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Factories in designated industrial zones continue operations to boost production and generate employment opportunities.



President U Min Aung Hlaing inspects the practical testing facilities at the Myanmar-Japan Technological Development Centre 2 at the Yangon Technological University yesterday.

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

At the Yangon Technological University, Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw reported to the President on the construction of buildings, a sports ground and staff housing at the university. The President viewed the scale model of the university.

At the meeting hall of the university, the Union Minister briefed the President on the appointment of faculty members, attendance of students in academic years, requirements of hostels for students and staff, sports activities of students at the gymnasium and sports ground, and the need to build a recreation centre.

In giving guidance, the President stated that when upgrading sports grounds, proper arrangements should be made for entrance and exit routes to ensure systematic access, enable students to participate in physical exercise and sports activities, and facilitate the orderly organization of sporting events.

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A merchant vessel is seen berthing alongside the Yangon Port.

Egyptian Experts Share Cotton Cultivation Know-How


This picture shows a thriving cotton plantation.

TWO cotton experts from Egypt will share their knowledge and experience in cotton cultivation technology through training programmes, according to the Cotton Businesses Group.

The training programmes will cover cotton variety development in a 14-day course at the Cotton Research and Technology Development Farm (Lunkyaw); hybrid cotton seed production during a 30-day course at the Lunkyaw farm; seed class and seed multiplication in a 10-day course at the Lunkyaw farm; cotton cultivation systems, water and soil management, and pest and disease control in a 10-day course at the Shwetaung farm; post-harvest technology in a 10-day course at the Shwetaung farm; and cotton fiber and yarn quality in a 10-day course at the Shwetaung farm.

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Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued at 7 pm Saturday, 7 November 2026

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea, a few clouds over the Central Bay and South Bay of Bengal and generally fair elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 8 November 2026: Weather has been partly cloudy in upper Sagaing Region and Kachin and Chin states. Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayin, Mon and (southern and eastern) Shan states, fairly widespread in Mandalay Region, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Magway Region and Kayah and northern Shan states and isolated in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Yangon, Mandalay and Ayeyawady regions. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayah, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan states. 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 the Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 5-7 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR THE SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of increased rain in Mandalay, Magway and lower Sagaing regions and Chin, Rakhine and (northern and southern) Shan states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 November 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 November 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 November 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 80 per cent. — DMH

Question raised in Hluttaw on preservation of UNESCO-listed Indawgyi Lake

A question was raised in the Pyithu Hluttaw seeking timely preservation measures for the environmental degradation caused by illegal gold mining around Indawgyi Lake, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve located in Kachin State.



A panoramic view of the UNESCO-listed Indawgyi Lake.

The query was submitted by U Thet Paing Htoo, Hluttaw Representative for Hpakant Township, during the Pyithu Hluttaw session held on 4 November.

"The natural environment of the lake has been severely damaged mainly due to gold mining operations in the Indawgyi region. We cannot leave such damage as it is. All local ethnic people, including myself, must join hands to preserve it. That is why I raised the question in parliament, and the parliament explained the current security situation and the measures taken," he said.

According to field studies by organizations monitoring the conservation of Indawgyi Lake, business operators are conducting illegal gold mining activities by paying illegal fees to various armed groups along the upper reaches of Mongnawng Creek, between Mongnawng and Indawgyi, upstream of Nyaungbin Village, and along the upper reaches of Namding Creek, which forms part of the Indawgyi Biosphere Reserve. — TWA/ZN

Free Shuttles Carry Tazaungdine Visitors to Maravijaya Buddha Image



EV buses will run to the Maravijaya Buddha Image during the upcoming Tazaungdine Festival.

INCLUDING the Tawwin Bus Line, EV passenger bus lines will offer a free shuttle service to the world-famous Maravijaya Buddha Image in Nay Pyi Taw during the Tazaungdine Festival, so the public can go on pilgrimage smoothly. This service will be provided from 22 to 24 November under the management of the Nay Pyi Taw City Development Committee. Shuttle buses will run on four private routes to the Buddha Image. Route 1 starts from Boga Thiri Bus Terminal, passing major stops including Rose Roundabout, Zabuthiri Hospital, City Development Guest House, Thabyaygon Roundabout, Herbal Garden, Myoma Market, Thukha Tawwin Housing, and leading to the Maravijaya Buddha Image. The other starting points are Route 2 from Pyinmana/Lewe town, Route 3 from Thaik Chaung Junction, and Route 4 from Thaik Chaung Junction.

With these arrangements made, pilgrims to the Maravijaya Buddha Image during the Tazaungdine Festival days can now use these free bus lines smoothly and conveniently. — TWA/ZS

Bill amending salt law submitted to Yangon Region Hluttaw

ON the first day of the 1/2026 emergency session of the Third Yangon Region Hluttaw, the "Amendment Bill to the 2015 Yangon Region Salt and Salt Products Law", submitted by the Yangon Region government, was introduced to the Hluttaw.

