with international-standard curricula in respective fields to nurture educated youths needed for nation-building, using modern teaching aids, research laboratories, and practical training equipment by the teachers.

The Governor and the Education Minister of Novosibirsk then clarified that Novosibirsk is one of the largest science and education centres in Russia, with 50 universities that deliver science and applied sciences, useful subjects being taught at Novosibirsk State University,



Union Minister Dr Chaw Chaw Sein holds talks with the Russian delegation led by Novosibirsk Governor Mr Andrey Travnikov yesterday.

the largest institution, existence of the Novosibirsk Institute for Arts, and other matters.

They observed the library and laboratory of the Naypyitaw State Academy.

The Russian delegation met

Union Minister for Education Dr Chaw Chaw Sein at the meeting hall of the Naypyitaw State Academy.

They exchanged views on potential cooperation between Myanmar universities and those

in the Novosibirsk Region, including sending rectors and education officials from Novosibirsk universities to Myanmar for academic exchanges, collaboration on AI and MSME research projects, reciprocal

exchange programmes for Myanmar and Russian students, arranging study tours for the Private Schools Supervisory Board to Novosibirsk, and fostering cooperation with students from Yangon and Mandalay Universities of Foreign Languages, and enhancement of cooperation in education sector, and exchanged gifts.

Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Tin Oo Lwin hosted a dinner for the Russian delegation at Jasmine Naypyitaw Hotel.

Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Mya Tun Oo, deputy ministers, relevant officials and invitees attended the event.

During the dinner, the artistes of the Department of Fine Arts performed, and the Union minister and the Novosibirsk governor presented flower bouquets to the performers. — MNA/KTZH

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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)



Myanmar and Russia hold talks to strengthen tourism and cultural ties

A meeting between Union ministers of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and a delegation led by Mr Andrey Travnikov, Governor of Novosibirsk Oblast, Russian Federation, was held yesterday at the Jasmine Naypyitaw Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they cordially and openly exchanged views on matters concerning the expansion of bilateral air travel routes to develop tourism between Myanmar and Russia,

cooperation between airlines, facilitating tourist visits between the two countries; continuous participation in annual tourism forums and exhibitions held in Russia, implementing the points of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on bilateral tourism cooperation, bilateral cooperation in the food and culinary sector, signing an agreement on the establishment and implementation of a Myanmar-Russia Culture and Information Centre, signing



Union Ministers U Mya Tun Oo and U Tin Oo Lwin, and deputy ministers hold the meeting with the Russian delegation yesterday.

a cooperation agreement between the two national libraries, and implementing the MoU on cooperation in the bilateral culture and arts sector.

Following the discussions, the Union Minister for Religious

Affairs and Culture presented a commemorative gift, which was received by the Governor of Novosibirsk Oblast.

The meeting was attended by Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Mya

Tun Oo, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Tin Oo Lwin, Deputy Ministers U Ko Ko Kyaw, Daw Nu Mra Zan and U Phyo Zaw Soe, as well as other officials from relevant ministries. — MNA/MKKS

Myanmar delegation attends 2025 ASEAN Partners Media Cooperation Week in China

DEPUTY Minister for Information U Ye Tint and MRTV Director-General U Ye Naing attended the opening ceremony of the 2025 ASEAN Partners Media Cooperation Week, co-hosted by China Media Group (CMG) and the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, in Nanning, China, yesterday.

In his opening speech, Deputy Minister U Ye Tint said that the theme of this week’s media gathering, “Openness, Culture, Shared Home”, carries deep meaning. He continued that ASEAN member countries and partner nations need to promote mutual understanding and friendship through transparency, cultural exchanges, and media



Deputy Minister U Ye Tint participates in the opening of the 2025 ASEAN Media Partners Cooperation Week in Nanning, China, yesterday.

cooperation. The unity and collaboration among ASEAN countries and regional partners, including China, will strengthen the region’s power. Only by living together in harmony like members of one

family under a shared home can the region achieve lasting peace, stability, and development.

He then urged the participating countries to work hand in hand to help build a united community that transcends borders through friendship, mutual understanding, and constructive communication.

The deputy minister and information leaders from ASEAN countries met with officials of CMG separately and discussed the enhancement of media cooperation between China and ASEAN members.

The deputy minister and ASEAN officials visited the Guangxi Anthropology Museum in Nanning. — MNA/KTZH

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Matho robe weaving competition opens at Shwedagon, Botahtaung, and Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Pagodas

TO preserve Myanmar’s cultural heritage, Matho Thingan weaving competitions were held yesterday evening, on the eve of the Tazaungmone full moon day, at Shwedagon, Botahtaung, and Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Pagodas in Yangon.

The opening ceremony of the 37th Matho Robe Weaving Competition of the Shwedagon Pagoda was held at 5 pm yesterday at the Southwest Corner of the Shwedagon Pagoda.

The 37th Matho Robe Weaving Competition of the Shwedagon Pagoda was held by nine looms. The first prize will be K4 million, the second prize will be K3.5 million, the third prize will be K3 million, the fourth prize will be K2.5 million, while the consolation prize will be K1.5



The Matho robe weaving competition in action yesterday.

million, along with a trophy.

Similarly, the 41st Matho Robe Weaving Competition of

the Botahtaung Pagoda was held at 5 pm yesterday. A total of 24 looms participated in the

competition at the Botahtaung Pagoda, and the first prize will be K1.5 million, the second prize

will be K1 million, the third prize will be K800,000, and the consolation prize will be K400,000.

Similarly, yesterday evening, the opening ceremony of the 25th Matho Robe Weaving Competition, organized by the Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Pagoda Trustees, was held.

Seven weaving looms participated in the competition, and the first prize will be K1 million, the second prize K800,000, the third prize K600,000, the consolation prize K500,000, while trophies and certificates of honour will be awarded.

The Matho Robe by the contestants in these pagodas will be presented to each Pagoda on the full moon day of Tazaungmone. — Zaw Min Lat (MNA) /MKKS

Myanmar, Egypt sign MoU to boost trade and agricultural cooperation

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on agricultural cooperation between Myanmar and Egypt was signed at the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation in Cairo, Egypt, on 28 October.

The MoU was signed by Mr Mostafa El-Sayed, Deputy Minister of Egypt’s Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, and Dr Ye Tint Htun, Director-General of Department of Agriculture, in the presence of Mr Alaa Farouk, Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation of Egypt, and U Kyaw Tin Shein, Myanmar’s Ambassador to Egypt.

This MoU represents a significant milestone in Myanmar - Egypt relations. It is the second MoU on agricultural cooperation between the two countries, following the first agreement signed in 1994.

