

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 Hluttaw to Convene in Third Week of March

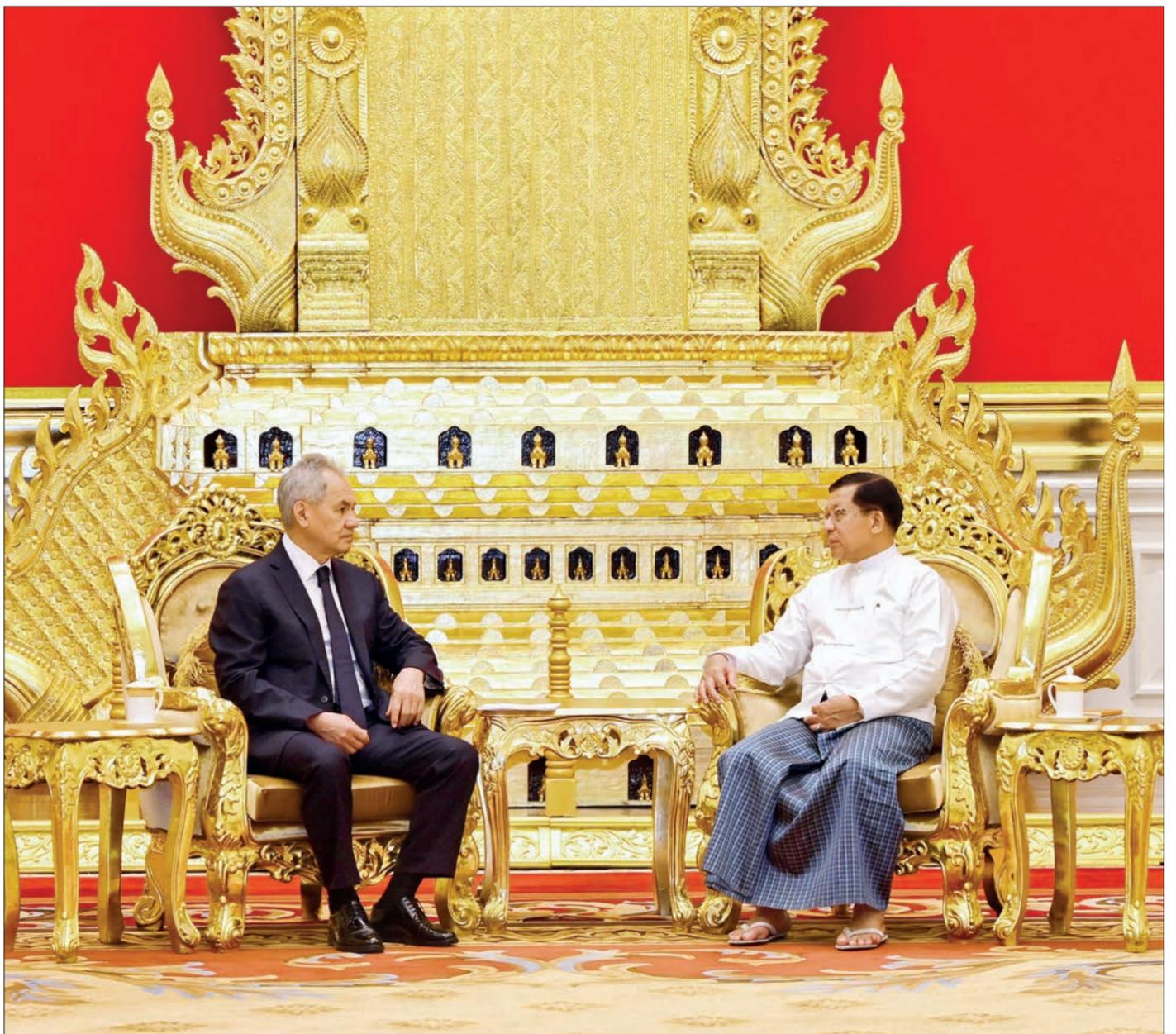
The Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation acknowledged Myanmar's capacity to successfully conduct elections despite facing various challenges.

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received a delegation led by Mr Sergei Shoigu, Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, at the Credentials Hall of the Office of the National Defence and Security Council in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the meeting, the Senior General warmly welcomed the Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation and all members of the delegation, and stated that, starting from 28 December 2025, the multiparty democratic general election had been held successfully in three phases. He added that the final list of elected representatives would be announced today, and that a Hluttaw session would be convened during the third week of March. He further noted that the visit of the distinguished guest at a time when the election in Myanmar had been successfully concluded was of special significance, and expressed confidence that, during the visit, bilateral friendship and cooperation between the two countries would be further enhanced.

The Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation expressed his thanks for the warm welcome extended to himself and all members of the delegation and for the opportunity to meet. He stated that Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, President of the Russian Federation, wished to personally convey and present a message of congratulations on

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Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Mr Sergei Shoigu, Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

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National Objectives for 79th Union Day 2026

1. To work together among all ethnic nationals to achieve the country's prosperity and food security, the national goal of the country.
2. To cooperate hand-in-hand with the government, Tatmadaw and all ethnic nationals in successfully implementing the measures for stability and rule of law.
3. To strive together with ethnic armed groups to establish a lasting peace, while propagating justice, freedom and equality within the country.
4. To build a Union based on democracy and federalism, practising a genuine and disciplined multiparty democratic system through the friendship, trust, unity and collaboration of ethnic people.
5. To cooperate, ensuring the development of education, health and socioeconomic status of ethnic nationals and the emergence of a developing country.

- 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.

Mottos for 79th Union Day 2026

1. Unity is strength, Unity is power,
Peace is beauty.
2. Let's build lasting peace
for the Union's development
3. National brethren, let's unite
and join hands for the Union
4. Unity boosts friendship
Harmony brings peace

Bank Holidays and Working Day

ALL Banks will be closed on 14 and 15 February 2026 (Saturday and Sunday), which are government holidays. 16 February, which falls between these holidays and the public holiday on 17 February (Chinese New Year), has been designated as a consecutive holiday. All Banks will be open on 21 February 2026 (Saturday), which has been designated as an alternative working day under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar

Notice for Temporary Road Closure

THE rehearsal for the 79th Union Day ceremony will be on 10-2-2026, and the message reading section for Union Day will be on 12 February 2026 at People's Square. During these events, Pyay Road will be closed until the proceedings are completed.

During the closure, vehicles travelling from north to south along Pyay Road will be redirected at the Myaynigone underpass traffic light, turning right and continuing via Lower Kyimyindine Road. Similarly, vehicles heading south from the north will be rerouted through the Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Road intersection, proceeding via Khayaybin Road and Ahlon Road before reconnecting to Lower Kyimyindine Road. Drivers are advised to follow these alternative routes during the road closure.

Yangon Region Government

National Defence and Security Council issues NDSC Laws 3/2026 and 4/2026

THE National Defence and Security Council enacted the Union Consultative Council Law as the NDSC Law 3/2026

and the Amendment to the Law Protecting the Privacy and Security of the Citizen as the NDSC Law 4/2026 under

Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 3 February. — GNLM

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the successful holding of the multiparty democratic general election in Myanmar. He further noted that, despite various challenges, Myanmar's ability to successfully conduct the election was recognized by the Russian side, and affirmed that cooperation between the two countries across all sectors would continue to be further strengthened and expanded.

They exchanged views on activities of the international election observation teams including that of Russia to monitor the election process of the multiparty democratic general election in Myanmar with active participation of

people who cast ballots, assessment for a free and fair election, efforts of the Myanmar government to restore internal peace, remembrance and appreciation of Russia for Myanmar Tatmadaw which participated in the military parade commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War (1941-1945) held in the Russian Federation, the common history between Myanmar and Russian in resisting Fascists, further cooperation in security measures including cybersecurity and information security between the two countries, implementation of combatting telecom fraud and online gambling in Myanmar as a national

duty, and aspects to jointly combat these activities, and enhancement of cooperation in economic and trade, generating electricity, development of space technology and education sectors.

After the meeting, the Senior General and the Russian Security Council Secretary exchanged gifts and had documentary photos taken.

Also present at the meeting were Commission Secretary General Ye Win Oo, Union ministers and officials. The Secretary of the Russian Security Council was accompanied by Mr Iskander Azizov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Myanmar, and officials of the Russian Government. — MNA/TTA

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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)

Citizens urged to cherish national sovereignty and identity

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing noted that all citizens must show respect and reverence for the national flag and the national anthem and cultivate a true sense of love for their country.

State Security and Peace Commission Chairman and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing yesterday afternoon said so in giving guidance to senior officer instructors and senior officer trainees of the National Defence College through videoconferencing.

