

Thanlyin Refinery Phase I Commissioned

Efforts should be made to expand the refinery's capacity while simultaneously enhancing its long-term operational sustainability, economic viability and product quality.



President U Min Aung Hlaing attends and addresses the commissioning ceremony for the Thanlyin Oil Refinery Phase I in Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech in honour of commissioning Thanlyin Oil Refinery (Phase I) under the Ministry of Electricity and Energy in Thanlyin yesterday morning.

At the opening ceremony, the President viewed the scale model of the refinery, documentary photos of the previous refinery, and inspection tours of the Head of State displayed at the main control room.

The President pressed the button to supply raw materials for launching the refinery and inspected the main control room.

The Union Minister for Electricity and Energy reported to the President on the production process of fuel oils.

Speaking on the occasion, the President underlined that when constructing and operating a new oil refinery today, it is necessary to systematically manage not only the construction of the refinery itself but also the adequate supply of raw materials, production capacity, product quality, and economic profitability simultaneously.

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UNDP Funds Quake-Hit Small Businesses

SMALL businesses affected by the earthquake in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Mandalay Region and Sagaing Region can apply for financial assistance from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) by 19 October.

The funding programme aims to help small businesses damaged by the 2025 earthquake in Mandalay Region, Sagaing Region and Nay Pyi Taw Council Area resume operations and recover their growth.

Applicants must have been operating for at least

two years. Priority will be given to businesses led by women, young people and persons with disabilities.

As the UNDP funding programme can support only a limited number of small businesses, only applicants who meet the eligibility criteria and are selected will be contacted with further details. The entire process, from application to selection, is free of charge, and no payment is required. Any requests for money related to the programme can be reported to UNDP Myanmar. — ASH/KZL

9 underwater fish condos, coral beds installed off Ngwehsaung Beach

ACCORDING to UN-Habitat Myanmar, nine "Fish Condos" have been installed to provide shelter for fish, along with "Coral Beds" designed to help coral fragments regenerate and grow in the underwater areas of Bird Island and South Island, near Ngwehsaung Beach in Ayeyawady Region.

These efforts were carried out by the Myanmar Underwater Organization (MUO), with the aim of creating marine habitats for fish and re-

storing coral reefs.

Coral reefs serve as vital habitats for fish and other aquatic life, support the livelihoods of coastal communities, and play a crucial role in preserving the marine ecosystem. Since 2017, conservation efforts, including beach cleanups, coral reef conservation awareness programmes, and underwater monitoring, have been conducted in the area.



Installation of underwater Fish Condos and Coral Beds near Ngwehsaung Beach.

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Objectives of 27th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competition 2026

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



Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued at 7 pm Wednesday, 14 October 2026

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 15 October

2026: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kayin and Shan States, fairly widespread in Yangon, Mandalay, Bago and Magway Regions and Chin and Mon States, scattered in Lower Sagaing Region and Kayah State and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and southern Shan State. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD:

The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan States. In areas along the cumulonimbus clouds, movement, weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied by rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in the Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 5-7 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR THE SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood in increase in rain in Taninthayi Region and Kayin and Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15 October 2026: Some rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

Republic of the Union of Myanmar President's Office Order 81/2026

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Reassignment of Union Minister

Pursuant to Section 232 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 12 of the Union Government Law, Union Minister U Tun Aung of the Ministry of Defence is hereby reassigned as Union Minister of the Ministry of Digital Development and Communications.

Sd/Min Aung Hlaing
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Appointment and Assignment of Duties to Union Ministers

PURSUANT to Section 232 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 12 of the Union Government Law, the following individuals are hereby appointed and assigned duties in the respective ministries as listed below:

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| (1) Lt-Gen Yar Pyae | Union Minister
Ministry of Defence |
| (2) Dr Ko Ko Lwin | Union Minister
Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement |

Sd/ Min Aung Hlaing
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Myanma Gems Emporium sells 463 jade lots on 7th day

THE seventh day of the 61st Myanma Gems Emporium 2026 was held at the Maniradana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, with local and foreign gem merchants inspecting jade lots displayed in designated areas outside the hall.

A total of 550 jade lots, numbered 551 to 1,100 and belonging to Groups A and B, were offered to local and foreign gem merchants through an open tender system. Of these, 463 lots were sold, according to an announcement.

Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Hsan Oo, patron of the Central Committee for the Myanma Gems Emporium, inspected the jade lots displayed in designated sections of the hall, the submission of tender forms by local and foreign gem merchants, and the announcement of successful bids. He also gave officials the necessary instructions.



Local and foreign gem traders evaluate gem stones on display at the 61th Myanma Gems Emporium 2026.

On the eighth day of the emporium, local and foreign gem merchants will inspect jade lots numbered 1,101 to 1,605 from Groups A and B and submit their bids into tender boxes. The boxes will close at 5 pm, after which officials will open them and examine the bids. The results for the jade lots offered

on 15 October will be announced on the same day.

The emporium, which aims to generate economic benefits for the State and the people while ensuring the systematic and sustainable management of gemstone resources, will continue until 17 October. — MNA/KZL

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Dawei, Yangon, Pathein Ports Cast as Trade Hubs

Thilawa Port plays a crucial role in Myanmar's freight and logistics sector, underscoring the need for ongoing improvements in infrastructure and operational efficiency.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by union ministers, the Yangon Region chief minister, senior military officers and relevant officials, toured Yangon Region yesterday afternoon to inspect port operations and plans to expand the country's port and logistics infrastructure.

At Thilawa Railway Station, Union Minister for Transport U Mya Tun Oo briefed the President on the existing Toegyaungkalay-Thilawa railway section, surveying works and plans to upgrade the line to a double track. He also reported on the Thanlyin Bridge I, proposed double-track access to Thilawa station yards, yard expansion plans and the progress of railway maintenance and upgrading works.

The President said



President U Min Aung Hlaing inspects port expansion projects and logistics infrastructure development during his tour in Yangon Region.

Thilawa Port is one of Myanmar's key ports and that upgrading the railway to a double track would enable faster, smoother and more cost-effective freight transportation from the port and Thilawa Special Economic Zone. He instructed officials to

conduct systematic site surveys and engineering assessments, particularly at bends, gradients and bridge crossings. He also called for extending the railway directly into the port, beginning preparatory works early and making technical provisions for future electric train

operations.

The President subsequently inspected completed track maintenance and replacement works at the station yard and provided guidance.

At Myanmar International Terminals Thilawa (MITT), Union Minister U Mya Tun Oo present-

ed an overview of Myanmar Port Authority, the country's ports along its 1,260-nautical-mile coastline, maritime trade, terminal development and Yangon Port's annual cargo-handling capacity.

The briefing also covered efforts to expand maritime trade and exports, upgrade general cargo berths, improve transshipment and transit trade, develop inland container depots and domestic coastal ports, and double export volumes. Other initiatives included a semi-smart container

port pilot project, digital transformation of port operations and studies of foreign seaports.

The President stressed the importance of annual maintenance dredging to keep navigation channels from the sea estuary navigable and highlighted the benefits of introducing a semi-smart port. He said the planned double-track railway would help speed up container transportation, particularly during peak vessel-berthing periods,

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MoHA Union Minister attends 1st BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting

THE Myanmar delegation, led by Union Minister for Home Affairs General Ko Ko Oo, attended the first BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting and the first BIMSTEC Senior Officials' Meeting in New Delhi, India, from 12 to 13 October and returned to Yangon by air yesterday evening.

During the meetings, the Union minister stressed the importance of close cooperation among all BIMSTEC member states to promote peace, security and stability in the Bay of Bengal region. He also called for joint efforts to



Union Minister General Ko Ko Oo joins the group documentary photo session of the 1st BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting in India.

address challenges posed by online fraud, illicit drug trafficking and other transnational crimes in an open, transparent and inclusive manner, in

a spirit of friendship and cooperation.

During the visit, the Myanmar delegation held open and frank discussions on the country's ef-

forts and plans to combat transnational crimes, including online fraud and illicit drug trafficking, and reported successful outcomes.— MNA/MKKS

MoFR Union Minister receives Chinese Ambassador

UNION Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Kan Zaw received Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia at the Ministry of Finance and Revenue (Building 26) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

They cordially discussed matters pertaining to further consolidation of bilateral cooperation, develop-

ment projects conducted with Chinese loans, payments between Myanmar and China, training for human resource development conducted by China and further mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries.

Also present at the meeting were the deputy minister and departmental officials. — MoFR



Chinese Ambassador Ms Ma Jia calls on Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw.

NATIONAL

HLUTTAW

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw discusses taxation, loans, budgets

THE fifth day of the third regular session of the Third Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, with 533 of 560 eligible representatives attending, representing 95.18 per cent.

Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe first announced that the meeting had started.

The parliament approved the appointment of Lt-Gen Yar Pyae as Union Minister for Defence and Dr Ko Ko Lwin as Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, following nominations by the President.

