

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.

Myanmar welcomes Belarus President Mr Alexander Gregoryevich Lukashenko on first official visit

The goodwill visit of Belarusian President Alexander Gregoryevich Lukashenko is expected to further strengthen the longstanding friendship and expand cooperative ties between Myanmar and Belarus.



State Security and Peace Commission Member and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw and dignitaries warmly welcome Belarusian President Mr Alexander Gregoryevich Lukashenko upon the arrival of his first official visit to Myanmar yesterday.

AT the invitation of Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, a special aircraft carrying a high-level delegation led by Mr Alexander Gregoryevich Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Belarus, to

pay an official goodwill visit to Myanmar, started flying into the Myanmar air territory yesterday evening. The special aircraft, welcomed and flanked by three Su-30 SME jet fighters from Myanmar's Tatmadaw (Air), landed at the Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw Airport.

At the airport, the Belarusian Presi-

dent and his entourage were warmly welcomed by Member of the State Security and Peace Commission, Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Mya Tun Oo, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, the deputy minister for Foreign Affairs, the Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic

of Belarus, the Belarusian Ambassador to Myanmar, and officials.

The high-level delegation led by the President of the Republic of Belarus was welcomed with full state protocol honours, with the Guard of Honour greeting the visiting heads of state along the red carpet.

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2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION



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

Union Election Commission



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

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Yangon address
64, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Mayangon Township.

The trafficked persons can contact and ask for help.

Mandalay address
Near Shwegyin Than Lan, Phonetawtoe Ward, Aungmyaythazan Township.

MRTV to air centenary concert of Mandalay Myoma Amateur Musical Association



This image showcases an invite poster for the centenary concert.

MRTV broadcasts creative Friday Night Live Show to entertain the public, and will also air live music concert marking the 100th anniversary of the Mandalay Myoma Amateur Musical Association on MRTV-HD Channel and MRTV Entertainment Channel on 28 November.

The pre-century singing contest was held with the classical songs of great Myoma composers such as Nan Taw Shae Saya Tin and Alinga Kyaw Swa Myoma Nyein, and the first, second and third prize winners will sing the memorable songs of Myoma Band together with famous singers and Myoma's permanent singers.

The live streaming of the music concert marking the centenary celebration of the Mandalay Myoma Amateur Musical Association will be on MRTV-HD Channel, MRTV Entertainment Channel, Entertainment Sector of MRTV App and MRTV Telegram. The Replay will be on MRTV-HD Channel at 10:30 am on 30 November (Sunday). — MNA/KTZH

Officials brief companies on basic tax rules



A briefing on basic tax rules underway yesterday in Yangon.

THE Inland Revenue Department's Tax Office 4 for Middle-Bracket Taxpayers held a tax briefing on the morning of 27 November at its office located on Sein Lae May Yeiktha lane on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road.

At the briefing, officials

from the office explained the basic tax rules for companies, and the company representatives in attendance asked questions and discussed the matters they wanted to know more about. About 180 officials from 160 companies attended the tax briefing. — Bala/TH

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.

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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

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Ethnic cultural troupes and dance troupes welcomed the Belarusian President with dances and performances while students chanted “May the President of the Republic of Belarus be healthy; may the friendship between the two countries last long,” with waving miniature flags of both countries. State flags of both countries were hoisted along both sides of the road. The

route was illuminated with the multicoloured lights. The LED posters were erected, bearing “Myanmar warmly welcomes President Aleksandr Lukashenko of the Republic of Belarus”.

Diplomatic relations between Myanmar and the Republic of Belarus have now reached 26 years. At the invitation of the President of Belarus, Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing made two state-level goodwill visits to Belarus in 2025. Now, in return, the President of the Republic of Belarus, Mr Alexander Gregoryevich Lukashenko, has come to Myanmar on a goodwill visit at the invitation of the Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission.

This visit marks the first historic trip by a Belarusian President during diplomatic relations between the two countries. During the goodwill visit, the President of the Republic of Belarus will meet the Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the State Security and Peace Commission Chairman, to discuss matters related to strengthening friendship and cooperation across various sectors. Agree-

ments and memorandums of understanding between the two countries will also be signed during the visit.

This goodwill visit will help strengthen friendship and cooperation between the two countries, promote cultural exchanges, facilitate the sharing of agricultural production technologies, and further enhance collaboration across various sectors between Myanmar and Belarus. — MNA/TTA

MoFA Union Minister and Belarusian Foreign Minister discuss further enhancement of bilateral relations and cooperation

U Than Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, met Mr Maxim Ryzhenkov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belarus, at the Jasmine Naypyitaw Hotel yesterday.

The two Foreign Ministers discussed further enhancement of bilateral relations and cooperation, particularly the relations between the two Foreign Ministries. They cordially exchanged views on increasing cooperation in various sectors, resulting in tangible progress. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to work closely to further expand the areas of cooperation for the benefit of the two countries. — MNA



Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Than Swe holds talks with his counterpart Mr Maxim Ryzhenkov in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

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 Sub-commission of the area, where they are currently residing, from 25 November 2025 to 29 November 2025. — UEC

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Team Myanmar joins closing ceremony of 33rd ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet



The documentary group photo session in action at yesterday's closing event in Singapore.

THE Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by General Kyaw Swa Lin, the Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air), who has arrived in Singapore to attend the closing ceremony

of the 33rd ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet (33rd AARM), visited the Singapore Armed Forces Training Institute (SAFTI) on the afternoon of 27 November. The delegation observed the urban operations training grounds, mock-up training support weapon systems used in urban combat, demonstration firing of small arms, demonstration flights of surveillance drones, and unmanned ground vehicle systems.

General Kyaw Swa Lin then visited the military exhibition ground of the Singapore Armed Forces Training Institute and joined ASEAN army chiefs and delegation leaders in participating in the Novelty Shoot event. He continued to observe an urban combat mock-up

demonstration in which assault vehicles and unmanned vehicle systems were used to clear hostile elements inside buildings.

General Kyaw Swa Lin again participated in the Novelty Shoot and attended the closing ceremony of the 33rd ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet (33rd AARM) together with ASEAN army chiefs and delegation leaders. He also met cordially with members of the Myanmar shooting team competing in the event, encouraged them, and posed for documentary photographs. In the evening, the General and the Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation attended the farewell dinner of the 33rd AARM together with ASEAN army chiefs and delegation leaders. — MNA/KZL

Myanmar-Belarus Business Forum held in Yangon

THE UMFCCI and BelCCI jointly organized the Myanmar-Belarus Business Forum to promote economic and investment cooperation between the two countries in Yangon yesterday.

It was attended by Union Ministers Dr Wah Wah Maung, U Min Naung, Dr Charlie Than, U Chit Swe and Dr Thet Khaing Win, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, UMFCCI President U Aye Win, delegation led by Belarusian Foreign Minister Mr Maxim Ryzhenkov, Chairperson of Belarusian state concern for production and sale of light industry goods Bellegprom, Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Industry, Minister for Health and Belarusian Ambassador to Myanmar, senior officials of relevant ministries, Myanmar-Belarusian business people, totalling 130.

Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Wah Wah Maung discussed Myanmar-Belarus diplomatic relations, the strategic directives of the two countries' leaders, ongoing cooperation, Myanmar-Belarus Development Cooperation Roadmap (2026-2028), Myanmar's investment frameworks, sector-wise investment opportunities between the



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two countries, and possibilities for connecting to the EAEU market.

