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Offering gold foils to Shwemawdaw Pagoda completed successfully



President U Min Aung Hlaing and Spouse Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, and the congregation observe the Eight Precepts at yesterday's event.

The merit-sharing ceremony was held to mark the successful completion of the renovation of the eastern prayer hall of Shwemawdaw Pagoda in Bago.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla attended the ceremony to share merits in commemoration of the successful completion of offering gold foils to Sutaungpyae Shwemawdaw Pagoda in Bago yesterday morning,

The President and his wife offered meals in the alms-bowl, fruits, flowers, water and oil lamps to the Buddha image in the northern prayer hall of the pagoda and paid homage.

The congregation, led by the President and his wife, took the Eight Precepts from Presiding Patron of Bago Sasana Mandaing Monastery Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Sirinda while members of the Sangha recited Paritta.

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Falam hosts 78th Chin New Year Festival

THE 78th Chin New Year Festival was held yesterday morning at the Indoor Stadium in Kyinmwai Ward, Falam, Chin State.

The festival was attended by Chin State Hluttaw Speaker U Kawl Lian Thang, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Han, Chin State Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Khin Maung Htwe, local Tatmadaw officers and members of the Chin State Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Committee.

The festival began with a prayer, followed by a New Year address delivered by Chin State Hluttaw Speaker U Kawl Lian Thang.

In his address, the deputy minister said that the successful holding of the traditional festival, along with progress in rehabilitation work in Falam, was the result of concerted efforts. He also presented awards to the sports teams that won prizes in competitions held to mark the Chin New Year Festival.

After watching traditional dance and singing performances, the Chin State Hluttaw Speaker and the deputy minister for border affairs provided cash support for the festival.

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Participants take part in traditional dance at the 78th Chin New Year Festival in Falam, Chin State, yesterday.

Myanmar participates in skills development & cultural exchange event

THE "2026 Heart-to-Heart Connection Programme – Brand Event for International Education Exchange: China-South and South-East Asia Skills Cultivation and Cultural Exchange Event" was held on 13 November at Yunnan Open University in Kunming,

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Myanmar Embassy joins London Panel on West Asia War, Asian Economies

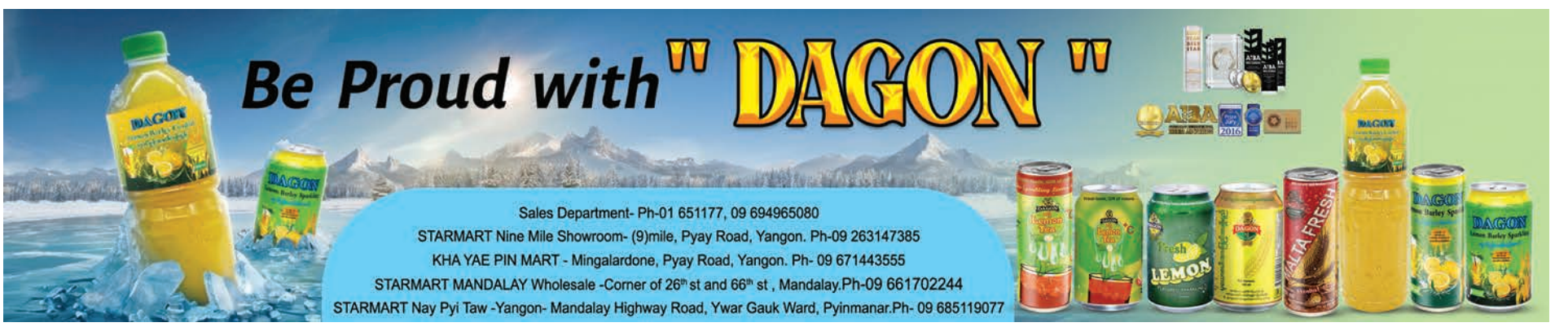


The image shows the discussion on the impact of the West Asia War on Asian Economies and the Future of UK-Asia Business.

U WIN ZEYAR TUN, Chargé d'affaires/Ambassador of the Myanmar Embassy in London, took part as a panellist in a discussion titled "The Impact of the West Asia War on Asian Economies and the Future of UK-Asia Business" held on 26 October at Asia House in London, according to the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The panellists discussed how political and military tensions in the Middle East have affected global energy security, prompting countries to

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change their energy security policies and seek long-term energy suppliers. The trend of shifts shaping political and military policies was also covered.

Moreover, discussions focused on the growing popularity of renewable energy resources, including solar, wind power, hydropower, and geothermal power. Countries also reconsidered nuclear power generation that had once been set aside over environmental concerns. – TWA/KK

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The Chin New Year literary and sports competitions were held on 2 and 13 November, while the traditional dance and traditional costume competitions and the award ceremony took place on 14 November, the festival day. Participants from villages across Falam Township took part in the sports competitions.



Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Han joins the 78th Chin New Year Festival.

In addition, the deputy minister, together with members of the Chin State Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Committee, inspected cleaning work along Khunbik Road, the renovation of the Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank office building, the Planning Department building and the second floor of the two-room staff housing building. They also coordinated with officials to expedite the reopening of the bank and enable staff families to move into the housing. — District IPRD/MKKS

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued at 7 pm Saturday, 14 November 2026

BAY INFERENCE: According to observations at 12:30 pm MST today, the Well-Marked Low-Pressure Area over the Southeast Bay of Bengal persists. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the South Andaman Sea and the South Bay of Bengal, and a few clouds to partly cloudy over the North Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 15 November 2026: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region and isolated in Yangon and Ayeyawady regions and Kayin, Mon and southern Shan states. The degree of certainty is 80 per cent. Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Taninthayi Region. In the area along the cumulonimbus clouds' movement, weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied by rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur; therefore, it is recommended to be aware of these phenomena in advance.

STATE OF THE SEA: 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.

OUTLOOK FOR THE SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of scattered to fairly widespread rain or thundershowers in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayin and Mon states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15 November 2026: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15 November 2026: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15 November 2026: Partly cloudy. — DMH

4th Deepavali Lighting Ceremony held in Thingangyun

THE Fourth Traditional Hindu Deepavali Lighting Ceremony, organized by the Thingangyun District Interfaith Dialogue Group, was held at Maha Sasana Beikman in Yankin Township, Yangon, yesterday evening.



The Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group holds the Traditional Hindu Deepavali Lighting Ceremony in Yankin Township, Yangon, yesterday. **PHOTO: NAING LIN AUNG (TAMWAY)**

The ceremony was attended by the central chairman and members of the Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group, chairpersons and members of the Thingangyun District and township-level Interfaith Dialogue Groups, and invitees. Chairman U Wunna of the Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group, Vice-Chairman U Bo Bo Maung; General Secretary U Thant Zin Hlaing, secretaries U Zaw Moe Aung and U Myat Min Hlaing, Secretary for Fundraising U Han Win Aung, Chairperson of the Central Women's Affairs Committee Daw Khin Mya Thway, and Chairperson of the Thingangyun District Interfaith Dialogue Group U Kyaw Sithu opened the ceremony by lighting a traditional Hindu Deepavali lamp and presenting Deepavali garlands and flowers to the dignitaries present.

Afterwards, Chair U Wunna delivered an opening speech, while Hindu monk Ramushivacharya gave a presentation on the Deepavali festival.

Chairman U Kyaw Sithu of the Thingangyun District Interfaith Dialogue Group expressed gratitude to officials and invitees. Members of the Thingangyun District Hindu Youth Group performed Deepavali songs, while the VJ Dancer Group presented a traditional Hindu dance. The event concluded successfully at 6 pm with another traditional dance performance and a Deepavali dinner. — Naing Lin Aung (Tamway)/ MKKS

Well-Marked Low-Pressure Area Conditions

Issued at Noon MST on 14 November 2026

Well-Marked Low-Pressure Area Condition

According to observations at 10:30 am MST today, the Low-Pressure Area over the Southeast Bay of Bengal has intensified into a Well-Marked Low-Pressure Area.

Next 72 hours forecast

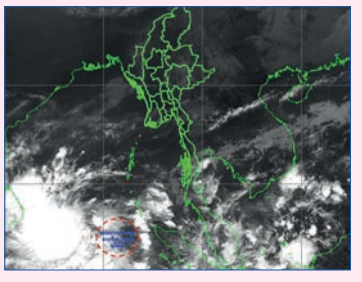
It is likely to move northwestwards and intensify into a Depression on 15 November 2026 and move to north-northwestwards over the Central Bay of Bengal on 16 November 2026.

Due to the Well-Marked Low-Pressure Area, rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region and Kayin and Mon states and isolated to scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago, Magway and Ayeyawady regions and southern Shan States from this noon to 17 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 natural disasters such as heavy rainfall with strong winds, thunder, lightning strikes, hail, flash floods, and landslides in hilly areas and near small rivers, and make necessary preparations for inland water transport, domestic flights and irrigation dams. — DMH



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Offering gold foils to Shwemawdaw ...

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The President and his wife donated the picture and alms to mark the successful completion of offering gold foils to State Ovadacariya, Ovadacariya of Shwemawdaw Pagoda Board of Trustees Bago Myoma Monastery Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Gandama and the picture and offerings to mark the successful completion of renovation for the eastern prayer hall to Kyakhatwaing Monastery Presiding Patron Sayadaw Aggamaha Pandita Bhaddanta Ñeyadhamma Bhivamsa.

Union Ministers and officials also donated offertories to members of the Sangha.

After listening to the sermon delivered by Kyakhatwaing Monastery Sayadaw, the President, his wife and congregation shared merits gained.

The President and his wife offered day meals to members of the Sangha, and served lunch to attendees.