Deputy Minister for Legal Affairs Dr Htein Lin Oo then explained the need to extend the validity period of Ordinance 1/2026, which declared a state of emergency in 58 townships, to restore normal adminis-



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

tration, community peace and stability, and the rule of law. The Speaker invited representatives to register for discussions on the proposal.

Representatives also discussed the agreement between Myanmar and

Cambodia on avoiding double taxation on income and preventing tax evasion.

Sagaing Region Representative Daw Theingi Win Shwe supported the agreement, saying it would help prevent tax evasion and tax-related miscon-

duct, protect taxpayers' rights, ensure fair taxation and improve transparency, business confidence and investment relations between Myanmar and Cambodia.

Mon State Representative Daw Soe Soe Myint also backed the Double Taxa-

tion Agreement (DTA), noting that it would balance tax relief with the protection of national tax revenues while promoting bilateral trade, services, investment and economic growth.

Dr Shwe Pyi Soe from the Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Constituency said double taxation could reduce personal income, discourage investment, drive skilled workers away and hinder economic growth. He strongly supported the agreement to prevent double taxation and tax evasion.

U Ye Htut Aung from the Minhla Constituency and Daw Myint Sanda Aung from the Myaungmya Constituency also discussed the agreement.

Regarding the discussion, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U

Kyaw Htin said the Double Taxation Agreement between Myanmar and Cambodia aims to promote bilateral trade, investment and economic opportunities. He said the agreement would provide a stable tax environment for investors, prevent double taxation, strengthen cooperation between tax authorities to combat tax evasion and improve diplomatic relations.

He added that, once approved by the Hluttaw, both countries would exchange instruments of notification in line with their respective laws. The agreement would then be implemented in Myanmar through official notifications, publication in the Myanmar Gazette and posting on the Internal Revenue Department's website.

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and protecting the environment.

The President urged the officials to continuously monitor and assess refinery operations, production capacity, equipment maintenance, energy consumption and product quality, and to promptly identify the causes of any gaps between the set targets and actual results and take corrective measures accordingly.

In implementing the second phase of the project, the President guided

officials to look beyond refinery construction alone to ensure the production of the targeted high-grade fuels and petrochemical products. Once all phases of the project are completed and the refinery becomes operational, the project's viability and benefits must be carefully assessed based on its actual production capacity, product range, domestic market demand and raw material availability.

The President noted that efforts should also be made simultaneously

to enhance its long-term operational sustainability, economic viability and product quality along with increasing the refinery's capacity. Priority should be given to ensuring the efficient utilization of available crude oil and the continuous supply of necessary raw materials.

He emphasized the timely and efficient distribution of products while efforts are being made to control costs. Increasing domestic fuel production is not intended solely to substitute for imports, but

also to reduce foreign currency expenditure, supply the energy required by domestic manufacturing sectors, and generate sustainable long-term economic benefits for the State. To achieve these objectives, costs must be comprehensively reviewed and effectively managed at every stage of the process, from raw material procurement to oil refining, storage and distribution.

Furthermore, the President pointed out that the long-term success of

a modern oil refinery depends not only on modern equipment and technology but also on the availability of local experts and skilled technicians who can use these technologies effectively, urging the Ministry of Electricity and Energy to prioritize human resource development.

The Union Minister for Electricity and Energy reported on the implementation of Phase I of the refinery and plans.

The President and State dignitaries watched

a documentary video clip on the implementation of Phase I of the refinery.

After the ceremony, the President gave necessary guidance on the implementation of the second phase of the refinery to the Union minister.

The President and State dignitaries observed the historical exhibits and equipment on Myanmar's oil and natural gas production displayed at the Energy Museum, which was opened to mark the centenary of the Thanlyin Oil Refinery. — MNA/TTA

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Pyithu Hluttaw discusses road upgrades, doctor appointments and medical university proposal

THE 16th day of the third regular session of the Third Pyithu Hluttaw was held at 1:30 pm yesterday at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw. The session was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi, Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn and Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

During the session, five questions concerning road upgrades, the appointment of doctors and the opening of a medical university were answered, and one motion was discussed and approved.

In response to a question raised by U Kyaw Min Than from the Pantanaw Constituency, Deputy Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Thaik Soe replied that a three-furlong section of the dirt road of the village-to-village connecting road in Danubyu Township would be upgraded to gravel in the 2026-2027 financial year. Budget allocations for upgrading the remaining dirt road section to gravel would be proposed under the regional budget from the 2027-2028 financial year

onwards, subject to the availability of funds.

In response to a question raised by U Tun Lwin from the ChaungU Constituency, Deputy Minister U Thaik Soe replied that upgrading 4 miles and 0.72 furlongs of dirt road to gravel had not yet been possible due to local conditions. Once field inspections become possible, budget requests will be submitted, and the work will be carried out subject to the availability of funds.

In response to a question raised by U Aung Kyaw Thu from the Mahlaing Constituency, Deputy Minister U Thaik Soe replied that damaged sections of the two-mile-and-one-furlong road leading to Htan Pin Kan Village would be repaired in the 2027-2028 financial year, subject to budget availability. In addition, a one-mile section would be included in the budget for asphaltting and upgraded using regional funds from the 2028-2029 financial year onwards.

In response to a question raised by U Sai Wan Sam from the Mongkhat Constituency, Deputy



The 16th-day meeting of the Third Pyithu Hluttaw's third regular session in progress yesterday, chaired by Speaker U Khin Yi and Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn.

Minister for Health Dr Tin Tun replied that a dental surgeon would be assessed and appointed within 2026 based on operational requirements.

In response to a question raised by Daw Myint Than from the Ye Constituency, Deputy Minister Dr Tin Tun replied that the annual average numbers of students admitted to medical universities from these areas were five from Kayin State, 49 from Mon State and seven from Taninthayi Region. Therefore, there were currently no plans to establish a medical university in any of the three

areas. However, arrangements would be made in the future based on the country's needs.

Afterwards, lawmakers discussed a motion submitted by U Thet Naing Oo, representing the Hpa-an Constituency, urging the Government and the Ministry of Health to establish major outpatient departments to ease the healthcare burden on citizens and to establish advanced specialist hospitals in regional zones so that major diseases could be treated to international standards.

And U Saw Win Htein from the Hpapun Constitu-

ency, U Sai Kan from the Mongshu Constituency, and U Sin Sone from the Khaunglanhpu Constituency expressed their support for the motion.

Similarly, Daw Myint Than, representing the Ye Constituency, U Sai Laung, representing the Mongpyin Constituency, and U Kyaw Lin, representing the Bhamo Constituency, also expressed their support for the motion.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Tin Tun said public hospitals in stable areas operate emergency and outpatient services 24 hours a day, with spe-

cialist clinics extended to afternoon sessions at hospitals with 100 beds or more. The Ministry of Health is working to reduce waiting times, provide free medicines, upgrade hospital facilities and expand bed capacity, while considering a phased public healthcare insurance system. Citing the substantial costs and staffing requirements of establishing new international-standard specialist hospitals, he said the ministry would instead progressively upgrade existing regional hospitals and recommended that the Hluttaw officially record the motion.

Subsequently, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi announced the Hluttaw's position on the motion, stating that the ministry's measures would be systematically noted and their progress monitored and recorded.

The 16th day of the third regular session of the Third Pyithu Hluttaw was then adjourned. The 17th day of the session is scheduled to resume on 15 October. — News Team/TH

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while road and bridge upgrades would facilitate smoother truck movements to and from Yangon's port terminals.

He also highlighted plans to upgrade Panmawady Port in Ayeyawady Region to accommodate large vessels carrying 20,000 to 30,000 tonnes along the Pathein River. The development would facilitate domestic

and international shipments of regional rice and general cargo, as well as the transport of goods needed in the region.

Describing Thilawa Port as strategically important to Myanmar's freight and logistics sector, the President urged officials to continue developing port infrastructure and services.

Regarding the Dawei Deep-Sea Port, he noted

that several countries had expressed interest in developing the Southern ASEAN land corridor. He also highlighted Kawthoung's potential for border trade and stressed the importance of tourism in regional development.

The President said Pathein, Yangon and Dawei ports would become major maritime gateways in the future, with Dawei serving international trans-

it trade and Yangon and Pathein supporting domestic freight transport. He urged all stakeholders to work together to ensure efficient port operations.

The President then toured MITT by motorcade to inspect daily port operations.

Later, at Ywathagyi Dry Port in Dagon Myothit (East) Township, U Mya Tun Oo briefed the President on the Ywathagyi sta-

tion yard project, dry port operations, project details, container freight train services on the Ywathagyi-Myitnge-Ywathagyi route and the completed boundary fencing along railway-owned land beside the station access road.

The President raised questions about the presentations and instructed officials to assess land use systematically to ensure

efficient and compact utilization during project implementation. He also directed authorities to ensure that land allocated for operational activities in Yangon Region was used strictly for its designated purposes.

