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Space Education Key to Expanding Younger Generations' Space Knowledge



President U Min Aung Hlaing tours the competition venue and observes basic education students enthusiastically participating in yesterday's Space-Themed Painting, Cartoon and Poster Contest and Space Technology Exhibition.

Continued research and efforts are needed to apply space and AI technologies to advance agriculture and livestock breeding.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing stressed the need to collect data on the country's natural resources, including water resources, through the application of space technology and make effective use of the information for beneficial purposes.

The President said so at the ceremony to open the Basic Education Level Space-Themed Painting, Cartoon and Poster Contest and the Space Technological Exhibition, which took place at the Myanmar International Convention Centre I (MICC I) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

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71 Onshore, Offshore Oil & Gas Blocks Opened to Domestic Investors

UNION Minister for Electricity and Energy U Ko Ko Lwin invited domestic business leaders to boost investment in the 71 onshore and offshore oil and gas blocks.

He called for investors during the meeting held on 6 November in Nay Pyi Taw, encouraging domestic entrepreneurs to invest more in the electricity and energy sectors.

"These are great opportunities. We are discussing today to move forward to actual implementation," the Union minister said.

The blocks currently available for investment and implementation are 29 open blocks and 10 termination blocks onshore, 39 in total; and 27 open blocks and five termination blocks offshore, 32 in total.

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Proof of family remittance required for PJ passport extensions in S'pore

MYANMAR nationals in Singapore must provide evidence of family remittances for the past three months when applying for an extension of their PJ (passport for job) passport, according to an announcement from the Myanmar Embassy in Singapore on 9 November.

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The Myanmar Embassy in Singapore.

Yangon-Bagan Train Tickets Go Online Soon

MYANMA Railways has announced plans to introduce online ticket sales for trains No 61 Up and No 62 Down operating between Yangon and Bagan in the near future.

Currently, Yangon-Bagan train tickets are being sold at Yangon Railway Station and Bagan Station, one day in advance for ordinary class seats and three days in advance for upper class seats and sleeper options. MR said Yangon-Bagan train tickets will be sold soon via the Online Rail Transport System (ORTP) website.

The Yangon-Bagan train departs Yangon Railway Station every Friday and returns on Tuesday. However, Myanma Railways (MR) said there are currently no plans to introduce diesel-electric multiple unit (DEMU) trains on the route, despite the planned introduction of online ticketing.

The Yangon-Bagan train stops at 23 stations: Thayawady, Letpadan, Minhla, Okpo, Gyobingauk, Zigon, Nattalin, Paungde, Padeegon, Thaegon, Sinmeeswe, Pyay (Shwetaga), Aunglan, Satthwa, Taungdwingyi, Myothit, Natmauk, Layeain, Thahmya, Pinchaung, Kyaukpadaung, Ngaminmae and Sute, along the journey. — TWA/ZS



A train departs from Yangon and stops at Bagan Station.

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Dates Announced for Overseas Voters to Collect and Submit Form 15

THE Union Election Commission has announced that the by-election will be held on 4 April 2027 (Sunday).

Pursuant to the respective Hluttaw Election Rule 82 (a), the following dates are hereby announced:

1. Overseas voters may collect Form 15 from the respective embassies to enable them to cast advance votes using advance ballot papers on 11 November 2026.
   [Form 15 is downloadable at the Union Election Commission's Website, Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Website and at the websites of relevant embassies.]
2. Overseas voters may submit duly completed Form 15 to the respective embassies from 12 November 2026 to 2 December 2026.

Sd/ Than Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Myanmar Gazette

Appointment of Head of Service Organization

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Dr Tun Myint Aung, Deputy Director-General (Construction) of the Department of Rural Road Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, as Director-General of the same organization from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

EARTHQUAKE

Tuesday, 10 November 2026 - 00:00

A slight earthquake of magnitude 3.7 (M) with its epicentre inside Myanmar (about three miles east-northeast of Pyigyitagon), latitude 21.91°N, longitude 96.16°E, with a depth of 11 kilometres, about eight miles south-southeast of the Mandalay Seismological Observatory was recorded at 18 hours, 34 minutes, and 25 seconds MST on 10 November 2026. — DMH



Chinese Embassy offers Kathina robes to SSMNC Sayadaws

THE Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar and the Myanmar-China Buddhist Friendship and Cultural Exchange Association offered Kathina robes to the Vice-Chairman Sayadaw of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Bhaddanta Candavarabhivamsa, and 21 other venerable monks at a ceremony held at Kaba Aye Monastery in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, on 7 November.



The Kathina robe offering ceremony held for the Vice-Chairman Sayadaw of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and 21 other venerable monks, jointly organized by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar and the Myanmar-China Buddhist Friendship and Cultural Exchange Association.

The ceremony was attended by officials from the Myanmar-China Buddhist Friendship and Cultural Exchange Association, the Myanmar-China Investment and Trade Promotion Association, the Myanmar Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and 18 chambers of commerce representing the business communities of 18 Chinese provinces with investments in Myanmar. Representatives of Myanmar philanthropic and rescue organizations, as well as social welfare, philanthropic and relief associations representing the Fujian, Yunnan and Guangdong communities in Myanmar, also attended the ceremony to pay their respects and make donations. — ASH/ TH

Yamethin hosts El Niño awareness talk

THE Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, in collaboration with township-level departmental officials, held a public awareness talk in Ziphyugon Model Village, Yamethin Township, Mandalay Region, yesterday to enhance health-related knowledge and El Niño preparedness among rural residents.

At the event, officials from the District Department of Social Welfare, Township Department of Public Health, and Department of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary delivered awareness talks on gender issues, healthcare, and livestock management, while explaining precautionary measures and practices to follow and avoid during El Niño weather conditions.

Yamethin Township Department of Rural Development Head Daw Aye Aye Win detailed measures for reducing smoke and haze, proper waste disposal, and preventing communicable diseases caused by environmental and indoor air pollution. She also highlighted potential water shortages stemming from El Niño and urged residents to collect and store drinking water in advance.

Departmental officials also distributed health and El Niño educational pamphlets to community elders and residents attending the talk. — Sein Lwin (Rural)

Special Weather News

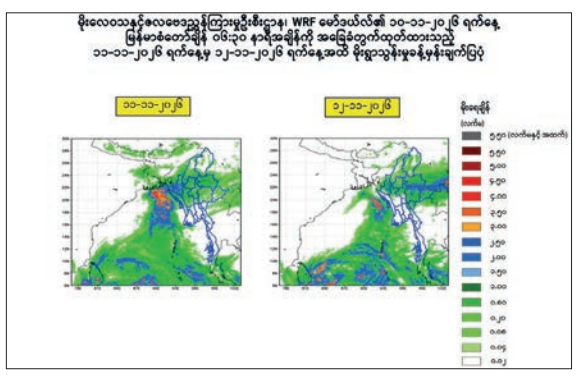
Issued at 7 pm MST on 10 November 2026

ACCORDING to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, due to the convergence of warm air from the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal and cold air from China, high-pressure system such as rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway and Lower Sagaing Regions and Chin, Rakhine, Shan States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing Regions and Rakhine, (northern and southern) Shan States from tonight to 12 November 2026.

Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 25-30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 7-9 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

People should be aware of the convergence of warm air from the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal and cold air from China, and of high-pressure systems, which may bring heavy rainfall, strong winds, flash floods, and landslides in hilly areas, as well as impacts on small rivers, inland water transport, and domestic flights. — DMH



NATIONAL

HLUTTAW

Pyithu Hluttaw Addresses Infrastructure, Transport, and Illegal Immigration

THE 26th day of the Third Regular Session of the Third Pyithu Hluttaw convened in Nay Pyi Taw, led by Speaker U Khin Yi, to address key regional infrastructure, transport, and immigration issues.

Deputy ministers fielded five major inquiries from lawmakers during the session. Addressing irrigation and drinking water supply in Lashio, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Bo Bo Kyaw reported that funds to repair storm damage across three sections of the Kaukkway reservoir canal system will be sought in the 2027-2028 Union and supplementary budgets before water distribution can fully resume.



The 26th-day sitting of the Third Pyithu Hluttaw's third regular session is underway in Nay Pyi Taw, chaired by Speaker U Khin Yi and Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn.

Regarding rail transport, Deputy Minister for Transport U Aung Myaing explained that the Yangon-Pyay DEMU express train will not add a stop at Padeegon station, noting that existing services adequately cover its roughly 95 daily passengers and that an additional stop would cause unacceptable transit delays. On municipal vehicle registration, he clarified that re-registering non-Yangon vehicles under Yangon addresses remains limited to specific exemptions, such as locally assembled vehicles and commercial electric vehicles.

On law enforcement, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Lin Zaw Tun outlined ongoing joint operations with the Ministry of Home Affairs to inspect, detain, and deport undocumented foreigners and visa violators. He also noted that construction funding for a new PutaO township immigration office was omitted from recent regular budgets but will be pursued via supplementary funding.

The session closed with the presentation of a committee report scrutinizing government pledges, with proceedings scheduled to resume on 11 November. — News Team/ST

Space Education Key to Expanding Younger Generations' Space ...

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At the opening ceremony, the President said that it is necessary to continuously conduct research and make concerted efforts to apply space technology and artificial intelligence (AI) in analysis and assessment to promote the development of agriculture and livestock breeding, which are the country's main economic sectors, and to gain information on soil, water and crop conditions for timely planning and management.

