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President of Republic of Union of Myanmar HE U Min Aung Hlaing to make Official Visit to Malaysia

AT the invitation of His Excellency Dato' Seri Anwar Bin Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia, His Excellency U Min Aung Hlaing, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, will pay an Official Visit to Malaysia in the near future.

During the visit, the President of Myanmar will meet and hold bilateral talks with the Prime Minister of Malaysia, and will attend and deliver opening remarks at the Myanmar-Malaysia Business Dialogue. The President will hold cordial discussion and exchange views on further consolidation of the existing friendly relations, promotion of mutually beneficial cooperation between the two Governments and peoples, as well as enhancement of cooperation across economic, cultural, and various other sectors.

The President will be accompanied by Union Ministers and officials during the visit. — MoFA

Myanmar's cultural dance showcased at Hanoi's 2nd Cultures of World Festival



This photo features the Myanmar art troupe at the 2nd Cultures of the World Festival in Hanoi 2026.

A Myanmar cultural dance troupe participated in the 2nd Cultures of the World Festival in Hanoi 2026, held in Hanoi, Vietnam, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The event was jointly organized by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam, and the Hanoi People's Committee. The festival was held from 1 to 4 October at the Thang Long Imperial Citadel in Hanoi.

The opening ceremony of the festival was attended by Ms Pham Thi Thanh Tra, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam and Deputy Prime Minister, and Ms Lam Thi Phuong Thanh, Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism. Ambassadors and representatives from foreign embassies and international organizations based in Hanoi also attended the event, which featured 45 cultural booths, 35 food booths and 19 international art troupes representing 50 embassies and international organizations. The Embassy of Myanmar in Hanoi, together with a Myanmar cultural dance troupe, participated in the festival.

During the festival, families of staff members from the Myanmar Embassy and the Office of the Military Attache (Army, Navy and Air) showcased traditional Myanmar attire and

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MGEC issues buyer eligibility notice

THE Central Committee on Myanma Gems Emporium has announced attendance and purchasing regulations for the 61st Myanma Gems Emporium, scheduled from 8 to 17 October at Maniradana Jade Hall under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation.

The exhibition will showcase and sell Myanmar sourced pearls, gems, and jade lots. In line with the Myanmar Gemstone Law, participation is restricted to Myanmar citizen gem entrepreneurs holding valid permits and licensed Myanmar gem trading businesses.

Further information on attendance and purchasing procedures is available through the Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee, Myanma Gems Enterprise, and Myanma Pearl Enterprise in Nay Pyi Taw, the committee stated. — NN/KK



Gem traders evaluate gem stones at the previous Myanma Gems Emporium.

Ongoing renovation work in Falam, Chin State

WHILE construction work is underway in Falam Township, renovation work is being carried out on the RC three-storey building of the Deputy Director's Office of the District Highways Department, two new housing units for the Highways Department and the three-storey office building of the Urban and Housing Development Department.

Deputy Minister for Construction Dr Thaung Naing, who is in Chin State to oversee rehabilitation work, inspected the renovation works together with Chin State Minister for Electricity, Energy, Industry and Transport U Nay Lin Aung and members of the Chin State Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Committee yesterday morning.

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Officials oversee the ongoing restoration effort in Chin State.

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Objectives of 27th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competition 2026

- (a) To enhance national prestige, integrity, and preserve the traditional cultural heritage of ethnic people
- (b) To preserve national characteristics and promote the national spirit, cherishing traditional culture among the younger generation
- (c) To explore, preserve and promote the sustainable development of traditional Myanmar arts
- (d) To function as a cultural and artistic institution that contributes to nation-building

STT leads 3-day YGN-NPT familiarization tour



Participants seen during the 3-day Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw familiarization tour.

TO spur tourism in Nay Pyi Taw and showcase local attractions, Soe Travel & Tour Co Ltd (STT) hosted a threeday, twonight Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon familiarization trip from 2 to 4 October.

A total of 35 participants, including distinguished guests, tour operators, tourism promotion teams, and media representatives, joined the tour.

On the first day, the group departed Yangon for Nay Pyi Taw by DEMU train. They visited the Herbal Garden, Shwe Nan Thwin Pagoda, the Letloктаung Tawya (forest retreat) Monastery, and the Pobbathiri Night Market before retiring to the Uttara Thiri Hotel for the night.

On the second day, the group paid homage to the Maravijaya Buddha Image and enjoyed water activities, recreation, and lunch at the Ngapali Kantha Resort in Hlaykhwin Hill. They also visited the Defence Services Museum and the National Museum before enjoying dinner accompanied by cultural dances at the Thukha Soe Hotel.

On the third day, the group visited the white elephants near the Uppatasanti Pagoda, and shopped for local souvenirs at the Myoma Market before departing back to Yangon via DEMU train.

This tour not only allowed participants to comprehensively explore Nay Pyi Taw's scenic natural landscapes, culture, and historical heritage in a single trip, but it also facilitated the exchange of experiences and perspectives among tour operators and relevant organizations. — TWA/ZN

Shwedagon to host Thadingyut oil-lamp offering, Abhidhamma Day ceremonies

THE Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees has announced that an oil-lamp offering ceremony will be held on the eve of the coming Thadingyut full moon day, while an Abhidhamma Day ceremony will be held on the same day.

During the oil-lamp offering ceremony on the eve of the Thadingyut full moon day, devotees will carry illuminated pagoda-shaped lamps around the pagoda platform. In addition, 10,000 oil lamps



The lighting of the lamps at the Shwedagon Pagoda on the eve of the Thadingyut full moon day.

will be lit and offered across the entire pagoda platform. “An oil-lamp offering

ceremony will be held on the evening of 25 October, the eve of the Thadingyut full moon day. At 5 pm, we will light the pagoda-shaped lamps and carry them around the pagoda platform. On the morning of the full moon day, which is Abhidhamma Day, we will make a dawn food offering and then hold the Abhidhamma Day ceremony,” said an official from the Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees. — ASH/MKKS

Public talk on local development held at Bahan Community Centre

A public talk on local development awareness was held at the Community Centre in Bahan Township, Yangon Region, at 10 am yesterday. The event was jointly organized by the Information and Public Relations Department and relevant departments.

Bahan Township Management and Administration Committee Chairman U Kan Win delivered the opening remarks, while IPRD Assistant Director Daw Aye Aye Khaing explained the objectives of the public talk.

During the discussion,

the Yangon Region Hluttaw representative, Bahan Township Management and Administration Committee Chairman U Kan Win, and township-level officials discussed measures being undertaken by their respective departments for local development. They also explained waste collection services, measures to enable residents to purchase rice and cooking oil at affordable prices, and plans to raise residents' needs and concerns at the Hluttaw.

Local communities asked questions about



A local development awareness public talk in progress yesterday.

products sold by the Cooperatives Department and plans to maintain cleanliness and beautify the township. Officials responded to their queries.

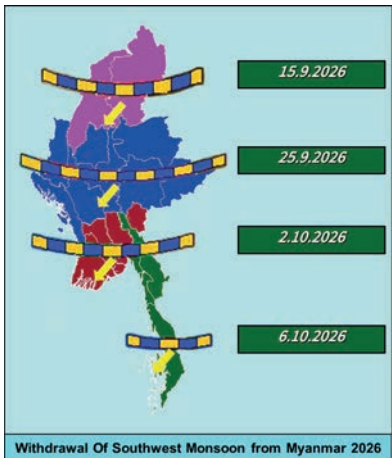
The event was attended by the Yangon Region

Hluttaw representative, members of the Bahan Township Management and Administration Committee, departmental officials and local communities. — Thin Thin Soe (IPRD)/KZL

Condition of Southwest Monsoon Withdrawal from the whole country

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SOUTHWEST monsoon has been withdrawn from the whole country. — DMH



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Third Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues day-2 meeting

THE Third Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued the second-day meeting of the third regular session at its building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Lawmakers discussed the topics of renaming the Ministry of Hotels, Tourism and Culture as the Ministry of Culture, Hotels and Tourism, and the announcement of Ordinance 5/2026.

Deputy Minister for Culture, Hotels and Tourism U Aye Tun explained that, as the government has designated the ministry's role as promoting the development of tourism based on culture, it is appropriate and proper to reorganize and rename the ministry as the Ministry of Culture, Hotels and Tourism, and he sought approval for renaming the ministry.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker sought the approval of the Hluttaw and approved the renaming of the ministry and the release of Ordinance 5/2026.



The second-day meeting of the Third Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's third regular session is underway in Nay Pyi Taw, presided over by Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe.

and approved the release of Ordinance 5/2026.

The Speaker announced the reassignment of Union Minister U Maung Myint for the

Ministry of Labour and Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe for the Ministry of Culture, Hotels and Tourism.

The Hluttaw approved the appointment of General Ko Ko Oo from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army)

for the Ministry of Home Affairs and the release of Ordinance 6/2026.

Moreover, the Speaker sought the Hluttaw's approval for the appointment of Dr Myo Win Aung and U Saw Myo Myo proposed by the President as Judges of the Supreme

Court of the Union.

The lawmakers focused discussions on extension of tax exemption for diesel HDS (500 ppm) and Liquefied Natural Gas. The Speaker put the matter to a vote, and, as the number of votes in favour was higher, announced that the Hluttaw had agreed to it.

Union Minister for Electricity and Energy U Ko Ko Lwin explained the Instrument of Ratification for the Agreement on the ASEAN Petroleum Security Agreement Framework, submitted by the President, to enable the framework to enter into force.

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw Than Than Lin explained the acquisition of export credit from DBRB and Belinvestbank JSC of the Republic of Belarus,

submitted by the President.