He subsequently toured the dry port complex by motorcade to inspect logistics and freight-handling operations. — MNA/ST

NATIONAL

Myanmar adopts 1,131 national standards to boost global market access

MYANMAR has approved 1,131 national standards to enhance domestic product quality and facilitate entry into global markets, Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw announced yesterday.

Speaking at the hybrid-format 14th World Standards Day 2026 event held at the ministry's meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw, Dr Myo Thein Kyaw, who also chairs the National Standards Council, stated that adhering to these benchmark standards is crucial to raising production value



Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Kyaw speaks on the occasion of the 14th World Standards Day 2026 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

and seizing international trade opportunities across diverse economic sectors. The event featured a video address by ISO Secretary-General Mr Sergio Mujica. Technical subcommittees also led discussions on clean energy and energy management systems (MMS ISO 50001:2011), renewable energy, energy efficiency, and AI standards for clean energy provision. Deputy ministers, permanent secretaries, senior departmental officials, and representatives from the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) attended the event. — MNA/ST

MoL Union Minister receives Saudi Arabian Ambassador

UNION Minister for Labour U Maung Myint received Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Maziad Mohammed Maziad M Alhowishan, who is based in Yangon, and embassy officials at the Union Minister's guest room yesterday afternoon. They held cordial and frank discussions on labour cooperation between the two countries.

The Union minister emphasized that labour cooperation would benefit both sides. Discussions covered the signing of an agreement on the procedures for sending workers

between the two countries, the dispatch of workers to Saudi Arabia and ASEAN countries, and the need to comply with the laws of destination countries. They also discussed wages and the importance of considering living standards and the cost of living when negotiating agreements.

The Union minister also noted that both countries were working to protect the employment rights of their nationals and improve wages, stressing the important role of cooperation in labour affairs.

Both sides also dis-



The Saudi Arabian ambassador calls on Union Minister U Maung Myint yesterday.

cussed arrangements for sending workers to Saudi Arabia in a systematic manner to ensure their safety and protect their rights. The meeting was attended by directors-general and officials from the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Yangon. — MNA/MKKS

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UN-Habitat Myanmar noted that fish have already begun sheltering and breeding inside the Fish Condos.

UN-Habitat Myanmar highlighted that long-term monitoring and conservation efforts are essential for fully restoring the coral reefs, urging rel-

evant organizations and the public to collaborate in these efforts.

Currently, coral reefs face significant challenges, including damage

from abandoned fishing nets, fishing operations, and boat anchors, marine pollution and climate change. — TWA/ZN

Ongoing recovery and reconstruction efforts in Chin State



DEPUTY Minister of Construction Dr Thaung Naing and Chin State Minister for Electricity, Energy, Industry and Transport U Nay Lin Aung, accompanied by members of the Chin State Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Committee, inspected damaged infrastructure and ongoing rehabilitation works in Chin State yesterday.

The delegation first visited Ngasitva Hydro-power Plant, which supplies electricity to Falam Township and nearby villages, to inspect damage to the plant building and equipment caused by violence. The plant requires repairs, according to the Chin State Electricity Distribution Department.

In Tiddim Township, the delegation inspected repair work on the Border Area Ethnic Youth Development Department and Township Development Supervision Office buildings, as well as staff housing. At the No 1 Basic Education High School, they encouraged students taking courses in agriculture, livestock breeding, technical subjects and industrial studies, and inspected the industrial laboratory.

They also inspected renovation work at the

Theravada Buddhist Missionary Centre and a monastic education school, the completed office building of the Tedim Township Cooperative Department, and preparations for staff housing.

In Tonzang Township, Deputy Minister Dr Thaung Naing met local elders, religious leaders and departmental officials at Saint Francis Church. He stressed that peace and stability were essential for effective administration and regional development, and called for public cooperation in restoring transport links, water supplies and environmental cleanliness.

The Chin State Minister and departmental officials discussed rehabilitation needs in education, communications and regional development.

The delegation later inspected Tonzang Township High School, the People's Hospital, Khawwun/Laesan Post-Primary School and renovation work on departmental buildings damaged by violence. Officials were instructed to ensure that the repairs complied with contractual requirements and were completed as soon as possible. — MNA/MKKS

NATIONAL

142 Myanmar returnees from Malaysia arrive in Myeik

MYANMAR nationals who had faced difficulties in Malaysia and returned to the country on 4 October were repatriated to their respective hometowns, with 142 returnees from Taninthayi Region arriving in Myeik from Yangon yesterday morning.

The 142 returnees were transported from Yangon to Myeik aboard the naval vessel Pyidawaye 4. They were welcomed at Seikngebu Jetty by the local air base commander, the chair of the Myeik District Management and Administration Committee, departmental officials and representatives of social organisations.

The returnees were temporarily accommodated at the district sports hall, where officials conduct-



Officials welcome Myanmar repatriates from Malaysia.

ed health examinations and checked their UID, e-ID and PSMS records before arranging their transfer to their respective townships.

The government continues to prioritize assistance, rescue and repatriation efforts for Myanmar nationals who face difficulties abroad for various reasons. — Khaing Htoo (IPRD)/KZL

YGH provides specialist care for elderly patients

SPECIALIST doctors from Yangon General Hospital and other specialist hospitals provided comprehensive healthcare services to older people at Yangon General Hospital yesterday morning to mark International Day of Older Persons, observed on 1 October.

“Specialists from Yangon General Hospital, Yangon Eye Hospital and ear, nose and throat hospitals are working together to provide a range of services in one place, including general health checks, eye and ear examinations, screening for hypertension and diabetes, dental care and physical exercises,” said Professor Dr Moe Khine, rector and medical superintendent of Yangon General Hospital.

The Department of



Older community members take part in a light exercise session as part of a specialized healthcare programme at Yangon General Hospital. PHOTO: S/MS

Medical Services under the Ministry of Health is expanding healthcare programmes for older people nationwide. Alongside specialist services at Yangon General Hospital, arrangements are being made to provide necessary care in Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw. The initiative aims to help people live a full life.

Yangon General Hospital opened its elderly healthcare clinic on 20

people, with eight departments working together to serve outpatients. Today’s activities include physical exercises, eye examinations, spectacles, dentures and treatment for conditions such as skin diseases and diabetes,” said Professor Dr Min Zaw Oo, head of the Clinical Medicine Department.

During the campaign, older people received soya milk, cow’s milk, snacks and T-shirts. Health staff also demonstrated exercises to help prevent falls and provided advice on healthy eating and lifestyle habits.

The hospital’s comprehensive elderly healthcare outpatient department is open every Wednesday for consultations and treatment. — Thitsa (MNA)/KZL

Denko Trading, MRPPA sign MOA to ease fuel supply for rubber sector

DENKO Trading Co Ltd and the Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association (MRPPA) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on 10 October at the UMFCCI head office to help alleviate fuel shortage difficulties.

Signatories included officials from rubber farmers’ and RSS factory associations in Mon, Kayin, Ayeyawady, and Bago regions/states, as well as representatives from TSR companies and Denko Trading.

Rubber farmers and rubber processing factories (RSS, TSR) have faced fuel shortages since the outbreak of conflict in the Gulf region. Fuel is essential for their operations, forcing businesses to purchase at higher prices from the available sources. However, supply remains insufficient, leaving operators in a constant state of uncertainty, according to the Mon State Rubber Planters and Producers Association.

Rubber farmers and RSS factories will submit their monthly fuel requirements (diesel, octane) to their respective state/region association. State/region associations will coordinate with Denko Trading for the required quantities. Denko Trading will coordinate with the relevant ministry to secure purchase orders (POs). Once approved, farmers and factories can purchase fuel from their nearest Denko fuel stations. Yangon market fuel prices are around K4,595 per litre of Octane 92, K4,770 for Octane 95, K4,580 for diesel and K5,575 for premium diesel. — NN/KK

Tenders invited for procurement of water resources operational equipment

THE Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation will purchase water resource-related operational equipment for projects implemented under the Nay Pyi Taw Council capital fund for the 2026-2027 financial year. Bids are sought in Myanmar kyat in accordance with the department’s prescribed standards and specifications. Tender forms are available from 15 October. The submission deadline is at 4:30 pm on 22 October.

PO cheque and sample materials will be accepted on 23 October. Technical and price proposal opening will be held at 10 am on 30 October. Bid opening will take place at the religious building in the compound of Baegon Irrigation Compound of the Director’s office. Interested individuals can enquire about details through the Accounts Section of the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw (Maintenance) at 09 5096001 and 09 251178566, according to the Tender Acceptance and Scrutiny Committee. — NN/KK

Agri Dept to conduct vegetable seed production training for farmers

THE Department of Agriculture under the Ministry of Agriculture, Live-

stock and Irrigation will offer a four-month theory and practical training on vegetable seed production from 1 November 2026 to 28 February

2027, covering everything from vegetable cultivation to seed production. The training will be conducted at the Vegetable and Fruit Research Development Centre

(VFRDC) in Hlegu Township, Yangon Region. Interested individuals can register starting from 20 October through email at ainda.hponnaing94@gmail.com and wnluck@

gmail.com. As the class size is limited, applicants will be accepted on a priority basis. They can enquire about details at 09 5403194 and 09 795457510. — NN/KK

Stepping up efforts to achieve lasting peace

The NCA is a sound foundation for achieving lasting peace and serves as a gateway to the peace process. Therefore, all stakeholders should have the courage and determination to pursue the path of dialogue for national reconciliation through the NCA.