The President gave guidance to officials to strive for promotion of greater interest in space technology by organizing exhibitions and competitions related to space, as well as continuously upgrading and enhancing space-related knowledge in line with the times to ensure that younger generations gain a better understanding of the subject.

On the occasion, the President pressed the button to open the contest and exhibition by applying digital technology.

He visited the space technological galleries such as the space and AI-applied agricultural system gallery, the weather and natural environmental monitoring system from the space and AI-applied booth, the gallery showcasing satellite technological applications, a question-and-answer session through AI, AI-applied games, and the science, technology, engineering and mathematics sciences, the booth on planetarium and space technology, the space exploration gallery, and the Deep Space Exploration Research Exhibition.

Officials escorted the President around the galleries of the exhibition.

The President and party observed the participation of students at the Basic Education Level Space-Themed Painting, Cartoon and Poster Competitions.

The President also viewed the prize-winning works of painting, cartoons, and posters from the previous contest.

After the ceremony, the President and party posed for documentary photos and cordially greeted the student contestants.

Also present at the ceremony were Vice-Presidents U Nyo Saw and Nan Ni Ni Aye, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Ye Win Oo, Union ministers, the Chief Executive Officer of Myanmar Space Agency, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, the Chairman of the Space Science and Technological Development Commission, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, deputy ministers and officials from the Space Science and Technological Development Commission, teachers and student contestants.

The contest and exhibition are being organized under the supervision of the Nay Pyi Taw Council and the Myanmar Space Agency with the aim of encouraging future generations of young people to take an interest in space science and technology and to express their scientific imagination and creativity through art.

The contests will be held in three categories: the primary education level, under the theme "Dreams of Space", yesterday; the middle school level, under the theme "Humanity and the Future of Space", on 11 November; and the high school level, under the theme "Exploring and Applying Space Technology", on 12 November. The prize-giving ceremony will be held on 13 November. — MNA/TTA

DIPLOMACY

MoFA UM accepts Letter of Consular Commission from Kenyan Honorary Consul

U Tin Maung Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, accepted the Letter of Consular Commission from Dr Saw Htay Myint, newly-accredited Honorary Consul of the Government of the Republic of Kenya to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and presented him the exequatur at the office of the Union Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. — MoFA



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Tin Maung Swe presents the exequatur to Kenya's Honorary Consul.

DIPLOMACY

U Myo Moe Aung concurrently accredited as Ambassador of Myanmar to Republic of Uzbekistan

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myo Moe Aung, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Russian Federation, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Uzbekistan. — MoFA

NATIONAL

HLUTTAW

MPs briefed on parliamentary procedures and code of conduct

U Maung Maung Ohn, Deputy Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw and Chairman of the Hluttaw Rights Committee, delivered a briefing on parliamentary procedures governing questions and motions, as practised in international parliaments, and the Code of Conduct (CoC) for MPs at the Hluttaw Hall in the Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.



Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn briefs MPs on parliamentary procedures and the Code of Conduct (CoC) in Nay Pyi Taw.

The briefing was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and Defence Services Hluttaw representatives. During the briefing, the Deputy Speaker highlighted the importance of asking questions and submitting motions in fulfilling the Hluttaw's three main functions: legislation, representation of the people, and oversight of the executive branch.

He then gave a brief comparative overview of parliamentary procedures in the United States, the United Kingdom, India and Thailand. Based on the provisions of the Pyithu Hluttaw Rules, he explained the requirements and procedures governing questions under Rules 139 to 145 and motions under Rules 155 to 158. Regarding the Code of Conduct for MPs, he stressed that representatives must perform their duties with integrity, accountability and transparency, while prioritizing the interests of the public. They must also avoid using their positions and authority for personal gain and prevent conflicts of interest.

He further emphasized that adherence to the Code of Conduct is essential to safeguarding the dignity of the Hluttaw and maintaining public trust.

The Deputy Speaker also explained that the Hluttaw is formulating a five-year strategic plan, maintaining engagement with international parliaments and arranging overseas visits for parliamentary representatives.

Following the presentation, he responded to questions and discussed matters raised by the attending representatives. — MNA/ST

Ongoing precautionary measures against drinking water shortages in Dekkhinathiri

AUTHORITIES conducted a field inspection yesterday to assess the operational status of existing water sources and ensure a sufficient drinking water supply in Nyaunggon, Padaukgon, and Gwaytaukyoe villages of Dekkhinathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw, aiming to prevent water shortages caused by the El Niño phenomenon.



Officials inspect measures to prevent drinking water shortages in Dekkhinathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

Township Head Daw Lei Lei Wah of the Dekkhinathiri Township Department of Rural Development, along with her staff, inspected the water collection status in storage tanks and the operation of water infrastructure previously developed by the department across the three villages to mitigate potential El Niño impacts. Furthermore, they held discussions with local communities on the systematic maintenance and usage of water collection tanks and water sources to proactively safeguard against water scarcity, while coordinating necessary support based on the community's presentations. — Nyein Thu (DRD)

Repair of partially damaged buildings in Falam People's Hospital inspected

DEPUTY Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Han, accompanied by Chin State Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Khin Maung Htwe and members of the Chin State Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Committee, inspected construction and renovation works at Falam People's Hospital yesterday morning.

They inspected a six-room, two-storey staff housing building in the hospital compound, which was 50 per cent complete. The deputy minister instructed those responsible to ensure its timely completion and handover, after which the relevant department should arrange accommodation for staff.

Head of the Chin State Public Health and Medical Services Department Dr Chan Nyein Maung briefed the deputy minister on renovation work for the opening of a temporary public hospital. The work covered the Surgery, Orthopaedic, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Maternity and X-ray departments, as well as the District Public Health Department Office and medicine storage room in an eight-room, two-storey building. Renovations were also under way at the Outpatient Department, Hospital Superintendent's Office, medical ward, Paediatric Department and laboratory in another four-room, two-storey building.

He also inspected renovation work at Nursing Training School No 2, which was 85 per cent complete. The work included preparations for training rooms, completion of the Principal's Office, renovation of the trainee dormitory and repairs to the partially damaged graduation hall.

The deputy minister inspected the fully renovated doctor's house, hospital director's house and specialist's house, and instructed officials to arrange accommodation for staff.

On 8 November, he visited Falam Municipal Market to observe market activities, cleanliness, the sale of meat, fish and locally grown vegetables, and business operations at the shops outside the market. — District IPRD/MKKS



Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Han and officials are seen during an inspection tour of Falam Township, Chin State.

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NATIONAL

Myanmar hosts 22nd ASEAN-PAC meeting

THE 22nd Principals Meeting of the ASEAN Parties Against Corruption (ASEAN-PAC) took place in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the event, the Chairman of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, who served as the previous rotating chair, delivered the opening remarks.



ASEAN-PAC Chairman U Soe Thein, Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission of Myanmar, speaks on the occasion of the 22nd Principals Meeting of the ASEAN Parties Against Corruption (ASEAN-PAC).

ASEAN-PAC Chairman U Soe Thein, Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission of Myanmar, who assumed the rotating chairmanship for the 22nd meeting, made remarks highlighting the importance of strengthening regional cooperation in promoting integrity and combating corruption.

Emphasizing the theme, "Promoting Youth Integrity for a Corruption-Free Future", he called for greater youth participation in building a society that rejects corruption and promotes integrity.

Chairman of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, who served as the previous rotating chair handed over the 22nd ASEAN-PAC chairmanship to U Soe Thein, Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission of Myanmar.

The ACC Chairman then had documentary photos together with the attendees and presented gifts.

Representatives from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam presented their respective countries' anti-corruption activities and initiatives. The meeting also reviewed ASEAN-PAC activities undertaken during Malaysia's chairmanship. The first-day meeting concluded following the presentations and discussions. In the evening, the Chairman of the Myanmar Anti-Corruption Commission hosted a dinner for delegates from ASEAN member countries. — MNA/KTZH

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The Min Ye Thu offshore block in the Mottama area.

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Moreover, 12 offshore blocks and 21 onshore blocks are currently producing oil and gas.

Upcoming offshore natural gas areas are Aung Theinkha, Min Ye Thu, Pyithaya and Block M-15. The Aung Theinkha project is working to begin natural gas production by late 2028; the Min Ye Thu project is preparing to drill two exploration wells plus one by late 2027; the Pyithaya project is working to start first gas production by late 2029; and Block M-15 will be confirmed only after drilling two exploration wells plus one this year, based on 3D seismic results measured in 2016.

According to the ministry's announcement, the four blocks: Aung Thitsa, Min Ye Thu, Pyithaya and M-15 are estimated to hold combined gas reserves of up to 109.729 trillion cubic feet. — TWA/KK

Proof of family remittance required for PJ passport ...

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The embassy offers passport extension services for PJ passport holders who have paid two per cent income tax. Starting from 10 November, PJ passport holders and those wishing to convert their passports to PJ must pay the two per cent income tax at the embassy. Additionally, they are required to submit proof of money transfers made to their families over the last three months.

Only remittance proofs obtained through authorized money transfer providers or banks will be accepted. The embassy will conduct thorough verification of the recipient's personal information, and applicants are strongly advised against submitting counterfeit documents. — TWA/ZS

Myanmar's first MSME Products Expo to launch in Thailand

MYANMAR'S first MSME Products Expo, titled "Experiencing the Taste of Golden Land Myanmar," will be held at Paradise Park in Bangkok, Thailand, from 11 am to 8 pm daily from 19 to 21 February 2027.



The press briefing on Myanmar's first MSME Products Expo, which will be held in Thailand in February 2027.