The President viewed round the gilt Shwemawdaw Pagoda and inspected preparations to offer rice to members of the Sangha. At the ceremony, the President, his wife and congregation donated rice and offertories to 900 members of the Sangha and 100 nuns.

Also present at the ceremony were Union Ministers U Khin Maung Yi, General Ko Ko Oo, Dr Soe Win and U Tin Oo Lwin, Bago Region Chief Minister U Myo Swe Win, commanders of Yangon and Southern commands, and officials.

According to historical accounts, the Lord Buddha bestowed two strands of His sacred hair upon two merchant brothers, Mahasala and Culasala, who were natives of Zaungtu. The two brothers enshrined the sacred hair relics on Mount Sudassana and built the Shwemawdaw Pagoda, with an original height of 75 feet, for veneration. In Myanmar Era 187 and 202, King Samala and King Vimala respectively enlarged the pagoda, raising its height to 81 feet and 88 feet.

In Myanmar Era 344, King Anurama enshrined an additional sacred tooth relic of the Buddha in the pagoda, and in Myanmar Era 854, Banya Yan donated and consecrated a new umbrella for the pagoda.

Earthquakes that struck the areas around Bago in 1274, 1279 and 1292 ME caused extensive damage to the pagoda, destroying it down to the first lower terrace at its base. The pinnacle that collapsed in the earthquake of 1279 ME can still be seen today at the northeast corner of the pagoda. Then, government and people hoisted the umbrella in 1315 ME.

During his visit to pay homage to the Shwemawdaw Pagoda in August 2025, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing took the initiative and led efforts to donate and arrange for the entire pagoda platform to be paved with heat-resistant marble slabs, enabling monks, nuns and the general public visiting the pagoda to pay homage comfortably and peacefully.

Under the leadership of the President and his wife and through the collective donations of monks, nuns, the public and donors, the successful offering of gold foils to the Shwemawdaw Pagoda and the renovation and reconstruction of the eastern prayer hall on the pagoda platform have been completed. Therefore, the grand ceremony to formally dedicate the meritorious deeds and share the merits was successfully held yesterday. — MNA/TTA

Myanmar delegates attend 2nd ASEAN National Security Advisors Meeting



Union Minister and National Security Advisor U Tin Aung San attends the 2nd ASEAN National Security Advisors Meeting in Manila, the Philippines.

A Myanmar delegation led by National Security Advisor Union Minister at the President's Office U Tin Aung San attended the 2nd ASEAN National Security Advisors Meeting held in Manila, the Philippines, on 11-14 November, at the invitation of Philippine National Security Advisor Mr Eduardo SL Oban Jr.

At the meeting, held at the Marriott Hotel on 13 November, the Union minister discussed regional security developments, strategic competition, transnational crime, cyber threats, the impacts of climate change, disaster management cooperation and future ASEAN meetings.

During the visit, the Union minister also met Mr Woranut Khongmuang, Deputy Secretary-General of Thailand's National Security Council, and Mr Eduardo SL Oban Jr, Philippine National Security Advisor, on 12 November. They discussed bilateral security cooperation, information exchange, trade, investment and cooperation in various sectors. The Myanmar delegation departed Manila on the morning of 14 November and arrived back in Yangon in the evening. — MNA/KTZH

CBM Governor attends 62nd SEACEN Governors' Conference, 46th SEACEN Board of Governors Meeting

A Myanmar delegation led by Central Bank of Myanmar Governor Dr Khin Naing Oo attended the 62nd SEACEN Governors' Conference and 46th SEACEN Board of Governors Meeting in Vientiane, Lao PDR, on 12 and 13 November.



Attendees of the 62nd SEACEN Governors' Conference pose for the documentary group photo at the conference in Vientiane, Lao PDR, on 12 November.

At the 62nd SEACEN Governors Conference held on 12 November, speakers from the World Bank, Kobe University, ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office, International Monetary Fund and other institutions presented papers under different topics on global economic imbalances, regional financial stability, investment needs, financial sector development and the role of central banks in addressing external uncertainties.

A high-level panel discussion also highlighted the role of financial innovation and digital financial services in promoting financial inclusion and efficiency, while emphasizing the need for cybersecurity, consumer protection and effective safeguards to maintain financial stability. Central bank governors and representatives exchanged views on the topics discussed.

At the 46th SEACEN Board of Governors Meeting on 13 November, participants reviewed the 2026 strategic plan, proposed budget, training programmes and management matters, and proposed activities for 2027. The meeting also discussed and approved relevant matters concerning future operations. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar participates in skills development ...

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Province, China, with U Zeyar Myo Myint, Consul-General of the Consulate-General of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Kunming, attending and delivering remarks, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During the event, discussions focused on promoting cooperation in education and skills development, expanding international educational exchanges and enhancing mutual cultural understanding. As part of the cultural exchange programme, the Myanmar Consulate-General in Kunming also set up a booth to showcase Myanmar's culture and traditional heritage.

The Myanmar booth featured traditional Thanaka, handicrafts, ethnic costumes and cultural artefacts. Visitors were also treated to traditional Myanmar food and beverages, including Mohinga (rice noodle soup with fish broth), pickled tea leaf salad and Myanmar tea. The event was attended by officials from the Yunnan Provincial Department of Commerce, the Yunnan Provincial Department of Education and Yunnan Open University, as well as consuls-general and diplomats from consulates based in Kunming, representatives from the Maldives, and educational delegates from China, South Asia and South-East Asia. — ASH/TH



This photo features the Myanmar booth set up by the Consulate-General of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Kunming to showcase Myanmar culture and traditional heritage during the cultural exchange programme.

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Collective cleaning campaign for 2026 Traditional Kachin Harvest Feast Festival

PREPARATIONS, including a collective cleaning campaign, are underway at Sitapu Manaw Ground in Myitkyina for the 2026 Traditional Kachin Harvest Feast Festival (Inlong Innan Sha), jointly organized by the Kachin State government and the Kachin ethnic traditional culture association.

Kachin State Chief Minister U Khet Htein Nan and officials inspected the preparations and encouraged youth volunteers from the International Youth Fellowship (IYF) and local authorities to participate in the cleaning activities, emphasizing the importance of environmental cleanliness, unity and youth leadership.

The chief minister also inspected preparations at Majoi Hall and traditional cultural dance rehearsals at the Manaw Ground, urging participants to preserve and showcase Kachin traditions and cultural heritage.

The chief minister and his wife attended the 76th graduation ceremony of the Kachin Baptist Theological College and Seminary at AD-2000 Hall in Naungnang Village. The ceremony included prayers, Bible readings, hymns and the presentation of degrees to graduates of the 2026-2027 academic year. — IPRD/KTZH



Departmental personnel and youth volunteers from the International Youth Fellowship prepare for the 2026 Traditional Kachin Harvest Feast Festival at Sitapu Manaw Ground in Myitkyina. **PHOTO: STATE IPRD**

Draught limits for local vessels released

DURING the period from 15 November 2026 to 15 May 2027, river water levels are low, and vessel draught limits have been set according to different waterways for safe navigation, said the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems.

Including Ayeyawady and Chindwin rivers, draught limits are being set according to waterways and vessels are warned not to carry loads exceeding the restricted marks, it said.

In addition, vessels are urged to navigate according to their designated routes and to beware of possible marine hazards during the low-water season. This announcement is designed to facilitate safe and smooth navigation and prevent possible hazards, stated the department. Therefore, vessel owners and vessel officers are urged to strictly follow restricted draught marks and marine directives. — TWA/ZS

Rakhine State CM discusses engineering development

RAKHINE State Chief Minister U Naing Oo attended a briefing on the activities of the Myanmar Engineering Society (Sittway Branch), Rakhine State Engineering Association, at the Rakhine State government office yesterday morning.



A briefing on the activities of the Myanmar Engineering Society (Sittway Branch), Rakhine State Engineering Association, in progress in Sittway, Rakhine State, yesterday. **PHOTO: WIN MIN SOE**

Speaking at the meeting, the chief minister said the state government will prioritize roads, bridges, buildings and other development projects that directly benefit the public. He emphasized the use of quality-tested local construction materials, creating job opportunities for local businesses and ensuring that infrastructure projects meet required standards. He also urged engineers to uphold professional ethics, enhance their technical expertise and actively contribute to the development of Rakhine State. The association chairman presented its ongoing activities, followed by discussions and recommendations from departmental officials and state government members. — Tin Tun (IPRD)/KTZH

Ongoing demolition of scam hubs in Shwe Kokko Phase II crackdown

THE government is placing particular emphasis on working with neighbouring and regional countries to crack down on online scams and online gambling, which threaten global socioeconomic affairs and national security, intending to eliminate these activities completely and permanently. In the Shwe Kokko area, where online scam and gambling operations were conducted on a large scale, illegal buildings are being systematically and permanently demolished to prevent such activities from resuming in these buildings.



The map shows the systematic demolition of scam hubs in the Shwe Kokko Phase II crackdown.

As part of these efforts, one five-storey building among the remaining illegal buildings in Phase II of the Shwe Kokko area, which had been used for online scam and gambling operations, was being demolished using machinery yesterday, reaching 20 per cent completion. The demolition of another six-storey building reached 60 per cent completion as of yesterday.

Of the 63 buildings designated for demolition in Phase II of the Shwe Kokko area, four were demolished through controlled explosions and another seven using heavy machinery. The remaining 52 buildings will also be systematically demolished.

