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PyinOoLwin's Kandawgyi to celebrate 19th Flower Festival in Dec

THE National Kandawgyi Gardens in Mandalay Region's PyinOoLwin Township will hold the 19th Flower Festival under the theme Fairy Flowers World, according to the park's warden U Zaw Min Tun.

The annual flower festival will be held from 4 December until 4 January next year for a month.

"The flower festival aims to make it unique, to give our guests 100 per cent satisfaction with unusual arrangements of seasonal flowers, and to establish itself as an annual international event. It also aims to support Myanmar's floral industry, to raise public awareness about environmental conservation and to enhance the country's tourism sector and regional development. Including a local flora zone, about 200,000 flowers will be displayed in eight zones," said U Zaw Min Tun.

Music shows and other interesting programmes will entertain visitors throughout the month. At the exhibition area, consumer products and food products, as well as products made by local businesses and flowers and plants will be sold. The ticket fee for admission is K5,000 per person and includes a free visit to National Races Village. — TWA/ZS



This image displays an advert for the National Kandawgyi Gardens (PyinOoLwin)'s 19th flower festival - Fairy Flowers World.

Reducing Maternal, Child Mortality Drives National Development



Honorary Patron of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the President, attends the opening ceremony of the MMCWA 35th Annual Meeting.

Honorary Patron of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the President, attended the opening of the 35th annual meeting of the association at its head office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Health Dr Soe Win delivered a speech, saying that mothers and children are important parts of the more than 51 million total population of Myanmar. Maternal mortality, neonatal mortality, and mortality rates among children under one and under five years of age are key indicators for assessing a country's health status. Reducing maternal and child mortality will benefit not only the lives of individual families but also the overall health of the nation, socioeconomic development, and an increase in life expectancy.

He noted that the State is placing great emphasis on improving maternal and child health and enabling the entire population to live healthy and longer lives. However, the efforts of the Ministry of Health alone are insufficient to achieve these objectives. The active participation and cooperation of families, communities, social organizations, the private sector and all partner organizations are essential. In this regard, the role of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association is of utmost importance in ensuring the successful implementation of these efforts.

He expressed his special appreciation to the Association's members for directly engaging with communities in rural areas and other communities in need of basic healthcare services, disseminating health knowledge, and working to earn the trust of the people.

A video clip on the activities of the association was screened.

Honorary Patron of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the President, presented the first prize to Ayeyawady Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, the second to Bago Region MCWSC and the third to Magway Region MCWSC for their performances in the education sector.

Honorary Patron Daw San San Aye presented first, second and third prizes to Mandalay Region, Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory and

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Myanmar Crafts Shine at UNISA Festival 2026

MYANMAR showcased traditional musical instruments and handicrafts at an exhibition booth during the UNISA Internationalization Festival 2026 in Pretoria, South Africa, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Hosted by the University of South Africa (UNISA) in Pretoria under the theme "Advancing Transformative Change in African Higher Education Through International Partnerships and Collaborations," the UNISA Internationalization Festival 2026 was held at the UNISA Main Campus from 18 to 20 November. The Embassy of Myanmar in Pretoria participated in the programme on the third day, themed "Celebrating Diversity and Global Cultures", by setting up a cultural display booth.



This photo features traditional Myanmar musical instruments and handicrafts displayed at the Myanmar booth during the UNISA Internationalization Festival 2026.

Around 18 Pretoria-based embassies, including the Embassy of Myanmar, set up national booths to showcase their respective countries' cultures during the third-day programme. At its booth, the Embassy of Myanmar displayed traditional musical instruments, including the harp, and traditional handicrafts, such as lacquerware and embroidered Myanmar tapestries, along with promotional brochures highlighting the country's tourism sector.

The festival was attended by UNISA senior official Professor Ms Magano and other university officials, invited heads of mission and chargés d'affaires from Pretoria-based embassies, university students and other guests. — ASH/TH

Pride of Myanmar Forum to Drive Global Market Links

THE Pride of Myanmar Products & Global Connection Business Forum 2027 will be held at the Pan Pacific Yangon Hotel from 10 am to 6 pm from 22 to 24 January 2027, bringing together local and international business communities to promote Myanmar products and expand global business connections.

The forum will be organized in cooperation with foreign embassies, domestic and international business associations and organizations, providing opportunities for branding, business networking, business matching, market exposure and international partnerships. The event will showcase a wide range of Myanmar products and industries, including traditional costumes and textiles, traditional food and beverages, handicrafts, gems and jewellery, agricultural and mineral products, local brands, and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

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Myanmar Gazette

Head of Service Organization transferred; Appointment of Head of Service Organization confirmed; Head of Service Organization appointed

1. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has transferred and appointed U Mya Oo, Director-General of the Directorate of Industrial Collaboration under the Ministry of Industry and MSME Development, as Director-General of the Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection of the same ministry from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

2. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of Daw Aye Aye Moe, Director-General of the Office of the Social Security Board under the Ministry of Labour, after the one-year probationary period.

3. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Nay Myo from the Ministry of Defence as Director-General of the Customs Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued at 7 pm Thursday, 26 November 2026

BAY INFERENCE: Weather conditions feature a few clouds over North Bay and East Central Bay of Bengal and are partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.
FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 27 NOVEMBER 2026: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Taninthayi Region and (southern and eastern) Shan State and isolated in Yangon, Upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady Regions and Kachin State. 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 Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, and (southern) Shan State. In areas along the movement of cumulonimbus clouds, 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: The sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 5-7 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.
OUTLOOK FOR THE SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of a slight decrease in night temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin, Chin, and northern Shan States.
FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 27 NOVEMBER 2026: Partly cloudy.
FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 27 NOVEMBER 2026: Partly cloudy.
FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 27 NOVEMBER 2026: Partly cloudy.
— DMH

Tazaungdine Cheer Lights Up Myitkyina

ACCORDING to the Kachin State government, the Tazaungdine Festival was celebrated on 24 November along the Ayeyawady Riverbank at the Lawka Marazein Sutaungpyae Pagoda jetty in Myitkyina,

The event featured the lighting of 20,000 oil lamps, the release of 500 hot air balloons, and the opening of the Myitkyina Night Market.


The celebration of the Tazaungdine Festival in progress on 24 November.

First, State Chief Minister U Khet Htein Nan, Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Aung Zaw Htwe, State Chief Justice Daw Aye Aye Maw, and ministers opened the festival signboard by cutting the ribbons. Following this, the officials toured the shops and greeted families and groups of people in the market.

Subsequently, departmental staff and residents offered traditional Myanmar snacks as charity feast to the festivalgoers. Live stage entertainment was also held, featuring performances by the Malikha Music Band and traditional dances by young ethnic women.

At 6:00 pm, officials lit 20,000 oil lamps and floated the Shin Upagutta barge down the Ayeyawady River in homage. Simultaneously, they joined people in releasing 500 hot air balloons.

Unlike previous years, this year's Myitkyina Tazaungdine Festival was exceptionally lively, drawing large crowds to dine and stroll at the riverside night market. — Htun Htun/ZN

MCTC Art Group Exhibition set for 28 Nov-2 Dec in Yangon

MCTC Art Group Exhibition entitled 'Dawn' will be held at Good Mood Gallery in Kyauktada Township, Yangon Region, from 28 November to 2 December, according to organizers.

The exhibition will feature a diverse collection of paintings in various styles and media, including watercolour, oil, acrylic and pencil drawings, by artists Tin Maung Lwin, Dr Myint San, Dr Pyae Phyo Kyaw, Dr Shwe Sin Aye, Aung Khin (Bank), Zwe Thet Htun, Ingyin Thet, Sann Moon, Doodle Thuta, Lay Pyue Chi, Penguin, Callis, Zamari Ko Ko, Thin Yanant Thu, Su Sandi Nyein, Kairi, Kiri, Pandora and Peti. Their works cover a wide range of subjects and themes.

"We warmly invite everyone to visit the MCTC Art Exhibition, which brings together the freshness of dawn, the richness of cultural heritage and the creative visions of contemporary artists. Visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of artworks, including paintings, sculptures and other artistic creations, ranging from works by experienced artists to innovative pieces by young talents. The exhibition explores a variety of themes and emotions, from scenes inspired by the Ramayana and beautiful sunsets in our rural landscapes to the wonders of nature. We warmly welcome everyone to come and experience these works for themselves," said an official from Good Mood Gallery.



MCTC Art Group Exhibition invitation letter.

The paintings on display will come in various sizes, including 24 by 24 inches, 36 by 24 inches, 18 by 24 inches and 18 by 18 inches. — ASH/MKKS

Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education

Announcement of first-year day course admission lists

THE lists of students admitted to first-year day courses for the 2026-2027 academic year, among those who passed the 2026 matriculation examination, will be announced at the respective universities and degree colleges on 27 November 2026. The lists will also be available on the Ministry of Education website http://www.moe.gov.mm, starting from 27 November 2026.