The event is jointly organized by the Union of Myanmar Bamar Ethnic Entrepreneurs Association (UMBEEA), Silver Sea International Ltd (Myanmar) and Siam River Co Ltd (Thailand).

The press briefing on the expo was held at UMFCCI in Yangon yesterday.

The expo aims to help Myanmar MSMEs promote their products and services, access Thai and international markets, establish business partnerships, and expand trade and investment opportunities. It will also promote Myanmar's tourism destinations.

The event will include ready-to-eat food products, locally made garments, handicrafts, sculptures, jewellery, software, mobile applications and tourism-related products and services.

The three-day event will also feature product sales and presentations, a traditional apparel fashion show, and presentations highlighting Myanmar's tourist attractions. — Myo Min Thura/KTZH

Panel discussion on insolvency law held

THE panel discussion on the "Current Update of Myanmar Insolvency Law", organized by the Myanmar Association of Insolvency Practitioners (MAIP), was held in a hybrid format on 8 November at the Mingala Hall of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) in Yangon.



Panel discussion on the Insolvency Law in progress.

In his opening remarks, UMFCCI Vice-President U Aye Tun stated, "When facing crises due to economic conditions and financial debt challenges, company accounts are typically liquidated and dissolved under the Insolvency Law. However, this law is not intended solely for liquidation; it also includes protective provisions to prevent a company from becoming insolvent. Through this discussion, practical challenges can be shared, strengthening collaboration among relevant participants."

The panel discussion followed, moderated by MAIP Chairman U Soe Thein. MAIP Board Members Dr Min Tin, U Wan Tin, and U Moe Kyaw, along with Daw Thida Aung, deputy director from the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration, participated as panellists. They engaged in extensive discussions on insolvency laws, company liquidation matters, topics related to Insolvency Practitioners, and corporate rehabilitation procedures. — TWA/ZN

NATIONAL

MoFA summons German Embassy's Chargé d'Affaires over his video statement released via social media

DEPUTY Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ko Ko Kyaw summoned Mr Mathias Licharz, Chargé d'Affaires of the German Embassy in Yangon to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 10 November 2026, warned against the video of the Chargé d'Affaires released via the Embassy's official social media on 8 November 2026 and handed over the aide-memoire.



MoFA Deputy Minister U Ko Ko Kyaw meets Mr Mathias Licharz, Chargé d'Affaires of the German Embassy, on 10 November 2026.

At the meeting, the deputy minister said that, being Germany with a well-established democracy in Europe, Myanmar had expected the chargé d'affaires to devote his efforts primarily to diplomatic duties, guided by a sense of professionalism. He also mentioned that the democratically elected Government was taking state responsibilities in Myanmar and that the statement of the chargé d'affaires constituted a grave insult to the Head of State of the host country as well as over 13.13 million Myanmar voters who exercised their democratic rights and participated in the election. He added that the intentional conduct, including the choice of location for the video by the chargé d'affaires, appeared to fuel opposition to the host country and its Government, thereby inciting internal unrest and undermining the credibility of the Government. He underscored that while the Government of Myanmar was making concerted efforts to achieve its two priority objectives of promoting peace and stability and advancing national development, such actions could be detrimental to national stability. In addition, he stressed that the video statement constituted a disrespectful interference in Myanmar's domestic jurisdiction and was therefore totally unacceptable.

Furthermore, the deputy minister stated that the conduct of the chargé d'affaires also drew strong public criticism, expressing their disapproval of the chargé d'affaires' inappropriate behaviour on social media. The deputy minister pointed out that the obligations of diplomatic agents under Article 41 (1) of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 include the duty to respect the laws and regulations of the receiving State and not to interfere in its internal affairs. The deputy minister also stated that should the chargé d'affaires choose to recognize U Win Myint as President and wish to discontinue his service in Myanmar, the Ministry would have no objection to his decision. Moreover, he highlighted that despite Myanmar attaching importance to its relations with Germany, mutual respect, sovereign equality and non-interference were essential foundations of diplomatic relations and must be strictly observed. He informed that the behaviour of the chargé d'affaires was incompatible with the standards of diplomatic discretion and restraint and therefore strongly objected to it.

The deputy minister also demanded a formal explanation on the conduct of the chargé d'affaires, including whether the statement, the choice of location and its public dissemination were authorized or instructed by the German Federal Foreign Office or on his own initiative. Finally, the deputy minister strongly warned against recurrence of such an act and informed him that any similar conduct would be treated with utmost seriousness and would take appropriate actions in accordance with international law and established diplomatic practice. — MoFA

35th North-East Monsoon Forum opens



DMH Director-General Dr Kyaw Moe Oo delivers the opening address at yesterday's event.

THE opening ceremony of the 35th North-East Monsoon Forum 2026 was held yesterday at the Multi-Hazard Early Warning Centre in Nay Pyi Taw. It was organized by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH), the Ministry of Transport.

Dr Kyaw Moe Oo, Director-General of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH), delivered the opening remarks at this forum. Departmental representatives from disaster management, agriculture, water resources management and other related sectors, together with officials and staff members from the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, attended the forum, with a total of 47 participants.

The forum discussed the review of meteorological and hydrological forecasts and agro-meteorological conditions during the 2026 Southwest Monsoon Season; the seasonal weather outlook and water level forecasts for the 2026-2027 Northeast Monsoon Season; and lessons learned by relevant sectors during the 2026 Southwest Monsoon Season. The discussions also covered the prevailing Strong El Niño conditions in 2026-2027 and their sectoral impacts and potential impacts on river water levels during the low-flow period, and seismic disaster potential in Myanmar and after events of the Mandalay Earthquake. Moreover, the forum emphasized the importance of effectively utilizing the forecasts for the 2026-2027 winter season and implementing appropriate preparedness measures to mitigate the potential impacts associated with the El Niño phenomenon. – DMH

Gyobingauk's completed concrete wheel-track road inspected

THE construction of an internal village concrete wheel-track road in Ywathit Village, Gyobingauk Township, funded by the Village Development Project (VDP) support fund and local villagers' contributions, has now been 100 per cent completed. The project was executed by the Gyobingauk Township Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, Thayawady District, Bago Region, starting in the fourth week of September.

The construction of the two-wheel track concrete road measuring 528 feet in length, two feet and six inches in width, and six inches in thickness was implemented with a total budget of K18.63 million, comprising K15 million from the VDP support fund and K3.63 million contributed by the local community. Under the close supervision of staff from the Department of Rural Development, the villagers themselves began the implementation in the fourth week of September, and it is now fully completed, according to Daw Thi Thi Aung, Head of the Gyobingauk Township Department of Rural Development.

Yesterday, Township Head Daw Thi Thi Aung, along with departmental staff and members of the Village Development Committee, inspected the completed concrete wheel-track road. During the inspection, the township head instructed locals to collectively maintain the road for long-term durability. — Than Lwin (Magway)



Officials and village representatives are seen alongside the completed concrete wheel-track road in Gyobingauk Township.

NATIONAL

200 TNLA members rejoin society

THE Government is extending an invitation to those involved in various armed groups, including the PDF, to return to the legal framework. Those who do so are being provided with necessary assistance and support.

Yesterday, a total of 200 TNLA members, including operations commander-level Gu Si – 178 males and 22 females – entered the legal fold with 78 rifles, three pistols, three homemade guns, ammunition and magazines.



Former TNLA members who returned to the legal fold are handed over at a ceremony in Mogok, Mandalay Region.

The returnees were handed over to their parents and guardians at a ceremony held at the Padamya Myay gymnasium in Mogok, Mandalay Region. The event was attended by Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung, Central Command Commander Brig-Gen Aung Htay, relevant officials and parents of the returnees.

The returnees handed over five MA-1s, 66 Type 81 rifles, three AK-47s, four M-22s, three pistols, three homemade guns, 84 magazines and 1,472 bullets to the region chief minister.

The chief minister presented cash rewards totalling K390 million for 78 rifles, K6 million for three pistols, K1.5 million for three homemade guns, and K11.6 million for 116 returnees who did not carry arms.

Those who reentered the legal fold were required to sign pledges, after which they were systematically handed back to their parents and guardians. There are still individuals who wish to re-enter the legal framework. Those who intend to do so are urged to promptly contact and report to the nearest district or township administrative bodies, military units, or police stations, where they will be welcomed back and provided with necessary assistance. Appropriate cash rewards will be granted for the arms and ammunition. — MNA/KTZH

Shwe Kokko Phase II demolition continues

TREATING the fight against telecom fraud and online gambling as a matter of national duty, the Government is systematically demolishing illegal structures in the Shwe Kokko area to prevent them from being reused for scam and gambling operations.

As part of operations targeting the remaining illegal buildings in Shwe Kokko Phase II, heavy machinery has been deployed to dismantle key structures. Demolition of a five-storey building is 75 per cent complete, while work on a six-storey building is 20 per cent complete.

Of the 63 buildings designated for demolition in Phase II of the Shwe Kokko area, ten have been demolished, including four through controlled explosions and six using heavy machinery. The remaining 53 buildings will also be systematically demolished. — 100/MKKS



This map shows the systematic demolition of scam compounds in Myawady's Shwe Kokko Phase II area, Kayin State.

Mongnai holds township-level review meeting on vocational training

THE Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, held a township-level multi-stakeholder review and discussion meeting on vocational training programmes at the meeting hall of the Township DRD Office in Mongnai Township, Shan State (South), yesterday to enhance course effectiveness and create job opportunities for rural residents.

At the meeting, Mongnai Township Management and Administration Committee Chairman U Ya Wai Soe delivered the opening remarks, after which Mongnai Township Department of Rural Development head U Maung Khine explained the objectives and benefits of convening the review session.