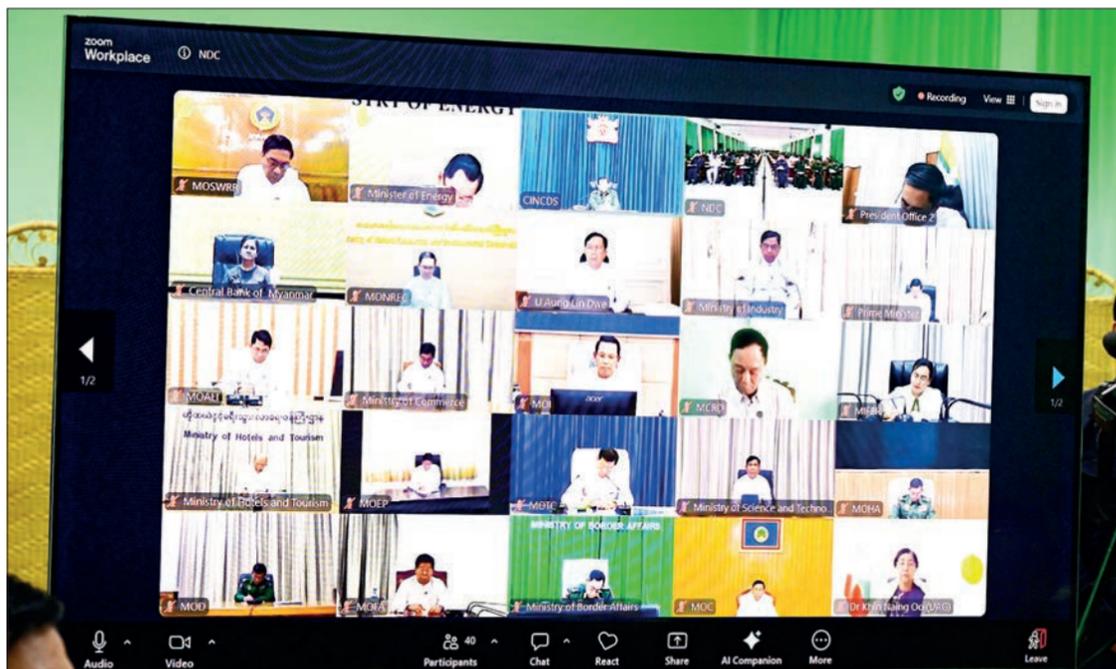
On the occasion, the Senior General said that in recent elections held in phases, there were 13.14 million voters, representing more than 54 per cent turnout, and that the enthusiastic participation of the public during the election demonstrated the people's desire to proceed along the democratic path and their confidence in the actions of the government.

During the election, he added that out of 24 million eligible

Government officials must stay free from party politics, clearly distinguish between politics and national causes, and carry out the responsibilities of the State accordingly.



SSPC Chairman and Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets and provides guidance to senior officer instructors and senior officer trainees of the National Defence College via videoconferencing yesterday.



voters, 13.13 million cast their votes, representing a 54.22 per cent turnout. A total of 58 parties competed, with six parties participating across all regions and states.

The Senior General recount-

ed that advance voting was also conducted accurately, with voter lists carefully verified and compiled. During advance voting, over 140,000 votes were rejected, and only those who met the strict

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Salient points of the speech delivered by the Senior General to trainees of NDC

1. Only when agriculture and livestock activities generate income will the nation's GDP increase and government officials be better supported.
2. During advance voting, over 140,000 votes were rejected, and only those who met the strict eligibility criteria were allowed to vote in advance.
3. All citizens are to show respect and reverence for the national flag and the national anthem and cultivate a true sense of love for their country.

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eligibility criteria were allowed to vote in advance.

He stressed that citizens should respect, value, and cherish the country's existence, national identity, and symbols, including national emblems, the national flag, and the national anthem.

He urged all citizens to show respect and reverence for the national flag and the national anthem and cultivate a true sense of love for their country.

He stated that if people are in a personal cult and partisan, and if government officials act based on such attachments, good governance and a good government cannot be achieved.

The Senior General underscored that government officials must remain free from party politics, clearly distinguish be-

“... the people's desire to proceed along the democratic path and their confidence in the actions of the government.”

tween politics and state affairs, and carry out the responsibilities of the State accordingly.

Therefore, he continued that, to ensure high-quality education in the country, a system is being implemented for children not to leave school before completing KG+9. He noted that, according to the country's history, periods of political instability often occurred due to weaknesses in the education sector.

He stated that in the training courses conducted by the

ministries, instruction must be carried out systematically and properly. Only then will there be an increase in disciplined officials and officials with genuine patriotism.

He underlined that only when agriculture and livestock activities generate income will the nation's GDP increase and government officials be better supported.

To ensure the supply of food, he highlighted that the country is establishing indus-

trial and agricultural basic education training schools to produce skilled human resources capable of efficiently engaging in agricultural production. Similarly, at the basic and middle education levels, plans are being implemented to teach fundamental agricultural and livestock subjects.

He revealed that if those NDC senior officer trainees collectively work together, guided by their individual ideas and visions, for the development and

progress of the nation, it will bring significant benefits for the future of the country.

Also, present at the ceremony were Commission Vice Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Secretary of the Commission General Ye Win Oo, Commission Member Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin and senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Commission member Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Executive Chief of the National Defence and Security Council U Aung Lin Dwe, Union ministers, Union-level dignitaries, the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, the NDC commandant through videoconferencing. — MNA/TTA

Russian delegation pays tribute at Memorial to Fallen Heroes in Nay Pyi Taw

AT the invitation of the National Security Adviser and Union Minister for the Ministry 1 of the President's Office, U Tin Aung San, a delegation led by the Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, Mr Sergei Shoigu, who is currently in Myanmar, visited the Memorial to Fallen Heroes (Nay Pyi Taw) yesterday morning to lay wreaths and pay tribute to the heroes.

First, members of the delegation led by the Secretary of the Security Council took their seats inside the Memorial to Fallen Heroes, laid wreaths, paid tribute to the heroes, and signed the visitors' book.

Afterwards, the delegation took a commemorative photograph at the Memorial to Fallen Heroes (Nay Pyi Taw) and toured the site.

Yesterday morning, Director-General U San Win Htun of the Department

of Information Technology and Cybersecurity and Director-General U Thein Swe of the Customs Department met the team led by Mr Nikolai Prnshnikov of the Russian Astra Group. Separately, Director-General U Ye Naing of Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) met the team led by Ms Lyudmila Katsuro of the Russian Department of Media and Communications Development and International Cooperation at Jasmine Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

In the afternoon, the delegation led by Mr Sergei Shoigu departed from Nay Pyi Taw Airport. Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ko Ko Kyaw, officials from the Ministry 1 of the President's Office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the ambassador of the Russian Federation to Myanmar saw them off at the airport. — MNA/MKKS



The Russian delegation led by the Russian Security Council Secretary is seen laying wreaths and paying tribute to fallen heroes.

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Announcement on List of Individuals Elected as Region or State Hluttaw Representatives

According to the announcements issued by the respective State and Region Election Sub-Commission offices under Article 49 (b) of the State and Region Hluttaw Election Law, the following individuals have been officially declared as elected representatives of the State or Region Hluttaws in the multiparty democratic general election held in phases starting from 28 December 2025.