Belarusian Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Maxim Ryzhenkov, President of the UMFCCI U Aye Win, and Chairperson of the Belarusian state concern for production and sale of light industry goods Bellegprom Ms Nadezhda Lazarevich, delivered their remarks.

The relevant officials of the two countries signed agreements on economic cooperation and exchanged 16 agreements. The

meeting focused on the banking and financial sector, transport, agriculture-based industry and health services.

Before the forum, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Wah Wah Maung, Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung and Union Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than met Belarusian ministers and officials separately to discuss the ongoing cooperation work plans in detail.

The co-chairs of the My-

anmar-Belarus Joint Commission-Union Minister Dr Wah Wah Maung and Belarusian Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Maxim Ryzhenkov, held a bilateral meeting to discuss enhancing close cooperation on investment promotion and preparations for Myanmar to host the third joint commission coordination meeting. They then signed agreements related to the Myanmar-Belarus Development Cooperation Roadmap (2026-2028) and the second meeting of the Myanmar-Belarus Joint Trade and Economic

Cooperation Commission.

Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung met Belarusian Agriculture and Food Minister Mr Yury Gorlov and exchanges views on bilateral trade of farming products and foodstuff, bilateral cooperation, export of Myanmar's rice, rubber, nuts, fruits and coffee to Belarus and import of cheese and butter from Belarus, proper network between private business people and organizations for export and import sectors of the two countries and information exchange on trade.

Union Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than met Belarusian Industry Minister Mr Andrei Kuzentsov, and discussed further cooperation in promising industrial sectors of Myanmar based on the Memorandum of Intent (MoI) and Roadmap, assistance in the production of essential cancer treatment medicines, technology transfer in pharmaceutical manufacturing, human resource development training, development in automobile manufacturing, MSME development, and market access for MSME products from both countries. — MNA/KTZH

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3rd day of Science Festival 2025 held in Yangon

THE third day of the Science Festival Myanmar 2025 took place at the Nuclear Technology Information Centre and Yangon Technological University yesterday.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Aung Zeya, departmental officials, Russian officials and professors of ROSATOM and National Research Nuclear University MEPhI (Moscow Engineering Physics Institute), faculty members, researchers, students and invitees.

At the centre, about 100 basic education students competed in the highest Tower construction using paper and tape in the DIY Science Section.

During the Big-Journey: North Pole, a Myanmar female student who had travelled to the North Pole on a nuclear-powered icebreaker shared her experienc-



The third-day session of the Science Festival 2025 in progress yesterday, attended by Deputy Minister Dr Aung Zeya.

es, and a professor from MEPhI explained how a nuclear icebreaker operates.

At noon, at the Pathways to Russia: Career Insights pro-

gramme, Myanmar students currently studying at Russian universities shared and discussed their experiences online.

In the evening, during the

screening programme “The Science Movies Almanac”, documentaries were shown on topics such as producing silicon and carbon from discarded rice husks

to manufacture green-energy batteries, the construction of a nuclear power plant in a developing fisheries region in Egypt, and a Russian oil company’s successful research in producing hydrogen from methane gas. Moreover, scientists from Russia and Myanmar each provided further explanations, discussed the topics, and answered questions from the participants. The Deputy Minister also made proper instructions.

At the Yangon Technological University, about 140 university students competed in “HackAtom” in the same morning. The participants observed and supported the compilation of information and the preparation of IT software applications and PowerPoints, which were to be presented clearly within 24 hours. — MNA/KTZH

Yangon, Mandalay universities hold talks with Belarusian counterparts

A meeting was hosted between Yangon University, Mandalay University, Mandalay University of Foreign Languages and Belarusian State University (BSU), Belarusian State University of Informatics and Radioelectronics (BSUIR) of the Republic of Belarus yesterday afternoon at the Convocation Hall of Yangon University.

The meeting was attended by Belarusian State University (BSU) Rector Andrei Karol, Belarusian State University of Informatics and Radioelectronics (BSUIR) Rector Vadim Bogush, as well as the Rectors, Pro-Rectors, and Professors (Deans) of Yangon University, Mandalay University, and Mandalay University of Foreign Languages.

Yangon University Rector Dr Tin Maung Tun first delivered a welcoming speech, followed by BSU Rector Professor



The Letter of Agreement (LoA) signing event underway yesterday between Yangon University and Belarusian State University of Informatics and Radioelectronics (BSUIR).

Andrei Karol, BSUIR Rector Vadim Bogush, Mandalay University Rector Dr Nay Win Oo, and Mandalay University of Foreign Languages Rector Dr Tint Tint gave introductory speeches, as well as officials from Yangon University and Mandalay University clarified information about the univer-

sities.

A Letter of Agreement (LoA) was signed on educational cooperation between Yangon University and Belarusian State University of Informatics and Radioelectronics (BSUIR). Then, the two universities exchanged souvenirs. — MNA/MKKS

Tatmadaw riverine hospital ships continue delivering medical care

A Tatmadaw mobile medical team, including paramedics, doctors, and nurses, deployed via the riverine hospital ship “Shwe Puzon” and river vessel “Saku”, arrived in Sagamya Village, Myaungmya Township, yesterday afternoon. They were warmly welcomed by local officials, residents, teachers, and students.

The mobile medical team based their operations at the Mahayon Monastery in the vil-

lage and provided healthcare services to 412 locals. Treatment included 201 general illnesses, 23 surgical cases, 30 obstetric cases, 27 paediatric cases, 35 orthopaedic cases, 29 ENT cases, 36 eye cases, and 31 dental cases.

Among them, three patients received general surgery, 11 had x-rays, 30 underwent ultrasound scans, nine had ECG examinations, and 49 received laboratory tests. — MNA/KZL



Locals are seen receiving healthcare services in Myaungmya Township, Ayeyawady Region.

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Clarification on situations in Myawady Region

MYAWADY Township in Kayin State lies along the Myanmar-Thailand border and is a strategically important area on the India-Myanmar-Thailand Asian Highway. Most Kayin armed groups operate and maintain bases in this region. In 2015, Kayin armed organizations such as the DKBA, KNU/KNLA-PC, and the KNU signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA). As stability improved following the agreement, development activities were carried out in the area. However, during this peace-making period, the KNU took advantage of the situation and, citing various pretexts, launched the Shwe Kokko project in the Brigade 7 area in 2016. It was also found that in 2017, the Chongkhaed Garden Resort casino project was initiated in Chongkhaed village, and in early 2020, the KK Park project was launched in the Maethawtalay area under Brigade 6.

According to reports, KNU



Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun.

Kayin communities feared that Myawady would become another Sihanoukville. Therefore, they opposed these projects and refused to accept the gambling businesses. It was also reported that during the KNU Congress held in April 2023, participants called for action against KNU leaders who were allegedly involved with crime syndicates and online scam groups operating in Shwe Kokko, Chongkhaed, and KK Park. Although the KNU formed an investigation team, the probe was described as merely superficial. No findings were transparently released to

with the then Kayin State Chief Minister under the NLD government. It is understood that in April 2017, the developers sought approval from the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC). The Commission stated that the project proposal submitted to them did not include any plans to build casinos. MIC approved only 25.5 acres for the project. By early 2019, residents reported that construction had expanded far beyond the authorized areas. As a result, the NLD government at that time formed an investigation committee in August 2019. Following this inquiry, the project's

of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), in an attempt to justify continued operations. Because of this misinformation, the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar clarified in July 2020, during Ambassador Chen Hai's meeting with the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, that the project was not part of the BRI. It was also found that only the Shwe Kokko project had been partially reported to the government, whereas the other projects, such as Chongkhaed and KK Park, were never submitted for approval at all.