The bill was officially presented to the regional parliament during the session by U Soe Oo, Yangon Region Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation.

Since Yangon Region has almost no areas suitable for direct sea-salt production, most operations involve transporting raw salt from other states and regions such as Ayeyawady Region and Mon State to Yangon for refining, packaging, and distribution. Therefore, the amendments aim to facilitate smoother procedures and business licensing opportunities for these local enterprises. The amendment contains approximately 16 points designed to modernize provisions in the original 2015 law that no longer align with current economic developments. — TWA/ZN



Salt workers are seen at the workplace in a salt field.

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Regarding the construction of reinforced concrete (RC) buildings, the President underlined that suitable locations that are easily accessible to students should be selected, with construction carried out based on careful calculations. The buildings should also feature modern designs appropriate to the times, with systematic designs prepared in advance before construction begins.

The President inspected the laboratories at the Myanmar-Japan Technological Development Centre 1 to assess their capacity to conduct testing and examination work, the site earmarked for the construction of an RC building, and the practical testing facilities at the Myanmar-Japan Technological Development Centre 2 for assessing the strength and durability of materials such as wood, iron, metals, concrete and soil.

He inspected the University Sports Ground and instructed officials to upgrade the sports ground.

The President looked into the proposed sites for the construction of Hlinethaya Township Football Stadium, located near Kyansittha Road and Ingalaing Creek in Ward 8 and another location beside Kanaung Minthagyi Road in Ward 15, Hlinethaya (East) Township.

The President and party toured Hlinethaya Township by car and gave necessary guidance to officials on ensuring systematic road conditions, compliance with traffic rules and regulations, and maintaining cleanliness and an attractive environment.

The President inspected the site chosen between Pathein Road and Penwegon Road on the Industrial Highway in Ward 34 in Shwepyitha Township and one more location on Pyidaungsu Road between Sabei and Sethmu roads in Ward 31 to construct a modern park and a township sports ground.

In the afternoon, the President met Union ministers, the Yangon Region Chief Minister, the Yangon Command commander, the Yangon City Development Committee chair, the Yangon Mayor and officials and gave guidance that

The President elaborated on the need for responsible officials to take systematic supervisory measures to ensure proper land use in all towns and villages across the country, including those in Yangon Region, and to ensure that land allocated for agricultural and livestock breeding activities is actually put to its intended use.

He also discussed the need to maintain clean, pleasant and attractive towns; ensure effective drainage; systematically plant trees to promote green spaces; and create a well-ventilated, healthy and balanced environment through disciplined supervision and management.

With regard to improving the education sector, he underscored the need to implement education reforms to ensure that all school-age children have access to education and that transition rates from one grade to the next increase. Regarding industrial production, he discussed the need to ensure that factories in designated industrial zones remain operational to increase production and create employment opportunities. Responsible officials should also inspect and supervise factories to ensure that workers receive their labour rights and work in a disciplined and systematic manner.

He further highlighted the need to calculate agricultural and livestock production requirements in proportion to the local population and ensure continuous production so that residents can purchase and consume sufficient supplies of meat, fish, various kinds of eggs and vegetables at affordable prices. – MNA/TTA

Toungoo beefs up agriculture, livestock and regional development projects

UNION Minister at the President's Office U Tin Aung San, who also serves as Chairman of the Steering Committee for the Implementation of Economic Development and Special Development Areas Based on Agriculture and Livestock Breeding in Meiktila, Yamethin and Toungoo districts, with Nay Pyi Taw as the focal point, inspected efforts in implementing the special development area in Toungoo District of Bago Region on 6 November.

At the meeting with officials at Khaboung Hall in Toungoo, the Union minister noted that it is necessary to promote agro-based industries that use industrial technologies to transform raw materials from the agriculture, livestock breeding and forestry sectors into value-added products.

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Union Minister U Tin Aung San observes a workplace of the Ayemyitta 100-tonne rice mill in Toungoo on 6 November.

Vice-President inspects completion of repairs and construction of staff housing in Nay Pyi Taw

VICE-President U Nyo Saw, accompanied by Union Minister at the President's Office U Tin Aung San, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Kan Myint Than and Deputy Minister for Construction Dr Thaung Naing, yesterday morning inspected the progress in repairing the staff housing damaged by the earthquake and the completion and construction of four-storey, four-unit staff housing in Nay Pyi Taw.



Vice-President U Nyo Saw inspects the completion of repairs and construction of four-storey, four-unit staff housing in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The Vice-President met officials responsible for the construction of new staff housing and the renovation of staff housing damaged by the earthquake at the project briefing hall in Plot 8-A, Thukha Theikdhi Ward, Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting, the Vice-President gave instructions to make arrangements for the construction of new buildings and the renovation of existing ones to provide civil servants with better and more comprehensive housing facilities than before, and to ensure that the work was completed on schedule, urging them to expedite the construction of all new staff housing and the renovation of existing staff housing, ensuring that the work is completed as soon as possible and meets the prescribed standards and quality requirements.

Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Kan Myint Than, Vice-Mayor U Win Moe Khine and Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Khin Maung Latt reported on the damage caused by the powerful Mandalay earthquake to government office buildings and staff housing under the Nay Pyi Taw Council, districts and townships. They also provided updates on the completion of renovation works, the handover of repaired buildings to the respective ministries, ongoing and outstanding repair works, and the progress of constructing new four-storey staff housing, each comprising four apartments, on designated plots to replace those that had been destroyed.

The Vice-President fulfilled the needs and inspected the completed construction of four-storey staff housing, each comprising four apartments, at Plot 8-A, including the apartment layouts and the installation of water storage tanks and water pumps for each building. The Vice-President also inspected the completed construction and apartment layouts of four-storey officers' housing, each comprising four apartments, at Plot 3, as well as the renovation of earthquake-damaged four-storey staff housing blocks, each comprising six apartments, in Danatheikdhi Ward and the arrangements for staff from the respective departments to resume residence there. He also gave necessary instructions to address the remaining requirements. — MNA/TTA

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Vice-President attends celebrations and funfairs to mark Kayin State Day

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



Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye visits the booth displayed at the ceremony to mark the 71st Anniversary of Kayin State Day in Hpa-an, Kayin State, yesterday.

All attendees saluted the flag of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and paid tribute to fallen leaders and heroes. The Vice-President read out the message sent by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Agga Maha Thray Sithu Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma U Min Aung Hlaing to the 71st anniversary of Kayin State Day. The Vice-President, Union ministers and dignitaries cut the ribbon to open the archway and gallery. The Vice-President released 71 white doves. The Vice-President attended the prize-awarding of vegetable and horticultural show and contest to mark Kayin State Day.

On the occasion, the Vice-President and party presented cash awards and certificates of recognition to prize winners.

In the afternoon, they watched the traditional boxing and KSLA golden belt championship to mark the Kayin State Day at Hlakamyin Gymnasium in Hpa-an. They also viewed the competition of rowers at the traditional boat race at Kanthaya Lake and presented prizes to winners.

In the evening, they enjoyed performances by Kayin 'Don' dance troupes at the 'Don' dance contest at Thiri Ground in Hpa-an. — MNA/TTA

Myanmar participates in HADR Exercise held in India

A delegation of Myanmar Tatmadaw personnel participated in the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Exercise (HADR-2026), held in the Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Naval Area in Chennai, India, from 5 to 7 November under the title "Ex Rahat Mitra".



Myanmar Tatmadaw personnel take part in the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Exercise in India.

The delegation departed from Yangon International Airport for Chennai on 4 November aboard an Indian Army aircraft to participate in the exercise. During the exercise, the Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation paid a courtesy call on Flag Officer Commanding Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Naval Area (FOTNA) Rear-Admiral Upal Kundu, VSM, at the Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Naval Headquarters. The delegation also attended briefings by officials from the Indian Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air Force) on disaster relief activities.

The Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation leader explained the role of the Myanmar Tatmadaw in disaster relief operations. The delegation also conducted cyclone-based tabletop exercises, demonstrated the structure and equipment of the Flood Relief Column at Adyar Naval Base, carried out drone-based search and rescue exercises, and demonstrated the structure and equipment of the Engineering Task Force. It also observed demonstrations of HADR temporary bridge construction and obstacle clearance, as well as displays of HADR bricks.

In addition, the Myanmar delegation viewed displays of Disaster Relief Force equipment; accommodation and supplies for disaster victims; communal kitchen equipment and food; communication equipment; and personal items used by the Flood Relief Team. It also observed preparations for transporting patients aboard an Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) and loading disaster relief supplies; preparations for the Indian Army Medical Corps Field Hospital/MI Room; an Indian Navy search and rescue demonstration and the air-dropping of relief supplies by a Chetak helicopter; and an Indian Navy search and rescue demonstration along the seashore using an ALH helicopter. Other activities included loading and unloading a patient on a stretcher using a hoisting motor and transporting a patient by helicopter. The Myanmar delegation attended a dinner hosted aboard an Indian Navy ship before returning to Yangon International Airport aboard an Indian Navy aircraft yesterday afternoon. – Htun Htun/MKKS

Toungoo beefs up agriculture,...

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He stressed that in raising chickens, pigs, goats and cattle in the district, livestock breeding should be expanded to include fish and ducks, taking advantage of the favourable rainfall conditions. Efforts should also be made to develop MSME businesses producing chicken meat, eggs and frozen meat into model enterprises.

The Union minister underlined that a clean and green town plan must be implemented in Toungoo with systematic municipal areas, urban areas and roads.