No	Name	CSC	Constituency	Representing Party/ Independent
Ayeyawady Region (First-Past-the-Post System)				
1	U Tin Maung Win	3/BaAhNa(C)070252	Yekyi Township Rep 1	Union Solidarity and Development Party
2	U Min Min Kyaw	14/NgaPaTa(C)138870	Ngaputaw Township Rep 1	Union Solidarity and Development Party
3	U Myo Zaw Oo	14/DaDaRa(C)123558	Dedaye Township Rep 1	Union Solidarity and Development Party
4	U Saw Myo Thiha	14/NyaTaNa(C)109160	Nyaungdon Township Rep 1	Union Solidarity and Development Party,
5	U Kyi Htay	14/DhaNuPha(C)063766	Danubyu Township Rep 1	Union Solidarity and Development Party
6	U Khin Maung Zaw	14/AhGaPa(C)138224	Ingapu Township Rep 1	Union Solidarity and Development Party
7	U Aung Zaw Hlaing	14/MaMaKa(C)006321	Mawlamyine Kyun Township Rep 1	Union Solidarity and Development Party
8	U Cho Myint Khaing	14/ZaLaNa(C)004138	Zalun Township Rep 1	Union Solidarity and Development Party
9	U Kyaw Win Naing	12/PaZaTa(C)018287	Laymyethna Township Rep 1	Union Solidarity and Development Party
Ayeyawady Region (Proportional Representation System) – Constituency 1				
10	Daw May Than Oo	14/BaKaLa(C)146017	Laputta Township Rep 2	Union Solidarity and Development Party
11	U Sein Myint	14/KaLaNa(C)004025	Maungdaw Township Rep 2	Union Solidarity and Development Party
12	U Soe Naing	14/AhMaNa(C)016304	Mawlamyine Kyun Township Rep 2	Union Solidarity and Development Party
13	Daw Thin Thin Mon	14/DaDaRa(C)007266	Bokalay Township Rep 2	Union Solidarity and Development Party
14	U Wai Lwin Moe	9/KaHsaNa(C)129537	Wakema Township Rep 2	National Unity Party
15	Daw Khin Khin Wai	14/KaLaNa(C)085129	Phyapon Township Rep 2	National Unity Party
16	U Thant Zaw Win	14/MaMaNa(C)003060	Einme Township Rep 2	People's Party
17	U Chit Min Naing	14/PhaPaNa(C)156549	Dedaye Township Rep 2	Myanmar Farmers' Progressive Development Party
18	U Zaw Wai Htet	14/MaMaNa(C)287001	Kyauklat Township Rep 2	People's Pioneer Party
Ayeyawady Region (Proportional Representation System) – Constituency 2				
19	U Kyaw Htun Zaw	14/PaThaNa(C)155249	Pathein Township Rep 2	Union Solidarity and Development Party
20	Nant Aye Aye Kyu	14/PaThaRa(C)096729	Ngaputaw Township Rep 2	Union Solidarity and Development Party
21	U Kyaw Zaw	12/TaTaNa(C)012568	Kangyidaunt Township Rep 2	Kayin People's Party
22	U Myint Aung	14/PaThaNa(C)052206	Thabaung Township Rep 2	National Unity Party
Ayeyawady Region (Proportional Representation System) – Constituency 3				
23	U Kyaw Win Sein	14/KaKaNa(C)002728	Maubin Township Rep 2	Union Solidarity and Development Party
24	U Htun Htun Oo	14/KaPaNa(C)000551	Pantanaw Township Rep 2	Union Solidarity and Development Party
25	Daw Thuza Than Myint	14/MaAhPa(C)165770	Kyonpyaw Township Rep 2	Union Solidarity and Development Party
26	U Zeya Ya Maung	12/KaMaRa(C)053280	Nyaungdon Township Rep 2	National Unity Party
27	U Khin Soe	14/PaTaNa(C)007727	Yekyi Township Rep 2	People's Party
28	Man Ye Thu Rein Han	14/PaTaNa(C)142050	Danubyu Township Rep 2	Karen People's Party
29	U Htun Aye	14/LaMaNa(C)099523	Kyaunggone Township Rep 2	People's Pioneer Party
Ayeyawady Region (Proportional Representation System) – Constituency 4				
30	Daw San San Cho	14/LaMaNa(C)025596	Hinthada Township Rep 2	Union Solidarity and Development Party
31	U Aung Myo Oo	14/MaAhNa(C)000881	Myanaung Township Rep 2	Union Solidarity and Development Party
32	U Zaw Lin Aung	14/HaThaTa(C)047707	Ingapu Township Rep 2	Union Solidarity and Development Party
33	U Thein Lwin	14/KaKhaNa(C)027406	Zalun Township Rep 2	National Unity Party
34	U Kyi Win	14/HaThaTa(C)010276	Laymyethna Township Rep 2	People's Pioneer Party
35	U Pyae Phyo Aung	14/ZaLaNa(C)098515	Kyangin Township Rep 2	People's Party
Kachin State (Ethnic Constituencies)				
36	U Soe Thein	1/MaKaNa(C)109999	Bamar Ethnic Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
37	U Tin Aung	1/MaMaNa(C)004986	Shan Ethnic Constituency	Tai Leng Nationalities Development Party
38	U Li Pau Yea	1/PaTaAh(C)016642	Lisu Ethnic Constituency	Lisu National Development Party
39	U Mayit Yaw Shu	1/PaTaAh(C)027039	Rawang Ethnic Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
Kayin State (Ethnic Constituencies)				
40	U Tin Maung Hlaing	3/BaAhNa(C)169470	Bamar Ethnic Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
41	U Myo Myint Naing	3/KaKaRa(C)014134	Mon Ethnic Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
42	Khun Myat Htoo	3/KaKaRa(C)056407	Pa-O Ethnic Constituency	Pa-O National Unity Party

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Sagaing Region (Ethnic Constituencies)				
No	Name	CSC	Constituency	Representing Party/ Independent
43	U Sein Phe	5/HaMaLa(C)068729	Shan Ethnic Constituency	Shan-ni (Tai Leng) Solidarity Party
44	U Ngone Bwal Htan	4/PhaLaNa(C)028889	Chin Ethnic Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
Taninthayi Region (Kayin Ethnic Constituency)				
45	Saw Mar Tin Lu Tha	12/AhSaNa(C)040295	Kayin Ethnic Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
Bago Region (Kayin Constituencies)				
46	Saw Lin Aung	7/KaKaNa(C)027768	Kayin Ethnic Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
Mandalay Region (Shan Ethnic Constituency)				
47	Sai Aung Kyi	9/MaMaNa(C)056579	Shan Ethnic Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
Yangon Region (Ethnic Constituencies)				
48	Saw Jet Kaut Htoo	1/MaNyaNa(C)105499	Kayin Ethnic Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
49	U Nay Min Htun	11/BaThaTa(C)019528	Rakhine Ethnic Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
Shan State (Ethnic Constituencies)				
50	Daw Khin Htwe Aung	13/TaKaNa(C)135429	Bamar Ethnic Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
51	Daw Ngwe Hlaing	9/MaKaNa(C)081463	Lisu Ethnic Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
52	U Wilson Moe	13/KaTaNa(C)001963	Lahu Ethnic Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
53	Daw Tin Tin Yi	13/NyaRaNa(C)011183	Intha Ethnic Constituency	Intha National League Party
Ayeyawady Region (Ethnic Constituencies)				
54	Mann Thein Kyaw	14/MaMaNa(C)082650	Kayin Ethnic Constituency	Kayin People's Party
55	U Soe Nyunt	12/KaTaTa(C)003973	Rakhine Ethnic Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party

Sd/ Than Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

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List of elected Hluttaw representatives in 2025 Multiparty Democratic General Election

- The Union Election Commission conducted the 2025 Multiparty Democratic General Election in phases starting on 28 December 2025. The elections were held in a total of 688 constituencies – 263 Pyithu Hluttaw constituencies, 73 constituencies with FPTP, 26 constituencies with the PR system for Amyotha Hluttaw, 255 constituencies with FPTP, 42 constituencies with the PR system for Region or State Hluttaw and 29 ethnic constituencies for Region or State Hluttaw.
- The elected representatives for each constituency of the respective Hluttaws were announced by the relevant Region and State subcommissions. The Union Election Commission also issued 24 statements announcing the results by constituency in phases.
- In the 2025 multiparty democratic general election, the representatives from political parties and independent candidates have been elected to the respective Hluttaws as follows:

No	Party/Independent	Pyithu Hluttaw	Amyotha Hluttaw			Region/State Hluttaw			Ethnic	Total
			FPTP	PR	Total	FPTP	PR	Total		
(1)	Union Solidarity and Development Party	231	63	45	108	222	157	379	21	739
(2)	National Unity Party	4		16	16	7	41	48		68
(3)	Shan and Nationalities Democratic Party (White Tiger Party))	7		1	1	6	25	31		39
(4)	People's Party			5	5	1	24	25		30
(5)	People's Pioneer Party			1	1		19	19		20
(6)	Pa-O National League Party	5	1	1	2	5	6	11		18
(7)	Mon Unity Party	5	3	2	5	4	3	7		17
(8)	Naga National Party	4	1		1	4	3	7		12
(9)	Arakan Front Party		1	2	3	1	4	5		8
(10)	Karen National Democratic Party	1	1	2	3	1	2	3		7
(11)	Zomi National Party		1	2	3	1	3	4		7
(12)	Myanmar Farmers Development Party						6	6		6

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Quality education seen as key investment for a safe national future

- ❖ “Only with a strong foundation of basic education will it become easier to learn applied skills.”
- ❖ “Improving the quality of education is an investment for the future, and the education sector must be systematically prioritized to ensure a secure future for the country.”

(Excerpt from the speech delivered by Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with departmental officials and town elders in Myeik of Taninthayi Region to talk about regional development on 19 September 2025)

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(13)	Rakhine Nationalities Party	1		1	1		4	4		6
(14)	Shan-ni Tai Leng Solidarity Party	1				1	2	3	1	5
(15)	Danu National Democracy Party	1	1		1	1	2	3		5
(16)	Tai Leng (Shan-ni) Nationalities Development Party			1	1		2	2	1	4
(17)	Inn National League Party	1				1	1	2	1	4
(18)	Kayah State People's Party			1	1		2	2		3
(19)	Kachin State People's Party	1		1	1		1	1		3
(20)	Pa-O National Unity Party			1	1		1	1	1	3
(21)	Federal Democratic Party						3	3		3
(22)	Kayin Peoples' Party						2	2	1	3
(23)	Lisu National Development Party (LNPP)						1	1	1	2
(24)	New Democratic Party (Kachin)						2	2		2
(25)	Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party			1	1		1	1		2
(26)	National Interest and Development Party			1	1		1	1		2
(27)	The 88 Generation Student Youths (Union of Myanmar) Party						2	2		2
(28)	New Chinland Congress Party						1	1		1
(29)	Pa-O National Development Party								1	1
(30)	Akha National Development Party								1	1
(31)	Wa National Party		1		1					1
(32)	Independent	1								1
Total		263	73	84	157	255	321	576	29	1025

Sd/ Than Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Tuesday 3 February 2026)

BAY INFERENCE: The weather is a few clouds over the North Andaman Sea and Eastcentral Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy over the South Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 4 February 2026: The weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, and Shan States.

