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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.

Aviation power boosts Tatmadaw (Air)’s operational capability

The newly commissioned aircraft and helicopters significantly enhance Myanmar’s airspace control, defence capabilities, and overall national security.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing recognized the effective efforts of Tatmadaw (Air) to achieve success in serving the assigned duties by efficiently using its aviation power resources.

A ceremony to commission aircraft and helicopters of the Tatmadaw (Air) into service at Nay Pyi Taw Airbase yesterday morning, attended by Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

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State Security and Peace Commission Chairman and Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing speaks on the commissioning occasion of aircraft and helicopters of Tatmadaw (Air) yesterday.

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the aircraft/helicopter commissioning ceremony

1. It is necessary to improve and modernize the aviation power of Myanmar to fully enjoy good results, as the country possesses significant conditions in geopolitics.
2. The strengths of Tatmadaw (Air) would contribute to State defence and security duties served by Tatmadaw in addition to further strengthening the space control and security of Myanmar.
3. Tatmadaw will continue its operations, seeking the support of the people, to ensure ongoing progress and stability.

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2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

- Domestic election observers who wish to monitor the multiparty democratic general election, which will begin in phases on 28 December 2025, may apply for election observation permits at the Union Election Commission (UEC), as well as the relevant Region/State, District, and Township Election Subcommissions from today until 5 December 2025.
- The Union Election Commission announced on 16 September 2025 that domestic election observers must follow the Code of Conduct for Observers, issued under Notification 68/2025, and adhere to the procedures set out for their observation activities under Notification 69/2025. These notifications are available for viewing and can be downloaded from the Union Election Commission's official website <https://www.uec.gov.mm>.
- The Union Election Commission has also announced that international election observers will be allowed to monitor the multiparty democratic general election. Invitations will be extended directly to representatives of relevant countries and international organizations. In addition, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, invitations will be sent to representatives of foreign embassies, consulates, and permanent missions that maintain diplomatic relations with the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Union Election Commission



- Let us encourage production for prosperity of the Nation.
- Let us ensure education sector for the development of the Nation.
- Let us protect our environment for the prosperity of the Nation.

Motto for 105th National Victory Day

Let's march towards a new golden nation in unity

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14 November 2025

National Political Alliance (NPA) and Federal Democratic Party deliver campaign speeches

THE electoral speeches of the National Political Alliance (NPA) and Federal Democratic Party are featured on page 10 and 11 of today's issue of The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper.

Objectives for 105th National Victory Day 2025

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

PONNAMI Special Sale Fair opens at Junction Square with housing, cars, insurance and consumer goods offers

THE opening ceremony of the Ponnami Housing, Car, Insurance, and Consumer Goods Special Sales Festival took place yesterday morning at the Junction Square Open Plaza in Kamayut Township, Yangon.

The event features sales booths offering Shwe Taung Real Estate's Home @ Ponnami apartments, cottages, land plots, and duplex (lodge) two- and three-storey houses, complete with interest-free instalment plans and special promotions. Visitors can also explore displays of the latest car models from Auto Boom, FAW, Yoma Motors, and JAC, as well as consumer goods, home appliances, and furniture at specially discounted prices.

"The special sales festival is being organized by iMyanmar House to mark the Tazaungdine period, aiming to help customers make secure and confident

purchases of future assets, such as houses, new cars, and consumer products. It will run for three days," said U Nay Min Thu, CEO of iMyanmar House, CarsDB, and Myanmar Market.

Banks are also participating to offer instalment purchase options, while GGI Insurance is providing one-stop insurance services. Experts will deliver talks on insurance and structural durability through a talk show programme.

Shwe Taung Real Estate serves as the main sponsor of the event. Gold Sponsors include GGI Insurance, Auto Boom, FAW, Yoma Motors, and JAC @ Aung Gyi Group, with further support from A Bank, MAB Bank, Enchants, Cherry Laundry Detergent, and Elephant Ice Cream.

The special sales festival will be held daily from 10 am to 6 pm on 7-9 November.

— Okktha/KZL



The PONNAMI Special Sale Fair is underway yesterday in Yangon. PHOTO: KO LWIN

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)

Aviation power boosts Tatmadaw (Air)'s...

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Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said that currently, it can be seen that aviation power resources, including aircraft, helicopters, drones and UAVs are essential in the conflicts in the international arena as well as different conditions at home.

He pointed out that it is necessary to improve and modernize the aviation power of Myanmar to fully enjoy good results, as the country possesses significant conditions in geopolitics. As such, the short- and long-term plans are being implemented to modernize the Tatmadaw (Air) with stronger strength.

He continued that as new aircraft and helicopters have been added to the corps of Tatmadaw (Air), these strengths would contribute to the State defence and security duties served by Tatmadaw in addition to further strengthening the space control and security of Myanmar.

The Senior General noted that the commissioning ceremonies of aeroplanes and helicopters into service Tatmadaw (Air) have been held 15 times from 2011 to 2025. During the period, existing aircraft were upgraded to have better capacity.

He underlined that it is obvious that the aviation power resources depend on the advancement of technologies. Hence, Tatmadaw (Air) has to constantly assess technological development in order to always enhance its capacity.

At present, he highlighted that preparations are being made to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election the people aspire to in line with the improved conditions. The government elected through the upcoming election will also be entrusted with the responsibilities of the State in accordance with democratic standards.

He stressed that some internal and external organizations, dissatisfied with the outcome, are actively trying by various means to disrupt or invalidate the election. At the same time, terrorists have gradually been experiencing losses as Tatmadaw and the people combat them through collaborative efforts. To maintain control over the areas they temporarily occupied, these



SSPC Chairman & Defence Services C-in-C Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accepts the replica models of commissioning aircraft and helicopters at yesterday's event.

groups have been attacking and destroying State-owned infrastructure, homes, and private property, seizing them by force. It is therefore particularly necessary to prevent and suppress such attacks. Tatmadaw will continue its operations, seeking the support of the people, to ensure ongoing progress and stability, he noted.

The Senior General recognized the effective efforts of Tatmadaw (Air) to achieve success in serving the assigned duties by efficiently using its aviation power resources.

He underscored that the aircraft and helicopters provided to Tatmadaw today should be valued, operated and maintained skillfully and efficiently to demonstrate that it is an air force of high capability.

He spotted that continuous study and analysis of international relations, geopolitical developments, and advances in science and technology should be conducted, so that Tatmadaw (Air) can continuously enhance its combat power effectively through dedicated effort and innovation.

Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung reported to the Senior General

on the ceremony to commission aircraft and helicopters into service.

Chief of Staff (Air) Lt-Gen Zaw Win Myint declared the commissioning of aircraft and helicopters.

General Tun Aung presented a scale model to mark the ceremony to the Senior General.

Afterwards, aircraft and helicopters demonstrated their skills. In this regard, four Mi-17 helicopters and two Eurocopters performed demonstrations in the Composite Formation, two Bell-206 helicopters and two H-125 helicopters in the Composite Box Formation, one MTX-1B Reconnaissance aircraft, one MTX-A Reconnaissance aircraft and one Grob-120 TP training aircraft in the Trail Formation, one ATR-72 cargo plane and two Beech-1900Ds in the Composite Arrow Head Formation, four K-8 jet fighters in the Box Formation, five MiG-29 multipurpose jet fighters in the Arrow Head Formation, and three Su-30 SME multipurpose heavy jet fighters in the Arrow Head Formation, respectively.

Two Su-30 SMEs saluted the Senior General and demonstrated their skills of high-performance manoeuvre as the

combat turn manoeuvre. Moreover, five MiG-29 multipurpose jet fighters demonstrated the fan brake formation.

The Senior General and party sprinkled scented water on the newly-commissioned aircraft and helicopters.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and the party visited the exhibition on the development of Tatmadaw (Air) in 15 years.

The Senior General spoke words of honour to the pilots from the skill demonstration and presented cash awards.

