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Participants in the 2026 Intangible Cultural Heritage into Campus event.

2026 Intangible Cultural Heritage into Campus event held at schools

THE 2026 Intangible Cultural Heritage into Campus event was held at PyinOoLwin FuJing School and the Fuqing International Language and Computer Teaching Centre from 6 to 7 November, according to a statement released by the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar.

The event drew over 1,000 participants representing diverse sectors, including Mandalay University of Foreign Languages, Yadanabon University, Yadanabon Technological University, local Chinese language schools, Myanmar language schools, and international schools.

The programme featured expert presentations, cultural and artistic performances, knowledge competitions, and interactive demonstrations.

During the event, scholars and practitioners from China and Myanmar presented various cultural traditions, highlighting the intrinsic value and unique charm of both nations' intangible cultural heritage. Featured subjects included: Traditional Festivals: Spring Festival (Chinese New Year) and Thingyan (Myanmar New Year Festival); Traditional Performing Arts: Sichuan Opera, Wu Opera, and Mongolian Long Song; Crafts & Traditional Practices: Lacquerware painting, acupuncture, and decorative mosaic craft techniques; Folk Customs & Traditions: The 24 Solar Terms and Myanmar's traditional Thanaka application. — TWA/ZN

Vice-President Urges Higher Rice Exports, Larger Strategic Rice Reserves

Vice-President U Nyo Saw has called on relevant government departments, organizations and private-sector stakeholders to strengthen coordination in boosting rice exports and expanding national rice reserves to ensure domestic rice sufficiency, stabilize market prices and provide timely assistance to disaster-affected areas, while preparing for potential weather anomalies caused by Super El Niño.

He made the remarks while delivering the opening speech at a coordination meeting on boosting export volume and collecting national rice reserves, held at the Yangon Region Government Office yesterday afternoon.



Vice-President U Nyo Saw inspects a rice mill in Yangon Region.

During the meeting, the Vice-President highlighted that rice is the country's primary agricultural crop and elaborated on efforts, in line with the President's guidance, to increase paddy yields, develop the rice production sector, expand access to international markets and boost exports.

He also reviewed the implementation of action plans adopted at the Myanmar Rice Conference 2022 to promote the rice sector, including the systematic online registration of rice warehouses through the Myanmar Rice Online (MyRO) system, the issuance of digital certificates for approved warehouse licences and joint government-private sector efforts to build up adequate emergency rice reserves annually. He stressed that these measures were essential to stabilizing domestic rice prices and ensuring effective assistance for disaster-affected areas.

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World-renowned American guitar maestro Paul Gilbert performs in Yangon, Myanmar, as part of his WROC World Tour 2026.

Paul Gilbert Strikes Final Asian Tour Chord in Yangon

AMERICAN guitar virtuoso Paul Gilbert performed in Yangon as part of his WROC World Tour 2026 at The Radio – Music Republic, a popular music bar in Yankin Township, Yangon Region.

Paul Gilbert visited Yangon for the Myanmar leg of his WROC World Tour 2026.

He is a co-founder of the rock bands Mr Big and Racer X and is renowned among guitar enthusiasts worldwide for his exceptional speed and precision in playing the guitar, as well as his distinctive performance style.

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Myanmar, Indonesia Explore Stronger Economic & Investment Ties

MYANMAR and Indonesia discussed strengthening their longstanding bilateral relations and expanding cooperation in trade, investment, and other key sectors during talks held on 8 November at the Yamazato Restaurant of The Okura Prestige Bangkok in Bangkok, Thailand, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The discussions took place during a working luncheon between U Zaw Zaw Soe, Ambassador of Myanmar to Thailand, and Mr Santo Darmosumarto, Deputy Minister for Asia-Pacific and Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, following an invitation from Mr Hari Prabowo, Ambassador of Indonesia to Thailand. During the working luncheon, both sides exchanged views in a cordial and open manner on strengthening existing bilateral relations and exploring potential avenues for expanding trade, investment and cooperation. They also discussed Indonesia's support for Myanmar's peace-building and national reconciliation processes, as well as constructive cooperation in recognition of Myanmar's efforts to implement the ASEAN Five-Point Statement and its political developments within ASEAN. In addition, they exchanged views on continued collaboration to enhance Myanmar's role in ASEAN through a Myanmar-owned, Myanmar-led process. — ASH/TH



This photo shows Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Zaw Zaw Soe and Mr Santo Darmosumarto, Deputy-Minister for Asia-Pacific and African of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, holding a working meeting.

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar President's Office Order 87/2026

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Appointment and Duty Assignment of Judges for Regional High Courts

PURSUANT to Section 308 (b), Clause iv of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 82 (d) of the Union Government Law, Section 45 of the Union Judiciary Law and Section 18 (d) of the Region or State Government Law, the following individuals are appointed and assigned as Judges for the Regional High Courts shown against each of their names.

1. Daw Sanda Kyaw — Bago Region
2. Daw Myat Thida Aung — Mandalay Region

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

Myanmar Gazette

Head of Service Organization transferred and appointed

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has transferred and appointed Dr Min Thein, Director-General of the Department of Rehabilitation under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, as Director-General of the Department of Disaster Management of the same ministry, from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Announcement 71/2026

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Announcement of Dates for Submission, Withdrawal and Scrutiny of Candidate Lists for Various Hluttaws

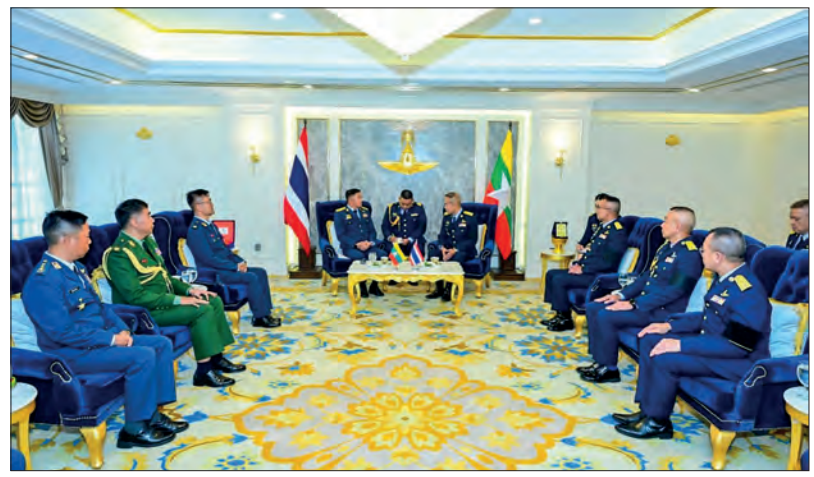
THE Union Election Commission hereby announces the following dates in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 16 of the respective Hluttaw Election Rules:

1. Date for commencement of submission of candidate lists for constituencies of various Hluttaws: 7 December 2026
2. Deadline for submission of candidate lists: 21 December 2026
3. Deadline for withdrawal of submitted candidate lists: 25 December 2026
4. Period for scrutiny of candidate lists: From 26 December 2026 to 9 January 2027

Sd/Than Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Commander-in-Chief (Air) returns after goodwill visit to Thailand

A Tatmadaw (Air) delegation led by Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Win paid a goodwill visit to Thailand on 9 November, at the invitation of Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF) Air Chief Marshal Sakesan Kantha, to strengthen friendship and cooperation between the two air forces.



Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Win holds talks with his counterpart Air Chief Marshal Sakesan Kantha in Thailand on 10 November 2026.

The delegation was welcomed at Don Mueang International Airport by Deputy Chief of the Air Staff (Civil and Special Affairs) Air Marshal Theerawat Intarapiroj, Group Captain Trisanat Palakawong Na Ayudhya and Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Zaw Zaw Soe and Myanmar military attaché officials.

On 10 November, the delegation visited the Royal Thai Air Force Headquarters, where they received a ceremonial welcome and laid a wreath at the RTAF memorial. General Tun Win also signed the guest book and held talks with his Thai counterpart on strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation. Both sides exchanged commemorative gifts.

The delegation also visited the Air Technical Training School where they were briefed on its history, organizational structure, training programmes and teaching methods. They also observed the Aircraft Maintenance Simulation Centre. In the evening, the delegation attended a dinner hosted by Air Chief Marshal Sakesan Kantha.

On 11 November, the delegation visited the Royal Thai Air Force Museum before departing Bangkok. They arrived back at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport in the evening and were welcomed by senior Tatmadaw officers. — MNA/KTZH

Special Weather News

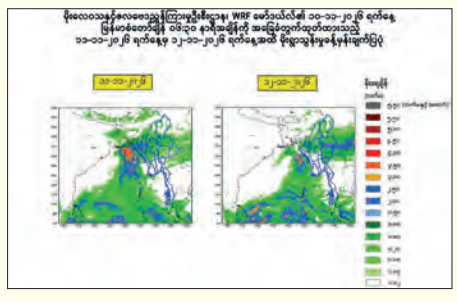
Issued at 7 pm MST on 11 November 2026

ACCORDING to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, due to the convergence of warm air from the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal and cold air from the China, high-pressure system such as rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing Regions and Chin, Rakhine, Kayah and Shan States and isolated to scattered in Bago and Ayeyawady Regions and Kachin State with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Magway Regions and (northern and southern) Shan States from this morning 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 Bay of Bengal and cold air from China, high-pressure systems, and the risk of heavy rainfall with strong winds, flash floods, and landslides in hilly areas and near small rivers, as well as disruptions to inland water transport and domestic flights. — DMH



Awareness talk on preventive measures against El Niño-related weather risks held

AN awareness talk on preventive measures against weather-related risks associated with the El Niño phenomenon was held in Yeapyae Village, Myothit Township, Magway Region, on 9 November. The event was organized by the Department of Rural Development (DRD) of Myothit Township.