Department of Higher Education

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Sagaing Region MCWSC for the social activities, while Honorary Patron Nan Ni Ni Aye gave first, second and third prizes to Shan State, Kachin State and Mon State in the economic activities. Union Minister Dr Soe Win handed first, second and third prizes to Yangon Region, Kayin State and Taninthayi Region in the health activities. Association Chairperson Professor Dr San San Myint Aung presented consolation prizes to Kayah State and Rakhine State in the association activities.

Honorary Patron Daw Kyu Kyu Hla together with the attendees posed for documentary photos, and viewed round photos on the movements of the association and the region and state supervisory committees.

The ceremony was also attended by Deputy Minister Dr Tin Tun, the permanent secretary, directors-general, senior medical superintendents, the Chairperson and members of the Central Executive Committee of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, patrons, chairpersons and secretaries of the Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees of Nay Pyi Taw, regions and states; directors of public health departments of Nay Pyi Taw, regions and states, officials from the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, the Myanmar Women and Children Development Association, the Myanmar Red Cross Society and the Myanmar Health Assistants Association, and guests.

Subsequently, Honorary Patron Daw Kyu Kyu Hla provided nutritious food to pregnant women and administered catch-up vaccinations to children under five. She toured the displays of local products and traditional handicrafts being exhibited and sold by the Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees of Nay Pyi Taw, regions and states.

The 35th annual meeting of the association continued with the opening address by Chairperson Professor Dr San San Myint Aung. The secretary of the association read out the 2025 annual report of the association, while the treasurer submitted the 2025-26 financial statement of the association and the 2026-27 budget statement. Nay Pyi Taw, region and state supervisory committees submitted their 2025 annual reports, and the meeting chairs reviewed the reports. — MNA/TTA

Objectives for 106th National Victory Day

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- To establish a peaceful, prosperous and modern nation through the unity of all ethnic people
- To preserve and protect the national dignity, integrity, cultural heritage and characteristics
- To put special emphasis on the development of human resources and modern technology sectors of the State
- To nurture young people's capabilities, creativity and leadership qualities, enabling them to serve as a key driving force in the nation's future development.

Myanmar attends 4th Belt & Road Energy Ministers' Conference

THE first meeting of the Administrative Board of the Belt and Road Energy Ministers and the fourth Belt and Road Energy Ministers' Conference were held in Qingdao, the People's Republic of China, on 25 and 26 November, with a Myanmar delegation attending the events and participating in discussions. At the conference, Union Minister for Electricity and Energy U Ko Ko Lwin said that countries around the world were paying attention to environmental impacts while meeting their energy needs, in line with the objectives of the conference.



The fourth Belt & Road Energy Ministers' Conference is underway in China, attended by Union Minister U Ko Ko Lwin.

He said Myanmar was working to make greater use of renewable energy sources, including hydropower, solar and wind energy, while ensuring that the use of fossil fuels had the least possible environmental impact. Myanmar was actively participating in renewable energy development and carbon emission reduction programmes and wished to receive greater assistance from China's National Energy Administration (NEA), which hosted the event, to implement these initiatives.

In addition, the Union minister and his delegation met with the head and officials of the NEA and held frank and cordial discussions on cooperation in developing hydropower projects, cross-border power transmission lines, solar energy projects, battery energy storage systems, pumped-storage hydropower projects and wind power projects, as well as investment in new offshore natural gas exploration blocks. They also discussed cooperation in developing joint China-Myanmar electricity and energy projects through technology transfer, expertise and investment.

The Union minister subsequently held a separate meeting with the Iranian Minister of Energy, who was also attending the event, to discuss ways to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the electricity and energy sectors, according to a report. — MNA/KZL

Rehabilitation efforts inspected; agri supplies distributed to farmers in Falam

THE convocation hall of the Nursing Training School in Falam, which was partially damaged by violence, and the two-storey, six-unit health staff housing complex within the compound of the People's Hospital are being renovated. Meanwhile, staff are residing in the renovated Agriculture Department staff housing.

Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Han inspected the renovation work yesterday morning, accompanied by Chin State Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Khin Maung Htwe and members of the Chin State Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Committee. He gave instructions to the officials concerned.

The deputy minister also attended a ceremony to distribute foliar fertilizers, natural fertilizers and home gardening seeds to farmers at the meeting hall of the Falam Township General Administration Department. He presented the supplies to the farmers and delivered words of encouragement.


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

In his address, the deputy minister said that the State Government was paying attention to supporting agricultural and livestock activities. He stressed that peace and stability were essential for these activities to be carried out smoothly and called on everyone to work together to promote the sectors.

The Chin State Security and Border Affairs Minister also explained the State Government's efforts to promote the agricultural and livestock sectors, while the Director of the Department of Agriculture provided information and discussed agricultural and livestock matters with the farmers attending the ceremony. — District IPRD/MKKS

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It will also welcome businesses from various sectors, including manufacturing, cosmetics, consumer goods, import and export, international trade, logistics, real estate, construction, hotels and tourism, banking and financial services, insurance, healthcare, beauty and wellness, foreign investment and distribution services. Exhibitors, sponsors and partners will have opportunities to present their products and services directly to potential partners, clients, investors and decision-makers. SMEs, startups and emerging local brands are also encouraged to participate.

Participants will be able to launch their products and brands to international guests, diplomats and business communities, and explore international markets, establish business partnerships, attract potential investors and promote Myanmar's cultural heritage and locally made products to international audiences. The forum aims to create new opportunities for trade, investment and international cooperation while showcasing the diversity and potential of Myanmar's products and businesses to the world. Therefore, business owners and interested organizations are invited to participate in the event and take advantage of the opportunities to connect Myanmar products and businesses with global markets. — NN/KTZH

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Myanmar attends ASEAN-China Week 2026

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Culture, Hotels and Tourism U Khin Maung Soe attended ASEAN-China Week 2026, held in Chongqing, China, from 22 to 25 November, with the aim of strengthening the ASEAN-China Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.



Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe speaks at the ASEAN-China Week 2026 in Chongqing, China.

On 21 November, U Naing Min Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, and U Win Myint Khine, Deputy Minister for Commerce, who came along with the delegation, visited the Myanmar Consul-General in Kunming, where they met and encouraged staff members and inspected the office building and staff residences.

On 22 November, the Union minister and delegation visited a traditional Chinese medicine hospital in Chongqing to observe its healthcare services. The Union minister also met ASEAN-China Centre Secretary-General Mr Zhang Lizhong and discussed promoting cultural exchanges, mutual understanding and friendship between Myanmar and China, and further developing bilateral tourism cooperation.

The delegation also attended a welcome reception hosted by the Chongqing Municipal People's Government and a special drone show entitled "Dynamic Chongqing".

On 23 November, the Union minister attended the opening ceremony of ASEAN-China Week 2026 and responded to a tourism-related interview by Chongqing Municipal Television. Deputy Minister U Win Myint Khine also participated in a high-level dialogue on new opportunities for economic cooperation through AI-driven digitalization and green transformation.

On 24 November, the Union minister attended the ASEAN session of the 2026 Chongqing International Travel Agents Conference and delivered remarks. Myanmar delegates also participated in the ASEAN-China (Chongqing) Science and Technology Conference 2026 and the Lancang-Mekong Tourism Cities Dialogue.

In the afternoon, the Myanmar delegation visited the Chongqing Urban Planning Exhibition Hall and Changan Automobile's Global Research and Development Centre to observe urban development and automotive technology. — MNA/KTZH

Masonry training graduation ceremony held in Letpadan

THE graduation ceremony of a vocational masonry training course, organized by the Letpadan Township Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, Thayawady District, Bago Region, was held at the township department office yesterday.

Daw Lay Lay Lwin, Assistant Director (Technical) of the Thayawady District Department of Rural Development, delivered a speech to mark the successful completion of the training course. U Thet Soe, Head of the Letpadan Township Department of Rural Development, then explained the benefits of conducting the vocational training course. He also encouraged the trainees to apply the skills and technical knowledge they had acquired during the training to undertake income-generating activities and improve their family incomes.


A trainee receives the course completion certificate in Letpadan Township.

Afterwards, departmental officials attending the ceremony presented certificates of completion to the trainees. A total of 20 female trainees from villages in Letpadan Township attended the vocational masonry training course. The course was conducted free of charge over a period of 15 days, from 12 to 26 November, with both theoretical and practical lessons provided by an instructor, according to the Letpadan Township Department of Rural Development. — Aye Myat (DRD)

Sinbaungwe's VDP concrete road completion inspected

THE Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, conducted a field inspection yesterday to assess the 100 per cent completion of a village concrete road construction project implemented under the Village Development Project (VDP) in Padaukkan Village, Sinbaungwe Township .