Participating trainees then conducted group discussions to evaluate the strengths and challenges of past vocational courses and offered recommendations, with township officials coordinating and addressing the points raised.

The meeting was attended by departmental officials, and it is learnt that the Mongnai Township DRD has conducted 19 vocational training courses for 425 trainees from the 2014-2015 financial year up to the current financial year. — Maung Khaing (Rural)

Myanmar repatriates 10 more scam-linked foreigners



Immigration procedures are underway for the repatriation of undocumented scam-linked foreigners.

MYANMAR has transferred 10 foreign nationals, including nine Vietnamese and one Russian, to their respective countries through Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge No 2 in Myawady after they were found to have been involved in illegal online gambling, online scams and other criminal activities in the Myawady-Shwe Kokko area of Kayin State.

The individuals had illegally entered Myanmar through border routes after travelling through neighbouring countries, including Thailand. They were handed over to their respective countries on humanitarian grounds and in the spirit of friendly relations between countries, in accordance with established laws and procedures.

Myawady District Administration officials inspected the handover arrangements and coordinated with relevant departments to ensure that all records and documents were complete and accurate.

Representatives of Myanmar's Ministry of Immigration and Population, the Vietnamese and Russian embassies in Thailand, and Thailand's Tak Immigration Office attended the handover ceremony. Myanmar officials formally handed over the relevant documents to representatives of the respective countries.

Between 30 January 2025 and 10 November 2026, authorities detained a total of 15,293 foreign nationals who had illegally entered Myawady Township. Following the necessary inspections, 14,222 were repatriated to their respective countries through Thailand in accordance with established laws and procedures.

Of the remaining 1,071 foreign nationals, 391 were prosecuted under Section 3(1)/13(1) of the Myanmar Immigration (Emergency Provisions) Act and the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. The remaining 680 are awaiting repatriation and are being properly accommodated and cared for.

The State is actively cooperating with neighbouring and regional countries and international organisations to identify and arrest those involved in online scam centre operations, including foreign nationals directing such activities from behind the scenes, and take strict legal action against them. It is also coordinating efforts to expedite the repatriation of foreign nationals facing difficulties in Myanmar, including victims of human trafficking. — MNA/KZL

Protecting the lives and dignity of women

The Ministry of Women's Affairs is striving to enhance and protect the lives and dignity of women, as women and girls are particularly vulnerable to natural disasters, conflicts, displacement and other emergencies. Ensuring their safety and well-being requires more than providing temporary shelter; access to quality healthcare, protection from violence, psychological counselling, legal assistance and financial support are essential to helping them overcome difficulties and rebuild their lives with dignity.

Recognizing these needs, the Ministry of Health incorporated provisions for providing quality maternal and reproductive healthcare to temporarily displaced women without discrimination into the National Sexual and Reproductive Health Policy in 2022. Ensuring that displaced women receive the same healthcare services as other women is particularly important during emergencies, when pregnancy and reproductive health needs require continuous attention.

Measures are also being implemented to protect vulnerable women during natural disasters, conflicts and other emergencies, in line with the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on Women, Peace and Security. These initiatives aim to provide safer living conditions and improve women's access to essential support services.

Preventing violence against women and girls is another major priority. Measures include preventing domestic violence, sexual violence and gender-based violence, responding effectively to reported cases, raising public awareness and strengthening the capacity of personnel responsible for assisting survivors. Two 24-hour hotlines, 1566 and 1544, provide channels for reporting abuse and receiving assistance.

Financial assistance is also provided to survivors to cover legal expenses, court-related travel costs and expenses for rebuilding their lives. Additional support is available for women-led households to help them regain financial stability. Furthermore, One-Stop Women Support Centres (OSWSCs) have been established in Yangon, Mandalay, Mawlamyine, Loikaw, Lashio, Monywa and Sittway. They provide temporary accommodation, healthcare, psychological support, legal assistance and financial aid to women and girls who have experienced violence and need protection. Expanding these centres to all regions and states would further improve access to essential services.

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The security of internally displaced women also requires continued attention. Cooperation among security organizations and relevant partners helps maintain safety at temporary shelters. Meanwhile, efforts to combat human trafficking include investigating deceptive recruitment through social media, prosecuting offenders and raising awareness of trafficking risks and safe migration.

Ultimately, protecting women and girls requires coordinated efforts across healthcare, security, social welfare and legal services. Effective implementation of existing measures, wider access to support and sustained cooperation are essential to ensuring that every woman, regardless of her circumstances, can live safely, access necessary services and rebuild her life with dignity.

Mangrove Forests: Nature's Shield for Humanity and the Planet

By Maung Maung Myint Thein (RIT)

Along the world's tropical and subtropical coastlines, an extraordinary natural defence system stands between land and sea. Its trees grow in salty water, its tangled roots anchor fragile shorelines, and its dense vegetation provides shelter for countless marine species. Yet, despite their immense ecological and economic value, mangrove forests have spent decades under pressure from human development. Today, however, there are encouraging signs that these vital ecosystems are beginning to recover, offering renewed hope for coastal communities and the global fight against climate change.

A study reported by the BBC in June 2026 found that the global balance of mangrove cover has improved since 2010, as declining deforestation and natural regeneration have helped offset losses. Stronger legal protections and growing public awareness have contributed to this progress. Myanmar and Indonesia, two countries with extensive mangrove resources, are among the places where encouraging developments have been observed.

The recovery is significant, but it should not be mistaken for a complete environmental victory. Mangroves continue to face threats from coastal development, aquaculture, pollution and rising sea levels. Protecting what remains, restoring degraded forests and ensuring that coastal development respects ecological limits will be essential to sustaining this progress.

Nature's Powerful Defence Against Coastal Disasters

Mangroves are specialised trees and shrubs adapted to survive in the challenging conditions of tidal environments. Found along coastlines, river mouths, estuaries and deltas, they tolerate varying degrees of salinity and thrive in waterlogged, oxygen-poor soils.

Their importance extends far beyond their distinctive appearance. Mangrove forests act as natural barriers against coastal erosion, waves and storm surges. Their complex root systems slow water movement, trap sediments and help stabilise shorelines. By reducing wave energy and limiting the movement of sediment, healthy mangrove belts can lessen the impacts of certain coastal hazards.

For communities exposed to tropical cyclones, flooding and other extreme weather events, these forests can provide an important layer of natural protection. The devastation caused by the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami also helped raise awareness in parts of the region about the protective value of coastal ecosystems.

Nevertheless, mangroves should not be viewed as a complete substitute for disaster preparedness, early-warning systems or engineered coastal defences. Their protective capacity varies according to forest width, density, species composition, coastal geography and the strength of the incoming waves. Effective disaster-risk reduction requires a combination of healthy ecosystems, sound planning and appropriate infrastructure. As climate change increases pressure on many coastal environments, preserving mangroves is becoming an increasingly important component of long-term resilience.



Salontaung Island protected mangrove forest. **PHOTO: MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

A Natural Ally in the Fight Against Climate Change

Beyond coastal protection, mangroves play a valuable role in regulating the global climate. They capture carbon dioxide through photosynthesis and store carbon in their trunks, branches, roots and, particularly, the waterlogged soils beneath them.

These carbon-rich environments are part of what scientists call blue carbon ecosystems – coastal and marine ecosystems that capture and store carbon. Because mangrove soils can accumulate organic material over long periods, substantial quantities of carbon may remain stored beneath the forest floor.

When mangroves are cleared, drained or severely degraded, however, the carbon accumulated in their soils and vegetation can be released into the atmosphere. The destruction of these ecosystems therefore threatens not only biodiversity and coastal livelihoods but also global efforts to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions.

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) identifies mangroves as among the world's most carbon-rich tropical ecosystems. Its research also highlights their role in reducing erosion, moderating waves, supporting fisheries and providing habitats for a wide range of wildlife.

Protecting mangroves is consequently a practical nature-based climate solution. It can complement emissions reductions in energy, transport, industry and agriculture while delivering immediate benefits to communities living along vulnerable coastlines.

However, mangrove conservation cannot replace the urgent need to reduce fossil-fuel emissions. Its greatest contribution comes when ecosystem protection forms part of a broader climate strategy.

The Foundations of Marine Biodiversity and Food Security

Mangrove forests are also essential to the survival of numerous marine and terrestrial species. Their submerged roots create sheltered habitats in which juvenile fish, shrimp, crabs and other aquatic organisms can feed and develop with reduced exposure to predators.

These habitats are particularly important to fisheries. Many commercially valuable marine species depend on mangrove environments during at least one stage of their life cycles. By providing feeding grounds and nursery habitats, healthy mangroves can help sustain fish populations and support the livelihoods of fishing communities.

The ecological benefits extend beyond the forests themselves. Mangroves are connected to neighbouring ecosystems, including seagrass beds, coral reefs, rivers and coastal wetlands. Nutrients, organic matter and marine organisms move between these environments, creating interconnected ecological systems.

Damage to mangroves can therefore have consequences well beyond the immediate area of forest loss. Declining habitat quality may affect fisheries, weaken coastal food webs and reduce the resilience of surrounding ecosystems.

For millions of people, particularly in developing countries, these environmental functions have direct economic and social significance. Mangroves support food supplies, employment and income while helping maintain the natural resources on which coastal communities depend. Their protection should consequently be understood not simply as a conservation objective but also as an investment in food security, economic stability and human well-being.