Also, present at the ceremony were Commission Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and his wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin and his wife, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Htein Win and his wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung and his wife, Union-level dignitaries and their wives, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, Tatmadaw members of Tatmadaw (Air) and guests. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

President's Office Ministry 1 Union Minister attends 70th Kayin State Day ceremony

UNION Minister for Ministry 1 of the President's Office U Tin Aung San attended the 70th Anniversary of Kayin State Day ceremony held on the grounds of the state government office yesterday.

It was attended by Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung, Union Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Hla Moe, Kayin State Chief Minister U Saw Myint Oo and his wife, Mon State Chief Minister U Aung Kyi Thein, Leader of the Central Advisory Body of the National Defence and Security Council U Saw Tun Aung Myint, members, other relevant officials and locals.

The ceremony began with a flag salute and a tribute to national leaders and fallen heroes.

A message from Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing was read by Union Minister U Tin Aung San, and



The 70th Anniversary of Kayin State Day celebrated yesterday, unveiled by Union Minister U Tin Aung San in Hpa-an, Kayin State.



the State chief minister made a greeting speech.

The Union minister and the party cut the ribbon to inaugurate the ceremony and released 70 white doves representing peace.

They presented cash prizes to the members of band, pompom dance troupe and traditional don dance troupes, and had a documentary taken, and observed the booths of the department concerned, ethnic people, local

products and MSMEs.

The Union minister remarked at the award ceremony for Vegetables, Fruits, and Horticulture Exhibition and Competition at the gallery of the Department of Agriculture.

The Union minister and the party presented prizes to the winners.

At noon, they attended the award ceremony for traditional boat race at Kanthaya Lake in

Hpa-an, and presented awards to the winners. They then watched the traditional boxing competition at Thiri Than Lwin ground.

In the evening, they watched the competition of Kayin traditional don dance troupes at the Thiri Ground of Hpa-an.

On 6 November, the Union minister and the party attended the conferring ceremony of honorary certificates and tiles marking the 70th Kayin State Day

ceremony, and a total of 86 prizes were presented to the outstanding people in different sectors at the event.

The Union minister also attended the opening ceremony of Avenue Park in Ward 5, Hpa-an, and inspected the park and Youth Centre in the same ward.

In the evening, they watched the competitions of Kayin traditional dance troupes and presented cash prizes. — MNA/KTZH

MoFA Union Minister receives UNHCR Representative in Myanmar



UNHCR Representative Ms Noriko Takagi calls on Union Minister U Than Swe yesterday.

U Than Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, received Ms Noriko Takagi, UNHCR Representative in Myanmar, yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

They exchanged views on matters related to UNHCR's ongoing activities in Myanmar as well as ways and means for further cooperation between the Government of Myanmar and UNHCR.

Also present at the meeting were the respective officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA

MoFA Union Minister receives Saudi Arabian Ambassador



The Saudi Arabian ambassador calls on Union Minister U Than Swe yesterday.

UNION Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe received Mr Saud bin Abdullah Al Subaie, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia, yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the call, they cordially exchanged views on matters

pertaining to promoting bilateral relations and cooperation and fostering relations in the trade and investment sectors.

Also present at the meeting were high-level officials and respective officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA

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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)



General Administration Department marks 37th anniversary

THE 37th anniversary celebration of the General Administration Department was held at 10 am yesterday at Hotel Max in Nay Pyi Taw.

The ceremony was attended by State Security and Peace Commission Member and Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Aung Kyaw Kyaw, Permanent Secretary U Khaing Tun Oo, and officials from various forces and departments.

The Union minister stated that the General Administration Department (GAD) has played an important role throughout Myanmar’s administrative history, continuing to serve as a major pillar supporting State administration through various reforms and changes in the country’s administrative mechanism, fulfilling its duties in implementing objectives such as upholding the rule of law, maintaining community peace, promoting regional development, and ensuring public welfare, and adhering to key policies, including compliance with



This photo features the celebration of the 37th anniversary of the General Administration Department, addressed by Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung yesterday..

national directives, alignment with fundamental principles, and observance of established procedures.

The Union minister expressed great pride in the efforts of the staff of the GAD, who worked closely with district and township disaster management teams in search and rescue operations, damage assessment, temporary shelter provision, and rehabilitation efforts. He also emphasized that staff and employees should continue to fulfil their responsibilities to ensure the successful holding of a free and fair general election and to develop into capable administrative personnel committed to serving the interests of the country.

In the ceremony, uniforms and ba-

sic food items were distributed to GAD employees, exemplary awards and first prizes were presented to participants of courses conducted at civil service universities and the Administrative Skill Development Training School, and awards were also given to children of GAD employees who excelled in the matriculation entrance examination. — MNA/TH

Victory ceremony honours returning Tatmadaw troops in Yaksawk

TATMADAW members who fought bravely on the frontlines and achieved successive victories were warmly welcomed upon their victorious return. A ceremony to honour and celebrate them took place on 7 November at their local battalion in Yaksawk Township.

Eastern Command Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Naing Oo, along with Tatmadaw members, family members, departmental officials, local ethnic people, and teachers, attended the event.

During the welcome, the Commander and other attendees

presented the returning soldiers with sprigs of Aungthabye (Eugenia sprigs) and placed garlands upon them. Traditional drumming, singing, and dancing were also part of the celebration. — MNA/MKKS

Photos show the Eastern Command commander, Tatmadaw members and their families, departmental personnel, teachers, and locals warmly welcoming Tatmadaw’s triumphant troops.



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NYRDDC graduates urged to participate in efforts to ensure free and fair general elections

LT-GEN Yar Pyae, State Security and Peace Commission Member and Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Ethnic Affairs, yesterday urged graduates of the Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College (Sagaing) to actively participate in holding free and fair general elections with dignity and within the specified time frame, and to collaborate with all relevant stakeholders.

The Union minister made the call at the graduation and appointment ceremony of the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Course No 18 and AGTI Diploma Course No 19 of the Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College (Sagaing), which was held at the convocation hall of the college in Sagaing, Sagaing Region. He also highlighted that stability and peace are essential for carrying out national development programmes, as development projects can only succeed in a stable and peaceful environment, and emphasized the need to work together with ethnic communities in the internal peace process in a united manner, while adding that civil servants should uphold the ethical values outlined in the civil



Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae warmly greets graduates of the Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College (Sagaing) at yesterday's event.

service laws and rules, strive to perform their duties to the fullest of their abilities, maintain high morale, correct beliefs, and noble conduct, and remain free from corruption.

The Union minister said that the Ministry of Border Affairs has established Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges in Yangon and Sagaing and has trained ethnic youth from the border areas to effectively carry out socioeco-

nomc development activities as capable civil servants. Since the opening of the Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges (Sagaing), a total of 2,807 students have been trained, including 614 Bachelor of Arts, 1,064 Bachelor of Science, 139 BTech, and 990 Diploma of Engineering students; among them are 111 Master of Arts, 216 Master of Science, 27 Master of Research, 32 PhD, 625 BE, 34 ME, and 207 BTech

holders, with many still pursuing studies in various fields. It is a source of pride, and the Minister encouraged the graduating students to follow their example and work hard.

Next, the Union minister presented awards to the two winners of the Arts and Science Excellence Award, while the Regional Chief Minister presented an award to the winner of the Engineering Excellence Award, and representatives from the

relevant ministries handed out letters of appointment to the students. The Union minister and the regional chief minister then met the outstanding students and their parents, congratulated them, and greeted the guests, teachers, graduating students, and their families.

In the afternoon, the Union minister met the principal, vice-principal, professors, and deans of departments at the college conference hall. He addressed the needs presented by the principal regarding administration, management, academic, training, agriculture, water, electricity, and construction works carried out with the 2025-2026 financial year budget, and provided financial assistance to the college's teachers, staff, and students.

After that, they toured the college, inspected it, and provided any necessary assistance.

In the evening, the Union minister hosted a dinner for the graduating students at the convocation hall. After enjoying the students' entertainment programmes, the Union minister and the Regional Chief Minister presented them with cash awards. — MNA/TH

MIFER hosts 17th Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam Economic Ministers' Meeting

THE 17th Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam (CLMV) Economic Ministers' Meeting was successfully held on 7 November 2025, at the Novotel Yangon Max Hotel in Yangon. The meeting was chaired by Dr Wah Wah Maung, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations.

