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## Four Objectives of the National Defence and Security Council

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

## Biography of President of the Republic of Belarus His Excellency Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko



**H**IS Excellency Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Belarus, was born on 30 August 1954 in the town of Kopys, Orsha District, Republic of Belarus. He attended secondary school in Alexandria, Shklov District. In 1975, he graduated from Kuleshov Mogilev State Pedagogical Institute, where he majored in history. In 1985, he received a diploma in economics from the Belarusian Agricultural Academy.

In 1975, he joined the army, served in the border troops, and was a political instructor in the Western Border District (Brest). In 1980-1982, he was Deputy

Commander of a squadron (political officer) of a military unit of the Soviet Army.

From 1977 to 1990, he worked his way up through all the steps of the career ladder. He was Secretary of the Komsomol Committee of the Food Administration of Mogilev, Instructor of the Oktyabrsky District Executive Committee of Mogilev, and Secretary of the Znanie public association of Shklov. He gained a wealth of first hand experience serving as Deputy Chairman of the collective farm Udarnik, Shklov District, Deputy Director of the Shklov Construction Materials Factory, and Secretary of the

Communist Party of the Lenin collective farm. At the age of 33, he was appointed as Director of the state farm Gorodets, Shklov District, which he led from 1987 to 1994.

In 1990, he was elected as a Member of the BSSR Supreme Council, where he led the Commission for examining the operation of commercial entities established under the auspices of the state administration bodies.

In June 1993, he took charge of the parliament's anti-corruption commission.

From 10 July 1994 to the present, he has been the President of the Republic of Belarus. — MNA

## 60<sup>th</sup> Myanma Gems Emporium achieves strong sales of jade, pearls and gemstones

**T**HE 60<sup>th</sup> Myanma Gems Emporium 2025 continued yesterday morning at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw.

It was announced that 661 out of 685 jade lots from Group C were sold to local and foreign gem traders through the open-tender system yesterday, on the ninth day of the emporium.

At the 60<sup>th</sup> Myanma Gems Emporium 2025, 443 out of 489 pearl lots, 67 out of 160 gemstone lots, 2,110 out of 2,900 jade lots from Groups A and B, and 2,073 out of 2,185 jade

lots from Group C were successfully sold to local and foreign gem merchants through the open-tender system.

The 60<sup>th</sup> Myanma Gems Emporium 2025, organized by the Central Committee on the Myanma Gems Emporium, was successfully held at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw from 17 to 26 November with the aims of generating foreign income for the State, providing economic benefits for citizens, and supporting national economic development. — MNA/MKKS



A general view of the 60<sup>th</sup> Myanma Gems Emporium 2025 yesterday.

# NATIONAL



## 2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

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

Union Election Commission



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

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**Order 10/2025**  
7<sup>th</sup> Waxing of Nataw 1387 ME  
26 November 2025

**Pardon Order**

THE National Defence and Security Council places special emphasis on the pathway to a multiparty democratic system that the entire people desire, and also sets objectives to be able to implement with public participation. The council has pardoned 724 male and female prisoners, who face punishment, from their respective prisons, jails and camps under Penal Code Section 505-A according to Code of Criminal Procedure Article 401(1) on condition that "they will have to serve the new punishment together with the remaining punishment to which they were sentenced this time if more offence is committed", not to lose the right of every eligible person to be able to freely and fairly cast a vote in the forthcoming multiparty democracy general election.

By order,  
Aung Lin Dwe  
Executive Chief

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
National Defence and Security Council**

**Order 11/2025**  
7<sup>th</sup> Waxing of Nataw 1387 ME  
26 November 2025

**Pardon Order**

THE National Defence and Security Council places special emphasis on the pathway to a multiparty democratic system that the entire people desire, and also sets objectives to be able to implement with public participation. The council has pardoned a total of 2,361 male and female prisoners who face punishment, from their respective prisons, jails and camps under Penal Code Section 505-A reducing their remaining punishment according to the Code of Criminal Procedure Article 401 (1) not to lose the right of every eligible person to be able to freely and fairly cast a vote in the forthcoming multiparty democracy general election.

By order,  
Aung Lin Dwe  
Executive Chief

**Well-Marked Low-Pressure Area Condition**

Issued at 4 pm MST on 26 November 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, the Well-Marked Low-pressure Area over the Southwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining areas of Southeast Sri Lanka persists. It is likely to move north-northwestwards and further intensify into a depression during the next 24 hours. — DMH

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**Order 12/2025**  
7<sup>th</sup> Waxing of Nataw 1387 ME  
26 November 2025

**Withdrawal of hearings of  
suit under Penal Code Section 505-A**

THE National Defence and Security Council places special emphasis on the pathway to a multiparty democratic system that the entire people desire, and also sets objectives to be able to implement with public participation. The council has pardoned and withdrawn the hearings of the suit of 5,580 who were prosecuted under Penal Code Section 505-A and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 512 for attempting to evade, according to Section 427 of the Constitution, not to lose the right of every eligible person to be able to freely and fairly cast a vote in the forthcoming multiparty democracy general election.

By order,  
Aung Lin Dwe  
Executive Chief

# NATIONAL

## Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

## Tikyit plant boosts power to 120 MW following dryer installation

THE opening ceremony of the second-stage coal-drying machine at the Tikyit Coal-Fired Steam Power Plant was held yesterday morning at the plant in Pinlaung Township, Southern Shan State. The event saw Union Minister U Tin Aung San, Chairman of the Electricity and Energy Development Commission, Union Minister U Nyan Tun of the Ministry of Electric Power, Chief Minister of Shan State U Aung Aung, Central Advisory Committee member of the National Defence and Security Council U Khun San Lwin, Chair of the Pa-O Self-Administered Zone Administration Body U Khun Ye Htwe, state ministers, departmental officials, representatives from Wuxi Hua Guang (Myanmar) Co Ltd, Eden Energy and Natural Resources Development Co Ltd, and Manaw Aya General Trading Co Ltd, invited guests, and local people.

The second-stage coal-drying machine was officially inaugurated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by the Chairman of the Electricity and Energy Development



Chairman of the Electricity and Energy Development Commission Union Minister U Tin Aung San inspects the control room of the the Tikyit Coal-Fired Steam Power Plant in Pinlaung, southern Shan State, yesterday.

Commission, the Union Ministers and the Shan State Chief Minister. Officials warmly greeted and welcomed the local attendees.

After the opening, the Chairman and officials toured the plant's operations, including the coal-drying machine and the power control room, observing the connection of the plant to the national power system and the

dispatch of electricity. Departmental and company staff briefed the officials and were provided with fruits and refreshments.

In a briefing, the Chairman highlighted that the electricity generation plans are designed to meet short-, medium-, and long-term national electricity needs, and that domestic and foreign investments are being invited for expansion. Although coal-fired

power generation contributes stable electricity to the national grid, Myanmar's current output remains low compared with neighbouring ASEAN countries. Among Myanmar's abundant coal resources, sub-bituminous coal is the most widely available. Expanding coal-fired power plants will enhance electricity production, improve efficiency, and reduce environmental im-

pact through advanced technology, in line with the Commission's mandate to utilize multiple resources effectively and sustainably.