The essence of the NCA is to build a Union based on democracy and a federal system, with full guarantees for democracy, national equality and the rights to self-determination, in accordance with the outcomes of political dialogue and in line with the Union spirit founded on liberty, equality and justice, while upholding Our Three Main National Causes. Ethnic armed organizations and all relevant stakeholders need to understand and appreciate the essence of the NCA and cooperate responsibly to fulfil the genuine aspirations of the State and the people.

The Government is making concerted efforts to achieve lasting peace so that the people can live in peace, prosperity and happiness. Peace is something everyone cherishes. The people of all nationalities have come to expect and hope for peace more than ever before and have become increasingly interested in the peace process. The fact that people are forced to abandon their homes and live elsewhere due to armed insurgent groups is a consequence of the absence of peace. Therefore, the Government and the Tatmadaw are working to establish lasting peace out of their desire for peace, with the aim of fully fulfilling the aspirations of the people.

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With a view to ensuring stability, peace and development in the socioeconomic lives of local people suffering losses and hardships due to armed conflicts, the time has come for all relevant organizations to act with awareness and vigilance, and pursue the NCA path, the gateway to lasting peace, to achieve a nationwide ceasefire.

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges facing human health in the twenty-first century. Rising temperatures, floods, droughts, storms, air pollution, and the spread of infectious diseases can seriously affect the physical and mental well-being of communities. Although governments and organizations have an important role in preparing for climate-related risks, individuals and communities also need the knowledge and skills to protect themselves. In this context, health literacy plays an essential role in climate change preparedness. Health literacy enables people to understand health information, recognize climate-related risks, make appropriate decisions, and take effective action to protect themselves and others.

World Health Organization (WHO) defines health literacy as “representing the personal knowledge and competencies that accumulate through daily activities, social interactions and across generations. Personal knowledge and competencies are mediated by the organizational structures and availability of resources that enable people to access, understand, appraise, and use information and services in ways that promote and maintain good health and well-being for themselves and those around them.”

Health literacy refers to the ability to access, understand, evaluate, and use health information to make informed decisions. In relation to climate change, this means understanding how environmental changes can affect health and knowing what actions can reduce these risks. For example, a person with good health literacy may understand the dangers of extreme heat, recognize the symptoms of heat exhaustion, know the importance of drinking enough water, and seek medical assistance when necessary. Similarly, people who understand the health risks associated with poor air quality can take appropriate precautions, such as reducing outdoor activities when pollution levels are high.

One of the most important roles of health literacy is increasing awareness of climate-related health risks. Climate change can create both direct and indirect health effects. Extreme heat can cause dehydration, heatstroke, and cardiovascular problems, while floods and storms can result in injuries and displacement. Changes in temperature and rainfall can also influence the spread of diseases carried by mosquitoes and other organisms. Health-literate individuals are more likely to recognize these risks and understand how they may affect vulnerable groups such as children, older adults, pregnant women, and people with existing health problems.

Health literacy also improves individual and household preparedness. When people have reliable information, they can prepare emergency supplies, develop evacuation plans, protect drinking water, and learn basic first aid.

The Role of Health Literacy in Climate Change Preparedness

During extreme weather events, the ability to understand warnings and follow public health advice can save lives. For instance, during a heat wave, people who understand official health recommendations are more likely to stay hydrated, remain in cool environments, and check on vulnerable family members and neighbours.

Another important contribution of health literacy is the ability to identify reliable information and avoid misinformation. Climate change and health emergencies often generate large amounts of information through social media, television, and other communication channels. Some of this information may be inaccurate or misleading. People with stronger health literacy are better able to evaluate the credibility of information, distinguish scientific evidence from rumours, and follow guidance from trusted health authorities. This is particularly important during disasters, when

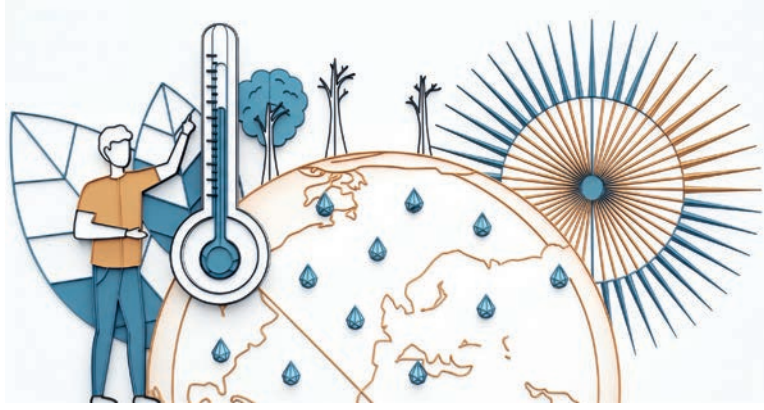
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Health literacy is also important at the community level. Communities that understand climate-related health risks can participate more effectively in disaster preparedness programs and public health activities. Schools, healthcare facilities, community organizations, and local authorities can improve health literacy by providing information in simple, understandable, and culturally appropriate forms. Community health workers can play an important role by communicating with households, identifying vulnerable people, and helping communities prepare for emergencies.

Climate change has far-reaching consequences for human health, health systems, and the social and environmental determinants of health. In response, WHO supports the advancement of climate-resilient and sustainable health systems through three key areas of action: addressing the health impacts of climate change; strengthening the resilience and decarbonization of health systems and facilities; and advancing the health co-benefits of climate action across sectors.

Furthermore, improving health literacy can contribute to health equity. Climate change does not affect everyone equally. Poor communities and people with limited access to healthcare, education, transportation, and safe housing may be more vulnerable to climate-related hazards. Providing accessible and understandable health information can help reduce these inequalities. Information should be available in local languages and appropriate formats so that people with different educational backgrounds and abilities can benefit from it.

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preparedness systems, public health programs, and community-based interventions. Governments and health organizations should ensure that people have both the knowledge and the resources necessary to act on that knowledge.

In addition, health literacy is a vital component of climate change preparedness. It helps individuals understand climate-related health risks, make informed decisions, respond appropriately to emergencies, recognize reliable information, and protect vulnerable members of their communities. As climate change continues to create new and increasing health challenges, strengthening health literacy should be an important part of public health and disaster preparedness strategies. By empowering people with accurate knowledge and practical skills, societies can become more resilient and better prepared to protect health in a changing climate.

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Becoming a True and Responsible Teacher in the Modern Age

“It was only after completing seventeen years of teaching that I finally realized, ‘Oh, I have only just become a teacher.’”

By Junior Thin

appointed as a teacher from the very first day, but becoming a true teacher is a lifelong process. It takes many years of teaching, facing different kinds of students, solving classroom problems, learning from mistakes, and understanding the responsibilities of the profession.

That is why the Township Education Officer said that he felt he had only become a teacher after seventeen years of service. His words were not meant to suggest that he had not been a teacher during those seventeen years. Rather, he meant that it took sev-

enteen years of experience for him to truly understand the meaning, responsibility, and dignity of being a teacher.

In today’s world, many people believe that a person becomes a teacher as soon as he or she graduates from a teacher-training college or university, receives a government appointment, and begins earning a salary. In a formal sense, this belief is partly correct. Such a person has completed the required education, received official recognition, and started working as a teacher. However, being officially appointed is only

the beginning of a teaching career. It does not automatically mean that a person has become a truly good or experienced teacher.

A good teacher needs much more than a certificate, a position, or a monthly salary. A teacher should have sound subject knowledge, patience, kindness, responsibility, and strong communication skills. It is important to understand the subject deeply and explain difficult ideas clearly and simply. A good teacher should also listen to students, respect their opinions, encourage them to ask questions, and create a classroom where they



feel safe to express themselves and learn from their mistakes.

There is an important difference between being an official teacher and being a good teacher: An official teacher has completed the necessary training, has the

right to teach, and has been appointed by the government or another authorized organization. A good teacher, however, is someone who prepares lessons carefully, understands the different abilities and needs of students, treats

everyone fairly, and supports students’ academic, emotional, and moral development. Official status is given through appointment, but professional excellence is earned through daily effort, experience, and dedication.

Receiving a salary is both a right and a responsibility. A teacher who receives a salary is expected to attend school regularly and punctually, prepare lessons, teach responsibly, follow school rules, and observe professional ethics. A teacher’s responsibility is not limited to preparing students for examinations. Teachers should also help students develop confidence, discipline, critical thinking, good character, and a love of learning. If

everyone focuses only on receiving a salary while neglecting students and classroom duties, that person may be an official employee, but cannot be considered a responsible and effective teacher.

