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Third Regular Session of Third Pyithu Hluttaw Concludes

The third regular session of the Third Pyithu Hluttaw concluded yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw following its 29th-day meeting, which was attended by Speaker U Khin Yi, Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn, deputy ministers, and parliamentarians.

During the final day's session, lawmakers raised 15 starred questions covering rural infrastructure, healthcare, energy, public housing, and extreme weather preparedness.

Responding to enquiries on rural development and water access, Deputy Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Thaik Soe stated that funds have been proposed in the 2027-2028 financial year budget to pave two miles of the Aungmyay Yeiktha-Naungbo-oh-Kangyi inter-village road in Tatkon Township with concrete. Similarly, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Bo Bo Kyaw confirmed that Union budget allocations for the 2027-2028 financial year have been proposed to construct the Naunglyan dam, which will supply drinking and agricultural water to 19 villages in Kengtung Township.



The 29th-day winding-up sitting of the Third Pyithu Hluttaw's third regular session is underway in Nay Pyi Taw, presided over by Speaker U Khin Yi and Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn.

On social welfare and climate resilience, Deputy Minister for Women's Affairs Dr Nay Thwe Kyi highlighted ongoing vocational training and legal protection programmes across eight training schools, alongside coordinated safety and healthcare protections for women and girls in internally displaced persons (IDP) camps. Meanwhile, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Tin Tun announced the formation of 1,562 rapid response teams nationwide, the designation of heatwave shelters, and uninterrupted medical supply chains to mitigate severe El Niño impacts.

On public health infrastructure, Dr Tin Tun said specialist doctors will be appointed to the 300-bed Sagaing General Hospital,

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Chin Tsong Palace Reborn as National Art Museum

RESTORATION and conservation work is under way at the more than 100-year-old Kanbawza Yeiktha (Chin Tsong Palace) building in Bahan Township, Yangon, according to the Ministry of Culture, Hotels and Tourism.

The building is planned to be converted into a National Art Museum to showcase Myanmar's art and intangible cultural heritage to the world. Plans are also under way to combine an art high school with the museum to establish a learning centre where visitors can explore and learn about various forms of art and artistic heritage.



Kanbawza Yeiktha (Chin Tsong Palace) undergoing restoration and conservation work.

The project also aims to develop Kanbawza Yeiktha (Chin Tsong Palace) into a public recreational space and a new tourist attraction, while upgrading it to international standards as a National Art Museum showcasing Myanmar's rich artistic and cultural heritage. — ASH/KNN

ICRC Helps Freed Detainees Return Home

THE International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has announced that through its Safe Return Home programme, it is offering travel allowances to recently released detainees from distant prisons and detention camps so they can return to their homes conveniently.

The announcement also included a statement from a recently released 20-year-old man: "Since I live in the southernmost part of Myanmar, the journey home is far, but thanks to the ICRC's support, I received enough money to cover my travel expenses."



An ICRC staff member speaking with a released detainee. **PHOTO: ICRC.FB**

The released man also added, "I have been imprisoned for the past five years,

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Thai Expo Yangon 2026 to feature 3 co-located events

THAI Expo Yangon 2026 will be held from 4 to 6 December at the Yangon Convention Centre (YCC), alongside three co-located events. Visitors can study international-level trade shows in one place and discover products, innovations and business opportunities across different industries.

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Approval of Change of Name for New Democracy Party (Kachin) (NDP (Kachin)) to Kachin State New Democracy Party

1. The New Democracy Party (Kachin) (NDP (Kachin)), which has been registered at the Union Election Commission under Registration No 3 under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law, submitted a request to the Commission to change its name to the Kachin State New Democracy Party.
2. After scrutinizing the party's request in accordance with the law, the Union Election Commission agreed to approve the proposed name change. Accordingly, the Commission hereby announces that, effective from 16 November 2026, the New Democracy Party (Kachin) [NDP (Kachin)] shall be renamed the Kachin State New Democracy Party.

Sd/Than Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Nearly 6M pilgrims visit Shwedagon in 10 months

A total of 5,970,267 local and foreign pilgrims visited the Shwedagon Pagoda during the 10 months from January to October 2026, according to the Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees.


Pilgrims seen visiting the Shwedagon Pagoda.

Among the visitors were 64,603 foreign tourists, with travellers from Thailand, China, and South Korea making up the largest numbers. The board expects more foreign tourists this year.

The breakdown of pilgrims during the 10 months this year includes 101,443 monks, 54,220 nuns, 2,627,728 local male pilgrims, and 3,122,273 local female pilgrims.

Regarding monthly arrivals, February and April recorded the highest numbers with over 800,000 visitors each, followed by October with over 700,000, and March with over 600,000. The remaining months saw around 400,000 to 500,000 visitors each. On weekdays, an average of over 10,000 pilgrims visit daily, with numbers increasing significantly on religious days.

Throughout 2025, a total of over 6.9 million pilgrims visited the pagoda, including over 130,000 monks, over 66,000 nuns, over 3 million local men, and over 3.6 million local women.

Currently, the Shwedagon Pagoda is open daily from 4 am to 10 pm. – TWA/ZN

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Youth talk show held at BEHS 1 Bahan

A youth talk show was jointly organized by the Bahan Township Information and Public Relations Department and the Department of Basic Education at the MoeOo-Pan Hall of the No 1 Basic Education Middle School at 10 am yesterday.


A youth talk in progress at the No 1 Basic Education High School in Bahan Township.

At the event, Assistant Director Daw Aye Aye Khine of the Information and Public Relations Department delivered the opening remarks. Then, writer Daw Tint Tal Khin gave a talk on National Victory Day, explaining the emergence of national literature and national schools and emphasizing the importance of fostering and strengthening patriotic spirit among students.

The youth talk show then continued with Assistant Director Daw Aye Aye Khine serving as the moderator and Deputy JAT Daw Tin Zar Nwe as the co-moderator.

During the discussion, Grade 10-A student Maung Si Thu Ye Htet spoke on "Youth and Health"; Grade 10-B student Maung Swan Yi Lin on "Youth and Literature"; Grade 10-B student Ma Eaint Phone Mann on "Youth and Culture"; and Grade 11-B student Ma Sein Thway on "Youth and Education".

Students attending the event raised questions, including "How much screen time should a student have per day?" and "How should young people preserve their culture?" In response, Assistant Director Daw Aye Aye Khine advised that students should limit their daily screen time to one hour and that Myanmar cultural traditions, particularly traditional dress and attire, should be preserved from an early age.

After the event, pamphlets about El Niño were distributed to the students. — Thin Thin Soe (IPRD)/KTZH

Deep Depression News, No 3, 2026

Issued at 2 pm MST
on 16 November 2026

Deep Depression Condition

ACCORDING to observations at 12:30 pm MST today, the Deep Depression over the Southeast Bay and adjoining Southwest Bay of Bengal has moved north-northwestward and persists. It is centred at about 445 nautical miles south-southwest of Coco Island (Myanmar), 445 nautical miles south-southeast of Visakhapatnam and 500 nautical miles south-southeast of Gopalpur, India.

It does not intend to move towards the Myanmar coast at the present stage, and therefore the Deep Depression is coded as yellow stage.

Position of Deep Depression, centre pressure and wind

The Deep Depression is located at Latitude 11.0 degrees North and Longitude 86.5-degree East; the centre pressure of the Deep Depression is 1003 hPa and maximum wind speed near the centre is 35-40 miles per hour at 12:30 pm MST today.

Next 72-hour forecast

It is likely to move north-northwestwards, intensify into a Cyclonic Storm over the South Bay of Bengal and adjoining Westcentral Bay of Bengal during the next 18 hours and intensify into a Severe Cyclonic Storm over the Westcentral Bay of Bengal on 17 November 2026. It is likely to intensify further and move northwestwards and reach near the Andhra Pradesh coast on 19 November 2026.

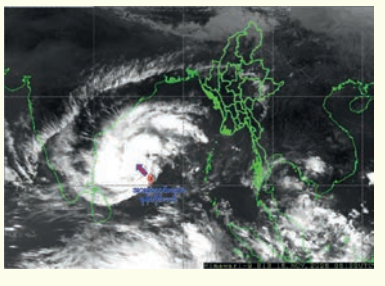
General caution

Due to the Deep Depression, rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region and Kayah, Kayin, Mon and Shan States and isolated to scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions and Chin and Rakhine States from today afternoon to 20 November 2026.

Squalls with rough seas are likely at times in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 8-10 feet in the Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi 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 the hilly areas and near small rivers, and make necessary preparations for inland water transport, domestic flight and irrigation dams. — DMH



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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker meets members of Joint Committee on Assessment and Legislative Drafting



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe holds talks with members of the Joint Committee on Assessment and Legislative Drafting on the 43 provisions of the 2008 Constitution.

PYIDAUNGSU Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe met members of the Joint Committee on Assessment and Legislative Drafting on the 43 Provisions of the 2008 Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Proposed for Amendment and Supplementation, and the Provisions Contained in Parts I, II and III of the Union Accord in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, the Speaker said that the 43 points outlined in the President's address and message, together with the three parts of the Union Accord agreed upon at the Union Peace Conference under the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), had been submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

He stated that, as part of the continued implementation of the President's message, the provisions contained in Parts I, II, and III of the Union Accord, together with the 43 points agreed upon by NCA-signatory ethnic armed organizations and political party groups for amending the Constitution, must be carefully reviewed and assessed. The aim is to amend the relevant provisions in a manner consistent with the actual conditions of the State.