The government has been treating the fight against online scams and online gambling as a national duty. — 100/KTZH

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S Okkalapa's teachers, students visit Sixth Buddhist Synod Maha Pasana Cave

YESTERDAY, monks, members of the public, young people and students from South Okkalapa Township visited the Maha Pasana Cave, the venue of the Sixth Buddhist Synod, on Kaba Aye Hill in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, to view the historical Buddhist relics and exhibits commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Sixth Buddhist Synod.

A total of 100 people, including the principal, teachers and students of the No 3 Basic Education High School in South Okkalapa Township, visited the site to explore the exhibits related to the history of the Sixth Buddhist Synod.



Teachers and students from South Okkalapa Township pose for documentary group photo in front of the Maha Pasana Cave in Mayangon, Yangon Region, yesterday.

To mark the 70th anniversary of the Sixth Buddhist Synod, the historical galleries and displays will remain open to the public every Saturday and Sunday. — Khin Swe Hnin (IPRD)/MKKS

K2B Heroin Bust Nets Major Seizure in Kalay

A combined team of Drug Enforcement Division members seized 27.72 kilogrammes of heroin from a Nissan Condor driven by Sai Ko and accompanied by Lwin Phyo Aung near Kyigon Village, Kalay Township, at 3:30 pm on 3 November. Further investigation led to the arrest of Kup Lam Thang (aka) Maung Hlaing, who was involved in transporting the seized heroin, in Panglong Ward, Kalay Township, on 5 November.

Acting on information received, a total of 11.66 kilogrammes of heroin were seized from a Dong Feng driven by Zarni Moe (aka) Moe Aung and accompanied by Aung Naing Min (aka) Min Min near Kyigon Village, Kalay Township, at 1 pm on 5 November.

According to the investigation, Maung Hla (aka) Thoukpyaung, who was involved in transporting the heroin on that day, and Zaw Win Maung (aka) Maung Pain, who had been assigned to transport the heroin on 6 November, were also arrested, bringing the total quantity of heroin seized to 39.38 kilogrammes. The investigation revealed that the heroin belonged to Ah Pi (aka) Api, who remains at large, and Nay Lin Htike (aka) Nga Pi Kaung, both from Kutkai Township, northern Shan State. Hein Moe Aung, who remains in custody, was also found to have transported heroin from northern Shan State to Kalay before the drugs were transported to Tiddim, Chin State.

The offenders have been charged under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Further investigations are under way to identify and apprehend other individuals involved in the case. — MNA/MKKS

Myaungmya to boost egg production

THE Ayeyawady Region Cooperative Department is working to expand layer chicken farming and boost egg production to ensure an adequate local supply.

Ayeyawady Region Cooperative Department Director U Kyaw Soe Min, accompanied by officials, visited Shwe Pyi Myint Agriculture and General Business Cooperative in Myakantha Ward, Myaungmya, yesterday morning and met members engaged in layer chicken farming.

During the meeting, he discussed plans to encourage cooperative members to expand layer chicken farming alongside their agricultural activities, increase egg production to meet local demand and implement a collective poultry farming programme under the cooperative system. He also said that necessary support would be provided.

He then inspected a poultry farm operated by five cooperative members, which raises 2,000 layer chickens and supplies eggs to local markets. — District IPRD/KZL



Officials from Ayeyawady Region Cooperative Department inspect a poultry farm in Myaungmya.

Applications open for receptionists for 2026 Myanmar Academy Awards

APPLICATIONS are now open for receptionist positions for the 2026 Myanmar Academy Awards Ceremony, which is scheduled to be held in Nay Pyi Taw in February 2027, according to U Aye Kyu Lay, Vice-Chairman of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO).

Those interested in applying for the positions can collect application forms from the MMPO office on Wingaba Road in Bahan Township, Yangon Region, starting 16 November. Completed applications must be submitted by 4 pm on 3 December.



This photo features receptionists at the previous year's Myanmar Academy Awards Ceremony.

"Applications for receptionist positions for the 2026 Myanmar Academy Awards are now open. Those who meet the eligibility criteria can apply. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and no older than 25 as of 31 December 2026. They must be in good health, have good character and be physically fit. Applications must be submitted before the deadline. As in previous years, this year's receptionists will be selected through a multi-stage selection process. Arrangements have also been made to provide selected receptionists with opportunities to pursue careers in the arts," said U Aye Kyu Lay.

The selection process will involve veteran Myanmar Academy Award-winning artistes, including Yan Aung, Ye Aung, Soe Myat Thuzar and May Than Nu. — ASH/MKKS

Free measles and rubella vaccination continues in Katha

THE Katha District Public Health Department continued providing free supplementary measles and rubella vaccinations to infants and children aged nine months to five years at City Hall at 8 am yesterday.

Dr Phyu Pya Min, Deputy District Public Health Department, supervised the vaccination programme, while health staff administered the vaccines.

Katha District Management Administration Committee Chairman U Htin Kyaw and members, together with Katha Township Management and Administration Committee Chairman U Than Tun and members, also oversaw the vaccination activities. In addition, a health official provided parents with information about vaccine-preventable diseases and the benefits of immunization.

The vaccination campaign was conducted from 9 to 13 November, and a total of 17,800 children had received vaccinations as of 13 November, according to the Katha District Public Health Department. — Kyaw Swa (Katha)/KZL

NATIONAL

Weekly Roundup

8 November

President inspects YTU, Hlinethaya and Shwepyitha townships

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing made an inspection tour of Yangon Technological University under the Department of Advanced Science and Technology in Insein Township, and urban development projects in Hlinethaya and Shwepyitha townships in Yangon Region.

VP inspects repairs and construction of staff housing

Vice-President U Nyo Saw inspected the progress in repairing the staff housing damaged by the earthquake and the completion and construction of four-storey, four-unit staff housing in Nay Pyi Taw.

VP joins Kayin State Day celebrations

The ceremony to mark the 71st Anniversary of Kayin State Day, a special occasion for the Kayin ethnic people, was held on the lawn in front of the Kayin State government office, with Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Nan Ni Ni Aye in attendance.

9 November

President and spouse visit market fair, furniture show

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla visited the Traditional Myanmar Market Fair at the Yangon Convention Centre (YCC) in Mayangon Township and the Myanmar Furniture Show 2026 at Kanthaya Shopping Centre in Mingala Taungnyunt Township.

VP visits Ethnic Cultural Centre, Industrial Zone

Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye visited and inspected the Ethnic Cultural Centre and Kyauktan Industrial Zone in Mon State.

10 November

Union government to hold 2026 Kathina robe-offering ceremony

Vice-President U Nyo Saw delivered a speech at the coordination meeting of the leading committee to hold 2026 Kathina robe-offering ceremony, at the Ministry of Religious Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

11 November

Space-Themed Painting, Cartoon and Poster Contest, Space Technological Exhibition launched

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

12 November

Meeting on boosting export volume and collecting national reserve rice held

Vice-President U Nyo Saw delivered the opening speech at a coordination meeting on boosting export volume and collecting national reserve rice, held at the Yangon Region Government Office.

President's Office issues Order 87/2026

Pursuant to Order 87/2026 issued by the President's Office, Daw Sanda Kyaw was appointed as Judge of the Bago Region High Court and Daw Myat Thida Aung as Judge of the Mandalay Region High Court.

13 November

President receives Thai Dy PM and FM

A delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand Mr Sihasak Phuangketkeow paid a courtesy call on President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing at the Presidential Palace Reception Hall in Nay Pyi Taw.

President's Office issues Order 88/2026

The Order 88/2026 issued by the President's Office stated the appointment of the Ministers of Security and Border Affairs from Kayah, Mon, Rakhine and Shan states and Sagaing, Magway and Yangon regions. — GNLM/TTA

Daytime balloons soar on opening day of Taunggyi Tazaungdine Festival

ON the first day of the Taunggyi Tazaungdine Hot Air Balloon Festival in northern Shan State, Taunggyi, daytime figure balloons were set off.

Starting from 1 pm on 13 November, the contestants' figure balloons were released in fine weather.

There are many contested balloons, so the release started on 13 November, according to the organizing committee.

The rest of the daytime balloons will continue to be released over the next few days. — TWA/ZS



Daytime balloons are seen being released on the first day of the festival.

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New multimodal transport operators' liability insurance introduced

MYANMA Insurance has announced that a new type of insurance – Multimodal Transport Operators' Liability Insurance – has been introduced and is available for purchase in the market starting 13 November.



A launch ceremony for the Multimodal Transport Operators' Liability Insurance.

The official market launch and public awareness ceremony was held on that day at its head office in Yangon. Union Minister for Planning and Finance Dr Kan Zaw attended the event and stated that multimodal transport operators face significant legal liabilities for the loss, damage, or delay of goods from the time transit begins until they reach the designated destination.

He added that this insurance has been systematically introduced to the market as an appropriate protective cover after research.

It was implemented through collaborative discussions and negotiations between Myanma Insurance of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue and the Myanmar International Freight Forwarders Association.

Dr Myo Min Kyi Win, managing director of Myanma Insurance, stated that the new insurance will contribute to domestic and international trade businesses with greater confidence and reliability.

Following a six-month trial period, strengths and weaknesses encountered will be reviewed, necessary adjustments will be made, and ongoing efforts will be pursued to ensure it becomes a truly beneficial insurance category. — TWA/ZN

NATIONAL

Fuel price caps retreat this week

REGULATORS slashed fuel prices to K4,270 per litre for Octane 92, K4,315 for Octane 95, K4,380 for diesel and K5,315 for premium diesel during the week ending 19 November, showing a small decrease compared to the rates of last week.

The prices were set at K4,530 for Octane 92, K4,550 for Octane 95, K4,555 for diesel and K5,520 for premium diesel during the week ending 12 November.

The price index set by Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS), the pricing basis for many refined products in Southeast Asia, influences the domestic fuel prices, according to the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil.