Teachers must also continue learning throughout their careers. Education is constantly changing because of new teaching methods, technological developments, different learning styles, and new ideas about child development. Therefore, teachers should attend training courses, read educational materials, learn from colleagues, use appropriate technology, and reflect honestly on their own teaching. A teacher who stops learning may gradually lose the ability to meet students’ changing needs. In contrast, a teacher who keeps improving can become more confident, effective, and valuable to the community.

This issue has become even more complicated because of social media. These days, many men and women advertise English-language courses and share educational knowledge online.

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Demolition of illicit online scam hubs continues in Shwe Kokko



Images reveal systematic demolition of a five-storey scam-related building in the Shwe Kokko Phase II crackdown.

THE government is treating the fight against online scams and illegal online gambling as a national responsibility. To prevent these activities from resuming in Shwe Kokko, where such operations were widespread, authorities are systematically demolishing buildings used

for illegal activities. Demolition work continued in Phase II of the Shwe Kokko area, with heavy machinery being used to demolish a five-storey building. As of today, 94 per cent of the building had been demolished, while work on another five-storey building was 40 per cent

complete. Preparations were also underway to demolish a 13-storey building using explosives. Of the 63 buildings designated for demolition in Phase II, 25 are to be demolished using heavy machinery, four by controlled explosions and 34 manually, floor by floor, because

they are close to residential buildings. The work is being carried out according to these designated methods. Three of the four buildings scheduled for demolition by controlled explosions have already been demolished. Work on the remaining buildings is also proceeding systematically. The government is placing particular emphasis on eradicating online scams and related gambling activities, which threaten global socio-economic stability and national security. In cooperation with neighbouring and regional countries, it is working to eliminate online scam operations completely and permanently. — 100/KZL

KBZMS volunteers mark Disaster Risk Reduction Day with community work in Thanlyin

FIFTY KBZMS volunteers, led by KBZMS Chief Executive Officer U Sai Lu Mon Aung, joined forces with FIN Myanmar, the Early Childhood School Management Committee and the Community Resource Centre to carry out community service activities in Natsingon Village, Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region, on 12 October, ahead of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, which fell on 13 October.

The activities included renovating drainage channels and carrying out earth-filling work to reduce the risk of flooding, prevent waterlogging and create cleaner and safer community environments. Following the devastating earthquake in March 2025, KBZMS has supported the recovery of earthquake-affected areas through its Mandalay Phoenix programmes. — ASH/MKKS



KBZMS volunteers carry out community service activities in Thanlyin Township to mark International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Potato cold storage phase I to finish in 10 months

MYANMAR Agro Exchange Public Ltd (MAEX) has begun construction of a 7,000-tonne potato cold storage facility in two phases under its subsidiaries. The first phase is targeted for completion within the next 10 months. Before the main facility is fully completed, MAEX has already begun

providing temporary cold storage services using six 30tonne containers since February 2026, to prevent postharvest losses and maintain crop quality for local farmers. MAEX has established two wholly owned subsidiaries: Shan Taung Agro Exchange Co Ltd and Shan Taung Cold Storage Co Ltd to expand into

southern Shan State, the main source of agricultural produce sold at Danyingon wholesale market. With approval from the Shan State Investment Commission (SSIC), these companies will operate a Collector Market as part of the Farmers' Direct Sales Wholesale Market (Heho) project, collecting, storing, and selling agri-

cultural produce in connection with the Danyingon wholesale market. The foundation stonelaying ceremony was held on 6 October at the project site in Wayonpin village tract in Heho, Kalaw Township, southern Shan State. The Shan State chief minister led the ceremony, placing the foundation stones. — Htun Htun/KK

Traffic offenders face legal consequences



Action taken against traffic violators in Yangon Region.

THE Yangon Region Traffic Police Corps 2 stated that 35 people have been arrested for illegally crossing the road in the past two days, in enforcing the rules of crossing at designated footbridges, underpasses, zebra crossings and crossing points and taking action against those who cross illegally within the municipal areas. The Yangon Region Road Safety Council jointly arrested 10 men and 9 women for crossing the road under the Sule footbridges on 12 October as well as 13 men and 3 women on 13 October under Section 96 of the 2020 Road Safety and Motor Vehicle Management Law. “We are not for show. We are working to improve traffic safety and public safety. We would like to thank those who have supported traffic safety on social media for this initiative. We urge pedestrians to follow the rules and regulations so that their lives and vehicles are not at risk. We will expand the operation beyond the current team,” said Deputy Police Major Moe Win of the Traffic Police Task Force in Kyauktada Township. In Yangon, pedestrian footbridges are frequently used by large numbers of commuters every day. Vehicles passing by are currently able to drive with attention to the traffic lights, and drivers under the bridges can drive with peace of mind as travellers on the bridges of Sule, Pansodan, and Botahtaung Pagoda. — Thitsa (MNA)/MKKS



The foundation stonelaying ceremony for the potato cold storage facility.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw discusses...

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He urged the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to approve the agreement under Section 108(a) of the Constitution and Section 59 of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law.

The Speaker sought the approval of Hluttaw and announced the approval.

The representatives then discussed the submission of the instrument of ratification for the Ninth Package of Commitments on Financial Services under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services sent by the President to the ASEAN Secretary-General's office.

Taninthayi Region Representative U Than Aye(aka) U Tin Oo, supported sending the instrument of ratification for the Ninth Package of Commitments on ASEAN financial services liberalization to the ASEAN Secretariat through diplomatic channels. He said this would complete the liberalization process in relevant sectors, attract more foreign investment and support Myanmar's economic development.

Dr Kyaw Swe, representing the Taungdwingyi Constituency, said the agreement could promote foreign investment and economic growth. However, he stressed the need to understand the commitments, scope of liberalization, benefits and risks before approval, highlighting that expected benefits alone were not sufficient grounds for a decision affecting the country's long-term financial interests.

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Kyaw Htin said Myanmar must complete its domestic ratification procedures within 180 days of signing the agreement. The agreement will take effect the day after the ASEAN Secretary-General notifies other member states of receiving the instrument of ratification.

He explained that the agreement aims to promote trade and cooperation in services among ASEAN members and remove restrictions. Under the ninth package, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue will relieve the insurance sector, while the Central Bank of Myanmar will oversee banking and other financial services.

He said Myanmar has licensed five wholly foreign-owned life insurance companies, three joint-venture life insurers and three joint-venture general insurers, and opened 27 foreign bank representative offices.

The agreement is expected to facilitate financial transactions and investment, attract foreign capital, improve domestic banks' access to advanced technology and international standards, develop human resources and promote trade through direct payments in the currencies of the two countries.

He also added that the agreement had been submitted to the Economic Committee and the Union Government. If approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs will sign the instrument of ratification and send

it to the ASEAN Secretariat through diplomatic channels. He then explained to approve the submission in accordance with Section 209(a) of the Constitution and Section 25(a) of the Union Government Law.

The Speaker sought the approval of Hluttaw and announced the approval.

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Kyaw Htin discussed the export credit loans from Belarus's DBRB and Belinvestbank JSC, submitted by the President and discussed at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting on 8 October 2026.

He said foreign currency loans carry exchange rate and interest rate risks. To minimize these risks, the government will assess currency stability, benchmark interest rates and repayment periods. As the loans have a maximum term of five years, their exposure to market fluctuations is expected to be lower.

He added that banking arrangements between Belarus and three state-owned banks — Myanmar Economic Bank, Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank and Myanmar Investment and Commercial Bank — were signed in November 2025 and May 2026, with negotiations underway to open bank accounts.

The export credit loans are available in five foreign currencies. The government will check that the currencies and payment channels are not subject to sanctions and ensure that goods and services purchased with the loans meet

the country's actual needs and benefit the public.

As the basic agreements for the export credit loans have been signed, U Kyaw Htin sought Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's approval in accordance with Section 9 of the Union Budget Law for the 2026-2027 financial year and Section 3 of the Public Debt Management Law.

He also said the proposed loan of K2.1 trillion from the Central Bank of Myanmar for the 2026-2027 financial year would cover any deficit in the Union Government's deposit account, rather than fund a specific project.

He clarified that the K2.1 trillion was a net borrowing estimate and that no loans had been taken from the Central Bank as of June 2026. The full amount would not necessarily be used. The government would first raise funds through monthly treasury bill and bond auctions and borrow from the Central Bank only if a deficit remained at the end of the month.

He said the borrowing would comply with Section 12 of the Union Budget Law for the 2026-2027 financial year, Sections 3 and 5 of the Public Debt Management Law, and Section 91 of the Central Bank of Myanmar Law. The Ministry of Finance and Revenue would also supervise government departments to ensure effective spending and prevent waste of public funds.

He then sought Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approval for the Union Government's plan to borrow up to K2.1 trillion from the Central Bank, secured by govern-

ment treasury bills.