The Union minister attended the harvesting of the model plot on Htihlaing Road in Toungoo. He also visited the Aden strain poultry farm of U Saw El Do in Zeedaing Village of Toungoo Township. He urged the farmer to keep breeding records, improve the linkage with the meat production market and contribute to ensuring local food security.

While in Toungoo, the Union minister visited the Ayemyitta 100-tonne rice mill, inspected construction of the Toungoo detour railway and the fish farm of Kaytumadi Fish Farming Production Cooperative Limited.

He also observed breeding tasks at the pig farm in Mahin Village, production at the Pangaba paper mill in Thawunnge Ward, the rice noodle industry in Natshinnaung Ward, the layer farm and Khaing Shwewah oil mill in Kyungon Village-tract, and the bamboo chopsticks industry in Indaing Village. — MNA/TTA

Myanmar, China Hold Kunming Talks to Ease Trade Flow

DISCUSSIONS were held at the Kunming Customs Department in Yunnan Province on 4 November to facilitate smoother and faster official trade between Myanmar and China, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Discussions were held between Myanmar Consul-General U Zeyar Myo Myint of the Consulate-General of Myanmar in Kunming and Mr Shi Jianjin, Director-General of Kunming Customs (Yunnan Province).

During the meeting, the two sides focused primarily on facilitating smoother and faster official trade flows between Myanmar and China, increasing exports of Myanmar's agricultural and aquatic products to China, enhancing cooperation on customs procedures, and strengthening coordination between relevant departments to promote trade growth. — ASH/TH

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Measures Stepped Up to Tackle Water Shortages and Open Heat Shelters

OFFICIALS inspected preparations in Minbu, Magway Region, on the afternoon of 6 November for the opening of heat shelters in response to the El Niño weather phenomenon and measures to prevent drinking water shortages. Minbu District Administration and Management Committee Chairman and District Administrator U Aye Lwin and other officials inspected preparations at the Sasana Beikman in Minbu, where a heat shelter is being arranged to accommodate around 150 people. They also inspected preparations for accommodation, drinking water and administrative and logistical support to ensure that necessary healthcare services could be provided to those staying there.



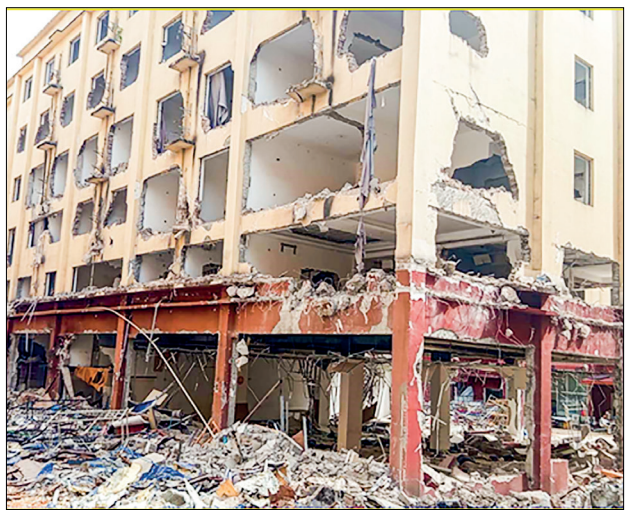
This photo shows a heat shelter in Minbu, Magway Region. **PHOTO: MAUNG MAUNG (MINBU)**

The district administration and management committee chairman and officials inspected the advance storage of water at three reservoirs managed by the Township Development Committee. They also inspected the rotational distribution of drinking water to the four main urban wards as part of the town's water supply system and made arrangements to address any requirements.

Meanwhile, as part of public awareness activities concerning the El Niño weather phenomenon, staff from the Minbu District Information and Public Relations Department distributed leaflets on disaster preparedness and preventive measures against natural disasters that could occur as a result of El Niño. The leaflets were distributed at markets, bus terminals, road junctions and other crowded public places. – Maung Maung (Minbu)/ MKKS

Ongoing demolition of illegal buildings in Shwe Kokko Phase II

THE Government of Myanmar is cooperating with neighbouring countries and other countries in the region to completely eradicate online scams and online gambling activities, which pose threats to global socio-economic development and national security. As part of these efforts, illegal buildings in the Shwe Kokko area, where such activities were most prevalent, are being systematically demolished to prevent them from being resumed there.



New image reveals the ongoing demolition of scam-related structures, buildings, and facilities in the Shwe Kokko Phase II area, Myawady, Kayin State.

In this regard, as of today, 90 per cent of a six-storey building in Shwe Kokko Phase II, which was used for online scam and gambling activities, has been demolished using machinery. Demolition work on another five-storey building in the area had also reached 30 per cent completion.