The MoU covers cooperation in areas such as agricultural technology exchange, capacity building, joint research, and the promotion of sustainable agricultural practices. It aims to strengthen bi-



The MoU signing event underway on 28 October 2025 in Egypt.

lateral collaboration, increase trade in agricultural products, and support long-term cooperative efforts between the two countries.

In addition, discussions were held on the export of agricultural inputs from Egypt to Myanmar, including fertilizers and pesticides, and on the export of various crops from Myanmar to Egypt, includ-

ing beans, rice, and seafood products. The agreement also includes initiatives for joint training programmes: sending trainees for high-quality crop cultivation (including long-staple cotton and potatoes), facilitating the exchange of agricultural experts, and enabling participation in EICA training courses. — MNA/MKKS

Sittway holds rice offering ceremony on Tazaungmone Full Moon Day

THE ceremony of offering rice to more than 600 monks and nuns will be held on Tazaungmone Full Moon Day (today) at Atula Marazein Pylonchantha Pagoda in Sittway Township, Rakhine State, according to sources close to the regional government.

On the full moon day morning, the rice donation will cover 500 monks and 100 nuns, and free food donation (Satuditha) will start at 5 pm, as well as fun activities and music show have been scheduled too. The music show will feature Rakhine singers led by U Maung Thein, Ko Myat Khine Kyaw and Ko Khine Kyaw Lin. In the previous Thadingyut Festival, oil-lamp lighting and a hot-air balloon release ceremony were celebrated at Lawkananda Pagoda in Sittway. — MT/ZS



This image captures the Sittway rice offering ceremony under preparation.

Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 4 pm MST on 3 November 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, the low-pressure area over the Eastcentral Bay and adjoining near the Deltic coast, Myanmar, persists. It is likely to move north-north-westwards and may reach over the eastcentral Bay and adjoining northeast Bay of Bengal and off and along Rakhine coasts and adjoining the Deltic coasts during the next 24 hours. — DMH

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Humanitarian assistance must be transitioned into a social protection system

- ❖ Humanitarian assistance should not stop merely after providing temporary relief.
- ❖ Such assistance must be transitioned into a social protection system.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the opening ceremony of the Forum on Rebuilding Myanmar: Post-Earthquake Economic Recovery held on 30 May 2025)

Crowds throng Maravijaya Buddha Tazaungdine Fair and concert

THE Maravijaya Buddha Image Tazaungdine Market Fair, Po Chit theatrical performances, and shows by famous national singers entered the second day in the designated areas outside Maravijaya Buddha Park, with enthusiastic participation from both Nay Pyi Taw residents, staff and people from across the country.

The Tazaungdine festival featured the 308 booths of MSME products, ethnic traditional foods, and local goods, One Region One Product (OROP), EV and motorcycles, local food and products of Mandalay, Magway and Ayeyawady regions, MSME food and commodities of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, handicrafts, ethnic costumes, food and Myanmar traditional food.

Almost all the food stalls, local product shops, gem and jewellery shops sold all of their products.

Similarly, to allow festival-goers to enjoy Myanmar theatrical art, which combines music, dance, percussion, bells, and drums, a free performance by the famous theatrical performer Po Chit was included, drawing a large crowd of spectators.

The Po Chit theatrical show, performed with modern stage sets, audio effects, and technology, featured outstanding actors and actresses singing and dancing, along with opera, stage plays, comedians' heartwarming jokes, and lively orchestra performances that enhanced the production, leaving the audience fully sat-



Photos above and below show pilgrims and visitors enjoying the Maravijaya Buddha Image Tazaungdine Festival and concerts yesterday.

isied during the second day of the show.

In addition, to allow festival-goers to enjoy modern music, a stage show featuring nationally renowned singers took place, with the artistes performing popular songs accompanied by the Hi Bird Band and the Runner Band,

drawing a large and enthusiastic crowd.

In addition, the children's playgrounds, a popular attraction for the pilgrims' children, are equipped with games such as a Ferris wheel, a pirate ship, and children's cars, where children can be seen happily playing.

The Tazaungdine Market Fair, Po Chit drama, and entertainment programmes by famous singers will be held until 4 November, allowing visitors to enjoy the Maravijaya Buddha Image Light Festival, the market, and performances while making merit. — Hein Min Kyaw/KTZH



15,000 attend charity feast ceremony at Bago Tazaungdine Festival

THE free food donation for 15,000 people will be held by the Bago Region government on the full moon day of Tazaungmone at the Seiktathukha hall on the ground floor of the Buddha Athan Dhamma Beikman in Bago Township.

Bago Region Chief Minister U Myo Swe Win and his wife, regional ministers along with their wives, members of the regional government and the Bago Township leaders watched the feeding of Seiktathukha to the local people as warmly greeting the visitors.

The Bago Region government and town elders will be providing a charity feast on 3 and 4 November, including entertainment programmes, to those who come to enjoy charity feast. — IPRD/MKKS

Sagaing holds Tazaungdine festival

THE opening ceremony of the Tazaungdine festival, organized by the Sagaing Region government, was held yesterday evening in front of the Union Square in Kanthaya Lake, east of Monywa Township.

The ceremony was attended by Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Myat Kyaw, North-West Command Commander Brig-Gen Myo Min Htwe, the chief justice of the Sagaing Region High Court, regional ministers, Tatmadaw personnel, department officials, students from universities and degree colleges in Monywa Township, town elders and residents of the neighbourhood.

The Sagaing Region chief minister and officials cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the Tazaungdine festival, and distributed soft drinks, purified water and snacks to students and residents of the



neighbourhood.

They also watched performances by famous singers while departmental staff released 1,000 balloons one by one and set off fireworks. — Region IPRD/MKKS

Strive to ensure Myanmar’s food security

MYANMAR is an agriculture-based country with abundant fertile land and rich natural resources. The nation is capable of successfully cultivating rice, beans, vegetables, as well as industrial crops across the country. With proper utilization and management of these resources, Myanmar has the potential to achieve food security, self-sufficiency, and sustainable economic development.

Some 1.2 million hectares of land in Myanmar are suitable for cultivating a wide range of crops. Each year, around 61 types of crops are planted, including rice, maize, oil crops, pulses, industrial crops, kitchen crops, fruits, and vegetables. Among industrial crops, there are seasonal, short-term, and perennial types. Cotton, for example, is a seasonal crop, sesame is short-term, while coffee and rubber are perennial.

Ensuring adequate food security for all citizens is essential for a better life and future. Citizens have the right to sufficient food, improved production, full nutrition, and better social and environmental conditions. Enhancing agricultural systems, transforming production practices, promoting investment and innovation, and fostering collaboration among stakeholders are key measures. By prioritizing these initiatives, Myanmar can achieve strong domestic food security while promoting national economic development.

tonnes, and pulses and beans were grown on 2.76 million hectares, producing over 4.13 million metric tonnes. To develop the oilseed sector, cultivation expansion programmes for groundnut, sesame, and sunflower are underway, with sunflower receiving special emphasis to meet domestic oil demand and reduce imports.