Regarding this case, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Thet Tun Aung said the Central Bank would cover the government's financing needs by purchasing treasury bills at an interest rate of four per cent, under an agreement with the Ministry of Finance and Revenue covering the 2022-2023 to 2026-2027 financial years. The repayment schedule is being discussed under Section 93 of the Central Bank of Myanmar Law.

He said lawmakers had raised concerns about inflation and currency depreciation, stressing the need to coordinate financial and monetary policies. Government borrowing from the Central Bank had declined significantly, with its share of deficit financing falling from 70.81 per cent in 2024-2025 to 7.82 per cent in 2025-2026.

He added that further development of the money market and secondary market would help reduce reliance on Central Bank borrowing. The Central Bank is also using monetary policy measures, including adjustments to the minimum cash reserve ratio (CRR) and interest payments on excess reserves, to ease inflationary pressures.

He said the Monetary Policy Committee, which includes the Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue, holds monthly meetings to coordinate policies. He sought Pyidaungsu approval, in accordance with Section 91 of the Central Bank of Myanmar Law, for the Central Bank to purchase government treasury bills

to cover up to K2.1 trillion of the Union Government's projected deficit in the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

The Hluttaw announced the approval.

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Kyaw Htin presented the 2025-2026 Union Budget Annual Report, saying that ordinary revenue collections by Union ministries and organizations nearly met their targets, while capital revenue and debt receipts fell short.

He explained that lower-than-planned capital revenue was mainly due to delays in foreign aid-funded projects. Debt receipts also fell short because loan repayments from departments and borrowers, including COVID-19 relief loans, were not fully recovered. Ordinary expenditure nearly met its target, with lower interest payments on foreign loans and reduced contributions to international organisations. Capital and debt expenditures also fell short due to construction delays, late delivery of power plant spare parts, tender savings, suspended foreign-funded projects and difficulties transferring loan repayments to creditor countries.

He urged ministries and organizations to prepare realistic budget estimates based on revenues and expenditures that could actually be achieved within each financial year. He asked the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to review and approve the annual report under Section 19 of the Union Budget Law. The meeting will resume on 16 October. — News Team/KTZH

Ma Mya Dam's water released from emergency spillway; repair work underway

REPAIR work is continuing on the slope of Ma Mya Dam in Myanaung Township, Ayeyawady Region, following a subsidence of the reservoir embankment on the morning of 10 October. Water is being released through the emer-

gency spillway to reduce the dam's water level.

To protect the affected section along the dam's upper waterline from rainwater, sunlight and wave impacts, tarpaulins are being carefully placed over the area. Earthwork

is also being carried out to prevent further subsidence and strengthen the outer base of the embankment slope. Tatmadaw members from the South-West Command, Myanmar Police Force members, firefighters, departmental officials

and locals are working together intensively using machinery.

In addition, water is being released through the dam's emergency spillway to reduce the stored water level by 10 feet from the elevation of 315 feet. As of



The Ma Mya Dam in Myanaung, Ayeyawady Region.

the evening of 14 October, the water level fell to 308.90 feet, a reduction of about 6.1 feet. — 100/KTZH

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Becoming a True and Responsible ...

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Their videos are often attractively edited, and they speak confidently and enthusiastically. Some use profile names such as “Teacher” or “Tr”. and present themselves as highly experienced educators. Because of their confident speaking style, clear explanations, attractive videos, and large numbers of followers, many people assume that they are fully qualified and experienced teachers.

For example, one of my female students has completed only her second year at a university of foreign languages. She is not studying at a teacher-training college or at a university specializing in teacher education. Never-

theless, she makes short videos explaining English lessons from Grades 9, 10, and 11. She speaks confidently and can explain some topics in a way that many learners understand easily. She has attracted a large number of followers, and some students have even enrolled in her online courses. Although she is still studying, she also attends additional courses for her own development, records videos, manages her online activities, and has already begun earning an income from teaching.

Her success is impressive, but it should be examined carefully. People who see her videos may not know her actual educational background or level of experience. They may see

only a confident young lady who can explain familiar topics clearly. As a result, they may admire her as if she were a veteran teacher and enrol their children in her courses. However, being able to explain a particular lesson is not the same as being a fully qualified professional teacher. A professional teacher should also understand educational psychology, classroom management, lesson planning, assessment, child development, teaching ethics, and the different needs of individual learners.

This does not mean that young online instructors are necessarily bad teachers. Some may be intelligent, hardworking, enthusiastic, and genu-

inely helpful. They may even explain certain topics more clearly than some experienced teachers. Their ability to communicate knowledge in a simple and interesting way is valuable. However, talent and popularity should not be confused with professional qualifications and long-term teaching experience. Depending on their actual work, it may be more accurate to call them online instructors, content creators, or private tutors. They should be honest about their educational background and should not create a false impression that they are professionally trained or highly experienced if they are not.

Parents and students

should also make careful decisions before enrolling in an online course. They should consider the educator’s qualifications, educational background, actual teaching experience, accuracy of lessons, suitability of teaching methods, and feedback from reliable learners. Video quality, confident speech, a large number of followers, and high income may show popularity or business success, but they do not automatically prove teaching quality.

The right attitude for every teacher, especially a young or newly appointed one, is humility. Instead of thinking, “I have been appointed, I receive a salary, or I have many followers, so I am already a master teacher,” one should think, “I have been given an opportunity to teach, but I must continue studying

and improving.” Teaching is not merely a job or a title. It is a noble profession and an important social responsibility because teachers influence students’ knowledge, character, confidence, and future.

In brief, graduation, official appointment, and salary mark the beginning of a teacher’s career. Likewise, social-media popularity may open the door to online teaching, but it does not by itself make someone a master teacher. A truly good teacher is formed through professional knowledge, practical experience, careful preparation, ethical responsibility, humility, continuous learning, and genuine concern for students. Being able to share knowledge is an important first step; becoming a competent and responsible teacher is a lifelong journey.

New wave of American fast-food chains
bets on China’s younger generation

Modern Chinese youths do not just buy food; they look for brands that provide a sense of lifestyle or identity.

AT noon on a September day, the line outside the newly opened Church’s Texas Chicken, a fried chicken shop from Atlanta in the United States, wound back two or three times, filling nearly half the walkway on a downtown Shanghai food street.

After about an hour, two young women were nearing the end of the line. “It’s a first store, so a bigger crowd is only normal,” one said. Behind them was an eager buyer surnamed Shi, who had studied in Canada. The bone-in fried chicken felt like an old acquaintance, he said. “It’s juicier.”

Across the street, Gao, the owner of a herbal tea shop, had grown used to the long queue out front. She recalled the crowds were even bigger in the first few days after open-



People walk past a KFC restaurant in downtown Shanghai, east China, 15 June 2026. PHOTO: XINHUA

ing. “They lined up from 9 am to 10 pm.”

This American fast-food chain is the latest to make high-profile inroads into the Chinese mainland market. While McDonald’s and KFC, which entered China over three decades ago, have long been etched

in the memories of Chinese millennials, a new wave of US fast-food brands is once again betting on China’s younger generation.

In early August, Virginia-based burger brand Five Guys opened its first two Beijing locations at two Joy City malls, following its

2021 Shanghai debut. The chain, which prides itself on using fresh ingredients and no freezers, charges around 100 yuan (about US\$15) per meal, pricier than expected. Even weeks after opening, customers still line up for their orders.

— Xinhua

IMF expects Israel’s
economy to grow 4.5% in
2026

THE International Monetary Fund (IMF) expects Israel’s economic growth to accelerate to 4.5 per cent in 2026, up from 3.5 per cent in 2025, according to its October 2026 World Economic Outlook issued on Tuesday.

The latest projection marks a significant upward revision from the IMF’s April forecast, which put Israel’s growth at 3.5 per cent for the current year.

However, the Fund expects growth to ease slightly to 4.4 per cent in 2027. In July, the Bank of Israel’s Research Department projects GDP growth of 5.5 per cent next year.

The IMF also lowered its inflation forecast for Israel in 2026 to 1.8 per cent, down from 2.3 per cent in its April report. Globally, the IMF nudged up its 2026 economic growth forecast to 3.1 per cent, up 0.1 percentage point from its July projection. The Fund said a boom in artificial intelligence investment was helping offset economic weakness in countries affected by the conflict in the Middle East. — Xinhua



People visit the International Autonomous Unmanned Systems and Robotics Conference and Exhibition at LAGO conference centre in Rishon Lezion, Israel, on 15 October 2018. PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE

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M.V AS SUSANNA VOY.NO. (0059N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V AS SUSANNA VOY.NO. (0059N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **15-10-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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M.V SITC HUIMING VOY.NO. (2613N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SITC HUIMING VOY.NO. (2613N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **15-10-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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India's rice export earnings rise 12.9% in Apr-Aug

INDIA'S rice export earnings rose 12.9 per cent to Rs45,739 crore during April-August 2026, with stable trade policies, accessible incentives and better market access needed to sustain the growth, according to the Indian Rice Exporters' Federation (IREF).