He further noted that, during the third parliamentary term, efforts to amend the Constitution should be based on the 43 points sent by the President and carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and the rules of the Union Hluttaw.

Unlike the first and second parliamentary terms, when constitutional amendment efforts were based mainly on recommendations, the third term had a broader foundation of resources

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Third regular session of Third Amyotha Hluttaw completes successfully



Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe presides over the 18th-day winding-up meeting of the Third Amyotha Hluttaw's Third Regular Session in Nay Pyi Taw.

THE third regular session of the Third Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the 18th-day meeting at its building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the meeting, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Lin Aung replied to the questions about raising salaries of teachers serving at the monastic education schools. He said that monthly allowances for teachers at monastic education schools were increased for the third time in 2021. In addition, supplementary financial support is being provided by the presiding Sayadaws and senior nuns at the respective schools. Therefore, there is no plan to provide a further increase in the monthly allowances at present.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Ye Tint Tun responded to the questions about the plans to issue Farmland Use Certificates Form 7 to local farmers from four villages located in Yeni Forest Reserve in Lewe Township. He explained that the farmland cultivated by more than 350 farmers from four 12 villages in Lewe Township is located within the Yeni Forest Reserve. Within the total area of 5,495.83 acres, including the aforementioned land, local farmers are cultivating 1,628.97 acres. There is no plan to issue Farmland Use Certificates Form 7 for the lands in question.

The deputy minister also replied to the question about production of carbon-negative geo-fertilizer as a national strategic plan.

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with funds allocated in the 2026-2027 budget to repair its oxygen plant and lift. However, he said a proposed rural health branch in MashweU Village, Htantabin Township, is currently unnecessary because it is close to the existing Yayso rural health branch.

In the energy and transport sectors, Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy U Aye Kyaw reported that eight new distribution substations in North Okkalapa Township are scheduled for completion by December 2026. Deputy Minister U Kyaw Naing Win added that fuel allocations for agriculture, factories, and fishing vessels in Mon State are being distributed via QR code systems, having already supplied over 360,000 gallons for paddy harvesting in October. He also noted that while paving the seven-mile Pyitaungtan oilfield road in Shwedaung Township with concrete is currently unfeasible due to the estimated K6.5 billion cost, the ministry will maintain the earthen road with local cooperation.

Deputy Minister for Construction Dr Thaung Naing stated that routine maintenance is underway along the BOT-operated Yangon-Pyay-Magway-Mandalay highway in Aunglan District, while phased widening of the Union Highway in Kali, Kunhing Township, is slated for the 2027-2028 budget. Regarding staff housing requests in Monghsu and Metmung townships, he noted that construction remains pending initial land allocation by the Shan State government. Additionally, Deputy Minister for Sports U Myo Kyaw Thu said stadium upgrades in Kalay and Kawhmu townships have been proposed for the 2028-2029 regional budgets.

Before adjourning the session, Speaker U Khin Yi announced that 32 pending starred questions and 66 unanswered questions will be prioritized during the upcoming fourth regular session.

In his closing remarks, the Speaker reviewed the legislative achievements of the 29-day session, during which the Hluttaw approved four bills, submitted the Groundwater Management Bill, and processed 287 starred questions, 253 unstarred questions, and nine motions. He noted that parliamentary committees resolved 499 of 560 public complaint letters and are preparing to launch an online petition system.

Outlining future goals under the Pyithu Hluttaw Strategic Plan (2027-2031), U Khin Yi highlighted expanding international ties through 14 parliamentary friendship groups and enhancing public outreach via digital platforms and study tours. He also urged the 22 elected representatives who have yet to submit questions or motions to actively fulfil their parliamentary duties, and called on all lawmakers to engage with constituents in their respective constituencies during the recess while upholding strict ethical standards. — News Team/ST

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Dinner Marks Conclusion of Third Hluttaws' Third Regular Session

A dinner to mark the successful conclusion of the third regular session of the Third Hluttaws was held yesterday at Dining Room B of Zabuthiri Hall in the Hluttaw complex in Nay Pyi Taw.

The dinner was attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker Jeng Phang Naw Taung, Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn, members of the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, Defence Services personnel representatives, officials from the Hluttaw offices and invitees.



The image captures a dinner reception commemorating the successful completion of the Third Hluttaws' Third Regular Session.

During the dinner, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and other attendees enjoyed performances by artistes from the Department of Fine Arts under the Ministry of Culture, Hotels and Tourism.

After the dinner, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker presented awards to the performing artistes. — MNA/MKKS

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives residents from NPT 5 townships



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi meets residents from five townships in the Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory.

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi met residents from Lewe, Pyinmana, Dekkhinathiri, Zabuthiri and Pobbathiri townships of Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory at the Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, he briefed the residents on the formation of the new democratic government following the 2025 general election, the bicameral parliamentary system, legislative processes, and the enactment and amendment of laws, including the Anti-Online Scams Law. He also explained the roles of the three pillars of government, parliamentary committees and the Pyithu Hluttaw Strategic Plan (2027-2031), aimed at developing a modern, people-centred Hluttaw.

He reaffirmed the Hluttaw's commitment to representing public voices and addressing people's aspirations in line with its slogan of the Hluttaw- People's Voice, Hluttaw Voice; People's Will, Hluttaw's Will; People's Expectation, Hluttaw Implementation.

Attendees also raised questions, which the Speaker answered in detail. — MNA/KTZH

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through extensive discussions and agreements reached under the NCA, particularly the three parts of the Union Accord and the 43 agreed points for constitutional amendments. This provides a distinctive opportunity to undertake a third amendment to the 2008 Constitution.

The proposed amendments and additions should be discussed based on the existing agreements and implemented in accordance with the outcomes. Therefore, a draft bill is required to carry out the process in line with Chapter XII of the Constitution. With the 43 agreed points already in place, the Joint Committee was assigned the responsibility of drafting the bill based on this solid foundation.

He also described the Constitution as the supreme law of the State, governing the administrative system, citizens' rights and the distribution of powers, and serving as the backbone of the nation. He added that the constitutional amendments often involve different perspectives and debates in political and legal circles.

He then urged the Joint Committee to carefully review and carry out its responsibilities for the interests of the State without affecting Our Three Main National Causes.

In his concluding remarks, he called on committee members representing political parties and Tatmadaw representatives to resolve any differences through mutual respect and constructive dialogue, prioritizing the interests of the State and the people. He also urged them to study the relevant constitutional amendment laws, rules and referendum laws in advance and work together to contribute to national stability, peace and development. — MNA/KTZH

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and my family was unable to come for prison visits.

After being separated for so long, I am very excited to reunite with my family. I will try my best to build a better future."

Regarding this matter, the ICRC stated that anyone in need of such assistance can request help by contacting their nearest ICRC office or by dialling 09 776662555. — Htun Htun/ZN

Myanmar delegation attends 34th SEAZA Conference

THE Myanmar delegation has joined the 34th SEAZA Conference, which aims to help enhance wildlife conservation, according to the Yangon Zoo.

The event is set to take place from 15 to 20 November in Cebu, the Philippines, and 11 delegates, including Htoo Zoos and Gardens' chief executive officer U Yazar Htwe and director U Moe Zaw Aung and Dr Zaw Min Oo, deputy general manager of Myanmar Timber Enterprise, have attended.

Through this conference, experiences, technologies and knowledge exchanged among attendees will facilitate the development of Myanmar's wildlife conservation work, said the Yangon Zoo. — Htun Htun/ZS

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300,000 attend 2026 Taunggyi Tazaungdine Hot-Air Balloon Festival opening

THE opening ceremony of the 2026 Taunggyi Tazaungdine Hot-Air Balloon Festival in Shan State (South) was grandly held at Awaiya Balloon Field in Taunggyi yesterday evening, attracting more than 300,000 visitors from across the country.

Shan State Chief Minister U Sai Htein Soe, patron of the festival organizing committee, formally opened the festival by cutting the ribbon, together with the Shan State Hluttaw Speaker, the Eastern Command Commander, the Chief Justice of the Shan State High Court and state ministers.

The opening ceremony featured traditional ethnic performances, including Kinnari and Kinnara dances, Toe Naya dances, Shan sword dances and other traditional dances, and modern musical performances by local singers.

In his address, the chief minister said the Taunggyi Tazaungdine Festival is an important traditional ethnic celebration that attracts visitors from across Myanmar and abroad. He added that people of all ethnic groups would celebrate together in peace, friendship and unity, demonstrating solidarity among the national races. He then officially launched the festival by pressing the opening button and releasing a lantern-adorned (Seinnapan) balloon.

During the ceremony, ethnic participants released 600 medium-sized balloons, while students launched 800 small balloons, bringing the total to 1,400, and they also set off fireworks.

The programme also featured singer Sai Hein Ko Ko performing the festival's award-winning song, "Kanbawza Mao Doh Shan Htanay", alongside unified ethnic dance performances and modern musical entertainment.

This year's competition will feature 112 night-flying balloons, comprising 71 nighttime fireworks (Nyameekyi) and 41 lantern-adorned (Seinnapan) balloons, and 449 daytime animal-shaped and figurative balloons, including 236 two-legged figures, 138 four-legged figures and 75 group entries. — Maung Maung Than (Taunggyi)/ KTZH



The image showcases a dazzling night sky spectacle during the opening of the 2026 Taunggyi Tazaungdine Balloon Festival.