At the awareness talk, Daw Thu Zar Lwin, Staff Officer of the Myothit Township DRD, explained the necessary preparations to prevent drinking water shortages caused by the El Niño phenomenon. She also provided guidance on preparations for agriculture and livestock activities, different types of natural disasters, fire safety awareness and precautions to protect against extreme heat.

Afterwards, Daw Thu Zar Lwin and DRD staff distributed pamphlets to help local residents prepare for possible drinking water shortages and raise public awareness of preventive measures, according to the Myothit Township Department of Rural Development. — Myo Myo (DRD)

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Pyithu Hluttaw Addresses National Energy, Education, Infrastructure, and Healthcare Initiatives

THE 27th day of the third regular session of the Third Pyithu Hluttaw convened at the parliament building in Nay Pyi Taw at 10 am yesterday, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi, Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn, deputy ministers, and MPs. The session addressed 14 starred questions covering round-the-clock electricity supply, school infrastructure upgrades, transport corridors, public housing, and regional medical facilities.


The Third Pyithu Hluttaw's third regular session convenes its 27th- day meeting in Nay Pyi Taw.

Responding to a question on whether Bagan's Shin Izzagawna Cave Pagoda could be renamed "Maha Thamangyi Cave Pagoda," Deputy Minister for Culture, Hotels and Tourism U Aye Tun explained that heritage titles registered with UNESCO cannot be casually altered without protracted negotiations. Furthermore, the pagoda's patron advisory monks advised maintaining the revered title. Authorities instead plan to display the original donor inscription alongside informational plaques clarifying the historical context.

Regarding national electrification queries, Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy U Aye Kyaw stated that Myanmar is pursuing a balanced generation mix. A pre-feasibility study conducted with Russia's State Atomic Energy Corporation has concluded plans for a 110 MW small modular reactor plant comprising two 55 MW units, in accordance with International Atomic Energy Agency standards. He also highlighted commercial generation from 500 MW liquefied natural gas (LNG) plants in Yangon's Thanlyin and Thakayta townships, alongside 30 ongoing feasibility studies for 5,108 MW of wind power.

Deputy Minister for Education U Nay Myo Hlaing addressed school upgrades across Ayeyawady and Magway regions. Damaged brick structures at Shwe Dahgon Primary and Kawek High schools in Myaungmya, as well as Suudaungkwin Primary School in Kyaunggon, will be rebuilt as single-storey reinforced concrete buildings based on regional capital budget allocations. Meanwhile, a self-reliance school in Hpokegon village, Myothit, does not yet meet criteria for government-school status due to its proximity to an existing branch high school. Addressing connectivity, Deputy Minister for Construction U Myo Myint detailed road resurfacing and bridge modernizations. Repair works along the Kalewa-Kyigon-Kalay corridor and the PutaO-Machanbaw-Nawngmun route will proceed across the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 financial years. Road maintenance and culvert projects are also underway in Wundwin Township. Regarding housing queries, U Myo Myint noted that public rental housing depends on state budget allocations and land availability, while squatters occupying rail, road, and high-voltage transmission easements are being lawfully cleared.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Tin Tun answered queries concerning hospital operations in Mon, Shan, Kayah, and Magway. Due to specialized equipment and human resource constraints, advanced radiotherapy remains centralized in Yangon, Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw, and Taunggyi before expanding to 500-bed regional hospitals like Mawlamyine. In Loikaw, following the general hospital's reopening in May 2024, staff strength stands at 192, supported by regular shipments of pharmaceuticals and a newly appointed oncologist. Meanwhile, Mongpon Station Hospital in Loilem will receive building and housing upgrades in the 2028-2029 financial year, and Sinbaungwe Hospital in Magway will shortly receive a 100-mA conventional X-ray machine. — News Team/ST

Vice-President Urges Higher Rice Exports, Larger Strategic Rice Reserves

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The Vice-President further emphasized the need to maintain domestic rice sufficiency, secure foreign markets, ensure systematic export operations, stabilize domestic prices and maintain an accurate database of registered rice stocks. He also highlighted the importance of storing essential food reserves for distribution to disaster victims and expanding national rice reserves in anticipation of weather anomalies associated with Super El Niño.

He urged all relevant departments and organizations to coordinate and cooperate effectively to ensure the successful expansion of national reserve rice collection. Following his remarks, the Myanmar Rice Federation president presented an overview of prevailing rice market conditions, the status of national rice reserves and exports of rice and broken rice. Representatives of participating federations, government departments and export companies also reported on rice reserves storage, the distribution of relief supplies to disaster-affected areas, export shipments and ongoing measures to increase rice exports.

The Vice-President subsequently reviewed the reports, coordinated necessary arrangements and delivered concluding remarks. After the meeting, he inspected national rice reserves storage facilities at export-oriented rice warehouses in Shwepyitha and Hlinethaya townships and provided necessary guidance.

The meeting was attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Aung Naing Thu, Deputy Minister for Commerce U Win Myint Khine, the deputy commander of the Yangon Command, regional ministers, officials from relevant departments, the president of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), the president of the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF), and representatives of export companies. — MNA/TH

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives residents from Botahtaung District

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi met residents from Botahtaung District, Yangon Region, who visited the Pyithu Hluttaw to observe the 27th-day sitting of the third regular session of the Third Pyithu Hluttaw. The meeting was held yesterday in a conference room at Building C of the Pyithu Hluttaw. During the meeting, Speaker U Khin Yi gave a detailed briefing on the formation of a new democratic government following the successful holding of free and fair elections in 2025, with the three branches of government – the legislature, the executive and the judiciary – as its main pillars.

He also explained the structure and responsibilities of the Hluttaw as the legislative body, legislative matters, the composition of supporting committees and their activities in various sectors. He urged voters to closely monitor the performance of the representatives they had elected and offer suggestions and encouragement to help them work for the benefit of their respective constituencies and the country as a whole. He also encouraged the visitors to share with others the knowledge they had gained about the Hluttaw through their visit.

The meeting was also attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn, Yangon Region Pyithu Hluttaw representatives U Nyan Win Htike, U Sai Lin Lin Htun, U Win Kyaw, U Kyaw San Oo and Daw Aye Mya Mya Kyaing, as well as officials from the Pyithu Hluttaw Office. — MNA/MKKS


Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn speaks at the meeting with residents from Botahtaung District, Yangon Region.

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Lawmakers join debates at Amyotha Hluttaw

THE Third Amyotha Hluttaw continued the 16th-day meeting of the third regular session at its building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe, Deputy Speaker Jeng Phang Naw Taung, Union Minister Lt-Gen Phone Myat and deputy ministers.



The 16th-day sitting of the Third Amyotha Hluttaw's third regular session is underway in Nay Pyi Taw.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Min Thu replied to queries raised by lawmakers, saying that a 2-story, 6-unit reinforced concrete residential building will be constructed within the compound of the Myoma Police Station in Minhla Township, by allocating and proposing a budget under the Capital (Supplementary) Expenditure for the 2027-2028 financial year.

Deputy Minister for Transport U Tun Lu explained the enacted sector-specific maritime laws essential for sustaining the sovereignty of Myanmar's territorial waters and advancing national interests.

Deputy Minister for Digital Development and Communications U Thet Win Aung responded to the queries raised by the lawmaker, saying that MPT, ATOM and U9 telecom operators do not have any plans to build new mobile camps for communications in Kyauktaw Village-tract of Yaksawk Township. But a Mytel telecom camp will be built in Banmak and Hingakon villages to provide telecommunication services to the people.

The deputy minister also replied that due to Metmung Township's mountainous terrain, sparse population distribution, difficult transportation access, lack of electricity, and the challenges of establishing backhaul links, mobile network operators currently have no plans to construct new mobile base stations. Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw Than Than Lin also answered the questions of a lawmaker, stating that depending on the smooth operation of local township administration and the availability of internet connectivity, the Centralized e-Pension system will be further expanded to the remaining Myanma Economic Bank branches in Sagaing Region.

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5th Meeting of Myanmar-Brazil Political Consultations Held

THE 5th Meeting of Political Consultations between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar and Brazil was held on the morning of 11 November 2026 at the M Gallery Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw. The meeting was co-chaired by U Ko Ko Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar, and Ambassador Mrs Susan Kleebank, Secretary for Asia and the Pacific of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil.

The two sides reviewed the progress of ongoing cooperation between Myanmar and Brazil, particularly in trade, investment, agriculture, technical cooperation, culture and consular matters. They also agreed to advance cooperation in areas of mutual interest, promote engagement at all levels, and further deepen cooperation and constructive engagement in regional and multilateral platforms.

Moreover, they discussed developments in their respective countries and exchanged views on regional and international matters.

After the meeting, Deputy Minister U Ko Ko Kyaw hosted a luncheon in honour of the Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil and the Brazilian delegation at the M Gallery Hotel.



Deputy Minister U Ko Ko Kyaw and Ambassador Mrs Susan Kleebank, Secretary for Asia and the Pacific of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil, co-chair the Fifth Meeting of Myanmar-Brazil Political Consultations.