File photo shows one of the filling stations in the city of Yangon.

The committee governs the market to ensure stable prices and secure supply. Under the guidance of the Supervisory Committee, the Petroleum Products Regulatory Department has been issuing daily reference wholesale prices to ensure price stability for energy consumers.

The committee is inspecting the fuel stations to see whether they are overcharging. Authorities are taking an action against those retailers of fuel stations under the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law 2017 if they are found overcharging rather than the set reference rate.

As per the statement, 90 per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced locally. Domestic fuel prices are highly correlated with international prices. The State is steering the market to mitigate the loss experienced by the importers, sellers and energy consumers. Consequently, the government is trying to distribute the oil at a reasonable price compared to those of regional countries.

Some countries levied higher tax rates and hiked oil prices than Myanmar's. However, Malaysia's oil sector receives government subsidies, and the prices are about 60 per cent lower than those of Myanmar. Every country lays down different policy patterns to fix oil prices, the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil stated. — NN/KK

Customs Dept to sell seized consumer goods

THE Customs Department will auction off general consumer goods seized under the existing Customs Law through a competitive bidding system.

The auction will be held at 10 am on 26 November at the Supply and Transport Division in Ahlon Township, Yangon Region.


The facade view of the office building of the Customs Department in Yangon.

Auction forms, including bidding rules and the list of auction items, will be sold until 17 November during office hours at K10,000 per set. Security deposits will be accepted from 17 to 25 November, and bidders must bring their citizenship scrutiny cards.

Items will be displayed only to those who have paid security deposits until 25 November from 10 am to 4 pm over five days, at the Supply and Transport Division, Ywathagyi Inland Port (KM).

Individuals can enquire about details through the Supply and Transport Division in Ahlon Township, Yangon Region, in person or by dialling 09 5165241 or 09 2024111, according to the secretary of the Auction Sale Committee, Customs Department. — NN/KK

Tenders invited for bridge construction works in FY2026-27


File photo shows the Maubin Bridge.

THE Bridges Department under the Ministry of Construction is inviting experienced companies to submit tenders for bridge construction works to be carried out in the financial year 2026-27, according to the Tender Acceptance and Scrutiny Committee of Bridge Special Unit 15 in Pyapon, Ayeyawady Region.

This open tender is for the purchase of construction equipment, machinery and vehicle rental, and transport of equipment. The works also cover repairing the Steel Truss Bearing on Pier P8 of the Maubin Bridge (2,608 feet) by purchasing and installing a replacement Steel Spherical Movable Bearing, moving the Steel Truss into position and carrying out bridge repairs in stages.

Tender applications will be sold at Bridge Special Unit in Pyapon until 25 November. The deadline for submitting technical and price proposals is 3 pm on 27 November, and the deadline for equipment tender applications is at noon on 25 November. Technical qualification results will be announced on 29 November, and the tender opening will be held at 9 am on 30 November at the office of the Assistant Director (Civil), Highways Department, Pyapon district.

Interested individuals can enquire about detailed information through the Tender Acceptance and Scrutiny Committee of the Bridge Special Unit 15 in Pyapon at 09 264752852, according to the committee. — NN/KK

Gold Market Rate as of 14 November 2026

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K7,050,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

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OPINION

Efforts to successfully hold upcoming by-elections

ON 5 November 2026, the Union Election Commission issued the constituencies for the by-elections scheduled for 4 April 2027. The announcement by the UEC mentioned the Hluttaw constituencies designated for the by-elections.

The previous multiparty democratic general election was held in three phases: Phase I on 28 December 2025; Phase II on 11 January 2026; and Phase III on 25 January 2026. By-elections will be held in the constituencies that were not included in the aforementioned multiparty democratic general election. There are three types of elections: the Pyithu Hluttaw election, the Amyotha Hluttaw election, and the Region or State Hluttaw election. A by-election is held to fill vacant constituencies during a regular term of a Hluttaw. Such vacancies may arise when an election in a constituency has been postponed, or when a Hluttaw representative resigns, passes away, is lawfully disqualified from serving as a representative, or is removed from office.

As Myanmar practises a multi-party democratic system, not only the people in the respective areas but also people across the country must participate in and contribute to ensuring the successful holding of the by-election. Therefore, it is firmly believed that only when voters choose and cast their ballots for candidates who can serve the interests of the nation and the people in the upcoming by-election will the multi-party democratic system be able to successfully move forward.

According to the announcement issued by the Union Election Commission, by-elections will be held in 34 first-past-the-post (FPTP) constituencies of the Pyithu Hluttaw, five FPTP constituencies of the Amyotha Hluttaw, and 16 FPTP constituencies of the Region and State Hluttaws. The Union Election Commission has announced that by-elections for the three Hluttaws will be held in 55 vacant constituencies on 4 April 2027. The 12 townships included in the by-elections, which were not covered in the previous general election, are Tonzang, Kalay, Natogyi, Singu, Momeik, Katha, Indaw, Pale, Yinmabin, Taze, Kawlin and Bhamo.

The collective strength of all citizens is vital to the nation, and they must join hands in nation-building efforts under the administration of the government that will emerge through the election. In carrying out nation-building tasks, it will not be sufficient for the government alone to make efforts to implement them. Intellectuals, professionals, capable individuals from various fields, and all ethnic national brethren must contribute and cooperate to the best of their abilities and knowledge. Only through such collective efforts can the democratic Union aspired to by the entire people be established within a short period of time.

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BOOKRACK



Book Title	-	The Art of Living (The Art of Living by Thich Nhat Hanh)
Translator	-	Kyaw Win
Publishing House	-	Tagaung Publishing House
Publication Date	-	October 2026 (1st Edition)
Price	-	K23,000

The Art of Living
The Art of Living by Thich Nhat Hanh

HUMAN beings must live, struggle, and move forward within life. "Life" refers to the span between birth and death. That span is time. Time and human life cannot and should not be separated. Regarding time, the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh stated:

"Western capitalist culture says, 'Time is money'. Consequently, they say one must spend 'time' to earn 'money'. In my view, 'Time is more precious than money'. 'Time' is not 'money'. 'Time' is 'life'. 'Time' is 'love'."

The book presented here is The Art of Living, written by the Vietnamese Zen Buddhist master Thich Nhat Hanh and translated into Myanmar by Saya Kyaw Win under the title Bawa Nay Nee Anu Pyinnya (The Art of Living). This book is published by Ko Nay Myo Thura's "Tagaung Publishing House", which has published most of Saya Kyaw Win's recent works.

Translator Saya Kyaw Win titled his foreword "Searching for the 'Story'". In this foreword, under the subheading "Only Longing for Sayagyi Pa", the author notes that as he has grown older, his mind has turned increasingly towards religion. In the past, whenever he felt this way, he would regularly visit Saya Pa (Saya Paragu) to consult and enquire about everything he wished to know regarding religion. Over his 26-year writing career, his only religious publication had been The Horseman Seeking Truth. For that book, to avoid sharply diverging from Theravada Buddhism, he rushed to consult Saya Pa. Furthermore, when he asked Saya Pa about Zen Buddhism, the elder replied:

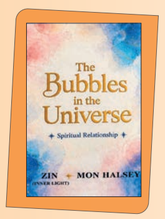
"'Zen' – which some pronounce as Zens – derives from Jhna in Pali, Zhan in Myanmar, and is pronounced Zen in Japanese. In our Theravada tradition, Jhna refers to a mind concentrated and tranquil upon a single object. Zen Buddhists, pointing to the founder Bodhidharma who meditated continuously for nine years, refer to themselves as the 'meditation sect'. Mahayana itself has split into various schools, so Zen can also be seen as a branch of Mahayana. To speak in broad terms: preserving the Dhamma taught by the Buddha exactly as it was preserved across generations by great elders such as Venerable Sariputta, Venerable Moggallana, Venerable Maha Kassapa, and Venerable Ananda is called 'Theravada Buddhism'. Adapting the Buddha's discourses to suit evolving conditions such as time, place, and individuals is called 'Mahayana', meaning the 'Great Vehicle'. While they fundamentally share the Buddha's Dhamma, there are notable differences in practice. As it carries distinct strengths of its own, it is well worth studying..."

Through this dialogue between the author's questions and Saya Paragu's answers, the foreword provides readers with supplementary knowledge as well as essential foundational context needed to appreciate the book.

Sister Chân Không (Sister True Emptiness), one of the Venerable Master's closest disciples, remarked regarding this book:

"I hope our readers will apply the teachings in this book to achieve diverse fulfilment in their personal lives. Walking closely in the footsteps of the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh, may you bring love and happiness to your own life, your family, and the entire world once all forms of suffering are completely dispelled."

The book opens its introduction with a piece on silence and consists of seven chapters: Chapter 1: Emptiness; Chapter 2: Signlessness; Chapter 3: Aimlessness; Chapter 4: Impermanence; Chapter 5: Craving-free (Non-attachment); Chapter 6: Transformation and Healing; Chapter 7: Nibbana; followed by the Conclusion: The Time to Live, and an Appendix: The Path to Happiness.



Book Title	-	The Bubbles In The Universe
Author	-	Zin (Inner Light) + Mon Halsey
Publishing House	-	Zwe Thiha Publishing House
Publication Date	-	October 2026 (1st Edition)
Price	-	K25,000

The Bubbles in The Universe

THIS week's pick is a book titled "The Bubbles in the Universe", exploring the meaning behind the people we meet in life. "Every moment of encounter between people in life may seem ordinary, but sometimes it carries a great deal of meaning. Some encounters fade away in an instant, but some leave something behind in the heart and change something about one's life."