The ceremony to make a robe of the Mahamuni Buddha Image in Mandalay.

MDY Mahamuni hosts 37th annual Matho Thingan competition

THE 37th annual Matho Thingan robe-weaving competition will be held at Mandalay's Mahamuni Buddha Image on the 14th waxing day of Tazaungmone (23 November), according to the pagoda trustees.

The completed Matho Thingan robe will be offered to the Mahamuni Buddha Image at 6 am on the full moon day of Tazaungmone (24 November). The opening ceremony will begin at 8 am on 23 November at the Buddhawin compound within the pagoda precincts. Following the ceremony, the robe will be woven overnight and offered to the Buddha Image in accordance with Myanmar tradition.

The Mahamuni Buddha Image board of trustees has invited volunteers to take part in the robe-weaving and offering ceremonies and make merit, while also encouraging pilgrims from across the country to visit the pagoda and pay homage to the Buddha Image. — TWA/MKKS

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He stated that if carbon-negative geo-fertilizer can be manufactured locally, the initiative will still require careful assessment and implementation, as it faces certain constraints, including high initial investment costs and the time needed for farmers to accept and adopt its use.

He also answered the questions about the ways to supervise the farmland committees to manage the farmland law. He clarified that regarding the 240 acres of newly emerged alluvial land in Field 1372, Chinboh Village-tract, Hinthada Township, the preparation of a waiting list and the allocation of land-use rights to landless farmers will continue to be carried out in accordance with established procedures under the supervision of the respective levels of the Farmland Management Bodies.

The deputy minister also responded to the questions about supervising and taking action against the construction of fish/prawn farms, lodges, KTV, resorts and restaurants on farmlands. He stated that, in order to prevent further unauthorized encroachment and use of farmland, action is being taken in accordance with the existing Farmland Law and its rules and regulations, while supervision, monitoring and enforcement measures are also being carried out in line with the established Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

Deputy Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Thaik Soe answered the questions about the plans to repave roads with concrete in Myeik Township. He said that the Ministry of Border Affairs will include the upgrading of Pearl Road and 3rd Pearl Street in Myeik into concrete roads in the list of projects proposed for implementation under the 2028-2029 financial year National Development Plan, using Union or Region-level funds allocated for border area development.

He also stated that the preliminary engineering works will be carried out in the 2027-28 FY for upgrading two sections of the rural road in Taunggyi Village of Myeik Township, and the upgrading tasks will be carried out depending on financial allocation in the 2027-29 FY.

The deputy minister revealed that the production road in Kanmaw Village of Kyunsu Township will be upgraded to a macadam road in the 2028-29 FY, and it could not be upgraded to a concrete facility yet.

Concerning the endurance plans for the circular road of the Sittway Beach, he also explained that a proposal will be submitted for the allocation of funds from the State capital expenditure budget for the 2028-2029 FY to construct a 2.87-furlong-long gravel road extending from the end of the small concrete bridge, together with gravel-filled retaining walls measuring 300 feet on the coastal side and 200 feet on the inland side.

Subsequently, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker said that, regarding the implementation of proposals important to national development, a total of three proposals were submitted, discussed and approved: one proposal during the Second Regular Session and two during the Third Regular Session.

During the Third Regular Session of the Third Amyotha Hluttaw, six parliamentary friendship associations were also established between the Amyotha Hluttaw and the parliaments of Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea and Japan, with a view to promoting international relations and strengthening friendship and cooperation among parliaments.

Furthermore, during the Third Regular Session of the Third Amyotha Hluttaw, donations made by Amyotha Hluttaw representatives and Defence Services Personnel representatives of the Amyotha Hluttaw for flood-affected residents of Laymyethna Township, Ayeyawady Region, were presented to the Hluttaw and officially recorded.

The Speaker urged the lawmakers to continue fulfilling their legislative duties and parliamentary responsibilities to the best of their ability.

The Speaker announced the successful completion of the third regular session of the Third Amyotha Hluttaw. — News Team/TTA

NATIONAL

Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation arrives in Malaysia to attend 27th ACAMM

A Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Kyaw Swa Lin arrived at Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Malaysia yesterday morning to attend the 27th ASEAN Chiefs of Army Multilateral Meeting-27th ACAMM.



Defence Services Deputy Commander-in-Chief and Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Kyaw Swa Lin receives a warm welcome upon his arrival in Malaysia.

At the DoubleTree Hotel in Malacca in the evening, General Kyaw Swa Lin held a meeting with Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Army General Pana Claewplodtook. The meeting was also attended by senior Tatmadaw officers who accompanied General Kyaw Swa Lin and Myanmar Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) Brig-Gen Nyi Nyi Oo. The Thai General was accompanied by officials.

They cordially exchanged views on the promotion of friendship and cooperation in various sectors between the armed forces of the two countries; border security, peace and stability; the effective measures being taken by the Government of Myanmar to prevent, combat and suppress narcotic drugs, illegal border trade and human trafficking; and the need for Thailand's cooperation in preventing and restricting the supply of food, fuel, electricity and telecommunications equipment from the Thai side that support online scam and gambling activities being carried out along the border between the two countries under the protection of certain terrorist groups.

After the meeting, the Defence Services Deputy Commander-in-Chief and Commander-in-Chief (Army) and the Thai General exchanged emblems and posed for documentary photos. — MNA/TTA

Thai Expo Yangon 2026 to feature 3 co-located events

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The three co-located events are Myanmar International Textile and Machinery Expo 2026 in Hall 1, a trade show for textile, garment, home textile and textile machinery products and technologies, Top Myanmar Brands 2026 in Hall 2, offering a chance to find Myanmar's top brands and domestic products in one place and Thai Expo Yangon 2026 in Hall 3, a major shopping and business experience featuring Thai, Myanmar and international brands across food and beverage, beauty and cosmetics, fashion and lifestyle, electronics, healthcare, homeware and many other categories.

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2026 World Diabetes Day celebrated in Nay Pyi Taw

UNION Minister for Health Dr Soe Win attended the ceremony marking 2026 World Diabetes Day in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.



Union Minister Dr Soe Win speaks on the 2026 World Diabetes Day occasion in Nay Pyi Taw.

In his address, the Union minister said that according to the 2024 STEPS Survey, 7.9 per cent of Myanmar's population had diabetes, while 12.3 per cent were in the prediabetes stage. He highlighted the importance of early detection and timely treatment under this year's theme, "Early Action on Diabetes," warning that untreated diabetes could lead to serious complications, including kidney failure, heart disease, stroke and blindness.

He also outlined the ministry's efforts to prevent and control non-communicable diseases through the National Strategic Plan (2023-2027), weekly screening and treatment services at rural health centres, free distribution of essential medicines and capacity-building programmes for healthcare workers.

Following his speech, a video commemorating World Diabetes Day 2026 was screened, after which the Union minister toured the commemorative mini-exhibition. — MNA/KTZH

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MoBA Deputy Minister meets Tiddim officials, town elders, and religious leaders

DEPUTY Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Han, who is in Chin State to oversee rehabilitation work, met departmental officials, town elders and religious leaders at the meeting hall of the Tiddim Township General Administration Department yesterday morning.



Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Han is pictured during his inspection tour in Tiddim Township, Chin State.

At the meeting, the deputy minister stressed that development could only be achieved in a secure environment and urged all concerned to work together to promote regional development. The Chin State security and border affairs minister and members of the Chin State Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Committee then briefed the meeting on the progress of rehabilitation and reconstruction work in the state.

A town elder subsequently raised local needs and requirements. The deputy minister coordinated with the relevant departments to address them.

He also inspected the completed renovation of the Tiddim Township Development Supervisory Office building and staff housing, as well as the buildings at the Border Areas National Races Youth Development Training School that had been destroyed by terrorist incidents. He also inspected the fully repaired student dormitory, library and women's vocational training school buildings, which had been partially damaged, and checked the systematic storage of salvaged items. Necessary coordination was undertaken to address outstanding requirements. — ASH/MKKS

NATIONAL

People's Military Service Training 30 opens

OPENING ceremonies for the 30th intake of People's Military Service Training were held yesterday at various military commands, with commandants of the respective training depots delivering opening addresses. The ceremonies were attended by the chief ministers of the respective regions and states, commanders of the relevant military commands and other officials.



Trainees from the People's Military Service Training Course 30 receive a warm welcome at the Central Command Headquarters.

The trainees were presented with cash awards, foodstuffs and essential items.

The People's Military Service Law was enacted because every citizen has a duty to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes: non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

The law came into force on 10 February 2024 to facilitate the organizations of military training courses.

Those who have completed People's Military Service Training are now serving in various military units, fulfilling their duties in national defence and security. — MNA/MKKS

Kyaukpadaung's VDP concrete road project completed

THE Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, conducted a field inspection in Panedaw Village, Kyaukpadaung Township, Mandalay Region, yesterday to assess the completion of a village concrete road construction project implemented under the Village Development Project (VDP) to improve transport and accessibility for rural residents.

Kyaukpadaung Township Department of Rural Development Head Daw Aye Aye Thet, engineering staff and members of the Village Development Committee inspected the completed concrete road measuring 356 feet in length, 12 feet in width and six inches in thickness. The township head then met with village committee members and local communities, urging them to properly maintain the road for long-term durability while coordinating necessary measures in response to issues raised by the villagers. The concrete road construction project was carried out by local villagers themselves with technical assistance and support from township DRD staff using K15 million from the VDP grant and contributions from residents, and has now been completed 100 per cent, according to the department. — Maung Khaing (Rural)



Officials and village representatives are seen alongside the completed concrete road in Kyaukpadaung Township.