Regarding the matter of obtaining a loan from the Central Bank of Myanmar to cover the deficit in the Union Government Deposit Account for the 2026-2027 financial year, submitted by the President, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw Than Than Lin and Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Thet Tun Aung explained the matter and sought approval from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The Speaker announced that lawmakers wishing to discuss the proposals may register at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will continue its third-day meeting on 8 October.

— News Team/TTA

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and sold traditional Myanmar jade jewellery at the cultural booth, while distributing tourism information, brochures and video documentaries about Myanmar. They also promoted

and sold traditional Myanmar food and Myanmar beer at the food booth.

In addition, the cultural dance troupe from the Ministry of Culture, Hotels and Tourism per-

formed at the festival's cultural presentation programmes and concluded its participation with a dance at the closing ceremony of the event. — ASH/TH

Ongoing renovation work in Falam, ...

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During the inspection, the deputy minister instructed officials to repair the departmental buildings systematically so that office operations could resume and public services could be provided upon completion. He also called for the work to be expedited to ensure that the offices could re-

sume operations as soon as possible.

Afterwards, the deputy minister inspected the renovation of the former Road Management Centre and the opening of a temporary office. He also inspected the three-storey staff housing of the Department of Urban and Housing Development and gave instructions to

ensure that departmental staff and their families working in Falam could live with peace of mind. He also instructed officials to make proper use of salvaged materials, dispose of construction waste properly, clean the work areas and arrange drainage channels to improve water flow. — District IPRD/MKKS

Deputy C-in-C offers encouragement to patients at Orthopaedic Hospital in Mingaladon Station

DEPUTY Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Kyaw Swa Lin, accompanied by senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the Commander of the Yangon Command and other officials, visited and offered words of encouragement to officers and other ranks receiving medical treatment at the Defence Services Orthopaedic Hospital (500-bed) in Mingaladon Station yesterday afternoon.

The Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and Commander-in-Chief (Army) and party arrived at the Defence Services Orthopaedic Hospital (500-bed),



Defence Services Deputy Commander-in-Chief and Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Kyaw Swa Lin comforts a patient at the 500-bed Defence Services Orthopaedic Hospital.

where they were welcomed by the commandant and responsible officials.

The General and party visited officers and other ranks who had sustained injuries while discharging State defence and security duties. They enquired about their health condi-

tion and recovery, offered words of encouragement, and presented foodstuffs and cash awards.

Afterwards, General Kyaw Swa Lin and party inspected the hospital premises and gave necessary instructions to officials, according to reports.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Discusses Key National Issues, Approves Rule Amendments

THE 12th-day meeting of the Third Pyithu Hluttaw's third regular session was held at the Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, attended by Speaker U Khin Yi, Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn, and members of parliament. During the session, officials addressed six parliamentary questions covering youth development, infrastructure, land administration, national security, and resettlement, alongside approving amendments to political party registration rules.

Regarding youth affairs, Union Minister for Youth Affairs Dr Maung Thin detailed initiatives aimed at fostering culture-based civic spirit, job-readiness programmes, and vocational



The third regular session of the Third Pyithu Hluttaw holds its 12th-day meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

training, noting that more than 47,000 youths took part in various forums over the past year. He also highlighted rehabilitation efforts that have provided vocational skills to 400 individuals recovering from drug addiction to support

their reintegration into society.

Addressing infrastructure concerns, Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Khin Maung Latt explained that dredging, creek-straightening, and bank-retention works along Sinthay Creek

have received budget allocations for the 2026-2027 financial year, with further flood-mitigation projects planned for 2027-2028.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Min Thu answered multiple queries on governance

and security. On land administration, he detailed the strict timelines for undisputed land lease grants following inter-departmental verifications, ranging from 32 days for plots under one acre up to 73 days for parcels exceeding five acres. Regarding acts undermining national sovereignty, the deputy minister affirmed that offenders operating from abroad are prosecuted under counter-terrorism, penal, and related laws, with authorities issuing Interpol Red Notices, revoking passports, and engaging international police networks under extradition agreements.

Turning to regional administration, Maj-Gen Min Thu clarified that while a dedicated central fund

will not build a new Wa Self-Administered Division head office, the Shan State government has budgeted for staff housing in Matman for the 2027-2028 financial year. Regarding displaced populations in Shwebo District, he stated that ongoing security and counter-insurgency operations aim to restore the rule of law so residents can safely return home under regional supervision.

The Hluttaw concluded the session by approving the Fourth Amendment to the Political Parties Registration Rules, submitted by the Union Election Commission with two parliamentary amendments.

The 13th-day meeting is scheduled to resume on 7 October. — MNA/ST

Myanmar Coast Guard holds fifth Anniversary Parade

A parade to mark the fifth anniversary of the Myanmar Coast Guard was held yesterday morning at the Coast Guard parade ground in Thanlyin Township.

The ceremony was attended by Myanmar Coast Guard Director-General Rear-Admiral Tet Lwin Tun, personnel and family members from Myanmar Coast Guard, and invitees.

The parade was held as planned, with the national flag and the fallen leaders and Tatmadaw

members being saluted while taking oaths. The Myanmar Coast Guard Director-General Rear-Admiral Tet Lwin Tun delivered a speech to mark the fifth anniversary of the Myanmar Coast Guard.

In the afternoon, the Coast Guard Anniversary Award Ceremony was held at the Myanmar Coast Guard Command Headquarters' Recreation Centre. The Director-General and officials presented awards to officers and other ranks

who had performed their duties diligently during the 2025-2026 year and to family members of Tatmadaw

members who received the Best Housing Award during the year. — MNA/MKKS



This photo depicts the parade to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Myanmar Coast Guard.

Public Notice

THE Anti-Corruption Commission has established corruption prevention units within ministries to curb corruption effectively.

The ACC used SMS on mobile phones to ask the public who sought services at an office of the department of the relevant ministries via short code No "1111" for feedback, including the public feedback programme (PFP).

According to the PFP, the proper replies of the citizens via short code No "1111" will provide the quality of services of each department and the requirements for corruption prevention to be fixed.

Therefore, the public should reply to the questions of the ACC and corruption prevention units of the ministries via SMS at short code "1111". Such doing is a supportive measure for PFP, and the people are urged to cooperate in the operations.

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Defence Services Deputy C-in-C delivers speech at 5th Founding Anniversary of MCG

DEFENCE Services Deputy Commander-in-Chief and Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Kyaw Swa Lin delivered a speech at the ceremony to mark the fifth founding anniversary of the Myanmar Coast Guard at its headquarters in Thanlyin Station yesterday morning.

The ceremony was also attended by senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of the Yangon Command, the director-general of Myanmar Coast Guard, commanders of naval commands, officers and other ranks from Tatmadaw (Navy) and Myanmar Coast Guard and guests.

At the opening of the Recreation Centre to mark the anniversary of MCG, an official reported on the construction of the building.



Defence Services Deputy Commander-in-Chief and Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Kyaw Swa Lin views exhibits on display at yesterday's fifth founding anniversary of the Myanmar Coast Guard.

The General pressed the button to unveil the Recreation Centre and sprinkled scented water on the plaque.

Speaking on the occasion, the General said that the Head of State formed the Myanmar

Coast Guard in 2021 with farsightedness. It aims to manage maritime security and law enforcement activities in the area extending from Myanmar's internal waters along its coastline to the exclusive economic zone, protect

national maritime interests, conduct maritime search and rescue operations, combat transnational crimes at sea, exchange information, strengthen diplomatic relations through cooperation and coordination with interna-

tional coast guard forces, and provide support to the Tatmadaw (Navy) during wartime.

It was established with the vision of developing into a competent coast guard force capable of protecting and safeguarding, both at sea and in the air, the nation's maritime interests, marine environmental safety and security, and the rule of law across the area extending from the mainland coastline to the exclusive economic zone. Myanmar's maritime domain is not only a vital lifeline for the country's national trade, but also serves as a geopolitical bridge connecting the Indo-Pacific region and the Indian Ocean with South-East Asia and South Asia, as well as with China and India, the world's two most populous countries.

At present, Myan-

mar is building a Union based on democracy and federalism under the leadership of a new government elected by the people through democratic means. The Government is prioritizing efforts to enhance strategic economic cooperation with partner countries, and such cooperation encompasses a wide range of maritime sectors and blue economy activities.

It should also be recognized that maritime affairs are closely interconnected with a wide range of international, legal, and technical standards, disaster management and humanitarian issues. By effectively utilizing the country's maritime potential, it will be possible to promote economic development while enhancing the country's positive image in the maritime sector.

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Retaining wall construction inspected in Sinbaungwe

RELEVANT officials conducted a field inspection yesterday of the construction of a retaining wall beside the multi-purpose hall in Sipinhla Village, Sinbaungwe Township, Magway Region, which is being carried out using the Model Village Project-approved budget and public



Officials inspect the construction of a retaining wall in Sinbaungwe Township, Magway Region.

community contributions for the 2026-2027 financial year.

Acting Township Head Daw Ei Ei Mon of the Sinbaungwe Township Department of Rural Development, along with officials and members of the Model Village Project Committee, inspected the retaining

wall construction. The acting township head instructed those involved to complete the work on time and adhere strictly to the specified design standards and schedules.

The retaining wall in Sipinhla Village is 90 feet long, three feet and six inches wide, and seven feet and six inches high. It is being implemented by the villagers themselves with technical assistance from engineers of the Department of Rural Development, utilizing an approved Model Village project budget of K10 million and community public contributions of K0.95 million, totalling K10.95 million for the 2026-2027 financial year.