STATE OF THE SEA: The sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 3-5 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR THE SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in Mandalay, and Sagaing Regions, and Kachin, Chin, and Shan States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 4 February 2026: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 4 February 2026: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 4 February 2026: Partly cloudy. — DMH



Organized by Working Committee for Development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Union-Level MSME Products Exhibition and Market Fair
8-2-2026 – 13-2-2026
Nay Pyi Taw Square

Let's promote production to make the nation prosperous. Let's support education for the nation's development. Let's conserve the environment for a pleasant nation.

More than 100 booths, including those of ministries, region and state galleries, associations, local and foreign companies, and ethnic traditional food stalls, along with entertainment programmes will feature at the event.

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.

OPINION

Strive to increase the number of products in MSME businesses

MICRO, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) are a key driving force for national economic development and also provide essential support to a country's overall growth. Therefore, efforts will be made to promote the development of MSMEs and their products.

Therefore, in celebration of the 79th Anniversary of Union Day, a Union-level MSME product exhibition and fair will be held at the Nay Pyi Taw square from 8 to 13 February. The exhibition and sales fair will include 15 booths representing the Nay Pyi Taw Council, regions and states. In addition, a total of 124 booths will be featured, comprising booths from ministries, enterprises, trade and business networking, technology booths, agricultural machinery and product booths, small-scale manufacturing and production cooperative booths, as well as association booths.

At the MSME product exhibition and fair, the participating booths will be systematically arranged to enable a diverse display of MSME products, locally produced goods, agricultural products, machinery, and industrial products, categorized by booth type. In addition, the MSME product exhibition and fair will feature micro-, small- and medium-scale products, including food and beverage items, consumer goods, handicrafts, textiles and garments produced by small-scale manufacturing enterprises, as well as products from production cooperatives. Products under the "One Region, One Product" (OROP) initiative from each of the 15 states and regions will also be showcased.

Efforts should be made to enable the agriculture and livestock sectors to produce value-added products and export them internationally. With regard to products and market competition, products of the same type should be offered at lower prices, or, if prices are the same, be of better quality. Products should be manufactured in line with market demand, while continued efforts will be undertaken to produce high-quality goods that are suitable for export to international markets.

There are four key requirements for MSMEs: raw materials, investment capital, inputs, and human resources. If locally produced agricultural and livestock raw materials are utilized by MSMEs to manufacture products and thereby enhance domestic production, this will help support the growth of the local economy.

To promote the development of MSMEs and MSME products, the State has been providing comprehensive support measures, including technology transfer, inviting participation in trade fairs, organizing and awarding prizes at local product exhibitions and competitions, facilitating the scaling up of enterprises, establishing online market platforms, assisting access to international production and trade networks, and facilitating access to loans to meet financing needs. Accordingly, MSME operators are urged to continue making sustained efforts and actively engage in these initiatives.

Uniting for Cancer Control: World Cancer Day 2026 and Myanmar's Journey within the Global Movement

By Dr Aung Tun

Introduction

World Cancer Day is observed every year on 4 February to raise global awareness about cancer prevention, detection, and treatment. The theme for 2025-2027 is "United by Unique", which recognizes that everyone's cancer experience is different, but we are all connected in the fight against cancer.

Cancer is one of the leading causes of death worldwide. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), cancer caused approximately 10 million deaths in 2020. The good news is that many cancers can be prevented, and others can be successfully treated if detected early.

In Myanmar, cancer is a growing health problem affecting thousands of families each year. By understanding cancer better and taking preventive measures, we can reduce the burden of this disease in our communities. This article explains the cancer situation in Myanmar and what we can do to prevent it.

Common Cancer Types

Cancer is not just one disease - there are over 100 different types. The most common cancers worldwide include breast cancer, lung cancer, colorectal cancer, liver cancer, stomach cancer, and cervical cancer. Different cancers affect different parts of the body and have different causes and treatments.

Some cancers are linked to infections (like liver cancer from hepatitis B and cervical cancer from HPV), some are caused by tobacco use (like lung cancer), and others are related to lifestyle factors such as diet and physical activity. Understanding these causes helps us prevent cancer.

The Global Cancer Situation

Worldwide, there were about 19.3 million new cancer cases in 2020. This number is expected to increase to 28.4 million cases by 2040 due to ageing populations and lifestyle changes. More than half of all cancer cases and deaths occur in developing countries like Myanmar.

The good news is that progress is being made. Many countries have successfully reduced cancer deaths through prevention programmes (like tobacco control), vaccination (against hepatitis B and HPV), screening programmes (for cervical and breast cancer), and improved treatments. However, making these advances available to everyone remains a challenge, especially in low- and middle-income countries.

Cancer in Myanmar

According to 2020 data, there were approximately 76,690 new cancer cases and 54,285 cancer deaths in Myanmar. The four most common cancers in Myanmar are:

- 1. Lung Cancer:** This is the most common cancer in Myanmar, mainly caused by smoking and tobacco use. Myanmar has one of the highest smoking rates in



Southeast Asia - about 44 per cent of men smoke. Most lung cancer patients are diagnosed late, when treatment is difficult. The best prevention is to avoid all tobacco products and stay away from secondhand smoke.

- 2. Liver Cancer:** The main cause of liver cancer in Myanmar is hepatitis B virus infection, which affects 6-10 per cent of our population. Other causes include hepatitis C, alcohol, and contaminated food (aflatoxin in mouldy grains). Prevention includes hepatitis B vaccination (now included in the national immunization programme), avoiding alcohol abuse, and proper food storage to prevent mould.

- 3. Breast Cancer:** This is the most common cancer among Myanmar women. Many women are diagnosed late because they don't know the warning signs or are afraid to seek medical care. Early detection through self-examination and regular check-ups greatly improves survival chances. Women should be aware of any breast lumps or changes and seek medical advice immediately.

- 4. Cervical Cancer:** This cancer is caused by human papillomavirus (HPV) infection. The good news is that cervical cancer can be prevented through HPV vaccination and screening. Myanmar has started HPV vaccination programmes in some areas. Women should undergo screening tests starting from age 30. When detected early through screening, cervical cancer can be prevented or cured.

Main Cancer Risk Factors

Many cancers can be prevented by avoiding known risk factors. The most important risk factors in Myanmar are:

Tobacco use is the single biggest cause of preventable cancer, responsible for about 25 per cent of all cancer deaths. This includes cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, and betel quid (Kunya).

Infections such as hepatitis B and C (causing liver cancer) and HPV (causing cervical cancer) are major causes in Myanmar. These can be prevented through vaccination and safe practices.

Alcohol consumption increases the risk of liver, mouth, throat, and other cancers. The risk increases with the amount consumed.

An unhealthy diet and obesity raise cancer risk. Eating too much processed meat and red meat, too few vegetables and fruits, and consuming contaminated food

(mouldy grains) all contribute to cancer risk.

Physical inactivity increases the risk of several cancers. Regular exercise helps maintain a healthy weight and reduces cancer risk.

Other factors include excessive sun exposure (skin cancer), workplace exposures to harmful chemicals, and pollution. While we cannot change factors like age and family history, we can control many of these risk factors through our choices and behaviours.

Cancer Control in Myanmar and Global Action

World Cancer Day 2026 Theme: The 2025-2027 campaign "United by Unique" reminds us that while everyone's cancer journey is different, we share a common goal: to reduce cancer's impact on individuals, families, and communities. This theme calls for unity in action while respecting each person's unique experience with cancer.

Myanmar has developed a National Cancer Control Programme working with WHO guidance to address cancer through prevention, early detection, treatment, and palliative care. Key initiatives include:

The Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) has provided hepatitis B vaccination to all infants since 2002, which will prevent liver cancer in future generations. HPV vaccination for girls has started in selected areas to prevent cervical cancer.

Tobacco control measures following WHO's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control include smoke-free public places, health warnings on tobacco products, and restrictions on tobacco advertising. However, stronger enforcement is needed.

Cancer treatment centres operate in Yangon, Mandalay, and Nay Pyi Taw General Hospitals, providing radiotherapy, chemotherapy, and surgery. However, these facilities face challenges with equipment, staff shortages, and overwhelming patient numbers.

Cervical cancer screening using visual inspection with acetic acid (VIA) has been introduced in some areas, allowing early detection and treatment of precancerous conditions.

The Myanmar Cancer Registry collects data to help plan cancer control programmes and monitor progress.

WHO's call for action includes implementing comprehensive tobacco control (the single most important cancer prevention measure), providing vaccination against cancer-causing infections (hepatitis B and HPV), establishing screening programmes for cervical, breast, and colorectal cancer, ensuring access to early diagnosis and treatment, making essential cancer medicines available and affordable, and integrating palliative care to relieve suffering.