Tatmadaw Recaptures Kawlin, Reopens Key Areas Along Sagaing Communication Routes

TATMADAW columns have recaptured Kawlin and several villages in Sagaing Region as part of ongoing operations to regain control of key communication routes temporarily occupied by insurgent groups, according to an official report.

The operations are aimed at reopening the Indaw-Wuntho-Kawlin-Kyunhla-Kanbalu route and the Indaw-Kyauktan-Sabainatha route, which were disrupted by insurgent activities, affecting regional security, transportation and local livelihoods.



Images capture triumphant troops after recapturing Kawlin and Koetaungboet Village, strategic locations along the Sagaing communication routes.

Following the previously reported security operations along the Indaw-Wuntho-Kawlin and Indaw-MaUgon-Kyauktan routes on 20 October, Tatmadaw columns continued security operations and recaptured a series of villages and strategic positions.

Along the Indaw-Wuntho-Kawlin route, forces regained control of Sakyamaung village on 20 October, Kyigon and Ziphyugon villages on 21 October, Kyundaw and Padonma villages on 5 November, Mingon and Kyauktan villages on 6 November, and Taungmaw village on 7 November. The columns arrived in Wuntho on the evening of 8 November, where they were welcomed by departmental officials and local communities.

Meanwhile, along the Indaw-MaUgon-Kyauktan route, forces recaptured Nyaunggon and Budalet villages on 29 October, Peinnegon village on 1 November, Point 182 and Point 344 hills on 2 November, and Doepin village on 4 November.

After reorganizing in Wuntho and Kyauktan, Tatmadaw columns launched coordinated security operations along the Wuntho-Kawlin-Kyunhla-Kanbalu and Kyauktan-Sabainantha routes. They subsequently regained control of Kawlin on 11 November, Wahyonkhon, Kokkogon and Nyaunggon villages on 12 November, Koetaungboet village on 13 November, and Thintaw and Utonpin villages on 15 November.

A total of 29 engagements took place during the operations, in which 13 bodies of terrorists and 11 assorted weapons were reportedly seized, along with ammunition, military equipment, bunkers, trenches, explosive devices and related materials. Other items included camouflage uniforms, bullet-proof vests and medical supplies from a makeshift clinic.

The report said insurgent groups had established communication trenches and bunkers inside villages, including within residential compounds, while blocking roads, extorting money from passenger and cargo vehicles, abducting and killing civilians, and carrying out forced recruitment.

These activities reportedly disrupted transportation and commodity distribution, pushed up local prices and negatively affected residents' socio-economic conditions.

Tatmadaw columns, in cooperation with local communities, are continuing security operations to regain full control of the communication routes, reopen them and clear remaining insurgent positions in the surrounding areas. — MNA/ST

OPINION

Protecting students from bullying and violence

A child cannot fully benefit from quality education in an environment characterized by fear, oppression and bullying, a Hluttaw representative said during a discussion in the Pyithu Hluttaw on 12 November. The lawmaker also highlighted the need to give equal priority to ensuring children's right to education and protecting and safeguarding children.

It is necessary to establish a systematic policy based on preventive measures. The policy should comprehensively cover the prohibition of violence, reporting and resolution mechanisms, protection and safeguarding of victims, legal action against perpetrators in accordance with the law, and measures to ensure responsibility and accountability.

Relevant authorities should enforce appropriate measures to ensure that students can learn peacefully in a physically and psychologically safe environment, with a view to developing human resources and fostering the growth of the education community. In addition, schools need to take measures to protect students' mental health and cultivate a positive school culture in which students respect and care for one another.

Actually, the Ministry of Education is currently implementing measures to ensure school safety and protect children's rights. The ministry will continue to cooperate with relevant ministries and organizations to ensure that all students can pursue their education in a safe and secure learning environment.

The emphasis placed by the Hluttaw and its representatives on ensuring that all students can pursue their education in a safe and secure learning environment will contribute to continued progress in the education sector. It is highly encouraging for the public that Hluttaw representatives take the time to understand current developments and, on behalf of the people, coordinate with relevant ministries to identify and resolve issues. Such efforts reflect the proper representation of public voices and concerns through effective action and solutions.

It is necessary to systematically formulate and adopt a policy to eliminate school violence to safeguard the future and safety of children in Myanmar. The policy should not focus solely on punishing perpetrators of school violence but should instead be a modern and comprehensive framework that strikes a balance between raising awareness among all students, preventing violence and providing psychological support and rehabilitation.

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Therefore, relevant ministries should coordinate in formulating a policy on school violence and bullying to ensure that children can pursue their education in a physically and psychologically safe environment. In doing so, consideration should be given not only to the rights and protection needs of school-age children but also to those of children who are out of school.

ARTICLE

Deciphering the Origins of Myanmar through Harvey, Luce, and Regional Migration

By Khin Maung Myint

From the early twentieth century through today, the study of the emergence of the Bamar (Burman) state has undergone a profound transformation. What began as a reliance on later royal court narratives has evolved into a rigorous discipline grounded in epigraphy, historical linguistics, and modern archaeology.

At the centre of this historiographical evolution is the clash between two completely opposing models of how Myanmar's history began: the traditional Tagaung Theory, popularized by colonial-era writers like GE Harvey, and the Kyaukse Granary Theory, pioneered by the epigrapher GH Luce. Examining these theories alongside regional migration patterns – such as the legends of Prince Abhiraja and the verifiable historical "Indianization" of Cambodia – reveals how modern scientific history separates political myth-making from physical reality.

> *To fully appreciate the scientific critique of the Abhiraja legend, it is highly instructive to compare it to a contemporary regional phenomenon: the historical arrival of Indians in ancient Cambodia (Kampuchea).*

Harvey and the Tagaung Myth: History by Chronicle

When GE Harvey published his History of Burma in 1925, he provided the Western world with its first comprehensive, continuous narrative of the country's past. However, Harvey's methodology for the early eras relied almost exclusively on secondary and tertiary indigenous sources, primarily the Hmannan Yazawun (the Glass Palace Chronicle), compiled by a royal committee in 1832.

The chronicles proudly asserted that the Bamar state originated in Tagaung, located on the upper reaches of the Irrawaddy River. According to this narrative, the state was founded around 850 BCE by Prince Abhiraja, an exiled ruler of the Sakya clan from Kapilavastu (the ancestral home of Gautama Buddha in India). Abhiraja supposedly established a dynasty at Tagaung that ruled over the region centuries before the rise of Pagan.

Because Harvey accepted the broad framework of these courtly chronicles, his writing preserved the idea of a northern, Indian-descended origin for the kingdom. To modern scientific historians, however, Harvey's reliance on these texts presents fatal flaws:

- Chronological Anachronism: The Abhiraja story does not appear in early records. Even the foundational Maha Yazawun (1724) omits it, focusing instead on the legendary local figure Pyusawhti. The narrative was heavily amplified in 1832 to politically and religiously legitimize the Konbaung Dynasty by grafting a sacred "solar lineage" (Adiccavamsa) onto the royal bloodline.
- Lack of Epigraphic Corroboration: There is not a single contemporaneous stone inscription, votive tablet, or regional record from the Pagan era or earlier that mentions Abhiraja, his descendants, or an 8th-century BCE Indian kingdom at Tagaung.

Luce and the Kyaukse Theory: The Epigraphic Gold Standard

Decades after Harvey, GH Luce revolutionized the field by bypassing later royal storytelling entirely. Luce pioneered a scientific, interdisciplinary approach that prioritized contemporaneous primary sources: stone inscriptions carved at the exact time historical events occurred, alongside comparative linguistics of Tibeto-Burman, Mon, and Pyu languages.

Luce rejected the Tagaung origin story, famously declaring instead that "Burma originated in Kyaukse". His argument, detailed in papers like "Old Kyaukse and the Coming of the Burmans," was built on economic, geographic, and linguistic realities:

- The Tibeto-Burman Migration: Linguistic and Chinese dynastic records indicate that the true ancestors of the Bamar people did not migrate from India in 850 BCE. Instead, they were Tibeto-Burman speakers moving southwest from the Yunnan/Sichuan regions, spilling into the central plains of Myanmar during the 8th and 9th centuries CE following the collapse of the Pyu city-states.
- The Irrigated Granary: The migrants settled heavily in the Kyaukse Plains, a highly fertile area fed by the Panlaung and Zawgyi rivers. The region already possessed basic water-management networks. By expanding these into a highly organized, eleven-district irrigation system, the early Bamar consolidated an immense agricultural surplus.
- The Launchpad for Pagan: Luce demonstrated that this economic engine in Kyaukse provided the wealth, population density, and food security required to launch a centralized state. From this secure agricultural core, power shifted slightly westward to the strategic riverside location of Pagan (Bagan), forming the nucleus of the first unified Burmese Empire in the 11th century.

Deconstructing Abhiraja versus The Indianization of Cambodia

To fully appreciate the scientific critique of the Abhiraja legend, it is highly instructive to compare it to a contemporary regional phenomenon: the historical arrival of Indians in ancient Cambodia (Kampuchea).