A total of 63 remaining buildings in Shwe Kokko Phase II that were used for online scam and gambling activities have been classified according to the demolition methods to be employed. These include buildings to be demolished using machinery, those to be demolished through controlled explosions, and those located close to residential homes, which will be dismantled floor by floor by manual labour. Of these, four buildings designated for demolition through controlled explosions and five designated for demolition using machinery, bringing the total to nine, have already been systematically demolished. The remaining 54 illegal buildings will also continue to be systematically demolished, according to reports. – 100/KZL

Shwe Mann Chantha's Golden Festival set for Wazira Cinema

A major performance, 'Shwe Mann Chantha's Golden Festival', will be staged at the Wazira Cinema in Kyauktada Township, Yangon Region, starting at 4 pm on Friday, 20 November.



Golden Festival will be staged on 20 November at Wazira Cinema (pictured).

The performance will feature renowned traditional theatre actor Shwe Mann Chantha, actress Khine Mar Lwin of the National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon), and actors Chit Swantha and Myint Moh Chantha alongside numerous other traditional performing artistes.

"We are delighted to announce that the grand performance, 'Shwe Mann Chantha's Golden Festival', presented by the Thitsa Myitta Shwe Mann traditional theatre troupe, will soon be staged for lovers of traditional theatrical performance. Many performing artistes will join me in presenting a wide range of traditional performances on the Wazira Cinema stage, including the customary duo dance, opera and drama. We warmly invite everyone to come and enjoy the show," said veteran traditional theatre actor Shwe Mann Chantha. — ASH/MKKS

Nyaungshwe's MSY Village Project activities inspected

OFFICIALS from the Nyaungshwe Township Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, conducted a field inspection of the activities implemented under the Mya Sein Yaung (MSY) Village Project in Linkin Village, Nyaungshwe Township, on 7 November.

Kalaw District Rural Development Department Department Head U Aung Zaw Lin, Nyaungshwe Township Rural Development Department Officer Daw Yu Yu and project staff inspected the agricultural activities implemented in Linkin Village with a budget of K41.4 million under the MSY Village Project. The status of livestock and trading activities and the completion of the monthly report forms were checked, and the necessary coordination was made by U Aung Zaw Lin, District Head of the Kalaw Rural Development Department.



Officials oversee an agricultural project in Nyuaungshwe Township, southern Shan State.

In Linkin Village, 173 agricultural workers, one livestock worker, 25 traders and a vocational school worker, 200 borrowers in total, were given loans worth K41.4 million, according to U Aung Zaw Lin, District Head of the Kalaw Rural Development Department. — Hein Htet Soe (Mahlaing)

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Weekly Roundup

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President inspects development projects in Nay Pyi Taw

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing made an inspection tour of efforts to implement development projects in Union Territory Nay Pyi Taw to meet urban characteristics.

5 November

Ministry title renamed

The Office of the President issued Notification 143/2026 to rename the title of the Ministry of Industry and Micro, Small, Medium and Enterprises Development as the Ministry of Industry and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development.

7 November

President sends message to Kayin State Day

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Agga Maha Thray Sithu Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma U Min Aung Hlaing sent a message to the ceremony to mark the 71st Anniversary of Kayin State Day, which falls on 7 November 2026.

President joins Deepavali celebration

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing graced the Deepavali celebration organized by Hindu communities in Myanmar at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township, Yangon.

President inspects Mayangon's Maha Pasana Cave

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing inspected the maintenance and renovation work being carried out to ensure the long-term sustainability and structural durability of the Maha Pasana Cave in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region.

President looks into university facilities in Kamayut, Yangon

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing inspected educational, administrative, sports and healthcare facilities at the university campus in Kamayut Township, Yangon, and provided guidance on infrastructure development, facility upgrading and maintenance.

VP inspects industrial, livestock and youth centre in Kayin State

Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye inspected industrial, livestock and youth development facilities in Hpa-an, Kayin State. — GNLM/TTA

Black Sheep wins 2 international film awards at Belarus International Film Festival



Actress Phway Phway and director Aung Myat, who won awards at the XXXII Minsk International Film Festival "Listapad 2026". **PHOTO: PHWAY PHWAY FB**

A Myanmar film, Black Sheep, has won two international awards at the XXXII Minsk International Film Festival "Listapad" 2026, held in Minsk, Belarus, according to award-winning actress Academy Phway Phway.

At the festival, Phway Phway, the lead actress in the Black Sheep film, won the Best Actress Award in a Fiction Film, while director Ko Aung Myat received the Belarus President's Special Prize – "For Humanism and Spirituality in Cinema" for his ability to convey humanitarian and spiritual values through the art of filmmaking.

"Winning two awards with a film from Myanmar at such a major international film festival is an extremely joyful and proud moment for all of us," Academy Phway Phway wrote on her social media page.

This year's Listapad International Film Festival received more than 3,300 film entries from 108 countries, of which 130 films from 55 countries were selected for screening. It was among these selected films that the Myanmar production achieved this international recognition. — Htun Htun/MKKS

Literary, Photo Contests Mark December Mass Sports Drive

SHORT story, article, poetry and photography competitions will be held to mark the December 2026 Mass Sports Movement, with entries accepted until 19 January 2027, according to an announcement by the Ministry of Sports.