In her opening remarks, the Union minister warmly welcomed the delegation leaders (deputy ministers), senior economic officials, and representatives from Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam, as well as the ASEAN deputy secretary-general and officials. The Union minister underscored that trade among the CLMV countries had reached US\$883.4 billion in 2024, account-

ing for approximately 23.0 per cent of total ASEAN trade, and investment among the CLMV countries increased by 3.6 per cent between 2023 and 2024. The Union minister highlighted that the implementation of CLMV Action Plans has contributed to economic growth and capacity enhancement. She added that collaborative coordination measures are being undertaken to support the implementation plan of the CLMV Development Framework, which aims to realize a sustainable upper-middle-income economy by 2030.

Afterwards, delegation heads from CLMV countries and the ASEAN deputy secretary-general took a commemorative photo.



The documentary group photo session underway at the 17th CLMV Economic Ministers' Meeting yesterday in Yangon.

The meeting then proceeded according to the agenda. The chairman of the CLMV Senior Economic Officials' Meeting, Director-General Dr Marlar Myo Nyunt of the Foreign Economic Relations Department, Ministry

of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, presented on the CLMV economic cooperation activities carried out during 2025.

The delegation leaders encouraged the CLMV Senior Economic Officials to collaborate

more effectively for the better implementation of the CLMV Action Plan (2025-2026), based on the experiences gained from implementing the CLMV Action Plan (2023-2024), and to cooperate with the ASEAN Secretariat to secure funding for project implementation.

The delegation leaders highlighted the importance of trade fairs jointly organized by Vietnam with Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar in promoting trade and investment linkages among CLMV countries. They encouraged CLMV countries to further promote regional business partnerships and market opportunities through these trade fairs.

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Only then will educated individuals serve the interests of both the region and the nation

❖ Only when there are educated individuals can they obtain a valuable human resource capable of discerning right from wrong and analyzing causes and effects, which in turn can more effectively serve the interests of both the region and the nation.

(From an excerpt from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing during his visit to the No 1 Basic Education High School in Sagaing on 10 June 2025)

Tatmadaw regains Setawgyi Dam

THE CRPH, NUG and their subordinates PDF terrorists intentionally launched destructive actions across the nation to destroy the governance mechanism and development of the country. They also attacked the outposts of the security forces with excessive force, using the locals as human shields. Therefore, the security forces systematically retreated to ensure the least damage to houses, factories and workshops of the country. Meanwhile, the terrorists temporarily controlled the military base, the Setawgyi dam, the Alpha cement factory and the Phayaung Taung mining site, including Setawgyi village in Madaya township of Mandalay Region.

The security forces systematically drafted the strategies step by step to regain these areas, and reoccupied Phayaung Taung mining site on 24 August and Alpha cement factory on 28 August, and the terrorists faced huge casualties and retreated to the northern part of Madaya.

Moreover, Tatmadaw columns launched systematic counter terrorism operations starting from 20 October with five battle axes. Although the terrorists attacked back, the systematic strategies and perseverance of military officials brought back success in reoccupying the Setawgyi dam and base and its vicinity area on 7 November.

During the 19-day operation, there were 42 clashes and armed engagements, and 14 dead bodies of terrorists, 60 arms and ammunition, and other materials were seized.

The Setawgyi dam is located near Setawgyi village, Salay village-tract in Madaya township of Mandalay. It was constructed to supply water to Mandalay City, provide irrigation water for the Madaya area and surrounding regions, and generate hydroelectric power. Construction began in 1976 and was completed in 1987. The dam is measuring 4,120 feet in length, 133 feet in height, and 20 feet in crest width. It has a total storage capacity of 363,000 acre-feet, with a usable storage capacity of 279,000 acre-feet. The dam provides irrigation water to approximately 127,000 acres of farmland across Mandalay Region. In addition, it generates hydroelectric power with a 25-megawatt turbine capacity, producing



These photos capture the recapture of the Setawgyi Dam, showcasing triumphant Tatmadaw personnel along with seized arms, munitions, and related items.

approximately 134 million kilowatt-hours of electricity annually—contributing to the socioeconomic development of local communities.

During the period when PDF terrorist groups and their combined teams controlled the Setawgyi Dam, they neglected the public's access to electricity, drinking water, and irrigation water, using the facilities solely for their own benefit. Their unauthorized operation of the dam's water gates caused a reduction in water levels, resulting in water shortages for residents of Mandalay City and nearby villages. As a result, during the 2024-2025 monsoon season, although irrigation water had been planned for 74,249 acres of monsoon paddy, only 30,592 acres were actually cultivated, leading to a loss of 43,657 acres of farmland.

Similarly, in the 2024-2025 summer, irrigation was planned for 73,145 acres of summer paddy and other crops, but only 32,269 acres were cultivated, resulting in a loss of 40,876 acres. For the

2025-2026 monsoon season, irrigation has been planned for 80,111 acres of monsoon paddy and other crops. However, as of 8 October 2025, only 49,048 acres had been cultivated, resulting in 31,063 acres of farmland being lost.

Moreover, the ongoing construction project of the conduit and irrigation system to expand water supply to 12,000 areas of farmland by installing canals on the right side of the Yay Nantha ditch was also suspended due to terrorism. This disruption severely affected farmers' crop production, causing significant losses to both the country and the people, and increasing hardship in the region.

While in control of the dam, the PDF terrorists not only manipulated the dam's water distribution but also planted mines around the spillway gate controls, dam embankment, and sluice gates in an attempt to destroy them. If their destructive acts had succeeded, the irrigated farmland and homes of residents relying on the dam's daily water distribution would have

been flooded and destroyed, and power generation capabilities would have been lost, negatively impacting the region's development.

However, Tatmadaw columns were able to prevent these brutal acts in time, successfully averting the destruction of the dam. Their actions protected local livelihoods and property and maintained regional peace and stability.

At present, Tatmadaw has regained control of the Setawgyi dam and its surrounding areas. The dam's gates are now being operated regularly and systematically to store and release water according to seasonal requirements. Efforts are being made to ensure sufficient electricity, drinking water, and irrigation water for the local population. The regional transportation routes and employment opportunities for residents are expected to improve. Security forces continue to carry out area security operations to maintain stability and safety in the region.

— MNA/KTZH

March towards the goal of the motherland together

THE Republic of the Union of Myanmar has long stood as a sovereign nation preserving its rich traditions of culture, literature, and languages for thousands of years. Historical records clearly demonstrate that the country’s diverse national brethren have lived together across different regions in unity and mutual respect since ancient times.

Kayin State, one of the 15 regions and states, including the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, is home to the Kayin ethnic people as well as other ethnic nationalities who have coexisted peacefully for generations. Following Myanmar’s independence, the government designated areas where the Kayin population was concentrated as

Everybody residing in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is like siblings. Unity and harmony run inseparably in their blood. They face hardships, crises, and challenges together without turning away, just as they share the fruits of development. Therefore, all national brethren must join hands in marching toward the nation’s goal of peace, stability, and prosperity.

unity and perseverance, they can overcome existing challenges and difficulties while contributing to the emergence of a strong, genuine, and disciplined multiparty democratic system that reflects the aspirations of all ethnic groups.

The cooperation and steadfast efforts of the people in Kayin State are essential to achieving lasting peace, stability, and socioeconomic progress. Mutual understanding and collaboration among ethnic communities will ensure not only the continued growth of Kayin State but also the broader development of the entire nation.

As Myanmar moves forward on its path toward democracy and federalism, the collective strength and harmony of its national brethren remain vital. The Kayin people, together with other ethnic groups, must continue to uphold their shared traditions, foster unity, and work hand in hand toward a peaceful and prosperous future for the State and the Union.

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Back Bench Warmers

By Kyaw Myint Htoon (Paris)

LET’S start with \$harm El Sheikh two weeks ago. The Supremo who sits atop the ivory tower in New York was seated way in the back in the Heads of State photo. Sitting alone111 No one to the right or left.