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Metmung opens free carpentry course

A free vocational carpentry training course was opened at the meeting hall of the Metmung Township Department of Rural Development in Wa Self-Administered Division, Shan State (North), yesterday with the aim of creating employment opportunities for rural residents.

Memung Township Administration and Management Committee Chairman U Yaw Min Tun delivered the opening remarks.

Metmung Township Department of Rural Development Head U Hlaing Min Tun explained that vocational training courses are conducted after assessing local products, market demand, labour requirements and livelihood opportunities suited



This image shows training materials and equipment being provided at the course opening event.

to local conditions, after which the trainees introduced themselves individually.

Trainers also explained the subjects to be learned in detail, and departmental officials provided the trainees with training materials and equipment.

A total of 20 train-

ees from YaungUWa, Konhaung, Panhpon and Ayekyant villages in Metmung Township are attending the free 15-day vocational carpentry course, where skilled trainers are providing both theoretical and practical instruction in carpentry-related skills. — Maung Khaing (Rural)

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In carrying out the duties of the force, it is required to protect and safeguard the country's maritime interests and uphold the rule of law at sea, as well as perform duties related to maritime security and safety. These responsibilities constitute the capabilities and mandates assigned to the force since its establishment.

It is necessary to work in coordination with the Tatmadaw (Navy) and maritime police force to protect fishermen and seafarers in Myanmar's waters; conduct maritime search and rescue and provide humanitarian assistance; prevent and combat illegal smuggling and smuggled goods; prevent piracy; combat human trafficking, drug trafficking and arms and ammunition smuggling; and carry out Choke Point Control to safeguard the country's strategic maritime

control points, as well as perform diplomatic duties. Officers and other ranks of the Myanmar Coast Guard are being sent to domestic and overseas training courses to equip them with the practical skills and expertise required to effectively perform their duties in these areas. Therefore, MCG members must strive to develop the high level of capabilities expected of Coast Guard personnel, proficiency in internationally used languages, and expertise in maritime law. The State is also providing the Myanmar Coast Guard with offshore patrol vessels, fast patrol boats and small boats.

In order to effectively protect and safeguard Myanmar's maritime interests, the State enacted the Myanmar Coast Guard Law on 17 July 2025 to enable the Coast Guard Force to firmly perform its duties in accordance

with the law. Force members must, in accordance with the Myanmar Coast Guard Law, steadfastly and conscientiously protect and safeguard Myanmar's maritime interests, blue economy activities, and marine ecosystems and resources.

Only by carrying out these measures can the force fulfil its operational responsibility of ensuring "Good Order at Sea". Furthermore, it will be able to implement the international maritime laws, conventions and related protocols to which the State is a signatory, which are important for the exercise of the jurisdiction of coastal States, and thereby fully discharge its responsibility of ensuring "Good Governance at Sea", namely, the rule of good and just law at sea.

Members of the guard are urged to seriously implement the objectives of the Myanmar Coast Guard and fully discharge their

duties to protect and safeguard the maritime interests and marine resources of the State in building a Union based on democracy and a federal system. The General urged them to fully carry out the responsibilities assigned to them in the development, conservation and protection of the maritime infrastructure and blue economy initiatives being implemented by the State.

In discharging the duties of the Myanmar Coast Guard, members are urged to place strong emphasis on safeguarding the sovereignty of the State, upholding the rule of law, and maintaining its jurisdiction, while striving to enhance their capabilities and modernize and develop the force so that it can keep pace with international coast guard forces. They are also urged to strive to build Myanmar's maritime domain into a safe

and secure sea, a stable and peaceful sea, a clean sea, and a more productive sea, with the capability to prevent and counter any unconventional threats that may arise at any time and in any place along the country's long coastline and extensive maritime boundaries.

The General and attendees watched a documentary video clip on the commemoration of the MCG and posed for documentary photos, and the General cordially greeted the attendees.

The General viewed the booths, shops and the rescue vessel displayed to mark the commemorative ceremony.

At the meeting hall of the MCG Headquarters, the General heard reports on the duties and functions of the MCG, its capabilities and the implementation of the missions presented by the director-general of

the MCG. In his instructions, the General stressed that, as the Head of State established the Myanmar Coast Guard with the deep objective of enabling it to keep pace with international and regional counterparts, continued efforts should be made to further enhance its progress and success. MCG members need to have a thorough understanding of laws, orders and directives, as well as international relations. Training opportunities should also be created for members to enhance their capabilities. As the duties and responsibilities of the respective units differ, coordination and cooperation among the units should be strengthened.

The General and party inspected the progress of agriculture and livestock activities in the headquarters of the MCG to ensure the welfare of families. — 100/TTA

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Statement 11/2026 on Welcoming Repatriation of Myanmar Nationals Facing Difficulties Abroad

1. From January to September 2026, Myanmar nationals facing difficulties and hardships in Cambodia, India and Malaysia were brought back to Myanmar by sea and air. In October, under the coordination of the State, 1,476 verified Myanmar nationals who had been detained at immigration detention centres in Malaysia and were facing difficulties in returning to Myanmar were smoothly repatriated to Myanmar by vessels of the Myanmar Armed Forces. It was also observed that healthcare and necessary humanitarian assistance were provided to them.
2. Article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) states: "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person." Furthermore, Article 13, paragraph 2, specifically provides: "Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country." In accordance with these provisions, protecting Myanmar nationals abroad so as to free them from the dangers, hardships and difficulties they are facing, and practically facilitating their right to return to their country, constitutes measures consistent with human rights standards.
3. To ensure that every citizen receives protection under the law, receives adequate humanitarian assistance, and that the fundamental rights of citizens are promoted and protected, the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission welcomes and supports the process of repatriating Myanmar nationals who are experiencing difficulties abroad and bringing them back to their country.

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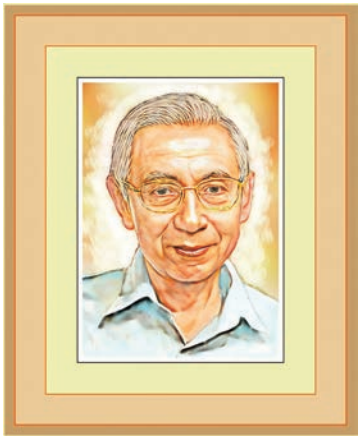
MGS founder Professor Dr U Thein passes away

THE founder and Honorary Patron of the Myanmar Geosciences Society (MGS), retired Professor of the Department of Geology at Yangon University, Dr U Thein, passed away on 5 October at 90.

The Myanmar Geosciences Society announced the news so that students and colleagues near and far may be informed, noting that the professor passed away at Shwegondine Specialist Hospital in Yangon.

The late Professor Dr U Thein was a key expert in Myanmar's earthquake safety and research studies. Since the establishment of the Myanmar Earthquake Committee (MEC), he consistently provided essential geological advice and expertise. Furthermore, he personally drafted and compiled the Seismic Zone Map of Myanmar, which was published in 2001.

He was also a prominent scholar who spent decades educating and nurturing generations of young geologists across various domestic universities, including Yangon University. — TWA/ZN



An image of late Dr U Thein.

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Construction began in the third week of September this year and has

now reached 70 per cent completion. Once fully completed, the project will benefit 626 people from 171

households in the village, according to Daw Ei Ei Mon, Acting Township Head of the Sinbaungwe

Township Department of Rural Development. — Nyein Thu (DRD)

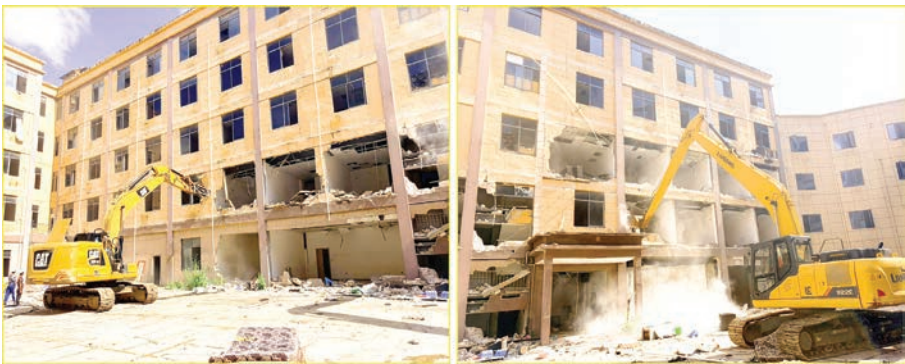
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Shwe Kokko Gambling Dens Face Second Demolition

THE Government has prioritized efforts to combat online fraud and online gambling as a national duty, coordinating not only with domestic forces but also with neighbouring governments to conduct effective inspections and crackdowns to prevent such syndicates from gaining a foothold in the country. As part of these operations, the demolition of remaining unauthorized buildings previously used for online fraud and gambling operations in the Shwe Kokko area commenced yesterday under Phase II.

To halt online scams and gambling activities heavily concentrated in the Shwe Kokko and KK Park areas, the Government gathered intelligence, drew up detailed operational plans and carried out clearance operations. Multi-agency joint task forces comprising security forces, administrative bodies and local authorities have been systematically destroying seized equipment and completely demolishing unauthorized structures.

In KK Park, authorities uncovered and



Images reveal the demolition of scam-related buildings and facilities in the Shwe Kokko area, Myawady, Kayin State.

cleared 635 unauthorized buildings used for illegal online fraud and gambling activities. To ensure that such operations could not be re-established in the area, the structures were earmarked for complete demolition across three designated phases. As previously announced, all 635 buildings were entirely and systematically demolished by 9 January 2026.