World Cancer Day 2026 reminds governments, health systems, and communities to take concrete steps toward these goals. Myanmar's National Cancer Control Strategic Plan aligns with WHO recommendations, but full implementation requires sustained commitment, adequate funding, trained health workers, and support from all sectors of society.

Everyone has a role to play - from government offi-

cials implementing policies to health workers providing care to individuals making healthy choices. Together, we can reduce cancer's burden on Myanmar.

How to Prevent Cancer: 15 Important Actions

While not all cancers can be prevented, you can significantly reduce your risk by following these evidence-based recommendations:

- 1. Don't use tobacco in any form:** Avoid cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, and betel quid. If you currently use tobacco, quit immediately. Avoid secondhand smoke by staying away from smoky environments. Quitting tobacco at any age reduces your cancer risk.

- 2. Get vaccinated:** Ensure children receive the hepatitis B vaccine according to the national schedule (given at birth and during infancy). Girls should receive the HPV vaccine when available (typically ages 9-14). These vaccines prevent liver cancer and cervical cancer, respectively.

- 3. Maintain a healthy weight:** Obesity increases the risk of several cancers. Eat a balanced diet with plenty of vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and beans. Limit processed foods, sugary drinks, and excessive meat consumption. The traditional Myanmar diet of rice, vegetables, and fish is healthy.

- 4. Exercise regularly:** Aim for at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity most days of the week. This can include walking, farming work, cycling, or traditional sports. Physical activity helps maintain a healthy weight and reduces cancer risk.

- 5. Limit or avoid alcohol:** Alcohol increases the risk of several cancers. If you drink, do so in moderation or not at all. There is no completely safe level of alcohol consumption regarding cancer risk.

- 6. Protect yourself from the sun:** If you work outdoors, protect your skin by wearing a hat, long sleeves, and seeking shade during peak sun hours (10 AM - 4 PM). This is especially important for farmers, construction workers, and fishermen.

- 7. Store food properly:** Keep grains, peanuts, and other foods in dry, cool places to prevent mould growth. Discard mouldy or discoloured food. Aflatoxin from mouldy food increases liver cancer risk.

- 8. Get screened for cancer:** Women should undergo cervical cancer screening (VIA test) starting at age 30. Women over 40 should have regular breast examinations. Follow your doctor's recommendations for other screening tests based on your age and risk factors.

- 9. Know your body and watch for changes:** Women should check their breasts monthly for lumps or changes. Everyone should be alert for unusual bleeding, persistent cough, unexplained weight loss, changes in bowel habits, or lumps anywhere on the body. See a doctor promptly if you notice these signs.

- 10. Practice safe behaviours:** Use condoms to prevent sexually transmitted infections, including HPV and HIV. Avoid sharing needles or other sharp instruments. Choose licensed facilities for tattoos, piercings, or medical procedures.

- 11. Breastfeed if possible:** Breastfeeding reduces

breast cancer risk in mothers and provides the best nutrition for babies. WHO recommends exclusive breastfeeding for 6 months.

- 12. Be aware of workplace hazards:** If your job involves exposure to chemicals, dust, or other harmful substances, follow safety procedures, use protective equipment, and ensure good ventilation. This includes agricultural workers using pesticides.

- 13. Don't delay seeking medical care:** If you have persistent or unusual symptoms, see a doctor immediately. Many people delay care due to fear or cost concerns, but early detection saves lives and often costs less than treating advanced cancer.

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There are proven ways to reduce the risk of cancer. Larger fragment indicate greater impact on cancer risk.

- KEEP BMI** (Largest): Maintain a healthy weight. Obesity increases the risk of several cancers. Eat a balanced diet with plenty of vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and beans. Limit processed foods, sugary drinks, and excessive meat consumption.
- BE SMOKE FREE** (Large): Don't use tobacco in any form. Avoid cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, and betel quid. If you currently use tobacco, quit immediately. Avoid secondhand smoke by staying away from smoky environments. Quitting tobacco at any age reduces your cancer risk.
- DRINK LESS** (Medium): Limit alcohol consumption. Alcohol increases the risk of several cancers. If you drink, do so in moderation or not at all. There is no completely safe level of alcohol consumption regarding cancer risk.
- DRINK MORE** (Medium): Drink more water. Stay hydrated.
- LESS MEAT** (Medium): Eat a balanced diet with plenty of vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and beans. Limit processed foods, sugary drinks, and excessive meat consumption.
- STAY SANE** (Medium): Get screened for cancer. Women should undergo cervical cancer screening (VIA test) starting at age 30. Women over 40 should have regular breast examinations. Follow your doctor's recommendations for other screening tests based on your age and risk factors.
- BE SAFE** (Medium): Know your body and watch for changes. Women should check their breasts monthly for lumps or changes. Everyone should be alert for unusual bleeding, persistent cough, unexplained weight loss, changes in bowel habits, or lumps anywhere on the body. See a doctor promptly if you notice these signs.
- WORK SAFE** (Medium): Practice safe behaviours. Use condoms to prevent sexually transmitted infections, including HPV and HIV. Avoid sharing needles or other sharp instruments. Choose licensed facilities for tattoos, piercings, or medical procedures.
- RADIATION** (Medium): Avoid unnecessary radiation. Minimize exposure to ionizing radiation, such as from medical procedures. Avoid tanning beds.
- BREAKFAST** (Small): Eat a healthy breakfast. A healthy diet with plenty of vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and beans can help reduce cancer risk.
- LESS PILLS** (Small): Avoid unnecessary pills. Minimize the use of unnecessary medications, including antibiotics and hormones.

LET'S BEAT CANCER TOGETHER!

NATIONAL

MR offers online ticketing for Union Day and Chinese New Year holidays

MYANMA Railways is offering online ticketing services for the six-day holidays covering Union Day and Chinese New Year from 1 February.

To facilitate greater convenience for passengers when purchasing tickets, Myanmar Railways has been implementing the internationally used Online Railway Ticketing and Payment System (ORTP) and has launched a pilot project allowing passengers to purchase tickets online for high-speed trains on the Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay railway route. This month, train tickets have been available for online purchase since 1 February, with orders placed daily.

“Passengers who need to travel during the six-day February holidays have been ordering train tickets online up to seven days in advance. More than 50 tickets were sold on 1 February and more than 90 tickets on 2



Train passengers are seen disembarking at the station. **PHOTO: ZWE MARN**

February, and passengers continue to place advance orders. People are increasingly recognizing the benefits of purchasing tickets online, as they do not need to visit ticket offices, can save time, and can obtain

refunds accurately. As there is expected to be heavy travel demand during this month’s holidays, we have also planned to operate special trains. We are pleased that travellers are satisfied with the online system,” said

U Yin Min Oo, Regional Manager from the Yangon Central Station.

The tickets sold online on 1 February are for the Yangon-Mandalay-Yangon Express Train 11 Up/12 Down, the Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon DEMU

Express Trains 7 Up/8 Down and 31 Up/32 Down, and the Mandalay-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Express Train 27 Up/28 Down, all operated by Myanmar Railways.

For tourists travelling to Bagan during the six-day holiday period from Union Day to Chinese New Year, from 12 to 17 February, trains will operate from Yangon Central Station on Friday afternoons and from Bagan on Tuesdays. The beginning and end of the holiday period are usually the busiest times for travel.

To purchase tickets online, passengers may access the ORTP website at ortp.railways.gov.mm through any web browser or by scanning the QR code. On the home page, passengers can select their desired journey and purchase tickets in accordance with the announcements and regulations of the ORTP system. — Thitsa (MNA)/MKKS

Joint efforts underway to reduce fire hotspots, haze pollution in Shan State (East)

THE Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation has reported that it is working jointly with local communities to curb forest fires and slash-and-burn farming practices that give rise to fire hotspots and haze pollution.

Approximately 160,000 fire hotspots occur annually in countries across the Mekong region, with transboundary haze pollution mainly affecting northern Thailand, eastern Myanmar and Laos. Myanmar is also cooperating with the

international community on efforts to reduce the occurrence of fire hotspots and to control transboundary haze pollution.

“With a view to preventing forest fires and slash-and-burn farming that cause fire hotspots and haze pollution, we are working together with relevant departments, ward and village administrators, and residents to raise public awareness and to strengthen monitoring and supervision. As a result of these efforts, 4,876 fire hotspots were recorded in Shan State (East)

in 2024, while 3,402 were recorded in 2025, representing a reduction of 30 per cent,” said an official from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation.

To reduce forest fires and slash-and-burn farming that led to fire hotspots and haze pollution in Shan State (East), officials from relevant departments, town elders, social organizations, literary and cultural associations, ward and village administrators, and residents are working together in cooperation. — ASH/KNN



This image reveals haze pollution caused by forest fires and slash-and-burn fires.

Renowned writer and paediatrician Yuwady Khin Oo passes away at 97

THIHA Thudamma Theingyi Daw Yi Yi Hla (writer Yuwady Khin Oo) died of old age in Singapore during the third week of January, according to her family. She was 97 years old at the time of her death.