Basmati rice exports

contributed Rs22,864 crore, up 11.6 per cent, while non-Basmati exports reached Rs22,874 crore, registering growth of 14.2 per cent over April-August 2025, the federation said in a release. The figures reflect growth in export value in rupee terms rather than physical shipment volumes. — ANI



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CHANGING THE NAME OF TRADING

Notice is hereby given that the official trade name has been changed of Asia Bonanza Agro Co., Ltd for the following product manufactured by Hangzhou Xinlong Industrial Co., Ltd.

Sr.	Old Trade Name	New Trade Name	Active Ingredient Name	Registration Type	Registration Number
1.	Intera "EM" Three	Intera	Emamectin Benzoate 1.0% EC	Provisional	F2025-5198

We invite objections to Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture, 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.

Asia Bonanza Agro Co., Ltd. (Address: No.6B/407, Yadanar Hninsi Residence Dagon Seikkan Township, Yangon Region, Myanmar. Ph: 09977207430, 09750370722)

Transferring Distributor for Registered Products

Distribution of following pesticide registered by AGRODAN CHEMICAL Co., Ltd. is transferring from Myanmar AGD Agro Co., Ltd to FARM LINK Co., Ltd. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Co Secretary, Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board, West Gyogone, Insein Township within (14) days.

Sr	Trade Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No
1.	Double Beat	Emamectin benzoate 10% + Lufenuron 40% WDG	P2026-7011

PESTICIDE TRADE NAME CHANGE ADVERTISING

The following three pesticides distributed by Topagri Myanmar Co.,Ltd and here we would like to pesticide trade name change advertising. Anyone who would like to object or inquiry about new trade name contact within 14 days to Joint-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayint Naung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon. Topagri Myanmar Co.,Ltd. Tel:09-401573814

Sr.	Old Trade Name	New Trade Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
1.	Wang Bayin	NAB-Daung Ekarit	Fenoxaprop-P-ethyl 7.5% EC	P2025-6831

MANUFACTURER NAME CHANGE ADVERTISING

Pesticide Registration Board granted registration of the following (1) pesticide with their Manufacturer Name as "Qingdao KingAgroot Resistant Weed Control Co.,Ltd". The Manufacturer Name of this pesticide will be changed from "Qingdao KingAgroot Resistant Weed Control Co.,Ltd" to "Shandong KingAgroot CropScience Co.,Ltd". People's Republic of China as below

Sr.	Product Name	Registration No.	Current Manufacturer Name	New Manufacturer Name
1.	Riceguard 40 OD	Cyhalofop-butyl 40% OD	Qingdao KingAgroot Resistant Weed Control Co.,Ltd	Shandong KingAgroot CropScience Co.,Ltd

Any objection regarding to this can be lodged within 14 days to the Co-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture, Insein Township, Yangon. "Shandong KingAgroot CropScience Co.,Ltd".

PESTICIDE TRADE NAME CHANGE ADVERTISING

The following Seven pesticides distributed by Yazt Pone Thee Co.,Ltd and here we would like to pesticide trade name change advertising. Anyone who would like to object or inquiry about new trade name contact within 14 days to Joint-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayint Naung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon. Yazt Pone Thee Co.,Ltd Tel:09-401573814

Sr.	Old Trade Name	New Trade Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
1.	NAB-QB 36 WP	Q One 36 WP	Bensulfuron-methyl 3% + Quinclorac 33% WP	F2021-3252
2.	NAB-Done Pyan 10 SC	CHLORIX 10 SC	Chlorfenapyr 10% SC	F2023-4076
3.	NAB-Phalan 72 WP	Meta Pro 72 WP	Chlorothalonil 64% + Metalaxyl 8% WP	F2023-4230
4.	NAB-Boss 25 EC	Pyravo 25 EC	Pyraclostrobin 25% EC	P2021-4502
5.	NAB-Duro	Lufigo	Chlorfenapyr 19% + Lufenuron 5% SC	P2024-5351
6.	NAB-Nest	Paddy Master 20 SC	Bispyribac-sodium 5% + Cyhalofop-butyl 15% SC	P2024-5390
7.	Red Shark 5 WDG	Emizo 5 WDG	Emamectin benzoate 5% WDG	F2024-4608

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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Hyundai Motor Group commits
US\$15.5B investment in India
through 2032

India remains one of Hyundai Motor Group's most important and strategic markets globally.

HYUNDAI Motor Group announced a long-term investment strategy committing US\$15.5 B to India from 2026 through 2032. The seven-year programme focuses on manufacturing expansion, research and development infrastructure, supplier development, and future mobility technologies to position India as a key hub for global operations.

The announcement followed a meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Hyundai Motor Group Executive Chair Euisun Chung at the Prime Minister's Office in New Delhi on 13 October 2026, where both sides reviewed the company's



Meeting between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Hyundai Motor Group Executive Chair Euisun Chung at the Prime Minister's Office in New Delhi on 13 October 2026. PHOTO: HYUNDAI/ANI

expansion plans across the domestic automotive sector.

Under the frame-

work, the Group plans to establish a dedicated investment entity in India to coordinate capital al-

location across research, local supplier networks, and next-generation mobility projects. — ANI

Germany's CDU
recalibrates
strategy amid
economic woes

GERMANY'S conservative Christian Democratic Union (CDU) concluded a two-day closed-door leadership meeting on Monday, vowing to regain voter trust through a renewed focus on economic affordability, social justice and security.

The meeting took place amid mounting domestic political pressure, with Germany facing economic anxieties, rising living costs and growing voter dissatisfaction. At a press conference following the meeting, German Chancellor and CDU leader Friedrich Merz said the party must work its way out of a "crisis of trust". — Xinhua

Japan Coast Guard studies
use of AI-powered aerial drone
to detect poaching



A screenshot from Kyodo News footage shows an artificial intelligence-powered drone trialed in Yokosuka, Kanagawa Prefecture, on 1 August 2026. PHOTO:

A local coast guard office in Kanagawa Prefecture is studying the use of an artificial intelligence-powered aerial drone to counter the poaching of marine products. The Yokosuka Coast Guard Office, which usually monitors poachers by sight, conducted a drone trial on the coast of Yokosuka, near Tokyo, this summer in cooperation with a university. The drone was able to detect poaching of turban shells in August when the video feed from the drone camera showed a man swimming and labelled him as "Suspicious". The drone "will help us to monitor more efficiently", a coast guard official said.

Makoto Motoki, professor at Kanto Gakuin University, and his research team have been training the detection system with coast guard officers playing the role of poachers. — Kyodo

NEWS IN BRIEF

AI could cause 'major' incidents
within 2 years without safeguards

ARTIFICIAL intelligence systems could cause "major" security incidents within two years without adequate steps to make them safe as capabilities grow, Google's DeepMind chair Demis Hassabis said Wednesday.

Speaking at an AI conference in Dublin, Hassabis described recent incidents as "early warning shots" fired by systems that "aren't that powerful yet".

"So the incidents aren't that major," he said. "But they could be, looking into next year and the next couple of years, if we don't do more work as an industry and individually as companies and governments on securing these systems," Hassabis warned.

Concerns about AI safety have soared after models developed by OpenAI and Anthropic were involved in security incidents during testing, piling on pressure to regulate the technology. Hassabis said new AI models should probably first be tested in offline "sandboxes", after other companies' models escaped the closed environments used to assess their capabilities. — AFP

Yemen's Houthis claim large-scale
missile, drone attack on Saudi
airport, oil facilities

YEMEN'S Houthi group said Wednesday it had launched a large-scale missile and drone attack targeting an airport and oil facilities in Saudi Arabia, vowing to continue strikes against Saudi targets in the coming days.

In a statement broadcast by Houthi-run al-Masirah TV, Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said the group targeted Saudi energy giant Aramco in Dhahran in the Eastern Province, as well as King Khalid International Airport and an Aramco refinery in Riyadh.

According to Sarea, the operation involved "a large number of ballistic and cruise missiles and drones", which accurately hit their targets, causing damage and fires.

The Houthi spokesperson said the operation was carried out in retaliation for Saudi Arabia-led strikes on the Houthi-held capital of Sanaa and other areas under the group's control. He said Saudi-led forces had carried out 2,281 air and missile strikes since the latest escalation began. — Xinhua

First US rotational troops arrive in
Lithuania

THE first US troops of a new rotational deployment have arrived in Lithuania, President Gitanas Nauseda announced on Tuesday, marking the resumption of American troop rotations in the Baltic country.

Lithuanian Defence Minister Robertas Kaunas said in September that two US battalions were expected to arrive by the end of October, bringing the American military presence in Lithuania back to more than 1,000 personnel, broadly in line with previous deployments.