From Destruction to Recovery: A Global Turning Point

For much of the past century, mangrove forests were cleared to make way for aquaculture, agriculture, settlements, tourism facilities and other forms of coastal development. In many areas, short-term economic gains were prioritized over the long-term value of natural ecosystems.

The consequences have been considerable. Forest clearance has destroyed wildlife habitats, reduced natural coastal protection and contributed to greenhouse-gas emissions. Pollution, excessive resource extraction and changes to river flows have added further pressure.

Recent evidence nevertheless suggests that the global trend is not entirely negative. In a report published in June 2026, the BBC described research indicating that mangrove gains have increasingly offset losses since 2010. Reduced deforestation, stronger protection and natural regeneration have all contributed to this shift.

One important lesson is that damaged ecosystems may recover when destructive pressures are removed, and natural conditions are restored. Where water flows, tidal movement, sediment supply and other environmental conditions remain suitable, mangroves can regenerate without every tree needing to be planted by hand.

This does not mean that every restoration project will succeed. Planting mangroves in unsuitable locations, ignoring local hydrology or selecting inappropriate species can produce disappointing results. Successful restoration requires an understanding of the natural conditions that allow mangrove ecosystems to function.

The global experience demonstrates that conservation policies can make a difference. It also shows why preventing destruction in the first place is often more effective than attempting to reconstruct an ecosystem after it has been severely damaged.

Mangrove protection should be integrated into national strategies for climate adaptation, biodiversity conservation, disaster-risk reduction and sustainable development. Such an approach would help connect environmental protection with the economic security of coastal populations.

Turning Environmental Awareness into Action

Despite encouraging signs of recovery, the future of mangroves remains uncertain. Rising sea levels, increasingly severe coastal hazards, pollution and continued pressure from human activities threaten their long-term survival.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature warned in its 2024 global assessment that approximately half of the world's assessed mangrove ecosystems were at risk of collapse. This finding underscores the scale of the challenge even as some regions experience recovery.

Governments must therefore move beyond isolated tree-planting campaigns towards comprehensive ecosystem management. This includes protecting existing forests, restoring natural tidal flows, controlling pollution, monitoring forest health and preventing unsustainable coastal development.

Businesses also have a responsibility to account for the environmental consequences of their activities. Aquaculture, tourism, agriculture and infrastructure development can generate employment and economic growth, but these benefits should not come at the expense of irreplaceable coastal ecosystems.

Public awareness remains equally important. When communities understand how mangroves protect homes, support fisheries and store carbon, they are better positioned to participate in conservation and demand responsible management.

International cooperation can reinforce these efforts by providing scientific expertise, funding and mechanisms for sharing knowledge across borders.

Ultimately, successful conservation depends on recognising that mangroves are not unused land waiting to be developed. They are productive natural systems that provide valuable services to society, many of which would be expensive or impossible to replace.

Conclusion: Protecting Mangroves Means Protecting Our Future

Mangrove forests demonstrate how closely the well-being of nature and humanity are connected. They protect coastlines, sustain fisheries, shelter biodiversity and store carbon, making them indispensable to both environmental health and sustainable development.

The emerging evidence of global recovery offers a valuable lesson: when destructive pressures are reduced, and ecosystems receive adequate protection, nature can demonstrate a remarkable capacity to recover. Yet this progress remains fragile, and the threats facing mangroves demand sustained attention.

For coastal nations, the challenge is to translate environmental awareness into effective policies, responsible development and meaningful community participation. Conservation must be supported by long-term planning, scientific knowledge and investment in sustainable livelihoods.

The future of mangroves will depend on the decisions made today. Protecting these forests is not merely about saving trees along the shoreline. It is about safeguarding food security, strengthening climate resilience, preserving biodiversity and protecting future generations from the growing consequences of environmental degradation.

In the final analysis, mangroves are more than a natural barrier between land and sea. They are a living defence system, a storehouse of biodiversity and a valuable ally in humanity's pursuit of a safer and more sustainable planet.

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Grand Hlinethaya Affordable Housing Project launches

THE opening ceremony of the Grand Hlinethaya affordable housing project, implemented jointly by the Yangon Region government and Myanmar Art Construction and Development Company Limited, was held on 9 November in Hlinethaya (West) Township, Insein District, Yangon Region.

Chief Minister U Aung Naing Thu delivered opening remarks, and Company Managing Director U Kyaw Swa Hein briefed attendees on the project. The chief minister and Yangon Region Minister U Myo Myint Aung for Development Affairs then presented residence permits and room keys to apartment owners allocated units in the housing project.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Aung Naing Thu, regional ministers, officials concerned, U Kyaw Swa Hein, and company officials, invitees, and the public attended the ceremony. The chief minister and officials later toured the project. — NN/KK

8,852 acres of oilseed soybeans cultivated under contract farming in Pathein

A total of 8,852 acres of oilseed soybeans, including those grown under contract farming arrangements, will be cultivated in Pathein Township, Ayeyawady Region, while more than 26,000 acres will be planted across the Region, according to the Ayeyawady Region Department of Agriculture.



This photo features a soybean cultivation field in Ayeyawady Region.

"Last year, soybeans were cultivated on only 11 acres across the entire township. This year, more farmers have become aware of the crop's potential, bringing the cultivation target to 8,852 acres. Yields are economically viable, with production reaching around 20 to 22 baskets per acre, depending on soil quality. Market prices are around K200,000 per basket, and steady market demand is encouraging more farmers to take up soybean cultivation. Some farmers have not started growing the crop simply because they are unaware of its potential. Nothing goes to waste with soybeans: the oil cake serves as excellent livestock feed, while the extracted oil is of premium quality. We are currently implementing contract farming arrangements. If farmers wish to grow soybeans, we will assist and buy back all the harvested soybeans. Farmers only need to manage their own fields," said an official from the Ayeyawady Region Department of Agriculture.

As the edible oil self-sufficiency rate in Ayeyawady Region stands at only 24 per cent, the private sector will also engage in soybean seed production, in addition to oilseed soybean cultivation, to boost the Region's edible oil self-sufficiency. — ASH/TH

Trading Amount and Forex Rate in the Market on 10 November 2026

	US$	Chinese yuan	Thai baht	Indian rupee
Exchange rates	3,664.50~3,670.00	557.40~558.00	125.50~125.70	43.60
Trading amount in the market	16,447,117.16	6,254,523.39	31,159,409.72	

Tenders invited for Taninthayi River dredging and clearance work

THE Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (DWIR) called for an open tender to carry out river channel clearance and dredging work on the Taninthayi River.

Climate change has increased silt deposition in the Taninthayi River in Taninthayi Region, blocking water flow and causing flooding, while declining water depth is hindering vessel movement. In order to improve water flow and navigation, the DWIR will dredge the river channel and export the extracted sand abroad through a joint venture with domestic and foreign companies selected through an open tender system.

The DWIR invited interested domestic companies with profound experience in technology, machinery and finance to compete in the bidding. Tender applications and forms can be purchased at the DWIR (Water Sector Civil Engineering Division), and the deadline for submission is 3 December. Companies that have formed joint ventures with foreign firms must submit solid supporting documents. Applications will be opened at 10 am on 14 December, according to the Tender Acceptance and Scrutiny Committee of the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems. — NN/KK

MALI develops guidelines for Monsoon Paddy Harvest

THE Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation has issued guidelines for the monsoon paddy harvest to prevent losses of paddy during harvest and protect upcoming winter crops amidst unseasonal rain.

Farmers are advised to harvest only on sunny days and stop harvesting if it rains; drain fields as quickly as possible and harvest to prevent mature paddy from lodging due to rain and wind; use combine harvesters, threshers, harvester-threshers and dryers to carry out threshing without depending on threshing floors; move threshed paddy under cover as quickly as possible. If harvesting must be done by manual labour, harvest one plot at a time completely and thresh paddy immediately. If bundles cannot be threshed immediately, do not pile them on field bunds; move them under cover as quickly as possible and stack them properly. If there is not enough time to move bundles, cover them with tarpaulins or plastic sheets. If cut stalks remain in harvested fields, quickly bundle them and stand them in stacks. Farmers need to stack bundles so rainwater can drain off one side, thresh stacked bundles as soon as the weather clears and dry them with a dryer or in the sun until moisture content reaches 14 per cent. For winter crops, they must dig seepage and drainage channels to prevent damage to fields, according to the ministry. — NN/KK

District-level National Digital Awards 2026 set for 12-13 Nov

THE Yangon Region Computer Enthusiasts Association has announced that the district-level National Digital Awards 2026 (Educational Project and Skills Competition) will be held in Yangon Region from 12 to 13 November.



This image illustrates a poster for the district-level National Digital Awards 2026 (Educational Project and Skills Competition) in Yangon Region.

The competition aims to enhance participants' knowledge of digital technology, skills and creativity so that they can meet the challenges of the technological era.

The competition will feature four categories – primary, middle and high school students, and teachers and education personnel.

Those wishing to participate can download the relevant registration forms, which have been announced on the MCEA Yangon Region Facebook page, complete them and submit their applications. — ASH/MKKS

LIFE&SOCIAL
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London show spotlights Japan city's flamboyant coming-of-age fashions

A dragon-shaped costume and fur-trimmed kimono are among the eclectic and flashy outfits going on display in London on Wednesday, in an exhibition exploring how young people in a southwestern Japan city celebrate coming of age.

Hosted by Japanese cultural centre Japan House London, the exhibition features flamboyant outfits worn by eight men and women at this year's ceremony in Kitakyushu, an industrial port city in Fukuoka Prefecture. It runs through 18 April 2027.