Sinbaungwe Township Department of Rural Development Head Daw Ei Ei Mon, together with engineering staff and village committee members, inspected the completed concrete road, measuring 400 feet long, 12 feet wide, and six inches thick. She also met village elders and residents, urging them to form a village road maintenance committee to collectively maintain and protect the completed road for long-term durability and continued use, while coordinating with relevant personnel to address matters raised by villagers.

The concrete road construction was implemented under the 2026-2027 financial year Village Development Project (VDP) at a total cost of K24 million, comprising K15 million provided by the project and K9 million contributed by local communities. The project has been carried out by local villagers with technical assistance and close supervision from township DRD staff, and is now completed in full, providing rural residents with improved road access and convenient transport throughout the year, according to the department. — Cho Than Nyunt (Rural)


This image displays a completed concrete road in Sinbaungwe Township.

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Bago's MSY village project fund disbursed

THE disbursement of the Mya Sein Yaung (MSY) Village Project (oilseed crops) revolving fund was held in Gadwinchan Village, Bago Township, Bago District, Bago Region, yesterday. The fund was provided by the Bago Township Department of Rural Development.

Township Head U Min Min Thein of the Bago Township Department of Rural Development explained that the revolving fund was being disbursed under the MSY Village Project (oilseed crops) with the aim of reducing poverty among rural communities and enabling local farmers to systematically carry out oilseed crop cultivation.

The township project officer then explained in detail the duties and responsibilities, rights and entitlements, offences and penalties prescribed under the Rural Development Law for rural residents.

Following the explanations, the Township Department Head handed over K38.6 million to the MSY Village Project (oilseed crops) implementation committee.

Subsequently, the village project committee members disbursed the total revolving fund of K38.6 million on the same day to 108 farmers engaged in cultivating oilseed crops, including sesame and groundnuts, in Gadwinchan Village. — Thanda (DRD)



A village representative receives the MSY fund in Bago Township.

MRCS, ICRC Deliver Relief to 400 Pakokku Households

THE Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) have provided relief kits and shelter construction materials to 400 internally displaced households in Pakokku Township, according to reports.

As part of their joint humanitarian assistance efforts, the MRCS and ICRC distributed household items and basic food supplies to internally displaced families in Pakokku Township, Magway Region, from 11 to 13 November.

The assistance comprised 800 plastic water buckets, 800 medium-weight synthetic blankets, 400 personal hygiene kits, 400 women's hygiene kits, 400 kitchen sets, 800 solar lamps, 800 plastic mats, 800 mosquito nets, 800 tarpaulin sheets, 400 50-kilogramme bags of rice, 400 20-kilogramme bags of gram, 2,400 5.4-litre bottles of groundnut oil, 800 0.8-kilogramme bags of sugar, 400 0.8-kilogramme bags of iodized salt, 2,000 tins of canned food, 186 psychosocial support kits for children and 40 sets of construction materials.



Relief items being distributed to internally displaced households.

Red Cross staff and volunteers delivered the assistance directly to the households. — ASH/KNN

Singaing's concrete road construction inspected

THE Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, Mandalay Region, conducted a field inspection yesterday to review the progress of an ongoing concrete road construction project in Htanthonbin Village, Singaing Township, implemented under the 2026-2027 financial year programme to improve transport and accessibility for rural residents.

Singaing Township Department of Rural Development Head Daw Hnin Ei Phyo, together with engineering staff, inspected the ongoing construction of a village concrete road measuring 485 feet long, 12 feet wide, and six inches thick. She also met village elders and residents, urging them to ensure the road is completed on schedule and in line with prescribed standards to maintain its quality and long-term durability, while coordinating with relevant personnel to address needs raised during the meeting.



Officials inspect the construction progress of a concrete road in Singaing Township.

The concrete road construction project is being implemented with K27.429 million from the Model Village Project Fund. Work commenced in the first week of November and is being carried out by local villagers under the close supervision and technical guidance of staff from the Township Department of Rural Development, according to the department. — Karan (Rural)

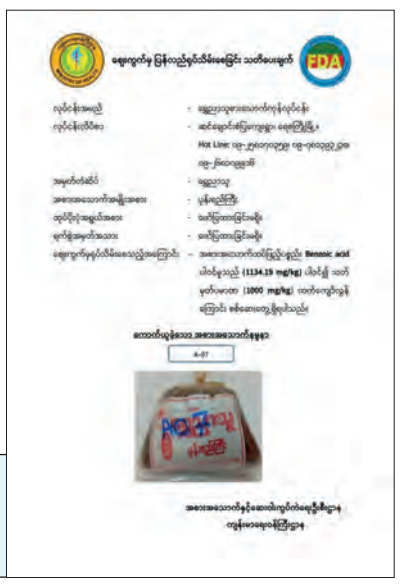
FDA Flags Six Unsafe Food Products

INCLUDING Ponyaygyi (fermented bean paste), an energy drink and turmeric powder, six food products have been announced to be recalled, and they are not suitable for consumption, said the Department Food and Drug Administration on 25 November.

Shwe Nya Thu Ponyaygyi, manufactured in Yezagyo Township and K&K energy drink, manufactured in Pyinmana Township, are on the recall list due to content exceeding benzoic acid and sodium cyclamate.

Shwe Thin Thu turmeric powder and chilli powder manufactured in Yamethin Township were found to contain auramine-O and rhodamine-B, which are prohibited for use in foods, and the FDA said they are unsafe for consumers. In addition, 123 gooseberry jams manufactured in Mahaaungmyay Township and Thein Toe ginger Laphet manufactured in Taungtha Township have been announced unsafe for consumers as they contain the prohibited dye auramine-O, it said. Two out of six food products have been recalled, and the remaining four have been labelled as unsafe foods. — TWA/ZS

FDA warns that six food products are being recalled and are unsafe for consumption.



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Twantay's MSY village project loans disbursed

THE Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, Yangon Region, held a ceremony yesterday to disburse revolving funds under the Mya Sein Yaung (MSY) Village Project in Alanoak Village, Twantay Township.



An MSY village project loan disbursement ceremony is underway in Twantay Township.

Twantay Township Department of Rural Development Head Daw Yin Yin Htay explained that the revolving funds were provided under the MSY Village Project with the objectives of enabling rural households to expand their income-generating activities and supporting the implementation of village development projects through the accumulation of revolving funds, along with applicable interest rates, repayment periods, and rules and regulations that borrowers must follow. She then handed over K49.2 million in revolving funds to members of the MSY Village Project Implementation Committee.

Alanoak Village is implementing family income-generating activities using K49.2 million from the MSY Village Project. Under the supervision of the Township Department of Rural Development, revolving loans at low interest rates were disbursed by members of the project implementation committee to 133 village members, comprising 68 engaged in systematic agricultural activities, 45 in livestock breeding and 20 in trading businesses, helping local communities expand their income-generating activities and improve their household livelihoods. – Sein Lwin (Rural)

Asphalt overlay work inspected in Chaungzon

OFFICIALS from the Chaungzon Township Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, inspected the progress of asphalt overlay work on an internal village road in Kyangin Village, Chaungzon Township, being implemented with State Government funds for the 2026-2027 financial year. The inspection was conducted yesterday by U Myint Naing Oo, Head of the Mawlamyine District Department of Rural Development, together with responsible officials.



Officials oversee the status of asphalt overlay work on an internal village road in Chaungzon Township.

U Myint Naing Oo and departmental staff examined the ongoing asphalt overlay work on the village road. The district department head instructed the responsible personnel and contractors to carry out the work in accordance with the prescribed technical standards and specifications and to complete the project within the stipulated time. He also gave necessary guidance to ensure the timely completion of the work.

The project involves upgrading an existing village road with an asphalt overlay measuring 1,861 feet in length, nine feet in width and three inches in thickness. The project, funded with K77 million from the State Government, has been implemented by the tender-winning Chan Myae Mudra Company since the fourth week of August. Approximately 80 per cent of the work has been completed so far.

Upon completion of the asp halt overlay work, local agricultural and other products from Kyangin Village will be transported to markets more conveniently and promptly, according to the Department of Rural Development. — Thuta (DRD)

Demolition of illegal online scam buildings continues in Shwe Kokko



Map shows the systematic dismantling of scam hubs.

THE systematic demolition of illegal buildings used for online scams and gambling in Phase II of the Shwe Kokko area is continuing to prevent such activities from resuming at the sites where online fraud and gambling were previously carried out extensively.

Of the remaining illegal buildings in Phase II of Shwe Kokko, one five-storey building has now been 80 per cent demolished using heavy machinery, while demolition work on another five-storey building has reached 50 per cent completion, according to reports.