During her visit, the Secretary for Asia and the Pacific of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil visited and paid homage to the Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon and the Maravijaya Buddha in Nay Pyi Taw. — MoFA

DIPLOMACY

MNPIFER Union Minister receives Member of the Board – Minister in charge of Integration and Macroeconomics, Eurasian Economic Commission

U AUNG KYAW HOE, Union Minister for National Planning, Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, received a delegation led by Mr Daniiar Imanaliev, Member of the Board – Minister in charge of Integration and Macroeconomics of the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), at Office 1, Ministry of National Planning, Investment and Foreign Economic Relations in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. Both sides exchanged views on further cooperation activities that include enhancing trade, investment and economic relations between Myanmar and the member states of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), strengthening connections between the business circles of both sides, promoting cooperation within the ASEAN framework, and expanding cooperation through Joint Working Group meetings.



Union Minister U Aung Kyaw Hoe meets Mr Daniiar Imanaliev, Member of the Board-Minister in charge of Integration and Microeconomics, Eurasian Economic Commission.

The meeting was also attended by the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of the Republic of Belarus in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and officials from the Ministry of National Planning, Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Eurasian Economic Commission and Eurasian Economic Union member states.

On the evening of that day, the Union Minister for National Planning, Investment and Foreign Economic Relations hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting Minister and his delegation at the Park Royal Hotel. The dinner was attended by the delegation led by Mr Daniiar Imanaliev, Member of the Board – Minister in charge of Integration and Macroeconomics of the Eurasian Economic Commission, Deputy Ministers, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of the Republic of Belarus in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, officials from the Russian Embassy, heads of departments from relevant ministries and guests. — MNPIFER

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Lawmakers join debates at Amyotha Hluttaw

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Concerning the questions on opening a youth training school and a domestic training school, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Phone Myat explained that project activities will commence once an MoU is signed with the Government of the Republic of India to open a Development Training School for National Youths in Border Areas and a Women's Vocational Training School in Homalin Township, Sagaing Region.

Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maung Thein explained that the Ministry of Education coordinates with the Kachin State government to establish a proper degree college in PutaO region.The deputy minister also explained that the Ministry of Education is stepping up the allocation of funds for human resource development department-by-department on a results-based system.

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Than Soe stated that to provide temporary shelter for temporarily displaced persons from Bhamo, Mansi, Momauk, and Shwegu townships within Bhamo District, IDP camps and temporary shelters have been constructed in their respective townships. In coordination, the National Disaster Management Committee and the Kachin State Government are providing cash assistance and basic foodstuffs, while the Ministry of Border Affairs, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Immigration and Population are collaborating in their respective sectors. The Speaker announced that the lawmakers wishing to discuss the MSME Development and Protection Bill could register with the director-general of the Amyotha Hluttaw Office. Lawmakers discussed the proposal submitted by MP U Kyaw Kyaw Latt from the Yangon Region Constituency 10, urging the government to draft the Personal Data Protection Law as quickly as possible.

The Speaker announced that the continuation of discussions by lawmakers, clarifications of Union-level organization member and seeking the approval of the Hluttaw would be held on 13 November. The Amyotha Hluttaw will continue its 17th-day meeting on 13 November. — News Team/TTA

DIPLOMACY

MoFA UM receives Member of the Board – Minister-in-charge for receives Integration and Macroeconomics, Eurasian Economic Commission

U TIN MAUNG SWE, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received the delegation led by Mr Daniiar Imanaliev, Member of the Board – Minister-in-charge for Integration and Macroeconomics, Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.



MoFA Union Minister U Tin Maung Swe meets Mr Daniiar Imanaliev, Member of the Board (Minister) for Integration and Macroeconomics of the Eurasian Economic Commission, in Nay Pyi Taw.

They exchanged views on matters related to Myanmar's potential accession as an observer state to the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), development cooperation between ASEAN and the Eurasian Economic Commission, and Myanmar's participation in and showcasing of its products at meetings, exhibitions, and events related to EEC integration.

Also present at the meeting were senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and relevant ministries, representatives from the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), and Mr Iskander Azizov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and representatives from the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Yangon and the Embassy of the Republic of Belarus in Nay Pyi Taw. — MoFA

DIPLOMACY

Myanmar, Eurasian Economic Commission discuss trade

UNION Minister for Commerce U Tun Ohn met a delegation led by Mr Daniiar Imanaliyev, Member of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission and Minister for Macroeconomics and Integration, at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Commerce yesterday evening.



Union Minister U Tun Ohn holds talks with Mr Daniiar Imanaliev, Member of the Board (Minister) for Integration and Macroeconomics of the Eurasian Economic Commission, and his delegation.

They held frank and cordial discussions on promoting Myanmar's exports of agricultural products, including Pawsan rice, pulses and sesame, as well as CMP products and marine products, to the five Eurasian Economic Union member states: Russia, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Armenia.

They also discussed attracting investment in the Dawei Special Economic Zone, the digital transformation of tax collection, and Myanmar's participation in the ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA), which is being jointly pursued by the Eurasian Economic Commission and ASEAN member states. — MNA/KZL

Myanmar attends International Construction Week (ICW) and BuildXpo 2026 in Malaysia

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Construction U Myo Thant attended the International Construction Week (ICW) and BuildXpo 2026, held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 10 to 11 November.

On 10 November, the delegation attended the opening ceremony and visited exhibitions showcasing international infrastructure projects, construction technologies, industry capabilities and construction materials. They also attended a luncheon hosted by Malaysia's Minister of Works.



Union Minister U Myo Thant attends International Construction Week (ICW) and BuildXpo 2026 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

In the afternoon, Union Minister U Myo Thant held informal talks with Malaysian Minister of Works Mr Dato Sri Alexander Nanta Linggi. Both sides discussed strengthening bilateral relations and expanding cooperation in infrastructure development, construction technology and professional skills exchange.

They also highlighted the importance of closer cooperation among government agencies, private-sector businesses and professionals to enhance productivity, technical capacity and competitiveness in the construction industry.

On 11 November, the Myanmar delegation observed road and bridge construction technologies, urban development projects and environmental conditions in Kuala Lumpur and its surrounding areas.

The delegation departed Kuala Lumpur in the afternoon and arrived back in Yangon in the same evening. — MNA/KTZH

Paul Gilbert Strikes Final Asian Tour ...

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As part of his 2026 Asian tour, Gilbert performed in Singapore and Thailand before concluding the tour in Myanmar. His final performance took place at The Radio – Music Republic at 7 pm on 7 November.

The set list included songs from his latest album, WROC (Washington's Rules of Civility), as well as his solo material and popular hits from his time with Mr Big and Racer X. — ASH/MKKS

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MoFA Union Minister receives Secretary for Asia & Pacific of Foreign Affairs Ministry of Brazil



Union Minister U Tin Maung Swe meets Mrs Susan Kleebank, Secretary for Asia and the Pacific at Brazil's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

U Tin Maung Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, received Ambassador Mrs Susan Kleebank, Secretary for Asia and the Pacific of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil, who is visiting Myanmar to attend the 5th Meeting of Myanmar-Brazil Political Consultations, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw on 11 November 2026.

Both sides candidly exchanged views on ways to further strengthen bilateral relations and cooperation, facilitate high-level exchanges of visits, and extend mutual support in regional and multilateral forums. — MoFA

DIPLOMACY

MoFA Deputy Minister receives ICRC Resident Representative

U Ko Ko Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, received Mr Arnaud de Baecque, Resident Representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to Myanmar, yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

They exchanged views on matters related to ICRC's activities and the provision of humanitarian assistance in Myanmar. Also present at the meeting were officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MoFA



The Resident Representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) calls on Deputy Minister U Ko Ko Kyaw.

Dairy cattle farming under MSY Village Project inspected in Thazi

OFFICIALS conducted a field inspection on 9 November in Kyabetgon Village, Thazi Township, Mandalay Region, to review dairy cattle farming activities implemented under the Mya Sein Yaung (MSY) Village Project. This project, overseen by the Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, aims to create employment opportunities for rural residents, increase household income, and reduce poverty.



Officials inspect a dairy cattle farming project in Thazi Township, Mandalay Region.

Township Head Daw Mya Thet Win of the Department of Rural Development (DRD) in Thazi Township, accompanied by project staff, visited Kyabetgon Village. They inspected the status of dairy cattle farming activities, funded by K40 million from the MSY Village Project, and verified whether the required monthly record-keeping forms were being maintained accurately.

Daw Mya Thet Win provided necessary coordination and guidance to address any requirements. A total of K30 million has been disbursed as loans to 20 individuals, organized into four groups, for dairy cattle farming in Kyabetgon Village. — Hein Htet Soe (Mahlaing)

22nd ASEAN-PAC meeting concludes



The second day of the 22nd Principals Meeting of the ASEAN Parties Against Corruption (ASEAN-PAC) is underway in Nay Pyi Taw.

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

During the meeting, a representative of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission briefed participants on activities related to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), proposals concerning the ASEAN-PAC official song and web portal.

Participants also discussed ASEAN-PAC activities, cooperation among member states, anti-corruption policies and measures, and future collaborative initiatives.

A representative of the Philippines presented preparations for hosting the 23rd ASEAN-PAC meeting. Discussions also covered cooperation with international partners, including the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA).

The meeting concluded with closing remarks by U Kyaw Win Thein, member of Myanmar's Anti-Corruption Commission and Chair of the 22nd ASEAN-PAC Meeting.

Speaking after the meeting, he emphasized the importance of promoting integrity among young people and building a corruption-free ASEAN region based on transparency and accountability.

The two-day meeting, held from 10 to 11 November, aimed to strengthen regional cooperation in preventing and combating corruption and sharing best practices. Myanmar joined ASEAN-PAC as its 10th member on 14 November 2013.