Prizes in each category will be awarded as follows: K1 million for first prize, K800,000 for second prize, K600,000 for third prize and K500,000 for consolation prizes.

For the literary competitions, entrants must write under titles of their choice on topics including recommendations for increasing public participation in mass sports, the relationship between sports and health, youth development. Manuscripts must be typed in Microsoft Word using Unicode Pyidaungsu font, size 13. The required lengths are 11-12 A4 pages for short stories, 9-10 pages for articles and 5-6 pages for poetry.

The photography competition will accept documentary photographs featuring activities under the December 2026 Mass Sports Movement and sports competitions held to mark the 79th Independence Day in 2027. Colour photographs must be given titles and submitted in a 10-by-14-inch format.

Winning entries will be published in daily newspapers, the department's monthly newsletter and sports journals. For further information about the competitions, interested individuals may contact the following numbers: 09 255832499, 09 420134280 or 09 428710700. — TWA/TH

Several Towns Hit New Temperature Records in Oct-Nov



People going about their daily activities amid high daytime temperatures.

SEVERAL towns across Myanmar recorded new maximum temperatures in October and early November, with Kyaukse and Pyapon setting records multiple times, according to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH).

Kyaukse (Lun Kyaw Station) in Mandalay Region set new records on three consecutive days, recording 98.2°F on 1 November, 98.6°F on 2 November and 100.4°F on 3 November. Kalewa in Sagaing Region also set records on two consecutive days, with 95.0°F on 1 November and 96.4°F on 2 November.

Pyapon in Ayeyawady Region recorded new maximum temperatures of 96.8°F on 5 October, 97.2°F on 10 October, 97.7°F on 13 October and 97.9°F on 2 November. Kawkareik in Kayin State recorded 98.8°F on 21 October and 99.7°F on 22 October, while Dawei in Taninthayi Region recorded 99.7°F on 26 October and 100.0°F on 1 November. Mudon in Mon State registered 97.0°F on 14 October and 99.1°F on 31 October.

DMH also reported new maximum temperature records in Zaungtu, Kawthoung, Manaung, Kanbalu, Hkamti, Hsipaw, Lashio, Thazi (Hlaingtet), Toungoo, Hinthada and Heho. — ASH/KNN

NATIONAL

Yangon Port handles 574 container vessels in Jan-Oct

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MYANMA Port Authority's statistics showed arrivals of a total of 574 container vessels at Yangon Port in the past ten months (January-October) of 2026.

Yangon Port handled arrivals of 56 container vessels in October, 61 in September, 55 each in August, July and June, 57 in May, 53 in April, 59 in March, 60 in February and 63 in January 2026. Moreover, 58 vessels are scheduled to arrive at the port in November.



Loading and unloading containers are seen at Yangon Port.

After the new navigation channel (Kings Bank Channel) accessing the inner Yangon River was found, the draft extension work was accelerated. Afterwards, the port can now handle larger ships. The container vessel MV SITC Zhaoming (185.99-metre LOA, 35.25-metre Beam, 29,232 GRT and 2,698 TEUs) of Hong Kong-based SITC Shipping Line docked at Asia World Port Terminal for the first time on 22 June, which is the largest ship that AWPT Port handled. — NN/KK

GTI Insein to conduct Training of Trainers programme

THE Government Technical Institute (Insein) under the Department of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (DTVET) of the Ministry of Science and Technology will conduct the 1/2026 Training of Trainers programme to produce local expertise in electric vehicle technology, maintenance and repairs. Applicants must be in good health, suited to technical and vocational work and able to carry out practical work.


A practical training session is conducted under the Insein GTI ToT Programme.

Civil Service personnel of the Ministry of Science and Technology or related ministries holding GTHS (AT, ET, ECT), ITC (AT), AGTI, BTech, BE, PhD (Mech, EP, EC, MC) or ME; employees of private companies or businesses involved in EV and related industry; or those who have completed at least basic education high school are eligible to attend the training.

The course will offer both practical and technical knowledge of EVs with the use of modern laboratory equipment. Trainees must attend the full six-week course and will receive a certificate upon completion.

Applicants must submit a copy of the citizenship scrutiny card; an original health certificate endorsed by the township public health department; a copy of education certificates; a copy of the household registration bearing the applicant's name; an original police clearance certificate from the relevant township police station; and three passport-size colour photographs.

The course will run from 9 am to 4 pm from 9 November to 18 December, at the Government Technical Institute (Insein), corner of Min Gyi Road and Lower Mingaladon Road, in front of the Pyitawtha bus stop, Insein Township, Yangon Region. The course will accept 25 trainees. Interested individuals can enquire about details at 09 443973606. — NN/KK

Egyptian Experts Share ...