To increase crop production and raise farmers’ incomes, the government is implementing rain-fed rice, summer rice, and oilseed cultivation programmes with a national economic development fund of K286.1 billion. Moreover, K32 billion has been allocated for livestock programmes, including broilers, layer ducks, and pig breeding across various regions. For irrigation and water distribution, K0.604 billion has been invested to support cultivation.

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The Month of Tazaungmone, When the People Enjoy Meritorious Deeds and Festivities

By April Son



This file photo mentioned in The Global New Light of Myanmar showcases that Head of State Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla donate Kathina robes to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nandamala Bhivamsa in the previous year.

Festivities in the month of Tazaungmone

During Tazaungmone, various religious and traditional festivals are held across the country, such as the Tazaungdine Festival of Lights, the Kathina robe offering ceremonies, robe-weaving donation events, activities of throwing some valuable items for lucky persons, especially secretly placing robes for monks without attachment as part of the most genuine donation, the balloon festival and so on. It is also a month filled with merit-making and good deeds, and the National Day of Myanmar is usually observed during this period as well.

The month of Tazaungmone is even more vibrant and festive than Thadingyut. During this month, hot-air balloon festivals are grandly celebrated in Taunggyi and PwinOoLwin, drawing large crowds and creating a lively atmosphere. In addition, the fairs of traditional snacks made of Cassia siamea buds are held across the country. In some regions, novitiate ceremonies are also organized, though these have become less common in recent times. The Festival of Lights and National Day are also celebrated prominently during Tazaungmone, each reflecting the nation’s religious devotion, cultural heritage, and patriotic spirit.

Weaving Matho Thingan (non-stale robes)

During the month of Tazaungmone, Buddhist people across the country make special offerings dedicated to the Lord Buddha. In towns and villages, robe-weaving competitions known as “Matho Thingan” (non-stale robes) are held, accompanied by drumming, singing, and festive celebrations

throughout the night. The Matho robe-weaving takes place on the eve of the full moon day of Tazaungmone, with robes woven overnight and offered to the Buddha at dawn. These robe-weaving ceremonies are not only acts of merit-making but also serve to preserve and promote traditional weaving skills. In addition to their religious and cultural significance, these events bring about unity and social harmony among the people, making the Matho robe-weaving festival one of the most meaningful traditional observances in Myanmar.

Offering Kathina robes

The Lord Buddha, in reference to thirty Bhaddavaggi monks from Paveya State, taught that: “May the monks carry each of the three robes offered with dedication, lightly and joyfully, without being burdened, and may the robes never become scarce or worn out.” In accord with traditions of the past Lord Buddhas, the Kathi-

na robe offering is considered a special and meritorious act, performed according to auspicious rites. The period for presenting Kathina robes begins on the 1st waning of Thadingyut and continues until the full moon day of Tazaungmone.

During the Kathina ceremony, the Lord Buddha allows only a single robe to be offered to the three

sorts of robes – namely, the double-layered robe, the upper robe, and the lower robe – that make up the monastic attire. Among these three robes, only the robe that the donor willingly and sincerely offers is considered worthy of a Kathina offering. When presenting a Kathina robe, donors must not dedicate it to any individual or group; instead, the focus should

be entirely on dedicating it to the Sangha. Only by directing merit toward the Sangha is the Kathina offering complete and valid. Therefore, the donor brings any piece of robe before the Sangha and recites either: “I offer this Kathina robe to the Sangha,” or “May this Kathina robe be accepted as a Kathina offering,” and then presents it, ensuring the act is properly dedi-



Kalaw damsels delight in annual Lighting and Fire Tower Festivals in the previous years.

cated to the monastic community.

The Kathina ceremony is held as a way to honour the monks who have diligently abided by discipline throughout the Buddhist Lent. It is believed to bring five types of spiritual benefits that extend throughout the full month. These five benefits arise because the Kathina robe, as a dedicated offering, allows monks a temporary relief from certain disciplinary rules that they would normally strictly observe. This momentary exemption is considered a blessing in itself, praised by the Lord Buddha. Even the disciplinary precepts, which are regarded as part of the Buddha’s sacred authority, can be temporarily relaxed due to a single Kathina offering. This underscores the special merit and significance of performing the Kathina ceremony.

The benefit of offering Kathina robes for donors

Those who donate Kathina robes also receive numerous benefits. These benefits include: Being able to travel freely and safely without obstacles or danger; Their personal belongings are protected from being destroyed or harmed by enemies; An abundant and wholesome supply of food and drink, free from harm or poison; Their possessions remain secure over time, even if temporarily forgotten, without being lost; They can collect and acquire

items more easily and successfully than others; and Enjoying a youthful, healthy, and attractive appearance. By performing the Kathina donation, the donor experiences these fivefold benefits, both in worldly life and as a form of spiritual merit.

Cassia siamea (Mezali) bud salad

It is believed that preparing and consuming the Cassia siamea (Mezali) plant on the full moon day of Tazaungmone is an auspicious and beneficial time for health and well-being. Traditionally, when the moon is full, the flower buds, blossoms, leaves, roots, bark, and pods of the Mezali tree that face eastward are collected. On that very night, the buds, blossoms, and leaves are eaten fresh, while the roots, bark, and pods are dried in the shade, ground into powder, and consumed daily thereafter. It is believed that regular consumption of Mezali in this way helps to maintain youthfulness and vitality, promote longevity, and bring about wisdom, prosperity, and overall auspiciousness.

Therefore, midnight (exactly 12 hours) on the full moon night of Tazaungmone is regarded as the most potent moment for preparing traditional medicines. At this auspicious hour, traditional medicine practitioners customarily formulate various kinds of herbal medicines. Because Cassia siamea (Mezali) possesses a distinctly bitter taste that blends the sweet, truffle, and acrid elements yet is dominated by bitterness, it is believed to be rich in “Apo” (water element) and combined with “Vayo” (air element). For this reason, traditional Myanmar physicians in ancient times used Mezali as an important ingredient in Myanmar traditional medicines, prescribing it for the treatment of insomnia, hypertension, dry skin or complexion, bronchitis, and coughs, among other ailments.

Samañaphala Day

The month of Tazaungmone

brings significant occurrences and traditions in Myanmar society as well as Buddhism. These notes showcase the benefits for the people who join the festivities of Tazaungdine in addition to the religious occasions to perform meritorious deeds. Significantly, the Lord Buddha preached the Samañaphala Sutta, which means the benefits of ordination to King Ajatashatru. These benefits of ordination, in accord with the Samañaphala Sutta, define that those who were ordained can mostly enjoy the benefits of Sila (Virtue). As such, the full moon day of Tazaungmone is a significant occasion in Buddhism.