A total of 63 illegal buildings in Phase II of Shwe Kokko, which were used for online scams and gambling, have been classified according to the methods to be used for their demolition. These include buildings to be demolished using heavy machinery, those to be brought down through controlled explosions, and those located close to residential buildings, which will be dismantled floor by floor by manual labour.

Recently, 13 buildings have been demolished, including four through controlled explosions and nine using heavy machinery. The remaining 50 illegal buildings will also be systematically demolished.

The Government is working with neighbouring and regional countries to completely eradicate online scams and gambling, which pose threats to global socioeconomic development and national security. — 100/KZL



Residents are seen moving about under daytime temperatures.

Certain cities register 2-month highs in heat and rainfall

ACCORDING to record-high temperature releases from the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, some major cities set new record-high temperatures and new rainfall records during October and November.

The cities that set new record-high temperatures were Zaungtu, Pyapon, Kawthoung, Kawkareik, Manaung, Dawei, Mudon, Kyaukse, Kanbalu, Kalewa, Hkamti, Hsipaw, Lashio, Thazi, Toungoo, Hinthada, and Heho.

The cities that set new rainfall records were Taunggyi in Shan State and Manaung in Rakhine State.

The cities setting record-high temperatures during the period from October through the last week of November were Kyaukse (Lunkyaw Station) with 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit on 3 November and Dawei with 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit on 1 November.

Similarly, for the period from 1 to 17 November, new rainfall records were set on 11 November with 4.05 inches of rain — a record in 76 years — in Taunggyi, and 6.34 inches of rain — a record over a 53-year period – in Manaung. — TWA/ZN

NATIONAL

CBM sells over US$1.8M in 8 months

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) has sold more than US$1.833 million in eight months, according to its statement.

The statement reads that, under the CBM's supervision, foreign currencies have been sold to importers through authorized dealer (AD) banks via the FX Market Online Trading Platform to facilitate imports of essential commodities, including fuel, edible oil, fertilizers and other goods.



The facade of the Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw.

From April to October 2026, a total of $2,169.8 million, 1,892.4 million Chinese yuan, 6,576.2 million Thai baht and 74.5 million Indian rupees were sold to importers through the platform and AD banks. In November, an additional $255.4 million, 89.9 million yuan, 762.6 million baht and 13.3 million rupees were sold.

CBM sold about $1,702.4 million from April to October to support imports of fuel, edible oil, fertilizers and other commodities. In November, it sold an additional $130.8 million at the market trading rate of K3,660 per US dollar, the announcement stated. — NN/KTZH

Trading Amount and Forex Rate in the Market on 26 November 2026

	US$	Chinese yuan	Thai baht	Indian rupee
Exchange rates	3,664.10~3,666.40	557.30~557.90	125.30~125.60	43.60
Trading amount in the market	14,457,791.81	1,533,326.64	49,284,389.91	

Open tenders invited for lead and iron ore sale

THE No 1 Mining Enterprise, under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, has invited open tenders under Tender 1/2026-2027 for the sale of various minerals.

The minerals offered for sale comprise 21,350 metric tonnes of lead ore from Baw Hseng Township; 1.00 metric tonne of lead ore from the Yangon Branch; 7.62 metric tonnes of iron and manganese dioxide from the Yangon Branch; and 0.83 and 0.50 metric tonne of iron ore from the Yangon Branch.

Tender forms will be available for purchase from 26 November to 9 December. Completed tenders must be submitted by 1 pm on 10 December, and the tenders will be opened at 3 pm on the same day.

Interested individuals may obtain further information and tender forms from Office 19 in Nay Pyi Taw or contact the Procurement Division of the No 1 Mining Enterprise via 067 3409162. — NN/MKKS

Dala inspects reservoir fencing work

THE Department of Rural Development conducted a field inspection yesterday to review the progress of reservoir fencing and related work in Nyaungchaung Village, Dala Township, aimed at ensuring rural residents have access to clean and safe drinking water and preventing animals from entering the reservoir area.

Dala Township Department of Rural Development Head Daw San Chaw Chaw Khin and responsible officials inspected the ongoing construction of a fence around the earth reservoir, measuring 736 feet in length and five feet in height, along with related work. She also met village residents, urging them to carry out the works in accordance with prescribed standards to ensure quality and long-term sustainability, while coordinating with relevant officials to address needs raised by the villagers.

The reservoir fencing and related work are being implemented with K18.88 million from the Union Fund. Work commenced in the first week of November and is being carried out jointly by township DRD engineers and local villagers, with approximately 60 per cent of the overall work now completed, according to the department. — Maung Khaing (Rural)


Officials oversee the progress of reservoir fencing work in Dala Township, Yangon Region.

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MSY Village Project loans disbursed in Pyay

THE Pyay Township Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, Pyay District, Bago Region, disbursed loans from the revolving fund of the 11th Mya Sein Yaung (MSY) Village Project in Kyogon Village for the 2026-2027 financial year yesterday.

Township Head Daw Than Than Cho of the Pyay Township Department of Rural Development first explained that the loans were being disbursed under the MSY Village Project with the aim of reducing poverty among rural people and enabling them to carry out small-scale farming, livestock breeding, and other economic enterprises. She also explained the benefits to be gained from implementing the project, the project process and contents, and the Rural Development Law and Rules.

The project-responsible staff then explained the project cycle period, interest rate provisions, and the rules and regulations to be followed in disbursing loans. Afterwards, the township head handed over K40 million in project funds.

Under the supervision of the township head and project-responsible staff, members of the MSY Village Project working group disbursed loans totalling K40 million from the 11th MSY Village Project revolving fund at low interest rates to a total of 138 members: 100 people engaged in agricultural enterprises in Kyogon Village received K32.80 million, and 38 people engaged in livestock breeding enterprises received K7.20 million, according to Daw Than Than Cho, Township Head of the Pyay Township Department of Rural Development. — Cho Lay (DRD)


An MSY Village Project loan disbursement ceremony in progress in Pyay Township.

OPINION

Building a region-based federal system for all ethnic groups

Since Myanmar gained independence, the country has experienced internal armed conflicts that continue to till today. Armed conflicts have brought immense hardship to local ethnic communities and hindered regional development and national progress. As a result of the prolonged unrest, Myanmar has fallen behind its regional neighbours in terms of development.

Resolving armed conflicts requires political dialogue and negotiations. Political issues cannot be resolved through armed struggle. The State has set as its political objectives the firm establishment of a genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system and the building of a Union based on democracy and federalism.

A formal political platform is now available where people's representatives can present and discuss regional needs and viewpoints. Although differences of opinion are inevitable in a democratic system, they must be addressed through constructive dialogue, negotiations and mutually agreed solutions. Just as the will of the majority must be respected and upheld, the wishes of the minority must also be given due consideration.

As people of diverse ethnic backgrounds live together in different regions of Myanmar, priority should be given to a geographically based federal system rather than an ethnically based one. Considering that people of various ethnic groups live together within individual states, a geographically based federal system would be more appropriate and suitable than an ethnically based federal system.

The Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), which serves as the foundation for peace, has already been signed. More than 5,000 meetings and discussions were held to reach agreements. Between 2021 and 2025, a total of 160 meetings and discussions were held with ethnic armed organizations, political parties and other organizations. Forty-three preliminary agreements on constitutional amendments were reached, and these proposals have been submitted for discussion in Hluttaw. The aspiration of ethnic communities is to build a Union based on a federal system.

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To resolve differences in political views and opinions arising from regional and ethnic issues, as well as the prolonged armed conflicts, constructive dialogue and negotiations must be pursued in accordance with the Constitution to find mutually acceptable solutions. Most importantly, all ethnic communities must work together to build a Union based on democracy and federalism, as desired by all ethnic people, with the aim of ensuring regional stability and peace and promoting regional development. To this end, efforts must be made collectively to establish a geographically based federal system in which all national brethren can enjoy shared interests and mutual benefits.

ARTICLE

Teaching for Life: Beyond Classrooms, Beyond Theories

By U Khin Maung Myint

Teaching is often described as one of society's noblest professions. Yet when we speak of teachers, many immediately think of school classrooms, textbooks, examinations, and academic qualifications. In reality, teaching begins long before a child enters school and continues throughout life.

The first teachers are usually parents and family members. They teach language, manners, values, beliefs, and social behaviour. As children grow, they encounter nursery teachers, school teachers, tutors, trainers, lecturers, professors, mentors, and coaches. Even in adulthood, learning continues through workplace training, self-study, community organizations, and life experience.

Education, therefore, is not merely a profession. It is a lifelong human endeavour.

A formal definition might be:

Teaching is the professional and social practice of facilitating learning, personal development, and the acquisition of knowledge, skills, values, attitudes, and competencies throughout the human lifespan.