Coming-of-age ceremonies are held across Japan each January, with participants typically wearing formal kimono or suits. The exhibition traces how Kitakyushu's unique bold style, from fashion to accessories to hairstyles, has grown increasingly extravagant.



An exhibition showcasing the coming-of-age ceremony culture of Kitakyushu in Fukuoka Prefecture, southwestern Japan, known for its flamboyant and original attire, is previewed at Japan House London in London on 9 November 2026. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Titled "Tradition/Rebellion: Coming-of-Age Style in Kitakyushu, Japan", the show also features banners bearing the participants' names and video interviews with them. Its Japanese subtitle, coined by Mayor Kazuhisa Takeuchi, roughly means "nonconforming 20-year-olds". At a media preview Monday, Simon Wright, Japan House London's director of programming, praised the young participants for being very open and sincere. As the exhibition aims to highlight Japan's diverse regional cultures, Wright also said he hopes visitors will discover a Japan beyond manga and wabi-sabi, the aesthetic of finding beauty in simplicity and imperfection. — Kyodo

Govt panel unveils age-based guidelines on children's internet use

A Japanese government panel on Tuesday unveiled draft guidelines on guardians' involvement in children's internet use based on age and developmental stage, emphasizing communication and advice as the preferred approach.

The guidelines divide children aged 0 to 18 into six developmental stages and recommend gradually expanding the range of online activities they can engage in independently. – Kyodo

British science fiction writer M John Harrison wins 2026 Booker Prize

BRITISH science fiction writer M John Harrison won the 2026 Booker Prize on Monday for his novel "The End of Everything", becoming the oldest winner in the literary award's history.

The 81-year-old author received the 50,000-pound (about US$67,000) prize at a ceremony at Old Billingsgate in London. It was his first nomination for the Booker Prize, following a writing career spanning more than six decades.

Set on the southern coast of England several decades into the future, "The End of Everything" follows Phillip Tennent and his elderly aunt Marnie as they struggle to make sense of life after a mysterious catastrophe. With social order breaking down and strange creatures appearing, the novel explores how people respond to a world they can no longer understand.

Mary Beard, chair of the five-member judging panel, said the judges reached a unanimous decision after a full day of discussion. She described the novel as one that "leaves you with a twinge of optimism" despite its unsettling subject matter.

"This is the politics of now seen through the lens of the future," Beard said.

Born in 1945, Harrison began publishing fiction in the 1960s and has written extensively across science fiction, fantasy and literary fiction. His works have previously won several literary awards.

This year's shortlist was selected from 163 submissions. Established in 1969, the Booker Prize recognizes outstanding fiction written in English and published in Britain or Ireland. — Xinhua

Laos gears up for annual That Luang festival

LAOS is preparing to host the annual That Luang festival from 20 to 24 November under the theme "Together Preserving Lao Culture".

As one of Laos' most significant annual cultural and religious celebrations, the five-day festival will feature a series of traditional ceremonies and activities, according to the local Pasaxon newspaper on Tuesday.

The programme will begin on 20 November with the official opening ceremony, followed by traditional celebrations on 21 November and a traditional wax castle procession on 23 November. The festival will conclude on 24 November with an alms-giving ceremony and offerings of requisites to monks, attended by Buddhist clergy from across the country.

Other highlights will include traditional sports competitions, a candlelight procession around the That Luang Stupa, and fireworks in honour of the sacred monument. — Xinhua

Harry, Meghan visit Brussels after Thomas Markle arrest

PRINCE Harry and his wife Meghan will visit Brussels on Tuesday, a trip that comes days after her estranged father was charged over alleged possession of child sexual abuse images.

The couple, also known as the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, will attend an event at the European Parliament about the dangers facing children on social media. It will be the first time Meghan has been seen in public since her father Thomas Markle was arrested in Florida on Friday and charged with one count of "possession of child pornography". It will also mark the first time the couple appear together at a public event abroad since they returned to live in Britain this summer after six years in the United States.

They will open The Lost Screen Memorial displaying images of children affected by online abuse and exploitation.

They had been due to give a joint speech, but only Harry is now expected to speak. He will also take part in a panel event with international activists. — AFP



Britain's Prince Harry (C), Duke of Sussex, poses for a group photo following a panel discussion entitled "Beyond Promises: Building a Digital Future that Works for Children" at the European Parliament in Brussels on 10 November 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

ECONOMY
WORLD

Honda to build new assembly plant in Ohio to boost hybrid production

HONDA Motor Co said Monday it will build another auto assembly plant in the Midwestern US state of Ohio to boost its hybrid-vehicle manufacturing, with production expected to begin in 2029.

The new $3 billion plant, to be built in central Ohio, will have an annual manufacturing capacity of 240,000 units, increasing the Japanese automaker's US auto production capacity to roughly 1.3 million units a year, it said.

The plant, Honda's fifth mass-production base and ninth auto-related facility in the United States, will be built between its existing auto plants in East Liberty and Marysville, with more than 2,000 American jobs expected to be created, it added.



Bob Nelson, executive vice - president of American Honda Motor Co, announces in Marysville, Ohio, on 9 November 2026, plans to build a new assembly plant in the Midwestern US state. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Honda noted growing customer demand for hybrid vehicles in North America as the main reason for the move. The plant will be Honda's first new mass-production base in the country in around 20 years.

Starting production in 2029 as intended will be contingent upon final government approvals, it said.

The manufacturer also announced additional investments in its facilities in Alabama, Georgia and Ohio as well as in Canada, mainly to adjust existing production lines and produce next-generation hybrid systems. — Kyodo

Stock markets climb as oil prices slide

EUROPEAN and Asian stock markets rose Tuesday following a tech-led recovery on Wall Street, while oil prices slid on hopes of an end to the Middle East conflict.

The dollar firmed on increasing prospects of another increase to US interest rates next month to combat inflation, which is expected to remain elevated for some time despite easing energy costs.



Pedestrians walk in front of an electronic screen showing the number of South Korea's benchmark stock index (KOSPI) outside Hana Bank headquarters in Seoul on 10 November 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

Stock markets advanced "as AI-bounce momentum and lower oil prices boost risk sentiment", noted Neil Wilson, investor strategist at Saxo UK.

Amazon, Microsoft and Apple were among the big gainers Monday, feeding through to South Korean tech giants SK hynix and Samsung, whose valuations jumped Tuesday. — AFP

South Africa's unemployment rate edges up to 33.7% in Q3 2026

SOUTH Africa's official unemployment rate edged up by 0.1 percentage point to 33.7 per cent in the third quarter (Q3) of 2026, Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) said on Tuesday.

The latest Quarterly Labor Force Survey showed the number of unemployed people rose by 97,000 to 8.6 million during the quarter, while the number of employed people increased by 101,000 to 16.8 million.

The country's labour force, comprising employed people and those who are unemployed and actively seeking work, expanded by 198,000 during the period, Stats SA said.

Employment gains were mainly recorded in finance, manufacturing and mining sectors, while private households, agriculture, and construction reported job losses. — Xinhua

SoftBank Group to jointly build AI infrastructure in Malaysia with Grab



File photo taken in April 2026 shows the building housing the headquarters of SoftBank Group Corp in Tokyo. **PHOTO: KYODO**

SOFTBANK Group Corp said Monday it will jointly build one of Asia's largest artificial intelligence infrastructures in Malaysia with companies including South-East Asian ride-hailing giant Grab Holdings Ltd.

An initial $1.85 billion will be invested in the project, with SoftBank Group providing $1 billion of the total.

The facility will include an AI data centre, with development to be carried out in partnership with major global tech firms, the company said. It will not issue bonds to fund the project and will instead use its cash on hand.

SoftBank Group Chairman and CEO Masayoshi Son said in a statement on its website, "Together with Grab, we will build the capacity needed to support Malaysia's digital ambitions and accelerate AI innovation across Southeast Asia." — Kyodo

Saudi, Qatari, European Foreign Ministers discuss energy security in Paris - Reports

THE foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Qatar and four European countries met in Paris on Tuesday to discuss the security of maritime routes and energy supplies amid the crisis in the Middle East, Al Arabiya TV reported.

The talks took place on the sidelines of the G7 foreign ministers' two-day meeting, the TV channel reported.

Reuters reported that Qatari Foreign Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani made an unscheduled visit to Paris to brief European and Saudi officials on the results of his talks with US President Donald Trump regarding Iran. – SPUTNIK

Cambodia's exports surge 20.4% to US$30B in first 10 months of 2026

CAMBODIA exported products worth US$30 billion in the first 10 months of 2026, a year-on-year rise of 20.4 per cent, driven by robust manufacturing growth and expanded market access.

The top five export destinations for the Southeast Asian country are the United States, Vietnam, China, Japan, and Spain, according to a report released Tuesday by the General Department of Customs and Excise.

Meanwhile, the kingdom recorded a total import volume of nearly $33.5 billion during the January-October period, representing a 21.2 per cent increase compared to the same period last year.

Ministry of Commerce Secretary of State and Spokesperson Penn Sovicheat attributed the kingdom's strong export growth to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership and Cambodia's bilateral free trade agreements with China, South Korea, and the United Arab Emirates.

"These regional and bilateral trade pacts serve as a catalyst for our long-term and sustainable export growth by providing preferential tariffs for made-in-Cambodia products," he told Xinhua.