For the globalist elitist like the Supremo, the types that loathe the Big Uncle, to be shoved aside and watch the Big Uncle take the centre stage must be painful!

The Big Uncle has facilitated eight peace agreements in eight months since returning to the office. The Supremo and his cronies have done nothing. The Supremo has been in the office for nine years, ten years before that as the head of a prestigious agency. So, altogether 19 years, the Supremo has achieved. Life is good in Geneva and New York! Nothing beyond that!

In a speech in Kuala Lumpur, the Big Uncle said these

peace agreements should have been handled by the ivory towers in New York and Geneva, but “they don’t do it.” At the signing of Thailand and Cambodia in Kuala Lumpur, there was no blue and white flag anywhere to be found!

The Big Uncle was still gracious enough to say the ivory towers have great potential, but “they didn’t get involved at all”. Translation: it’s the leadership failure! Who’s the leader? The one and only Supremo!!!

Let’s also note that a certain sex harasser prosecutor has been disqualified from one of the cases at The Court. None of these global elites has spoken out about this world-class sex harasser. They preach the advancement of women all the time. They even created an entire entity to supposedly advocate rights of women. Where are the

rights for women when it comes to one of their own? None of them has called for the sex harasser to resign.

“The Big Uncle was still gracious enough to say the ivory towers have great potential, but “they didn’t get involved at all”. Translation: it’s the leadership failure!”

Talk about harassment, how about the harassment charges of a different kind facing the Great Envoy? Still giving statements in empty halls.

These people have no moral standing whatsoever! Scandal after scandal surrounds them!

The Big Uncle also said in a speech in Kuala Lumpur that upon his visit to the ivory tower in New York, his teleprompter was turned off, and that he had to make the speech without the teleprompter. The escalator wasn’t working too well either. It came to a complete halt. The Big Uncle said that’s what the people in the ivory tower in New York are good at.

Let’s remind the Supremo and his cronies. If they can’t run their own house in order on the biggest day of their calendar, what are the chances that people in small, underdeveloped countries can count on them? Before pointing fingers at any other underdeveloped country, fix your own house first!

(The views and opinions expressed in this article are solely those of the author.)



Choosing Kindness in a Fragile World

By Laura Htet (UDE)

IN an age where conversations move faster than hearts can follow, kindness has become a quiet strength – often overlooked, yet deeply necessary. Every day, we use countless words, sometimes without thought, sometimes with emotion, and occasionally with care. But few of us pause to consider the weight they carry. A single phrase, spoken carelessly or cruelly, can leave an invisible scar that no apology can fully erase.

Words are not simply sounds; they are forces. They can mend or shatter, soothe or wound, heal or destroy. What may feel to us like a light touch – a simple comment, a passing remark – might strike someone else with the force of a storm. We may believe we are just speaking our mind, pressing lightly with our fingertip. Yet if what lies beneath is a fragile butterfly, our words could crush its delicate wings forever.

In moments of anger or pride, we often say things we do not truly mean. Perhaps we wish only to defend ourselves, to release frustration, or to prove a point. But once spoken, words cannot be gathered back. The damage they cause may fade from our memory, but not from the heart of the person who received it.

Many of us underestimate how deeply people can feel. Not everyone carries the same level of resilience. Some hearts are tender, shaped by painful pasts or silent struggles. Others are already heavy with unhealed wounds. What we consider a small sting might reopen an old scar. Each heart has its own story, its own tolerance for pain. The same word that one person shrugs off might stay with another for a lifetime.

That is why we must learn to pause before we speak. A short silence is often more powerful than a thousand explanations. If we

could imagine, even for a second, how our words might sound to the one receiving them, we might choose them differently. We might hold back the anger, soften the tone, or replace the criticism with compassion.

The truth is simple: everyone’s pain is different. It cannot be compared, measured, or ranked. A wound that seems minor to us may be unbearably painful to someone else. The depth of one’s suffering depends not only on the present moment but also on the weight of everything they have already endured. Their experiences, upbringing, and emotional world shape how deeply they feel.

Yet we often forget this. We dismiss others with phrases like “Don’t take it so seriously” or “Others have it worse.” Such words may be meant to comfort, but they only make the person feel smaller, weaker, or misunderstood. True empathy does not min-

imize pain – it acknowledges it. It says, “I may not fully understand, but I see that you’re hurting.”

Kindness begins exactly there – in understanding rather than comparison. It does not ask us to solve anyone’s problems, only to meet their pain with gentleness. Sometimes, it means listening instead of speaking. Sometimes, it means saying nothing at all, offering presence instead of advice.

Being kind is not about weakness or submission. It is about strength under control. It takes courage to stay calm when anger burns inside, and patience to remain gentle when others are not. Kindness is not a soft luxury – it is a moral strength, a discipline of the heart.

Every act of kindness, no matter how small, sends ripples

through the lives around us. A word of encouragement can restore hope. A simple smile can remind someone that they matter. A moment of patience can prevent conflict. We rarely know the full impact of our gestures, but that does not make them any less significant. In fact, it often makes them more so.

We also benefit from our own kindness. When we restrain our harshness, when we choose empathy over anger, we preserve our inner peace. We protect ourselves from guilt and regret. We remind ourselves that it is better to be remembered for gentleness than for cruelty.

However, we are human. We fail. We speak when we should have stayed silent. We react before thinking. But growth begins with reflection. It takes humility to

apologize and sincerity to change. Each mistake becomes a lesson – a reminder to speak more carefully next time, to handle every heart as something fragile and irreplaceable.

Today, our words travel faster and farther than ever before. Social media has made it easy to express opinions instantly, often without thought for their impact. A single comment, made in seconds, can reach thousands of eyes and wound strangers we will never meet. That is why kindness is not an outdated virtue; it is a necessary one. In a connected world, compassion must grow as widely as communication does.

We do not need grand gestures to make a difference. The most meaningful acts of kindness are often quiet and unseen: sending a comforting message, forgiving instead of blaming, giving time to someone who needs to talk. These are the small lights

that soften the world’s harshness.

Every person we meet is carrying something we cannot see. The colleague who seems irritable may be fighting exhaustion. The student who looks distracted might be silently struggling with self-doubt. The stranger who appears cold may be protecting a broken heart. If we saw the invisible battles behind their eyes, we would be slower to judge and quicker to understand.

Kindness reminds us that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity, no matter how they appear on the surface. It is not limited to people we like, agree with, or understand. Its true beauty lies in offering gentleness even when it is not returned.

In the end, kindness is the quiet art of humanity. It does not shout or demand recognition. It moves softly – like sunlight filtering through a window – yet it changes everything it touches.

It turns tension into trust, anger into reflection, and strangers into companions.

If we wish for a more compassionate world, it must begin with us. With the way we speak, the way we listen, and the way we choose to respond when faced with conflict or difference. Being kind to every wound – visible or hidden – does not just protect others; it preserves our shared humanity.

Because in truth, we are all fragile. We are all trying to survive in our own ways, with our quiet fears, our small hopes, and our invisible struggles. And sometimes, the only thing standing between despair and healing is a single act of kindness.

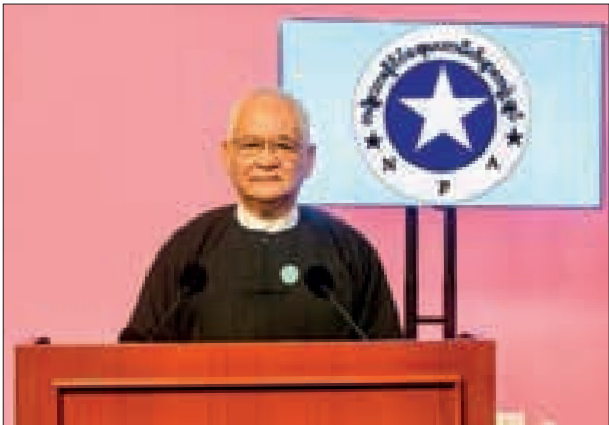
So let us speak gently. Let us tread softly on the hearts around us. And let us remember that somewhere, beneath our words, a fragile butterfly may be waiting for our gentleness to keep its wings whole.