Another gambling project, the Chongkhaed Garden Resort casino in Chongkhaed village, Myawady Township, was reportedly initiated in 2017 by Sai Kyaw Hla, a Brig-Gen-level leader of the KKO group. Investigations found that in November 2019, the project signed an agreement with the Thailand-based Thai Chan Company to expand into online gambling operations.

The KK Park project was reportedly initiated in Febru-

being expanded in these areas, taking advantage of the country's security situation. Materials and basic supplies for these buildings were reportedly imported via Thailand, and foreign-owned companies were involved in supervising the operations. Satellite imagery from 2021 to 2025 clearly shows the extent of the construction and expansion in the area. Starting in February 2023, the Kayin State government instructed authorities to monitor and prevent further illegal construction. Local administrative bodies implemented these directives, filing lawsuits against individuals holding Form-7 land-use certificates who were building illegally, and revoked their land-use rights according to proper procedures.

Illegal criminal activities cannot be carried out in areas under the direct administration of the Myanmar government that are stable and secure. On 27 March 2021, the KNU reportedly attacked and seized the Thimuhta security outpost in Papun Township, under Brigade 5, violating the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) and destabilizing the region. KNU Brigade 6 reportedly conducted violent protests within the country, accepted fleeing youths for military training, and cooperated with NUG-affiliated militant groups to arm PDF fighters. On 5 April 2024, KNU and PDF forces jointly attacked and seized the town of Thingan-Nyinaung, while armed militants took control of the Asian Highway between Kawkareik and Thingan-Nyinaung. Throughout the Kayin State border regions, KNU and allied militant groups reportedly engaged in battles against security and administrative forces, deliberately undermining local stability. Through these operations, KNU-controlled areas reportedly became zones where armed groups collected protection fees and facilitated illegal online gambling and other criminal enterprises, operating outside the law.

As part of its national responsibility, the government has aimed to eliminate illegal online gambling operations. In line with this objective, in July 2025, government security forces regained control of the Kyondoe-

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The location map of Shwekokko in January 2022.

leaders have unlawfully exercised their authority by leasing state-owned land under long-term contracts and renting it out to foreign nationals. They also collected payments to provide protection for illegal casinos and other criminal activities. Most of the foreign nationals who settled in this area came from Sihanoukville, Cambodia – a city known for its casino industry. When gambling businesses in Sihanoukville expanded rapidly, criminal activity increased as well. Locals, who lacked language skills, faced difficulties in earning a livelihood, and the entire city became dominated by foreigners. Along with the casinos, local people also experienced unlawful abuse and coercion by mafia groups. Because of these experiences, local

the public, and no accountability measures were taken. Based on these circumstances, it has become increasingly apparent that KNU leaders are closely involved in the illegal online fraud and gambling operations taking place in the Myawady region.

The Myanmar government did not authorize or approve the expansion of illegal buildings now seen in the Myawady area. The origin of these operations traces back to the Shwe Kokko project, which began in 2017. The Shwe Kokko project was developed as the Myanmar-Thai Shwe Kokko Special Economic Zone by Yatai International Holding Group in partnership with Chit Linn Myaing Company. Preparations for the project had already begun around 2016, during which discussions were reportedly held

operations were temporarily suspended. This issue was raised during the 17th regular session of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw, when the representative from Myawady constituency submitted a question about the project. In response, the Deputy Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, U Bharat Singh, stated that approval had been granted in accordance with the law for the construction of high-standard residential buildings on 25.5 acres of land. He added that if the project violated or failed to comply with the required legal regulations, action would be taken under the Myanmar Investment Commission Law. Later, it was found that individuals linked to gambling businesses spread narratives claiming that the suspended project was part

ary 2020 under an agreement between the KNU-affiliated Mulaei Ahlin Company and the Huanya International Holding Group, with oversight from Thailand-based Trans Asia International Holding Group. According to the agreement, Mulaei Ahlin provided assurances that the signatures of the current KNU Chairman Saw Kwe Htoo Win and Saw Roger Khin, head of the KNU Defence Department, were included. Investigations also found that Mulaei Ahlin Company is owned by Saw Doe Soe Johnny, the eldest son of KNLA Chief of Staff Saw Johnny. On the ground, the project is reportedly managed by his batmen Saw Win Kyaw and Saw Kyaw Thu.

After February 2021, amid political situations, it was reported that illegal construction was

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Kawkareik section of the Asian Highway, which had been temporarily controlled by armed groups. By September 2025, they also restored control over the Kawkareik-Thingan-Nyinaung section, at significant risk and effort to the lives of security personnel. KNU and allied armed groups had reportedly used illicit revenue, manpower, and financial resources to undermine regional stability and the rule of law. Tatmadaw conducted difficult military operations to counter these activities and restore order. On 19 October 2025, government forces regained full control over the border areas, including Lawkaekaw, enabling effective.

Foreign nationals who crossed into Myanmar through illegal routes from Thailand and carried out criminal activities, including online gambling, have been continuously arrested and detained, with arrangements made to transfer them to their respective countries. From 5 October to 26 November 2025, a total of 68,582 foreign nationals from 52 countries were repatriated. To prevent the re-establishment of online gambling and other criminal activities in the Myawady region, illegal buildings have been systematically demolished and cleared. In the KK Park area alone, 256 structures have been destroyed to date, with 379 remaining structures scheduled for demolition. The ongoing crackdown on online gambling operations has led KNLA and PDF-affiliated terrorist groups to stage attacks and disrupt security across Myawady, Laekaekaw, and surrounding areas. Between 31 October and 26 November 2025, 25 clashes occurred, during which some security personnel lost their lives. Despite these challenges, the government continues its efforts to eliminate illegal criminal operations. In addition, stronghold structures are being demolished to ensure that online gambling cannot resume. Land is being levelled, mines dismantled, and river sources blocked as part of these operations.

Based on statements from detained foreign nationals, it has been confirmed that they entered Myanmar from Thailand, as previously reported. Numerous similar statements have been collected by authorities. Detaining these individuals until their governments collect

them is a significant responsibility, as the state must provide all daily necessities, including food, drinking water, bathing water, clothing, and bedding. For food alone, the minimum daily cost per person is approximately K15,000. From 10 December 2024 to 22 November 2025, over K1.33 billion (K1,336,050,000) was spent to cover these expenses. The government is acting in this

area. This suggests direct KNU involvement. However, a comparison between the statement and actual developments on the ground shows discrepancies. Satellite imagery shows that the Phalu and Minletpan areas, where the incident occurred, are located just south of KNU's KK Park. Before 2024, there were no structures in this area. Construction began in 2024. At that time,

captured KKO members. By 24 November, DKBA/KKO reportedly handed over Saw Kyaw Ko Min to the KNU's request. On the same day, a public notice stated that any foreign nationals found being transported within the area would be detained. Overall, these events indicate that the Minletpan incident was fully known to KNU and that they were directly involved in it.

tionals – 635 Chinese, 23 Laotians, and 16 Vietnamese – reportedly arrived on the Thai side of the Thaungyin River near Mekokine village, Mae Sot of Thailand. On the same night, about 20 foreign nationals, believed to be involved in local mining operations, were reportedly seized by KNU/PDF along with four vehicles carrying about 100 fuel barrels and cash-filled fireproof containers.