The plant's first stage already produced 90 MW of electricity. With the second-stage coal-drying machine now operational, capacity has increased to 120 MW, adding 30 MW to the national electricity supply. Union Minister U Nyan Tun briefed officials on the operation and construction progress of the second-stage machine, while the Pa-O Self-Administered Zone Administration Body Chair U Khun Ye Htwe and Wuxi Hua Guang (Myanmar) Co Ltd representatives expressed their gratitude.

Officials also inspected the storage and production of coal briquettes and ongoing coal excavation for the plant. The new coal-drying machine reduces coal moisture, increases thermal energy output, and raises electricity generation from 90 MW to 120 MW, contributing an additional 30 MW to meet the country's electricity demand. — MNA/KZL

The people are urged to receive vaccination of COVID-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of COVID-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increase of death rate due to the disease.

### Reminder for In-Country Advance Voting for Temporarily Displaced Persons

26 November 2025

1. The Union Election Commission announced on 15 September 2025 that temporarily displaced persons inside the country who are outside their respective townships but included in the voter list may cast advance votes by submitting Form (15) and voting at the respective Township Sub-commission of the area, where they are currently staying, from 25 November 2025 to 29 November 2025 for the multiparty democratic general election which will begin on 28 December 2025.
2. The Union Election Commission has been making efforts to ensure that eligible voters do not lose their voting rights, and therefore informs again that temporarily displaced persons who are included in the voter list of their respective townships and who applied with Form (15) may cast advance votes on the appropriate dates and at the designated places arranged by the respective Township Sub-commission of the area, where they are currently residing, from 25 November 2025 to 29 November 2025.

Union Election Commission

# NATIONAL

## Tatmadaw delegates attends 26<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Chiefs of Army Multilateral Meeting

TATMADAW delegation led by Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin, currently in Singapore to attend the 26<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Chiefs of Army Multilateral Meeting (26<sup>th</sup> ACAMM) on behalf of State Security and Peace Commission Vice-Chair Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, attended the opening ceremonies of 26<sup>th</sup> ACAMM and 13<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Sergeant Majors Annual Meeting (ASMAM) yesterday.

At the meeting, Defence Minister of Singapore Mr Chan Chun Sing made an opening speech, and the Chief of ASEAN Armies and the delegate leaders exchanged views on Climate Adaptation in HADR Operations, and signed a joint declaration of the 26<sup>th</sup> ACAMM.



Chief of General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin attends the 26<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Chiefs of Army Multilateral Meeting (26<sup>th</sup> ACAMM) in Singapore yesterday.

At noon, the Myanmar delegation separately met with Royal Brunei Land Force Commander

Brigadier General Aldi bin Haji Hassan, Assistant Chief of Army of Thailand Lt-Gen Amarit Boon-

suya, Chief of Army at Singapore Armed Forces Maj-Gen Xai Dexian, Malaysian Army Chief Gen-

eral Maruli Simanjuntak, and Deputy Chief of the General Staff of the Laos People's Army Maj-Gen Kongthong Soukhavong, and discussed further cooperation.

In the evening, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin and his wife attended the dinner event hosted by Singaporean Chief of Army Maj-Gen Cai Dexian and his wife. During the event, the Chief of the General Staff exchanged gifts with other participants.

Similarly, the Chief of the General Staff visited the Myanmar Embassy in Singapore, and met with staff and families of the embassy and the office of the Myanmar Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air), and provided them with foodstuffs. — MNA/KTZH

## Departmental offices, schools reopen as stability returns to Natogyi



This photo reveals government offices reopening in Natogyi Township in Myingyan District, Mandalay Region.

DEPARTMENTAL offices have reopened from 7 November in Natogyi, Myingyan District, Mandalay Region.

Since 8 August 2024, all departmental offices except for the security forces and the Myanmar Police Force have not

been able to open due to the unstable situation in the area, and the staff of other departments had to perform their duties in other towns as assigned.

Now that the security situation in Natogyi has stabilised, departmen-

tal offices were able to reopen from 7 November. A total of 32 departmental offices are now functioning, staffed by 34 officers and 338 employees. Additionally, 18 basic education schools have resumed operations. It is reported that 977 displaced households, comprising 2,284 people, have returned to reside in the town.

For the cleanliness and beautification of Natogyi, Tatmadaw personnel, the Myanmar Police, departmental staff, and residents are working together to clear and trim trees, maintain electricity and water services in the town's wards, and provide healthcare services to the public. Furthermore, markets and food and consumer goods shops in the town and wards have reopened, and passenger transport lines are operating normally on a daily basis. — District IPRD/MKKS

## Reminder for Temporarily Displaced Persons to Cast Advance Votes

ACTING according to the law and ensuring that eligible voters do not lose their voting rights, the Union Election Commission reminds temporarily displaced persons who are included in the voter list of their respective townships within the country and have applied using Form 15 to cast advance votes on the designated dates and at the designated locations arranged by the Township Subcommittee of the area, where they are currently residing, from 25 November 2025 to 29 November 2025. — UEC

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# NATIONAL

## General Aung San Declares Firm Stand Against Election Disruption

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

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



## Scam hubs torn down, nearly 200 undocumented foreign entrants arrested in Myawady



Photos show illegally constructed two-storey building (L) and five-storey building in the KK Park area 3 under demolition.

THE government continues to conduct joint operations in the Shwe Kokko area and the KK Park area, where suspects commit telecom fraud and online gambling activities. The combined teams comprising security personnel and administrative bodies are involved in these operations, which include entering the areas, dismantling and removing illegal buildings, and taking further action in accordance with the law.

In wiping off telecom fraud and online gambling activities, buildings used in carrying out online gambling and fraud are being demolished in three sections in the Myawady-Maethawtalay (KK Park) area. The authorities demolished nine illegal buildings yesterday, and a total of 246 buildings out of 635 illegal buildings have so far been demolished in the Section 3 area. Similarly, authorities searched 41 buildings yesterday, but did not find computers, mobile phones or accessories there.

Moreover, the authorities

detained 181 Chinese nationals, six Malaysians, one Kenyan, two Filipinos, two Sierra Leoneans, one Malawian, and two from Chinese Taipei, totalling 195 yesterday.

To date, the authorities have detained 2,042 undocumented foreign entrants and seized 3,098 computers, 21,750 mobile phones, 102 Starlink satellite receivers and 22 Routers used in telecom fraud and online gambling activities. Authorities systematically de-

stroyed the seized materials and continue the operation to expose the offences.

The arrested foreign nationals are being detained at the building in the Lonhtin compound of Shwe Kokko Myaing Village, Pulwepu Village-tract in Myawady Township. Yesterday, the Illegal Foreigner Investigation Team verified 144 foreign nationals and conducted personal information and data collection processes to ensure the quick

transfer to their respective countries.

From 30 January to 26 November 2025, a total of 12,882 foreign nationals who had entered Myanmar illegally were detained. Of these, 12,687 individuals were screened to be expelled, and 10,029 were systematically repatriated to their respective countries through Thailand in accordance with legal procedures. The remaining 2,853 foreign nationals are now ready to be transferred to their

respective countries, and they are being properly held and cared for during this process.

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



Images display the detained undocumented foreign entrants (L) and immigration processes underway for the deportation of undocumented foreign entrants (R) in Myawady, Kayin State.