Both histories feature legends of northwestern Indian figures migrating east to establish glorious South-East Asian empires. In Cambodia, royal myths and historical interpretations trace the kingdom's origins back to the Kambojas, an ancient tribe located near Taxila (modern-day Pakistan), whose elite allegedly migrated to the Mekong Delta around the 1st century CE to found the kingdom of Funan.

When weighed on the scales of modern archaeology, these two migrations yield opposite historical verdicts:

The Status of Abhiraja: A Symbolic Paradigm

From an empirical standpoint, Prince Abhiraja never existed. There is an absolute vacuum of historical documentation regarding an "Abhiraja" or a mass elite flight to the Irrawaddy in ancient Indian, Vedic, Buddhist, or Puranic texts. While 21st-century excavations confirm that Tagaung is a highly authentic archaeological site with deep Iron Age roots, it was originally an indigenous Pyu settlement. The Abhiraja story is a symbolic, courtly construct – a piece of sophisticated political theology designed to elevate the status of Myanmar's kings in the eyes of the Buddhist world.

The Status of the Indianization of Cambodia: A Verifiable Event

In stark contrast, the migration and cultural transmission of Indians into Cambodia is fully authenticated by scientific evidence.

While the specific legendary figures (like the Brahmin Kaundinya marrying the local Naga princess Liuye) contain mythical elements, the underlying historical event is real. Chinese imperial annals from the 3rd century CE explicitly record a highly organized, Indianized state in Funan.

Furthermore, modern radiocarbon dating of protohistoric cemeteries (such as Angkor Borei) and recent breakthroughs in ancient DNA sequencing confirm a tangible influx of South Asian genetic markers into the local Khmer population between the 1st and 3rd centuries CE. This maritime interaction introduced Sanskrit, legal frameworks (Manusmriti), and Hinduism/Buddhism, organically blending with local Mon-Khmer structures to lay the foundations for the later Angkorian Empire.

Conclusion: The Modern Synthesis

In the everyday usage of modern scientific history, the historical emergence of Myanmar is no longer framed by the dramatic, dynastic narratives popularized by GE Harvey. While Harvey's work remains an invaluable record of how the late Burmese courts understood their own lineage, it cannot match the empirical accuracy of GH Luce's models.

Luce's assertion that the foundations of the Bamar state were cemented in the irrigated fields of Kyaukse, rather than a mythical ancient migration to Tagaung, stands as the bedrock of modern research.

By separating the beautiful, politically motivated court legends of figures like Abhiraja from the physically verifiable, cross-cultural migrations seen in places like early Cambodia, scientific history does not diminish the past. Rather, it uncovers the true, brilliant resilience of indigenous peoples who utilized geography, agriculture, and cultural synthesis to build one of the greatest empires in South- East Asian history.

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Lifelong Learning

By Loke-Thar

Formal education, for the large majority of people, ends with completion of high school. Only around 20 per cent of those who pass the Matriculation Examinations continue with higher education as full-time students. Most of those who find work after completion of basic education may continue with higher education through enrolling in correspondence courses or attending part-time higher education courses. Hence, for most people, the "formal education" ends by the time they are around 22 or so years old. Thereafter, all means of acquiring further knowledge and education, particularly in their chosen field of employment, are mostly through the "non-formal" or "informal" mode.

Assuming an average lifespan of around 60 years, it is clear that only about one third of one's life is spent in acquiring education in the "formal" mode. The rest of one's life is spent in acquiring education, most of which is for the purpose of keeping up with the advancements in one's occupation and to keep on being employable. In other words, lifelong learning is also for lifelong learning and advancing one's quality of life.

Let's take the case of a skilled worker, say an auto-mechanic. With the advances in Automobile Technology, like the use of electronic components to monitor every possible function, the auto-mechanic who cannot use the instruments and equipment to monitor or detect faults in the auto system will soon lose some of his business. On the other hand, if the mechanic had kept on learning about the technological advances throughout his occupational life, he would have had a better chance of maintaining his earnings.

Lifelong learning is learning throughout one's life, and it can take place through formal learning modes as well as through non-formal and informal modes. In fact, most lifelong learning is self-learning, which arises out of one's motivation to enhance one's capability, competence, employability and hence enhance one's earning capacity and quality of life as well. For Lifelong Learning to be valued, mechanisms for recognition of lifelong learning should also be in place.

A high proportion of lifelong learning is experiential and takes place within the context of work and at the workplace. Learning through experience at work, whether through successful outcomes or even failures, leaves lasting impressions, which lead to improved performance in the future and enhance the earning capacity of the person. Another aspect of lifelong learning is through the experience of others. This type of learning can be enhanced if the experienced person shares his/her experience with others through hands-on teaching, talks, seminars, conferences, etc.

A common mode of lifelong learning is through reading books, newspapers, magazines, etc. This has been the universal lifelong learning mode prior to the advent of broadcasting, television and advances in Information Technology. Books are, in most instances, accessible to those seeking knowledge and information. There are public libraries in most cities, towns and nowadays even in large villages, and they are a cost-effective mode of lifelong learning.

Another mode of learning is the broadcast media as mentioned above. Even in the remote villages where TV has not yet reached, the most common mode of learning is, of course, the Radio.

Another mode of learning is visiting places. For those who can afford it, the best way to learn about a country or a particular place is to visit it. In Myanmar, even the not-so-rich people from the villages visit pagodas and holy sites, often in large groups. Visiting places also includes visits to Museums and Exhibitions.

Nowadays, the most often used source of lifelong learning is the internet. Knowledge on almost any subject or topic can be obtained from various sources through the internet.

To sum up, whatever means or mode is used, the fact remains that one needs to resort to lifelong learning if one is to maintain one's relevancy as well as earning capacity and to keep up with advances in Technology and the pace of living in this fast changing world.

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NATIONAL
BUSINESS

Pathein Pawsan field trials use nanotechnology to restore aroma

A trial cultivation using nanotechnology and beneficial microorganisms is underway at Pathein University in Ayeyawady Region to restore the original aroma and quality of Pathein Pawsan rice.

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Aye Kyaw visited the trial plot on the morning of 14 November and inspected the paddy cultivation, use of natural fertilizer and microbial technology, flowering stage and harvest plans. He instructed that research work continue without interruption.



Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Aye Kyaw inspects the use of natural fertilizer and microbial technology at the trial plot.

In the current trial plot, dolomite has been applied to reduce soil acidity, and Sunn hemp seeds have been broadcast. Natural fertilizers are being used as the main input to improve the paddy plants' resistance to disease and pests.

Nanotechnology-based fertilizers have very small particle sizes, allowing plants to absorb nutrients faster and more efficiently. They can also reduce excessive use of chemical fertilizers and improve crop quality and yield. Beneficial microorganisms convert soil nutrients into soluble forms that plant roots can absorb, improving soil structure and boosting plant immune systems and enabling natural resistance to disease and pests. — TWA/KK

Tenders invited for edible bird's nest harvesting rights on Myeik Islands

THE Forest Department called for competitive bidding to seek permits for harvesting edible bird's nests from the Myeik Archipelago. The harvesting rights cover the 2026-27 and 2027-28 bird's nest seasons and will be sold every two years through the competitive open tender system.



The image depicts harvested bird's nests from Taninthayi Region.

The island groups are Moscos Island group in Launglon Township; Yayaye Island group in Kyunsu Township; Kasainghla and Kawnga Island group in Kawthoung Township; and Mali Island group in Palaw Township, located in Taninthayi Region.

Tender sales will close at 4:30 pm on 25 November. The open tender will be held at 10 am on 27 November at the Director's Office of the Forest Department in Dawei, Taninthayi Region.

Tender applications cost K50,000 each and can be purchased during office hours from the Assistant Director's office of the Forest Department in Dawei, Myeik and Kawthoung districts at 09 400029080 or 09 793707542. — NN/KK

Over 24,800 small industrial businesses registered with SSID

MORE than 24,800 small-scale manufacturing businesses have been registered with the Small-Scale Industries Department (SSID) under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, according to the department. The department held an awareness discussion on 10 November at the Incubation Centre at its Nay Pyi Taw office on selling products in the market in compliance with the Labelling Law and on using QR Shop Marketplace and barcode systems to sell products in shopping centres.



This image shows a customer making a purchase at a small-scale business.

A total of 23,451 businesses have been registered across regions and states, and 1,366 were registered in Nay Pyi Taw. The department is also helping businesses find markets for their products, and compliance with labelling requirements is especially important, the director general said.

Businesses seeking to expand markets should use QR Shop Marketplace and barcode systems, which are core functions in today's digital economy. Producing products in line with labelling regulations will earn greater consumer trust and allow legal sales in supermarkets and online marketplaces. The step-by-step approach can also boost sales and secure a stronger market, he added.

The Consumer Affairs Department gave a presentation on product labelling; B SMART Myanmar officials explained the QR Shop Marketplace and barcode system, and an MSME association official gave a vote of thanks. — NN/KK

Tatkon's RBF project funds disbursed

THE Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, held a ceremony to disburse funds under the Rural Business Development Fund (RBF) Project in Naungpooh Village, Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, yesterday.



A village representative receives the project fund in Tatkon Township.

Tatkon Township Department of Rural Development Head Daw Zin Lin Htet explained that the RBF Project funds were provided to supply necessary financial capital for agricultural and livestock producers as well as small and medium-sized business operators in Naungpooh Village, while encouraging local communities to carry out their livelihood activities through a group-based system.