Images reveal (before & after) the demolition measure in the KK Park area.



Undocumented foreign entrants from Minletpan Village, a telecom fraud hub.

way to uphold the country's dignity and sovereignty. Authorities have also urged the respective foreign governments to promptly collect their citizens. However, some foreign media have exploited the situation to create disruptions and launch media attacks against the government, requiring vigilance. Meanwhile, the United States has announced the establishment of a Scam Centre Strike Force (SCSF) to protect its citizens from online scams. Additionally, discussions have been held in the US House of Representatives about intervening in Myanmar to help combat online fraud and gambling operations. The government views these actions as interference and destabilizing attempts.

Meanwhile, a statement and demand were reportedly issued by the KNU terrorist group regarding an incident that occurred on 25 November in the Phalu (Minletpan) area. The statement accused the group under the name DKBA; here, the terminology KKO/DKBA will be used. In April 2012, the DKBA formed the Kloh Htoo Baw Karen Organization (KKO), with Mahn Robert Zan as chairman and Saw Mo Shay as vice-chairman. At its founding, the statement noted that KKO recognized the Karen National Union (KNU) as its parent organization. Analysis of the militant KNU's statement indicates that they have detailed insider knowledge of those involved in the Phalu (Minletpan)

as noted earlier, KNU and allied militant groups were engaged in clashes across the Kayin State border areas, meaning government security and administrative forces were not present in the region. In paragraph 2 on page 1 of the KNU statement, it claims that KNU forces cleared the area where DKBA units were stationed and attacking, with at least 230 DKBA personnel disarmed, allowing KNU to take control of the base. In reality, around 2:00 pm on 21 November 2025, some KNU and PDF terrorists arrived in Minletpan village in three vehicles. Consider this carefully: if the DKBA/KKO members in Minletpan were genuine adversaries, would they openly arrive in vehicles like that? Upon reaching the gate secured by KKO, they reportedly called Saw Phar Htee, a Major from KKO, asking him to hand over weapons. Saw Phar Htee reportedly told them that he was not responsible for the area and that Saw Kyaw Ko Min (aka) Thakhwathee was in charge, urging them not to arrest anyone. Despite this, the KNU/PDF forces claimed that they were acting on orders from KNU headquarters and seized 170 weapons and some KKO members. During this operation, the KNU/PDF reportedly contacted KKO leadership, requesting that Saw Kyaw Ko Min be handed over, since he was not found in Minletpan. KKO leadership also reportedly communicated with KNU to negotiate the release of the

In paragraph 2 of page 2 of the KNU terrorist group's statement, it says that KNU forces continue to operate security in the area due to ongoing attacks Tatmadaw and supporting units, and KNU maintains responsibility for security in the surrounding area. In reality, our security forces are conducting operations in KK Park and Shwe Kokko. KNU terrorists have attacked these areas, causing small-scale clashes. There are two main reasons why KNU issues such misleading statements. First, they want to silence people in Minletpan who know their internal operations. If these people are silenced, clashes could occur, which they can use as an excuse. Second, they aim to hide their own failures and shift blame onto other groups. Evidence of this is on page 3 of the statement, which says that on 25 November that early in the morning, hundreds of Scam workers, fearing drone attacks, tried to flee the compound. Sounds of fighting and shadows of workers clashing inside the buildings were observed. In reality, around 5:30 am on 25 November, foreign nationals held by the KNU in Minletpan illegally protested by burning their clothing to demand they not be detained. The KNU/PDF reportedly opened fire, causing injuries and potential fatalities among some foreign nationals. This is documented in the photographic evidence we have obtained. At 7:30 pm on the same day, a total of 674 foreign na-

Further information may still emerge. Based on these events, it is clear what the KNU terrorists are doing.

From the time we first began tracking these online scams and gambling operations, we have been actively conducting investigations and arrests in collaboration with neighbouring friendly countries, as well as coordinating with regional countries. Operations are ongoing across the national territory in a systematic manner. According to information obtained, during the period from 24 to 26 November of this month, operations were carried out near Mongnawng, Kehsi Township, Shan State (South). During these operations, 28 foreign nationals and eight Myanmar nationals engaged in online scam and gambling were apprehended along with buildings, vehicles, related equipment, and five small firearms. The Government of Myanmar has never authorized these online scam and gambling businesses or other criminal enterprises. Using Myanmar's sovereign territory to commit crimes against friendly countries, neighbouring countries, or the international community is completely unacceptable. Myanmar emphasizes that these online scam gambling operations, which pose threats globally, are being actively eliminated from the country's land and waters, with measures to completely dismantle their operations at the root.

OPINION

Build ourselves with an honest and sincere heart

IF ONE'S heart is not honest and sincere, any material wealth or riches are based merely on petty greed. Having an honest and open heart means possessing a kind and virtuous mind. The heart is beautified through wisdom, completeness of knowledge, a fair and just mindset, and a noble disposition.

Some people use an honest and sincere heart to acquire material wealth and then apply that wealth wisely in their daily lives. Because such wealth is earned based on a pure mind, it remains free from fault and wrongdoing. They eat what should be eaten,

Wealth should be acquired properly, and even when it is abundant, it must be managed with a wealthy, honest heart that can use it wisely. If one acts without following the correct path, losing a pure mind and causing harm to others, the income and material possessions gained can, like fire, first burn and destroy oneself. Therefore, everyone should strive to possess a wealthy and generous heart so that they may experience and enjoy many kinds of good fortune and blessings.

If one does not have a wealthy, honest, and sincere heart, even abundant material wealth cannot bring true benefit or prosperity. Dignity is absent, and only petty greed remains. In human life, people work and earn income daily to meet their basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter. In doing so, they must follow proper paths to increase income and enhance economic benefits.

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save what should be saved, invest some, use what should be used, give what should be given, and donate what should be donated. Material wealth is managed with dignity and honour. A pure heart exists only in those who have the ability and determination to act in this way. Therefore, to act righteously, the mind and heart must be pure from the start, and the pure heart guides the management of the results obtained.

If one does not possess an honest and sincere heart, then the material wealth they acquire cannot be properly used for themselves; they do not eat what they should, nor use it appropriately. They fail to give what should be given and do not make proper donations. They hoard money and desire more than they have received, driven by greed. Even if their wealth is abundant, it cannot be dignified or honoured. They cannot give or donate, and thus true honour and virtue are absent. Their wealth, greed, and desire for more dominate their lives, leaving them perpetually constrained and unfulfilled.

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When the House Falls: A Parable of Neglect, Termites, and Human Nature

By Khin Maung Myint

IN THE traditional villages of Myanmar, where time moves with the rhythm of monsoon winds and teak houses stand tall on stilts like sentinels of heritage, there lies a quiet wisdom in wood and roof. These elevated homes, crafted from durable teak and capped with corrugated galvanized iron, are not merely shelters — they are legacies of ancestral knowledge and practical ingenuity. But even the strongest timber is vulnerable to what lies beneath the surface.

Termites — silent, unseen, and systematic — can reduce the mightiest house to splinters. They do not announce themselves with noise or spectacle; rather, they work in secrecy, turning solid foundations into fragile illusions.

And here begins a tale that transcends carpentry, becoming an allegory of human behaviour, responsibility, and the perennial tendency to blame the symptom rather than confront the cause.