Lighting festival

The joyful Festival of Lights in the month of Tazaungmone is also one of Myanmar’s most distinctive and delightful celebrations. The highlight of the festival is the lighting of Tazaungmone lamp posts. During this time, streets in towns and villages across the country are beautifully illuminated with oil lamps, colourful paper lanterns, and decorative electric lights, arranged according to each community’s own design and creativity. Acts of donation and meritorious deeds, which are deeply cherished traditions of the Myanmar people, become especially vivid, unique, and joyous during the month of Tazaungmone, making it a season filled with devotion and festivity.

Thus, the month of Tazaungmone is regarded as the most festive and joyous period of the year. It is a month of virtue and merit, filled with faith, heartfelt devotion, and a spirit of generosity. Through the widespread and enthusiastic observance of the Tazaungdine Festival of Lights and other merit-making ceremonies, people not only engage in religious deeds but also help to preserve and promote the nation’s rich cultural traditions. By maintaining and continuing these long-cherished customs, the people contribute to the strength and continuity of Myanmar’s cultural heritage.



2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

Akha National Development Party talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

U Tun Aung, Chairman of the Akha National Development Party, presented the policy, stance and work procedures of his party through radio and television on the evening of 3 November.
The full text of the presentation is as follows: -



Esteemed voters,

Greetings in the Akha language, “Nee Sar Ovq Luvq-ur,” wishing you mental peace, physical health, and overall well-being. I am U Tun Aung, Chairman of the Akha National Development Party. We Akha ethnic people, are an ethnic group living primarily in the eastern region of Shan State along the eastern bank of the Thanlwin River. Our Akha community has preserved its unique traditional customs, attire, and cultural heritage up to the present day. In celebration of our ethnic identity, Akha National Day has been observed every 28 December. The Golden Jubilee Akha National Day was celebrated on 28 December 2024.

On that day, Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing sent a congratulatory message to the celebration, recognizing the Akha ethnic people’s contributions to their national identity. To preserve and promote the dignity of the ethnic group, the Akha people continue to hold traditional festivals based on their cultural heritage — such as the Khahtaungpha Festival, Swing Festival, and Red Egg Festival — ensuring these customs are celebrated continuously and carefully maintained.

The party’s slogan encourages everyone to unite their individual abilities to elevate the honour of their ethnic group. In essence, it conveys that every citizen has a responsibility to contribute to the development and progress of their community, region, and the nation as a whole.

The centre of the party flag is red, flanked by yellow, green, white and blue colours, which mean ethnic people residing in Myanmar have an equal term of rights under the Sun.

The party’s emblem is shaped like a “swing”,

symbolizing unity and cohesion rooted in traditional customs. It is believed that the development of the nation heavily depends on political parties. Political party organizations are the only entities capable of engaging directly with local communities across different regions, allowing them to understand the actual needs and conditions of the people. Since its founding, the Akha National Development Party has established policies and organizational structures. Some of these policies emphasize that only the Akha people themselves can most effectively understand and address the fundamental needs of the Akha community — such as education, health, social welfare, economic development, and overall progress — and can take responsibility for supporting and implementing these measures extensively. The party also believes that only the Akha people can lead in preserving and promoting the traditional customs, literature, and cultural arts of the Akha community.

Ethnic Affairs: The Republic of the Union of Myanmar is home to a total of 135 ethnic groups. It is believed that only the ethnic communities themselves can better understand and effectively ensure equal opportunities for the smaller ethnic groups within their respective sectors.

We believe that lasting success in achieving internal peace, unity among ethnic groups, and comprehensive national development can only be attained when the government, Tatmadaw, and all ethnic communities build mutual trust and understanding.

Ethnic people are residing in different areas and names, and only when everyone understands and emphasizes the different political ideologies of each ethnic group will they uplift the dignity of each ethnic group.

The Union Affairs: It is necessary to steadfastly uphold Our Three Main National Causes: Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national Solidarity and Perpetuation of Sovereignty.

According to the 2008 Constitution, representatives for ethnic affairs can participate at the union level as legislators to address the needs of ethnic communities. The Akha National Development Party aims to enable this, believing that only then can the party fully realize the true meaning of inclusive democracy.

We believe that building a democratic nation inclusive of all parties can only succeed if the government, Tatmadaw, and political parties cooperate based on

mutual trust and a policy of collaboration.

The role of Tatmadaw: The Republic of the Union of Myanmar must build a modern Tatmadaw capable of standing firmly in the world, both to ensure that ethnic groups achieve durable peace, to safeguard the country from external threats, and to enhance the nation’s prestige.



We believe that the current domestic challenges can be overcome if Tatmadaw takes primary responsibility while receiving all possible support, and that only through achieving stability in a short time can the country move toward development. Given the current state of the nation, Tatmadaw must play a crucial role in the political reform process to ensure national stability, peace, and the rule of law.

Work Procedure: The Akha ethnic group, in collaboration with national brethren of the Union, has committed to working together in harmony to develop human resources in essential areas such as education, health, social welfare, and the economy. From the party’s founding to the present, it has systematically implemented activities step by step, including conducting basic surveys, analyzing and evaluating data, formulating strategies and tactics, and executing projects. Since its establishment, the party has continuously carried out initiatives across the political, educational, health, social, and economic sectors for the Akha ethnic community.

Esteemed voters and national brethren from Shan State (East),

In the 2025 multiparty democratic general elections, the Akha National Development Party will field 15 candidates for the Akha ethnic constituencies and state Hluttaw constituencies. Therefore, the Akha National Development Party, which aims to uphold ethnic dignity, ancestral pride, and national honour in every aspect, urges the Akha ethnic community and other ethnic voters in eastern Shan State to support and vote for the party’s “Swing” emblem.

Nee Sar Ovq Luvq-ur/ May everyone be peaceful.

Top websites and web portals to access Military Service Rules

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https://sacoffice.gov.mm | 4. Ministry of Information
https://www.moi.gov.mm |
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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



Inn National League Party talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

U Kyi Lwin, a Central Executive Committee member of the Inn National League Party (INLP), presented the policy stance and work procedures of his party through radio and television on the evening of 3 November.
The full text of the presentation is as follows: -



Everybody, Mingalaba!

I extend my heartfelt wishes that all ethnic groups in Myanmar may achieve genuine political, social, and economic advancement through mutual understanding and cooperation.