Thong Mengdavid, deputy director of the China-ASEAN Studies Centre at the Cambodia University of Technology and Science, noted that the export boom is primarily propelled by a sharp rebound in garment, textile, and footwear manufacturing, alongside surging non-garment sectors like electronics, auto parts, and processed agricultural goods. — Xinhua

Japan Sept household spending falls 6.8% on bad weather

JAPAN'S household spending in September fell a real 6.8 per cent from a year earlier, declining for the 10th consecutive month, as adverse weather dampened consumption across a wide range of sectors, government data showed Tuesday. The latest data marked the biggest drop since September 2020, when spending sank 10.2 per cent due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications said.



File photo taken in August 2026 shows a supermarket in Tokyo. **PHOTO: KYODO**

The decline widened significantly from 3.1 per cent in August. Households of two or more people spent an average of 289,536 yen ($1,830), according to the ministry.

By category, outlays for energy and water bills declined 10.5 per cent from 2025, with electricity expenses dropping 11.9 per cent as lower temperatures than a year earlier reduced air conditioning use, the ministry said.

Spending on food and beverages decreased 2.5 per cent, marking a fourth consecutive month of decline, as consumers opted for cheaper rice, while higher prices and weather conditions weighed on beverage spending.

Furniture and home appliance expenditures saw a 6.4 per cent decline, partly weighed down by fewer purchases of air conditioners due to bad weather conditions. Outlays on clothing and footwear fell 3.6 per cent as heavy rains and typhoons also discouraged people from going out and making purchases. — Kyodo

Malaysia's Q3 industrial production growth moderates to 5.3%

MALAYSIA'S Industrial Production Index (IPI) rose 5.3 per cent year-on-year in the third quarter of 2026, following a 7.7 per cent increase in the second quarter, official data showed on Tuesday.

The growth was supported by expansion in the manufacturing and electricity sectors, which grew 7.8 per cent and 8.3 per cent, respectively, offsetting a 6.7 per cent contraction in the mining sector, the Department of Statistics Malaysia said in a statement. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, the IPI increased 4.3 per cent, maintaining its positive growth momentum.

For the January-September 2026 period, the IPI expanded 5.7 per cent compared with the corresponding period last year, supported by seven per cent growth in both the manufacturing and electricity indices.

In September, the IPI rose 6.3 per cent year-on-year, driven mainly by stronger manufacturing output, which grew 9.4 per cent, accelerating from 7.4 per cent in August. — Xinhua

Notice for changes of distributor name

The Pesticide Registration Board of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar here by announces that the distributor registered under the name **Friends' Helper Co., Ltd** has officially changed its name to **FRIENDS HELPER COMPANY LIMITED** to continue its import and distribution operations.

Any party wishing to object to this change of name is invited to submit a formal objection to the Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture, West Gyogone, Insein township, Yangon within two weeks from the date of this notice. If no objections are received within the prescribed period, the Board will proceed with the finalization of the formalities for the name change as recorded.
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Notice for Change of Distributor

Notice is hereby given that official distributor has been changed for the following pesticide produced by Hefei Xingyu Chemical Co.,Ltd., China, from Agri Leading Biotech Co., Ltd. to Heyoza Co., Ltd. Agri Leading Biotech Co., Ltd. invites objections to Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon from all parties within a period of (14) days from the publication of this notice.

No.	Trade Name	Active ingredient	Registration No.
1	ALB Pyte	Dinotefuran 20% + Pymetrozine 50% WG	P2023-6107

Agri Leading Biotech Co., Ltd. Tel: (+95)9 955006789

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No.	Trade Name	Active ingredient	Registration No.
1	Daung Myat Shin 69 EW	Fenoxaprop-P-ethyl 69g/l EW	P2022-5574

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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Pope leads mega mass in Buenos Aires, meets abuse victims

POPE Leo XIV led a mass with two and a half million people in Argentina on Monday, and later urged protection of society's most vulnerable as he met disabled people and clerical abuse victims.

The Buenos Aires mass drew the largest crowd of Leo's papacy to date, as faithful travelled from far and wide to see the 71-year-old less than a month after he underwent lung cancer surgery.

Cheering and waving crowds packed a kilometres-long stretch of Avenida del Libertador, with excitement reaching fever pitch when giant screens relayed images of the pope's journey through the city.

"It was very moving," said mechanic Hector Solis, who travelled cross-country in a three-car convoy for the mass.

"We were at the vigil last night, from midnight, and were surprised by how many people were already there," he told AFP.



Pope Leo XIV waves to the faithful from the popemobile as he arrives to celebrate a mass at the Military Aviation School on the grounds of the Argentine Aircraft Factory (FAdeA) in Cordoba, Argentina, on 10 November 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

Across the capital, vendors sold T-shirts, caps and flags bearing Leo's image, while his likeness appeared on alfajores pastries and jars of dulce de leche as Argentines marked the first papal visit to the country in decades.

"There is a great deal of emotion here," said 60-year-old Carlos Fuentes, who had come 1,500 kilometres. — AFP

New Israeli parliament to take aim at Netanyahu as Eisenkot seeks government

ISRAEL'S new parliament prepared to be sworn in Tuesday with a mission to take aim immediately at caretaker Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, as rival Gadi Eisenkot vowed quickly to cobble together a new government.

President Isaac Herzog will deliver a speech at 4 pm (1400 GMT) for the swearing-in of the 120-seat parliament, in which neither Netanyahu's right-wing coalition nor Eisenkot's broad left-to-right anti-Netanyahu bloc will hold a majority.

"I am committed in this complex situation to form a national-emergency government as quickly as possible," Eisenkot, a 66-year-old former military chief who only recently entered politics, said as he prepared to be sworn in.



Israeli opposition leader Gadi Eisenkot speaks at his first fraction meeting at the Israeli parliament (Knesset) on the opening day of the new parliament in Jerusalem on 10 November 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

Eisenkot's allies hope to use their newfound legislative power to move rapidly on key priorities, including a commission to investigate security failures under Netanyahu that allowed the 7 October 2023 attack by Hamas, the deadliest day in Israel's history.

Herzog on Sunday gave Eisenkot the initial mandate to form a government, starting the clock for him to cobble together a coalition within 28 days, with a possible 14-day extension.

Ahead of the opening of the parliament, known as the Knesset, Eisenkot's party announced agreements on key people to replace allies of Netanyahu, Israel's longest serving prime minister who has been in and out of office for nearly 20 years. — AFP

Water surge in Malaysia's Selangor leaves 5 dead, 3 missing

FIVE people have been confirmed dead and three others remain missing after a sudden surge of river water swept through a recreational area in Malaysia's Selangor state on Monday, authorities said Tuesday.

The first victim was found early Tuesday morning, while four more bodies were recovered later in the morning, Selangor Fire and Rescue Department assistant operations director Ashrul Riezal Asbar told reporters.

Search and rescue operations are continuing for the three missing people, with the search area expanded to cover nearby waterways and a dam, he said.

Eight people were swept away by strong currents at several locations along the Pertak River on Monday evening. They included one Yemeni, four Indian nationals, one Nepalese, one Sri Lankan and one Malaysian. — Xinhua


Rescuers carry out rescue operations after a sudden surge of river water swept through a recreational area in Selangor state, Malaysia, 10 November 2026. **PHOTO: BERNAMA/ HANDOUT VIA XINHUA**

Global fossil-fuel CO2 emissions seen falling 0.4% in 2026

GLOBAL carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels are projected to fall 0.4 per cent in 2026, scientists said Tuesday, citing expanded use of renewable energy and higher energy prices amid turmoil in the Middle East.

A team of researchers estimates CO2 emissions will need to be limited to 150 billion tonnes to attain the goal of holding global average temperature increases to 1.5 C above pre-industrial levels under the Paris Agreement. — Kyodo

DPRK tests new-type torpedo weapon system: KCNA

THE Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) on Monday test-fired a new-type high-speed torpedo in the waters off its east coast, the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said Tuesday.

The test verified the combat effectiveness of the new weapon system, which was jointly developed by DPRK's defence scientific research institutes, the report said.

The new torpedo system is scheduled to be commissioned into the country's navy from the beginning of 2027, the report added. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Myanmar hosts 14 international football competitions featuring 33 matches in 2026

MYANMAR successfully hosted 14 international football competitions, comprising 33 matches, in 2026, according to the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF).

The competitions included Asian and Southeast Asian tournaments featuring the men's and women's national teams, age-group national youth teams and domestic club sides.

The 14 competitions hosted in Myanmar in 2026 included international friendlies for the men's and women's U17 teams, the 2027 AFC Asian Cup qualifiers, the AYA Bank Tri-Nations Cup 2026, the ASEAN Hyundai Cup 2026, the AFC Women's Champions League 2026/27, the AFC Challenge League 2026/27, the Fire Dragon International Futsal Cup 2026, the ASEAN Club Championship Shopee Cup qualifiers, and the 2027 AFC U17 Women's and Men's Asian Cup qualifiers, among others.



This image captures football matches hosted by Myanmar in October 2026.

The matches also included the preliminary and group stages of the AFC Women's Champions League featuring Ayeyawady FC's women's team, AFC Challenge League fixtures involving Yangon United and Shan United, and Asian-level qualifying matches played by Myanmar's national teams.

The MFF said it would continue to host international football competitions annually to help further develop football in Myanmar. — TWA/KZL

Sabalenka takes opening win at WTA Finals

FOUR-TIME Grand Slam winner Aryna Sabalenka overcame Karolina Muchova 7-6 (2), 7-5 to win her Group 2 opener of the WTA Finals at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden on Monday.

Although Sabalenka squandered two set points and was forced into the tiebreak in the first set, she did not meet much challenge later on and capitalized on Muchova's forehand error to take the first set.