# NATIONAL

## Ngaputaw benefits from ongoing Tatmadaw mobile medical services

THE Tatmadaw mobile medical team, comprising medical experts, doctors and nurses, is travelling aboard the Tatmadaw Naval Hospital Ship Thanlwin to provide healthcare services in Cocokyun Township in Yangon Region and Hainggyikyun Township in Ayeyawady Region.

The team left Kyonku Village yesterday morning and arrived in Ngaputaw, where departmental officials, residents, teachers, students and other local people warmly welcomed them.

Yesterday, the medical team set up its operations at the Township Public Health Department in Ngaputaw and provided healthcare services to 352 residents.



The Tatmadaw medical team stationed in the Ngaputaw Township Public Health Department provides healthcare services for residents in Ngaputaw on 26 November 2025.

The team treated 64 medical patients, 38 surgical patients, 15 obstetrics and gynaecology patients, 28 paediatric patients, 51 orthopaedic patients, 30 ENT patients, 72 ophthalmology patients and 54 dental and oral health patients.

The team also conducted examinations and treatments for five general surgery patients, eight eye surgery patients, four x-ray patients, 71 ultrasound patients, 38 ECG patients, and 27 laboratory test patients. Officials supervised the healthcare activities and coordinated the necessary assistance for the local people receiving medical services. — MNA/KZL

## 500 Myaungmya residents benefit from ongoing Tatmadaw mobile medical team healthcare services

A mobile medical team consisting of specialists, doctors, and nurses giving treatments to local people living along the banks of the Ayeyawady River yesterday based its operations in Taungkalay village in Myaungmya Township. It provided healthcare services to 479 residents of the neighbouring villages.

The treatments included general medical consultations for 217 patients, surgical care for 27 patients, obstetric and gynaecological care for 26 pa-

tients, paediatric treatments for 39 children, orthopaedic care for 54 patients, ear, nose, and throat treatment for 28 patients, ophthalmology services for 54 patients, and dental care for 34 patients.

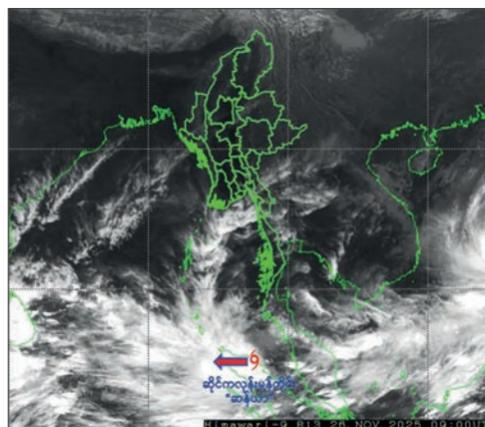
Moreover, two patients underwent general surgery, six received eye surgery, 21 had x-ray examinations, 49 were tested using ultrasound, 18 underwent ECG heart screenings, and 54 had laboratory tests. — MNA/MKKS



The Tatmadaw medical team delivers treatment to children from Myaungmya yesterday.

## Cyclonic Storm News, No 4, 2025

Issued at 4 pm MST on 26 November 2025



coded as yellow stage.

### Position of Cyclonic Storm "SENYAR", centre pressure and wind

The Cyclonic Storm "SENYAR" is located at Latitude 4.9 degree North and Longitude 97.8 degree East, centre pressure of Depression is 998 hPa and maximum wind speed near the centre is 45 miles per hour at 3:30 pm MST today.

### Next 48 hours forecast

It is likely to continue to move west-southwestwards morning of 27 November 2025 and thereafter, recurve eastwards and gradually weaken.

### General Caution

Due to the Cyclonic Storm "SENYAR", occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced in the Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach 35 miles per hours. Wave height will be about 9-11 feet in the Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts.

### Advisory

People should be aware due to the Cyclonic Storm "SENYAR" domestic aviation, near-shore and offshore fishing vessels, and ships in the Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi coast and offshore are also advised to take precautions. — DMH

### Cyclonic Storm "SENYAR" Condition

According to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, the Cyclonic Storm "SENYAR" over the Strait of Malacca and adjoining Northeast Indonesia has moved west-southwestwards and start to cross coastal areas of Indonesia. It is centred at about 305 nautical miles South of Kawthoung (Myanmar), 155 nautical miles west-southwest of Penang (Malaysia), 45 nautical miles east of Kuta Makmur (Indonesia) and 395 nautical miles southeast of Car Nicobar (India).

It does not intend to move towards the Myanmar coasts at the present stage and therefore the Cyclonic Storm "SENYAR" is

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## Preservation of ancient cultural heritage strengthens youth's patriotism

- ❖ Preserving our ancient cultural heritage without hosing ancient states helps foster a stronger sense of patriotism among future generations of youth.
- ❖ Since these are historically significant heritage sites, preservation efforts must be carried out systematically and in an organized manner.

*(An excerpt from the speech delivered by State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on his inspection tour of preserving the Kanbawzathadi Golden Palace in Bago on 3 August 2025)*

## Myanmar's shrimp export exceeds 6,000 MT in past seven months (Apr-Oct)

THE Department of Fisheries stated that almost 6,000 metric tonnes of shrimp worth US\$17.75 million were delivered to foreign markets in the past seven months of the current financial year 2025-2026 beginning 1 April.

Myanmar sent over 5,440 metric tonnes of shrimp worth \$14.8 million by sea in the past seven months, while 536.86 metric tonnes of shrimp valued at \$2.94 million are exported to neighbouring countries at the border.

Myanmar exported over 9,000 tonnes of shrimp in the



Images show Myanmar's shrimp being exported to 40 countries, including China, Thailand, Bangladesh and Japan via sea and land borders.

last FY 2024-2025, bagging \$30 million, the department stated.

Myanmar steadily exports seafood to 40 countries includ-

ing China, Thailand, Bangladesh and Japan through mar-

itime and land borders. — NN/KK

## CBM to pump US\$28M into fuel oil sector



Greenbacks are seen at the exchange counter.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 25 November that it would sell US\$28 million to fuel oil-importing companies. CBM also sold \$1.46 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$545,000 to fuel oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM sold \$761,460, purchased from CMP

companies, to edible oil-importing companies on 24 November, in addition to an injection of 415,800 yuan into the market.

CBM sold over \$583,600 to edible oil-importing companies on 20 November.

CBM injected over \$2.48 million, 5.75 million yuan and 4.98 million baht in October, along with sales of over \$54 million purchased from CMP companies.

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

## Myanma Timber Enterprise opens tender for wood plank procurement

THE Local Marketing and Milling Department of Myanma Timber Enterprise, operated under the Ministry of Natural Resource and Environmental Conservation, invited interested suppliers to procure lumber/wood planks with an open tender system, according to its tender committee.

The department will put out 3,035 tonnes of lumber/wood plank of teak/hardwood for sale through bidding.

The tender document is available from 9 December 2025 at the relevant timber mills of the Local Marketing and Milling Department in Shan State, Nay Pyi Taw, Bago Region, Yangon Region and Ayeyawady Region.

Interested individuals can enquire about details through the website of the Myanma Timber Enterprise [www.mte.gov.mm](http://www.mte.gov.mm) or contact numbers 09 5166930, 09 795700439, and 09 402705515. — NN/KK

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# OPINION

# ARTICLE ESSAY

## Save the future of generations from the threats of narcotics

**T**ERRORIST groups have been committing the trafficking of narcotics as a business, while some groups are involved in drug production and trafficking processes. Authorities uncover and arrest those involved in the drug-related cases.