I am U Kyi Lwin, a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Inn National League Party (INLP). The Inn National League Party was founded on 16 May 2023, and its political party registration number is 15.

Our party emerged to meet the needs of our region and ethnic communities. Its main goal is to cultivate mutual understanding and respect among national brethren of the local ethnic groups, while helping individuals and groups improve their abilities, skills, and qualities. With these enhanced capacities and competencies, we aim to actively participate in and contribute to the nationwide efforts for comprehensive reform and development, working diligently to ensure their success.

The main purpose of forming the Inn National League Party (INLP) is to secure a political space for the Inn ethnic group in Myanmar's political landscape. Historically, the role of Inn leaders in the Panglong Agreement – the cornerstone of the Union's formation – was very distinct. However, in the 2015 general election, the party representing the Inn ethnic group was not allowed to field candidates. As a result, even though three 21st-century Panglong conferences were held during that period, neither the Inn-representing party nor the Inn ethnic group was invited to participate, causing us to lose the opportunity to engage in discussions and present our perspectives at these important conferences.

Therefore, for the Inn ethnic group to be able to participate in nationwide discussions and conferences at the national level during the 2025 elections, we must support and elect representatives from the Inn National League Party (INLP) to the legislature. Only by securing these legislative seats can the Inn people work alongside other ethnic groups on an equal footing, contributing collectively to the benefit of the nation, their region, and their community. I sincerely urge everyone to consider this carefully and make their decision thoughtfully.

Objectives of the party are:

In accordance with the multiparty democratic system, to ensure that the Inn ethnic group can par-

ticipate alongside the Union and other state ethnic groups; to take the lead in preserving, safeguarding, and advancing the literature, culture, traditions, and socioeconomic life of the Inn people and their fellow ethnic communities; to make utmost efforts to ensure the lasting stability and prosperity of Inlay Lake; and to collaborate and act together with all other ethnic groups across the Union to promote unity, harmony, and comprehensive national development.

Our party is named the Inn National League Party (INLP) because it is based around Inlay Lake, where the Inn people live together as a community, and it brings together the Shan, Pa-O, Taunggyo, Danu, Kayan, and Bamar communities to participate collectively.

Because the party is structured in this way, it can understand in detail the challenges and needs of the entire region and all ethnic groups. By using collective problem-solving methods, analyzing, and discussing issues together, the party is confident that it can implement effective and successful measures. In particular, although the Inn people have a population and territorial size comparable to other ethnic groups that currently enjoy self-administration, they have not been granted the same self-governing rights. As a result, local communities have faced limitations in budget allocation and development projects, and children have lost educational opportunities. For example, although some students from remote areas achieved outstanding results and passed the matriculation examinations with distinction in multiple subjects, a few points short prevented them from entering higher-level universities, representing a significant loss.

As a party, we are firmly committed to working hand in hand with all ethnic communities across the nation to lead and implement initiatives for both the immediate and long-term development of the country and its people. This includes amending the constitution, promoting national unity, ensuring equitable development for highland and lowland ethnic groups, and safeguarding the civil and human rights that all citizens are entitled to throughout the Union.

The youth in the region are increasingly educated and holding degrees, yet their employment opportunities face significant challenges. To address this, we want to focus on providing solutions while also helping young people study and learn life skills that enable them to critically reflect on history and current events, analyze difficulties, and develop the resilience needed to overcome obstacles in life.

The Inn ethnic people live in and around Inlay Lake. As everyone knows, the lake is increasingly suffering from drying and deterioration, which is severely impacting the social and economic life of the local communities. The devastating floods of 2024 and the earthquake-related floods of 2025 serve as urgent warnings from nature about the need to protect Inlay Lake and safeguard our livelihoods. Preserving Inlay Lake is our responsibility, and we are committed to coordinating efforts to maintain the lake while simultaneously promoting the social and economic development of the local people in a balanced and sustainable way.

Specifically, due to the unique geographical characteristics of Inlay Lake, the villages, homes, and floating gardens are built on the water without any guarantees or protections. Therefore, our party is taking the lead in coordinating and collaborating to ensure that, in accordance with the law, these areas receive official recognition and protection. Currently, since UNESCO has recognized Inlay Lake as a Man and Biosphere Reserve, we firmly believe that preserving Inlay Lake while ensuring the balanced socioeconomic development of the local communities is a primary and essential priority.

To balance the preservation of Inlay Lake with the economic development of the local communities, we will coordinate efforts to improve transportation and trade routes, as well as implement appropriate methods and systematic measures for agricultural activities, including the cultivation of Inlay Lake's speciality crops, such as tomatoes, ensuring they are conducted sustainably and efficiently.

To achieve this, we firmly believe that residents must fully comply with the laws and regulations, and wholeheartedly dedicate our mindset, discipline, strength, and awareness toward the protection and preservation of Inlay Lake.

In addition, to address the damages caused by global climate change in a timely manner, all our party members will take the lead in ensuring coordinated support from the Union and state levels, responsible organizations, relevant departments, and international bodies, and in enabling local communities and expert groups to effectively utilize the assistance received.

We believe that such efforts can be carried out more effectively if implemented within an Inntha self-administered zone. Therefore, to enable the establishment of an Inntha self-administered zone, the necessary procedures and actions will be proposed, coordinated, and carried out in accordance with the law.

Moreover, the Inlay region is not only an important tourist destination for Myanmar but also a world-renowned area due to its natural conditions. Therefore, special emphasis will be placed on ensuring it generates the best possible foreign revenue for the country, while enabling local Inntha communities to use tourism as a basis to increase their own income.

Esteemed all ethnic people,

In conclusion, we firmly believe that the programmes and activities we will undertake are designed so that participants can act with full competence, high morale, and a strong sense of responsibility, working together for the benefit of their community, ethnic group, state, and the nation. We trust that these efforts will receive sincere support and commendation from all concerned.



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This image displays a poster for the series 'Zaww'.

Mahar App to premiere original series 'Zaww' on 8 Nov

ACCORDING to Academy Soe Pyae Thazin, the drama series titled 'Zaww' will be broadcast in HD quality starting from 8 November, airing every Saturday and Sunday each week.

The storyline of 'Zaww' was written by Shwe Yi Shwun Lei and Nya Hmway Pann, while Nya Hmway Pann and Mudra jointly wrote the screenplay. The series, directed by Arkar Soe Oo, consists of 16 episodes and belongs to the thriller-drama genre.

Soe Pyae Thazin stated, "In this series, I portray the character Yuzana Oo. It's not a typical drama series; viewers will experience suspense and tension. As it is a family drama, I tried my best to perform the role sincerely. The story demonstrates that obsessions are harmful and that immense egotism, which surpasses 'Metta' (loving-kindness), leads to suffering."