Let us imagine the homeowner. At first, he notices small signs: faint dust near the stilts, soft spots on the floor, a hollow knock where there once was strength. He is advised, gently and repeatedly, to treat the wood — to apply deterrents, to protect his property, to act before damage becomes disaster. But he shrugs. "The house still stands," he says. "There is no fire, no storm, no urgency."

Procrastination, after all, is the silent cousin of decay.

So, the termites continue — as is their nature — until one

day, with a groan and a crash, the house collapses. And now, the homeowner, standing in the rubble of what once was proud architecture, erupts with anger. He curses the termites. He calls them invaders, demons, destroyers of dreams. He stomps in the ashes and weeps for what has been taken from him.

But nowhere in his lament does he mention his own inaction.

As the Burmese proverb warns:

"Don't blame the thorns if you walk barefoot."

This is not a story about insects. This is a story about us — about how individuals, institutions, and even entire societies allow rot to fester beneath the surface while preserving the illusion of strength. It is about how we ignore early signs of dysfunction, hoping problems will disappear if

we simply refuse to look at them long enough.

And when collapse finally comes — be it in governance, family, environment, or public health — the blame is cast outward: on the 'termites', on the forces we failed to manage, on anything but ourselves.

There is a second, darker path. In some versions of the tale, the homeowner, driven mad by denial and fury, sets his own house on fire — not to kill the termites, but to punish them. The flames take everything: pests, planks, and pride. And in the smouldering ruin, the man screams at what was done to him, not what was allowed by him.

This, too, is human nature — the self-destructive vengeance born from avoiding accountability. And it teaches us yet another proverb:

"He who refuses to mend a crack will one day rebuild the wall."

The wisdom of stilt houses is not just architectural. It is philosophical. They are built to withstand floods and pests, but only if properly maintained. Their strength lies not only in the quality of teak or steel, but in the vigilance of the caretaker.

So, let this parable serve as more than a cautionary tale. Let it remind us that damage does not begin with collapse — it begins with silence. It begins when we see the signs but do not act. And no curse upon the termites can undo what neglect has allowed.

Because in the end, the termites do not lie. They only consume what we leave unguarded.



This body trait helps keep your brain young: Study

The core finding is that individuals with more muscle and a lower visceral fat-to-muscle ratio tend to have a younger biological brain age.

SCIENTISTS discovered that more muscle and less hidden abdominal fat are linked to a younger biological brain age.

Deep visceral fat appeared to accelerate brain ageing, while muscle mass offered a protective effect. Researchers report that people who have more muscle and a lower visceral fat-to-muscle ratio tend to show signs of a younger biological brain age.

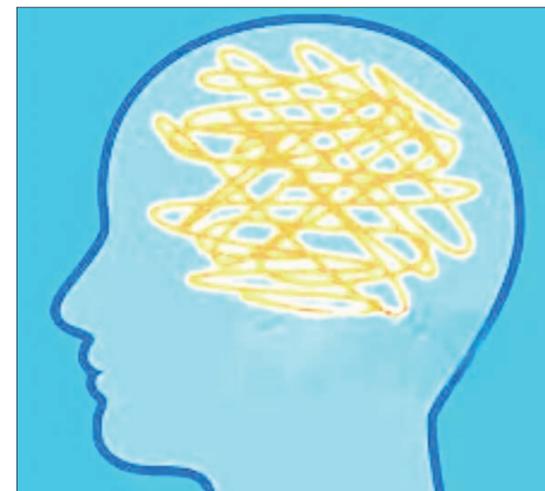
This conclusion comes from a study that will be presented next week at the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA). Visceral fat refers to the fat stored deep in the abdomen around key internal organs.

"Healthier bodies with more muscle mass and less hidden belly fat are more likely to have

healthier, youthful brains. Better brain health, in turn, lowers the risk for future brain diseases, such as Alzheimer's," said senior study author Cyrus Raji, MD, PhD, associate professor of radiology and neurology in the Department of Radiology at Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri.

How MRI Measures Brain Age and Body Composition

Brain age is an estimate of how old the brain appears biologically, based on its structure as seen through MRI. Body MRI can track muscle mass, which serves as a marker for efforts to reduce frailty and strengthen overall health. Estimated brain age from structural scans may also shed light on risk factors for Alzheimer's disease, including muscle loss.



Scientists discovered that high levels of deep visceral (abdominal) fat appear to accelerate brain aging, while having more muscle mass offers a protective effect.

"While it is commonly known that chronological ageing translates to loss of muscle mass and increased hidden belly fat, this work shows that these health measures relate to brain ageing itself," Dr Raji said. "It shows muscle and fat mass quantified in the body are key reflectors of brain health, as tracked with brain ageing," added Dr Raji.

Study Details: Imaging, AI Analysis, and Participant Profile

The study evaluated 1,164 healthy adults (52 per cent women) across four research sites using whole-body MRI. Participants had a mean chronological age of 55.17 years. Imaging included T1-weighted MRI sequences, which highlight fat as bright and fluid as dark, providing a clear view of muscle, fat, and brain tissue.

SOURCE: ANI

Letter to the EDITOR

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Dear Editor

Thank you for publishing my article 'A brief juxtaposition of Spinoza's and Stephen Hawking's philosophical determinism', which was published a day after Spinoza's 393rd birthday on 25 November 2025 and five days after World Philosophy Day 2025, which falls on 20 November.

In the description of my contributions to The Australian National University (ANU) it was stated:

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Between the years 2016 to 2022, five post-doctoral scholars have visited the Philosophy Department of the Australian National University, which is **one of their alma maters** [sic, incorrect] on a Myint Zan Philosophy Fellowship

UNQUOTE.

I am an ANU alumnus. The ANU is one of my alma maters. The other members of my Alma Maters are Rangoon Arts and Science University, University of Michigan Law School in the United States and Griffith University in Australia. None of the post-doctoral scholars who visited the ANU on a Myint Zan Philosophy Fellowship, mainly from the United States and Great Britain, are ANU alumni. They visited the ANU between 2019 to 2022 (or 2023), not '2016 to 2022' as stated.

Hence, the last sentence should read:

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'Between 2019 to 2023 five post -doctoral scholars have visited the ANU on a Myint Zan Philosophy Fellowship. **The ANU is one of Dr Myint Zan's alma maters**'.

UNQUOTE

Thank you.
Myint Zan

NATIONAL

10 buildings in KK Park demolished, online scam hub buildings in Shwe Kokko sealed off



A location map of buildings and facilities in the KK Park area, Myawady, Kayin State. A completed demolition in KK Park.

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. Yesterday, the authorities destroyed 10 illegal buildings in the Section 3 area, and 108 buildings out of 425 buildings in Section 3 have been destroyed, and a total of 256 buildings out of 635 illegal buildings have so far been demolished in the KK Park area.

Similarly, the operation has been conducted in the Shwe Kokko area since 18 November, and the authorities searched two one-storey building containing residence, warehouse, shops, hotels and

KTVs, 11 two-storey buildings, 42 three-storey buildings, seven one-storey buildings, two nine-storey buildings and one 17-storey buildings, totalling 59 buildings yesterday, and no individuals involved in online fraud or online gambling were found, but seized 120 mobile phones, 212 sorts of computers and accessories.