The Parent's Question

Educational scholars have produced numerous theories explaining how people learn. Behaviourism emphasises practice and reinforcement. Cognitive theories focus on mental development and understanding. Constructivist approaches encourage learners to build knowledge through experience. Humanistic education seeks to develop the whole person, including emotional well-being.

While such theories contribute greatly to educational practice, most parents ask a much simpler question:

"What is best for my child?"

Parents are less interested in whether a teaching method belongs to one educational philosophy or another. They want to know whether their child is learning, growing, gaining confidence, and developing into a responsible adult.

This perspective reminds educators that every child is unique. What works brilliantly for one learner may not work for another. Effective teaching therefore requires flexibility, wisdom, and an understanding of individual needs rather than rigid adherence to a single educational theory.

Major Learning Theories and the Parent's View

Theory	Core Idea	Parent's Question
Behaviourism (Skinner)	Learning through repetition, reinforcement, rewards	"Will this help my child achieve good habits and results?"
Cognitivism (Piaget)	Learning develops with intellectual maturity	"Is this appropriate for my child's stage of development?"
Constructivism (Vygotsky, Bruner)	Children build knowledge through experience	"Is my child actively understanding, not just memorising?"
Humanism (Maslow, Rogers)	Education should develop the whole person	"Is my child happy, confident, and emotionally secure?"
Social Learning (Bandura)	People learn by observing others	"Are my child's peers and teachers positive role models?"
Connectivism (modern digital theory)	Learning occurs through networks and technology	"Can my child thrive in a digital world?"

Where Harmony Is Found

Good educators recognise that:

- Every child is unique.
- No single theory fits every learner.
- Academic achievement is only one part of development.
- Parents know their child in ways schools cannot.
- Teachers understand learning in ways parents may not.
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The ideal partnership is:

Parents contribute knowledge of the child; teachers contribute knowledge of learning.

When both sides listen to each other, education becomes child-centred rather than theory-centred.

Learning Beyond School Walls

Historically, communities have always recognized that education extends beyond formal schooling.

In Christian communities, Sunday schools have long provided moral instruction, religious education, community engagement, and character formation. Their contribution



demonstrates that education is not confined to academic subjects alone. Values, ethics, compassion, and service to others are often learned through community-based teaching.

Similarly, Buddhist societies have traditionally viewed monasteries as important centres of learning. For centuries, monks were among the earliest teachers in many Asian communities, transmitting literacy, culture, philosophy, and moral guidance alongside religious instruction.

In Buddhist thought, education is closely linked to the cultivation of wisdom (Paññā), ethical conduct (Sīla), and mental discipline (Samādhi). Learning is not solely about acquiring information; it is about developing character and understanding oneself and others.

Many Buddhist parents therefore regard qualities such as mindfulness, respect, compassion, gratitude, patience, and self-discipline as important educational outcomes equal to academic success.

The Role of Culture and Values

Every society embeds cultural values within its educational practices.

Whether through Sunday schools, Buddhist monasteries, community centres, sports clubs, or family traditions, children absorb far more than academic knowledge. They learn cultural identity, social responsibility, and moral principles.

A truly educated person is not simply one who can pass examinations. Rather, education should cultivate:

- Knowledge and understanding;
- Critical thinking;
- Respect for others;
- Ethical decision-making;
- Emotional resilience;
- Civic responsibility;
- Lifelong curiosity.

These qualities enable individuals not merely to earn a living but to live meaningful and productive lives.

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A Child's Return to Learning Needs a Second Door

A child who has missed a season of school needs more than a place on an enrolment list. The real test is whether that child can arrive safely, understand the lesson, and remain in learning after the first difficult week. Myanmar's education recovery should be measured by those practical steps.

On 20 November, World Children's Day, UNICEF reported that 4.9 million children in Myanmar need humanitarian assistance in 2026. It also reported helping more than 472,000 children access formal and non-formal education, including early learning. Those figures matter. They also make the next question unavoidable: what happens to a child who is reached once but cannot continue?

A returning pupil may lack the documents usually requested at enrolment. Lessons may take place at unfamiliar times or locations. A family may need a clear explanation of the safest route to a learning site. These are examples of barriers to plan for, not claims about any particular school or village.

Education partners could adopt a simple follow-through check. At first contact, give the caregiver one understandable point of contact, in a language they can use. During the following weeks, ask whether the child has returned, what practical obstacle remains, and which responsible service can help. Where there is no reliable telephone or internet connection, provide an appropriate in-person alternative. Do not circulate children's sensitive histories on public lists.

Local educators and community volunteers also need a way to report a problem without turning it into blame. If a class is inaccessible, a learning material has not arrived, or a child cannot rejoin after illness, the system should say who can resolve the matter. An aggregate count of enrolments cannot tell families whether those problems were fixed. Public reporting could record anonymized measures of continued attendance and successful referrals, while protecting children's safety.



Jesus, in the parable of the Good Samaritan, describes a neighbour who does not merely notice someone in distress. He arranges care that continues after he must leave. Christians may recognize that teaching as a call to responsible follow-through; people of other faiths or none can share the same commitment to a child's dignity. No family should have to adopt someone else's beliefs to receive help.

Myanmar's children need learning opportunities that last beyond a photograph of the first day back. Count the return, certainly. Then count the second week, the solved obstacle, and the child who was not forgotten.

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SCI/TECH WORLD

EU proposes Quantum Act to boost quantum technology industry

The proposal seeks to strengthen the security of Europe's quantum technology supply chains.

THE European Commission on Wednesday proposed a new law to help turn Europe's quantum research into commercial applications and improve the security of its digital systems against future risks. The proposed Quantum Act aims to coordinate European Union and national efforts around shared priorities for quantum research, industrial development and the deployment of the technology, while addressing Europe's difficulties in translating scientific advances into market-ready products, the Commission said.



Researchers and engineers develop quantum computing hardware and post-quantum security systems to strengthen European technological sovereignty and industrial competitiveness. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/IBM**

To support research and industrial development, the proposal would establish a network connecting research institutes across Europe, enabling researchers to share facilities and expertise. It would also support access to shared infrastructure, including quantum computers and simulators, and help startups and small- and medium-sized enterprises develop products and reach potential public-sector customers.

The proposal also seeks to strengthen the security of Europe's quantum technology supply chains by identifying critical suppliers and components and reducing strategic dependencies.

In addition, it aims to prepare the bloc's digital systems for the cybersecurity risks that could arise from future quantum computers, including through a coordinated transition to post-quantum cryptography. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Canada pushing controversial bill on personal data access

CANADA is advancing legislation that would give law enforcement new powers to access personal digital information, a proposal facing international criticism over concerns that it undermines privacy and cybersecurity.

A joint letter last week from more than 20 civil society groups, including Amnesty International, called the legislation "an impending catastrophe" and asked Prime Minister Mark Carney to step in before the bill becomes law.

Leading tech companies had warned that if the bill passed unchanged they might be forced to withdraw certain services from Canada to avoid complying with rules they claim would weaken encryption protections. – AFP

Detonation of degraded lead azide in US Iowa raises public concern

THE US Army detonated nearly five tonnes of degraded lead azide at an ammunition plant in Middletown, southeastern Iowa, on Wednesday morning, raising public concern over potential toxic contamination.

To limit the spread of dust and debris, the military used weather modeling, earth berms, sand-filled blocks and a water barrier containing more than 100,000 gallons of water.

Video footage from local media showed the blast sending white and gray smoke high into the air. – Xinhua

Asian Mathematical Union launched in Hong Kong

THE Asian Mathematical Union (AsianMU) was launched in Hong Kong on Tuesday, seeking to strengthen academic exchanges, foster research collaboration and cultivate talent across the mathematical community in Asia.

AsianMU will be headquartered at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), with Fields Medal laureate Shing-Tung Yau serving as its president, according to a statement issued by CUHK.

The newly established body will promote initiatives such as the Asian Congress of Mathematicians, exchange programs for young scholars, academic conferences and interdisciplinary research projects.

It also aims to strengthen collaboration between mathematics and fields such as AI, life sciences, energy and finance, while facilitating the sharing of academic resources and joint research across the region. — Xinhua

Ghanaian official urges stronger cybersecurity as cybercrime grows

A Ghanaian cybersecurity official on Tuesday urged digital economy operators to adopt strong security measures to protect their assets and finances amid the growth in the country's technology sector.

Jake France, head of Cybersecurity Technology Standards at Ghana's Cyber Security Authority, said during the opening of the Tech in Ghana Accra 2026 conference and exhibition that cybersecurity must be a priority in the structures of each technology service provider due to the increasing number of cybercrimes in the country. — Xinhua

New data leak in Denmark hits 11,000 people

HACKERS have broken into Denmark's national registry and accessed the personal information of 11,000 people, the government said on Thursday, two months after another huge data hack.