'Zaww', an original series produced by the Mahar Application, features a star-studded cast including Hein Wai Yan, Academy Award winners Soe Pyae Thazin and Myat Kay Thi Aung, along with Moe Pwint Phyu, Min Arkar, Kay Ngein, Yoon Pwint Hlwar Aung, Gwum Pone Gyi, Aye Thida, Thuza Pwint, U Win Myaing, and others. — ASH/MKKS

YBS serves about 1.5M passengers daily, says YRTC

ACCORDING to the Yangon Region Public Transport Supervisory Committee (YRTC), around 1.5 million commuters in Yangon use approximately 5,700 YBS buses daily for transport within the city.

A YRTC official stated, "The routes under our supervision include urban

transport, long-distance routes, cargo vehicles, taxis, and vehicles with (D) licences. In urban transport alone, 21 companies are operating with about 7,500 drivers, providing daily services to around 1.5 million passengers using roughly 5,700 vehicles.

YRTC is implementing these ser-

vices under the motto 'Safe Public Transport to All', ensuring a safe and reliable public transport system. Drivers are closely supervised by inspectors and gate officers at different levels to ensure compliance with vehicle and traffic regulations, and to prevent injuries or fatalities among passengers.

Before buses depart from the gates each morning, Waybills, driver cards, CCTV systems, YPS card-reading POS machines, and telematic devices are all checked before departure," the YRTC official added.

Furthermore, YRTC has begun conducting surveys to systematically manage and prevent crowding at bus stops for passengers using YBS bus lines.

Similarly, to address the difficulty passengers face in paying fares due to a lack of small change and to eliminate fare collection by conductors, the Yangon Payment Service (YPS) card system was introduced in 2020. According to sources, there are now around 600,000 YPS card users. — ASH/KNN



This photo captures YBS buses and passengers commuting in Yangon.

Dark Soul Band to perform at Active Bar in Hlinethaya

SINGER Yoon Myat Thu is set to host a solo concert at Active Bar in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Region, the singer has announced. The concert will feature many of her most popular songs.

"I will be performing at Active Bar in Hlinethaya with the Dark Soul Band. Let's sing along to the songs we know by heart. DJ Kino will also be there with lively performances, and after the music, you can enjoy a dance performance by the Here & Now Dance Crew," said Yoon Myat Thu. The solo concert will begin at 7 pm on 8 November. — ASH/MKKS

This photo showcases a poster for singer Yoon Myat Thu's concert.



Sales begin for 26th 5-digit online lottery

WITH the chance to win the K100 million jackpot grand prize, the 5-digit Aung Bar Lay online lottery tickets are started selling now being sold for the

26th opening, according to the 5-digit online lottery.

The jackpot winner appeared at the 25th opening.

The 5-digit online lottery opens on the first and 16th day of the month. Tickets can be bought through the Aung Bar Lay application, USSD, SMS, Webview and mobile payment apps. A chance to get a spin of the wheel

for buying three tickets, as well as an iPhone 17 Pro Max (256GB), air coolers, fans, and loyalty points, will be rewarded.

Just open the Aung Bar Lay app or dial *117# with a Mytel sim, the 5-digit tickets can be bought easily, and customers can choose tickets at their will, and the price per ticket is K1,000. — MT/ZS

This image showcases an advert for the 26th opening of a 5-digit online lottery.

No 3 Heavy Industries Enterprise seeks bids for cotton

THE No 3 Heavy Industries Enterprise under the Ministry of Industry invited qualified suppliers to submit a tender for the procurement of 277,962 viss of A-grade long-staple cotton, 280,000 viss of A-grade cotton and 100,000 viss of C-grade cotton. The deadline of the tender

submission is 10 November 2025. Individuals can enquire about details through the contact numbers of the production department of No 3 Heavy Industries Enterprise located at Office 37 in Nay Pyi Taw at 067 3408138, 067 3408439, and 067 3408492.

The Ministry of Industry informed the Myanmar Cotton and Cotton Products Merchant Association to forward a tender invitation to cotton suppliers and traders to source raw materials for the State-owned cotton ginning factories. — NN/KK



Farm workers pick cotton wools on the plantation.

DUHD warns public of real estate scams

DEPARTMENT of Urban and Housing Development warned the public to stay alert to real estate fraud with forged documents not to lose their assets. Unscrupulous fraudsters are attempting to scam vulner-

able individuals with fraudulent notifications disguised as a legitimate listing of the Department to buy the apartment units through fake email accounts. Hence, the department warned home buyers of

fraudulent real estate transactions by providing fake property purchase permit notification letters from the Department, and to reach the department in person before making transactions. — NN/KK



The facade of the Central Bank of Myanmar (head office) in Nay Pyi Taw.

CBM injects US\$2.48M, CNY5.75M, THB4.98M into Oct market in Oct

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) injected over US\$2.48 million, 5.75 million yuan and 4.98 million baht in October, along with sales of over \$54 million purchased from CMP companies. CBM sold \$1.137 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$75,900 to fuel oil-importing companies on 31 October, in addition to an injection of \$40,000 and 1.299 million yuan into the market. CBM sold over \$1.477 million to edible oil-importing companies and \$902,400 to fuel oil-importing companies on 30 October 2025. CBM sold over \$1.037 million to edible oil-importing companies on 29 October, in addition to an injection of over

821,000 yuan into the market. CBM announced on 28 October that it would sell \$22 million and 100 million baht to those engaged in the fuel oil industry. Furthermore, CBM sold over \$1.3 million, purchased from CMP companies, to edible oil-importing companies, in addition to sales of 180,000 yuan in the market on that day. CBM pumped over \$1 million into the edible oil import sector and \$290,000 into the fuel oil import sector on 27 October, in addition to sales of 300,000 yuan in the market. CBM pumped over US\$39 million purchased from CMP companies into the market in September 2025. Moreover, CBM also injected over

\$680,000, 6.2 million yuan and 300,000 baht into the market through the foreign exchange market online trading platform last month. CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March 2024, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