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Each course will be held with 20 trainees, including 15 from the seven cotton farms under the Cotton and Allied Fibre Crops Division and five interested business operators (seed producers or cotton product businesses).

Interested business operators must cover their own travel and food costs and must attend the full course. Interested cotton business entities can register with the Cotton Association by 8 November. — NN/KK

YSX trading value exceeds K1.57B in Oct

THE total trading of the eight listed companies on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) totalled K1.57 billion, with 245,996 shares changing hands in October 2026, according to YSX's statistics.

MTSH topped the trading on YSX with 88,829 shares valued at K754 million, followed by FMI with 16,716 shares valued at over K314.8 million, MAEX with 28,133 shares valued at K178.246 million, EFR with 89,473 shares valued at K147.95 million, FPB with 14,087 shares valued at K95.7 million, MCB with 5,823 shares valued at K73.15 million, TMH with 2,007 shares valued at K6.46 million and AMATA with 928 shares valued at K 3.9 million.

The YSX was established in 2015 and currently lists eight public companies and eight companies – First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB), TMH Telecom Public Co Ltd (TMH), the Ever Flow River Group Public Co Ltd (EFR), Amata Holding Public Co Ltd (AMATA) and Myanmar Agro Exchange Public Co Ltd (MAEX) are listed on the security market.

The stock trading value was estimated at K1.5 billion with trading volume of 223,793 shares in September 2026. The stock trading value in October is up by over K73.5 million compared to that of September. — NN/KK



This file photo shows the facade view of the office building of the Yangon Bourse.

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OPINION

Raising awareness of heat risks and water scarcity

A CLOSER look at the Earth reveals that water covers a much larger area than land. Approximately 97 per cent of the Earth's water is saltwater, which is unsuitable for drinking. Of the remaining three per cent of freshwater, about two per cent is locked up in ice, making it inaccessible for human use. Consequently, only around one per cent of the Earth's total water resources is actually available for human consumption and use.

According to forecasts and assessments based on announcements issued by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and international climate centres, sea surface temperatures in the tropical Pacific Ocean near the equator are currently 2.5° to 2.8° Celsius above normal, while atmospheric conditions remain in a strong El Niño state. The El Niño phenomenon is forecast to reach its peak intensity in November and December 2026.

The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology has advised relevant sectors to make advance preparations for the potential impacts of the El Niño phenomenon during the coming winter and summer seasons. These impacts may include higher temperatures and water shortages, reduced water levels in rivers, streams, lakes, ponds and wells, shortages of drinking water and water for agricultural purposes, and inadequate water supplies. Other possible consequences include heatstroke, dehydration and diarrhoeal diseases resulting from water scarcity. In addition, reduced inflows into reservoirs and dams may lead to a decline in hydropower generation, potentially increasing demand for electricity.

People are advised to adopt water-saving practices during this period. These include turning off taps when brushing their teeth, washing their faces and rinsing dishes, and turning them on only when necessary; avoiding prolonged water use when bathing; washing clothes in full loads rather than washing small quantities frequently; and ensuring that washing machines and dishwashers are sufficiently loaded in accordance with their recommended capacities before operating them. These practices will not only help reduce water consumption but also save time and electricity.

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To conserve freshwater, arrangements should be made to reuse water whenever possible. Everyone should work together by raising awareness and sharing knowledge about the importance of water conservation within their communities, workplaces, and among friends and family. Rainwater collection tanks or other rainwater harvesting systems should also be installed to collect and store rainwater for watering plants and gardening activities. As properly planting and maintaining trees helps naturally collect and retain water, trees should be systematically planted and cared for to ensure environmental sustainability over the long term.

BOOKRACK

POEM



Book Title	-	Towards the Land of a Little Stream
Author	-	Myaylatt Maung Myint Thu
Publishing House	-	San Hnyun Hsu Sarpay
Publication Date	-	October 2026 (1st Edition)
Price	-	K12,000

Towards the Land of a Little Stream

A modest collection of essays by seasoned writer Saya Myaylatt Maung Myint Thu has recently been published. The book is titled Towards the Land of a Little Stream, with cover art illustrated by artist Ko Aung Kyaw. The author has penned and published 31 books to date, winning the National Literature Award in 2022 for his essay collection Wishing to Love Because the Name Smells Sweet.

The author poetically titled the preface of his book: "Hands Clasping in Gratitude and Repayment, Bearing Cherished Love and Goodwill."

He opens his foreword: "This upcoming publication, Towards the Land of a Little Stream, marks the 31st milestone in my literary journey. Furthermore, because 'San Hnyun Hsu Sarpay' is the publishing imprint of U Thein Lwin, I consider this to be the sixth offering of goodwill from U Thein Lwin. For a commercial, non-bestselling, ordinary writer like me to have six books brought to fruition – I truly understand and feel in my heart that this stems from no ordinary loving-kindness (Metta) and no ordinary sympathetic joy (Mudita).