The Belarusian served out for the second set to win the match in under two hours.

"I feel like this year, Indian Wells overall because we're here, has been really good for me", Sabalenka was quoted as saying by the WTA official website. "So I really hope that this is going to help me at the Finals. I think just trying to take it as a normal tournament.

"But in the round robin, I'm just trying to win every match I play and at the same time trying to stay in the moment and focus on my game, on each point, and trying to stay calm and in control. So I guess that's probably, that's the secret to consistency".

Sabalenka will next meet Mirra Andreeva in the second match of the round-robin group stage after the latter defeated Elina Svitolina 6-4, 6-0 in 70 minutes.

"Honestly, I feel like I haven't had a lot of Top 10 wins this season. — Xinhua


Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus hits a return during the group stage match against Karolina Muchova of the Czech Republic at the WTA Finals in Indian Wells, California, the United States, on 9 November 2026. **Photo: Xinhua**

Endrick considering leaving Real Madrid to play more

BRAZIL international forward Endrick said on Tuesday that he wants to play regularly, whether at Real Madrid or elsewhere, as was the case when he joined Lyon on loan last January.

The 20-year-old is set to play a role with the Selecao in a friendly against Japan in Singapore on Saturday.

He spent the second half of last season on loan in the French Ligue 1, where he scored eight goals and provided eight assists in 21 matches for Lyon.

At Real he has been a bit-part player this season, as he was in the first half of the last campaign.

It has left him eyeing another potential January move when the transfer window reopens.

"I don't know what will happen in January, all I ask for is that it is the best thing for my career," he said from Singapore.

"I'm very young... I'm still 20 and I'll see what happens. I just want to play, to be happy, to help my teammates, score goals, provide assists, as I was able to do at Lyon, which was one of the best things that happened to me in my life."— AFP

Yangon City sign defender Soe Moe Kyaw on 3-yr contract



Defender Soe Moe Kyaw. **PHOTO: YCFC**

M-LEAGUE leaders Yangon City have signed Myanmar national team defender Soe Moe Kyaw on a three-year contract to strengthen their defence for the second half of the season.

The defender will be eligible to play in the second round when the mid-season transfer window opens.

Yangon City remain unbeaten after six matches, having recorded four wins and two draws to top the standings with 14 points.

Soe Moe Kyaw previously played for Yangon United and Ayeyawady United before moving to clubs in Cambodia and Thailand. — Nyi Myat Thawta/KZL

Carrick set to be sacked by Man Utd: reports

MICHAEL Carrick is set to be sacked by Manchester United after his side's dismal start to the season, according to reports on Tuesday.

United's hierarchy have been conducting an internal review of the club's miserable form.

United are in the midst of their worst opening to a campaign in 40 years, leaving them languishing in the Premier League relegation zone after an eight-match winless run.

It is believed Carrick's future will be decided at a meeting attended by influential shareholder Jim Ratcliffe, chief executive Omar Berrada and director of football Jason Wilcox in Monaco on Wednesday.

Although it is said that no final decision has been made, Berrada and Wilcox are reportedly leaning towards dismissing Carrick.

Ratcliffe and United owners the Glazer family would then decide whether to act on that recommendation, with an announcement potentially coming on Thursday.

Carrick was seen arriving at United's Carrington training base on Tuesday, but it appears to be only a matter of time before his turbulent reign comes to an end.

The 45-year-old had been granted a stay of execution after he was widely expected to be axed in late October following a 3-0 home defeat by Bournemouth.

United's surprise decision to let Carrick limp on failed to produce a significant improvement in performances, particularly defensively. — AFP

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WORLD

Europe not helping to restore navigation in Strait of Hormuz - UAE Official



This photo taken with a mobile phone shows merchant vessels stranded in the waters of the Strait of Hormuz, near Khasab, a small town in northern Oman, 29 May 2026. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

EUROPEAN countries have not taken any real measures to restore navigation in the Strait of Hormuz following the beginning of conflict around Iran, despite their announcements, Director - General of the Dubai Public Policy Research Centre Mohammed Baharoon said on Tuesday.

In summer 2026, former UK prime minister Keir Starmer said that London and Paris would lead an international military mission to ensure freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz as soon as "conditions allow".

Bahroon recalled that Europeans managed to launch the Aspides naval operation to protect navigation in the Red Sea much quicker.

On 28 February, the US and Israel began striking targets in Iran, prompting retaliation from Iran. Despite a lull in the conflict, it remains unresolved, and there is a risk of a resumption of hostilities. — SPUTNIK

IAEA safeguards symposium opens with focus on innovation, resilience, shared responsibility

THE International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on Monday opened its 15th Symposium on International Safeguards in Vienna, with discussions focusing on innovation, resilience and safeguards as a shared responsibility in a changing world.

Since the last symposium in 2022, the safeguards system has seen rapid technological advancements, renewed interest in nuclear energy and its applications, shifting geopolitical dynamics, and unprecedented safety and security risks to safeguards operations in the field, the agency said in a news release.

"Our operating environment is undergoing significant changes that are testing our resilience and challenging us to be more innovative," said Massimo Aparo, IAEA deputy director general and head of the Department of Safeguards, urging all parties, including policymakers, industry, civil society and the safeguards workforce, to keep the safeguards system resilient. — Xinhua

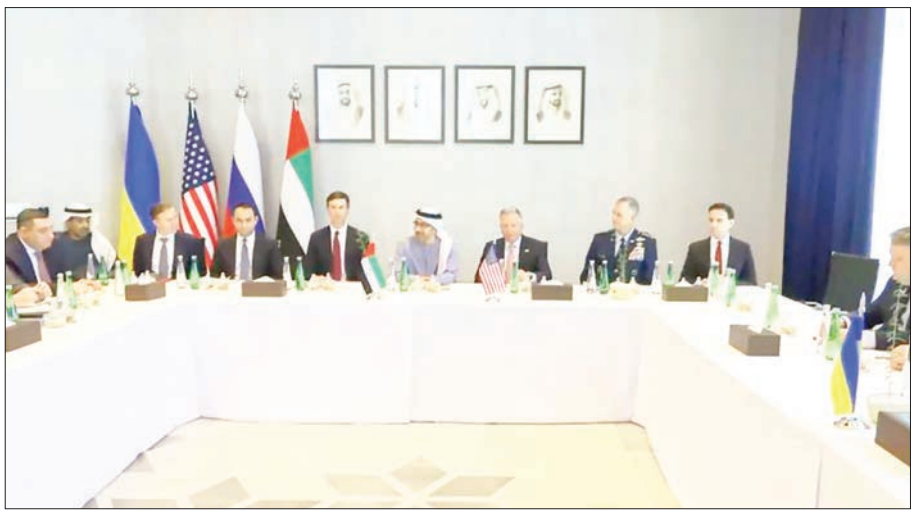
Talks between Russian, US, Ukrainian delegations in Abu Dhabi to continue 11 Nov – Source

Negotiations between the delegations of Russia, he United States and Ukraine in Abu Dhabi will continue on 11 November, a source in the negotiating group told Sputnik on Tuesday.

"Negotiations will definitely continue tomorrow," the source said.

The delegations of Russia and Ukraine at the talks in Abu Dhabi communicated in Russian, a source in the negotiating group told Sputnik on Tuesday.

Trilateral talks between Russia, the United States and Ukraine are taking place in Abu Dhabi on 10-11 November. According to a Sputnik source in the negotiating group, the talks will focus on discussing key aspects of the formation of a new continental security system. The Ukrainian settlement will be only one of the points of a large-scale discussion, the source said. — SPUTNIK



This video screenshot shows the new round of trilateral talks involving Russia, the United States and Ukraine in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates, 10 November 2026. The trilateral talks began here on Tuesday. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

EU climate chief warns 'expectations low' from COP31 summit

THE EU's top climate official admitted Tuesday that expectations were "low" from the COP31 summit in Türkiye, while holding out hope for "meaningful" progress on the topic of clean electricity.

"Expectations are low — that's just a reflection of reality," European Commissioner Wopke Hoekstra told a group of reporters including from AFP, arguing that electrification should be the core focus of the UN climate talks.

"If indeed we manage to make electrification the sole focus, or close to the sole focus of the COP, I think we have a chance to deliver on something that is truly meaningful," he said.

The European commissioner will travel to the Turkish resort of Antalya on Monday for the talks which run until 20 November.

Hoekstra voiced hope that setting an electrification target would be "at the heart" of the summit conclusions, adding: "Of course, the cleaner that electrification is, the better it is."

Host nation Türkiye is inviting countries to join a voluntary "electrification" pledge to raise the share of global energy demand met by electricity from around 20 per cent today to 35 per cent by 2035.

But the EU's call for "clean" electrification could spark debate over the role of oil, gas and coal in the Turkish proposal.



The 31st United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP31) President and Turkish Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change Minister Murat Kurum speaks during the opening session of the COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye, 9 November 2026. **PHOTO: MUSTAFA KAYA/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA**

Observers expect few major breakthroughs from COP31 as countries grapple with an oil price shock and geopolitical tensions fuelled by the US war with Iran and Russia's conflict in Ukraine.

'Underwhelming' COPs

The talks are also missing a major player since US President Donald Trump — who pulled Washington out of the Paris climate agreement — has not sent officials to the talks.

"The larger picture is that the geopolitics of the times we live in are extremely complicated," said Hoekstra, who acknowledged that a string of recent COP meetings had been "underwhelming in terms of their delivery". — AFP