Daw Yuwady Khin Oo was born on 2 July 1930 in Yangon to Dr U Hla Maung and Daw Khin Yi. Beginning in 1944, she started writing poems, short stories and articles under the pen name “Khin Oo”, contributing to Yuwady Journal and Taingyinmay Journal. She later went on to write numerous short stories, novels and socially beneficial literary works for publications such as Myawaddy, Shumawa, Thwaythauk, Kalaungsoan, Moe Wai, Sonhtauk Magazine and San Nyunt Oo Magazine.

Dr Yi Yi Hla was a recipient of the State-conferred Thiha Thudamma Theingyi title and held the qualifications MBBS, DCH and FNCP (UNU). She



Yuwady Khin Oo.

served as a paediatrician, assistant director (Mother and Child Health School, Ministry of Health), adviser (Ministry of Health), Honorary Patron of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central), and Chairperson of Women Doctors’ Section of the Myanmar Medical Association, among other responsibilities.

The remains of Sayamagyi Yuwady Khin Oo were cremated at the Mandai Crematorium and Columbarium Complex in Singapore. — ASH/MKKS

NATIONAL

RBE, DEMU trains targeted by stone throwers in Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw railway

MODERN air-conditioned DEMU train sets are operating on the Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw routes to provide safer and more comfortable travel for passengers. Yangon suburban RBE trains are also running on upgraded tracks.

On 30 January 2026, around 6:35 pm, an unidentified person threw a stone at the RBE (Kh-7) train running between Insein and Hlawga stations in the Yangon suburban area. The impact shattered a passenger window measuring three feet and seven inches long and one foot and six inches wide. Yangon suburban police opened Case (Pa) 33/2026 under Section 84 of the Rail Transport Law. Security personnel inspected the site on 1 February at 1:30 am, and four suspects named Htein Lin Aung, Pyi Phyo Aung, Chan Myae Aung, and Kaung Myat Min from Shwepyitha Township were arrested.

Similarly, at 10:36 am yesterday, the 31 Up DEMU train on

the Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw route was struck by a stone between Myohla and Yaeni stations (Mile 203/15-16). The stone broke a 6-inch window above seat A-4 in the third coach (DEMU-U-2004), causing the train to stop at Yae Ni station for 8 minutes. A case has been opened at the local police station.

Previously, on 28 October 2025, the No 7 DEMU train was attacked between Phyu and Zeyawady stations. The suspect, Htet Oo Lwin (aka) Ngahtaw Ni, was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment under Section 84 of the Rail Transport Law by Taungoo District Court on 5 December.

Under Section 84 of the Rail Transport Law, anyone throwing objects at trains can face 5 to 20 years' imprisonment and fines. Authorities are continuing to take legal action and urge the public to cooperate in keeping travel safe and secure. — MNA/KZL

300 Chinese nationals arrested in latest raid on online scams



This image, including an inset, illustrates the locations of crackdowns on telecom fraud and online scams and related gambling arrests.

THE Government has taken the fight against telecom fraud and online gambling as a national duty and is actively carrying out suppression efforts in coordination not only with domestic forces but also with the governments of neighbouring countries, to prevent such crimes from establishing any foothold within Myanmar.

In connection with the seizures, combined security forces continued aerial and ground surveillance and area-clearing

operations in Mongyai township of Shan State (North).

At 7 am yesterday, about 35 kilometres southeast of Mongyai, near Haikpu Village, suspicious buildings were discovered. Upon inspection and search, the location was found to be a site conducting online financial fraud and gambling activities. A total of 330 Chinese nationals involved in online scam and gambling operations – 321 males and nine females – were arrested. Authorities also

seized 15 temporary buildings constructed with green tarpaulin sheets, 10 buildings under construction, two generators used in the scam operations, 208 assorted mobile phones, 86 all-in-one computers, seven laptops, 23 Star Link devices, and 10 vehicles.

Seized materials will be managed in accordance with the procedures. Those involved in the cases will also be thoroughly identified and effectively prosecuted. — MNA/KTZH

Foreigners in telecom fraud transferred via Myanmar-Thailand Bridge

THREE foreign nationals who were involved in online telecom fraud and other criminal activities have been transferred to their respective countries through the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge (Checkpoint II).

The individuals, including two Sierra Leone nationals and one Russian national, illegally entered Myanmar via border routes through Thailand and some neighbouring countries. They committed illegal online gambling, online fraud, and other criminal acts in Kayin State,



Immigration processes are underway for the deportation of undocumented foreign immigrants.

particularly in the Myawaddy-Shwe Kokko area. Considering humanitarian treatment

and fostering friendly relations between nations, the three foreign nationals were handed over

to their respective countries in accordance with legal procedures.

The handover ceremony saw Myanmar officials from the Ministry of Immigration and Population, including Deputy Director U Kyaw Kyaw Than officials from the Russian Embassy in Thailand, Counsellor Mr Ilyn Iliia, representatives from the Sierra Leone Embassy, Mr Tana Judah Hira, and officials from Thailand's Tak District Immigration Department. Myanmar officials systematically handed over all relevant documentation

and evidence to the officials of the concerned countries.

The government continues to actively cooperate with neighbouring and regional countries, as well as international organizations, to apprehend foreign nationals involved in online scams and related criminal activities, and to take strict legal action. In addition, the authorities coordinate effectively to swiftly transfer foreign nationals facing difficulties or victims of human trafficking to their respective countries. — MNA/KZL

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NATIONAL BUSINESS



MOB and ARCCI representatives are seen signing an MoU on business cooperation on 31 January 2026.

MOB, ARCCI sign MoU on business development in Ayeyawady Region

THE Myanmar Oriental Bank (MOB) and Ayeyawady Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ARCCI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on business cooperation on 31 January 2026 to enhance businesses in Ayeyawady Region.

Micro, small and medium enterprises engaged in the agriculture and livestock sectors in Ayeyawady Region will get

access to financial support from MOB. This collaboration is aimed at increasing the Gross Domestic Product of the region and creating job opportunities for locals.

Additionally, companies and business owners are also invited to invest in the region. Ayeyawady Region is reputed as the rice bowl of the country. Investors primarily incline towards agricultural businesses

and garment manufacturing in the region. As it is peaceful and easily accessible from the commercial hub, Yangon, the investments in the agriculture and livestock sectors have grown. Some businesses seek permits to use farmland by other means. Efforts are being exerted to ensure the supply of electricity at full capacity for investment businesses. — ASH/KK

'Thinphyu' mats from Salingyi area flow to other regions

'THINPHYU' (rush) mats from the Salingyi area are distributed to Monywa, Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and townships along the Chindwin River.

Raw materials are sourced from Kanni, Homalin and Katha townships. Making steps include soaking and analyzing bamboo sticks, weaving and sewing. Making a mat costs approximately K40,000, including labour wages. A long Thinphyu mat is priced at around K135,000-150,000.

It takes three days to make a Thinphyu mat, and the wages are K8,500-13,000 per day. About ten villages in Salingyi Township are engaged in this business. There are various sizes of the mat, including meditation mats, kids' mats and floor mats. There are also bamboo bags, hats and shoes in unique and custom handmade pieces sold in Yangon and Mandalay regions. The demand is usually robust in the March-October period. The prices of the Thinphyu mat range from K10,000 to K150,000 depending on size and quality. — NN/KK

YCDC bids for 57 businesses for Danyingon Wholesale Market

THE Yangon City Development Committee has invited interested business entities to submit a tender to operate 57 businesses from the Danyingon Wholesale Market project in Insein Township, Yangon.

Those businesses include sales of four semi-detached three-storey shophouses and permits to collect parking fees at bus terminals and fee of toilet facilities in market compounds and commodities centres for the 2026-2027 financial year (1 April 2026-31 March 2027).

The tender document is available at the YCDC's Markets and Commodities Centre Department on the second floor of the City Hall by 6 February 2026. Tender applications need to be submitted by 9 February (2 pm) at YCDC (7th floor) on 46th Street, Botahtaung Township.

Individuals can enquire tender regulations and details through the Markets and Commodities Centres Department of the YCDC (095004296, 09420144112), according to the Tender Accepting and Evaluating Committee of the YCDC. — NN/KK

CBM pumps US\$1.89M to edible oil import sector on 2 Feb



Vehicles are pictured refuelling at the petro station.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$1.8 million to edible oil importing companies, along with an injection of 2.3 million baht into the market.

CBM sold over \$43 million, 65 million baht and over four million yuan in January 2026.

CBM pumped \$34 million, 11 million baht and 300,000 yuan into

the market in December 2025. 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

MEC to conduct RSE Refresher Course 1/2026 on 23 Feb

MYANMAR Engineering Council (MEC) will offer RSE Refresher Course 1/2026 from 9 am to 4 pm on 23 February-1 March at MEC's office (Function Hall) in Lanmadaw Township, Yangon.

The role of Professional Engineer (PE) and Registered Structural

Engineer (RSE) plays a pivotal role in post-earthquake reconstruction activities to conduct safety and structural inspections of buildings.