A digital security concept showing code on a computer screen representing a data breach and cyberattack on national registry systems. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/AFP/FILE**

Danish authorities said they had updated and modernized their security systems since the previous attack in early October, when the data of 8.8 million people was illegally accessed.

Despite that, "the administration of the Civil Registration System (CPR) has discovered a new security breach", the digital affairs ministry said.

"Unauthorized third parties have accessed the CPR data of 11,000 people."

It added: "The incident was stopped thanks to a new technical monitoring system for consultations, introduced after the first incident."

Neither the perpetrators of the latest breach nor those behind the October hack have been identified yet.

But in October an unidentified person contacted Danish newspaper Politiken in English via an encrypted messaging service and claimed responsibility for that breach. — AFP

Global disaster misinfo fuels panic-buying at chain stores

DOOMSDAY theories circulating on social media have sparked a global wave of panic-buying, with consumers sharing photos of stockpiled bottled water, canned goods, and batteries amid fears of an impending world war.



Shoppers browse supermarket aisles stocked with bottled water and canned goods amid heightened public anxiety over global emergencies and misinformation. **PHOTO: PEXELS**

In response to extreme weather and ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and Iran, nations including the United Kingdom and Japan recently advised households to maintain three-day emergency kits containing essentials like non-perishable food, baby formula, and first-aid supplies. Although meant as standard preparedness for diverse hazards, these guidelines fueled online rumor-mongering and public anxiety.

Social media users across the United States, Europe, and Asia linked the advisories to recent tech outages affecting flights and banking, speculating about imminent global conflict. Fact-checkers debunked false claims of nationwide emergency orders in Australia, Malaysia, and South Korea, while online "prepper" communities amplified the panic by showcasing heavily stocked pantries and survival preparations. — AFP

Slovakia extends 50% passenger rail fare discount until end of 2026

SLOVAKIA'S government on Wednesday approved an extension of a temporary 50-per-cent discount on fares for passenger rail services provided under public service contracts, keeping the measure in place until 31 December 2026. The fare reduction is intended to ease the impact of high fuel prices on passengers. The proposal was submitted by Slovak Transport Minister Jozef Raz. — Xinhua

Christmas tree in Yokohama mall sets Guinness record with 1,038 plush toys

The palm-sized toys from Bandai Spirits Co's Chibigurumi series are about 11 centimetres tall.



The tree at the Queen's Square Yokohama shopping complex stands about four metres tall and features 1,038 plushies. **PHOTO: KYODO**

A Christmas tree in Yokohama near Tokyo set a Guinness World Record on Wednesday for the most plush toys hanging on it.

The tree at the Queen's Square Yokohama shopping complex stands about four metres tall and features 1,038 plushies, including miniature versions of anime and manga characters.

The palm-sized toys from Bandai Spirits Co's Chibigurumi series are about 11 centimetres tall, with oversized heads and tiny arms and legs. The Tokyo-based toy manufacturer introduced plush toys from this series in 2021. — Kyodo

Teaching for Life: Beyond Classrooms, Beyond ...

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Teachers and Parents as Partners

Successful education depends upon a partnership between teachers and parents.

Teachers bring professional expertise in curriculum design, pedagogy, and assessment. Parents bring intimate knowledge of their children's personalities, strengths, challenges, interests, and aspirations.

When these perspectives complement one another, children benefit enormously.

The most successful schools are often those where educators and parents see themselves not as opposing parties but as partners pursuing a common goal: the flourishing of the child.

Education for a Lifetime

In an era of rapid technological change, the traditional model of completing one's education in youth is becoming increasingly outdated. New skills must be learned throughout adulthood. Trainers, workplace educators, online tutors, and self-directed learning are now indispensable components of modern life.

Consequently, the role of teaching continues to expand. The teacher of the twenty-first century may be found in a university lecture hall, a corporate training centre, a religious community, an online platform, or a family home.

The setting may change, but the purpose remains constant.

The highest calling of teaching is not merely to transfer knowledge but to nurture capable, ethical, compassionate, and lifelong learners.

In the final analysis, educational theories are valuable tools, but they are just that: tools. The true measure of education lies not in its theories but in its impact on human lives. For parents, teachers, and society alike, the enduring question remains unchanged:

"Is this helping our children become the best versions of themselves?"

If the answer is yes, then teaching has fulfilled its noblest purpose.

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ECONOMY
WORLD

Proposed US tariffs could raise costs, hinder global trade: Cambodian experts

Under the proposal, Cambodia faces tariffs of up to 18 per cent on most of its exports to the United States.

NEW US tariffs proposed on several trading partners could drive up the cost of goods entering the American market and hurt global trade, Cambodian experts warned on Thursday.

On Wednesday, the United States announced varying tariff levels on 14 economies, including Cambodia, accusing them of contributing to excessive industrial production that harms US trade. Under the proposal, Cambodia faces tariffs of up to 18 per cent on most of its exports to the United States.



A lorry drives out of the Hong Leng Huor Dry Port on the western suburb of Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 13 January 2022. **PHOTO: Xinhua/FILE**

Kin Phea, director general of the International Relations Institute of Cambodia, a think tank under the Royal Academy of Cambodia, called the fresh US tariff threat deeply disappointing.

"When the United States acts as both complainant and judge, it weakens the authority of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the liberal trading system it helped build," he said.

"Repeated tariff threats have made the United States an unreliable economic partner. That experience gives governments good reason to doubt whether Washington will honor its political commitments, diplomatic assurances, and security guarantees," he added. — Xinhua

Laos launches project to strengthen climate change adaptation

LAOS' Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration, has launched a project titled "Strengthening Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction Planning in Laos".

According to the ministry's report on Thursday, the initiative aims to integrate human mobility data into climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction planning, ensuring that policies and strategies better reflect the needs and circumstances of communities vulnerable to climate-related hazards and disasters.

Climate change and disasters can affect people on the move, particularly migrants in transit, who may face heightened risks of displacement. Integrating climate-related and human mobility data into evidence-based planning is therefore essential to strengthening communities' capacity to prepare for, respond to, and recover from climate-related impacts, said the report. — Xinhua

Fiji raises 2026 growth forecast to 1.8% amid drought concerns

FIJI'S economy is now projected to grow by 1.8 per cent in 2026, up from an earlier forecast of 1.5 per cent, supported by strong tourism, retail activity and investment, despite mounting risks from prolonged dry weather and higher global fuel costs.

However, the country's economic outlook for 2027 has weakened, with the Macroeconomic Committee revising its growth forecast downwards from 2.5 per cent to 2 per cent as severe El Nino conditions are expected to intensify in the first half of next year.


An aerial drone photo taken on 21 September 2026 shows a view of Suva Port in Suva, Fiji. **PHOTO: Xinhua/FILE**

Reserve Bank of Fiji (RBF) Governor and committee chairman Ariff Ali said on Thursday that prolonged dry conditions could undermine agricultural production, reduce crop yields and affect livestock output. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Indian banks to maintain steady performance in FY28

INDIAN banks are expected to maintain steady financial performance in the financial year ending March 2028 (FY28), with the bad loan ratio likely to remain below two per cent despite some increase in asset-quality pressures, according to a report by Fitch Ratings.

The rating agency expects loan growth in the Indian banking sector to remain buoyant at around 15 per cent in FY28, supported by solid economic growth.

A modest increase in policy interest rates is also expected to support banks' net interest margins (NIMs) and earnings. - ANI

Japan conveyed regrets to US over new tariff plan: govt spokesman

JAPAN has conveyed "regrets" to the United States over its plan to impose new tariffs on the Asian nation and 13 other economies, the top government spokesman said Thursday.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Minoru Kihara also said at a press conference that "nonmarket policies and practices, as well as structural overcapacity, do not exist in Japan", rejecting the rationale cited by the Office of the US. Trade Representative as it considers additional tariffs. – Kyodo



Finished commercial jets are assembled at an Embraer manufacturing facility in Brazil, as exports face proposed US tariffs. **PHOTO: WIKIPEDIA.ORG**

US proposes new tariffs on Brazilian imports

THE United States on Wednesday proposed new tariffs on Brazilian imports, including a 10 per cent tariff on finished aircraft, citing Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974.

US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer claimed that Brazil continues exporting significant amounts of out-of-quota sugar and finished aircraft, which are currently exempt from previously imposed tariffs, to the United States.

"Imposing an additional, specific tariff on sugar imports from Brazil and an additional 10 per cent tariff on finished aircraft exports from Brazil is intended to help bring Brazil to the table," Greer said in a press release.

On 20 July the Office of the US Trade Representative imposed a 25 per cent tariff on certain goods of Brazil. — Xinhua

Honda to import US-made Acura Integra into Japan, joining other carmakers

HONDA Motor Co said Thursday it will import a US-made sport sedan for launch in its home market next month, joining efforts by domestic rivals to address the US trade deficit with Japan.