2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

National Political Alliance (NPA) talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

U Thein Kyi, Chairman of the National Political Alliance (NPA) presented the policy, stance and work procedures of his party through radio and television on the evening of 7 November.
The full text of the presentation is as follows: -



Esteemed voters,

Our National Political Alliance (NPA) was formed to compete in the 2020 general election held in accord with the Constitution (2008). It was founded with nine political forces, including founders U Tin Tun Maung (father of film star Dwe), U Kyi Win from Mingaladon Constituency, U Mya Hlaing from Twantay Constituency, U Hla Soe from Minbu Constituency, U Tin Win from Kyaiklat Constituency and U Thein Kyi from Taungdwingyi Constituency. At present, U Thein Kyi is serving the duty of Chairman of the National Political Alliance (NPA).

Our party participated in the 2015 general election and the 2020 general election successively without derailment from the electoral programme and democracy, and served the duties in respective positions for the sake of the nation to achieve greater success.

Our party will compete in four seats for the Pyithu Hluttaw. U Kyaw Kyaw Han of our party will compete in Taikkyi Township constituency, U Nyan Lin Aung in South Okkalapa Township constituency, U Aung Myo Min in Mingala Taungnyunt Township constituency and U Thein Kyi in Tamway Township constituency in the 2025 general election. Our party aims to compete in the election in order to achieve success in democracy and federalism.

The motto of our party is:
Peace comes first.
Democracy is fundamental.
Improvement of the lives of people is pivotal.
Without peace, there can be no democracy.

The current situation in the country clearly shows that without democracy, the lives of the people, including their security, access to food, clothing, shelter, and transport, are in a downward trend, and they have to face hardships.

Thus, our party has been cooperating with the current government since the time of President U Thein Sein in the peace process.

The restoration of peace is not something that only a government, an individual, or an organization can accomplish. To truly understand and realize the value and essence of peace, each generation must pass down good traditions and legacies from one generation to the next.

Hence, a country has two forces: the constructive element and the destructive element.

At present, the armed conflicts, trespass from the east and the west, and acts of violence that our country is experiencing are being exploited by destructive forces as if they are gaining strength. Terrorism is not only the

enemy of our country but the common enemy of the entire world.

Every country has historical institutions and organizations that have preserved the state from being destroyed. For example, in China, it is the Communist Party, and in India, it is the parliamentary system. In Myanmar, the only historical institution that has maintained the unity and integrity of the country is the Myanmar Tatmadaw.

Accepting the actual politics of the country, the constructive elements of the country have to join hands with Tatmadaw in carrying out the nation-building undertakings together without distinction of civilian and military.

The entire population must be aware that if the constructive elements are not strong and effective, the destructive elements will quickly rise again, and the country will have to endure disastrous consequences. For peace and the achievement of democracy, the entire population needs to participate in the electoral process and walk the path together.

Esteemed voters,

The political rights of the people include the right to vote for those who will govern them and the right to stand for election themselves. Without political parties, elections cannot take place, and even the most basic level of democracy — electoral democracy — cannot be realized for the people. Through elections, a government emerges that represents the people and exercises the power entrusted to it by them. Under the federal system, based on the constitution, powers and responsibilities, such as legislative authority, tax and budget allocation, and natural resource management, can be properly divided between the union and state governments.

Therefore, for a multiparty democratic system to be strong, the entire population must participate actively. Only then can elections be held regularly, and democratic rights be realized. For a strong and stable union government, the people need to be qualified citizens with good capabilities.

Esteemed voters,

As mentioned above, if peace and democracy are firmly established, social life will not only become more harmonious and secure but also improve significantly in various areas, including:

1. Education
2. Health
3. Social welfare
4. Economy

Therefore, to advance social well-being and achieve peace and democracy, the most important factor is the rule of law.

Therefore, from an early age, citizens need to be taught to develop a love for their country, respect for their language and religion, obedience to the law, and understanding of civic duties.

Regarding the health sector, National expenditures for health may vary from country to country depending on each nation's revenue. However, a government has the legal means to protect the health and longevity of its citizens. For example, this includes food and medicines. If everyone truly loves their people and the country, they must carefully monitor and inspect the food they

consume daily and the medicines they use. Only by doing this can they truly love the people. On the other hand, this approach can reduce the costs of citizens seeking medical treatment abroad while strengthening domestic healthcare and medical research industries.

Regarding social matters, from the reign of King Anawrahta, the founder of the first Myanmar Empire, it has been necessary to preserve and protect Buddhism and the country's cultural heritage. Our human society is held together by these cultural traditions. Undermining these traditions while claiming to promote democracy and human rights is deceptive, and it only intends to harmfully destroy Myanmar society with ignorance. For example, lessons can be drawn from the government's actions between 2015 and 2020. Therefore, as a party, we believe that future governments should work to develop and strengthen the religions, beliefs, and cultural traditions that unite Myanmar's society, while simultaneously striving to implement the democratic system in a manner consistent with Myanmar's own methods and character.

Regarding the country's economy, the world is currently experiencing waves of agriculture, industry, and technology. However, our country remains a society primarily based on agriculture. Therefore, it is necessary to practically and effectively develop the agricultural sector. When it comes to establishing industry and advancing technology, the most critical factor is ensuring access to electricity in any way. Without electricity, no country can realistically achieve true development. Future governments must make decisions and take action to secure the nation's energy needs, whether through the ways — Myitsone project or nuclear energy.

Esteemed voters,

A country cannot remain isolated in the international community. Therefore, it must interact and maintain relations with the international community. In particular, our country is strategically located between two powerful nations, India and China, and also serves as an outlet to the Indian Ocean. To ensure Myanmar's stability, peace, and the achievement of democracy, it is necessary to carefully balance power with competing global forces between the West and the East and neighbouring strong countries, while continuing to pursue an independent and active foreign policy. In this way, Myanmar has to navigate international relations cautiously and skillfully.

In conclusion, the most important and final point is that future governments should not discard or completely restart the policies and pathways established by previous administrations. Instead, it is necessary to cultivate a political culture in which good policies, plans, and programmes must be effectively implemented.

May the voters enjoy peace and prosperity.
“May the country reach its goals, and may its citizens also achieve theirs”.



2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION



Federal Democratic Party talks about its policy, stance and work procedures

Daw Cho Cho Kyaw Nyein, Chairperson of the Federal Democratic Party, presented the policy, stance and work procedures of her party through radio and television on the evening of 7 November.
The full text of the presentation is as follows: -



Esteemed people,

I am Daw Cho Cho Kyaw Nyein, Chairperson of the Federal Democratic Party. My parents are U Kyaw Nyein (Ex-Deputy Prime Minister of the State) and Daw Nwet Nwet Yi. My father, U Kyaw Nyein, was a prominent figure who worked hand in hand on the front lines with General Aung San to achieve Myanmar’s independence. After Myanmar gained independence and the nation was established, it became a country respected by most nations in Southeast Asia.

My mother, Daw Nwet Nwet Yi, was a devoted donor who daily offered alms to 1,000 monks. During the ceremony of the Sixth Buddhist Synod, she served as the primary donor at the pagoda of Kaba Aye Cave in Yangon, presenting offerings to the monks. She also worked alongside my father and actively participated in Myanmar’s independence struggle.

Esteemed people,

“How to rebuild the nation” — that was what my father always used to say. Since Myanmar regained independence, internal instability has continued to this day. The ethnic nationalities have also been consistently calling for the establishment of a Union based on democracy and a federal system.

In general, federalism means reducing central control. From my studies, I’ve learned that there are various forms of federal systems. I believe that the system we choose must be suited to our own country. Among the types of federalism, the ones most commonly seen are those based on ethnicity and those based on regions and states.

From my perspective, since Myanmar is a country composed of 135 ethnic nationalities, establishing a federation based solely on ethnicity could lead to significant complexities. Therefore, our party firmly believes in building a federal system based on regions and states. This is why we established the Federal Democratic Party in Bago Region.