The book is co-written by two people: Zin (Inner Light) and Mon Halsey. In the preface, Mon Halsey explains how the book came about: "I myself have experienced various kinds of relationships in life. There were relationships I could not understand, relationships that did not turn out as I hoped, and relationships that caused pain. But as time passed, I began to see that behind each of those encounters were lessons that helped me know and understand myself better. It is true that after each relationship, I became more spiritually evolved. As I became more interested in the meanings behind such relationships, I discussed with Ko Zin and from that came the idea to write a book together."

The Bubbles in the Universe is an engaging book that explores the meanings behind people's encounters, and it is very intriguing. Since it is a deep reflection, it will likely be a top pick for readers. It can be seen that both authors have earnestly tried to make this a book that can serve as a guide for those who want to build their relationships with calmness, freedom, and lightness.

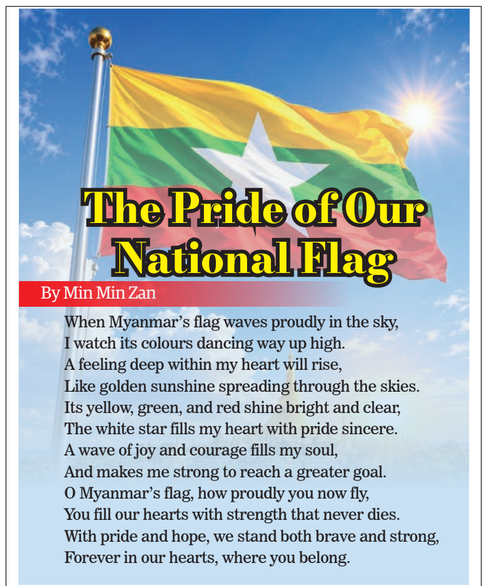
Some of the book's content draws on lessons Mon Halsey learned through her own experiences. Some content covers experiences that are not admirable or worthy of emulation, including mistakes, times of confusion, times of pain and incidents in which she could not even respect herself, the author admits.

"What I have always valued between writer and reader is honesty. Just as in my earlier books, I honestly shared not only my joys but also my imperfections, weaknesses, and the difficult parts of life through that same honesty", the author says.

In some stories, you will find me. In other stories, readers may find themselves. If from such an encounter you gain a new perspective for understanding your relationships, I believe my honest openness will have been meaningful. I believe that after reading this book, you will find answers to some questions that have long been in your mind about relationships. I hope this book can help you know and understand yourself better through those answers, learn to view relationships with a more mature perspective, and ultimately become freer and more peaceful in your heart. May you be able to look back with understanding on every encounter that has come into your life, and in the end return to the peace within yourself," the author wished.

In life, you will gain a personal mentoring experience regarding the people you have encountered, including your lovers, friends, colleagues, parents and relatives, and spiritual relationships. Readers are invited to reflect alongside the authors: "Because of the experiences I gained from a person, what changed in me? What good and bad things did I learn from them? What karmic connections brought the people I remember vividly into my life?"

The book has over 300 pages with 14 chapters. As is customary of Sayama Mon Halsey's books, bonus chapters included in this book add extra value, context and depth for readers.



By Min Min Zan

When Myanmar's flag waves proudly in the sky,
I watch its colours dancing way up high.
A feeling deep within my heart will rise,
Like golden sunshine spreading through the skies.
Its yellow, green, and red shine bright and clear,
The white star fills my heart with pride sincere.
A wave of joy and courage fills my soul,
And makes me strong to reach a greater goal.
O Myanmar's flag, how proudly you now fly,
You fill our hearts with strength that never dies.
With pride and hope, we stand both brave and strong,
Forever in our hearts, where you belong.

A Wave Breaking Strain

လှိုင်းပုတ်သည့်ဒဏ်

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

Due to the tempest, a violent wind,
Huge waves are rolling
Towards a little boat called Nawa.
With all his strength, the little boat owner
Is barging into the waves,
Struggling with effort and resilience,
And rowing on like the clappers.

In the ocean with an eddy in the middle,
Sinking and floating and tossing,
Between the wind and waves growling and devastating,
The boat to land is passing.
During high winds and waves' strike,
Getting seasick while the boat's tossing despite,
He did not make himself chastened.
While the tidal wave's breaking and the boat's moving,
Like almost capsized, although it's sloshing about,
He did not chicken out.
The strain of the storm and waves breaking
With great fortitude enduring,
When the nature of water and the boat
Is analyzed and mastered,
To cross over and over again in triumph,
He's got the full strength.

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မောင်မြေလွှာ

Beauty

By Maung Swan Yi (Translated by Myint Zan)



the seeker of beauty
travels around the world
and composed poems

one who thirsts for beauty
traverses
the world
creates poems

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ကမ္ဘာကိုလှည့်၊ ကဗျာဖွဲ့၏။

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Translator's note: First published in collected poems of Maung Swan Yi (born 17 February 1937) in 1960. Translated on 13 November 2026.

မောင်စွမ်းရည်

NATIONAL
Entertainment

Mann Shwe Vidhuya Theatrical Troupe performs for Mandalay residents

AS a token for local audiences, Mann Shwe Vidhuya Theatrical Troupe, which won several team and individual awards at the 27th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competition, held two nights of free performances in Mandalay on 11 and 12 November. The performances took place at Myo Shwe Mann Thar Phoe Chit Theatre near Kyauktawgyi Pagoda, Mandalay, and attracted many traditional Thabin enthusiasts. The troupe, representing Mandalay Region under Director Ko Shwe Thet (MCDC), won the second-place silver medal in the Vidhuya Jataka category. It also secured five individual gold medals, including awards for Best Script, Vidhuya Prince, Punnaka, and traditional duet dance performances, and the Saing Music Director Award. — TWA/KTZH



CODE 209 Countdown Festival ready for 2027 New Year's Night



THE CODE 209 Countdown Festival is set to take place in grand style to welcome 2027 with EDM performances by popular local and international DJs. The festival will feature well-known international DJs alongside leading local talents, with exciting entertainment programmes planned for audiences. Model Thae Su Nyein shared her thoughts, saying, "It's a place where you can create unforgettable memories in life. Whether you're with friends or family, it's a place to have a great time and create lots of wonderful moments." Actor Tun Tun also commented, "I've heard that popular DJs familiar to EDM fans, both local and international, will be performing. There's a 50-50 chance that I'll attend. If I don't have to take on another work commitment, I'll definitely be there." —TWA/KTZH

'Tauntta At Thaw Thitsa' series broadcast on 13 Nov

THE new television series 'Tauntta At Thaw Thitsa', featuring a strong cast of popular actors, premiered on the Mahar Application on 13 November. Oak Soe Khant plays Min Yeik Nyo, while Min Taw Win portrays Thet Zaw. The series also features skilled and emerging actors, including Nyi Nanda, Min Thu, Htet Htet Htun, Wai Lar Yi, Nan Khin Zeyar and other artistes.

Based on a story by writers Lonma and Yoon Thakhin, the screenplay was written by Lonma, Yoon Thakhin, Nay Myo Aung and Demo Hlwan. The series was directed by Htet Gyi, with Shwe Dah serving as assistant director. — TWA/KTZH





CCC initiates weekly free film screening preview

THE China Cultural Centre in Yangon held a free film screening preview on 14 November at its Multi-functional Hall (Multimedia Room).

This week's programme featured the popular science-fiction film "The Wandering Earth 2" and the documentary "Lancang-Mekong: The River That Flows South - Episode 3". Through these films, the event aimed to showcase creativity, enthusiasm and diverse perspectives for youth. — TWA/KTZH

Space-Themed Painting, Cartoon and Poster Competitions for Basic Education Students & Space Technology Expo

THE second day of Space-Themed Painting, Cartoon and Poster Competitions for Basic Education Students and Space Technology Exhibitions took place on 12 November at MICC I in Nay Pyi Taw, attracting students, teachers, visitors and artistes.

The event featured musical performances by popular artistes J Fire Project K, Hsaung Wut Yi May, Mya Yar, Win Thabyay Htun and Oak Aw Thar. The artistes also took commemorative photos with audience members. In addition, the Myanmar Space Agency organized space-related knowledge quizzes and games. Performances by a humanoid robot also entertained the audience and received enthusiastic responses.— TWA/KTZH



Actress says she won't act anymore

ACADEMY Tun Eaindra Bo has said that she is uncertain whether she will continue acting in future films.



She made the remarks while speaking to the media at the Artiste Show for the film "Hermit Crab" (Win Ka Soot) held at Nawaday Cinema on the evening of 11 November.

She said, "I can't say for certain that this will be my last film, but I think it's more likely that I won't be acting in films again. When I was younger, I spent a lot of time working in both film and music, but at this stage of my life, music doesn't require as much time, so I can focus more on it. With more free time available, I'm now doing other things that I feel are worth pursuing."

The film was directed by Aryonoo Pwint Theingi Zaw. Its cast includes Paing Takhon, Academy Kyaw Ye Aung, Academy Tun Eaindra Bo, Academy Chaw Yadana, Academy Yadana Bo, special guest actor Bhone Thike, Ye Lwin Oo and other artistes.

The film will be screened starting 20 November. Tun Eaindra Bo plays the grandmother of Paing Takhon, who portrays an autistic character in the film. — Htun Htun/KTZH

M Channel broadcasts new series 'Shwe Let'

THE television series 'Shwe Let' (Golden Hand), which portrays the world of Myanmar's traditional Hsaing music, will premiere on M Channel starting 14 November. It will air at 7 pm every Saturday and Sunday.