In the first week of November, large quantities of narcotics linked to an AA terrorist's smuggling network were seized during coordinated inspections and raids in Yangon Region and Ayeyawady Region. As the quantities increase, the value of the seized narcotics is also significant. Drug trafficking endangers the younger generation both inside and outside the country and also undermines the national stability, peace, and security of the country.

The narcotics smuggling and trafficking operations carried out by armed terrorist groups pose a serious threat to the country. The profits generated from the drug trade are extremely large, and these funds not only enrich the top leaders of these groups but also serve as financial resources for purchasing weapons and ammunition, sustaining their organizations, and enabling acts of terrorism and destruction.

The Government has designated the prevention and eradication of narcotics as a national responsibility and continues to carry out this task with priority. However, drug traffickers are also using various methods to transport and trade narcotics. In the recent case, 4,000 kilogrammes of ICE originating from Wamhing area, Kehsi Township, Loilem District in Shan State (South) were being concealed inside modified compartments of fuel bowzers and mixed with other goods in cargo trucks. The traffickers transported the drugs along domestic routes and were planning to ship them by sea through Yangon and Patheingyi to Rakhine State and onward to Malaysia.

The production and transport routes for narcotics primarily pass through domestic areas before being further shipped abroad via maritime routes. Therefore, it will be necessary to strengthen both technical capacity and manpower in conducting inspections and interdiction operations along internal routes. Major highways inside the country carry heavy traffic due to transportation and the movement of goods, and this situation creates opportunities for drug traffickers to exploit. There have also been cases in which fuel bowzers were used to smuggle people and weapons. As such, vehicle inspections must be carried out with greater emphasis.

As part of collective participation in the fight against narcotics, which is an issue that poses a serious threat to the nation and its citizens, the people are urged to fulfil their civic responsibility by reporting any credible information they witness to the relevant authorities and to save the future of more and more generations.

# From Forest to Farm: The Changing Landscape of Myanmar's Rural Communities

By Ms Monn

**M**YANMAR is a country rich in natural beauty. Its forests, rivers, mountains, and farmland have supported communities for generations. But today, many rural areas are changing quickly. Forests are disappearing, farms are expanding, and traditional ways of life are being replaced by new ones. Now, let us explore how Myanmar's rural landscape is changing – from forest to farm

part of local culture. Many ethnic groups have traditions and beliefs connected to trees and mountains. Forests are not just land – they are sacred spaces.

But Myanmar's forests are shrinking. According to environmental groups, the country has one of the highest deforestation rates in Southeast Asia. Trees are cut down for timber, farming, mining, and roads. Illegal logging is also a big problem, especially

sugarcane. This brings jobs and development, but it also creates pressure. Small farmers often lose land or face competition. Chemicals used in farming can harm soil and water.

Traditional farming methods are also changing. In the past, many farmers used shifting cultivation, clearing small forest areas, planting for a few years, then letting the land rest. Today, this method is less common. People

become hotter and less predictable.

Land conflicts are another issue. In some areas, companies take land without permission. Farmers may not have legal documents to prove ownership. This causes tension and sometimes violence.

Migration is also increasing. Young people leave villages to find work in cities or abroad. They send money home, but their absence weakens community ties. Old traditions and languages may fade.

ods to grow food. This is better for health and the environment. Education is also important. NGOs and youth groups teach people about land rights, climate change, and sustainable farming. They help communities speak up and make informed decisions.

### Looking Ahead

The future of Myanmar's rural landscape depends on choices made today. *Forests and farms must be balanced.* Development should respect nature and people's rights.

Here are some steps that can help:

**Protect remaining forests:** Create strong laws and enforce them. Support community forest programs.

**Support small farmers:** Give training, tools, and fair access to markets. Help them adapt to climate change.

**Promote sustainable farming:** Encourage agroforestry, organic methods, and soil conservation.

**Respect land rights:** Make sure farmers and ethnic groups have legal protection.

**Educate youth:** Teach environmental awareness and leadership.

### Local Solutions

Despite the problems, many communities are finding ways to protect their land and culture. In Kayah and Tanintharyi, villagers are planting trees and creating community forests. These forests are managed by local people, not the government or companies. Agroforestry is another solution. This method combines farming and forestry. Farmers grow crops under trees or plant trees alongside fields. This helps protect soil, provide shade, and support biodiversity.

Some groups are promoting organic farming. They avoid chemicals and use natural meth-

### A Landscape in Transition

Myanmar's rural communities are at a crossroads. The journey from forest to farm brings both hope and risk. If managed wisely, it can lead to stronger communities, healthier land, and a better future. But if forests continue to vanish without care, the damage may be hard to repair. The voices of local people – farmers, elders, youth – must be heard. Their knowledge and experience are key to finding solutions. With respect, cooperation, and vision, Myanmar can protect its natural heritage while building a sustainable path forward.



Farm workers are seen diligently tending to the fields.

– and what it means for people, nature, and the future.

### Forests: A Source of Life

For many years, forests in Myanmar have been a source of food, medicine, and shelter. People living near forests collect fruits, mushrooms, honey, and herbs. They use wood for cooking, building houses, and making tools. Forests also protect water sources and provide homes for animals like elephants, birds, and monkeys.

In places like Kachin, Chin, and Shan States, forests are

in conflict areas where rules are weak.

### Farming: Growth and Pressure

As forests disappear, farmland grows. In many rural areas, people clear trees to plant crops like rice, corn, sesame, and rubber. Farming is important for food and income. It helps families survive and supports local markets.

In recent years, commercial farming has increased. Large companies grow crops for export, such as palm oil, bananas, and

farm the same land every year, which can reduce soil quality.

### Changing Communities

The shift from forest to farm affects rural communities in many ways. Some changes are positive. Roads and electricity make life easier. Schools and clinics are more available. Farmers can sell products in new markets and learn modern techniques.

But there are also challenges. When forests are lost, people lose access to wild foods and materials. Water sources may dry up. Wildlife disappears. Cli-

# I Say What I See: Making the Best Use – Why Utilization Defines Progress

The strength of a person or a nation lies not in abundance, but in the wise and purposeful use of what is useful.

By @Editor

### Introduction

In life and in nation-building, the measure of progress often lies not in how much we possess, but in how wisely we use what we have. The word *utilize*, as defined in dictionaries such as Oxford and Merriam-Webster, means to make practical and effective use of something. In Myanmar usage, the term အသုံးချသည် carries the same spirit – to apply resources, knowledge, or opportunities in ways that bring benefit. To utilize what is useful is not simply about efficiency; it is about discernment, about choosing the most or the best use of what is available. Whether it is time, talent, or tools, the true value of anything emerges only when it is directed toward meaningful ends.

The word “use”, according to the *Oxford Dictionary*, means to put something into action, service, or purpose – whether employing a tool, consuming a resource, or benefiting from its function. Merriam-Webster similarly defines “use” as to avail oneself of, to employ, or to expend by putting into service. Locally, English-Myanmar dictionaries translate “use” as အသုံးပြုသည် or အသုံးချသည်, emphasizing practical application in daily life. The adjective “useful”, in Oxford's definition, refers to something that can help achieve what one wants, such as a tool or information that serves a purpose. Merriam-Webster adds that “useful” means capable of being put to use, serviceable, or of a valuable kind. In Myanmar, the term အသုံးဝင်သည် conveys the same sense – something beneficial, practical, and worth applying. Together, these definitions show



that “use” is the act of applying, while “useful” describes the quality that makes something worth applying, both globally and locally tied to the idea of turning potential into value.