Following this, the Township Head disbursed the first round of RBF Project loans totalling K30 million at a concessional interest rate to four groups – Shwe Taungthu Group, Shwe Naungywa Group, Thaya Yadana Group and Pann Kaba Group – to undertake systematic cotton cultivation and chrysanthemum flower cultivation through a group-based system in the village. — Cho Than Nyunt (Rural)

Trading Amount and Forex Rate in the Market on 16 November 2026

	US$	Chinese yuan	Thai baht	Indian rupee
Exchange rates	3,663.20~3,665.80	557.60~557.70	125.40~125.60	43.60
Trading amount in the market	13,392,475.66	5,280,323.00	65,472,248.26	

Hokkaido sightseeing train with tea room, tatami mats to debut in Feb

JR Hokkaido has unveiled a sightseeing train with a train car floored entirely with traditional tatami mats and equipped with a tea ceremony room ahead of its February launch on Japan's northernmost main island.

The four-car Akai Hoshi, meaning red star, was shown to the media in Sapporo on Saturday. Converted from railcars built about 45 years ago, the train can carry 70 to 80 passengers.

Passengers can take off their shoes and relax over tea in the fourth car, while another car serves as a lounge with sofas, refreshments and merchandise for sale.

Designer Eiji Mitooka, whose other works include JR Kyushu's luxury sleeper train Seven Stars in Kyushu, said he had combined and reworked successful features from his previous designs.



Photo taken in Sapporo on 14 November 2026 shows JR Hokkaido's Akai Hoshi sightseeing train to be launched in February 2027. **PHOTO: KYODO**

"This is a train that could never be built again," he said. The deep-red exterior was inspired by the star emblem of a former government agency that oversaw Hokkaido's development. From February to March, the train will run between Sapporo and Abashiri in northeastern Hokkaido, with journeys taking about seven hours. One-way packages including lunch starts at 39,000 yen ($245) per person. — Kyodo

"Ebenezer" tops North American box office in opening weekend

PARAMOUNT'S fantasy comedy-horror film "Ebenezer" led ticket sales at the North American box office with an estimated US$19 million in its opening weekend, according to data by measurement firm Rentrak on Sunday.

Internationally, the film took in $23 million across 63 markets, bringing its global haul to $42 million.

Directed by Ti West, the film stars Johnny Depp as Ebenezer Scrooge, a wealthy businessman and Christmas curmudgeon, in a reimagining of Charles Dickens' classic 1843 holiday tale, "A Christmas Carol".

The film has received an approval rating of 54 per cent based on 123 reviews to date on review-aggregation website Rotten Tomatoes. Audiences surveyed by market research firm CinemaScore gave it an average grade of "A-" on a scale ranging from A+ to F.

Warner Bros.' animated fantasy film "The Cat in the Hat" remained in second place with $11.4 million in its second weekend. Based on the 1957 children's book of the same name, the film has grossed $38.2 million in North America for a worldwide total of $55.8 million through Sunday. — Xinhua

Cambodia inaugurates restored 1,000-year-old West Mebon Temple at Angkor complex

CAMBODIA on Monday inaugurated the nearly 1,000-year-old West Mebon Temple in the UNESCO-listed Angkor Archaeological Park here, marking the completion of a 14-year restoration project.

The US$12-million restoration was carried out through a joint effort between the APSARA National Authority (ANA) and the French government. Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni and visiting French President Emmanuel Macron presided over the inauguration ceremony. – Xinhua

US transport secretary refuses to apologize for FAA's nationwide ground stop

US Transport Secretary Sean Duffy on Sunday refused to apologize for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)'s nationwide ground stop that lasted for hours on Friday, which disrupted over 10,000 flights, with the impact continuing throughout the weekend.

"It happened on my watch," Duffy told NBC News' "Meet the Press". "But I can't apologize for what was passed off to us, and I can't blame Republicans or Democrats because it's all of them."



Aircrafts are seen on the tarmac at John F Kennedy International Airport in Queens, New York, the United States on 13 November 2026. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

The transportsecretary blamed his predecessors and previous administrations for failing to do enough to modernize the US air traffic control system, describing it as "30 years of a lack of investment".

Duffy's remarks came two days after the FAA issued a national ground stop that lasted more than four hours, triggering widespread flight cancellations and delays that continued through the weekend. — Xinhua

Britain's Prince William in India for Earthshot Prize



Britain's Kate (C), Princess of Wales plays a game of gully cricket at the iconic Ballard Estate in Mumbai on 16 November 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

BRITAIN'S Prince William played street cricket in India's financial capital Mumbai on Monday ahead of hosting his environmental Earthshot Prize, during a visit that will also include a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The future king, accompanied by his wife Princess Catherine, took part in India's beloved game of "gully" cricket with sporting star Sachin Tendulkar.

The princess, dressed in a lime-green blazer and white trousers, tried her hand at batting before posing for photographs with young local players.

The royal couple are also expected to ride the city's metro and visit a Bollywood movie studio.

"Catherine and I are delighted to be in India for this year's Earthshot Prize," the Prince of Wales said in a social media post. — AFP

ECONOMY
WORLD/AD

Japanese economy flat in third quarter: official data

THE Japanese economy was at a standstill in the third quarter as the impact of the Iran war persists, official data showed Monday, with gross domestic product at 0.0 per cent.

The preliminary reading released by the cabinet office was weaker than market expectations of 0.1 per cent growth.

On an annualized basis, GDP shrank 0.1 per cent in the July-September quarter, against market expectations of 0.2 per cent growth.



Office workers pass shops in a busy district at the end of the work day in Tokyo on 16 November 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

The Bank of Japan is expected to hike interest rates again in December as inflationary pressure builds and Marcel Thieliant of Capital Economics said Monday's reading would be unlikely to change that.

"In fact, it looks increasingly likely that the Bank will have to tighten policy more aggressively than we've been anticipating as inflation is about to surge," he said. — AFP

S Korea's auto exports log double-digit growth in Oct

SOUTH Korea's automotive exports logged a double-digit growth last month on the back of robust demand from North America and Europe, industry ministry data showed Monday.

The outbound car shipments gained 18.1 per cent from a year earlier to US$6.55 billion in October, according to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Resources.

The auto exports were propelled by solid demand in North America and the European Union, to which car shipments soared in double figures to $3.38 billion and $1.18 billion each.

The sharp increase was attributed to four additional working days that resulted from the Chuseok holidays shifting from October in 2025 to September in 2026. — Xinhua

CHANGING THE NAME OF INSECTICIDE TRADING

The foreign manufacture Makro Chemical will import and distribute the following insecticides registered in Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board changing trading name.

Old Trade Name	New Trade Name	Registration Number
Shwe Haron	Shwe Pyaung Paung Shin	P 2024-5823

It is therefore announced to come and reject within two weeks to joint Secretary, Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division in wishing to make any objection in respect of the said changing trading name of insecticide.
Address: Golden Key Co., Ltd. PABEDAN TOWNSHIP, YANGON.
PH: 01371629

Changing Trade Name For Registered Pesticide

The Pesticide manufactured by EastChem Co.,Ltd and distributed by Agro Shiny Power Co.,Ltd is changing trade name as follow.

No.	Previous Name	New Name	Registration No.
1	Top Care 400 SC	Sabar Tha Gyi	F2025-5053

Any Objection regarding to this changing can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board within (14) days. Agro Shiny Power Co.,Ltd. Kanbawza Street, Daga, Kangyidaunt Township, Ayeyarwaddy region, Myanmar.

Changing Trade Name For Registered Pesticide

The Pesticide manufactured by Eastchem Co.,Ltd and distributed by Royal Agro Myanmar Co.,Ltd is changing trade name as follow.

No.	Previous Name	New Name	Registration No.
1	Bem Star 750 DF	Sabar Tha Htay	F2022-3290

Any Objection regarding to this changing can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board within (14) days.Royal Agro Myanmar Co.,Ltd.Kanbawza Street, Daga, Kangyidaunt Township, Ayeyarwaddy region, Myanmar.

Changing Trade Name for Registered Pesticides

Registered pesticide in Myanmar manufactured by Intech Organic Co.,Ltd and distributed by SSS Super Standard (Fumigation and Inspection) Services Company Limited are changing Trade Name as follow. Any Objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board for the following Pesticide within (14) days.

No	Old Trade Name	New Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration No.
1	Superphos	Pestphos	Aluminum Phosphide 56%TB	P2026-7025

SSS SUPER STANDARD (FUMIGATION INSPECTION) SERVICES CO.,LTD
No.65/69, 1st Floor, 31 Street, Pabedan Township, Yangon

Public Announcement

DKSH (Myanmar) Limited was the authorized distributor in Myanmar of Ovaltine-branded products manufactured by AB Food & Beverages (Thailand) Ltd. from November 2019 until the distribution agreement between the two companies was terminated with effect from 31 July 2026.

At the end of October 2026, DKSH (Myanmar) Limited ("DKSH") ceased importing Ovaltine products from Thailand and distributing and selling those products in Myanmar. The last Ovaltine products distributed by DKSH in Myanmar were from Batch No. 260320 (expiry date: 19 March 2028).

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ECB warns of market risks if AI boom stalls

THE European Central Bank warned Monday of growing risks from an "abrupt repricing" in markets and big losses if investor sentiment about artificial intelligence sours.

The comments from the ECB's vice-president Boris Vujcic add to mounting concerns about the sector as investors increasingly question whether massive AI spending will pay off.