Honda said it will roll out the Acura Integra Type S on 18 December at a price of 8.998 million yen ($58,000) in Japan, with plans to offer 250 units, including 30 to be sold by lottery. The company produces the vehicles at a plant in Ohio.

Honda also plans to market the US-made Passport TrailSport Elite SUV in Japan.

Japanese automakers are stepping up imports of US-built vehicles into their domestic market in the face of pressure from US tariff policies.



Honda's U.S.-made Acura Integra Type S sport sedan is slated for reverse import and launch in Japan's domestic market. **PHOTO: KYODO**

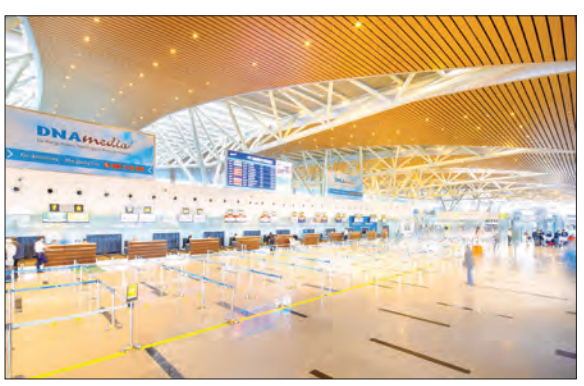
Auto exports account for the largest share of the US trade deficit with Japan. Toyota Motor Corp. said Wednesday it will release the US-made Camry sedan on 23 December in Japan, the third US-manufactured model to be introduced in its home country following the Tundra pickup truck and Highlander SUV.

Subaru Corp said earlier this month that it will introduce the Ascent sport utility vehicle, built in the US state of Indiana, in Japan.

US President Donald Trump raised tariffs on imports from other countries, including Japan, last year under a policy aimed at addressing the US trade imbalance. — Kyodo

Vietnam approves US$55.58-mln upgrade in major central airport

VIETNAM'S Ministry of Construction has approved a project worth 1.427 trillion Vietnamese dong (about US$55.58 million) to upgrade the infrastructure at the international airport in the country's central hub of Da Nang, local media VnExpress reported Thursday. The project, scheduled for completion in 2028, will reinforce the western runway, which is 3,049 metres long and 45 metres wide, build two connecting taxiways and one rapid-exit taxiway, and upgrade existing taxiways to meet the International Civil Aviation Organization standards, the report said.



Vietnam's Ministry of Construction has approved a project to upgrade the infrastructure at the international airport in the country's central hub of Da Nang. **PHOTO: DA NANGINTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

The upgrade will also cover flight operation infrastructure with installation of precision approach lighting, upgrades to the instrument landing system and improvements to taxiway lighting, signage and power control and supply. —Xinhua

China welcomes EU's removal of Chinese firm from sanctions list

CHINA welcomes the European Union (EU)'s decision to remove a Chinese company from its Russia-related export control list, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Commerce said on Thursday.

The spokesperson made the remarks in response to a media question concerning the EU's announcement earlier in the day that it had removed Yusha Group Co, Ltd from the list. – Xinhua

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HOLIDAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V AS SIMONE VOY.NO. (643W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **27-11-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP/MITT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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Agent For:

M/S SITC CONTAINER LINE CO., LTD

ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Israeli lawmakers advance 7 Oct inquiry opposed by Netanyahu

Parliament gave preliminary approval to Eisenkot's party's commission bill by 65-50.

ISRAEL'S new parliament on Wednesday took a first step to set up a state commission of inquiry into the security failures that led to Hamas's unprecedented 7 October 2023 attack, a move long opposed by caretaker Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

On the election campaign trail, centrist prime ministerial hopeful Gadi Eisenkot had pledged to swiftly establish an independent state commission into the failures that allowed Hamas's attack which resulted in the deaths of more than 1,200 people.



Matan Kahana, a member of the Yashar party who was elected speaker of the 26th Knesset, the Israeli parliament, poses for a photo in Jerusalem, 17 November 2026. **PHOTO:**

Netanyahu, who was in office during the attack and had long billed himself as the guarantor of Israel's security, had rejected calls to set up such a probe which would have broad investigative powers, instead proposing a commission with members appointed by politicians. In a preliminary reading in the new parliament formed after 27 October elections, 65 members voted in favour of the commission bill put forward by a lawmaker from Eisenkot's party, with 50 against.

The bill will now head to a committee in the Knesset, Israel's parliament, and will have to pass through three further readings before becoming law. — AFP

Venezuela agrees with Siemens on restoring energy infrastructure

VENEZUELA concluded strategic agreements with the German company Siemens Energy to restore the national electric power grid and the energy infrastructure of the oil sector, the country's acting president Delcy Rodriguez said.

"We signed and formalized the start of the implementation of the agreements in order to get to work... We will restore the national electric power grid, and I know that we will succeed," Rodriguez said during a signing ceremony broadcast by the VTV television channel.



PDVSA is Venezuela's state-owned oil and natural gas company, established in 1976 when the country nationalized its petroleum industry. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/AFP/FILE**

The agreements provide for cooperation between the state oil company PDVSA and Siemens Energy in restoring the electric power infrastructure of the oil sector, as well as interaction between the German company and Venezuela's Ministry of Electric Power as part of the rehabilitation and maintenance of the national power grid.

According to Rodriguez, the agreements assume an immediate start of practical work, since relevant Venezuelan agencies and enterprises have already identified the necessary equipment and components to restore the infrastructure.

She said Venezuela had been unable to receive certain Siemens components, equipment and spare parts for more than a decade due to sanctions restrictions. The signing of the agreements, she said, was the result of diplomatic dialogue with Germany and Europe.

Rodriguez stressed that restoring the electric power system is of key importance for implementing the country's economic plans, including developing the oil industry, increasing the efficiency of gas use and restoring the ability of oil enterprises to supply their own power. — SPUTNIK

UK govt to submit EU deal for parliament's approval

BRITAIN'S government will present legislation to parliament on Thursday to implement a post-Brexit agreement on ties with the European Union, Prime Minister Andy Burnham's office said.

The deal agreed with the 27 EU member states on 20 November includes measures to ease checks on British food exports, link carbon emissions trading systems and make it easier for young people to study across UK-EU borders.

The agreement must now be approved by parliament, where Burnham's Labour party holds a large majority in the lower House of Commons.

The bill, titled "Cutting Costs", will write two key elements of the agreement into British law: a food safety standards pact to cut paperwork for exports and imports, and the linking of UK and EU carbon emissions trading schemes, a government statement said.

It said the EU is Britain's biggest trading partner, accounting for 58 per cent of UK food and drink exports. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Anthropic CEO denies wanting human surrender

ANTHROPIC chief executive Dario Amodei on Wednesday denied wanting humanity to give up its free will to AI, calling it "absurd" to attribute the idea to him as rival tech leaders push back.

"No, I do not believe that we should 'surrender human free will' to AI systems, and it's absurd to suggest that I do," Amodei wrote in a lengthy post on X, a week after Anthropic's record-setting stock market debut.

"We should never sacrifice legitimacy or self-determination at the altar of efficiency or security," he added.

Fears that AI tools could slip out of human control have haunted Silicon Valley since a string of incidents this summer, including the hacking of Hugging Face by autonomous AI agents developed by OpenAI. – AFP

Oldest known rocks in Asia discovered

CHINESE geologists have discovered rocks dating back 3.95 billion years, the oldest known in Asia, providing key evidence for understanding the early evolution of the Earth, the China Geological Survey announced on Friday.

The discovery was made by a team led by Wan Yusheng, a researcher with the Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences.

Earth formed about 4.5 billion years ago, but geological records from its first few hundred million years are extremely difficult to preserve, and samples from Earth's "childhood" period are very rare.

Found in the eastern part of Hebei Province, the rocks were dated at 3.95 billion years.

The discovery indicates that some form of subduction-related tectonic activity may have occurred on Earth 3.95 billion years ago, and provides direct evidence that the mantle had already become depleted during the Hadean Eon. – Xinhua

SPORTS

Boxing: Japan's Yabuki defends IBF flyweight world title for 3rd time



Japan's Masamichi Yabuki poses with his IBF flyweight championship belt after defeating Miel Fajardo by unanimous decision in Tokyo, Japan. **PHOTO: Kyodo**

JAPAN'S Masamichi Yabuki defended his IBF flyweight world title for the third time by beating Miel Fajardo of the Philippines by unanimous decision on Thursday.

Yabuki was in control from the opening bell at Ebara Wave Arena Ota in Tokyo, improving his record to 21 wins, including 18 by knockout, and four losses.