### Body Section

#### 1. Personal Perspective

In our daily lives, the idea of “use what is useful” begins with personal choices. Many years ago, while living and working in Bangkok, Thailand, I often listened attentively to recorded sermons of venerable Sayadaws from Myanmar on VCDs and DVDs. One Sayadawgyi's teaching carried the phrase “*Use What Is Useful or Use It While It Is Useful*”, which has stayed with me ever since. That wisdom reminds us that usefulness is not permanent – time, health, and opportunities all pass quickly. To make the best use of them while they are available is both a practical and spiritual lesson.

#### 2. Societal Perspective

At the level of society, use-

fulness is about how communities share and apply resources. A tool, an idea, or even a tradition becomes valuable only when people put it into practice for the common good. For example, education is useful not just for the individual student but for the whole community when knowledge is applied to solve problems, create jobs, and improve lives. A society that knows how to use what is useful – whether technology, culture, or cooperation – grows stronger and more resilient.

#### 3. National Perspective

For nations, usefulness takes on an even larger meaning. A country may have natural resources, institutions, or talented citizens, but their true worth lies in how they are utilized. A government that uses its resources wisely builds infrastructure, strengthens education, and ensures justice. A parliament that uses its voice responsibly creates laws that protect and empower.

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# NATIONAL



The ceremony of launching the filming of 'Hnit Thit Lay Pway' is in progress.

## China-Myanmar film 'New Year's Whirlwind' starts shooting

THE filming of the China-Myanmar movie, New Year's Whirlwind (Hnit Thit Lay Pway), started on 24 November in Myanmar.

The movie jointly created by China and Myanmar will be filmed in Myanmar for two weeks and for about four weeks in China.

Script writer, producer and director Vu Zhengwei and direc-

tor Yar Win Oh will collaborate in the making of the film, and Chinese actress Mari Yaung and Myanmar actors Henry San, Tun Lwin Aung, Thatti, Thinzar and many Chinese and Myanmar co-artists will star in it.

The launch ceremony of the filming was held on 24 November at Sule Pagoda in Yangon. — Htun Htun/ZS

## MPC launches 1-3 Dec course on electoral news writing

THE fifth News Media Training Course, organized by the News Media Development Committee of the Myanmar Press Council, will be conducted as an election-related news-writing course from 1 to 3 December at the office of the Myanmar Press Council in Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region.

The News Media Training Course 5/2025 will be opened and delivered as an election-related news-writing course, with training sessions conducted by experts who are members of the Press Council as well as external specialists.

In the election-related news writing course, Saya Myat Soe (Hline) will speak on elections and the media, U Khin Maung Aye (KMA) on English for elections, U Khin Maung Kyaw Din on election-day news reporting, U Soe Aung (One News) on online news writing, U Aung Zaw Myo (Ministry of Information) on election-related and print-media laws, U Tin Maung Oo (Gyobingauk-Tin Maung Oo) on election news writing, and U Yan Kyaw (Myanmar affairs researcher) on compiling and writing news on election results. — ASH/KZL



This photo displays the News Media Training Course 4/2025.

## Medical universities open to students from six remote zones

THE Department of Human Resources for Health, the Ministry of Health, has announced that students who passed the 2025 matriculation exam from six remote self-administered regions (Naga, Danu, Pa-O, Palaung, Kokang, and Wa) may apply for admission to medical universities.

To qualify, the applicant must be a permanent resident holding a national scrutiny card (Naing), must have continuously studied Grade 10, Grade 11, and Grade 12 in one of these areas, and passed the matriculation with the STEAMS-1 subject combination, with an exception for local students in difficult areas who passed the exam from the nearest schools.

Applicants must achieve a total score of 450 marks or above across all six subjects. A preliminary selection will be made based on the combined marks of English, Chemistry, and Biology, and is followed by an oral examination, for which



This photo depicts the 2023-2024 academic year excellence award ceremony held in the Danu Self-Administered Zone.

the successful candidates will be announced on the ministry and department's Facebook pages and websites.

Applications must be submitted using the prescribed form for medical university admission. Since this is a special privilege, accepted students must sign a bond committing to serve as a government employee in their region for five years after graduation,

and an additional five years after any postgraduate training. Any failure to fulfil the commitments will result in a penalty of K 60 million, legal action, and the non-issuance of a general practice license.

The application deadline is no later than 18 December 2025. Detailed information can be found on [www.moh.gov.mm](http://www.moh.gov.mm) and [www.hrh.gov.mm](http://www.hrh.gov.mm). — MT/ZN

## Loans for oil millers now offered by 12 more banks beyond MED, MADB



This image captures the Nay Pyi Taw Development Bank, one of the banks where oil miller loans can be applied for.

THE Myanmar Edible Oil Millers Association announced on 26 November that the development loan for the oil mill industry can now be applied for at 12 banks, in addition to the Myanmar Economic Development Bank (MED) and Myanmar Agricultural Development

Bank (MADB).

In the past, loans were only approved through MED and MADB, and they are now available from the Participating Financial Institutions (PFI) banks: KBZ, AYA, MAB, MCB, UAB, Nay Pyi Taw Development Bank, Ayeyawady Farmers De-

velopment Bank, Shwe (Rural and Urban) Development Bank, Myanmar Tourism Bank, Myanmar Metro Bank and Mineral Development Bank.

Oil mill association members wishing to borrow the loan can contact the office for the loan application form. Applications can be submitted through the respective Regional Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection Office, with a recommendation from the Myanmar Edible Oil Millers Association.

Those who do not have separate collateral can switch their application to the Oil Mill Development category at a nearby PFI bank. For more detailed information, oil millers can contact the association by dialling 09 2130445 or 09 799540056. — MT/ZN

# NATIONAL



This photo shows participants in the discussion on the “15<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan and Opportunities for Myanmar-China Cooperation in the Next Five Years,” which was held on 26 November.

## China-Myanmar cooperation prospects discussed under 15<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan

THE discussion on the “15<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan and Opportunities for Myanmar-China Cooperation in the Next Five Years” was held on 26 November at the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (Myanmar-ISIS) office in Dagon Township, Yangon Region.

The event, jointly organ-

ized by the Myanmar-ISIS and the China Foundation for Peace and Development (CFPD), was attended by officials from the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar, officials from the Myanmar-ISIS, scholars, representatives from social organizations, members of the media from both Myanmar and China, and

representatives from business organizations from both countries.

Participants in the discussion independently explored new opportunities for Myanmar-China cooperation over the next five years based on China’s 15<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan. — ASH/TH

## Solar project set for Thadukan Industrial Zone in one year

THE Thadukan Industrial Zone Management Committee has announced that a solar power project will be implemented in the Thadukan Industrial Zone in Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Region.

In order to carry out the solar project within the industrial zone, a memorandum of understanding has been signed between the Thadukan Industrial Zone Management Committee, business owners in the zone, and the solar power company.