In the afternoon, delegates visited the National Museum, National Library and the White Elephant Pavilion within the precincts of Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw. They also paid a visit to the Maravijaya, the world's tallest marble-carved seated Buddha image. — MNA/KTZH

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NATIONAL

MoBA Dy Minister inspects revamped Surbung Airport, Staff Housing in Falam

DEPUTY Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Han inspected the damaged airport building, air traffic control tower and air navigation equipment, as well as the runway and aircraft parking areas at Surbung Airport, which had been damaged by terrorist attacks. He also inspected the cleanup operations and airport security measures yesterday. He was accompanied by Chin State Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Khin Maung Htwe and members of the Chin State Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Committee.



Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Han inspects the damaged airport facilities.

The deputy minister also inspected a four-unit, two-storey house and a two-unit, two-storey house belonging to the Department of Urban and Housing Development in Far Toi Ward, Falam Township, which had been partially damaged, as well as the progress of renovation work. He instructed staff families to keep their residential surroundings clean and improve water supply arrangements.

He also inspected the renovation of partially damaged houses for education staff and the living conditions of their families. He enquired about their farming activities and water supply and coordinated measures to address their needs.

In addition, the deputy minister inspected No 1 Basic Education High School in Falam Township, which had been partially damaged by the violence. The main classroom, which had sustained partial damage, had been fully renovated. He also inspected the school buildings and encouraged the students and teachers to continue their studies and teaching activities, respectively, and presented awards. — District IPRD/MKKS

6 KIA, KPDF, PDF members reintegrated into 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.


A handover ceremony for returnees underway in Myitkyina, Kachin State.

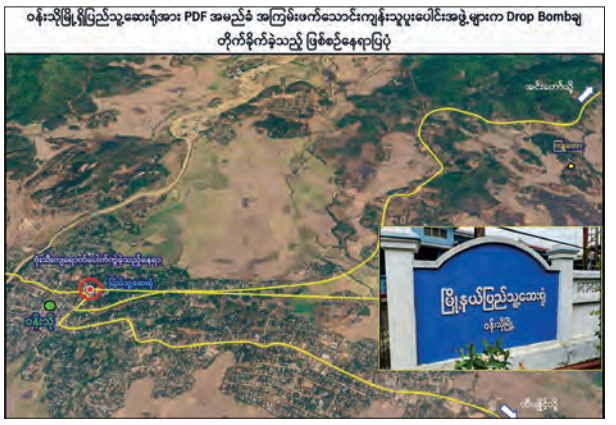
Yesterday, six KIA, KPDF and PDF members – five males and one female – entered the legal fold with arms and ammunition.

The returnees were handed over to their parents and guardians at a ceremony held at the Bala Min Htin Hall of Northern Command. The event was attended by Kachin State Chief Minister U Khet Htein Nan, Commander Maj-Gen Aung Zaw Htwe, relevant officials and parents of returnees. The returnees handed over one M-79 LL 40MM grenade launcher, two K-25 rifles, one KA rifle, 20-40MM grenades, one grenade, 270 7.62 bullets, five magazines, one bulletproof vest and other items to the commander. Officials then presented cash rewards, including K7.5 million for the M-79 LL grenade launcher, K15 million for three rifles, K6 million for 20 grenades, K300,000 for one grenade, K200,000 for one bulletproof vest and K9 million for the six individuals who returned to the legal fold.

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

Drone-Dropped Bomb Attack Damages Wuntho Township People's Hospital

COMBINED PDF terrorist insurgent groups have been carrying out acts of sabotage aimed at hindering regional development, disrupting the government's administrative machinery, and undermining regional peace and stability. Their activities have included detonating mines, destroying critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, schools and hospitals, launching remote attacks using improvised rockets, and dropping bombs from drones.



Map shows the incident location in Wuntho, Sagaing Region.

In their latest attack, the combined terrorist insurgent groups launched a drone attack using dropped bombs this afternoon on the Township People's Hospital in Sitkaegyi Ward, Wuntho, Sagaing Region. The bombs exploded within the hospital compound, striking the monks' treatment ward and the hospital conference hall.

The explosions caused shrapnel damage to window panes, ceilings, building walls, water pipelines and furniture. However, no local patients receiving medical treatment or healthcare personnel were injured in the incident.

Attacking a non-military hospital providing medical care to local ethnic civilians with such intent constitutes a war crime under the Geneva Conventions and international law. Residents have strongly objected to and condemned these terrorist acts, while security forces are continuing to take necessary area security measures. — 100/ST

Shwe Kokko illegal building demolitions continue

SYSTEMATIC demolition of illegal buildings used for online scam and gambling activities continues in Phase II of the Shwe Kokko area.

The Government is working with neighbouring countries and regional partners to completely eradicate online scams and gambling activities, which threaten global socioeconomic affairs and national security. As part of these efforts, illegal buildings in the Shwe Kokko area, where such activities have been widely carried out, are being systematically demolished to prevent them from resuming at these sites.

According to reports, demolition work on a five-storey building in Phase II, one of the remaining structures used for online scam and gambling activities, had reached 90 per cent completion as of today, with heavy machinery being used. Demolition of another six-storey building had also reached 30 per cent completion. Of the 63 remaining buildings used for online scam and gambling activities in Phase II of the Shwe Kokko area, 10 have already been systematically demolished. These comprise four buildings designated for demolition by controlled explosions and six designated for demolition using heavy machinery.

The remaining 53 illegal buildings will also be systematically demolished, according to reports. — 100/KZL


This image reveals the systematic demolition of a scam-related building.

OPINION

Celebrating Tazaungmone with joy and festive cheer

Tazaungmone is the eighth month of the Myanmar lunar calendar. The word "Tazaung" means a torch or a lighted lantern. During the month of Tazaungmone, most of the people join traditional festivals and religious ceremonies, including the Tazaungdine lighting festival, the Kathina robe-offering ceremony, the Mathoe Thingan (robe-weaving) ceremony, customary pranks of youth, secretly discarding property, the charitable offering festival and so on. The tradition of preparing and sharing Mezali bud salad is also observed.

During the month of Tazaungmone, Matho Thingan (robe-weaving) competitions are traditionally held at prominent pagodas and stupas across Myanmar to offer robes to the Buddha images dedicated to the Lord Buddha. The competitions are accompanied by the continuous beating of traditional Ozi drums and percussion instruments throughout the night to encourage the participants. They are also regarded as festivals that bring both spiritual and worldly benefits.

Vibrant celebrations and joyful activities in Tazaungmone bring not only religious merit but also happiness, peace and delight to people's hearts. As the month of Tazaungmone brings abundant blessings and benefits to everyone, all people work together to preserve and promote the traditional festivals and religious merit-making ceremonies celebrated throughout the month. While enjoying these festivities, they should ensure that the essence of Myanmar's cultural heritage is not neglected, diminished or lost.

In addition, Kathina robe-offering ceremonies are held for members of the Sangha during the month of Tazaungmone. The term "Kathina" is derived from the Pali word "Kathina" and refers to an offering of robes that enables recipients to firmly enjoy the five benefits of Kathina. Kathina robes may be offered only once a year, during the one month from the first waning of Thadingyut to the Full Moon Day of Tazaungmone. This is a special form of offering that can be made only once a year, once during that month, and to only one monastery on the designated occasion.

One notable feature that distinguishes Tazaungmone from Thadingyut is the grand celebration of the Tazaungdine hot-air balloon festivals in Taunggyi and PyinOoLwin, where the festivities are held on a large and lively scale. In addition, people organize small-scale charitable offering activities and prepare and share Mezali bud salad. The Samañaphala Day and National Victory Day, however, continue to be prominently commemorated to this day for their religious and historical significance. The festivals held during Tazaungmone include not only merit-making ceremonies organized in accordance with Myanmar's traditional customs and cultural heritage but also festive activities arranged to bring joy and happiness to the general public.

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ARTICLE

Preparing Tomorrow's Working Youth for a Digital Workplace Beyond Hard Work

By Augustin



Maung Lu Aye is a vibrant young man who builds his life on honesty and hard work. True to his name, which means "peaceful person", he is a calm and quiet youth in his neighbourhood who earns a living through manual labour. Regardless of the scorching sun or heavy rain, he works tirelessly every day, carrying heavy loads and delivering goods. Through his sweat and dedication, he provides for his family while also pursuing his education at night school after work.

One day, he saw a job advertisement for a warehouse supervisor position at a large company. Maung Lu Aye possessed all the necessary hands-on experience in inventory management and the strong work ethic required for the job. However, his main weakness was his lack of familiarity with computers and office software systems, which he had never used before.

On the day of the interview, Maung Lu Aye wore his cleanest shirt, neatly combed his hair, and entered the grand interview room located on a high floor of the company's high-rise building. The interview panel, consisting of the chairman and the HR manager, sat waiting with serious and dignified expressions.

The HR manager began the questioning, saying, "Maung Lu Aye, your CV shows great warehouse experience. However, since the company is now managing all of its inventory through a digital system, do you have the basic digital literacy required?"

With pure honesty, Maung Lu Aye immediately nodded and smiled. "Yes, sir! I can read and write. I have even read an entire thick 'Computer Basics' book at our neighbourhood library!"

The interviewers glanced at each other in silence. After a moment, wanting to test his basic skills, the HR manager pushed the locked laptop on the desk towards Maung Lu Aye and said, "Alright, let's do a practical test. Do you see the space to enter the password on the screen? Please type the company's designated password, '1-2-3-4', in that space and press Enter".