Myanmar's manufacturing sector attracts over US\$130M FDI in H1 FY2025-26

FOREIGN direct investments of more than US\$131.2 million were pumped into Myanmar's manufacturing sector in the first half of the current financial year 2025-2026, beginning 1 April, as per the statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA). The Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) permitted 38 enterprises to make investments in the manufacturing sector in H1. Chinese companies primarily made investments in the manufacturing sector and infrastructure projects. The manufacturing enterprises that need a large labour force are prioritized to create job opportunities for the locals. The Myanmar Investment Commission gave the green light to 40 projects from China, Hong Kong SAR, India, Singapore, Thailand, the Republic of Korea, and Samoa to invest over \$248.676 million during the April-September period, including expansions of capital by some existing enterprises. This FY, one new enterprise was founded, investing \$21 million in the Oil and Gas sector. The manufacturing

sector drew \$131.23 million from 38 enterprises, while the services sector attracted \$2.58 million from one new enterprise. Livestock and fisheries, power, transport and communication sectors saw capital expansion. Furthermore, Myanmar's garment export rose by nine per cent in the first half of the current FY compared to that of the corresponding period last FY, said Daw Khaing Khaing Nwe, general secretary of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Myanmar's garment enterprises operate under the Cutting, Making, and Packaging model. European Union member countries, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the US and China place garment orders from Myanmar. Myanmar's garment sector plays a pivotal role in the economic development of the country, contributing to the country's GDP to a certain extent. In addition to garments, manufacturing of electrical devices, footwear, bags, wigs, lenses and cameras is also running under a CMP system. — GNLM

OPEC+ to raise oil output in Dec

THE Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies, known as OPEC+, on Sunday decided to raise oil output by 137,000 barrels per day (bpd) in December.

The decision was announced following a virtual meeting of member countries, including Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Algeria and Oman, to review global market conditions and the economic outlook, OPEC said in a statement.

“In view of a steady global economic outlook and current healthy market fundamentals, as reflected in low oil inventories, the eight participating countries decided to implement a production adjustment of 137,000 barrels per day from the 1.65 million barrels per day additional voluntary adjustments announced in April 2023. This adjustment will be implemented in December 2025,” the statement said.

“Beyond December, due to seasonality, the eight countries also de-



Photo taken on 30 November 2023 shows the headquarters of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Vienna, Austria. PHOTO: XINHUA

cided to pause the production increments in January, February and March 2026,” OPEC added.

The group’s additional voluntary production adjustment of 1.65 million bpd was first introduced in April 2023 and later extended until the end of 2026. OPEC noted that these barrels may be returned in part or in full, depending on market conditions and in a gradual manner. The eight countries are scheduled to meet again on 30 November to decide on further actions. — Xinhua

Vietnam’s fruit, vegetable exports exceed US\$7 bln in 10 months

VIETNAM’S fruit and vegetable exports were estimated at over US\$7 billion in the first 10 months of this year, up 14 per cent year on year, Vietnam News Agency reported on Sunday, citing the Vietnam Fruit and Vegetable Association.

The figure raises prospects for Vietnam’s fruit and vegetable exports to surpass \$8 billion for the first time this year and to reach \$10 billion in the coming years, according to the report.

Dang Phuc Nguyen, general secretary of the association, said that exports accelerated from late second quarter to early third quarter, driven by strong increases in both the volume and value of key products. “With the robust recovery of the durian industry, fruit and vegetable export turnover has risen significantly. This year, durian exports alone may exceed US\$3 billion,” he said. — Xinhua

Local fabrics, fibres shine at eco-centred Lagos Fashion Week

FOUR days ahead of her show at Lagos Fashion Week, the sewing machines at Abasiokeme Ukanireh’s workshop were still buzzing.

Ukanireh, the founder of the popular Nigerian brand Eki Kere, met with models and tailors for the final preparations ahead of one of Africa’s biggest fashion events, which ran through Sunday.

On the agenda: local materials, upcycling and African craftsmanship.

“Every single year for a brand, for me, as a designer, I always try to take it a step further in terms of being sustainable,” Ukanireh, 35, told AFP.

Sustainability — long both a bugbear and a buzzword in the fashion industry — was a key feature of this year’s Lagos Fashion Week, with designers from across the continent tapping into everything from traditional fabrics to banana fibre and coffee grounds.

Launched in 2020, Ukanireh’s brand is known for its use of raffia, a grassy fibre from palm



Abasiokeme Ukanireh, Founder and Creative Director of Eki Kere, arranges a cloth made of raffia in her office in the Eki Kere studio in Lekki, Lagos, on 28 October 2025. PHOTO: AFP

trees used in everything from thatched roofs to trendy bags. This year, she played up the use of indigo and dyes made from kola nuts — though she hadn’t forgotten her raffia roots. — AFP

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V CAPE FORBY VOY.NO. (153W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V CAPE FORBY VOY.NO. (153W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **4-11-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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SPORTS

Alonso shaping new Real Madrid on Liverpool return

REAL Madrid coach Xabi Alonso returns to Anfield to face his former side Liverpool in the Champions League on Tuesday after a nearly immaculate start to life in the Spanish capital.

While Premier League giants Liverpool have just two wins in their last eight games, Alonso's Madrid are on a high, transformed from last season and improving weekly under the Basque manager.

The 15-time European champions beat Clasico rivals Barcelona last weekend in La Liga and aim to flex their muscles in another high-calibre match against Arne Slot's Liverpool.

Their only defeat this season came in a 5-2 derby humiliation by Atletico Madrid and Alonso's side have progressed rapidly



Real Madrid's Spanish coach Xabi Alonso leads a training session on the eve of the UEFA Champions League football match between Liverpool and Real Madrid CF at the Real Madrid Sports City of Valdebebas in Madrid on 3 November 2025. PHOTO: AFP

since.

Many Liverpool fans hoped the Spaniard would take the reins at Anfield when Jurgen Klopp announced he would leave the club at the end of the 2023/24 season.

Elegant on the ball, Alonso was the brains of Liverpool's midfield between 2004 and 2009. He was key to the 2005 Champions League triumph in Istanbul and won the FA Cup among other silverware before departing for Real Madrid.

Alonso stayed for an extra year at Bayer Leverkusen and instead stepped into Carlo Ancelotti's shoes after Madrid ended last season without a major trophy.

He has made a quick impact at the Santiago Bernabeu, with Madrid winning 13 of their 14 matches this season.

Ancelotti found it hard to

make his star-studded attack press opponents, but Alonso's side have been diligent. With greater intensity without the ball, Madrid are more sturdy.

"To win trophies you have to defend well, obtaining many clean sheets," said Alonso, as Madrid secured their seventh of the season in a 4-0 rout of Valencia on Saturday.

Spanish newspaper Marca wrote Madrid have "forged a new identity" and now "dominate, suffocate and subdue their opponents" — a far cry from the lethargy of Ancelotti's final season.

The Italian could not bring himself to drop Rodrygo Goes even though playing him with Mbappe, Vinicius Junior and Jude Bellingham made Madrid top heavy. — AFP

Sinner returns to world number one with Paris Masters win

JANNIK Sinner won the Paris Masters for the first time by defeating Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-4, 7-6 (7/4) on Sunday as the four-time Grand Slam champion reclaimed his position atop the world rankings.