Similarly, inspections were conducted in the Shwe Kokko area to root out online fraud and gambling activities, uncovering 140 buildings used for such illicit operations. These properties were sealed off and designated for complete demolition according to their structural categories. Under Phase 1, 77 buildings were systematically demolished

on 26 July.

Under Phase II, the remaining 63 buildings have been categorized according to their demolition methods. Of these, 25 buildings are to be demolished using heavy machinery, four buildings are to be brought down through controlled implosion, and 34 buildings located close to residential dwellings are to be dismantled floor by floor using manual labour.

Demolition work is currently underway, with a five-storey building among those designated for mechanical demolition being brought down today.

Of the 140 buildings in the Shwe Kokko area used for online fraud and gambling operations, 77 have already been demolished. Work is currently underway on one building,

while the remaining 62 structures will continue to be systematically demolished in accordance with the designated plans.

As online scams and fraudulent gambling operations pose a threat to global socioeconomic stability and national security, the Government is collaborating with neighbouring and regional countries to implement structured plans aimed at their complete eradication. In particular, authorities are effectively identifying and dismantling scam networks operating in remote border areas, taking stern and decisive action against perpetrators within the country, and placing special emphasis on eradicating online scam and gambling activities once and for all. — 100

Veteran film music conductor U Khin Maung Gyi dies at 71

VETERAN film music conductor and three-time Academy Award winner Alinka Kyaw Swa U Khin Maung Gyi died in the early hours of 6 October, according to his family.

U Khin Maung Gyi won Academy Awards in 2002, 2005 and 2014 for his outstanding contributions to Myanmar film music. He was also conferred the Alinka Kyaw Swa title in 2026.

U Khin Maung Gyi came from a musical family. His father, U Myint Swe Lay, was a drummer with the Gita Lulin band. His son, Ko Aung Thu, is a guitarist with the Lucky Hand



band, while his grandson, Bon Bon, is also a drummer.

U Khin Maung Gyi was 71 when he died. His family has not yet announced funeral arrangements. — TWA/KNN

Project funds transferred in Aunglan



A rural development fund disbursement ceremony in progress yesterday in Aunglan Township.

A project fund transfer ceremony for village development projects to be implemented during the 2026-2027 financial year was held at the meeting hall of the Department of Rural Development in Aunglan Township, Aunglan District, Magway Region, yesterday.

District Head U Win Naing of the Department of Rural Development in Aunglan District delivered the opening remarks. Daw Htar Htar Yi, Head of the Department of Rural Development in Aunglan Township, explained the implementation proce-

dures and processes for each village development project.

Afterwards, the district head and officials transferred K50 million from the Model Village Project Fund and K30 million from the Rural Business Fund (RBF) Project Fund to the project working group of Maoogon Village. They also transferred K15 million each to the project working groups of six villages implementing the Village Development Project (VDP), according to the Aunglan Township Department of Rural Development. — Ah Htwe (DRD)

4 arrested in Lashio online gambling case

FOUR people were arrested with electronic devices and cash while allegedly conducting online fraud and gambling activities at Win Cherry Hostel on Byuha Road in Thiri Maha Ward, Area 4, Lashio, northern Shan State, yesterday afternoon.

At about 3:05 pm, a combined team of security personnel and departmental officials searched Room 214 of the hostel following information about online fraud and gambling activities. The team ar-

rested Min Hwei Sin, Ma Hwe Phyu, Kaung Win Kyi, also known as Am Wei, and Thang Yin Shi, also known as Aphyin.

The team seized four laptops, one all-in-one computer, seven mobile phones, two Wi-Fi devices and K475,000 in cash allegedly used in connection with the activities.

Legal action will be taken against the four suspects under Section 33(a) of the Electronic Transactions Law at Lashio Myoma Police Station.



Four arrestees are pictured alongside confiscated scam-related items.

Relevant authorities are continuing efforts to prevent online fraud and gam-

bling activities from taking root and to eradicate such activities. — 100/KZL

Promoting youth participation in national development efforts

IN bringing about a country’s development in a sustainable and enduring manner, not only its natural resources, infrastructure and economic strength but also its human resources, which will shape the country’s future, are important. Among these human resources, young people, who possess strength and enthusiasm and can quickly learn and apply technology and knowledge, constitute themselves as an important, reliable force for the country’s development.

Young people are the next generation who will take responsibility for the country’s future administrative, economic, social, educational, healthcare, scientific and technological sectors. Therefore, the government is creating opportunities to effectively utilize young

In addition, young people should strive to develop micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), social enterprises, and innovative ventures based on their education and vocational skills. To enhance the capabilities of young people, responsible officials from various sectors should organize seminars and discussions, while experts should share their knowledge and experiences. In this way, the younger generation will be able to acquire knowledge and skills more easily and in less time. Only then will they be able to create and achieve greater and better progress for future generations.

such voluntary participation, they can make meaningful contributions to their local communities and society.

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Just as the government is undertaking efforts in various sectors to ensure that young people develop in all five dimensions and to promote the youth sector, young people should also actively contribute to the country’s development by making the most of the opportunities available to them, continuously pursuing education and learning, studying and applying new technologies, striving to improve their vocational skills, and participating in activities that benefit the public. As such, young people have to actively join and contribute to the country’s development in every possible way.

people’s education, skills, critical thinking and creativity in the country’s development efforts.

The present era is one in which technology and digital technologies are rapidly developing and transforming. Young people can not only skillfully utilize information and communication technologies but also participate in online learning, the digital economy, innovation, and technology-based businesses. If these capabilities can be effectively applied in line with the country’s needs, they can contribute a great deal to the country’s development.

Young people can contribute much to the country’s development not only through the economic sector but also by volunteering in social activities, environmental conservation, forest and water resource conservation, disaster preparedness, and disaster response and recovery efforts. Through

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Moreover, the growth of the tourism sector serves as a significant driving force for the improvement of national infrastructure. The development of airports, transportation networks, railway and waterway systems, hotels and accommodation facilities, communication technologies, and public infrastructure is closely linked with tourism development. These improvements not only benefit the tourism industry but also enhance the quality of life and socio-economic development of communities across the country.

From the perspective of international relations, tourism is also an important instrument for promoting mutual understanding, friendship, and cooperation among nations. The interaction between international visitors and local communities provides opportunities for cultural exchange and helps foreign visitors gain a deeper understanding of a country’s history, traditions, and values. As a result, tourism can contribute to enhancing a country’s international reputation, goodwill, and diplomatic relations.

Therefore, the tourism sector is not merely an industry that generates economic revenue; it is also a strategic sector that contributes to national interests by strengthening national identity, preserving cultural heritage, promoting socio-economic development, and enhancing a country’s international position and influence.

For Myanmar, the development of a responsible and sustainable tourism sector based on its unique cultural heritage, natural resources, and regional advantages is an important strategic approach for advancing national interests. By effectively utilizing tourism as a tool for economic growth, cultural promotion, and international engagement, Myanmar can strengthen its competitiveness and achieve sustainable development while ensuring long-term benefits for future generations.

Culture and Tourism: A Complementary Relationship

Culture and tourism share a close and mutually supportive relationship. Culture represents a nation’s identity, beliefs, traditions, customs, and way of life, while tourism serves as an important platform for introducing and

showcasing these cultural assets to the international community. Culture-based tourism enhances a country’s positive image and strengthens its cultural diplomacy and soft power on the global stage. For Myanmar, this relationship is particularly significant due to the country’s rich cultural heritage, which provides a strong foundation for promoting tourism and enhancing its international profile.

Moreover, culture is a primary attraction for tourists. International visitors are interested not only in natural scenery but also in experiencing the traditional culture, festivals, cuisine, arts and crafts, and religious practices of local communities. For example, Myanmar’s traditional festivals, pagodas and temples, handicrafts, and local ways of life offer unique and memorable experiences for visitors. These cultural assets constitute significant comparative advantages that distinguish Myanmar from other countries and enhance its attractiveness as a tourist destination.

On the other hand, revenue generated from tourism can be utilized to preserve and protect cultural heritage, restore and maintain pagodas, temples, and historic buildings, organize cultural events and festivals, and support traditional artisans and craftspeople. Furthermore, the tourism industry creates employment opportunities for local communities and transforms cultural heritage into a valuable economic asset. In this way, tourism not only contributes to economic development but also promotes the sustainable preservation and revitalization of a nation’s cultural heritage.

Furthermore, tourism can facilitate cultural exchange. Improved interactions between international visitors and local communities can promote greater understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures, while also strengthening friendship and goodwill among people from different countries.

Therefore, cultural tourism has become one of the most important forms of sustainable tourism in the modern era. By integrating and developing ancient cities, historic buildings, religious heritage sites, museums, traditional festi-

vals, traditional arts, handicrafts, and local cultures with tourism activities, countries can preserve their cultural heritage while also gaining economic benefits.

However, the development of tourism must be managed through sustainable tourism policies to ensure that the original values of cultural heritage are not degraded, the environment is protected, and the interests of local communities are safeguarded.

Culture, Tourism, and Sustainable Development

Therefore, promoting and encouraging sustainable tourism is of great importance. Sustainable tourism aims to generate economic benefits while ensuring the preservation and protection of cultural heritage and the natural environment. To achieve this, the active participation of local communities, responsible behaviour among tourists, and long-term planning and management strategies are essential.

In today’s world, culture and the tourism sector are closely interconnected with sustainable development. Responsible tourism promotes environmental conservation, the protection of cultural heritage, the improvement of local communities’ livelihoods, and greater social inclusion.

Furthermore, with the advancement of digital technologies, culture and tourism can be promoted more effectively through the use of online museums, virtual exhibitions, digital heritage documentation, and smart tourism systems.