Maung Lu Aye sat down properly in front of the computer. Looking at the keyboard, he noticed that the numbers were located on the top row. Without losing heart, he tried his absolute best. Using his index finger, he carefully selected the numbers on the keyboard one by one, pressing 1, then 2, then 3, and finally 4. For security reasons, the actual numbers did not appear on the screen; instead, only four black dots (••••) were displayed.

When he finished, Maung Lu Aye proudly pointed to the black dots on the screen and said confidently, "Done, sir! I have successfully placed the four dots for the password you mentioned without any mistakes!"

As soon as he finished speaking, the interviewers could only shake their heads, not knowing whether to laugh or cry. They were completely struck by Maung Lu Aye's technical misunderstanding, as he had mistaken the protective black dots on the screen for the actual shape and form of the password itself, rather than the numbers '1-2-3-4' they had asked him to type.

The digital divide and informational poverty

While Maung Lu Aye's honest mistake brings a smile, it illustrates a much larger, sobering reality: the digital divide and informational poverty create a severe socioeconomic crisis that excludes talented, industrious individuals from modern opportunities.

In today's job market, hard-working youth are frequently disqualified solely due to a lack of basic digital literacy. This reality highlights two urgent needs: young people must actively learn technology, while employers and society must collaborate to support them and close the skills gap.

Furthermore, this information asymmetry directly undermines economic prospects across industries. For instance, a rural farmer lacking a stable internet connection and real-time market updates is forced to sell harvests to local brokers at exploitatively low prices. Conversely, connected farmers using agricultural apps to bypass middlemen can triple their income.

This stark contrast proves that modern economic barriers often stem from a lack of information rather than a shortage of material assets or fertile land.

In today's economy, the presence of information asymmetry can be more damaging than a lack of financial capital.

Without balanced data access, traditional workers cannot receive fair returns on their labour and remain trapped in exploitation. Ultimately, poverty has evolved past material deprivation into a critical lack of digital and informational access.

Grammatical Syllabus and Criteria for Selecting Grammar

By Maung Maung Aye

A grammatical syllabus, also known as a structural syllabus, is a method of organizing a language course based on the systematic presentation of grammatical structures. Its core principle is that language is a system of rules, and learning a language means mastering these rules one by one. Therefore, a grammatical syllabus is typically arranged in a sequence from simple to complex structures.

A traditional grammatical syllabus may begin with the verb "to be" (am/is/are), followed by the Simple Present tense and the Present Continuous tense. Learners may then study countable and uncountable nouns, including the use of a, an, some, and any. After that, the syllabus can introduce the Simple Past tense with regular and irregular verbs, followed by future forms such as "going to" and "will". More advanced structures, such as the Present Perfect tense, comparatives and superlatives, and the First Conditional, can be introduced later. This progression allows learners to build their grammatical knowledge step by step.

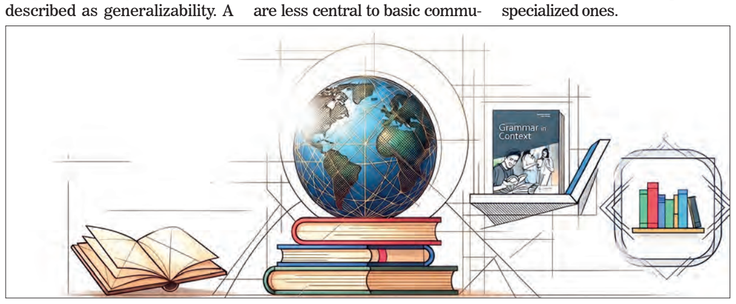
When designing a grammatical syllabus, it is not possible to teach every grammatical rule of a language. Therefore, syllabus designers need specific criteria to decide which grammar points are most important for learners at a particular stage. Four important criteria are frequency, learnability, simplicity, and centrality. These criteria help teachers select grammatical structures according to their usefulness, difficulty, complexity, and importance in communication.

Frequency refers to how often a particular grammatical structure occurs in everyday language use. The main idea is "Teach what is used most". Frequency is a statistical measure because it focuses on how often grammatical structures appear in spoken and written communication. Structures that occur frequently are given priority so that learners can acquire grammar that they are likely to encounter and need to use immediately. For example, the Simple Present tense is highly frequent because it is constantly used to describe habits, facts, and routines, as in "I live in…" and "He works at…". Therefore, it is normally taught at an early stage. In contrast, the Future Perfect Continuous, as in "By next year, I will have been studying for five years", is rarely used in everyday conversation. Therefore, it may be introduced much later in a syllabus or omitted at lower levels.

Learnability refers to how easy or difficult a particular grammatical structure is for a learner to understand and internalize, often depending on the learner's current level of proficiency. The main idea is "Teach what is learnable at the current stage". This criterion considers the learner's cognitive readiness and the complexity of the grammatical rule itself. It is closely related to the natural order of language acquisition. Teaching a structure that is too complex for learners can lead to frustration and the fossilization of errors. Therefore, grammatical structures should be challenging enough to promote learning and development but not so difficult that learners cannot understand them. For example, the Present Continuous tense used to describe an action happening "now", as in "I am eating", is relatively easy to learn because it describes a concrete and visible action occurring at the moment of speaking. In contrast, the Present Perfect tense, as in "I have lived here for 10 years", can be difficult for learners because it expresses an abstract connection between the past and the present, and this concept may not exist in the same form in some learners' first languages. Therefore, it may be taught at a later stage even though it is relatively frequent.

Simplicity refers to the relative complexity of a grammatical form and the concepts that it expresses. The main idea is "Teach simple forms and concepts before complex ones". This criterion focuses on pedagogical grammar. Although a structure may be frequently used, its form or meaning may be complex, so it may need to be broken down into simpler parts. Simple structures usually have clear and straightforward rules with fewer exceptions. For example, the pluralization of nouns by adding "-s" is a simple grammatical rule, as in cat → cats and dog → dogs. This type of structure can be taught at an early stage. However, pluralization becomes more complex when learners encounter irregular forms such as child → children and foot → feet, as well as nouns that do not change in the plural, such as sheep → sheep. Although the basic concept of "more than one" is simple, the different forms and exceptions make the structure more complex. Therefore, these forms can be taught after learners have mastered the basic plural rule.

Centrality refers to the versatility and generative power of a grammatical item, or how important it is for forming basic and meaningful sentences. The main idea is "Teach the structures that are the building blocks of the language". Centrality is sometimes described as generalizability. A central grammatical structure provides a framework or template that learners can use to produce many different correct sentences. In this way, learning a central structure can help learners communicate in a wide range of situations. For example, the Subject-Verb-Object (SVO) sentence structure, as in "The boy kicked the ball", is highly central because it provides a basic framework for thousands of English sentences. Once learners understand this structure, they can use it to produce many different sentences by changing the subject, verb, and object. Thus, it gives learners considerable generative power. In contrast, inverted structures for emphasis, such as "Never have I seen such a thing", are less central to basic communication. They are mainly used as advanced stylistic devices and can therefore be taught at a later stage.



To conclude, frequency, learnability, simplicity, and centrality provide useful criteria for selecting and sequencing grammatical structures in a syllabus. A well-designed grammatical syllabus does not simply present grammar rules one after another; instead, it considers how often structures are used, how easily learners can acquire them, how simple or complex they are, and how important they are for producing meaningful communication. These criteria help teachers organize grammar instruction in a logical progression from more useful and accessible structures to more complex and specialized ones.

NATIONAL

Effective chemical management pledged to address industrial hazards



Deputy Minister Dr Aung Zeya inspecting the Central Chemical Management Centre at the Department of Industrial Cooperation.

DEPUTY Minister Dr Aung Zeya for Industry and MSME Development called for effective management and control of chemicals and related materials to protect the public from chemical hazards linked to industrial operations.

The deputy minister gave instructions during an inspection of the Central Chemical Management Centre at the Department of Industrial Cooperation in Insein Township, Yangon.

He instructed officials to reduce environmental and ecosystem impacts and to continuously inspect laboratories so they meet quality standards. He also urged efforts to obtain ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation for the laboratories, to add high-tech equipment and systematically cultivate human resources, and to accelerate training courses and awareness events for MSME operators.

The deputy minister further instructed that laboratories, chemical reagent storage and waste management systems follow established standard operating procedures and that laboratory upgrades proceed in a balanced manner. — TWA/KK

CAD receives 462 consumer complaints in 10 months

THE Consumer Affairs Department received 462 consumer complaints about product issues, service failures and negative experiences from January to October 2026, according to the department. The department received 44 complaints about goods and 418 about services in the past ten months, totalling 462. Of them, 426 have been resolved, with 36 remaining under continued handling.

Yangon Region accounted for the most complaints at 302, followed by Mandalay Region with 64 and the Union Territory with 26. Telecommunications services drew the most complaints at 149, followed by other services at 83, and e-commerce services ranked third with 77 complaints. When mediating complaints about online purchases, the department said it cannot resolve cases where fraud occurred and the seller cannot be located. Online shops must be registered, and buyers should shop with care. Regional, state and district offices continue carrying out consumer protection awareness programmes, according to the department. — NN/KK

Rice industry families hold 22nd Collective Kathina Robe Offering in Pyay



The 22nd collective Kathina robe offering ceremony of rice industry families is in progress in Pyay, Bago Region.

THE 22nd collective Kathina robe offering ceremony of rice industry families, led by the Myanmar Rice Federation, was held on 7 November at the Visuddharama monastery in Pyay, Bago Region, according to the Myanmar Rice Federation.