The objective of this RSE Refresher Course is for the engineers to adhere to the highest professional, ethical and legal standards and

share statutory compliance and building regulations.

The enrollment form is available through the MEC Facebook page or the One Stop Services Centre of the MEC. Individuals can enquire about details by dialling 09 267266500. — NN/KK

UMTA pledges continued support for sustainable tourism in PyinOoLwin

THE Union of Myanmar Travel Association attended the PyinOoLwin rural cycling tour 2026 opening, and it said continual support through cooperation will be given for the development of community-based tourism and sustainable tourism.

As an activity of the tourism development and tourism promotion in Mandalay Region, the cycling tour is being jointly organized

by the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and the Regional Government, and the opening was held at the district public sports field in PyinOoLwin on 31 January morning.

At the opening, UMTA distributed caps to visitors, cyclists and fans. UMTA said it will continue giving support for the development of community-based tourism and sustainable tourism.

The deputy minister U Phy

Zaw Soe attended the opening ceremony and delivered a speech, and Regional Government ministers, PyinOoLwin commander and senior officers, respective department officials, hospitality and tourism-related organizations, cyclists, fans and students also attended. On behalf of UMTA, Mandalay Zone Chair U Kyaw Myo Htike was present at the event. — MT/ZS

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14. Don't rely only on traditional medicine for suspected cancer: While traditional medicine has its place, cancer needs modern medical evaluation and treatment. Delays in seeking appropriate care allow cancer to progress to advanced stages when it's harder to treat.

15. Learn accurate cancer information: Get information from reliable sources like health professionals and official health agencies. Don't believe myths such as cancer being contagious or always fatal. Accurate knowledge helps you make good decisions about prevention and care.

Conclusion

World Cancer Day 2026 reminds us that we are "United by Unique" in the fight against cancer. While each person's cancer experience may be different, we all share the goal of preventing cancer, detecting it early, and supporting those affected.

Cancer is a serious health challenge in Myanmar, but it is not a hopeless one. Many cancers can be prevented through simple actions like avoiding tobacco, getting vaccinated, eating healthy foods, exercising regularly, and avoiding harmful substances. Other cancers can be detected early through screening and awareness of warning signs, making them easier to treat successfully.

The Myanmar government, working with WHO and other partners, has developed cancer control programmes including vaccination, screening, and treatment services. However, these programmes need continued strengthening and expansion to reach all communities, especially in rural areas.

Every person has a role to play in cancer prevention and control. By making healthy choices, participating in screening programmes when available, seeking early medical attention for concerning symptoms, supporting cancer patients with compassion rather than stigma, and advocating for stronger cancer control policies,

we can reduce cancer's burden on our families and communities.

Let us use World Cancer Day 2026 as an opportunity to renew our commitment to cancer prevention and control. Together - united in our diversity and strengthened by our shared purpose - we can create a healthier future for Myanmar where fewer people develop cancer, more cancers are detected early, and all those affected by cancer receive the care and support they need.

The fight against cancer begins with each of us. Take action today to protect yourself and your loved ones. Your choices matter, your actions count, and together we can make

a difference.

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Nintendo Apr-Dec sales double as Switch becomes top-seller

NINTENDO Co said Tuesday its sales nearly doubled from a year earlier to 1.91 trillion yen (\$12.28 billion) in the nine months through December, driven by strong demand for the

Switch 2 gaming console, which was released last year.

It also said the Switch is now the most popular console sold by the Kyoto-based company, with

cumulative sales reaching 155.37 million units as of the end of December, surpassing the previous top seller, the Nintendo DS, a foldable touchscreen device released in 2004.

Nintendo released the long-awaited Switch 2 in June, selling 17.37 million units through December. It reached the 15 million-unit mark at the fastest pace of any other Nintendo gaming console, the company said.

Nintendo sold 37.93 million units of software for the new console, led

by titles such as "Mario Kart World," compared with 10.89 million units for the older Switch. Nintendo maintained its annual sales projection of the Switch 2 at 19 million units. Net profit rose 51.3 per cent to 358.86 billion yen, and operating profit came to 300.39 billion yen, up 21.3 per cent in the same period.

Nintendo maintained its earnings forecast for the current business year through March, with net profit expected to climb 25.5 per cent to 350 billion yen. — Kyodo



File photo shows a Nintendo Switch 2 in Tokyo on 3 April 2025. PHOTO: KYODO

Germany has highest share of older workers in EU

GERMANY has the highest proportion of older workers of any European Union country, official data showed Tuesday, with almost a quarter of those in employment aged between 55 and 64.

Roughly 9.8 million people -- around 24 per cent -- of the 40.9 million people in work in Europe's biggest economy were in this age bracket in 2024, according to statistics agency Destatis.

This compared to an EU average of around one fifth. "A key reason for the high proportion of older workers in Germany is that the population is increasingly ageing," said Destatis in a statement. — AFP

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Chinese President Xi Jinping holds a welcome ceremony for President of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay Yamandu Orsi in the Northern Hall of the Great Hall of the People prior to their talks in Beijing, capital of China, 3 February 2026. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Xi calls for cooperation with Uruguay in multiple areas

CHINA and Uruguay should strengthen the alignment of development strategies, and deepen cooperation in areas such as economy and trade, finance, agriculture and animal husbandry, infrastructure construction, and information and communications technology, Chinese President Xi Jinping said on Tuesday.

Both sides should explore the potential for cooperation in emerging fields including green development, digital economy, artificial intelligence, and clean energy, so as to drive economic growth and transformation, Xi said when hold-

ing talks with President of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay Yamandu Orsi in Beijing. Orsi on Sunday began a week-long state visit to China. He is the first leader from Latin America to visit China in 2026, and his visit follows those of leaders from Ireland, the Republic of Korea, Canada, Finland and Britain.

“On this day 38 years ago, China and Uruguay established diplomatic relations,” Xi said, pointing out that over the years, regardless of changes in the international situation, the two countries have always got along with each other on the basis of

mutual respect and mutually beneficial cooperation.

Xi called on both sides to carry forward their traditions and deepen their comprehensive strategic partnership under the new circumstances, to make sure their friendship grows stronger and more vibrant.

China and Uruguay should continue to firmly support each other’s core interests and major concerns, strengthen friendly exchanges at all levels and across all areas, enhance exchanges of experience in governance, and continuously deepen strategic mutual trust, Xi emphasized. — Xinhua

US eyes Greenland for missile defence & sub-hunting systems — military analyst

THE United States could deploy a ballistic missile early-warning system in Greenland, veteran Russian military analyst Alexey Leonkov tells Sputnik.

According to the expert, Donald Trump’s ‘Golden Dome’ plans included Greenland,

though that does not necessarily mean missile interceptor launchers would be installed on the island.

He notes that Europe had previously served as the US’ eastern flank, adding:

Beyond missile defence, Greenland also plays a signif-

icant role in submarine detection systems, which “currently do not function effectively”, adds the analyst.

Earlier, Trump stated that the draft agreement on Greenland includes the deployment of the Golden Dome missile defence system. — SPUTNIK

German chancellor says transatlantic relations have changed in call for European unity

GERMAN Chancellor Friedrich Merz said on Monday that transatlantic relations have changed and “nostalgia or memories of old times” would not help Europe.

Speaking at the annual reception of Deutsche Boerse Group, Merz said the world is currently experiencing “probably the greatest phase of political uncertainty and instability, certainly a profound turning point.”

Facing such global turbulence, he called on Europe to act in a “united and determined manner” to exert its influence in the world.

Europe must rely on its own strength to bolster defence capabilities, enhance economic competitiveness and achieve greater technological independence, Merz added. — Xinhua

NASA halts practice countdown of moon mission due to hydrogen leakage

THE National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) said it concluded a wet dress rehearsal for the Artemis II crewed lunar mission on Tuesday, with the countdown halted due to a liquid hydrogen leak.

About five minutes before the simulated engine ignition on early Tuesday, the ground launch sequencer automatically stopped the countdown due to a spike in the leak rate, according to the agency. NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman said the agency targets March for the launch of Artemis II, shifting away from the February launch window.

The wet dress rehearsal, a full prelaunch test, was designed

to fuel the rocket and identify any issues before an actual launch. NASA began the countdown at 8:13 pm Eastern Time on Saturday (0100 GMT Sunday). The rehearsal encountered several setbacks. Among the issues, low temperatures at Kennedy Space Centre in Florida delayed the start of fuelling as some interfaces required time to reach acceptable operating temperatures.

During tanking operations, engineers troubleshooted a liquid hydrogen leak at a core-stage interface by stopping the flow of liquid hydrogen, allowing the interface to warm for seals to reseal, and adjusting propellant flow, according to NASA. — Xinhua



This photo taken on 14 January 2026 shows the city centre of Nuuk, capital of Greenland, an autonomous territory of Denmark. Greenland, the world’s largest island, is a self-governing territory within the Kingdom of Denmark, with Copenhagen retaining control over defence and foreign policy. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

SPORTS

IOC President Coventry looks to Milan-Cortina 2026 Games amid 'bumpy' journey

WITH four days to go until the Milan-Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics opens, International Olympic Committee President Kirsty Coventry acknowledged challenges but expressed excitement for the event.