“We are working on a solar

project that will be able to generate and distribute electricity for the entire Thadukan Industrial Zone through a solar system. The solar energy company has now conducted a ground survey. We have signed an agreement to implement the project within one year,” an official from the Thadukan Industrial Zone Management Committee said.

Ground inspections are currently underway, and detailed matters, including the rates to be charged per unit, are still being negotiated. — ASH/MKKS



This photo depicts Kintha 30-MW solar-powered electricity generation project.

## ‘Gonhtoo’ U Thein Naing, renowned teacher and writer, dies at 90

DISTINGUISHED Myanmar literary figure Gonhtoo U Thein Naing passed away at 5:55 am on 25 November at his home in Min Nanda Housing Estate, Ayeyawun Road, Thakayta Township, Yangon Region, according to Gonhtoo U Aung Khine.

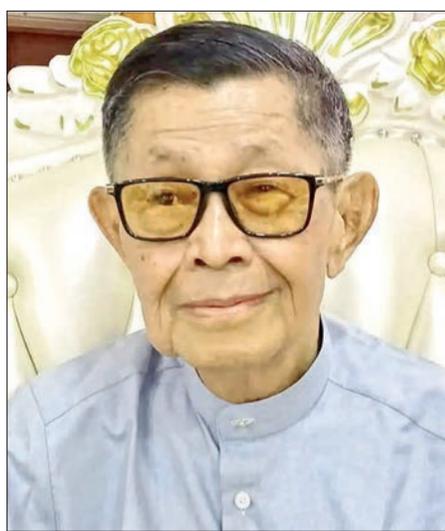
“My greatest benefactor in life, the eminent Myanmar writer Gonhtoo U Thein Naing, passed away at 5:55 this morning,” said Gonhtoo U Aung Khine.

He was born in Sinkyun Village, Monywa Township, Sagaing Region, to U Dhana, a distinguished Myanmar traditional medicine practitioner, and Daw Aye Sein, a primary school headmistress. In 1955, he became the only student in the entire country to pass the university entrance examination, with distinction in Myanmar, from Monywa No 2 State High School. During his middle and high school years, he won more than twenty first prizes in literary competitions. In 1956, he received the Chairperson of the Myanmar Writers’ Association U Thein

Pe Myint’s ‘Sasomaung’ Silver Shield in the Literary Day competition.

From the age of seventeen, he wrote short stories, articles, and poems for newspapers and journals. He served once as Secretary and twice as Chairperson of the Mandalay University Writers’ Association. Having achieved distinction in Myanmar throughout his school years, he went on to win eleven first prizes in literary competitions while at Mandalay University.

He also served as Executive Member and later as Vice-Chairperson of the Upper Myanmar Writers’ Association. He won the country’s highest literary award, the National Arts Literature Third Prize, for History of Myanmar Drama in 1963, and the National Literary Award for Myanmar Marionette Theatre in 1965. In 1968, he compiled and published A Treatise on Myanmar Literature, which is prescribed as a textbook at some foreign universities offering Myanmar literature. From 1968



Gonhtoo U Thein Naing.

onwards, he founded and ran the “Setana Myanmar Language Institute” in Mandalay.

He presented papers such as The Role of Ashin Maha Ratthasara in Myanmar Literature, Characters from Myanmar Peasant Novels, Modern Burmese Prose Writing, and A Study of the Works

of Sayagi Mya Myo Lwin at Literary Day seminars organized by the Upper Myanmar Writers’ Association at Dhamma Beikman in Mandalay in 1965, 1966, and 1967. His paper The Evolution of Myanmar Puppetry was presented at the Sarpay Beikman in 1987.

Gonhtoo U Thein Naing lectured for many years as a Myanmar language instructor and departmental head at Mandalay University for the Elderly and Monywa University, and as a Myanmar language teacher at Mandalay Medical University and Mandalay Agricultural University.

According to his family, his remains will be cremated at Yayway Cemetery in North Okkalapa Township at 3 pm on 27 November.

Gonhtoo U Thein Naing, husband of the late Gonhtoo Yadana Daw Kyi Kyi Tin, is survived by five children, twelve grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He was 90 years old at the time of his passing. — Htun Htun/KNN

# ESSAY/ECONOMY WORLD

## UK to unveil tax-raising budget

Prime Minister Keir Starmer's government has implemented a comprehensive "Plan for Change", featuring a **10-Year Health Plan** for the NHS and specific measures to address the **cost-of-living crisis**.



Britain faces a deficit near five per cent of gross domestic product, elevated inflation and a stagnating economy. **PHOTO: AFP**

BRITAIN'S centre-left Labour government is set to unveil a tax-raising budget Wednesday to curb debt and fund public services, while aiming to reassure financial markets and voters alike.

Prime Minister Keir Starmer has vowed to reduce National Health Service waiting times and ease a prolonged cost-of-living crisis, hoping to

strengthen Labour's appeal as hard-right Reform UK gains momentum in the polls.

But finance minister Rachel Reeves must balance pledges to support households with convincing investors the government has its finances under control.

"I will not return Britain back to austerity, nor will I lose control of public spending with

reckless borrowing," Reeves said in a statement on the eve of the budget.

Reeves, whose official title is chancellor of the exchequer, has announced sweeteners such as above-inflation rises to the minimum wage and pensions, along with freezes on rail fares and prescription charges ahead of the budget. — AFP

## IMF urges Germany to enact 'pro-growth' reforms

THE International Monetary Fund said Wednesday that Germany's public spending ramp-up must be accompanied by "pro-growth" reforms to ensure Europe's beleaguered top economy makes a sustained recovery.

Chancellor Friedrich Merz's coalition is making huge extra outlays on infrastructure and defence, which it hopes will spur a turnaround after two years of recession.

After a visit to Germany by several of its officials, the IMF praised the country's "landmark" decision this year to ease strict debt rules, which paved the way to a sharp increase in public spending.

This had "set the stage for economic recovery", it said in a

statement.

But the financial institution called for the extra money to be spent wisely to put the economy on a sustainable long-term footing.

It also said the efforts "should be complemented by pro-growth structural reforms, including measures to foster more innovation and digitalisation, cut red tape, reduce labour supply constraints... and deepen European economic integration".

According to the institution's most recent forecasts, Germany's economy will return to growth this year, with output of 0.2 per cent, and pick up pace in 2026 with a 0.9-per cent expansion. — AFP



Germany's economy has been hit hard by an industrial slump and growing competition. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

## I Say What I See:

### Making the Best Use – Why Utilization Defines Progress

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And a state that uses its identity well unites its people under shared values. For countries like Myanmar, the lesson is clear: to march forward in nation-building, citizens and leaders alike must make the most and best use of what is useful – time, talent, and trust – before those chances fade.

#### Transitional Paragraph

From the personal wisdom of a Sayadawgyi's sermon, to

the shared practices of society, and finally to the duties of a nation, the lesson remains constant: what is useful must be recognized and applied before its value fades. This journey from individual to collective reminds us that usefulness is not an abstract idea but a living force, shaping lives, communities, and countries when it is put to its best use.