Once the legislature is formed, the problems faced by the people can be discussed in the Hluttaw through their elected representatives. To effectively oversee the government, these Hluttaw representatives must also be competent. Our party has selected educated candidates for the Hluttaw and has also gathered a majority of advocates as Hluttaw candidates. I believe that the government emerging after the elections will be based on a multiparty democratic system and will include a majority of parties. With a majority-inclusive government, mutual checks and balances can be

maintained, enabling the nation’s reconstruction and development efforts to be carried out more efficiently and swiftly.

Esteemed people,

Every citizen of the Union must have chances to: -

- (a) fully enjoy political freedoms,
- (b) enjoy economic freedoms, and
- (c) enjoy social freedoms.

These rights are fully protected through the establishment of the “Federal Democratic Party”. It is presented that the Union of Myanmar belongs to all its citizens, that they share the responsibility for the Union’s development, and that the nation will be built as a strong Union based on democracy and a federal system.

The golden yellow background of the Federal Democratic Party’s flag represents the nation’s abundant natural resources, both above and below the ground, and the resulting wealth and prosperity. The green peacock symbolizes that all citizens of the Union live in peace, contentment, and happiness.

Policy and stance

Our party will work to ensure that all citizens of the Union fully enjoy democratic rights and to establish a Union founded on democracy and a federal system.

The democratic system, our party believes in, upholds universal virtues such as freedom, justice, and equality. It aims to ensure that the people fully enjoy fundamental freedoms and rights, including political freedom, economic freedom, judicial independence, freedom of thought, freedom of expression, and the freedom to organize and assemble.

National reconciliation

National reconciliation is crucial for the country’s development. The Federal Democratic Party places great emphasis on this principle and will strive to ensure its success.

Ethnic minority affairs

Through the Panglong Conference, General Aung San led the effort to establish national unity among the ethnic nationalities.

The 1947 Constitution was drafted by the Parliament. The Constitution, which was adopted by the national leaders at that time, was designed in a way that satisfied the minority groups and ensured effective administration of the country. In essence, it established a union system — fundamentally a unified state. However, with independence came the rise of dogmatism, racism and sectarianism, which caused discord among the people.

Economic sector

In the economic sector, there are various forms of enterprises such as the free market economy, private production businesses, joint ventures between local and foreign investors, joint ventures between the government and the private sector, tripartite ventures involving the government, private sector, and foreign investors, intergovernmental joint ventures, cooperative societies, and state-owned economic enterprises.

Education policy

“The Federal Democratic Party” will implement plans aimed at establishing a long-lasting and sustain-

able education system.

The Federal Democratic Party will develop Myanmar’s healthcare system to meet international standards in line with modern times.

Social welfare policy

The Federal Democratic Party believes that all citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar are entitled to equal protection and care from the State and the Myanmar social community. In particular, children and the elderly deserve special protection and care from both the government and the people. The party will ensure that persons with disabilities, the poor, the sick, and patients receive at least free medical treatment, preventive care, and protection. For the homeless, the party will create affordable housing under the National Social Welfare Programme to provide temporary shelter and food.

Farmer affairs

All farmers will be granted rights such as land transfer, inheritance, and the freedom to sell their land.

For agricultural activities, necessary support will be provided to ensure access to high-quality seeds and high-yield crop varieties, fertilizers, pesticides, and equipment for soil preparation and maintenance. In agriculture and farming, support will be provided to enable the cultivation of crops, including rice and industrial raw materials, in a planned and fair manner without malpractice, so that farmers can freely grow crops that respond to domestic and international market prices and generate greater foreign income.

State defence and Tatmadaw sector

Tatmadaw, composed of offspring of the people, will continue to uphold its fine traditions as a people’s Tatmadaw and a patriotic Tatmadaw.

Foreign affairs

Every country must maintain friendly relations with the international community in accordance with its national interests. On this basis, foreign policy must be formulated, observed, and implemented.

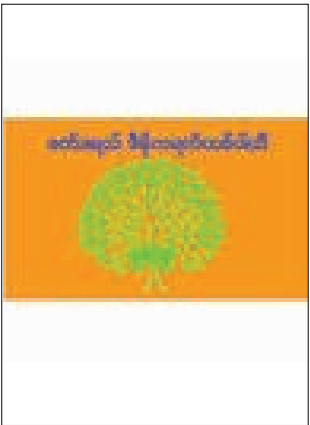
The vision of the Federal Democratic Party

In building the new Union of Myanmar, our “Federal Democratic Party” aims to:

- (a) Ensure that every citizen of the Union equally enjoys democratic and fundamental human rights in an orderly manner,
- (b) Establish a peaceful and prosperous Union,
- (c) Promote national unity and reconciliation, and
- (d) Facilitate the emergence of a Union based on democracy and a federal system.

Esteemed people,

In conclusion, as the Federal Democratic Party is based in the Bago Region, we invite the people of the Bago Region to join hands and work together with our party. We, the Federal Democratic Party, pledge to addressing the needs of the people under the Constitution.



NATIONAL

Myanmar delegation joins Belem Climate Summit opening, engages in dialogues in Brazil

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi, attended the Belem Climate Summit, being held from 6-7 November, in Belem, Brazil, at the invitation of Brazilian President Mr Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, on behalf of Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

During the opening ceremony on 6 November, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres delivered a speech saying to make efforts to bring temperatures back below 1.5 degrees Celsius and to stop the deforestation in 2030, and he also reiterated the need to support developing countries and called for a clear path to achieving the target of US\$1.3 trillion a year in climate finance by 2035. Developed coun-



The Belem Climate Summit in progress in Brazil on 6-7 November, attended by the Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister U Khin Maung Yi.

tries must take the lead in mobilizing US\$300 billion annually, he added.

The Brazilian President and participants then made speeches respectively.

At noon, the dialogue under the topic “climate and nature: forests and oceans” was

held, and Union Minister U Khin Maung Yi discussed that the long-term sustainability of forest and marine ecosystems is fundamental to enhancing climate resilience, conserving biodiversity, and supporting the sustainable livelihoods of coastal communities. He stated that

Myanmar is one of the world’s most biologically diverse countries, officially recognized for its rich biodiversity, with 42.19 per cent of its total land area covered by forests. The government has set a goal to increase forest coverage to 50 per cent of the country’s total area and is

implementing relevant policies and priority actions to promote the development of the forestry sector.

He continued that according to the Paris Agreement, Myanmar’s “Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC)” is a key strategic area, and efforts are being made to establish forest reserves and protected public forests for 30 per cent of the country and natural conservation areas for 10 per cent by 2030. The country also protects over 500,000 hectares of mangroves along the coast, and prioritizes the Blue Economy. Moreover, approval has been made for Myanmar to sign the “Tropical Forests Forever Facility- TFFF”.

In the evening, the Union Minister joined the dinner event.

Twenty-two countries signed the TFFF of Brazil, and it has been endorsed by 53 countries. — MNA/KTZH

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U Than Sin Lwin, Head of the Myanmar delegation, and Deputy Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, suggested prioritizing low-hanging fruit in implementing the CLMV Development Framework and exploring the funding sources with the support of the ASEAN Secretariat, which is the main challenge in implementing the projects.

Subsequently, the delegation leaders deliberated upon and endorsed the Guidelines on the Coordination Mechanism for the Implementation Plan for the Framework for CLMV Development.

The meeting noted that CLMV economic cooperation activities contribute to narrowing the development gap among ASEAN Member States, and the support of the ASEAN Secretariat is deemed essential.

Moreover, the delegation leaders endorsed the Joint Media Statement of the 17th CLMV Economic Ministers’ Meeting. It was noted that CLMV countries continue to promote eco-

nomie and trade cooperation, strengthen subregional and regional collaboration efforts, and implement the commitments of the CLMV Summit and the initiatives to narrow the development gap.

In the conclusion, the Union Minister conveyed her appreciation to Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, and the ASEAN Secretariat for their support of Myanmar’s chairmanship of CLMV economic cooperation in 2025. She then handed over the chairmanship of the CLMV economic cooperation for 2026 to Vietnam.