"I thought I'd be able to go for the knockout more, but I was probably too cautious," the 34-year-old Yabuki said. "I ended up taking the safer approach. The opponent also showed tremendous heart."

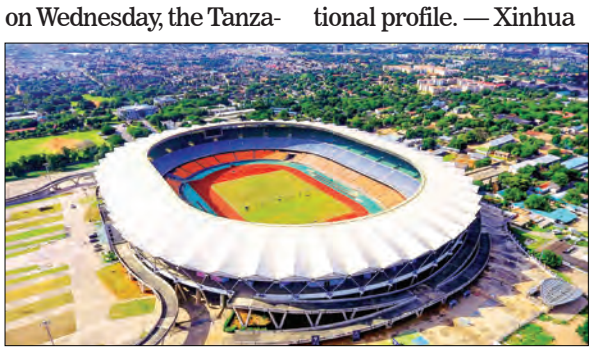
In the first of the night's two world title bouts in Tokyo, fellow Japanese Takeshi Ishii successfully defended his WBA minimumweight title for the first time with a unanimous decision win over Zyvyr John Medecilo of the Philippines.— Kyodo

Tanzania, CAF team up to promote tourism ahead of 2027 AFCON

TANZANIA has partnered with African football's governing body CAF to promote its tourism attractions internationally ahead of the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations, which it will co-host with Kenya and Uganda.

Under an agreement signed in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday, the Tanzania Tourist Board became an official sponsor of the tournament, seeking to use Africa's flagship international football competition to attract overseas visitors and investment.

CAF Secretary General Samson Adamu said the partnership would raise Tanzania's international profile. — Xinhua



Benjamin Mkapa Stadium is a multi-purpose stadium located in Miburani ward of Temeke District in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. **PHOTO: WIKIPEDIA**

2026 Region & State Futsal Tournament opens in Yangon

The opening ceremony of the 2026 Region and State Futsal Tournament was held at MFF Futsal Stadium in Thingangyun Township, Yangon Region, on the evening of 25 November, according to the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF).

At the ceremony, Deputy Minister for Sports U Myo Kyaw Thu delivered the opening address and officially declared the tournament open.

The ceremony was attended by Deputy Minister for Sports U Myo Kyaw Thu, Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs U Bo Htay, the Deputy Director-General of the Department of Sports and Physical Education and officials, MFF President U Zaw Zaw, invitees, team managers, coaches and athletes from the participating teams. — TWA/KZL



Scenes from the opening ceremony of the 2026 Region and State Futsal Tournament.

Depleted Bayern beaten by Lille in Champions League

BAYERN Munich suffered their first defeat of the season on Wednesday, losing 2-1 at Lille in the Champions League as a tough week for the German giants worsened.

Dayot Upamecano opened the scoring for Bayern but Ayase Ueda levelled for Lille before a horror Aleksandar Pavlovic own goal gifted the hosts victory.

Bayern were the only club in Europe's top-five leagues yet to have lost a match in any competition this season but came unstuck against a Lille side who entered the game second last in the table.

The defeat continued a terrible past few days for Bayern, who lost star striker Harry Kane for several months to a serious ankle injury on Friday and then had Michael Olise ruled out with a foot complaint.

Coach Vincent Kompany, who himself returned this week after a month out with meningeal irritation, brought Jamal Musiala off the bench for the last 15 minutes. — AFP



Bayern Munich midfielder Aleksandar Pavlovic reacts on the pitch after scoring an own goal during their Champions League defeat to Lille. **PHOTO: AFP**

Hosts Italy edge South Korea to reach Davis Cup semifinals

THREE-TIME reigning Davis Cup champions Italy booked their place in the semifinals Wednesday as Matteo Berrettini and Andrea Vavassori won the decisive doubles rubber to clinch a 2-1 victory over South Korea.

Former world number five Lorenzo Musetti beat 787th-ranked Hong Seong-chan 6-0, 7-6 (7/5) in the opening rubber to put hosts Italy on the board in Bologna.

However, Kwon Soon-woo kept an unfancied Korean team alive in the tie with a surprise three-set win over world number seven Flavio Cobolli, Italy's top-ranked player in the absence of the injured Jannik Sinner. — AFP

Barcelona's Lopez to miss Atletico Madrid clash after two-match ban

BARCELONA midfielder Fermin Lopez has been handed a two-match suspension by the Spanish Football Federation's disciplinary committee following his red card against Villarreal on Sunday.

Lopez was sent off after being substituted, with referee Alejandro Hernandez Hernandez stating in his post-match report that the Spain international had left the substitutes' bench, approached the fourth official and repeatedly shouted in protest after a penalty appeal was rejected.

The committee classified Lopez's conduct as a protest rather than contempt toward a match official, applying Article 127 of the federation's disciplinary code, which provides for a suspension of two to three matches or up to one month.

The committee rejected Barcelona's arguments against the dismissal and imposed the minimum suspension permitted under Article 127. — Xinhua

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WORLD

US grants SpaceX to deploy 1 mln satellites for data centres in space

THE US government on Wednesday granted SpaceX approval to deploy 1 million satellites so the company could operate artificial intelligence data centers in space.

The SpaceX constellation, called "Starmind", includes up to 1 million solar-powered, data centre satellites designed to run AI workloads in orbit and beam results back to Earth.

SpaceX must deploy and operate one authorized space station in its assigned orbit by 25 November 2033, while the remaining satellites must be launched and operational by 25 Novemnber 2040, according to the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC)'s order.

While proponents of orbital data centres say that capturing the sun's energy would ease pressure on power grids and other resources like water on Earth, opponents argue there are risks of polluting the atmosphere and in-orbit collisions that could impact other essential satellites. — Xinhua



A rendering shows a solar-powered SpaceX Starmind satellite orbiting above Earth to operate artificial intelligence data centres in space. **PHOTO: SPACEX**

Kim Jong-un unveils new nuclear materials plant

NORTH Korean leader Kim Jong-un has inspected a newly built facility for producing weapons-grade nuclear materials, ordering a major acceleration of the country's nuclear arsenal. He ordered the "geometric" qualitative and quantitative expansion of the DPRK's nuclear potential.

Kim declared that the international nuclear non-proliferation system has "collapsed as a matter of fact". blaming the US and its allies for facilitating nuclear technology transfers and increasing the danger of nuclear use. — SPUTNIK

World's longest underwater tunnel reaches milestone in China

THE right-hand bore of the Haitai Yangtze River Tunnel, the world's longest underwater shield-built highway tunnel, crossed beneath the Yangtze River on Thursday, becoming the first of the tunnel's two bores to reach the south bank. The country's self-developed tunneling machine completed the 7.46-kilometre under-river stretch.

The tunnel boring machine, named Jianghai, has a maximum excavation diameter of 16.64 metres. It began digging from the north bank in April 2025 and entered the under-river section that September. — Xinhua

Russia, Tajikistan strengthen metal industry ties, minister says

Russia maintains strong, long-established ties with Tajikistan in mining and metallurgy.

Russia and Tajikistan maintain strong ties in the metal industry, with metals accounting for over 10 per cent of the two countries' mutual trade, Russian Minister of Industry and Trade Anton Alikhanov said on Thursday.

"Returning to the topic of our forum, the mining and metal industries, I would like to say that we [Russia] have pretty strong, long-established ties with Tajikistan in these fields as well. If we analyze the structure of our trade, approximately 10 per cent or even a bit more of our foreign trade consists of metals," the minister said at the 3rd International Mining and Metallurgy Forum in Dushanbe,

Alikhanov said that when constructing or restoring the enterprises in the metal industry, it is necessary to reach a new technological level. Russian companies in this sector are already applying unmanned technologies and artificial intelligence to their operations, he said. — SPUTNIK



Molten ferroalloy is poured at the Chelyabinsk Electrometallurgical Plant in Russia, highlighting bilateral metal industry ties with Tajikistan. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

Fresh tariffs blitz pushes Asian nations to speed up trade deals with US

US President Donald Trump's fresh tariff blitz aims to pressure Asian countries into sealing trade deals with Washington so as to avoid unfavourable duty rates, analysts said on Thursday.

The proposed levies announced on Wednesday affect a range of nations in the region, from long-time US competitor China to allies like South Korea and Japan.

They could result in rates of up to 20 per cent on exports from the targeted countries, but face a period of public comment before taking effect, at the earliest in January.

The announcement came after Washington concluded a months-long probe into alleged excess production in the targeted economies, which itself followed the US Supreme Court's decision ruling that Trump's previous "Liberation Day" duties were illegal.

But "several of these economies already have prior negotiated tariff rates with the US, which would effectively cap the appliable rate", said MUFG economist Lloyd Chan in a note. — AFP



This photo taken on 7 March 2023 shows a wharf at the port of Busan, South Korea. The port of Busan is the largest seaport in the country. **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**