#### Conclusion

To utilize what is useful is

more than a matter of convenience; it is a principle that guides the way individuals, communities, and nations grow. On the personal level, it means making the best use of time, health, and opportunities while they last, as the venerable Sayadawgyi's sermon reminded us, usefulness is fleeting and must be embraced before it fades. On the societal level, it means applying shared resources, knowledge, and traditions in ways that uplift the community and strengthen

bonds among people. On the national level, it means leaders and citizens alike must recognize that resources, institutions, and talents are only as valuable as the wisdom with which they are used. A nation that fails to use what is useful risks wasting its potential, while a nation that makes the most and best use of its assets builds resilience, prosperity, and unity.

Thus, the call is simple yet profound: to see usefulness clearly, to apply it wisely, and to

honour it faithfully. In doing so, we fulfil not only our personal duties but also our collective responsibility to shape a society and a nation that thrives.

#### Final Echo

To utilize what is useful is to honour the fleeting gift of time, the shared strength of society, and the enduring duty of nationhood – for only in wise use does life, community, and country find their true worth.

## Pele's brand acquired by family business of Neymar Jr

ICONIC footballer Pele's brand came under the ownership of another prominent Brazilian athlete, Neymar Santos Jr., after the company owned by his father said Tuesday it had bought the rights to use it.

Neymar Santos Sr, owner of NR Sports, announced the news at the Pele Museum in Santos, the coastal Brazilian city made famous by the legendary late player.

"We are proud to reach this milestone," Santos Sr said, adding that "I think it's a very strong brand. We want to enhance its identity and bring it into the present."

The terms of the purchase were not disclosed due to confidentiality agreements with the previous owner, US-based Sport 10, but Brazilian media reports said the deal was worth \$18 million.

Widely considered to be the best soccer player of all time, Pele, born Edson Arantes do Nascimento, helped lead his home country of Brazil to three World Cup victories in 1958, 1962 and 1970.

Though the Brazilian legend died in December 2022, his daughter Flavia was at the ceremony for his brand's new owners. — AFP

## S Korean banks' lending rate falls for 2<sup>nd</sup> month in October

SOUTH Korean banks' lending rate fell for the second consecutive month amid lingering expectations for a lower policy rate, central bank data showed Wednesday.

The weighted average rate for new bank loans dipped 0.01 percentage points from a month earlier to an annualized rate of 4.02 per cent in October after slipping 0.03 percentage points in the previous month, according to the Bank of Korea (BOK).

The BOK cut its benchmark interest rate by 25 basis points in February and May each to 2.50 per cent after lowering it by the same basis points in October and November

last year. Expectations remained for the BOK's additional interest rate cuts

early next year. The rate for banks' new corporate loans declined 0.03 percentage

points over the month to 3.96 per cent in October. — Xinhua



Pedestrians are seen in front of the Bank of Korea (BOK) in Seoul, South Korea. PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE



Neymar Santos Sr, father of Brazilian football player Neymar Jr and owner of NR Sports, said he was 'proud' to acquire the brand of late Brazilian icon Pele.

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## UAE to provide five Indian startups soft landing package

THE United Arab Emirates (UAE) will extend a comprehensive soft landing package to five Indian startups, enabling them to expand operations in the UAE and scale their businesses globally. The startups were selected under the India-UAE CEPA (Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement)

Council programme after a multi-stage evaluation process, Director of the UAE-India CEPA Council, Ahmed Aljneibi. Speaking to ANI, Aljneibi highlighted the overwhelming response received for the programme, saying, "We had 10,000 applications since the launch back in June... I'm so happy that we final-

ly reached the conclusion of identifying 20 of the best and brightest startups in India and narrowing them down to the five winners who will join us in the UAE for an immersion programme. We will provide them with a soft landing package to help them expand their business into the UAE and, hopefully, scale up globally." — ANI

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# ROLLING UPDATES

## WORLD



Kant Air Base is located just south of Kant, around 20 kilometres east of Bishkek and is home to the Russian Aerospace Forces' 999<sup>th</sup> Air Base. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

## Putin: Joint military base in Kyrgyzstan important for ensuring stability in region

*Putin emphasized that Russia pays "special attention to cooperation in the field of security" and views the base as a vital "stabilizing factor in the region".*

THE joint Russian military base in Kyrgyzstan is an important factor in ensuring stability in the region, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday.

"We pay special attention to co-

operation in the field of security. The joint Russian military base located in the republic is an important factor in ensuring stability in the region," Putin said during the Russian-Kyrgyz talks in Bishkek. Putin is currently in Kyr-

gyzstan on a state visit. The Russian president is also scheduled to meet with President of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko and attend the Collective Security Treaty Organization summit. — SPUTNIK

## Trump believes Ukraine peace deal 'very close'

US President Donald Trump on Tuesday said he believes a Ukrainian peace deal is close to being reached.

"I think we are getting very close to a deal. We will find out," Trump said during the Thanksgiving pardoning ceremony at the White House.

"I think we are making progress," he added.

The comments come amid reports in US media that Ukraine had "agreed" to the US plan, barring "some minor details to be sorted out".

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt cited "tremendous progress" on the draft agreement Tuesday, saying "a few delicate but not insurmountable details" remain.

Volodymyr Zelensky intends to travel to the United States to discuss the agreement with Trump before the end of the month. US and Ukrainian

negotiators have "reached a common understanding on the core terms" of an agreement, a senior Ukrainian official said Tuesday. — SPUTNIK



White House Press Secretary Karoline. **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### AU, EU leaders commit to closer cooperation at Luanda summit

AFRICAN and European leaders on Tuesday reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening cooperation in peace and security, development, climate action and migration at the 7<sup>th</sup> African Union-European Union Summit held in Luanda.

Closing the two-day meeting, African Union Chairperson and Angolan President Joao Lourenco said discussions reflected a shared willingness to deepen dialogue and advance practical cooperation between the two continents. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said the EU's Global Gateway initiative, which has mobilized more than 120 billion euros (about US\$138.8 billion) in investment for Africa since its launch three years ago, aims to support local job creation, value-chain development, and strategic industries including raw-material processing, pharmaceutical production, and regional energy interconnections. — Xinhua

#### S Korea's special counsel seeks 15-year prison term for ex-PM on insurrection aid charge

SOUTH Korea's special counsel sought a 15-year prison term Wednesday for former Prime Minister Han Duck-soo on charges of aiding and abetting the insurrection of former impeached President Yoon Suk-yeol.

The team of Cho Eun-suk, independent counsel leading the investigation into Yoon's insurrection and other charges, demanded a 15-year jail sentence for Han on charges of aiding the insurrection leader, engaging in important tasks for the insurrection, and perjury, according to multiple media outlets.

The special prosecutor team was quoted by Yonhap news agency as saying Han attempted to secure the legitimacy of martial law, committed crimes of judicial obstruction by falsifying official documents, and remained uncooperative by retracting his statements. — Xinhua

#### Hamas transfers remains of hostage to the Red Cross

THE Red Cross has received the remains of a hostage and is making its way to Israeli forces inside Gaza for a handover, the Israel Defence Forces said.

The body will then be taken in a convoy to the National Centre for Forensic Medicine for identification.