In addition, educational initiatives also play an important role. Tourists should be provided with information to help them understand local cultures, traditions, and regulations, while local communities should receive training and capacity-building programmes to enable them to manage tourism activities effectively. Relevant organizations should also establish and implement clear laws and policies to protect cultural heritage.

Culture and tourism are two important sectors that must work together in contributing to national development. With proper and systematic management, these sectors can generate economic

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benefits while ensuring the preservation of cultural heritage. Therefore, by promoting sustainable tourism, cultural preservation and economic development can be advanced in a balanced manner, creating long-term benefits for future generations.

Regional and International Cooperation

Culture and tourism also serve as important platforms for regional and international cooperation. Through bilateral agreements, cultural exchange programmes, joint archaeological research, heritage conservation projects, tourism promotion initiatives, and participation in regional organizations such as ASEAN, countries strengthen diplomatic relations and deepen people-to-people connectivity. Such efforts not only enhance Myanmar’s international image but also further strengthen Myanmar’s role as a responsible member state within the regional and global community.

International cooperation in culture and tourism facilitates the exchange of knowledge, expertise, and best practices in heritage conservation, museum management, tourism development, digital innovation, and capacity building. Such cooperation contributes to peace, mutual respect, intercultural dialogue, and regional stability, all of which support broader national interests.

For countries rich in cultural heritage, active participation in international cultural organizations and tourism initiatives also enhances international visibility and attracts greater investment, technical assistance, and visitor arrivals.

Recommendations for the Future

Although culture and tourism are important strategic sectors that can contribute significantly to the promotion of national interests, their development also involves various challenges and potential risks that require careful consideration. In particular, excessive commercialization of cultural heritage for economic benefits, unplanned expansion of tourism activities, and insufficient involvement of local communities may negatively affect the value, authenticity, and sustainability of cultural heritage in the long term.

For instance, excessive tourist visitation, or overtourism, at world-famous historical sites, ancient cities, and cultural heritage destinations may result in physical deterioration and damage to these valuable assets. Furthermore, when local traditions, cultural practices, arts, and lifestyles are modified primarily for tourism purposes, the original meaning, values, and authenticity of cultural expressions may gradually decline. Therefore, it is essential to establish a balanced management

approach that ensures both the preservation of cultural heritage and the sustainable development of tourism.

In addition, environmental challenges may arise alongside the growth of the tourism sector. The increasing number of visitors may lead to higher levels of waste generation, overuse of natural resources, and negative impacts on ecosystems. Therefore, it is necessary to promote Responsible Tourism and Sustainable Tourism approaches that minimize environmental impacts while ensuring the socioeconomic benefits of tourism for local communities and future generations.

Community-Based Tourism (CBT) should be encouraged and further developed to ensure that local communities actively participate in tourism activities and fairly benefit from tourism development. Through CBT, local people can gain employment opportunities, generate income, and preserve their cultural traditions and local environments while contributing to sustainable tourism growth.

To strengthen the future development of Myanmar’s cultural and tourism sectors, the following measures should be prioritized:

First, Myanmar’s cultural heritage should be documented, preserved, and promoted through the effective use of modern technologies. Digital archives, virtual exhibitions, and digital storytelling platforms can play an important

By Hnin Myat Thu (Culture)

role in safeguarding cultural heritage for future generations while introducing Myanmar’s cultural values and historical significance to the international community.

Second, community-based tourism should be promoted as an effective approach to sustainable tourism development. By empowering local communities, tourism can contribute not only to economic development but also to the preservation of local traditions, cultural practices, and natural resources.

Third, human resource development should be given high priority to improve tourism services to international standards. Training programmes for tour guides, tourism service providers, and relevant personnel should focus on foreign languages, cultural awareness, digital skills, hospitality standards, and international tourism practices.

Fourth, environmentally friendly tourism models, including Ecotourism and Sustainable Tourism, should be promoted. Effective policies, management frameworks, and regulations should be implemented to ensure that natural resources are protected while tourism benefits are generated in a sustainable manner.

Fifth, Myanmar’s cultural strengths and tourism attractions should be effectively promoted internationally through media, digital technology, and Cultural Diplomacy. Such efforts can enhance Myanmar’s positive international image, strengthen cultural relations, and contribute to the development of the country’s Soft Power.

Conclusion

In the contemporary era, culture and tourism are no longer merely sectors related to social activities and leisure. They have become strategic sectors that can significantly contribute to the advancement of national interests. These sectors strengthen national identity, promote economic development, preserve cultural heritage, enhance international image and soft power, and facilitate regional and international cooperation, thereby contributing

to a country’s long-term interests, stability, and sustainable development.

In promoting Myanmar’s national interests, culture serves as a fundamental foundation that represents the nation’s history, identity, values, and heritage, while tourism functions as an important sector that transforms these cultural assets into valuable economic opportunities and instruments of international engagement.

Therefore, if Myanmar can systematically manage and sustainably develop its cultural and tourism sectors, the country will not only be able to preserve its valuable cultural heritage but also enhance its competitiveness and strengthen its position in the international community.

In the future, by protecting and preserving Myanmar’s cultural heritage while developing tourism in a responsible and sustainable manner, the country will be able to achieve greater national benefits and improve the socio-economic well-being of its people.

Therefore, much more investment in the cultural and tourism sectors, effective implementation of policies, and expansion of international cooperation are essential strategic measures for safeguarding and promoting Myanmar’s national interests and ensuring sustainable development opportunities for future generations. “Let us all encourage and urge the public to work together with a sense of responsibility and unity to further develop and promote the “National Interest, Culture and Tourism Sector”.

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MSY Village Project activities inspected in Hsihseng

OFFICIALS conducted a field inspection yesterday in Htitayam Village, Hsihseng Township, located in the Pa-O Self-Administered Zone of southern Shan State, to review the implementation of the Mya Sein Yaung (MSY) Village Project.

This project, managed by the Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, aims to create employment opportunities and increase family incomes



This image displays an agricultural project in Hsihseng Township, Shan State (South).

for rural residents, thereby reducing poverty.

During the field inspection, Daw Thein Nwet Oo, Head of the Hsihseng

Township Department of Rural Development, along with her staff, inspected agricultural activities in Htitayam Village funded

by the Mya Sein Yaung (MSY) Village Project, totalling K59.1 million. They also verified the completeness of the required monthly record-keeping forms, and Daw Thein Nwet Oo coordinated the necessary actions. According to Daw Thein Nwet Oo, Head of the Hsihseng Township Department of Rural Development, loans totalling K59.1 million have been disbursed to 80 farmers in Htitayam Village. — Hein Htet Soe (Mahlaing)

Additional loans for sequential-cropping farmers in Oct 2nd week

THE Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank (MADB) under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue announced on 5 October that farmers practising sequential cropping on the same plot will receive additional loans at the enhanced loan rate starting from the second week of October 2026, with a view to boosting cropping intensity in the agricultural sector and enhancing national production.

MADB has been dis-

bursing monsoon, winter, and premonsoon cultivation loans for the 2026-2027 financial year at rates averaging double those of the FY year, in line with government policy.

This scheme will cover 10 major crops: paddy, maize, groundnut, sesame, sunflower, black gram, green gram, pigeon pea, long staple cotton and sugarcane.

Farmers planning sequential cropping this winter season are advised to contact the respective



A sunflower field cultivated under a sequential-cropping system.

MADB district and township branches for further arrangements. — ASH/KK

MRF invites partners to develop warehouse receipt system for paddy farmers

THE Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) on 5 October called for collaboration in developing a warehouse receipt system to reduce post-harvest losses and improve paddy farmers' incomes.

During the paddy harvest season, mismatch between supply and demand typically drives prices down, putting farmers in a difficult position with reduced income. Prices tend to rise again only after farmers have sold their stock. Only traders, millers, and warehouse operators reap the benefits of grain storage. MRF is working to establish a Warehouse Receipt Financing system. Under this model, farmers' crops are deposited in designated warehouses. A thirdparty expert assesses and verifies quality and quantity, issuing a warehouse receipt. The receipt also serves as collateral to secure shortterm loans for farmers. Farmers use the funds and repay the loan when they sell their stored crops at better prices. MRF plans to begin the programme during this year's peak paddy season in November and December. Of the 5,886 registered warehouses under the

MyRO system, those that meet requirements for drying machines and other criteria will be selected. MRF is inviting the following partners to come forward during October 2026: warehouse operators meeting the required standards; thirdparty organizations/experts to assess quality and quantity, set valuations, and monitor stored crops to prevent losses; banks to provide shortterm loans (six to nine months) at reasonable interest rates, using the warehouse receipts as collateral; insurance organizations to provide guarantee services. Research shows the system can reduce postharvest losses through proper storage in warehouses equipped with drying machines, increase farmer incomes, improve crop quality, enable systematic storage during extreme weather, create job opportunities, and improve access to market information. MRF encouraged farmers to organize into groups or cooperatives rather than depositing the grains individually, as collective action is more effective. MRF will assist those farmers wanting to form such groups. — NN/KK

Trading Amount and Forex Rate in the Market on 6 October 2026

	US\$	Chinese yuan	Thai baht	Indian rupee
Exchange rates	3,649.00~3,671.00	557.00~558.70	125.30~125.70	43.60
Trading amount in the market	14,911,092.13	58,962,126.16	80,910,700.80	-

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Tenders invited for riverbank, waterway & dredging projects in 9 regions

THE Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (DWIR) has invited tenders for projects related to riverbank protection works,

Waterway improvement works, and solarpowered dredging operations in nine regions/states, including Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, according to the Tender

Acceptance and Scrutiny Committee.