The inspections began on 18 November at the buildings within the Shwe Kokko area that had been used for online scam operations. To date, a total of 109 illegal buildings have been found, and measures to

seal and confiscate those buildings to prevent further use began yesterday, with 21 buildings already sealed and confiscated.

To date, the authorities have detained 2,042 undocumented foreign entrants and seized 3,310 computers, 21,870 mobile phones, 102 Starlink satellite receivers and 22 Routers used in telecom fraud and online gambling activities. Authorities systematically destroyed 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 195 foreign nationals.

From 30 January to 27 November 2025, a total of 12,882 foreign nationals who had entered Myanmar illegally were detained. Of these, 10,029 individuals were screened to be expelled and 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

Mongnawng raid nets fraud, gambling suspects along with arms and equipment

AS part of serving the national duty, the government has been actively undertaking operations to eliminate telecom fraud and online gambling, coordinating not only with domestic security forces but also with governments of neighbouring countries to ensure that such activities cannot take root in Myanmar. During the period from 24 to 26 November, authorities apprehended 26 foreign nationals and eight Myanmar citizens involved in telecom fraud and online gambling, seizing related equipment, arms and ammunition used in the criminal activities near Mongnawng of Kehsi Township in Shan State (South).

On 24 November, security forces taking security measures in the local area in Kehsi Township arrived in an area around northwest of Naungtauk Village,



Images reveal the elimination of online scam hub buildings near Mongnawng in Kehsi Township, Shan State (North).



southeast of Mongnawng and found suspicious buildings. They found it was an area where telecom found and online gambling activities were carried out. The security forces did not find the individuals involved in the telecom fraud and online gambling and seized five 40 feet long and 20 feet wide tents, six 20 feet by 10 feet tents, seven 10 feet by ten feet tents, three 10 feet long and 10 feet lakes, five pig farms, eight guard posts, two kitchens, 150 plastic chairs, one

large dressing table, five wooden chairs two monitors and one Starlink device.

The security forces also seized temporary buildings used in the online scams and gambling, three tents with 70 feet in length and 30 feet in width, two 40 feet by 40 feet tents, one 25 feet by 15 feet tent, 28 20 feet by 15 feet tents, three generators, one small refrigerator, one freezer, five air coolers, and one Land Cruiser near Kaunghai Village, southeast of Mongnawng on 25

November.

On 26 November, the security forces impounded 12 buildings, one workshop and one warehouse constructed for carrying out telecom fraud and online gambling and four blue barrels with 80-gallon capacity each near Wamkyaung Village, southeast of Mongnawng. Moreover, they arrested 26 Chinese nationals and eight Myanmar citizens involved in telecom fraud and online gambling in the southern part of Naungtauk Village, south-

east of Mongnawng. According to the confession, the security forces seized one MA-1, one MA-13, one AK-12, one carbine, one Winchester 12V, 10 9mm bullets, two 12V bullets, one magazine for 9mm bullets, one AK magazine, and one carbine magazine hidden near the village.

The seized items, temporary shelters, and other accommodations were incinerated. The arrestees and those involved are being systematically investigated so that legal action can be taken in accordance with the law. In addition, foreign nationals will be repatriated to their respective countries with consideration for humanitarian support and fostering friendly relations between nations. Meanwhile, the confiscated weapons are being handled and processed according to proper procedures. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

Insein Prison releases 192 inmates under general election amnesty



Released individuals are seen being systematically transported back to their homes. **PHOTO: KANU**

INTENDING to enable all eligible voters to exercise their franchise freely and fairly in the upcoming general election and to foster public cooperation in strengthening the multiparty

democratic system desired by the people, the National Defence and Security Council has granted amnesty to 8,665 prisoners. These individuals, who were serving sentences under Sections 505-A and 512 of the Penal Code in various prisons, remand prisons, and camps, have had their sentences remitted. Consequently, it is reported that 192 prisoners were released from Insein Central Prison in Yangon yesterday morning.

Initially, Colonel Win Tint, the Yangon Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs, and Police Brig-Gen Ko Ko Lwin, the Yangon Region Police Force

Commander, delivered words of advice to the prisoners at the hall of Insein Central Prison.

A total of 192 citizens, comprising 110 male and 82 female prisoners who met the prescribed regulations, were released. In addition to these sentenced prisoners, detainees currently facing trial under the aforementioned sections were also granted a discharge from their cases in accordance with Section 427 of the Constitution.

The state granted this amnesty to ensure that no eligible voter loses their right to vote in the multiparty general election. The release was enact-

ed under Section 401(1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure for sentenced prisoners and Section 427 of the Constitution for those facing trial. The amnesty is subject to the condition that, should the individuals commit another offence, they will be required to serve the remainder of their current sentences in addition to the penalty for the new crime. Following their release, the prisoners were transported to their respective districts and townships via YBS buses, where they were joyfully welcomed by their parents and relatives at the main gate of Insein Central Prison. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/MKKS

Mandalay Prison releases 185 inmates under election amnesty

MANDALAY Central Prison granted amnesty to inmates yesterday in line with Section 505 (a) of the Penal Code to ensure that eligible voters do not lose their voting rights and can cast their ballots freely and fairly in the upcoming multiparty democratic general election. A total of 185 inmates from Mandalay Central Prison were released under the amnesty.

Mandalay Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Nay Lin Soe and Mandalay Region Prison Department Director U Cho Win Tun met the released inmates yesterday morning at Mandalay Central Prison and gave a word of advice.

Following this, the released inmates underwent health screenings and were provided with labour compensation, as well as food and travel allowances, before they were officially discharged from the prison.

Regarding yesterday's amnesty, Mandalay Region Prison Department Director U Cho Win Tun said, "This amnesty is in line with the order, ensuring



Released individuals enjoy the family reunion.

that eligible voters do not lose their voting rights so that the multiparty democratic general election can be held successfully. We have been living and interacting with these inmates as if they were family members and siblings. They have been behaving in a disciplined manner. We are happy about their release, and they are very pleased themselves. We have also provided food and travel allowances for them. I believe they will continue to contribute to the interests of the nation from their respective places."

One of the released inmates said, "I am very happy to be granted amnesty. Our families did not know in advance that we would be released, but they came to welcome us as soon as they were informed. I am thankful to the responsible officials for allowing us to reunite with our families. I am also happy that my friends were released together with me."

Across the Mandalay Region, a total of 265 inmates from five prisons were granted amnesty yesterday. — Maung Aye Chan/KZL

16 prisoners released from Sittway, Kyaukphyu prisons



An inmate release event is underway in Sittway.

A total of 16 male and female prisoners from Sittway Prison and Kyaukphyu Prison were released under Order 10/2025 of the National Defence and Security Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The National Defence and Security Council released Pardon Order 10/2025 on 26 November, saying the special emphasis is being put on the pathway to a multiparty democratic system that the entire people desire, and objectives are also set to be able to implement with public participation. The council has pardoned male and female prisoners, who face punishment, from their respective prisons, jails and camps under Penal Code Section 505-A

according to the 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 vote in the forthcoming multiparty democracy general election.

Therefore, seven male prisoners and one female prisoner from Sittway Prison, and five male prisoners and three female prisoners from Kyaukphyu Prison were released.

They were welcomed by their families and friends happily. — Tin Tun (IPRD)/KTZH

Yangon Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs inspects Insein Prison

YANGON Region Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Win Tint, along with Insein Central Prison's Deputy Director U Lwin Maung, Insein District

Management and Administration Committee Chairman U Ye Htun Zaw, and officials, inspected the visit sections of Insein Central Prison in Yangon yes-

terday morning.