More than 1,000 US troops and their military equipment began leaving Lithuania in early June following the completion of their rotation. The arrival of their replacements was subsequently delayed as Washington reviewed its military presence in Europe. US forces have conducted rotational deployments in Lithuania since 2014, with heavy battalion rotations beginning in 2019. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Myanmar player from
US Division III to join
national team

AUNG Thiike Tun, a 25-year-old Myanmar national and Division III soccer player in the United States, arrived in Yangon to join the Myanmar national team.

Invited by the Myanmar team's head coach Anderson, Aung Thiike Tun arrived at the Yangon International Airport on 13 October to join the national team's training.

He is a student-athlete in the United States.

He plays as a right defender for his US club team. "We will need to wait



Aung Thiike Tun is seen arriving at the airport.

and see how much his arrival can support the Myanmar national team. If he can use the soccer experience that he acquired in the United States, it will be an exciting opportunity for the national team. But to become a national player, the player's current skills, the coach's tactics and being in harmony with other team players are essential. In particular, we will have to watch what advantages draw Coach Anderson's eye to him," said a Myanmar football analyst. — TWA/ZS

Record participation expected at 2027
Winter Universiade in Changchun

A record 3,716 participants from 63 countries and regions have registered for the 2027 Winter Universiade in Changchun, northeast China's Jilin Province, organizers announced Wednesday.

The Games, scheduled for 15 to 25 January, will feature 97 medal events across 12 disciplines. Organizers said the number of registrations was the highest in Winter Universiade history.

China is assembling a delegation of about 400 members, including approximately 240 athletes, and plans to compete in 11 of the 12 disciplines, with ice hockey the only exception.

"I hope the Changchun Winter Universiade will inspire more young people to take an inter-



The flame cauldron is seen during a flame welcome ceremony of Changchun 2027 Winter Universiade in Changchun, northeast China's Jilin Province, 14 October 2026. PHOTO: XINHUA

est in ice and snow sports, get involved and develop a lasting passion for them," Chinese curler Dong Ziqi said.

Curling competition is scheduled to begin 12 January, three days before the official opening, while popular events including short-track speedskating, speedskating, freestyle skiing and aerials will take place on weekends. — Xinhua

Rose urges Cherries to bounce back from Chelsea 'slap'

BOURNEMOUTH boss Marco Rose hopes getting a "real slap" in a 5-1 defeat at Chelsea will spark a positive reaction from his players in the club's first home European fixture against Sturm Graz on Thursday.

The Cherries marked their Europa League debut with a 2-1 win at Real Sociedad. But they slipped to a 1-0 loss to Liverpool before Saturday's comprehensive defeat at Stamford Bridge, where they conceded two goals in the opening three minutes.

Bournemouth finished an impressive sixth in the Premier League last season under former manager Andoni Iraola, now in charge of Liverpool. — AFP

Medvedev sees off Tsitsipas to reach
Shanghai Masters quarters

DANIIL Medvedev beat Stefanos Tsitsipas in straight sets to reach the quarterfinals of the Shanghai Masters on Wednesday, setting up a meeting with Tommy Paul.

Medvedev did not face a single break point in defeating the 28-year-old Greek 6-4, 7-5.

"I felt like I was playing very well today," said Medvedev, the fifth seed.

"I put a lot of pressure on him in the first set.

"Second set, different story. Very tight one. I'm



Russia's Daniil Medvedev beat Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece 6-4, 7-5 to reach the quarterfinals of the Shanghai Masters. PHOTO: AFP

happy that I managed... to get some good returns, get some good rhythm," the 30-year-old said.

The Russian broke his opponent's serve to go up 6-5 in the second set and closed things out in one

hour and 24 minutes.

The players were meeting in the singles draw for the 16th time on Tour, with 6th-ranked Medvedev improving his head-to-head record to 11 wins. Medvedev won the Shanghai tournament in 2019. His next opponent Paul meanwhile beat Zizou Bergs 7-6 (7/5), 6-4.

"I know sometimes it's hard to back up a big win," Paul said of the 39th-ranked Belgian, who upset second-seeded Carlos Alcaraz in the previous round. — AFP

Forlan buoyed by
Uruguay restart after
World Cup

DIEGO Forlan has offered a positive appraisal of his first matches in charge of Uruguay's national team, applauding his players' attitude in a recent three-stop friendly tour of Asia.

The Celeste lost 3-1 to Japan in Miyagi on 24 September before beating South Korea 4-1 in Seoul four days later and then cruising past India 6-1 in Kolkata on 6 October.

"The feeling was great," Forlan told a news conference on Tuesday. "The team showed its quality throughout. We were able to give debuts to several players and the established ones performed at a very high level. It was a pleasure to be a part of the group."

Forlan replaced Marcelo Bielsa as manager in August, weeks after the team's failure to reach the knockout stage of the FIFA World Cup. — Xinhua



Lunar samples to be displayed at 16th Airshow China

LUNAR samples from the near and the far sides of the moon will be on display at the 16th China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition, also known as Airshow China, the State Administration of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defence (SASTIND) said Tuesday.

Visitors can closely observe the differences between the lunar samples brought back by Chang’e-5 from the near side of the moon and Chang’e-6 from the far side of the moon, Yi Lin, a SASTIND official

told a media conference in Beijing, held to announce details of the exhibition.

The airshow is scheduled from 7 to 13 December in Zhuhai, a coastal city in south China’s Guangdong Province.

According to Zhang Hu, executive vice-governor of Guangdong, the scale of this year’s airshow has been expanded, with an indoor exhibition area of 135,000 square metres. More than 3,000 pieces of equipment are expected to be on display, with about 10 per cent of them making their debut. — Xinhua

Trump says “massive” oil, gas and mineral exploration to begin in Greenland



The image shows a Polaroil fuel storage tank located above the port in Nuuk, Greenland. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/POLAROIL**

US President Donald Trump said Wednesday that “massive” oil, gas and mineral exploration is “getting ready” to begin in Greenland.

Writing on his Truth Social platform, Trump suggested that experts believe the Arctic island owns an amount of “easily available oil” which is “far greater than that of almost any land, anywhere in the world”.

He did not provide any specific estimates or elaborate on the exploration

plans.

Trump also said any future attack on the United States would “have to come across Greenland, where our Defense will routinely knock down drones, missiles, or any other form of weapon not yet even conceived”.

Trump’s remarks followed a wide-ranging deal signed in late September by the United States, Denmark and Greenland to expand the US military presence on the island. — Xinhua

New bridge linking China, DPRK to facilitate trade, people-to-people exchanges: spokesperson

China and the DPRK are friendly neighbours connected by mountains and rivers.

A new bridge across the Yalu River, the border river of China and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), will further facilitate trade and people-to-people exchanges between the two countries, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said on Wednesday.

As agreed upon by China and the DPRK, the bridge will officially open to traffic on Thursday, with both sides jointly holding an opening ceremony on that day.

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A view of the new bridge across the Yalu River in Dandong, northeast China’s Liaoning Province. **PHOTO: VCG/CGTN**

bridge is an important facility for connectivity between the two countries, Mao said at a

regular press briefing. The bridge is expected to boost bilateral trade and people-to-people

exchanges, and help improve the well-being of both peoples, she said. — Xinhua

Russia cuts foreign dependence cord by building homegrown fiber optics

sia slashes dependence on foreign DWDM suppliers, which is a major stride towards digital sovereignty. — SPUTNIK

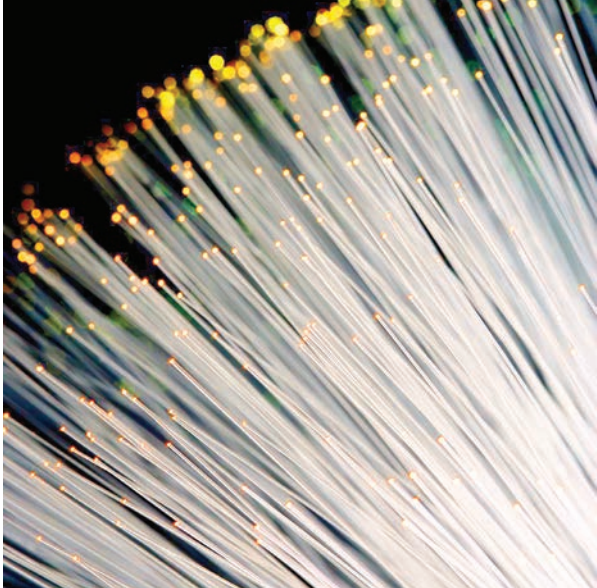
ROSTELECOM has completed work on the Bulat DWDM system, a platform designed for backbone and international communication links.

- The system provides up to 96 optical channels at speeds running from 10–200 Gbps — over a single fiber pair
- Modular by design, it lets operators scale up capacity by dropping in a new transmitter at

a different wavelength. And even more important - no new cables required

- Works with third-party hardware and software, and can plug into existing networks without vendor lock-in
- Next-generation cards targeting 400–800 Gbps are in the works, with prototypes expected in 2027

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Rostelecom has completed work on the Bulat DWDM system. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ BRITANNICA**