The projects, under the 2026-2027 Union capital budget, will cover Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Yangon,

Ayeyawady, Bago, Magway, Mandalay and Sagaing regions and Kachin State, and Shan State (Tachilek). The tenders include the procurement of construc-

tion materials, wholeproject contracts, and rental of Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) services. The deadline for tender submission is 3:30 pm on 15 October. Bid opening will take place at 10 am on 20 October at the DWIR head office, located at 400, Lower

Pazundaung Road, Pazundaung Township, Yangon. Individuals can enquire about tender forms, terms and conditions, and further details through DWIR at 09 880004975 during office hours, according to the Tender Acceptance and Scrutiny Committee. — NN/KK

Japanese makers give skincare lessons to children

JAPANESE skincare product makers are working to protect children's delicate skin by educating both children and their parents about proper care to help prevent skin problems throughout different life stages.

Fancl Corp began offering skincare consultations for kids in July, mainly targeting elementary and junior high school students aged 10 and over who visit its outlets with their parents.

Participants can receive explanations about their skin condition based on measurements of skin texture and moisture levels using a dedicated device.

They are also taught skincare methods suited to their individual condi-



Photo shows a skincare educational programme held by Orbis Inc at a high school in Tokyo in December 2025. PHOTO: KYODO

tions, such as applying emulsions to moisturize the skin after washing their faces and using sunscreens to protect against ultraviolet rays.

Children aged 8 to

12 have delicate skin that is vulnerable to ultraviolet rays and dryness, as their skin contains only one-third of the moisture and one-fifth of the sebum found in adult skin.

During adolescence, a rapid increase in sebum production caused by hormonal changes can lead to pimples, sometimes negatively affecting their feelings. — Kyodo

High-flying Blazy turns to birdlife at Chanel

CHANEL artistic director Matthieu Blazy turned to birdlife and Coco Chanel's life for his latest show in Paris on Monday, exactly a year after his first collection for the famed fashion house.

The display was heavy on Chanel's classic tweeds, but with new modern flourishes, as well as knee-length skirts which are roaring back into fashion in the Spring-Summer 2027 shows.

"It's a collection about Gabrielle Chanel's layered stories. Ultimately, Chanel took off, and each step she



Models present creations for Chanel Women's Spring/Summer 2027 collection fashion show as part of the Paris Fashion Week in Paris on 5 October 2026. PHOTO: AFP

took led to her being free, like a bird," Blazy said in his notes for his third ready-to-wear collection.

The show took place in the Grand Palais exhibition space in the French capital, beneath a display

of giant illuminated origami cranes that looked like a mobile hung above a child's bed.

Brand ambassadors and Hollywood A-listers Pedro Pascal and Nicole Kidman sat on the front row alongside other VIPs such as singer Dua Lipa and actor John Malkovich.

Chanel had offered a preview of the highly avian collection through a series of black-and-white art photographs by British photographer David Bailey, featuring motifs of feathers, nests and bird's feet. — AFP

Smoking rate in Britain falls to record low

FEWER than one in 10 adults in Britain smoked cigarettes in 2025, the lowest proportion on record, the Office for National Statistics (ONS)

said Tuesday.

Around 4.9 million people aged 18 years and over, or 9.8 per cent of the population, smoked cigarettes in Britain last

year, down from 10.6 per cent in 2024, according to estimates from the ONS Annual Population Survey.

The proportion of

current smokers has fallen by 10.4 percentage points since the data series began in 2011, when 20.2 per cent of adults smoked. — Xinhua

Ready, set, snooze: Sleep-deprived Japanese compete for best-rested

IN diligent, exhausted Japan, self-described elite "competitive sleepers" vied to lie down, relax and nap the fastest and deepest in a contest organized by a mattress company.

The Tokyo competition, dubbed "Matt Race", saw dozens of participants fitted with sleep tracking devices sprawl on comfy mattresses to slumber for up to 90 minutes Monday, competing for the top prize of over two million

yen (\$14,000).

"Japan is often described as a country suffering from sleep deprivation, and people here are very diligent," Riichiro Nakama, creative director at organizer Koala Sleep Japan, the mattress company.

Inside a dimly lit room, participants slept with monitors attached to their heads, some cradling stuffed toys in their beds. — AFP



An attendee takes part in a sleep competition organized by a mattress brand in Tokyo on 5 October 2026. PHOTO: AFP

Paramount completes Warner Bros takeover, creating Skydance

PARAMOUNT on Tuesday completed its takeover of Warner Bros Discovery, uniting two of Hollywood's most storied studios in a media empire spanning television, news and cinema under the control of David Ellison.

The combined company, renamed Skydance, brings together Paramount Pictures and Warner Bros Pictures, the CBS News and CNN networks, and the HBO and CBS television brands.

Ellison plans to eventually merge the Paramount+ and HBO Max streaming services over time.

"Today is a historic day, not just for Skydance but for our entire industry," said Ellison, whose ultra-wealthy family has ties to US President Donald Trump.

Skydance shares began trading Tuesday on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker "SKYD", while Warner Bros Discovery shareholders will receive about \$31 per share in cash.

The deal closed less than a week after a federal judge in California approved a settlement between Paramount and 12 US states that had sued to block the transaction on antitrust grounds. — AFP

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Suzuki to launch ultracompact EV model in intensifying race in Japan

SUZUKI Motor Corp said Tuesday it will launch an ultracompact electric vehicle model in November in Japan in the hope of enticing customers with affordable prices in intensifying competition with BYD Co and other rivals in the segment.

Set to go on sale on 16 November, the e SKY offers a cruising range of around 310 kilometres on a single charge. After a government subsidy of 568,000 yen (\$3,600), the prices of the small EV start at 1.55 million yen.

Suzuki has set a monthly sales target of 1,000 vehicles.

“This is an answer that only Suzuki, which has continued to build



Photo taken in Tokyo on 6 October 2026 shows Suzuki Motor Corp's e SKY electric minicar to be launched. PHOTO: KYODO

and refine minicars, could have arrived at,” President Toshihiro Suzuki said at an event for the new model in Tokyo.

Suzuki, one of Japan's two largest minicar makers, is making its long-awaited entry into the EV segment as com-

petition intensifies.

In July, China's BYD became the first overseas carmaker to enter Japan's mini EV market, launching the Racco with a starting price of around two million yen after government subsidies. About 650 Raccos had

been sold by the end of September, according to the Japan Light Motor Vehicle and Motorcycle Association.

Among other EV models, Nissan Motor Co's Sakura is available from about 1.87 million yen and Honda Motor Co's N-ONE e: from around 2.12 million yen, both helped by government subsidies.

Suzuki, a latecomer to the segment, saw no need to be the first to enter the market, the president said.

“While learning from other automakers, we discussed what a mini EV should be and took time to develop it carefully,” he said. — Kyodo

German industrial orders decline in Aug

GERMAN industrial orders fell 10.6 per cent in August from the previous month, official data showed Tuesday, reversing a strong increase in July.

The decline was largely driven by the volatile “other transport equipment” sector, the Federal

Statistical Office (Destatis) said. Orders in the sector plunged 61.5 per cent month-on-month in August after more than doubling in July, when exceptionally large orders for ships, rail vehicles and aircraft had boosted demand. — Xinhua

Targeted aid best shields poor from price shocks: IMF

TARGETED financial support, rather than broad subsidies, is the most effective way to protect vulnerable households when inflation surges, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said Tuesday.

Targeted and temporary cash transfers can

cushion poorer households against spikes in the prices of essentials while limiting the burden on public finances, the IMF said in its October 2026 World Economic Outlook, titled “Navigating a Shock-Prone World: Lessons from Cost-of-Living Crises”. — Xinhua

UK diesel price hits record high: official

THE average UK diesel price has hit a record high of close to two pounds (\$2.62) a litre on the fall-out from the US-Iran war, government data showed Tuesday.

The average reached 199.52 pence a litre in the week to 5 October, official figures showed.

That surpassed the previous record of 199.22 pence in July 2022 following the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, a key energy producer.

Having started the year at around 140 pence a litre, UK diesel has shot higher since the start of the US-Iran conflict at the end of February.

Diesel prices are on the up also as a result of export restrictions imposed by Russia after Ukrainian attacks on its fuel facilities.

Costs are jumping



A motorist fills up a vehicle at a Tesco petrol station in Sevenoaks, south-east of London on 2 October 2026. PHOTO: AFP

across the globe. The average US diesel price reached a record of almost \$6.53 a US gallon (3.78 litres) in late September, according to the motorists' association AAA.

In a bid to combat the pain felt by motorists, US President Donald Trump on Monday signed an executive order allowing drivers to use tax-exempt

red-dyed diesel on public roads.

The fuel is normally reserved for farm machinery and other off-road equipment.

In a joint effort to help cool prices, G7 countries, in coordination with the International Energy Agency, agreed Friday to immediately release 100 million barrels of diesel and crude oil. — AFP

Thailand's headline inflation up 2.82% in Sept

THAILAND'S headline inflation increased further in September, mainly due to rising fuel costs amid escalating Middle East tensions and higher food prices, official data showed on Tuesday.

The Southeast Asian country's consumer price index (CPI) rose 2.82 per cent last month compared to a year ear-

lier, accelerating from a 2.53-per-cent gain in August and registering the strongest reading since April, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The September figure brings inflation closer to the upper bound of the central bank's one per cent to three per cent target range.

Core CPI, which

excludes volatile fresh food and energy prices, climbed 1.50 per cent year on year in September, quickening from a 1.44-per-cent rise in the previous month.