If confirmed, it would bring the number of bodies in Gaza down to two. — ANI

#### Brazil's ex-president Bolsonaro could transfer to semi-open regime in 2032

JAILED former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro could become eligible for a semi-open prison regime in 2032, after serving about six years and ten months of the 27-year-and-three-month sentence handed down by the Supreme Federal Court for attempting a coup, legal experts said Tuesday. — Xinhua

# SPORTS

## Tokyo Deaflympics close with Japan winning record 51 medals



Japan's Deaflympic team reacts as the Japanese flag enters the Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium for the closing ceremony of the Tokyo Deaflympics on 26 November 2025. PHOTO: KYODO

**T**HE Tokyo Deaflympics closed Wednesday with host nation Japan finishing the games with a record 51 medals.

A ceremony was held at the Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium in the capital to formally close the 12-day international sporting event for the deaf and hard of hearing, which Japan hosted for the first time in the games' history.

The games, held with the aim of fostering a more inclusive society, involved some 3,000 athletes from about 81 countries and regions competing across 21 different events.

The Japanese delegation, comprising around 270 athletes, was represented in every event for the first time.

"The sight of the amazing performances of the deaf athletes has brought courage, inspiration and hope to people around the world," Tokyo Gov. Yuriko Koike said in her address at the ceremony.

"Deaf sports creates value, represents quality," and shows that "nothing is impossible," said Adam Kosa, president of the International Committee of Sports

for the Deaf, before declaring the games closed.

Deaflympic powerhouse

Ukraine again dominated the medal tally this year with 32 gold medals, followed by the United

States with 17 and then Japan with 16. — Kyodo

## Maresca warns against Messi hype after Estevao wonder goal

ENZO Maresca on Tuesday played down comparisons between Estevao and Lionel Messi after Chelsea's wonderkid scored a spectacular solo Champions League goal in a thumping 3-0 win against Barcelona. The 18-year-old Brazilian emphatically won the battle of the teenage prodigies against Lamine Yamal as the London club won their third match out of five in the league phase of the competition.

Estevao's moment of magic came 10 minutes after half-time when he received the ball on the right before beating two defenders and lashing it into the roof of Joan Garcia's net.

It was the winger's 10<sup>th</sup> goal of the season for club and country, just months into his first campaign at Stamford Bridge. — AFP

## FIFA to keep top seeds apart in expanded 2026 World Cup draw

FIFA revealed on Tuesday that the top four seeded nations at the 2026 World Cup will occupy two separate halves of the draw for the expanded 48-team tournament, meaning they could avoid facing each other until the semifinal stage.

Top-ranked Spain and World Cup holders Argentina, the second seeds, will be drawn into opposite halves of the draw, and the same will apply to third-ranked France and world number four England.

This will ensure that, should they both win their groups, the two highest ranked teams will be kept apart until the final.

On Tuesday, FIFA published the four pots into which the 48 qualified teams will be placed, as well as the procedures for the World Cup draw which will take place on 5 December (1700 GMT) in Washington DC.

The top four nations are all placed in Pot 1 along with the three host nations -- Canada, Mexico and the United States. — AFP

## NE China's Changchun to host 2027 Winter Universiade

THE International University Sports Federation (FISU) on Wednesday announced that Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province, will host the 33<sup>rd</sup> FISU Winter World University Games in 2027.

FISU, the China Student Sports Federation and the Changchun government jointly signed the host contract for the Games.

It marks the second time for China to stage the biennial Winter Universiade, after Harbin in 2009, and represents another major international winter sports event in China, following the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics and the 2025 Asian Winter Games in Harbin. — Xinhua

## Reijnders adamant Man City will keep calm after Leverkusen loss

TIJJANI Reijnders has insisted there will be no loss of nerve at Manchester City following their surprise defeat by Bayer Leverkusen in the Champions League.

City manager Pep Guardiola felt confident enough to make 10 changes to his team only for the side to lose 2-0 at home to

Bundesliga outfit Leverkusen on Tuesday.

Defeat ended City's unbeaten start to the league phase of European club football's elite competition ahead of a tie with Spanish giants Real Madrid and came just days after their loss to Newcastle in the Premier League last weekend.

"Of course it's a bummer (but) we should not lose our confidence because we did great before and we have to get back on that winning streak, and that's by being ready for the next game on Saturday (at home to Leeds)," said Dutch midfielder Reijnders. — AFP



Manchester City midfielder Tijjani Reijnders in action against Bayer Leverkusen in the Champions League. PHOTO: AFP

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# PM Modi inaugurates India's first global MRO facility in Hyderabad

*Safran's largest facility in India will greatly strengthen the country's position as a global centre for aircraft engine maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) services.*

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that India is dreaming big, doing bigger and delivering the best as he urged investors to come to India as co creators in the journey of a developed India.

Stating that India's aviation sector is set to take a new leap forward, PM Modi inaugurated Safran Aircraft Engine Services' new Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility in Hyderabad.

The Prime Minister, who attended the ceremony via video conferencing, said that the upcoming Safran's largest Indian Engine Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility at the GMR Aerospace & Industrial Park, would strengthen India's position as a global MRO hub.

PM Modi said the facility marked a significant step in India's efforts to localize high-value aviation services and will "create opportunities for the youths in the world of high-tech space".

"We consider those investing in India not just as investors, but as co-creators. We consider them stakeholders in the journey of a developed India." — ANI



A new Safran aircraft engine facility in Hyderabad. The photo shows technicians working on an aircraft landing gear system. PHOTO: X/KTRBRS/SAFRAN

## The AI boom hits a crossroads in 2026

AFTER three years of explosive growth and soaring valuations, the AI industry is heading into 2026 under mounting scrutiny over whether its boom is sustainable, its impact on jobs, and the risks of unchecked innovation.

As the AI sector enters 2026 after

years of rapid expansion, euphoria fades amid fears of a speculative bubble. Global AI spending is projected to surpass \$2 trillion, per Gartner, but investors like SoftBank and Peter Thiel are divesting from Nvidia shares. Tech giants like Google warn of vulnerability, though

Nvidia reports surging chip demand.

Job displacement debates intensify. Forecasts suggest 30 per cent of US jobs could be automated by 2030, with 60 per cent altered, yet Gartner predicts net job creation by 2027. Some envision universal income for transformed workforces.

Superintelligence looms: Experts like Anthropic's Dario Amodei foresee AGI emerging in 2026, surpassing human genius. OpenAI's Sam Altman predicts AI researchers by 2028, while Meta invests heavily. Skeptics like Yann LeCun call it "BS".

Media faces upheaval, likened to the printing press, as AI tools erode traffic and revenue. Outlets like the New York Times pursue lawsuits and partnerships for survival.

Meanwhile, "AI slop"—low-quality, algorithm-gaming content—floods platforms, from fake bands to misleading videos. Moderation efforts persist, but no solution fully curbs the tide. — AFP



OpenAI has been an industry leader in the large language model space, but competition is tightening with a host of other companies in the fray. PHOTO: PIXABAY

## Vietnam proposes 2 new airports

THE Civil Aviation Authority of Vietnam has proposed building two new airports in the south-central and Central Highlands regions to enhance regional connectivity, local daily Voice of Vietnam reported Wednesday.

The move also aims to boost tourism, logistics and create new growth drivers for the regions, the report said.

Under the plan, Mang Den Airport will be constructed in the Central Highlands province of Kon Tum with an estimated investment of nearly five trillion Vietnamese dong (about US\$190 million) and a planned land area of about 350 hectares.

Van Phong Airport will be built in the south-central province of Khanh Hoa, with an estimated investment of more than 9.2 trillion Vietnamese dong (about \$350 million) and a planned land area of over 497 hectares. — Xinhua