A representative of Cloud Seven Production & Entertainment said, "Orchestra music is a profound combination of diverse traditional instruments. When conflicts filled with ego, greed and pride enter the lives of the Sein Kyaw Kyar Orchestra troupe, which is built on this beautiful musical tradition, the story unfolds. Audiences can enjoy a variety of emotions, including family relationships, love and heartbreak, all set against the background of traditional Myanma Traditional Orchestra music."

The series is written and directed by Swan Paing. Its cast includes Charlie Nyein, Kyaw Htet Zaw, Silar Win, Min Thu, Kyaw Htoo, Aye Thida and other artistes. —Htun Htun/KTZH

WORLD

NEWS IN BRIEF

Indian doctors complete same-day bilateral hip replacement

DOCTORS at Max Super Speciality Hospital in Saket have performed India's first day care bilateral total hip replacement using Smart AI Navigation technology. The 40-year-old patient from Myanmar underwent replacement of both hip joints during a single surgical session and was discharged on the same day.

The procedure was conducted by a team led by Dr Sujoy Bhattacharjee, Chairman and Chief of the Max Institute of Robotic Joint Replacement. Typically, patients requiring bilateral hip replacement remain hospitalized for several days to allow for monitoring, pain management, and rehabilitation. In this case, early mobilization and same-day discharge were achieved through a combination of navigation-assisted surgery, meticulous preoperative planning, and an enhanced recovery protocol. — ANI

All departing US flights grounded due to communication problem

US air regulators on Friday issued a rare nationwide ground stop for all departing flights citing a communications problem affecting air traffic control towers, in a move that caused immediate confusion for travellers.

The Federal Aviation Administration "issued a nationwide ground stop for all US airports following a communication issue impacting all Air Route Traffic Control Centres," the agency said. "FAA technicians are investigating the issue."

The FAA has announced similar orders in recent years on individual airlines due to communications issues, usually lasting a couple of hours or less. Systemwide groundings nationwide are far less common.

In January 2023, the FAA called a nationwide ground stop due to problems with the Notice to Air Missions system (NOTAM), which provides information to pilots about hazards, changes to airport facilities and information that can affect flights. — AFP

Meeting of Russian, US, Chinese leaders at APEC summit would be relevant: Diplomat

Their contact in the appropriate format would, of course, be logical and in demand.

A meeting of Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping and US President Donald Trump at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit would be logical and appropriate, the Russian Foreign Ministry's ambassador-at-large for G20 and APEC, Marat Berdyev told Sputnik.

"Their contact in the appropriate format would, of course, be logical and in demand," Berdyev said.

The leaders of the three countries have repeatedly confirmed their mutual goodwill and respect, as well as their desire to meet and reach agreements, the diplomat said.

"It is important to be patient and wait for official statements," Berdyev added. — SPUTNIK



People walk past an APEC-themed installation at Gangxia North Metro Station in Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong Province, 25 October 2026. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Japan plans to raise defence spending to 60T yen over next 5 years

THE Japanese government is considering a significant increase in defence spending over the next five years, with plans to raise the total defence budget for financial 2027 through 2031 to 60 trillion yen (about US$376 billion) when it revises the three key security documents, Kyodo News reported Friday, citing sources.

According to the report, spending focus will include large-scale procurement of drones, ammunition and missiles.

Japan's current three security documents, formulated at the end of 2022, call for increasing the country's total defence spending over the five years from fiscal 2023 to 2027 to about 43 trillion yen. The government of Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi plans to revise the three documents by the end of this year. — Xinhua

EU institutions, E5 to represent Europe in Ukraine peace talks

EUROPEAN Union (EU) leaders agreed on Friday that EU institutions and the E5 group of the Coalition of the Willing would form Europe's team for negotiations on peace in Ukraine, European Council President Antonio Costa said. Speaking after an informal EU leaders' meeting in Dublin, Costa said the European negotiating team would act in close coordination and unity, stressing that Europe must speak with "one clear and united voice" in discussions concerning Ukraine's future and European security.

He stressed that the EU has "a central role in discussing Ukraine's European future, its reconstruction and prosperity", and security guarantees for Ukraine should be discussed "within the framework of the Coalition of the Willing, in close coordination with NATO".

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen welcomed the agreement, saying the European team would include the European Council, the European Commission and the E5, including Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Poland. — Xinhua



European Union leaders agreed in Dublin that EU institutions and the E5 group will jointly represent Europe in Ukraine peace negotiations. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

SpaceX launches 15th Starship flight test

SpaceX launched its giant Starship rocket on its 15th flight test on Friday, but the Super Heavy booster failed to return to the launch site for a planned catch by the launch tower's mechanical arms and instead splashed down in the Gulf of Mexico.

The rocket lifted off from SpaceX's Starbase facility in the US state of Texas at about 4:48 pm Central Time.

The mission marked the company's first planned attempt to catch both the Super Heavy booster and the Starship spacecraft using the launch tower's mechanical arms during a single flight. — Xinhua

ECONOMY
WORLD

Russia remains 3rd largest gas supplier to EU in Sept

The total value of Russian pipeline gas and LNG supplies to the EU stood at 1.28 billion euros ($1.49 billion) in September.

RUSSIA remained the third-largest supplier of pipeline gas and liquefied natural gas (LNG) to the European Union in September, according to Eurostat data reviewed by Sputnik on Friday.

The total value of Russian pipeline gas and LNG supplies to the EU stood at 1.28 billion euros ($1.49 billion) in September, compared to 1.22 billion euros a month earlier.

The United States reclaimed its leading position for the first time since June, increasing its monthly supplies 1.5-fold and yearly supplies 2.3-fold to 4.28 billion euros. This marks the highest level since October 2022.



Russia remained the third-largest natural gas supplier to the European Union in September, behind the United States and Norway. **PHOTO: GAZPROM**

Norway dropped to the second place, with its exports to the EU rising by 13 per cent month-on-month and 4.2-fold year-on-year to 2.87 billion euros in September. Of that amount, 396.3 million euros came from LNG supplies, while pipeline gas accounted for 2.47 billion euros. Algeria remained in the fourth place, with supplies worth 1.03 billion euros, compared to 1.2 billion euros a month earlier. Pipeline gas accounted for the largest part of supplies, valued at 837.5 million euros, the lowest figure since March. LNG supplies amounted to 191.4 million euros.

The United Kingdom remained in the fifth place. In September, its gas exports to the EU fell by 39 per cent from August to 721.5 million euros, the lowest figure since May. Pipeline gas accounted for 646.8 million euros of the total amount. The top 10 suppliers also included Azerbaijan, with supplies rising by 48 per cent to 714.3 million euros; Nigeria, with supplies increasing fourfold to 210.3 million euros; Congo, with 137.5 million euros worth of supplies; and Trinidad and Tobago, with supplies falling 3.1-fold to 59.3 million euros. — SPUTNIK

NEWS IN BRIEF

Brazil's grain output forecast to fall 2.6% in 2027

BRAZIL, one of the world's leading food producers, is expected to harvest 346.6 million tonnes of grain in 2027, down 2.6 per cent, or 9.2 million tonnes, from 2026, according to a forecast released Friday by the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE).

The area planted with grain crops is projected to reach 83.2 million hectares in 2027, a slight decrease of 78,500 hectares from 2026, the IBGE projected.

The forecast marks a reversal from 2026, when grain production is estimated to reach a record 355.8 million tonnes, up 2.8 per cent from 346.1 million tonnes in 2025.

Soybeans remain Brazil's leading crop, with output expected to reach 175 million tonnes in 2026. — Xinhua

Europe can't afford falling behind at AI 'turning point', warns EU chief

EU chief Ursula von der Leyen warned Friday the bloc "must get it right" on the generational "turning point" of AI, as European leaders vowed to catch up in the race with China and the United States — and tame the technology's risks. "Every generation faces a technological turning point that shapes the decades ahead. For ours, it is artificial intelligence, and Europe must get it right," von der Leyen told a press conference in Dublin where the bloc held its first summit-level talks on AI.

"We need to maximise the opportunities offered by AI, and we need to control all the risks . — AFP

India's exports set to hit $1T by FY27: ASSOCHAM



India's total exports are projected to surpass one trillion dollars by the 2026-27 financial year due to strong global demand. **PHOTO:**

INDIA'S exports are poised to surpass the monumental US$ 1 trillion mark by the financial year 2026-27, a significant leap fuelled by robust growth of over 16 per cent between April and October. This optimistic projection comes from SP Sharma, Chief Economist at ASSOCHAM, highlighting India's growing footprint in the global trade arena.

Speaking to ANI, Sharma revealed that India's exports reached approximately US$ 569 billion in the first seven months of the current fiscal, demonstrating strong momentum towards achieving this ambitious annual target. He emphasized that if the current pace continues, especially with an expected acceleration in February and March, the US$1 trillion goal is well within reach.

Major trading partners like the US, China, Japan, Italy, and other European nations are showing strong demand for Indian goods, contributing significantly to this growth. — ANI

Cambodia, Rwanda to boost trade, tourism, aviation

CAMBODIA and Rwanda signed three agreements on Friday to boost bilateral cooperation in trade, investment, aviation and tourism, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet said.

The signing ceremony took place in Phnom Penh following official talks between Hun Manet and visiting Rwandan President Paul Kagame.

In updates shared on his official social media platforms, Hun Manet outlined the newly signed agreements. These include two Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) on investment promotion and tourism, along with an air services agreement.

The deals are expected to provide fresh momentum to bilateral relations, foster closer economic and business ties, and open new avenues for mutually beneficial cooperation.

During their meeting, the two leaders also exchanged views on further strengthening bilateral ties and expanding collaboration between their countries.