The ceremony, led by the Myanmar Rice Federation, brought together the stakeholders in the rice supply chain, including Myanmar Rice Traders Association, rice millers, rice and paddy commodity depots, rice business operators, companies, rice warehouse operators, rice brokers, retail rice shop owners and rice industry families.

At the ceremony, Kathina robes and offerings were presented to 220 monks, including 170 invited monks from Pyay district led by Bhaddanta Sitalasara, abbot of the Visuddharon Baranasi Monastery, and 50 monks at Visuddharama Monastery, as well as 25 senior and junior nuns.

Padetha trees (symbolic offering trees) were also presented by drawing lots to 25 monasteries.

Donations for the Kathina ceremony totalled K412 million, including Kathina robes and cash offerings for 170 monasteries in Pyay District and Padetha tree donations, according to a statement from the Myanmar Rice Federation. — NN/KK

MFVP joins forces to cut post-harvest losses



Officials from Nippon Koei and the Myanmar Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producers and Exporters Association (MFVP) meet for work collaboration.

THE Myanmar Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producers and Exporters Association (MFVP) will work with partners to reduce post-harvest losses, according to the association.

Officials from Nippon Koei met MFVP on 9 November to discuss the company's "Data Collection Survey on Improving Agricultural Product Distribution and Enhancing Food Safety in Myanmar (Shan State)" project, according to the association.

Nippon Koei then explained plans to survey the food value chain for three crops grown, produced and exported in Shan State, including Chinese cabbage, tomato and potato and asked about cultivation and production conditions for the three crops.

MFVP responded to Nippon Koei's questions during the meeting. Furthermore, MFVP will connect the survey team with Chinese cabbage growers in Pindaya Township, the Heho potato growers and exporters group and the Taungthutada (Farmers' Bridge) organization to help the survey proceed smoothly. MFVP also offered recommendations on ground-level difficulties, reducing post-harvest losses and the collection centre system.

Additionally, JICA will carry out further work based on data from the pilot survey. MFVP will continue working with partner organizations interested in cooperating to reduce post-harvest losses in the fruit and vegetable sector, as it is one of the main pillars. — NN/KK

Trading Amount and Forex Rate in the Market on 11 November 2026

	US$	Chinese yuan	Thai baht	Indian rupee
Exchange rates	3,655.00~3671.00	555.30~558.70	125.30~125.70	43.60
Trading amount in the market	18,684,988.93	6,720,107.08	24,308,178.78	

Cambodia launches nationwide HPV campaign to protect girls from cervical cancer

Cervical cancer remains a major public health challenge in Cambodia.

CAMBODIA has launched a nationwide human papillomavirus (HPV) Multi-Age Cohort and catch-up vaccination campaign to expand cervical cancer protection for adolescent girls, according to a joint press release issued Wednesday.



Cambodia launches nationwide campaign to protect girls from cervical cancer. **PHOTO: GAVI.ORG**

Cervical cancer remains a major public health challenge in Cambodia, ranking as the second leading cancer among women of all ages. Because nearly all cervical cancer cases are linked to persistent infection with high-risk strains of HPV, vaccination stands as one of the most effective preventive measures available.

Building on the successful integration of the HPV vaccine into Cambodia's National Immunization Programme in 2023, the new campaign will run alongside routine vaccinations for nine-year-old girls. The initiative provides free HPV vaccines to all girls aged 13 to 14, while offering catch-up doses for girls aged 10 to 12 who may have missed their routine vaccinations between 2023 and 2025.

To maximize coverage, the nationwide campaign will be rolled out in two phases from November to December 2026.

At the campaign launch on Tuesday, Cambodian Minister of Health Chheang Ra reaffirmed the country's commitment to protecting future generations.

"Every girl deserves protection from cervical cancer," he said. "By expanding HPV vaccination opportunities across the country, we are ensuring that girls who missed previous opportunities can still benefit from this safe, effective, and life-saving vaccine." — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

48 injured after city bus slams into 32 vehicles in S Korea

FORTY-eight people were injured, six of them seriously, after a city bus slammed into 32 vehicles stopping at a traffic light during the morning rush hour in a southern suburb of Seoul on Wednesday, according to Yonhap news agency.

The city bus, driven by a man in his 60s, struck 32 vehicles, including four other buses, one cargo truck, and 27 passenger cars, at about 7:34 am local time in Seongnam, a satellite city just south of Seoul.

After hitting the vehicles over a stretch of up to 150 metres, the bus crashed into a centre median and came to a halt. The collision left 48 people injured, leaving the bus driver and five others with serious injuries, while 42 suffered minor injuries.

Many passengers sustained abrasions and bruises, but the authorities confirmed that none of the injuries were life-threatening.The number of casualties could rise as the high number of commuters were on board the buses. – Xinhua

Protests erupt during Biden's visit

PROTESTS broke out at Trinity College Dublin on Tuesday during a surprise visit by former US President Joe Biden, with Irish police making arrests, local media reported.

Biden, accompanied by his wife Jill Biden, attended a ceremony at which their son, Hunter Biden, received the Gold Medal for Outstanding Contribution to Public Discourse from the university's College Historical Society.

Protestors delivered speeches criticising Biden's visit and his administration's handling of the conflict in Gaza, while demonstrators chanted slogans such as "Shame on you" and "Free Palestine."

Irish police confirmed to local media that officers had responded to reports of an incident at Trinity College Dublin, but provided no further details. – Xinhua

Latvia and Lithuania hold joint evacuation drill

LATVIA and Lithuania held a joint civil protection drill on Tuesday to test cross-border evacuation of residents from Siauliai, Lithuania, to Kekava municipality, Latvia, under a simulated military threat, Latvia's State Fire and Rescue Service said in a statement.



The image shows the border crossing between Latvia and Lithuania near the village of Skaistkalne (Latvia) and Germaniškis (Lithuania), marked by boundary marker 1079. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

The planned exercise simulated the voluntary evacuation of Lithuanian residents as a precaution. It focused on how Latvian authorities would receive evacuees, how agencies in the two countries would share information, and how they would coordinate support after people arrived.

Kekava municipality served as the host, with activities scheduled at and around Balozi Secondary School.

It was the second field exercise under MassMovement, a joint project within the Interreg Latvia-Lithuania programme. The first drill, held on 5 November, tested evacuation in the opposite direction, from Latvia to Lithuania. — Xinhua

Trinidad and Tobago high court overturns homosexuality ban

TRINIDAD and Tobago's highest court on Tuesday struck down a long-running law that criminalized homosexuality in the island nation, in a landmark ruling for LGBTQ rights in the Caribbean.

The UK-based Privy Council — a top authority for various former British colonies — issued a unanimous decision Tuesday that the 1986 Sexual Offences Act could not be used to prosecute private, consensual sexual relations between adults of the same sex.

The law had previously carried sentences of two years for "serious indecency" and five years for "buggery".

The decade-long legal battle to strike down the law was driven by LGBTQ Trinidadian activist Jason Jones, who said the ruling validated his longtime campaign. "What I'm going to be doing in the coming months is very targeted activism about how the Caribbean, not just Trinidad and Tobago, deals with endemic homophobia," Jones told AFP after the verdict was read. — AFP

ECONOMY
WORLD

Nearly one-third of German firms plan job cuts in 2027, survey finds

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NEARLY one-third of German companies plan to cut jobs in 2027, as weak investment and output expectations point to a fragile recovery in Europe's largest economy, a survey released Tuesday showed.

The German Economic Institute (IW) surveyed more than 1,000 companies in October and found that 32 per cent expected to reduce their workforce in 2027, up from 29 per cent in the spring survey. Only about one in six planned to hire more workers.



File photo shows manufacturing employees at the headquarters of a heating technology company in Remscheid, Germany. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ AFP/FILE**

Nearly 40 per cent of companies intended to cut investment, while 80 per cent expected their output to remain flat or fall from 2026 levels, the Cologne-based institute said.

Germany's economy grew faster than expected in the first half of the year after years of stagnation, but the recovery has since lost momentum. Gross domestic product expanded by 0.2 per cent in the third quarter, down from 0.3 per cent in the second quarter and 0.4 per cent in the first, data from the Federal Statistical Office showed.

The survey comes as German companies face renewed cost pressures following months of rising energy prices triggered by the conflict in the Middle East. Germany's industrial sector has been hit particularly hard, with a brief recovery earlier this year failing to take hold, the IW said. Some 47 per cent of industrial companies reported worse business conditions than a year earlier, compared with 43 per cent in the spring survey.

The construction sector also faces rising energy prices and higher borrowing costs. The energy crisis has pushed up inflation and interest rates, making construction projects more expensive to finance. — Xinhua

Ghana announces new offshore oil discovery

GHANAIAN President John Dramani Mahama on Tuesday announced a new oil and gas discovery off the country's western coast. Mahama said during an official visit to the Western Region that the discovery was made in the Deepwater Cape Three Points block in the Tano Basin, following the drilling of the Nya Gyidie-1X exploration well.



The image shows an offshore drilling of the Ghana National Petroleum Corporation. **PHOTO: WIKIPEDIA**

"I am pleased to announce that Planet One Oil and Gas Limited, together with its partners, Goil Upstream Limited and the Ghana National Petroleum Corporation, has made a new offshore discovery," the president said in Western Region, during the 2026 Local Content Conference and Exhibition, organized by the Petroleum Commission. The discovery contained gas and condensate, whose volume is yet to be determined, said the president. The president described the discovery as evidence of the resilience of Ghana's oil and gas sector. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

S Korea's job growth stays in 100,000 range for 4th month in Oct

SOUTH Korea's job growth stayed in the 100,000 range for a fourth straight month, driven by employment gains in service-oriented industries that offset slumps in the hospitality and the construction sectors, statistical ministry data showed Wednesday. The number of employed people aged 15 and older gained 139,000, or 0.5 per cent, from a year earlier to 29,179,000 in October, maintaining the 100,000-range increase since July, according to the Ministry of Data and Statistics. — Xinhua

Egypt's remittances hits US$13 bln in Q1 FY 2026/2027

REMITTANCES from Egyptians working abroad rose to about US$13 billion in the first quarter of financial year 2026/2027, an increase of 20.4 per cent year on year, the Central Bank of Egypt (CBE) said Tuesday.