They first inspected the visit section at the main gate of the Insein Central Prison and then had a friendly

conversation with visitors and gave a word of encouragement to them. — MNA/MKKS

ECONOMY

WORLD/AD

S Korea's household income rises 3.5% in Q3

SOUTH Korea's household income rose for the ninth consecutive quarter due to a double-digit expansion in transfer income, statistical ministry data showed Thursday.

On a nominal basis, the monthly average income per household with one or more family members grew 3.5 per cent from a year earlier to 5,439,000 won (US\$3,710) in the July-September quarter, continuing to increase since the third quarter of 2023, according to the Ministry of Data and Statistics.

The real household income, adjusted for inflation, gained 1.5 per cent in the third quarter on a yearly basis.

The nominal transfer income jumped 17.7 per cent as the government began to provide cash handouts to all people in July in a bid to bolster the sagging private consumption.

The nominal earned income climbed 1.1 per cent to 3,367,000 won (\$2,300) in the third quarter, lower than a growth of 1.5 per cent in the previous quarter. — Xinhua

South Africa slams Trump's G20 ban as punitive

Trump said South Africa would not be invited to next year's meeting, which he plans to host at his own golf resort in Miami.

SOUTH Africa denounced US President Donald Trump's decision to bar it from the 2026 G20 summit, calling the move punitive and driven by distortions that erode global cooperation.

The two countries are at odds over a range of domestic and foreign policies — a standoff that came to a head after Washington skipped the G20 summit in Johannesburg last week.

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Leaders attend a plenary session on the second day of the G20 Leaders' Summit at the Nasrec Expo Centre in Johannesburg on 23 November 2025. **PHOTO: POOL/AFP**

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host at his own golf resort in Miami.

Pretoria fired back in a statement late Wednesday, saying South Africa was a G20 member in its own right and that its place in the bloc was decided by the other members.

"South Africa is a sovereign constitutional democratic country and does not appreciate insults from another country about its membership and worth in participating in global platforms," the presidency said, vowing to continue participating in all G20 meetings. — AFP

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Toyota global output in Oct hits highest for single month

TOYOTA Motor Corp. said Thursday its global output in October rose 3.8 per cent from a year earlier to 926,987 units, hitting a record high for a single month for the first time in nearly two years, driven by robust hybrid sales in North America.

While the world's largest automaker by volume was adversely af-

ected by higher US tariffs, its global sales climbed 2.1 per cent to 922,087 units, the highest for October and surpassing the year-earlier level for the 10th consecutive month.

Toyota's overseas production grew 2.2 per cent to 600,155 vehicles. Global output exceeded the previous year's level for the fifth straight

month, with production in the United States surging 26.4 per cent to 137,262 units.

Production in the major auto market was boosted by a recovery from an output suspension due to recalls of some models last year in addition to strong demand for hybrid vehicles, according to Toyota. — Kyodo



The photo shows the Lexus LF-ZC concept, a next-generation electric vehicle model that Toyota debuted at the Japan Mobility Show 2023. PHOTO: KYODO/FILE

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Notice is hereby given that the official distributor – Agro Power Co.,Ltd. to Titan Agro Science Co.,Ltd. has been changed for the following pesticide manufactured by UPL Limited, India.

Titan Agro Science Co.,Ltd. invites objections to Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein township, Yangon from all parties within a period of fourteen (14) days from the publication of this notice. If no objections are received within the period prescribed, parties mentioned above shall proceed with the completion of formalities recorded with the Pesticide Registration Board.

No.	Brand Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
1	Fist Super	Pendimethalin 456 CS	F 2021 - 3218

Titan Agro Science Co.,Ltd, Industrial Park Street, Industrial Zone (1), Block (F-4), Pyigyitagon Township, Mandalay

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No.	Brand Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
1	Evito – T 480 SC	Fluoxastrobin 200.2 g/l + Tebuconazole 277.4 g/l SC	F 2023 – 2792

Myanmar Arysta LifeScience Co.,Ltd. Suite # 09 – 02, Crystal Tower, Kyun Taw Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon. 01 – 933 93 59, 933 93 60

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No.	Brand Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
1	Buprolord	Buprofezin 250 g/l SC	P 2020 - 5165
2	Penncozeb	Mancozeb 75% WP	F 2017 - 1276

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JLL predicts massive four-year growth for India REITs

INDIA'S Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) market is on the brink of a massive expansion, with a potential Rs10.8 trillion growth opportunity emerging across office and retail segments over the next four years, noted a report

by real estate and investment management company JLL. "The REIT sector positioned for an additional Rs10.8 trillion (US\$122-125 billion) expansion opportunity across office and retail sectors in just India's top seven cities by 2029," the

report says.

The report adds that the office segment alone is expected to account for more than 65 per cent of this projected expansion, underscoring the sector's accelerating institutionalisation. — ANI

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No.	Brand Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
1	Pluto 80 WP	Sulphur 80% WP	F 2017 - 1629

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No.	Brand Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
1	Lancer 75 SP	Acephate 75% SP	FF 2022 - 842
2	Mallet	Imazethapyr 24% SL	F 2018 - 1711
3	Vajra	Lambda – cyhalothrin 2.5 EC	F 2017 - 1271

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ROLLING UPDATES WORLD

Pope lands in Türkiye to meet Erdogan on first overseas trip

The visit includes meetings with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Christian leaders and is described by the Pope as a "historic moment" and a "great message to the whole world".



Pope Leo XIV, seen here boarding the plane for Ankara, said he was 'very much looking forward' to his trip to Türkiye. **PHOTO: AFP**

POPE Leo XIV arrived in Türkiye on Thursday for a four-day visit where he will hold talks with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and meet Christian leaders on the first overseas trip of his papacy.

The trip, which includes a second leg to Lebanon, begins in the Turkish capital Ankara, where the first American pope

landed shortly after midday.

"I have very much been looking forward to this trip because of what it means for Christians, but it is also a great message to the whole world," he told reporters travelling with him on his plane, describing it as a "historic moment".

After paying his respects at the mausoleum dedicated

to Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey, Leo will head into talks with Erdogan, who is seen as a key player for peace efforts in a region fraught with conflict.

Then he will address authorities, civil society and the diplomatic corps before heading to Istanbul in the early evening. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Suspect in National Guard shooting worked with US

THE suspect in the shooting of two US National Guard soldiers near the White House on Wednesday was an Afghan national who had previously served alongside US forces in Afghanistan, local media reported. According to NBC News, the suspect, identified as 29-year-old Rahmanullah Lakanwal, arrived in the United States in September 2021 after spending a decade in the Afghan army, where he supported US Special Forces.

He has been living in Washington state, NBC News reported, citing senior law enforcement sources. — Xinhua

Hong Kong fire gradually brought under control

CHIEF Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) John Lee said in the small hours on Thursday that a fire at Wang Fuk Court, a residential area in Tai Po of Hong Kong, has been gradually brought under control after firefighters' tireless efforts.

Speaking at a press briefing, Lee said that the death toll from the fire has risen to 36, with 279 people still missing. Twenty-nine remained hospitalized, including seven in critical condition. Lee said he was deeply saddened by the situation. Lee said that from the outside, three buildings now showed no visible flames, while four others displayed only sporadic fire spots. — Xinhua

China releases white paper on arms control in new era

CHINA'S State Council Information Office on Thursday released a white paper titled "China's Arms Control, Disarmament, and Nonproliferation in the New Era." The white paper said that China plays a constructive role in international arms control, disarmament, and nonproliferation, and actively offers its initiatives and solutions.