Kagame arrived here on Thursday for a state visit and will attend the 20th Francophonie Summit. — Xinhua



The image shows the entrance gate and headquarters of Volcanoes National Park in the Kinigi sector of northern Rwanda, famous for mountain gorilla trekking. **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**

Tesla opens Cybercab sales to 'select customers'

TESLA said on Friday that some customers will be able to buy its driverless Cybercab for personal use.

The two-seat vehicle with no steering wheel or pedals was unveiled in October 2024, and has been deployed in some US cities as part of Tesla's "Robotaxi" service.

"Select customers are now being invited to purchase Cybercab for personal use," the auto manufacturer wrote on X.

An image accompanying the post showed an estimated purchase price of $29,990, excluding taxes, and an estimated delivery date of December.

The vehicle also requires a $299 monthly "autonomy subscription" and a $1,000 non-refundable deposit.

Last year Tesla debuted its self-driving cars in Austin using its Model Y SUV vehicles, with the Robotaxi service gradually expanding to several other cities in Texas, Florida and California.

However, state laws require many of the vehicles to have a human supervisor or driver ready to take control if necessary.

Waymo, the self-driving vehicle subsidiary of Google's parent company Alphabet, offers its services in 11 US cities. — AFP



Tesla announced that select customers are now invited to purchase its driverless two-seat Cybercab for personal use starting in December. **PHOTO: AFP**

Touring statues of Osaka Expo mascot draw crowds as popularity continues

THE popularity of Myaku-Myaku, the mascot of last year's World Expo in Osaka, has continued even after the event's end, with three statues drawing crowds of people as they tour around the western Japan prefecture.



Touring statues of Osaka Expo mascot Myaku-Myaku continue drawing large crowds across western Japan to help revitalize local communities. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Despite once being derided as "creepy", fans have even flocked to a site near a mountaintop more than 1,000 metres above sea level to see a statue of the mascot. The prefectural government has been promoting Myaku-Myaku's popularity to attract tourists and revitalize local communities.

In early November, the giant Myaku-Myaku statue "Waku-Waku" (excitement) welcomed hikers with both arms raised at Chihayaenchi, a nature park on Mount Kongo straddling Osaka and Nara prefectures.

Visitors carrying or wearing merchandise such as key chains and towels lined up to pose for commemorative photos in front of the statue.

Thanks to the presence of Waku-Waku from September through November, the park drew about 12,000 visitors in September. That figure grew to about 17,000 in October, 5.5 times as many as in the same month a year earlier.

Another statue dubbed "Irasshai" (welcome), which kneels formally in "seiza" style, is on display outside Hanshin Electric Railway Co's Fuku Station in Osaka through November. — Kyodo

India's forex reserves climb to US$719.55 bln

INDIA'S foreign exchange reserves increased by US$2.49 billion to US$719.55 billion in the week ended 6 November 2026, driven primarily by a rise in gold reserves, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday.

The latest data, published in the RBI's Weekly Statistical Supplement, showed that the country's forex reserves stood at US$717.06 billion in the preceding week.

Foreign currency assets (FCA), the largest component of India's foreign exchange reserves, increased marginally by US$232 million during the week to US$591.35 billion.

Gold reserves registered a sharp increase of US$2.21 billion to US$ 104.80 billion, accounting for the bulk of the overall rise in foreign exchange reserves during the reporting week.

Meanwhile, Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) increased by US$52 million to US$18.61 billion, while India's reserve position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) rose by US$1 million to US$4.79 billion. — ANI

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AE series train for Keisei Electric Railway's limited express "Skyliner".
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14 NOVEMBER

3 mln records possibly leaked after unauthorized access to Skyliner system

UP to 3.37 million customer records may have been leaked following unauthorized access to the reservation system for Skyliner express trains linking Tokyo to Narita airport, according to operator Keisei Electric Railway Co.

The Keisei Skyliner express service is a major transport link to the airport, located near Tokyo, with a travel time of around 40 minutes. The booking system was briefly suspended.

The company said customers' names, email addresses and phone numbers may have been leaked, but their passwords are protected by encryption. The unauthorized access occurred on Wednesday. A number of Japanese companies have experienced data breaches in recent weeks. — Kyodo

13 NOVEMBER

China, US hold first meeting of trade council

CHINA and the United States held the first meeting of the trade council under the China-US economic and trade consultation mechanism via video link on Friday, China's Ministry of Commerce said on Saturday.

Guided by the important consensus reached by the two heads of state, the meeting focused on implementing the outcomes of previous rounds of bilateral economic and trade consultations. The two sides had a candid, in-depth and constructive exchange on tariffs, the reciprocal tariff reduction arrangement covering about US$30 billion worth of each other's goods, agricultural trade and other issues of mutual concern.

Both sides will continue to strengthen communication through the trade council, work to resolve their respective economic and trade concerns, further expand cooperation and shorten the list of issues. — Xinhua

12 NOVEMBER

Siemens sees no AI slowdown despite Republican rout

THE midterm elections rout for US President Donald Trump's Republicans is unlikely to slow the AI boom, German industrial giant Siemens said Thursday as it reported record profits boosted by data centre demand.

Fears that Democrats could clamp down on data centre construction after seizing control of Congress hit stock markets worldwide last week.

Speaking on an earnings call, Siemens CEO Roland Busch said the company was banking on the boom carrying on even if the elections had shown growing opposition to data centres. "There are discussions on the one side, on the other side there's bipartisan acknowledgment that a big driver of economic growth in the United States is data centres," Busch said. — AFP

11 NOVEMBER

Venezuela opens electricity sector to private investment

VENEZUELA'S legislature on Tuesday approved a US-backed reform to open the country's faltering electricity sector to private investment.

Since the US ouster of Nicolas Maduro in January, interim leader Delcy Rodriguez has complied with Washington's calls to open up nationalized industries to foreign investment.

The latest reform measure was approved unanimously on Tuesday by the National Assembly, which is led by Delcy Rodriguez's brother, Jorge Rodriguez.

Opposition lawmaker Antonio Ecarri said the reform was necessary "in the face of collapse" of the state power grid and "the disastrous policy that resulted from the previous law", he told AFP. Jorge Rodriguez insisted during the legislative session that the state-owned power company would continue to subsidize utilities "above all for the most vulnerable".

Following the nationalization of the power system in 2007, years of lack of investment and mismanagement have contributed to dire energy shortages. — AFP

10 NOVEMBER

Japan, 8 other nations get 'Fossil' award

JAPAN and eight other countries were given a "Fossil of the Day" satirical prize from an international environmental group on Tuesday after their leaders failed to attend the ongoing UN climate conference in Turkiye.

The Climate Action Network awarded the prize to Germany, France, Italy, Denmark, Sweden, Ireland, the Netherlands and Canada, as well as Japan, describing their leaders' absence as "a dismal signal" for international climate cooperation.

The recipients of the award were announced at the venue of the 31st UN climate conference, known as COP31, in Antalya, drawing loud boos from participants.

The nine countries "appear to have decided that COP31 is no longer important enough to warrant their presence," the organization said.

It also said that wealthy nations with history of large greenhouse gas emissions bear responsibility to provide financial support to developing countries, citing Nepal's need for assistance following major mudslides in August. — Kyodo

9 NOVEMBER

Polish leaders lead Krakow march for shooting spree victims

TENS of thousands of people joined a silent march in Krakow on Monday evening, led by Poland's president and prime minister, in tribute to the victims of a mass shooting that shocked the country over the weekend.

They set off from the city's historic Market Square, where the attack unfolded on Saturday afternoon. Mourners stopped at a flower-covered memorial marking the spot where the gunman opened fire from his car, killing six people and wounding 15 others.

Poland's nationalist President Karol Nawrocki and centrist Prime Minister Donald Tusk, political rivals rarely seen side by side, led the crowd through the city alongside Krakow Mayor Lukasz Gibala. — AFP

8 NOVEMBER

Japan's annual EV sales top 100,000 units for 1st time

SALES of electric vehicles in Japan in 2026 have already exceeded 100,000 units for the first time as demand grows thanks to government subsidies, industry body data showed Friday.

Cumulative EV sales from January through October totaled 111,876 units, according to the Japan Automobile Dealers Association and the Japan Light Motor Vehicle and Motorcycle Association. Of the total, 95,614 units were standard and compact EV passenger vehicles, while ultracompact minivehicles accounted for 16,262 units.

The government currently provides subsidies of up to 1.3 million yen ($8,200) for EV purchases. Amid strong sales, acceptance of applications for the current subsidy programme is expected to close as early as December. — Kyodo

SPORTS

Argentina beaten by Uruguay in first game since Messi retirement

ARGENTINA suffered a 2-1 defeat against Uruguay on Friday in their first game since Lionel Messi's retirement from international football. A second-half own goal by Argentina defender Leonardo Balerdi followed by a fluky effort from Uruguay midfielder Maxi Araujo sealed defeat for the 2026 World Cup runners-up. Atletico Madrid striker Julian Alavarez gave Argentina hope of a comeback with a 73rd-minute strike but Uruguay held on to clinch a third victory for new manager Diego Forlan. Messi played his final game for Argentina in an emotional farewell friendly victory over Benin last month, calling time on a glittering career that spanned 207 caps and 125 goals. With the 39-year-old genius missing, Argentina struggled to break down a resilient Uruguay team for long stretches of Friday's friendly. — AFP



Uruguay midfielder Maxi Araujo celebrates after scoring his team's second goal during a 2-1 friendly victory over Argentina on Friday. **PHOTO: AFP**

Chacarra takes control of Race to Dubai as Hatton leads Tour Championship



England's Tyrrell Hatton took a narrow one-shot lead in the third round as he bids to win the Tour Championship. **PHOTO: AFP**

EUGENIO Chacarra, playing only his second full season on the European Tour, took control of the Race to Dubai as Rory McIlroy slipped back and Tyrrell Hatton edged ahead at the season-ending Tour Championship in the third round in Dubai on Saturday. Chacarra started the day on one-under par, with his closest pursuer in the season-long standings, McIlroy, in the joint-lead with Hatton. The Spaniard's dream of a surprise Race to Dubai title looked to be drifting away when he three-putted the fourth hole for a bogey and followed that with a double-bogey on the next hole after dumping his wedge shot from the fairway into the greenside bunker. — AFP

Myanmar beat Philippines 3-1 in AFC U17 Qualifiers

Myanmar defeated the Philippines 3-1, while Indonesia beat Cambodia 2-0 on the third matchday of Group A in the 2027 AFC U17 Asian Cup qualifiers, hosted by Myanmar, on 14 November.