Remittance inflows also reached a record 38.2 billion dollars in the first nine months of 2026, up from around US$30.2 billion in the same period of 2025, the CBE said in a statement. — Xinhua



Australia state moves to allow coal mine expansion. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/AFP/FILE**

Australia state pushes to allow mine expansion despite court ruling

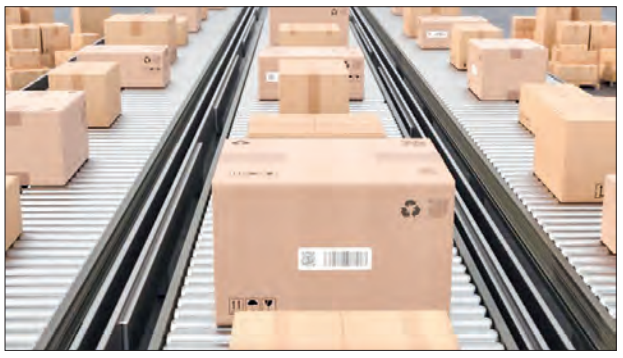
AUSTRALIA'S state of New South Wales has introduced laws that would allow the expansion of a massive coal mine, despite a ruling against it by the country's highest court last month.

Local mining firm Mach Energy had sought permission to extend the life of the open-cut Mount Pleasant coal mine by more than 20 years until 2048.

But the High Court ruled last month that the expansion should be halted because planning bodies had not properly looked at the local impacts of planet-heating emissions from the coal, in what campaigners said was the first climate case to reach the nation's top judicial body.

The New South Wales government said on Tuesday the legislation would address the "unique legal uncertainty" following that ruling and protect up to 400 jobs at the mine. — AFP

Thailand to impose up to 30% duty on online imports to protect local firms



Cardboard packages and parcels moving along a logistics conveyor belt. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ ISTOCK**

THAILAND'S cabinet has approved import duties of up to 30 per cent on goods bought from foreign e-commerce platforms and delivered by express courier or international post, in a move the government says will give local small businesses a fairer chance to compete.

Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Ekniti Nitithanprapas said fast-growing e-commerce had given Thai consumers convenient access to cheap foreign goods, while domestic businesses bear the costs of taxes, wages and compliance with laws and product standards, putting them at a disadvantage.

The government said it was concerned that some cheap imports sold online may be substandard or unsafe and that the rules aim to discourage imports for which no business based in Thailand is accountable for meeting product standards.

This measure is not aimed at blocking online trade or limiting consumer choice, Ekniti said, adding that the tax system and trade rules would be updated to reflect a changing economy. — Xinhua

Amazon Japan withdraws price-cutting requirement after watchdog probe

JAPAN'S antitrust watchdog on Wednesday approved a plan from the Japanese unit of Amazon.com Inc to improve its practices following a probe into the online retailer for allegedly unfairly demanding that vendors cut the prices of products sold on its website.



Amazon Japan GK had been under scrutiny for a potential antitrust law violation. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Amazon Japan GK had been under scrutiny for a potential antitrust law violation for allegedly requiring vendors provide products at prices at or lower than those on other rival online retailing sites in order for them to be prominently featured.

The company, however, will no longer require the stipulation and will make finding goods easier for consumers with the cheapest on-site price given preference.

The latest development comes as Amazon faces a lawsuit in the United States filed by the Federal Trade Commission and more than a dozen state attorneys-general alleging that its actions deter other online retailers from offering prices lower than Amazon. — Kyodo

Singapore Airlines Group H1 net profit falls 43.9%

THE Singapore Airlines (SIA) Group reported a 43.9 per cent year-on-year decline in net profit to 134 million Singapore dollars (about US$104.5 million) for the first half of financial year 2026/27, ended 30 September, mainly due to higher fuel costs, the airline group said Wednesday.

Revenue rose 16.8 per cent to a record 11.3 billion Singapore dollars in the first half, driven by strong passenger and air cargo demand, the group said in a statement.

For the second quarter, net profit rose to 210 million Singapore dollars from a year earlier, supported by stronger operating profit and lower losses from associated companies.

Quarterly revenue increased 14.3 per cent to a record 5.58 billion Singapore dollars. — Xinhua

New Zealand property asking prices up as rental supply tightens

NEW Zealand's property market gained momentum in October, with asking prices rising across nearly all regions while tightening rental supply pushed rents higher, industry data showed on Wednesday.

The national average asking price rose 2.7 per cent month-on-month to 857,750 NZ dollars (about US$480,902), with 14 of the country's 15 regions recording increases between September and October. However, prices remained 2.9 per cent below October 2025, according to the latest market data released by Trade Me Property, a major New Zealand online property marketplace.

National asking prices remained about 13 per cent below their peak in early 2022, the data showed.

New listings surged nearly 15 per cent from September, as sellers moved ahead of the general election on 7 November, Trade Me Property Customer Director Gavin Lloyd said in a statement. — Xinhua

Eu proposes stronger online consumer protections

THE European Commission on Wednesday proposed new rules to tackle unfair online commercial practices and give itself powers to directly investigate violations and impose fines of up to six per cent of a company's annual worldwide turnover.

The proposed Digital Fairness Act targets manipulative marketing, opaque pricing and subscription traps. A parallel revision of the Consumer Protection Cooperation Regulation would strengthen enforcement in large-scale cases significantly affecting consumers across the European Union's (EU) single market. Together, the measures could save EU consumers up to 13.7 billion euros (about US$15.3 billion) annually, the Commission said.

The Digital Fairness Act would ban manipulative tactics known as "dark patterns", including false claims that products are almost sold out, and require clearer pricing for purchases using virtual in-app currencies.

For cultural and sporting events using dynamic pricing, companies would have to display current prices in real time and the highest possible price to consumers waiting in virtual queues.

Consumers would be able to turn off addictive design features encouraging excessive spending. The proposal would also ban gambling-like features for minors, require influencers to disclose commercial content and restrict unfair personalized advertising and pricing targeting minors or exploiting sensitive data. — Xinhua

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M.V GLS HAIPHONG VOY.NO. (011N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V GLS HAIPHONG VOY.NO. (011N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **12-11-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Russia, Ukraine conclude Abu Dhabi talks with prisoner exchange as negotiations set to continue

Vladimir Medinsky said the delegations had discussed humanitarian issues, with the future of European security being a central focus of the US-mediated talks.



Steve Witkoff, Jared Kushner, Rustem Umerov and others attend a meeting in Abu Dhabi, on 10 November 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

TRILATERAL talks involving Russia, the United States and Ukraine ended on Wednesday in Abu Dhabi, with Russia and Ukraine reaching an agreement on a "large-scale" prisoner exchange.

Vladimir Medinsky, head of the Russian delegation at talks on the Ukraine crisis, told a press conference that details of the exchange would be announced soon and that negotiations would continue.

He said the delegations had discussed humanitarian issues, with the future of European security being a central focus of the US-mediated talks. Medinsky added that parties had reached understandings on some issues, without providing further details.

He defended the need to discuss post-war security arrangements at the current stage of negotiations, saying the conflict in Ukraine had exposed shortcomings in Europe's security system.

Medinsky called for the establishment of a fair security framework that takes into account the interests of all countries. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Artificial intelligence sharpens hurricane forecasts

AI is often criticized for the energy its data centres consume, which is driving more fossil fuel use and contributing to climate change.

But it is also helping meteorologists make markedly more accurate forecasts, including for hurricanes, which are notoriously complex to predict and pose a growing threat in a warming world. The US National Hurricane Centre (NHC) began using Google DeepMind's AI model last year and is working with the company on developing its successor. The work has come to the fore this year -- as an intense El Nino weather pattern led to a record number of hurricanes in the Pacific, and Hurricane Isaias struck the southeastern United States last month as a major storm.

Ferran Alet, a DeepMind research scientist who leads its cyclone work, explained that Google doesn't have a hurricane-specific model — rather it is the same model used for everyday weather, pushed to its limits. "We see extreme weather as almost like something we should strive for because it's the most challenging thing for us and then everything will follow," he told AFP. — AFP

Indonesia fires burn millions of hectares

FIRES in Indonesia driven partly by a strong El Nino have burned through 2.88 million hectares (7.1 million acres) so far in 2026, a monitor analyzing satellite imagery told AFP on Wednesday.

The burned area figure -- 18 times the size of London — has increased nearly a million hectares since deforestation monitoring site Nusantara Atlas's last update in September. Indonesia's government has not provided official figures for areas burned since announcing 202,000 hectares had been razed by the end of July. The burning detected in analysis through the end of October is a conservative estimate, warned Nusantara Atlas founder David Gaveau, in part because smoke has obscured satellite images. — AFP

Eisenkot quickly targets Netanyahu's legacy in new Israeli parliament

ISRAELI ex-army chief Gadi Eisenkot and his allies launched a legislative onslaught against caretaker Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's legacy on Tuesday, as a new parliament convened in a heated first session.