The meeting was attended by a total of 50 delegates, comprising representatives from Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, the ASEAN Secretariat, and senior officials from relevant ministries of Myanmar.

In the afternoon, as a side event of the 17th CLMV Economic Ministers’ Meeting, the Vietnam-Myanmar Business Connectivity Conference was held at the Melia Hotel. The event aimed to promote further trade and investment cooperation between business communities from My-

anmar and Vietnam.

At the conference, Dr Wah Wah Maung, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, delivered the opening remarks.

The event brought together approximately 100 participants, including government officials and representatives from the private sector of both countries. Among the attendees were prominent entrepreneurs from key sectors such as telecommunications, real estate, industrial manufacturing, animal feed, poultry farming, and construction. A signing ceremony followed, during which several cooperation agreements and memorandums of understanding (MoUs) were signed between Vietnamese and Myanmar businesses and industry associations.

Throughout the meeting, participants actively discussed and exchanged views on potential opportunities for trade and investment cooperation, highlighting mutual interests and exploring ways to strengthen bilateral economic relations. — MIFER

YMG inks news exchange MoA with leading Chinese media organizations



The signing event of MoA between the Yangon Media Group and Chinese media organizations underway in China on 6 November 2025.

YANGON Media Group (YMG) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) on Newsharing Cooperation Project with Chinese media organizations at the 13th Global Video Media Forum (VMF), held in Xi’an, Shaanxi Province, China, on 6 November. The signing involved CCTV+, Xi’an Daily Media Group, and Xi’an Broadcasting Corporation, with Yangon Media Group Chairman U Ko Ko in attendance.

Similar MoAs were also signed by media organizations from Afghanistan, Kazakh-

stan, and Kenya.

The Newsharing Cooperation Project, launched in 2016, connects domestic Chinese media, businesses, and regional authorities with international news agencies and partners. It also leverages CCTV+’s Global Distribution System (GDS) to link potential media partners worldwide.

The VMF, founded by CCTV+ in 2011, emphasizes video content distribution and technological innovation, serving as a key annual platform for global media collaboration and partnerships. — KNL/KZL

NATIONAL

MSWRR Union Minister joins disaster risk reduction forum in Hainan

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win attended the 2025 Council Meeting and Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Management of Regional and Belt and Road Countries held in Hainan, People’s Republic of China.

At the opening ceremony on 6 November afternoon, Chinese Vice Premier Mr Zhang Guoqiang welcomed the attending ministers and delivered an opening address. Ministers from participating countries discussed their national disaster risk reduction and emergency management policies.

Union Minister Dr Soe Win noted that the forum’s initiatives align with global frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. He highlighted Myanmar’s continued efforts in line with these frameworks and expressed appreciation to China and 25 other countries for their assistance in search



Union Minister Dr Soe Win attends the 2025 Council Meeting and Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction & Emergency Management in China.

and rescue operations and emergency health support following the Mandalay earthquake.

He said Myanmar is currently implementing nationwide rehabilitation and reconstruction measures, including rebuilding homes and transport infrastructure under the leadership of the Head of State. He also emphasized Myanmar’s focus on integrating modern and AI technologies

in disaster preparedness and mitigation.

At the conclusion of the conference, ministers adopted a joint communiqué.

On 7 November morning, the minister also participated in the thematic session on Emergency Rescue, where he underscored the importance of emergency response as a core element of disaster risk management. Sharing Myanmar’s experience from the March 2025 Mandalay

earthquake, he highlighted the country’s legal framework, rapid coordination under national leadership, international assistance from 25 countries including China, and Myanmar’s ongoing involvement in ASEAN regional drills and adoption of advanced technologies. The event concluded with a group photo session and continued discussions led by technical experts from participating nations. — MNA/KZL

Myanmar Customs, ASEAN counterparts jointly validate AEO firms

MYANMAR Customs, together with Customs representatives from Brunei, Cambodia, the Philippines, and Singapore, carried out a joint field validation of Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) companies in Myanmar on 6 and 7 November.

The inspection teams visited UPG Paint & Coating Co Ltd in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone and Wilmar Myanmar Riceland Limited in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone to assess their compliance with AEO standards.

The joint validation examined whether the recognized AEO companies were operating in line with World Customs Organization (WCO) guidelines, adhering to laws and regulations, and implementing international trade security measures effectively.

With the successful completion of this joint validation, Myanmar Customs expects to fully implement the ASEAN Authorized Economic Operator Mutual Recognition Arrangement (AAMRA) by December: — MNA/KZL



The joint field validation of Authorized Economic Operator companies in Myanmar underway on 6-7 November.

Yangon-Mawlamyine train service temporarily halted after landmine attack

DUE to a landmine attack between Theinzate and Donwun stations of the Yangon-Mawlamyine railroad, the Yangon-Mawlamyine train schedule has been cancelled temporarily, according to Mawlamyine Railway Station.

On 7 November, two sections of the railroad were destroyed by the landmine placed by insurgents when No 686 up train passed between 125 miles/18-19 and four carriages, including the locomotive of the rock carrying train, got derailed.

Due to this incident, the No 82 Mawlamyine-Yangon Up train, scheduled to depart from Mawlamyine, and the No 81 Yangon-Mawlamyine Down train,



The No 686 Up rock-carrying train derailed following a landmine attack.

scheduled to depart from Yangon on 7 November, have been cancelled. Refund for tickets will be made at Mawlamyine Railway Station’s ticket counter from 8:30 am to noon. — MT/ZS

Two innocent people killed in landmine blast in Thayet

A landmine planted by terrorists exploded on the morning of 6 November on the Thayet-Kanma Road in Thayet Township, Magway Region.

Two innocent men were killed

when a Toyota Hilux Double Cab, driven by U Kyaw Lwin with U Khin Maung Oo as a passenger, encountered the explosion near the entrance of Papout Village on the Thayet-Kanma Road at 6:30

am.

Security forces are taking measures to secure the affected areas and prevent further incidents. — MNA/MKKS

Quick commerce to stay competitive, food delivery remains profit engine: Bernstein Research



The quick commerce (QC) segment caters largely to about 70 million money-rich, time-poor consumers living in dense urban areas who place a high value on convenience. **PHOTO: ANI**

QUICK commerce in India is expected to remain intensely competitive in the coming years, while the food delivery segment will continue to serve as the main profit engine for online platforms, noted a report by Bernstein Research.

It stated “Quick Commerce will remain intensely competitive... Food Delivery is the cash machine”. According to the report, the quick commerce (QC) segment caters largely to about 70 million money-rich, time-poor consumers living in dense

urban areas who place a high value on convenience. Bernstein estimates this segment to be a USD 35 billion market by FY30, with QC increasingly taking share from traditional mom-and-pop stores, especially across the top 40 cities. — ANI

Kazakhstan sends 1st wheat shipment to Armenia via Azerbaijan in 30 years

KAZAKHSTAN’S national grain operator Food Contract Corporation has sent its first batch of wheat to Armenia through Azerbaijan in 30 years, the Minis-

try of Agriculture’s press service said on Thursday. The shipment became possible following agreements reached between the heads of state

of Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan, which enabled the resumption of transit through Azerbaijani territory, said the press service. — Xinhua

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AS the wharves, warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 14th November 2025 (National Victory Day), Loading, Unloading and delivery for Goods will be received on Payment as Holiday Fees.

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2	Byter Grami	Quizalofop-P- ethyl 10% EC	P2020-4948

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Shipping Agency Department
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SPORTS

China’s 15th National Games poised for cross-boundary road cycling race

THE road cycling competition at China’s 15th National Games kicked off Friday in Zhuhai, Guangdong Province, with a landmark cross-boundary race scheduled for Saturday.

Shandong’s Miao Chengshuo and Hainan’s Zhang Hao won the men’s and women’s individual trials, respectively, on Friday.