At Thuwunna Stadium, Myanmar secured their first win of the qualifiers, keeping their hopes of qualification alive after losing to Afghanistan in their opening match. Both teams attacked from the outset, but Myanmar took the lead in first-half stoppage time through Thura Hein Htet, who scored in 45+1 minutes.



Players of the Myanmar U17 team celebrate during their 2027 AFC U17 Asian Cup qualifiers match against the Philippines at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon yesterday.

Myanmar doubled their lead in 52 minutes when Paing Zay Htun scored their second goal. However, Mula pulled one back for the Philippines with a long-range effort in 71 minutes. The hosts sealed their 3-1 victory through Thet Naing Oo's goal in 77 minutes.

In the other Group A match at Star City Stadium, Indonesia defeated Cambodia 2-0. The fourth matchday will take place on 17 November, with Myanmar facing Cambodia at Star City Stadium at 3 pm and Afghanistan taking on Indonesia at Thuwunna Stadium.

At the end of the third matchday, Afghanistan and Indonesia lead the standings with six points each from two matches. Myanmar have three points from two matches, while the Philippines have three points from three matches. Cambodia remains pointless after suffering three defeats. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Real Madrid eyes move for teenager Vitao

REAL MADRID has joined the race to sign Brazilian teenager Vitao, according to widespread media reports in the South American country.

The 18-year-old has impressed for Atletico Mineiro in Brazil's Serie A this season, making 18 first-team appearances and establishing himself as a regular starter.

Real Madrid has made inquiries about the centre-back but faces competition for his signature from Premier League clubs Brighton and Everton, news outlet R7 reported on Friday. It added that Atletico Mineiro had included a 20-million-euro release clause in the defender's contract. Vitao, who has represented Brazil at youth level, has been praised for his aerial prowess and high technical quality. — Xinhua

Japan score in injury time to stun Brazil 3-2 in Singapore

SUBSTITUTE Tatsuhiro Sakamoto netted his first international goal with a late winner as Japan edged Brazil 3-2 in a thrilling friendly at the National Stadium in Singapore on Saturday.

A brilliant brace by Vinicius Junior had erased a two-goal deficit after strikes by Takefusa Kubo and Keito Nakamura put the Samurai Blue 2-0 up in the opening 19 minutes.



Japan's player Takefusa Kubo (C) fights for the ball with Brazil's player Bruno Guimaraes (R) during the Mizuho Blue Challenge Kallang Football Series international friendly match in Singapore on 14 November, 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

But Sakamoto was in the right place to fire home after latching on to Kodai Sano's deflected effort in stoppage time to give the Asian side a dramatic victory in front of 38,688 fans.

In the first meeting between the teams since Brazil's 2-1 win in the round of 32 at the World Cup in June, the Samurai Blue seized the early initiative with two goals in a torrid four-minute spell.

On 15 minutes, a through ball by Ritsu Doan was picked up just inside the Brazilian half by Kubo who showed quick feet to cut inside Jair before firing a low effort past goalkeeper Pedro Morisco.

Japan added another shortly afterwards after some fine work by Shuto Nakano, who broke down the right flank and centred for an unmarked Nakamura to calmly place a right-footed shot into the bottom corner of the net.

Brazil responded with a magnificent goal by Vinicius in the 33rd minute.

Zion Suzuki had made an excellent stop to deny Estevao when he bore down on goal, but the Japan goalkeeper could do little when the ball fell to Vinicius who found the top corner with a right-footed diagonal drive. — AFP

SUNDAY EDITION

Lifestyle

Indian Railways approves Janakpur-Ayodhya train to boost tourism and cultural ties

INDIAN Railways has approved a new weekly train service connecting Janakpur Dham in Nepal with Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh, in a move aimed at strengthening cross-border connectivity, religious tourism and cultural ties between the two neighbouring countries.

The new service is expected to make cross-border travel more convenient for pilgrims, tourists and other passengers.

According to an official press release issued by the Ministry of Railways on Saturday, the service will establish a rail link between two destinations associated with the Ramayana tradition — Janakpur Dham, revered as the birthplace of Mata Sita, and Ayodhya, the birthplace of Prabhu Shri Ram.



The image shows the Ayodhya Dham Junction railway station (formerly Ayodhya Junction) in Uttar Pradesh, India. **PHOTO: ANI**

Covering approximately 604 kilometres, the weekly train service will connect Janakpur Dham with Ayodhya Cantonment, passing through several important towns and cities in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. The train will have commercial stoppages at Jaynagar, Madhubani, Shisho, Sitamarhi, Raxaul, Narkatiaganj, Gorakhpur, Basti, Mankapur and Ayodhya Dham, besides its terminal stations. The service will operate once a week, originating from Janakpur Dham on Saturdays and from Ayodhya Cantt. on Mondays. The Ministry of Railways said the new service is expected to make cross-border travel more convenient for pilgrims, tourists and other passengers, while facilitating religious journeys between Janakpur and Ayodhya.

It is also expected to encourage tourism circuits associated with the Ramayana and provide greater mobility to people travelling for education, business and family-related purposes. Highlighting the economic benefits of the initiative, the ministry said improved rail access is expected to create opportunities for tourism operators, hospitality establishments, local traders and traditional artisans along the route. — ANI



Thailand launched a month-long festival of light along Bangkok's Chao Phraya River to boost night tourism and local riverfront economies. **PHOTO: TRAVELPRNEWS**

Thailand lights up Bangkok's Chao Phraya River to boost night tourism

Thailand's state tourism agency launched a festival of light along Bangkok's Chao Phraya River on Friday, staging free laser, drone and fireworks shows as part of a broader effort to promote night tourism during the peak travel season. The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) has forecast that the month-long event, Vijit Chao Phraya 2026, will draw more than 1.4 million visitors and generate at least 8.6 billion baht (about US$ 253.87 million) in spending before it closes on 13 December.

The Chao Phraya represents generations of Thai history, culture, architecture and ways of life.

The Chao Phraya, the capital's main waterway, represents generations of Thai history, culture, architecture and ways of life, said Tourism and Sports Minister Surasak Phancharoenworakul. Surasak said the festival combines heritage with creativity, innovation and technology to create new tourism value and present Thailand's identity in a contemporary way.

He noted that nighttime attractions encourage visitors to travel more and stay longer, creating jobs and income for communities along the river while presenting Bangkok to the world as a creative city at the start of the year-end tourism season. TAT Governor Thapanee Kiatphaibool said the programme brings the river, historic landmarks, contemporary creativity, Thai culture and riverside communities together as one night-time journey through Bangkok. Thapanee said the event supports the TAT's night-economy strategy by generating business for cruises, hotels, restaurants, transport and other operators, with tourism income reaching communities along both banks. — Xinhua

Japan's lighthouses find new life as tourist attractions

JAPAN is opening up more of its lighthouses to tourists and local communities through an initiative that encourages private organizations to help maintain the facilities and promote their use. Around 100 lighthouses have been decommissioned over the past decade as the widespread use of satellite-based GPS navigation has reduced their importance in helping ships determine their positions. Launched by the Japan Coast Guard in November 2021, the initiative has attracted 62 organizations across 27 prefectures, covering 68 of Japan's roughly 3,100 lighthouses as of the end of October.

Widespread GPS navigation led to decommissioning 100 lighthouses last decade.

Although that represents just 2 per cent of the total, the initiative is raising hopes among local communities of finding new ways to make use of their coastal landmarks. In Kurobe, Toyama Prefecture, a local group opens Ikujihana Lighthouse to visitors once a month from June to October, offering panoramic views of Toyama Bay and the Tateyama mountain range. "There aren't any tall buildings around here, but from the lighthouse you can see right across Toyama Bay and the Tateyama mountains," said Kazuyoshi Okajima, secretary general of the Ikuji Fishing Village Culture Museum Council, which manages the site. In July, the group organized a night market, illuminating the lighthouse and opening it to visitors after dark while stalls selling local sake and regional specialties drew crowds to the surrounding grounds. — Kyodo



Japan is partnering with private organizations to maintain historic coastal lighthouses and open them up as vibrant local tourist attractions. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Space Shuttle Endeavour debuts in launch position

SPACE Shuttle Endeavour has debuted in a 20-story, full-stack launch configuration at the California Science Centre's newly opened Samuel Oschin Air and Space Centre. Presented alongside its external tank and twin solid rocket boosters, this marks the world's only authentic display of a shuttle poised for liftoff. Retired in 2011 after 25 missions—including the Hubble Space Telescope repair and International Space Station construction—Endeavour was permanently awarded to the museum by NASA. Visitors, from former astronaut Daniel Bursch to local students, praised the rare opportunity to view the historic spacecraft up close, inspiring future generations in space exploration. — Xinhua