"It has been a long journey, sometimes a bit bumpy, like every Olympic journey... but it is truly wonderful to be here, among our Italian partners and friends," Coventry said Monday evening at the opening of the 145th IOC Session at Milan's historic opera house, Teatro alla Scala.

She linked the famed venue to the spirit of the upcoming Games.

"La Scala represents the Italian spirit: a deep love of the arts and life, of human creativity, of blending tradition



and innovation," Coventry said. "It is the same spirit that will now embrace the world's best winter sports athletes as they prepare to make their Olympic dream come true".

The 42-year-old president emphasized enthusiasm for the athletes, stating, "It takes an Olympic Village to make every athlete's dream come true".

The session will focus on strategic priorities under the IOC's "Fit for the Future" initiative, alongside governance, financial reporting and anti-doping measures.

Updates are expected from coordination commissions and organizing committees for the upcoming Games, including Milan-Cortina 2026, Los Angeles 2028 and future editions through 2034, as well as the Youth Olympic Games. — Xinhua

Myanmar to open 2026 ASEAN Hyundai Cup against Malaysia

MYANMAR will begin their 2026 ASEAN Hyundai Cup campaign against Malaysia after being drawn into Group B at the official group draw.

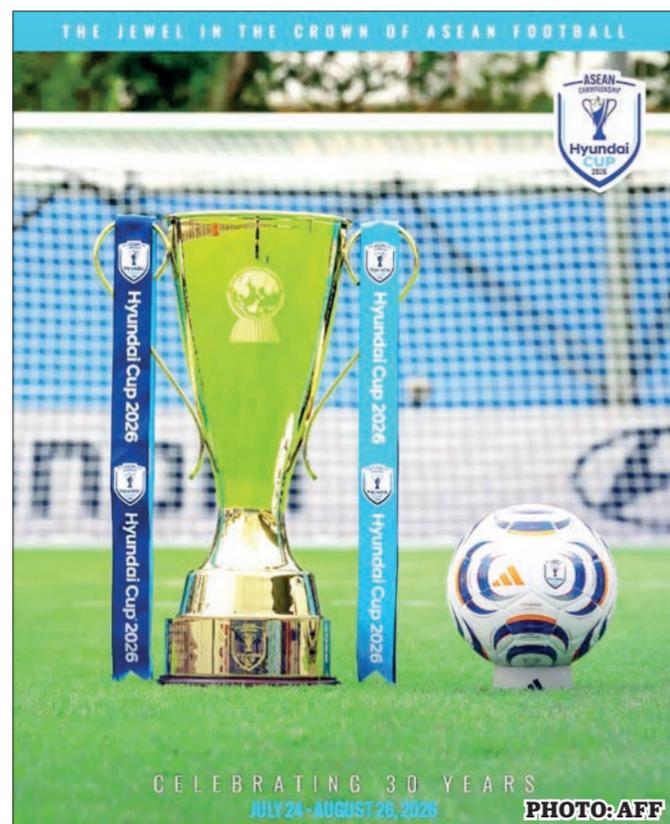
Group A comprises defending champions Vietnam, Singapore, Indonesia, Cambodia, and the qualifying winner between Brunei and Timor-Leste. Group B includes Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines, Myanmar, and Laos.

The qualifiers between Brunei and Timor-Leste will be played over two legs on 2 and 9 June. The final tournament

will take place from 24 July to 26 August, with group matches scheduled from 24 July to 8 August.

Each team will play four group matches, with two home and two away fixtures. Myanmar will play Malaysia at home on 25 July, travel to face the Philippines away on 28 July, host Laos on 4 August, and conclude the group stage with an away match against Thailand on 8 August.

The ASEAN Football Federation has adjusted the tournament schedule to allow



full player availability, moving the competition from the year-end period to the mid-year window. The competition

format remains unchanged, with the semifinals and final to be played over home-and-away legs. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Han, Ning ready to challenge world's best in Milan, says China's speed skating coach

CHINA coach Johan de Wit has expressed confidence in his skaters Han Mei and Ning Zhongyan after the duo's first training session on Olympic ice on Monday ahead of the 2026 Milan-Cortina Winter Games.

"I'm 100 per cent satisfied with the work of both players," said De Wit. "We developed to a stable spot among the top of the world, and I'm really happy with the results. I really hope they will skate their best races ever here in the Olympics".

Invited by Japan's Olympic gold medallist Miho Takagi, Han and Ning joined the international training group guided by De Wit in 2023 to prepare for the Milan-Cortina Games.

Two-time Olympian Ning finished third overall in the men's 1,500-metre World Cup standings this season, entering Milan-Cortina 2026 as a primary medal contender.

De Wit noted significant progress in Ning's performance in the past three years, highlighting his grow-



ing consistency. "Ning sometimes skated fast in the past, but most of the time he didn't end up on the podium," the Dutchman said. "Now he is on the podium [in almost] every competition. His stability is much higher. He is faster than ever before".

The coach shared a similar sentiment regarding Han, noting that her level has "improved a lot" as well. Han trained alongside Takagi on Monday, with a hallmark of De Wit's pro-

gramme being the collaboration between Chinese and Japanese skaters, a rarity in a sport often defined by fierce rivalries.

"There is no rivalry," De Wit said. "We are a team, and they help each other get better. If you put top-level athletes together, their mentality is different. They only learn from each other and give each other positive energy."

The speed skating competition is scheduled to begin on 7 February in the Milano Speed Skating Stadium.

Though the facility is temporary, De Wit spoke highly of the venue. "The ice is pretty good," he said, noting that the Junior World Cup, an Olympic trail in the same venue last November, was pretty fast. "So I think it is possible to skate fast here, though world records may not be possible".

American Jordan Stolz and Femke Kok of the Netherlands have dominated the recent World Cup circuits, but De Wit said he is urging his skaters to ignore the resumes of their opponents. — Xinhua

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WORLD

WHO appeals for \$1 bln for world's worst health crises in 2026

THE World Health Organization on Tuesday appealed for \$1 billion to tackle health crises this year across the world's 36 most severe emergencies, including in Gaza, Sudan, Haiti and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The UN health agency estimated 239 million people would need urgent humanitarian assistance this year and the money would keep essential health services going.

WHO health emergencies chief Chikwe Ihekweazu told reporters in Geneva: "A quarter of a billion people are living through humanitarian crises that strip away the most basic protections: safety, shelter and access to healthcare."

"In these settings, health needs are surging, whether due to injuries, disease outbreaks, malnutrition or untreated chronic diseases," he warned.

"Yet access to care is shrinking."

The agency's emergency request was significantly lower than in recent years, given the global funding crunch for aid operations.

Washington, traditionally the UN health agency's biggest donor, has slashed foreign aid spending under President Donald Trump, who on his first day back in office in January 2025 handed the WHO his country's one-year withdrawal notice.



This photograph shows a flag of the World Health Organization (WHO) waving at their headquarters in Geneva, on 13 March 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

withdrawal notice.

Last year, WHO had appealed for \$1.5 billion but Ihekweazu said that only \$900 million was ultimately made available.

Unfortunately, he said, the agency had been "recognizing ... that the appetite for resource mobilization is much smaller than it was in previous years".

"That's one of the reasons that we've

calibrated our ask a little bit more towards what is available realistically, understanding the situation around the world, the constraints that many countries have," he said. — AFP

Tearful Gazans finally reunite after limited Rafah reopening



Palestinians coming from the Rafah crossing from Egypt arrive at Nasser Hospital in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip on 2 February 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

GAZANS long-separated from their loved ones shed tears of joy after the limited reopening of the Rafah crossing with Egypt allowed a handful to finally return to the war-shattered territory.

Jubilant crowds filmed on their phones as they flocked around a bus carrying returnees to Nasser Hospital in the southern city of Khan Yunis late in the night on Monday.

AFP footage showed a man holding a young child up to the window to greet those arriving, while women wept as they were at last able to embrace. But for some of those re-entering Gaza, the return home was bittersweet. "We were exhausted from this humiliating journey," said Rotana Al-Riqib, a Palestinian in her thirties who had returned from Egypt through Rafah. "The Israelis took us to the crossing -- me, my mother and another woman from Khan Yunis -- and interrogated us," she added. "They don't let us bring in anything. They confiscated everything we had, even my children's belongings. They only left us some clothes." — AFP

Researchers develop "artificial pancreas" that could end daily insulin shots

RESEARCHERS in Israel and the United States have developed a living implant that acts as an artificial pancreas, a breakthrough that could one day eliminate the need for daily insulin injections for millions of people with diabetes.

The Israel Institute of Technology, known as Technion, announced the development Monday following a study published in the journal *Science Translational Medicine*. The cell-based system functions like a built-in pharmacy. It continuously monitors blood sugar levels and autonomously produces and releases the exact amount of insulin the body requires. Unlike existing technology, the implant operates without the need for external pumps or patient monitoring. — Xinhua