“I didn’t overthink the result, just trying to give full play to what I had trained,” said Miao, who clocked a winning time of 46 minutes 17.32 seconds in the 38.7-kilometre race, more than 10 seconds ahead of Tianjin’s Xue Ming. Miao’s teammate Cao Houwang finished third in 46:35.43. — Xinhua

FC Barcelona defender Garcia to play with facemask after suffering broken nose

FC Barcelona defender Eric Garcia broke his nose in Wednesday’s 3-3 draw away to Club Brugge and will try to play Sunday wearing a protective facemask. FC Barcelona confirmed on its official website that following a collision with Brugge substitute Romeo Vermant in the closing minutes of the match “first team player, Eric Garcia has a broken nose”.

“He will wear a protective mask and any potential involvement in the upcoming game against Celta de Vigo will be assessed,” explains the club.

If Garcia is unable to play, it would be a blow to Barcelona coach Hansi Flick, whose defence has looked vulnerable this season. — Xinhua

Khaka ‘made me a better coach’, says Arsenal boss Arteta

MIKEL Arteta said Granit Khaka had made him a “better coach” as the Arsenal manager prepares to lock horns with the Sunderland captain on Saturday.

Midfielder Khaka returned to the Premier League in July with newly promoted Sunderland after a two-year spell at Bayer Leverkusen following his 2023 departure from Emirates Stadium.

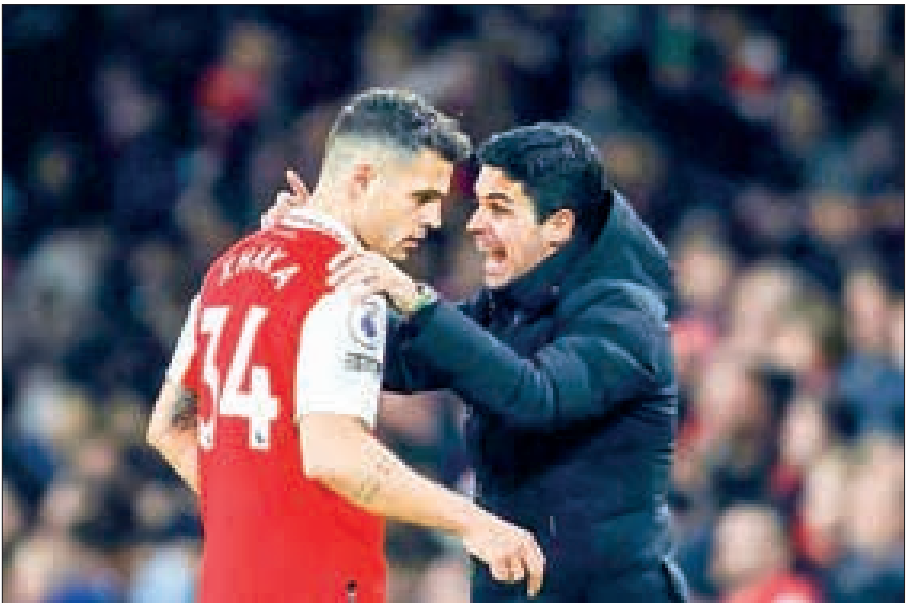
The Swiss international, 33, had some rocky times during his seven-year spell at Arsenal.

He was stripped of the captaincy by Arteta’s predecessor Unai Emery following an angry confrontation with home fans at a match in October 2019.

But Arteta mended bridges with the player after arriving at the club two months later.

“I loved every minute that we spent together,” the Spaniard said at his pre-match press conference on Friday.

“When I joined, he was in a special



Mikel Arteta managed midfielder Granit Khaka before he left Arsenal.
PHOTO: AFP/FILE

moment in his life and career and between all of us, we tried to guide him, give him a different perspective, and make him feel loved and valued. — AFP

German FA extends with president Neuendorf until 2029



The German Football Federation (DFB) have extended the contract of president Bernd Neuendorf (L). **PHOTO: AFP**

THE German FA (DFB) on Friday announced a four-year contract extension for president Bernd Neuendorf, whose ambitious agenda includes a potential World Cup bid.

Neuendorf has been in office since 2022 and was elected unopposed until 2029 at a vote at DFB headquarters in Frankfurt.

“We are now entering a new phase — a phase of shaping the future,” said Neuendorf.

“Thanks to our joint efforts as an association, we are once again capable of taking action. We want to move forward courageously.” As part of his four-year term, the 64-year-old is considering a bid for Germany to host either the 2038 or 2042 World Cups.

Speaking earlier this week, Neuendorf said the DFB would “address this question in the future and see under what conditions such a bid would even be conceivable. — AFP

Injured teen medal hope Tabanelli risks missing home Winter Olympics

TEENAGE freestyle skier Flora Tabanelli, one of Italy’s medal hopes at the upcoming Winter Olympics, risks sitting out Milan-Cortina after tearing a knee ligament, the country’s winter sports federation (FISI) said Friday.

World champion in the big air discipline, 17-year-old Ta-

banelli tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee following a fall in training on Thursday.

“Flora will begin a month-long recovery programme at J/ Medical (Italian football club Juventus’ medical centre) in Turin on Monday. This programme will be key to any subsequent

decisions,” said FISI.

The FISI added that Tabanelli’s knee will then be assessed, with results informing whether she can then begin more targeted recovery work aimed at her participation at the Winter Olympics, or go under the knife and miss the Games. — AFP



Flora Tabanelli won gold in the big air discipline at the World Championships in March. **PHOTO: AFP**



Xi attends commissioning of China's Fujian aircraft carrier

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, boarded and inspected China's Fujian aircraft carrier at a naval port in Sanya City. The vessel, launched in June 2022, is named after Fujian Province.



PRESIDENT Xi Jinping on Wednesday attended the commissioning and flag-presenting ceremony of the Fujian, China's first aircraft carrier equipped with electromagnetic catapults, in south China's Hainan Province.

Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Mil-

itary Commission, boarded the aircraft carrier to inspect the vessel at a naval port in Sanya City. The Fujian was launched in June 2022 and named after Fujian Province. — Xinhua

Chinese President Xi Jinping, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, poses for a group photo with representatives of the Fujian aircraft carrier unit at a naval port in Sanya City, south China's Hainan Province, 5 November 2025. **PHOTO: LI GANG/XINHUA**

850 cities join global Smart City Expo in Barcelona

ARTIFICIAL intelligence took the spotlight at this year's Smart City Expo World Congress (SCEWC), where more than 850 cities from 140 countries gathered in Barcelona to explore how technology can transform urban life.

Running from Tuesday to Thursday, the event, the largest in its history, brought together 1,200 tech companies and institutions showcasing innovations in sustainable mobility, clean energy, and digital governance.

"Cities are where things happen, the engines of both growth and pollution, but also where the solutions will emerge," said Ugo Valenti, SCEWC's managing director. He highlighted the expo's role as a global bridge, linking cities from China to



A model of smart city is seen at the 2025 Smart City Expo World Congress in Barcelona, Spain, 4 November 2025. **PHOTO: JOAN GOSA/XINHUA**

Latin America and Europe to share solutions to common urban challenges.

This year's exhibition showcased a wide spectrum of smart technologies, from autonomous buses and electric motorbikes to off-grid wind and solar generators, mobile charging systems, and intelligent street lighting. — Xinhua

Vietnam calls for intl support to establish chip manufacturing plant

VIETNAMESE Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Chi Dung on Friday called for international cooperation in establishing Vietnam's first chip manufacturing plant, while affirming Vietnam's determination to boost the semiconductor industry, local media VNExpress reported.

Speaking with a delegation from the Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (SEMI) association, Dung welcomed SEMI members to build a comprehensive semiconductor ecosystem in the country, including manufacturing plants, technical support centers, and knowledge-sharing platforms.

The establishment of Vietnam's first chip manufacturing plant is among the goals outlined under the strategy for developing Vietnam's semiconductor industry by 2030, with a vision to 2050.

According to the Ministry of Finance, Vietnam has over 50 circuit design firms employing around 7,000 engineers, along with 15 enterprises and more than 10,000 technicians involved in packaging, testing, and manufacturing semiconductor equipment and materials. — Xinhua