Jitters and market swings have been fuelled by the scandal that toppled Nvidia chief executive Jensen Huang last week, and the Democratic wins in the US midterm elections that could spark greater oversight of AI



This photograph shows a handheld smartphone displaying the icons of some of the main artificial intelligence based apps, including LLMs, chatbots and generative AI, with logos (from L) of Proton AG's Lumo, Meta AI, Mistral Vibe (formerly Le Chat), xAI's Grok, Microsoft's Copilot, Google's Gemini, Anthropic's Claude, Perplexity, Deepseek, OpenAI's Chat GPT, Google's Notebook LLM and generative AI music app Suno, in Saint-Mande, east of Paris, on 15 July 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

technologies.

Vujcic said the "rapid expansion of AI is creating new challenges for financial stability" in the 21-nation eurozone.

"A reassessment of the AI narrative may trigger an abrupt repricing in markets and significant valuation losses," he warned in a speech in Frankfurt.

Initial public offering volumes relative to US GDP are on track to exceed the levels seen at the height of the dot-com boom of the late 1990s, Vujcic noted.

Shares in the AI titan Anthropic are expected to start trading on Wall Street on Thursday, in what could be the second-largest IPO in history.

"Historically, such surges have often coincided with market peaks, pointing to the risk of excessive investor optimism," Vujcic said. — AFP

India's wholesale inflation rises to 12.29% in Oct

INDIA'S wholesale price index (WPI) rose to 12.29 per cent in October this year, data released by the federal ministry of commerce and industry on Monday said.

"All India WPI inflation for October 2026 is 12.29 per cent on a year-on-year basis, compared to 11.39 per cent in September 2026," reads a statement issued by the ministry. "The index for all commodities for October 2026 stands at 113.3, whereas it was 112.5 in September 2026."

According to the ministry, year-on-year inflation rates for major groups, namely, primary articles, fuel and power, and manufactured products are 9.24 per cent, 32.84 per cent, and 9.54 per cent, respectively, in October 2026, compared to 8.67 per cent, 25.85 per cent, and 9.76 per cent, respectively, in September 2026.

WPI inflation, an indicator of prices in the wholesale market, rises or falls mainly due to steep increases or decreases in commodity prices globally.

"Across groups, mineral oils (containing petroleum products), crude petroleum and natural gas, electricity, food articles, manufacture of basic metals, manufacture of chemicals and chemical products, manufacture of food products, non-food articles, manufacture of textiles, and manufacture of rubber and plastic products have been drivers of WPI inflation in October 2026," the ministry said. — Xinhua

Australian beef production, exports forecast to rise in 2027: report

AUSTRALIAN beef production and exports are forecast to increase in 2027 as global supply declines for a second consecutive year, according to a report released by Rabobank on Monday.

However, the possibility of drier seasonal conditions and changing trade arrangements could temper the Australian market, according to the Global Beef Quarterly Q4 2026 report by the agribusiness bank.

The bank's RaboResearch division forecasts Australian beef production to grow by around three per cent in 2027, following an expected seven per cent rise in 2026. The country's beef exports are also projected to grow by about three per cent next year.

In contrast, global beef production is forecast to decline by 0.1 per cent in 2027, following an estimated 1.5 per cent contraction in 2026, marking the first consecutive annual declines since 2015, according to RaboResearch.

RaboResearch senior animal protein analyst Angus Gidley-Baird said Australia's beef industry was expected to enter 2027 from a position of considerable strength, after managing high cattle numbers, variable seasonal conditions and changing trade flows during 2026.

Strong overseas demand had helped the Australian cattle market absorb the increased production through 2026, Gidley-Baird said.

"The central issue for 2027 will be the impact of the El Nino weather pattern," he said, warning that dry conditions early in the year could see larger numbers of cattle coming onto the market, putting downward pressure on cattle prices and potentially testing processing capacity. — Xinhua

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
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AS the wharves, warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 23th and 24th November 2026 (Tazaungdaing Public Holiday), Loading, Unloading and delivery for Goods will be received on Payment as Holiday Fees.

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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

WHO sounds the alarm on antimicrobial resistance threat

THE spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is threatening modern medicine despite progress in combatting drug-resistant bacteria, senior World Health Organization officials said Monday.

WHO officials said countries had expanded efforts to tackle AMR, but warned that progress in prevention, diagnosis and the appropriate use of antibiotics remained too slow to meet global targets.

Bacteria have long evolved resistance to medicines designed to kill them.

The widespread use of antibiotics in human health, animal husbandry and food production has accelerated the problem, making AMR one of the leading causes of infectious-disease deaths worldwide.



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

"Antimicrobial resistance is widespread and threatening the future of modern medicine," said Jean-Pierre Nyemazi, interim head of antimicrobial resistance at the WHO.

"Unlike COVID-19, which was very visible, drug-resistant infections have been taking people's lives for years without us noticing it and raising the alarm as we should," said Nyemazi.

In 2021 alone, AMR was directly responsible for more than one million deaths and linked to some 4.7 million others, said the agency.

A WHO investigation in 183 countries into the progress of the fight against antimicrobial resistance this year revealed that nearly nine countries in 10 had a national action plan against the phenomenon. In 2017, the figure was only around four in 10. — AFP

Indonesia warns of high waves as 2 tropical cyclone systems develop nearby

TWO developing tropical cyclone systems near Indonesian waters could bring stronger winds and waves of up to four metres in the coming days, the country's meteorology, climatology and geophysics agency (BMKG) warned Monday.

Agie Wandala Putra, director of BMKG's maritime meteorology division, said the two systems, designated Tropical Cyclone Seed 92B and 96S, were detected in the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean west of Sumatra, respectively.

The systems are influencing wind patterns across Indonesian waters, with wind speeds reaching eight to 25 knots north of the equator and 5 to 20 knots south of it, Agie said, adding that the strongest winds have been recorded in waters west of Aceh, the Karimata Strait and the Sulawesi Sea.

Waves of 2.5 to four metres are forecast in the Indian Ocean west of Aceh and south of East Java, while waves of 1.25 to 2.5 metres are expected in several other areas, including the North Natuna Sea, Java Sea and Maluku Sea. — Xinhua

Japan to launch network to improve weather disaster warnings in Asia

JAPAN plans to launch a new framework to accelerate the development of early warning systems in developing Asian countries to minimize damage from weather disasters worsened by global warming, a government source said Monday.

The source said arrangements are being made for Environment Minister Hiroyoshi Sasagawa to unveil the framework at the ministers' meeting of the ongoing UN climate change conference, known as COP31, set to begin on Tuesday in Antalya, Türkiye.

The initiative comes as severe weather disasters believed to be linked to global warming affecting South-East Asian countries have highlighted the need for accurate forecasting and warning systems. Japan is one of the leading countries in the field.



The 31st session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, known as COP31, opens in Antalya, Türkiye, on 9 November 2026. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Described as a network for an Asia-Pacific region early warning system, the initiative is intended to promote introduction of technologies to developing countries and sharing of operational case studies. Japan aims to use Asia as a model region to expand the initiative globally, according to the source, and it will also make use of highly accurate forecasting technologies being developed by private companies.

Early warning systems use technology including satellites to predict natural disasters and inform individuals and companies, enabling an early response before disasters strike. — Kyodo

Iran says improved cooperation with IAEA unlikely under current circumstances

IRANIAN Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei said on Sunday that cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) would not improve as long as the status quo persists.

Baghaei made the remarks at a weekly press conference in response to a confidential IAEA report released ahead of a meeting of the agency's Board of Governors next week.



Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei speaks at a weekly press conference in Tehran, Iran, 15 November 2026. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Baghaei said the IAEA had acknowledged that US-Israeli attacks on Iranian nuclear facilities disrupted the agency's activities in Iran, but had failed to explicitly identify the "military aggression" as the principal cause.

"As long as this situation persists, we cannot expect a transformation in cooperation between Iran and the agency," he said.

Baghaei also accused the IAEA of issuing one-sided reports, saying such an approach had harmed its reputation and credibility.

He added that Iran would remain committed to its obligations under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as long as it remained a party to the treaty. According to Reuters, which said it had seen the IAEA's Friday report, the agency expressed concern over its lack of information on Iran's stock of highly enriched uranium and its inability to access the country's nuclear facilities, including those bombed by the United States and Israel.

The report also raised concerns about an enrichment plant in the central province of Isfahan that Iran declared in 2025 but has not allowed inspectors to visit. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Next-Gen Lethwei Warriors Clash in Prelims

THE preliminary finals of the 2026 Myanmar Fight Next-Generation Traditional Lethwei Championship will be held at 1 pm on 22 November at Theinbyu Gymnasium on Theinbyu Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Region.



At the 2026 Myanmar Fight next-generation traditional Lethwei competition, Aung Ma (RAY) fights Kyaw Min Lwin (Unity Seven).

In the 48-kilogramme category, Ba Gyan (Ray Club) will face Nay Zaw Htet (Zamani Maung), while Sai Thit Min (Python Tawwin Ayeya) will take on Lar Lel Bwe (Yoyakya).

In the 51-kilogramme category, Kaung Khant Kyaw (Bago Club) will face Saw Htet Aung (Warriors), while Thar Htwe (Kya Manaing) will take on Zwe Mann Oo (Zarti Myanmar).