The 24-year-old's maiden crown in Paris, coupled with incumbent world number one Carlos Alcaraz of Spain crashing out early in the tournament, will see Sinner return to the pinnacle of men's tennis when the ATP rankings are updated on Monday.

The Italian first claimed the number one ranking in June last year and held it for 65 weeks until he lost the US Open title-match to Alcaraz in September.

Reclaiming top spot from his rival in Paris will taste even sweeter for Sinner after he went down in a remarkable five-set final to Alcaraz at Roland Garros earlier in the season.

"I'm of course happy," Sinner said.

"I knew from the beginning of the week that there is this chance. But... before the final, before every tournament or before every match, I try to put the best performance I can on the court, and then whatever comes, comes."

Despite missing three months at the start of 2025 after twice testing positive for traces of clostebol in March last year, Sinner has now won five titles this season — including the Australian Open and Wimbledon.

Sunday's victory was, however, his first 1000-level title since Shanghai last October. "Every title you have, it's special on its own. Every one is in different circumstances. Some you feel great throughout the whole week. Some you struggle a little bit more," Sinner added. For Canadian ninth seed Auger-Aliassime, defeat at the last hurdle in the French capital prevented him from sewing up his spot at the ATP Finals later this month. — AFP



India's players celebrate with the trophy after winning the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 one-day international (ODI) final match between India and South Africa at the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai on 3 November 2025. PHOTO: PUNIT PARANJPE / AFP

India women cricketers hail new era but challenges remain

INDIA'S historic Women's World Cup victory has sparked an excitement which it is hoped will inspire the next generation and draw new fans to the sport.

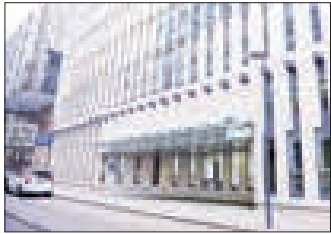
Prime Minister Narendra Modi, expected to meet the winners on Wednesday, believes the "historic win will motivate future champions to take up sports".

Hosts India defeated South Africa by 52 runs on Sunday, claiming their first-ever Women's World Cup.

At the top level, gender parity has long been championed by former Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Jay Shah, who introduced equal match fees for men and women.

The 50-over World Cup also boasted a record \$13.88 million prize purse, eclipsing the men's total from two years ago.

Shah, now International Cricket Council (ICC) chairman, hailed the win, citing the BCCI's "increased investment, pay parity with male cricketers (and), overhaul of the coaching staff". — AFP



WORLD

New UN report tackles ‘inequality-pandemic cycle’

HIGH inequality makes the world vulnerable to pandemics and creates a vicious cycle that puts public health and economies at risk, leading economists, health experts and the United Nations said Monday.

The findings were based on two years of research by the UN-AIDS-convened Global Council on Inequality, AIDS and Pandemics and published in a report released ahead of meetings of G20 leaders in South Africa this month.

“High levels of inequality, within and between countries, are making the world more vulnerable to pandemics, making pandemics more economically disruptive and deadly, and making them last longer,” the report said.

“Pandemics in turn in-

crease inequality, driving the cyclical, self-reinforcing relationship,” it said.

The council that produced the report was led by experts including Nobel laureate economist Joseph Stiglitz, former Namibia First Lady Monica Geingos and renowned epidemiologist Sir Michael Marmot.

This “inequality-pandemic cycle” could be seen in recent global public health crises such as COVID-19, AIDS, Ebola, influenza and mpox, they said in a statement.

“Failure to tackle key inequalities and social determinants since COVID-19 has left the world extremely vulnerable to, and unprepared for, the next pandemic,” it said.

The COVID-19 pandemic in particular “pushed 165 million people into poverty while the

world’s richest people increased their wealth by more than a quarter”, they said.

Breaking the cycle

Inequality “is a political choice, and a dangerous one that threatens everyone’s health”, Geingos said in a press release.

The report called on world leaders to increase pandemic preparedness by investing in “social protection mechanisms” within their countries while also tackling global inequality, including through debt restructuring for developing countries.

“Pandemics are not only health crises; they are economic crises that can deepen inequality if leaders make the wrong policy choices,” Stiglitz said.

“When efforts to stabilize pandemic-hit economies are paid for through high-interest



A pharmacy advertises COVID -19 testing and a vaccine on 4 September 2025 in the Brooklyn borough of New York City. Five years after the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic in the US, access to vaccines against the virus has come under scrutiny by the Donald Trump administration, causing concern among vulnerable groups, including children and those with pre-existing health conditions.

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on debts and through austerity measures, they starve health, education and social protection systems,” he said.

This made societies less resilient and more vulnerable to disease outbreaks.

“Breaking this cycle requires enabling all countries to have the fiscal space to invest

in health security,” Stiglitz said.

The report also urged more equal access to treatments and health technology between richer and poorer countries, calling for increased funding for local and regional production and for an immediate waiver of intellectual property once a pandemic is declared. — AFP

Chinese scientists conduct detailed analysis of key water source in Qinghai-Tibet Plateau

CHINESE scientists have conducted a comprehensive assessment of the hillslopes of the Qilian Mountains, a key water source of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, providing insights for water resource management and ecological engineering design.

This study provides new insights into soil hydrological processes at the hillslope scale in mountainous regions, especially on the

Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, with the findings published in the Journal of Hydrology, according to Lanzhou University.

Mountainous areas are important water sources. An in-depth understanding of the response of hillslope soil moisture to rainfall and related control mechanisms is crucial for comprehending how rainfall is divided into runoff,

soil water storage, and groundwater recharge.

“We aim to uncover the mechanisms which govern hillslope soil moisture response to rainfall, especially in data-scarce alpine regions, through a comprehensive long-term multi-scale hydrological observation on the Qilian Mountains,” said Zhang Baoqing, a professor at the College of Earth and Environmental Sciences of Lanzhou University. — Xinhua



A drone photo taken on 15 January 2025 shows the snow scenery of Qilian Mountains in Tianzhu County of Wuwei City, northwest China's Gansu Province. PHOTO: XINHUA

Singapore intends to preserve Lee Kuan Yew's home as National Monument

SINGAPORE plans to preserve the longtime home of Lee Kuan Yew, the country's first prime minister and widely credited founding leader, as a National Monument that may eventually become a public heritage space.

In a joint statement on Monday, Singapore's National Heritage Board (NHB) and the Singapore Land Authority (SLA) said that the site at 38 Oxley Road “bore witness to pivotal events in the 1950s that marked Singapore's transition from a colony to an independent nation.”

The NHB launched a formal assessment of the site on 24 October 2024. Based on its findings, the board has recommended that the site be preserved. Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth David Neo has accepted the recommendation and intends to gazette the site as a National Monument. — Xinhua