China has been and will always be a builder of world peace, a contributor to global development, and a defender of the international order, it said.

The white paper was released to comprehensively present China's policies and practices on arms control, disarmament, and nonproliferation, and its position on security governance in emerging fields such as outer space, cyberspace, and artificial intelligence. — Xinhua

Pink elephants march for Thailand's late queen mother

ELEVEN pink painted elephants marched through Bangkok on Thursday, bowing in unison outside the Grand Palace in a lumbering tribute to the late queen mother.

Sirikit, the mother of current King Maha Vajiralongkorn and wife of the longest-reigning Thai monarch, died in October at the age of 93.

The royal family holds revered status in Thai society, with their portraits hung in homes, offices and public spaces. Sirikit is lying in state for an elaborate year-long funeral

ceremony.

Laithongrian Meepan, owner of the Royal Elephant Kraal Village in Ayutthaya province, organized the procession of pastel pachyderms — daubed in paint to mimic albino elephants considered auspicious.

Inspired by Sirikit's love for the large mammals, Laithongrian said he has dedicated three decades to their care, and more than 100 royal elephants had been selectively bred under her guidance.

"Her Majesty granted me an audience and gave me ad-

vice on raising elephants," he said. "We have brought the baby elephants to show Her Majesty that they obey orders."

Since Sirikit's death, the government has declared a year-long mourning period for officials and urged the public to wear mourning colours of black or white for 90 days.

The late queen's portrait sat high on the back of one of the elephants, which had gold-adorned tusks and wore traditional caparisons as they marched past the Grand Palace. — AFP



Sirikit, the mother of current King Maha Vajiralongkorn and wife of the longest-reigning Thai monarch, died in late October. **PHOTO: AFP**

SPORTS

Lawconnect's Sydney-Hobart hat-trick bid faces tough challenge

LAWCONNECT skipper Christian Beck admitted it will be a mighty task to win a third straight Sydney-Hobart race with four other supermaxi yachts entered for the brutal bluewater classic in one of the largest fleets in years.

Beck steered LawConnect to back-to-back line honours last year after main rival Comanche dropped out with a damaged mainsail on a torrid first night.

It was the culmination of a wild 628-nautical-mile race that was shaken by the deaths of two sailors in separate incidents — the first fatalities since 1998 — as

boats were pummelled by gale-force winds and big waves.

Only three of the ultra-fast 100-foot supermaxis competed in 2024, but this time there will be five with Palm Beach XI (formerly Wild Oats XI), Comanche, Wild Thing 100 and Scallywag all confirmed.

"Comanche is better than us in every way," said Beck at the official race launch on Wednesday.

"What we've hoped for the last couple of years are conditions that are good for neither of us, which means we're slower but more competitive with Comanche. — AFP



Comanche and LawConnect race last year in the annual Sydney to Hobart yacht race. PHOTO: ROLEX/AFP



Monaco's Takumi Minamino (back L) scores during the first half of a league-phase match in the Champions League against Pafos at Limassol Stadium in Cyprus on 26 November 2025. PHOTO: KYODO

Minamino extends Japanese scoring record in Champions League

TAKUMI Minamino netted the opener as Monaco drew 2-2 away to Cypriot outfit Pafos in the league phase of the Champions League on Wednesday, extending his scoring tally in the competition to six goals, a high for a Japanese player.

Minamino gave his side the lead in the fifth minute at Limassol Stadium after the

attacker ran on to a through ball from Maghnes Akliouche before squeezing home with a deft finish from a tight angle using the outside of his right foot. "He gave me a good pass. I was only thinking of hitting it first time,"

Minamino, who is yet to nail

down a regular starting berth since new manager Sebastien Pocognoli took over in mid-October. "We hadn't played with that formation this season and today was the first time in a really long while. I personally sense that was our best game this season in terms of combination." — Kyodo

Swiss Super-G Olympic champion Gut-Behrami out of Winter Games

SWITZERLAND'S Super-G Olympic champion Lara Gut-Behrami will miss the 2026 Winter Games with a serious knee injury, the Swiss ski federation announced on Thursday.

Gut-Behrami ruptured knee ligaments while training in the United States a week ago and has left the door open to making a u-turn on her decision to retire at the end of the season.

The 34-year-old had been a leading contender for the Games in Milan-Cortina, running between 6 and 22 February. "I had a totally different idea for the coming months and I was looking forward to this season," Gut-Behrami said in the federation's statement. "For now, my goal is to recover from

this injury and regain all my physical ability.

"Only then will I know what the future holds for me," she added. Gut-Behrami, who won gold in Beijing three years ago, sustained the injury in Copper Mountain, Colorado, last Thursday after catching a gate with her hand on a bump before rolling over. — AFP



Lara Gut-Behrami made her World Cup debut aged 16. PHOTO: AFP/FILE



Russia will assume CSTO chairmanship in 2026: Kyrgyz President

Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov announced at a CSTO Collective Security Council meeting in Bishkek that the organization's chairmanship will pass from Kyrgyzstan to Russia in 2026, per established procedures.

THE chairmanship of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), in accordance with the adopted procedure, passes from Kyrgyzstan to Russia in 2026, Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov said on Thursday.

"Dear friends, in accordance with the adopted procedure, the next chairmanship of the CSTO is transferred to Russia," Japarov said at a meeting of the CSTO Collective Security Council in Bishkek.

Additionally, the president said that all CSTO events planned for 2025 were successfully completed. — SPUTNIK



Russian President Vladimir Putin is welcomed by Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov before a meeting of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) summit in a narrow format at the Yntymak Ordo Presidential Administration in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. PHOTO: SPUTNIK

China home to over 7,000 advanced smart factories

CHINA has built more than 7,000 advanced smart factories and become the world's largest intelligent manufacturing

application base, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) announced on Thursday.



Industrial robots are operating on an intelligent production line in a smart manufacturing enterprise in Yangzhou, East China's Jiangsu Province. PHOTO: VCG/GLOBAL TIMES

Xin Guobin, vice minister of industry and information technology, revealed the data in his speech at the 2025 World Intelligent Manufacturing Conference being held from Thursday to Saturday in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province.

According to Xin, through sector-specific measures and a gradient cultivation approach, China has also established over 500 excellence-level smart factories — and 15 enterprises have been selected for the cultivation list of pioneer-level smart factories.

Xin said China has developed a global supply capacity for systematic solutions. The total industrial scale of China's intelligent manufacturing equipment, industrial software and systematic solutions has exceeded 4.5 trillion yuan (approximately US\$635.5 billion). — Xinhua

Vietnam's Hanoi welcomes nearly 31 mln visitors in first 11 months

THE Vietnamese capital Hanoi welcomed 30.94 million visitors in the first eleven months of 2025, achieving 99.8 per cent of its annual goal and surpassing the previous record set in 2019, local media VnExpress reported Thursday.

According to the city's Department of Tourism, about 2.5 million arrivals were recorded in November alone, including over 851,000 international visitors and 1.65 million domestic travellers. From January to November, revenue from the tourism sector is estimated at 120.6 trillion Vietnamese dong (about US\$4.8 billion), up 21 per cent year on year and fulfilling 93 per cent of the city's target for 2025. — Xinhua