In the 54-kilogramme category, David Ching (MK-1) will face Ye Khaung (White New Blood), while Phyo Min Than (Bago Club) will take on Htet Lin San (Top One).

In the 57-kilogramme category, Saw Tha Hmu (MK-1) will face Yu Da (Python Tawwin Ayeya), while Sin Pauk (Kya Manaing) will take on Saw Kee Do (Nine).

In the 60-kilogramme category, Yan Myo Aung (YMA) will face Pyae Phyo Oo (Strong Wrestler), while Than Zaw Oo (Top One) will take on David James (Zeal). Admission is free. — Bala/MKKS

Alcaraz sweeps aside Tiafoe in ATP Finals demonstration of force


Spain's Carlos Alcaraz hits a return to USA's Frances Tiafoe at the ATP Finals tennis tournament, in Turin on 16 November 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

CARLOS Alcaraz looked in ominous form on Monday as he began his bid to win the ATP Finals for the first time by cruising past Frances Tiafoe in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2.

World number three Alcaraz took just over an hour to deal with American Tiafoe and show why he is the favourite to win the whole thing in Turin, where he was the beaten finalist last year.

Since returning in August from a wrist injury that kept him off the tour for four months Alcaraz has won three of the five tournaments he has entered, most recently the Paris Masters.

Tiafoe had a nightmare debut match at the season-ending tournament, the 28-year-old having no answer to Alcaraz's speed and power. — AFP

England edges Spain to end 43-match unbeaten run in Nations League

TEN-MAN England survived a spirited second-half comeback to beat Spain 3-2 at the Metropolitano Stadium on Sunday, ending the reigning world and European champion's 43-match unbeaten run and securing top spot in UEFA Nations League Group A3.

Both teams had already qualified for the quarterfinals, but England appeared to be cruising to victory after taking a 3-0 lead early in the second half. However, Elliot Anderson's dismissal sparked a dramatic Spain fightback, with England goalkeeper James Trafford producing several outstanding saves in the closing stages to preserve the win.

England made a bright start against a Spain side featuring Lamine Yamal in its starting lineup, and only a brilliant reflex save from Unai Simon prevented Thomas Tuchel's team from taking a second-minute lead when the goalkeeper blocked Jude Bellingham's volley.

The visitors pressed aggressively high up the pitch, and Harry Kane fired narrowly wide after England regained possession.

The England captain also sent a header just wide, while Spain was forced into an early substitution when Pedro Porro replaced the injured Marc Pubill at right-back.


England's midfielder (10) Jude Bellingham and England's goalkeeper (13) James Trafford celebrate victory at the end of the UEFA Nations League - League A day 6 group 3 - football match between Spain and England at Metropolitano Stadium in Madrid on 15 November 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

Spain gradually grew into the contest, with Alex Baena's movement causing problems for the England defence. Yamal drew a yellow card from Declan Rice before shooting narrowly wide, although Trafford was not required to make a save in the first half. — Xinhua

Belgium's Lukaku retires from international football

BELGIUM forward Romelu Lukaku on Monday retired from international football after scoring 94 goals in 135 games for his country, saying he was "at peace" with his decision.

Lukaku featured in four World Cups for the Red Devils and helped them reach the quarterfinals of this year's tournament before losing to eventual winners Spain.

The 33-year-old, who now plays for Turkish club Fenerbahce, made his debut in 2010 as a teenager and was an unused substitute in Sunday's 4-1 Nations League win over Italy.

"These 16 years I gave all I had for the national team. It was a nice ride and I enjoyed every single moment," Belgium's record goal scorer said on Instagram. – AFP

World No 1 Carlsen misses Total Chess semifinals after winless group stage

WORLD No 1 Magnus Carlsen topped the opening blitz event with an unbeaten record but failed to win a single game in the subsequent group stage, missing out on the championship semifinals of the inaugural Total Chess World Championship Tour Pilot in Budapest.

The Norwegian grandmaster claimed five wins and four draws to finish first in the opening blitz event on 10 November. But in the following Fast Classic group stage, he recorded nine draws and one loss, finishing fifth in Group C with nine points.

Only the winner of each group advanced to the championship semifinals, leaving Carlsen out of contention for the overall title, although he will still compete in the placement knockout stage.

France's Alireza Firouzja, American Fabiano Caruana, Dutch player Anish Giri and France's Maxime Vachier-Lagrave topped their respective groups as the group stage concluded on Sunday, securing the four semifinal spots. Following a rest day on Monday, the semifinals will begin on Tuesday, with Vachier-Lagrave facing Giri and Firouzja taking on Caruana. — Xinhua

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JAXA changes Hayabusa2's asteroid target due to engine malfunction

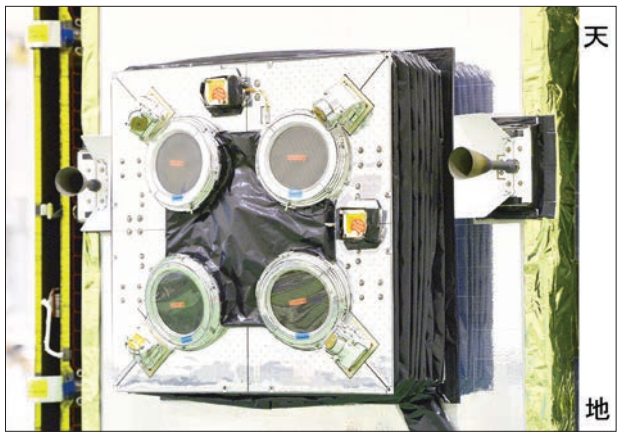
THE Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency has changed the target asteroid for its Hayabusa2 space probe due to an engine malfunction, according to documents submitted to a Cabinet committee on Monday.

JAXA abandoned its original plan for Hayabusa2 to explore near-Earth asteroid 1998KY26 in 2031 and now aims to reach another near-Earth asteroid, 2015BM510, in financial 2028, the documents showed.

According to JAXA, a malfunction occurred in mid-August in one of the four ion engines, the only one being used for navigation at the time.

Although operations have continued using the remaining functional systems, the spacecraft can no longer achieve the acceleration needed to carry out a planned swing-by manoeuvre, in which it would use Earth's gravity to alter its trajectory.

The new target is estimated to have a diameter of 17 to 74 metres, and Hayabusa2 will observe it during a close flyby. — Kyodo



File photo taken on 31 August 2014 shows ion engines of the Hayabusa2 space probe in Sagamihara, Kanagawa Prefecture. **PHOTO: KYODO**

India's Tamil Nadu intensifies surveillance following confirmation of bird flu

AUTHORITIES in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu have intensified bird flu surveillance after confirmation of H5N1 infections, officials said Monday.

The infections were confirmed in the samples taken from the poultry farms of Cuddalore district, about 210 kilometres south of Chennai, the capital city of Tamil Nadu.

A senior local government official said that "following the test results, a full-scale containment operation was initiated, with the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department culling all birds in the affected farm and within a one-kilometre radius of the epicentre".

According to the official, a three-month temporary ban on rearing broiler chickens within the affected zone has been imposed. — Xinhua

Shenzhen summit marks first face-to-face meeting among Chinese, Russian, US heads of state in history: spokesperson



This combination of pictures created on 15 November 2026 shows (L/R) Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow on 11 November 2026, Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing on 2 November 2026, and US President Donald Trump in Washington, DC, on 5 November 2026. **PHOTO: PAVEL BEDNYAKOV / VARIOUS SOURCES / AFP**

The meeting of the Chinese, Russian and US heads of state in south China's Shenzhen will be the first face-to-face meeting in history involving the top leaders of the three countries, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said on Monday.

Chinese President Xi Jinping will hold a China-Russia-US summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Donald Trump in Shenzhen on 19 November, according to the ministry.

Mao said the heads of state will have an in-depth exchange of views on maintaining world peace and promoting strategic stability in major country relations, which is of groundbreaking significance.

Noting that China, Russia and the United States are all founding members of the UN and permanent members of the UN Security Council, Mao said the three countries have fought together to achieve the victory of the World Anti-Fascist War.

Under current circumstances, the three countries shoulder the important responsibility of cooperating to address global challenges and promote world peace and stability, said Mao. — Xinhua

COP31 draft deal calls for 'accelerated action' to exit fossil fuels



President of COP31 Negotiations and Australia's Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen delivers a speech during the High-Level Segment for Heads of States and Government at the 31st United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP31) at the Antalya Expo Centre in Antalya on 11 November 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

COP31 co-host Australia released the first draft of a broad political deal Monday that includes a call for nations to speed up the phaseout of planet-heating coal, oil and gas.

The draft decision needs ultimate approval by the nearly 200 nations at the UN climate summit in Türkiye where the future of fossil fuels has been among the most hotly debated issues.

The summit in Antalya, which is due to finish Friday, takes place against a difficult backdrop, with a conflict-driven energy crisis and geopolitical tensions tempering expectations.

Australia, which is steering the marathon talks, wants to produce an overarching political statement summing up what countries have agreed and setting the course for future climate action.

The proposed "cover decision" lays out the competing positions of governments from tiny island states to oil behemoths and emerging economies — underscoring just how far apart they remain.

In one of the most closely-watched proposals, it "calls for accelerated action to phase out fossil fuels, including through the immediate transition away from fossil fuels in energy systems". This could be expected to encounter strong resistance at the UN climate negotiations, where any language around curbing fossil fuels — the main driver of global warming — is highly contested. — AFP