For the first nine months of 2026, the headline CPI grew 1.54 per cent compared to the same period last year. — Xinhua



Customers walk under national flags of Thailand at Pak Khlong Talat flower market in Bangkok on 9 September 2026. PHOTO: AFP

World Bank lifts Malaysia’s 2026 growth forecast to 5.1% on AI-related activities

MALAYSIA’S economy is projected to grow 5.1 per cent in 2026, an upward revision of 0.7 percentage points following stronger-than-expected activity in the first half, fuelled by strong growth in global artificial intelligence (AI)-related activities, the World Bank said on Tuesday.

Across the region, several economies, including Malaysia, have grown more quickly than anticipated in 2026, propelled by the manufacture and export of high-tech goods that have underpinned a global surge in AI-related activity, the World Bank said in its East Asia and Pacific Economic Update. Domestic demand is expected to remain the main growth driver.

Malaysia’s economy remained resilient in the first half of 2026, with real gross domestic product (GDP) growth accelerating to six per cent in the second quarter from 5.4 per cent in the first quarter. — Xinhua

Vietnam’s registered foreign investment surges 76.4% in first 9 months

VIETNAM attracted US\$50.36 billion in total registered foreign investment in the first nine months of 2026, surging 76.4 per cent year on year, the Vietnam News Agency reported Tuesday, citing the National Statistics Office.

During the period, 3,108 newly licensed projects registered \$29.24 billion in capital, 2.4 times the amount recorded in the same period last year, according to the report.

Manufacturing and processing took the largest share of newly registered capital, at \$13.38 billion, or 45.8 per cent, followed by transport and storage with \$5.14 billion. — Xinhua

S Korea’s imported car sales rise 6.3% in Sept on strong EV demand

SOUTH Korea’s imported car sales rose in single digit last month, driven by strong demand for electric vehicles (EVs) and German luxury models, industry data showed Tuesday.

The number of newly imported passenger car registrations here gained 6.3 per cent from a year earlier to 34,904 in September, according to the Korea Automobile Importers & Distributors Association.

For the first nine months of this year, 279,729 imported vehicles were sold, up 24.1 per cent compared to the same period of last year. — Xinhua

TENDER INVITATION

1. China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (Myanmar Limited) is inviting tenders for a subcontract of ACP Road construction works for ASK Development Project.

2. Work Description – The construction work of ACP off-site road which is approximately 4.36 km in length and 6 m in width, primarily includes topsoil clearing and compaction, roadbed layer backfilling, improved layer backfilling, and subbase backfilling.

3. Work Scope –

- The Employer will supply the primary road fill materials, specifically: fill material (CBR > 4%), selected material (CBR > 15%), and crushed stone (CBR > 30%). These materials will be transported by the Employer via waterway to the designated ACP plant area.
- The selected subcontractor shall supply all labor, auxiliary materials, machinery, tools, and equipment necessary for the complete execution of the ACP Road construction. The selected subcontractor is also responsible for unloading the employer-provided materials at the ACP plant area and transporting them by dump truck to the filling site (haul distance is within 5 km).

4. Bid Submission Deadline: October 27, 2026

5. Bid Submission Address: BP-2, Shwe Zabu River View Condo, Kyee Myindaing Kanner Road, Alone Township, Yangon, Myanmar.

6. Contact information for more details:

- Email: yuhuiguan53@gmail.com
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M.V ISEACO FORTUNE VOY.NO. (BY80FOS89)

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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.

Phone No: 2301185

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S CMA-CGM SHIPPING LINE PTE LTD

Notice for Change of Distributor

We, **Agrodan Chemical Co.,Ltd** would like to change the Distributor of the following products, which registered under Pesticide Registration Board, Myanmar, from **Myanmar Farmer's Land Co.,Ltd & Amazing Seasons Co.,Ltd to Agro Foremost Co.,Ltd**. If any objection or enquiry, please contact to Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon from here to next (2) weeks.

Sr.	The Old Distributor	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Reg. Type	Reg. No.	The New Distributor
1	Myanmar Farmer's Land Co.,Ltd	Fenozeb	Fenoxaprop - P-ethyl 10% EC	Herbicide	P2026 - 7066	Agro Foremost Co.,Ltd.
2	Amazing Seasons Co.,Ltd	Fungi Gone	Difenoconazole 25% + Propiconazole 25% EW	Fungicide	P2026 - 7100	Agro Foremost Co.,Ltd.
3	Amazing Seasons Co.,Ltd	Top Classic	Mancozeb 80% WP	Fungicide	P2026 - 7102	Agro Foremost Co.,Ltd.
4	Amazing Seasons Co.,Ltd	Premium Plus	Chlorfenapyr 240 g/l SC	Insecticide	P2026 - 7009	Agro Foremost Co.,Ltd.
5	Amazing Seasons Co.,Ltd	Special Guard	Nitenpyram 20% + Pymetrozine 50% WDG	Insecticide	P2026 - 7013	Agro Foremost Co.,Ltd.

Address: Agro Foremost CO.,LTD. House No. (24), Thiri Mingalar Street, City Golf Housing, Insein Township, Yangon, Myanmar. Tel 09-894089998

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V CAPE FORBY VOY.NO. (165W)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V CAPE FORBY VOY.NO. (165W) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7-10-2026 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.

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M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Tokyo police’s manga videos warn of crimes behind promise of easy money

TOKYO police have released a series of manga-style online videos based on real cases to warn young people how promises of easy money on social media can draw them into crime and ruin not only their own lives but also those of their families.

“Get involved and your life is over,” a senior official of the Metropolitan Police Department said in warning about how people get trapped by accepting such work.

The videos come as criminals continue to use social media to recruit people. Police issued warnings against 50,213 suspected recruitment posts in the first half of this year, up 14,576 from



Screenshot shows a scene from a video released by Tokyo police warning of the consequences of selling one’s bank account through social media recruitment posts promising easy money. PHOTO: KYODO

the same period last year, according to the National Police Agency.

Each of the five videos runs for about one to two minutes. The series, available on YouTube, is also featured on a police website devoted to tackling loosely organized criminal groups known as

“tokuryu”, which recruit people through social media and job websites with offers of work that turn out to involve fraud, robbery and other crimes.

In one video, a young man whose spending on smartphone games has spiralled responds to a social media post promising

easy, well-paid work and is eventually told to open a bank account.

He receives 50,000 yen (\$320) after handing over his account details but is arrested a few days later after the account was used for crime.

A claim for damages arrives at his family home and assets are seized, with the video ending as he hangs his head and says, “I’m doomed.”

Another video follows a woman who applies for a job at an overseas resort only to find herself being forced to make telephone calls to defraud victims, while a third shows how an offer to work as a driver turns out to involve transporting robbers. — Kyodo

Indonesia says will halt forest destruction for rice paddies

INDONESIA said on Tuesday it will halt a project to raze several million hectares of forest to clear land for rice production, saying it had reached self-sufficiency levels of the staple grain.

The government launched a programme in 2024 to stop relying on rice imports within five years by clearing three million hectares of land for paddies. Indonesia is one of the world’s most forested countries, and as such a major absorber of planet-warming carbon emissions from mankind’s burning of fossil fuel.

It aims to become a net carbon sink by 2030, with forests and other land use absorbing more carbon than they emit.

However, observers have said continuing forest destruction for agriculture and logging, as well as rampant wildfires, could put Indonesia’s plans at risk.

President Prabowo Subianto hailed an “important victory” this year after data showed countrywide rice demand had been met with domestic production in one of the world’s top consumers of the commodity. — AFP



An aerial picture show farmers carrying sacks of rice near a combine harvester during the harvest season at a paddy field in Samahani, Aceh province, on 22 September 2026. PHOTO: AFP

British govt says RAF Fairford base safe after US withdraws bombers

THE British government said Monday that the Royal Air Force (RAF) Fairford used by the United States remains safe after Wash-

ington withdrew all of its bombers from the base.

A Downing Street spokesperson declined to comment on “foreign nations’ military opera-

tions”, but said the base was safe.

The spokesperson cited Defence Secretary Wes Streeting as saying last week that

Britain had “tried and tested approaches to defend our bases around the country and throughout the world”. — Xinhua

Cambodia issues weather warning as impacts of 3 storms bring rain, high winds

CAMBODIA’S Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology issued a weather warning on Tuesday, advising travellers, particularly those using waterways, to exercise high vigilance from 6 to 10 October due to the peripheral impacts of three tropical storms.

According to a ministry notice, the South-East Asian nation is currently experiencing the outer



An aerial drone photo taken on 26 September 2026 shows a flooded area in Battambang City of Battambang Province, Cambodia. PHOTO: XINHUA

bands of typhoons Nolo and Koguma, alongside tropical storm Surigae.

While Cambodia does not sit directly in the path of the three storms, their combined systems are expected to trigger increased rainfall and strong winds over the Mekong River Basin, coastal waters, and lowlands and highlands across the country. — Xinhua

South Korea warns of possible AI use in banking hacks

ARTIFICIAL intelligence may have been used in a string of cyberattacks targeting South Korea’s financial sector, the president said Tuesday, as police announced the launch of an investigation.

More than seven financial institutions, including some of South Korea’s biggest banks, have reported customer data breaches in the past week.

The ability of AI systems to find previously

unknown software vulnerabilities and hack banks, companies or government infrastructure is in the global spotlight as leading labs release ever-more advanced models.

“There are signs that artificial intelligence was used in some hacking attacks, causing considerable concern and anxiety among the public,” President Lee Jae Myung told a cabinet meeting on Tuesday. — AFP

SPORTS

Indonesia win
FIFA ASEAN Cup
title for first time

INDONESIA defeated Thailand 4-2 on penalties after a 2-2 draw following 90 minutes and 30 minutes of extra time to win the FIFA ASEAN Cup 2026 title for the first time at Gelora Bung Karno Stadium in Jakarta on 5 October.

Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) Senior Vice-President U Pyae Phyo Tayza and General Secretary U Tun Tun Aung attended the final and awards ceremony. During the visit, U Pyae Phyo Tayza also held informal discussions with FIFA President Gianni Infantino and presidents of ASEAN football federations on the development of football in the region. — TWA/KZL



MFF Senior Vice-President U Pyae Phyo Tayza warmly meets and greets FIFA President Gianni Infantino.

Registrations open
for Pyaing Sann
Badminton Tourney
2026

TO promote the development of badminton, support new and amateur players in gaining experience, and inspire a spirit of sportsmanship, the Pyaing Sann Badminton Tournament 2026 is scheduled to take place in November.



This image illustrates a poster for the Pyaing Sann Badminton Tournament 2026.

Registrations are now open. This tournament is organized collaboratively by the Myanmar Badminton Federation and Pyaing Sann Sport Event Management and will be held from 21 to 23 November at the Myanmar Badminton Federation Court in Lanmadaw Township, Yangon.

Events are organized into several age categories: U13, U15, and U17 for both men and women, as well as two-player matches. Additionally, junior and amateur matches will be available for men, women, and three-player teams.

Interested players can register at 5 pm on 8 November. For further details regarding registration fees and prizes, please contact this Viber number: 09 770021451, or visit the Facebook pages of the Myanmar Badminton Federation and Pyaing Sann. — TWA/ZS

Myanmar MLBB gold medallists
return home to a hero's welcome

MYANMAR'S esports athletes who won the gold medal in Mobile Legends: Bang Bang (MLBB) at the XX Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, returned to Yangon yesterday morning and received a warm welcome at Yangon International Airport.

Yangon Region Social Affairs Minister U Bo Htay, Director-General of the Department of Sports and Physical Education U Nyan Zaw Oo, officials, students and members of the public welcomed the gold medallists.

National Team Zana-ka, which represented Myanmar in the MLBB event, comprised Myanmar Electronic Sports Federation President Dr Kaung Myat San, coach Ko



Myanmar's esports athletes who won the gold medal in Mobile Legends: Bang Bang (MLBB) at the XX Asian Games are seen being warmly welcomed at Yangon International Airport. PHOTO: ZWE MARN

Min Tun Aung and players Ko Shine Lin, Ko Hein Htet Oo, Ko Kyaw Thura, Ko Han Htoo Swe and Ko Myo Myint Maung. The team remained unbeaten throughout the competition and defeated Indonesia 4-0 in the final to win the gold medal.

Dr Kaung Myat San said the victory marked

a new milestone for Myanmar sports and demonstrated that Myanmar athletes could compete successfully at the Asian level. He expressed gratitude to the President, relevant ministries and officials, the Yangon Region Government, the federation's patrons and honorary patrons, and

partner organizations for their support. He added that the achievement had strengthened the team's determination to pursue a world championship title.

At the XX Asian Games, Myanmar competed in Teqball, esports, women's football, gymnastics and Sepak Takraw, winning two gold, one silver and one bronze medal. The esports gold was Myanmar's first Asian-level gold medal in esports history.

The XX Asian Games also marked the first time that MLBB was included as an official medal event. Myanmar made history by becoming the inaugural Asian Games gold medalists in MLBB. — Thitsa (MNA)/KZL

Djokovic claims 7th
China Open men's
singles title

TWENTY-FOUR-TIME Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic of Serbia clinched his seventh men's singles title at the China Open as Australia's Alex De Minaur withdrew from the final in the second set on Tuesday.

Djokovic rallied past the first seed Alexander Zverev of Germany in the

quarterfinals and saw off the third seed Daniil Medvedev from Russia in the semifinals en route to the final clash.

In the final, Djokovic won the first set 7-6 (3), and De Minaur led 1-0 in the second set before his retirement due to injury.

Veteran Djokovic, 39, last competed at the



Novak Djokovic of Serbia serves during the men's singles final match against Alex de Minaur of Australia at 2026 China Open tennis tournament in Beijing, China, 6 October 2026. PHOTO: MA ZIHAN/XINHUA

China Open in 2015, when he defeated Rafael Nadal in the final to claim his sixth title. The Serbian is known as the tourna-

ment's most successful men's singles player, having won in 2009, 2010, from 2012 to 2015, and now 2026. — Xinhua

IOC reveals guide to host
2036 Olympic Games

THE International Olympic Committee (IOC) on Tuesday released a handbook for potential hosts of the 2036 Olympic Games, outlining the requirements for Interested Parties at each stage of the selection process.

Germany, Hungary,

India, Qatar, South Korea, South Africa and Türkiye are the Interested Parties currently in Continuous Dialogue with the IOC over hosting the 2036 Games. The IOC confirmed that a number of National Olympic Committees (NOCs) are also holding noncom-

mittal talks with it about hosting future Games beyond 2036.

According to the IOC, the Interested Parties have been invited to present their projects to the Future Host Commission in November. As a result, no additional Interested Parties will be considered for 2036 after 31 October, 2026. The IOC Executive Board (EB) will open the

2036 Strategic Dialogue in March 2027.

Following the submission of legal and financial guarantees by the Interested Parties and site visits, the EB will open a Targeted Dialogue with a select number of Preferred Hosts. IOC members will elect the host of the 2036 Games at an IOC Session in mid-2029, the IOC announced. — Xinhua

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Francis Halzen wins 2026 Nobel Prize in Physics

BELGIAN scientist Francis Halzen has been awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics 2026 for decisive contributions to the IceCube Neutrino Observatory and the discovery of high-energy neutrinos of astrophysical origin, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced Tuesday.

“Francis Halzen realized that ice at the South Pole could be used to track particles known as neutrinos. His vision and scientific leadership have been fundamental for the IceCube Neutrino Observatory — a cubic kilometre of ice that is

equipped with light sensors,” the Academy said in a statement.

Using IceCube, researchers can capture neutrinos from extremely energy-rich processes in the distant universe, said the Academy.

“Francis Halzen has led an international team of researchers and engineers who have provided us with a fantastic instrument. His tenacity and scientific vision has paved the way for a new kind of astronomy,” said Mark Pearce, Chair of the Nobel Committee for Physics. — Xinhua



The 2026 Nobel Prize in Physics is announced in Stockholm, Sweden, 6 October 2026. PHOTO: XINHUA

Qatar says US, Iran still in talks to end war

MEDIATOR Qatar on Tuesday said the United States and Iran were still engaged in talks to end the Middle East war, despite an apparent deadlock seven months into the conflict.

The indirect negotiations take account of “the concerns of the various parties”, foreign ministry official Ibrahim Al-Hashmi told a regular press briefing. “I can confirm that the talks are continuing and the exchange of messages between different parties is continuing

via Qatar and its regional partners,” he said.

“As you know, the scale of this conflict and the magnitude of the price that the whole world is paying require us to put our best efforts to end this immediately through a negotiable solution on the negotiation table,” the official added. Also on Tuesday, Qatar’s Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani met Iran’s Interior Minister Eskandar Momeni in Doha, a statement from the royal palace said. — AFP

Japan’s chip industry capitalizes on growth in India semiconductor industry

Japanese chip-linked companies are stepping up their foray into the Indian market, banking on Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s initiative for India to become a leader in the semiconductor industry.

As the country looks to build a domestic chip manufacturing ecosystem from materials to design, fabrication, packaging and testing, industry executives say shortages of specialized suppliers and skilled workers remain key challenges.

The growing Japanese interest was on display at Semicon India 2026, held in New Delhi from 17 to 19 September with participation from more than 30 Japanese companies.

About 200 Indian and Japanese industry representatives gathered at a roundtable during the event to discuss partnerships, technology ties, resilient supply chains for equipment and materials, and



Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi (L) and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi shake hands ahead of their talks in New Delhi on 2 July 2026. PHOTO: KYODO

research and development. India is seeking to establish itself as a global chip manufacturing hub through its state-backed semiconductor programme.

Modi has pledged to raise the budget to support the industry to about \$13.5 billion from roughly \$8 bil-

lion, as its India Semiconductor Mission programme is shifting to the second phase.

Under the first phase of the programme, India approved 12 semiconductor manufacturing and packaging projects.

Modi and Japanese

Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi agreed in July to boost ties in the chip and other industries, with Japanese companies concluding about 120 memorandums of cooperation involving investments totalling two trillion yen (\$12.7 billion). — Kyodo

UN chief calls for permanent Gaza ceasefire

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Monday called for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza ahead of the third anniversary of the 7 October 2023 attacks.

The horrors of those attacks must never be repeated, and the ensuing hostilities in Gaza must end, Guterres said in a message marking the third anniversary.

On 7 October 2023, Palestinian militant group Hamas attacked Israel

from Gaza, killing about 251 hostage. Israel responded with a war on Ha-



A Palestinian inspects the damage after Israeli aircraft struck a residential apartment in the al-Rimal neighbourhood west of Gaza City, 3 October 2026. PHOTO: XINHUA

mas in Gaza that killed at least 74,000 Palestinians.

“The devastating hostilities that followed (the attacks) have inflicted untold suffering on Palestinians in Gaza, including massive loss of life, displacement, and destruction. Civilians continue to endure intolerable conditions. Their suffering, too, demands an end, now,” said the UN chief.

The ceasefire reached last year has brought some relief. But it has yet to deliver security, adequate humanitarian assistance or a credible path to recovery and peace, he noted. — Xinhua