Though questions still linger over who can form a government, Eisenkot's broad left-to-right bloc wasted no time in setting the Knesset's agenda with a green light from Arab-Israeli lawmakers, whose role has stirred up heated opposition from Netanyahu's base and even right-wing supporters of Eisenkot.

Eisenkot's Yashar party said it submitted a slew of proposals before the new parliament, including establishing an independent commission to investigate security failures that allowed the Hamas attack on October 7, 2023 — which Netanyahu has long opposed.

The party also moved for a sweeping repeal of a judicial overhaul implemented by Netanyahu's government, which had triggered some of Israel's largest-ever protests before being overshadowed by three years of war. — AFP



Opposition leader Gadi Eisenkot holds a faction meeting at the Israeli parliament (Knesset) on the opening day of the new parliament in Jerusalem, 10 November 2026. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

War cost Gulf over $200B in damage: insurer

THE US-Iran war will cost Gulf countries more than $200 billion in damage and economic losses could reach nearly four times that amount by 2030, insurer Allianz Trade said on Wednesday.

Gulf countries bore the brunt of Tehran's wrath after the United States and Israel launched attacks on Iran on 28 February, triggering the war.

In retaliation, Iran restricted shipping in the key strait of Hormuz and struck civilian infrastructure including airports, seaports, energy facilities, landmarks and American assets in the US-allied countries.

"Physical damage across the region is assessed just above $200 billion, mostly concentrated in Hormuz-locked economies, especially in energy infrastructure," the insurer said in a report.

More than 80 energy facilities were hit in the war, mostly in Kuwait, Qatar and Bahrain, the report said, with a third of them "severely damaged". — AFP

SPORTS

Afghanistan, Indonesia secure wins in AFC U17 Asian Cup qualifiers

AFGHANISTAN and Indonesia claimed full points on the second matchday of Group A in the 2027 AFC U17 Asian Cup qualifiers, hosted by Myanmar on 11 November.

At Star City Stadium, Afghanistan defeated Cambodia 3-0 to secure their second consecutive victory, while Cambodia suffered their second straight defeat, leaving their qualification hopes increasingly slim.

Afghanistan dominated the match, with Cambodia's Soman scoring an own goal in 19 minutes. Jawi added another goal in 54 minutes before Haidari sealed the victory in 88 minutes.

At Thuwunna Stadium, Indonesia also secured a 3-0 victory over the Philippines. After opening their campaign with a convincing win, Indonesia continued their winning form through goals from Kusuma in 37 and 45+1 minutes and Majista in 77 minutes.

After the second matchday, Afghanistan lead Group A with six points from two matches. Indonesia has three points from one match, while the Philippines have three points from two matches. Myanmar has yet to earn a point from their opening match, while Cambodia remains without a point after two matches.



Opposing players vie for the ball during the match of the AFC U17 Asian Cup qualifiers. **PHOTO:CFF**

The third matchday will take place on 14 November at 3 pm. Myanmar will face the Philippines at Thuwunna Stadium, while Indonesia will take on Cambodia at Star City Stadium. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Liverpool should have had penalty for shirt-pull on Isak: panel

LIVERPOOL should have been awarded a penalty for the shirt-pull on Alexander Isak in their Premier League match against Arsenal, an expert panel ruled Wednesday.

The Sweden striker's shirt was tugged by Gunners defender Jurrien Timber in the match at Anfield on 1 November, which Premier League champions Arsenal won 1-0.



Liverpool striker Alexander Isak has scored six goals in seven Premier League matches this season. **PHOTO: AFP**

Referee Andy Madley let the incident pass without sanction, and video assistant referee Stuart Attwell decided against recommending a review.

The decision was criticized at the time by pundits such as Jamie Carragher and Ian Wright, and now the five-person Key Match Incidents panel has said a penalty should have been awarded.

Madley's decision was criticized by four of the panellists, who felt Timber's challenge met the threshold for a holding offence, while three felt Attwell should have intervened because it was a clear and obvious error by Madley. — AFP

Bolivia seeks recovery after heartbreak

BOLIVIA midfielder Ramiro Vaca said Tuesday his team is suffering the "psychological consequences" of failing to qualify for this year's FIFA World Cup.

Bolivia fell just short in its bid for a first World Cup appearance in 32 years, falling 2-1 to Iraq in a March playoff.

Since then, the South American team has lost to Scotland, Algeria, Paraguay and Argentina by a combined score of 14-0.

"We had high hopes of being able to represent our country in the past World Cup," Vaca told reporters ahead of Bolivia's friendlies against Peru and Ecuador over the next week.

"Not achieving that goal was a very hard blow. It has been very difficult for us to bounce back from that." Vaca urged his teammates to put the disappointment behind them as they prepare for the next cycle of South American World Cup qualifiers. "It's time to stop dwelling and start over," said Vaca, who plays for Khor Fakkan in the United Arab Emirates. — Xinhua

Man Utd 'reach verbal agreement' with Pochettino to replace Carrick



United States coach Mauricio Pochettino emerges as a leading candidate for the managerial role. **PHOTO: AFP**

MANCHESTER United have reportedly reached a "verbal agreement in principle" with Mauricio Pochettino to replace Michael Carrick as their manager in a bid to revive the fortunes of the struggling English giants.

Carrick's position at Old Trafford has been the subject of intense speculation following United's worst start to a season in 40 years, leaving them languishing in the Premier League relegation zone after an eight-match winless run.

He remains in post but 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.

Berrada and Wilcox are reportedly leaning towards dismissing Carrick. — AFP

Bourgnon dedicates Route du Rhum win to legendary mariner father

AN emotional Basile Bourgnon won the Ocean Class 50-foot multi-hull Route du Rhum title and dedicated the victory to his late father Laurent, the only sailor to have been crowned overall champion twice.

"I was thinking of him the whole journey," said 24-year-old Bourgnon of his father, who drowned while diving in Polynesia, where the family had moved to, in 2015.

"It is a race that means a huge amount to our family. I think he gave me some help several times in any case," he said after completing the trans-Atlantic race at Point-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe, early Wednesday.

"It is a wonderful homage to my father to have won this Route du Rhum."

Bourgnon raised his fingers to the sky and then put his hands together as he brought home his battered trimaran, its sails torn apart early in the race by a gust of wind. — AFP



Basile Bourgnon celebrates victory in the Route du Rhum sailing race. **PHOTO: AFP**

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Turkiye's Akkuyu Nuclear Power Plant poised for physical start-up: CEO

RUSSIAN state nuclear corporation Rosatom is preparing for the physical start-up of the Akkuyu Nuclear Power Plant in Turkiye, Rosatom CEO Alexey Likhachev said on Wednesday.

"We are just one step away from the physical start-up. It is a construction project of a cosmic scale, with the whole world watching us inching toward the start-up of the plant's first fuel cartridge. We are doing our best to have the start-up this year," Likhachev told journalists.

The CEO added that a separate program dedicated to the project, including technical tours, would be organized within the World Nuclear Days International Business Forum on the sidelines of the UN Climate Change Conference COP31 in Antalya in November. — SPUTNIK



The Akkuyu nuclear power plant construction site in Turkiye. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

North Korea publishes new constitution recognizing two Koreas for 1st time

The updated DPRK constitution directly calls the Republic of Korea a neighbouring state.

NORTH Korea has published an updated text of its constitution, which recognizes South Korea as a separate state bordering the DPRK in the south, for the first time since amendments were made in 2024, according to the document reviewed by Sputnik.

The presented version was amended and supplemented on 23 March at the first session of the Supreme People's Assembly of the 15th convocation.

"The territory of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea extends from its border with the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation in the north to the Republic of Korea in the south, and includes the associated territorial waters and airspace," Article 2 of the constitution on the Naenara state information portal read.

Unlike the previous version of the basic law, which contained provisions on the reunification of the Korean Peninsula, the updated DPRK constitution directly calls the Republic of Korea a neighboring state. At the same time, the specific lines of the land and sea borders are not defined in the document. — SPUTNIK



This picture taken on 2 November 2026 and released by North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) on 4 November 2026 shows North Korean leader Kim Jong Un (C), touring the Nampo Shipyard in Nampo. **PHOTO: KCNA VIA KNS / AFP**

Japan issues guidelines on kids 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.

For example, the panel of experts at the Children and Families Agency recommended that guardians teach middle and high school students, who commonly use social media, about the risks of posting content online while respecting their independence and privacy.

The panel will continue discussions on the guidelines, including whether to impose blanket age-based restrictions on social media use, aiming to compile a final report as early as December. — Kyodo

China, India, South Korea planning to use Northern Sea Route for regular trade

SOUTH Korea, India and China plan to use the Northern Sea Route as a regular shipping corridor, Russian Far East and Arctic Development Minister Alexei Chekunkov said.

"China, India, and South Korea plan to use the Northern Sea Route as a regular trade route," Chekunkov said at a meeting of the Russian parliamentary committee on the development of the Far East and the Arctic.

The minister noted that the route is gradually becoming part of the international transport system, contributing to other nations' economic growth. He noted the interest shown by countries in Asia and the Middle East in boosting commercial shipping along the Northern Sea Route.



Nuclear powered icebreaker escorting a tanker along the Northern Sea Route. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK/FILE**

"China, in particular, joined by Korea, Japan, and even nations further south, such as India and countries in the Middle East, are all interested in increasing shipping traffic along the Northern Sea Route," the minister said.

The ultimate goal is to achieve year-round navigation, which would be impossible without Russia's port infrastructure, icebreakers, emergency and rescue services, and satellite navigation, Chekunkov added. — SPUTNIK