If taking a single mouthful of food warrants gratitude, then the favour of publishing an entire book goes beyond words.

Harbouring this sentiment deeply in my chest, with devoted faith and raised hands of reverence, I offer my enduring goodwill again and again, feeling that no tribute of words could ever repay the debt of gratitude owed to all those who have published my books..."

In the author's opening essay, "Only When Longing Unfolds Is There Reason to Long," he writes:

"Out of longing, I string these words together... As red, yellow, and blue clouds paint the sky, which way – left or right – should guide my longing? Oh, great lotus pond... which way, left or right, should point my yearning? …"

"I quietly hummed this fragment of Nandawshae Saya Tin's song 'Sein Mya Lyan Chal Aung Pin Le' (The Lush Green Verdure of Aung Pin Le) … Ah, Saya Tin, what wonder you hold! … Not merely in songs, but whenever we write prose and poetry – though not every single moment is born of longing – I must confess that countless times, we write because we miss something.

Longing. What is longing?

Others before me have defined it according to their own sensibilities and visions. As for me, born of the countryside, is it perhaps like taking out, one by one, the roasted lablab beans tucked into my waistband as a young boy tending cattle, chewing them just to stave off hunger even while knowing they won't truly satisfy the appetite? Or is it like repeatedly summoning into consciousness the memories kept hidden in the depths of the heart for someone special? I find myself searching to capture its shape."

In the essay "Fragments of Imagery Aboard the Up-Country Train, Beyond the Era of Ma Thein Shin" by Naing Win Swe:

"The weather was unsettled. The late month of Tabodwe had arrived, and winter was waning. Summer had not yet fully announced itself. Half-chilly and half-warm, it was a season where the faint, gentle breeze felt extraordinarily thin. It was only 4:30 in the morning when our group arrived at the Yangon Central Railway Station…"

The piece begins this way, before concluding with the lines:

"Fifty years ago, Saya Naing Win Swe created the world of Ma Thein Shin; today, there are many new 'Nyo Nyo', faces caked thickly with Thanaka boarding at Nyaunglebin Station, and bitter imagery of lives on the northbound train – lives and poems that I cannot be certain will rhyme gracefully if I continue to write them..."



Book Title	-	Mists... Stars... Moonlight ...
Author	-	Naing Win Thi
Publishing House	-	Linn Lun Khin
Publication Date	-	October 2026 (1stEdition)
Price	-	K12,000

Mists... Stars... Moonlight...

"WHEN a large, resonant voice sang a song of "Pan New Ka Sein (green vines)", not only their little circle but the entire Kyauktan jetty felt a thrilling tremor in the star-dusted, misty night of the jetty."

That little passage is from an essay titled "Mists... Stars... Moonlight." It is a preview of the newly released essay collection by Saya Naing Win Thi, a native of Thanlyin who is inclined to write essays, prose, and poetry. Furthermore, he has also dedicated it: "To Ma Ni, who shared and endured all manner of a writer's hardships for many years "

Sayama Pandora, who wrote the foreword for this book, says that "Saya Naing Win Thi's passages take the reader back to their past. Then they startle the present life into sudden awareness. Then they set one thinking wistfully about the future. Most sentences are about the writer and his surroundings. Drifting along, they become about things around the readers. They become things that concern the readers themselves. The writer's words strike with a steady rhythm. Are the soft moonlight and the green-red-blue stars still glimmering in the sky? In the world outside, the mists are still hanging. And amidst the misty haze, the sound of bells is still heard, one after another."

I happened to read Saya Naing Win Thi's literary writings in this book. Although some contain poem-like prose such as "Thanlyin," many are essay-like writings based on the writer's experiences and life journey. For example, "Gentle Breeze Under Neem Tree" is rather like a travel essay about returning occasionally to the Popa area and the Natmauk region. But it is not an ordinary travel experience. The writer has composed with words that not only let readers visualize the region's scenic beauty and atmosphere before their eyes, but also let the scent of neem and the scent of the dry zone waft through. Poetic fragments, song lyrics, and historical images that spontaneously enter the mind while travelling are also interwoven.

The book's opening essay, "This Winter, Spring Moonlight and Our Youth's Dates," begins with the following passage: "Star City" In fact, the place she is now is the very place where countless memories have clung and lived in my life; a jetty where ferries dock all day, resting on the muddy-yellow Bago River, gazing wistfully toward some distant place. It is in this place that the Longing Stupa, built and worshipped with Mwe Nwan's yearning, still stands wistfully on a high hillside to this day. Whenever soft, cool breezes sweep in from the river, the ringing tones of the pagoda's bells drift among the shadows of old banyan trees, wavering and floating."

The collection of essays includes Gentle Breeze under Neem Tree, Dawna Road Show, Paukkan Breeze, Thanlyin (or the Town Hiding Among Trees), Purple-blue Inya, "The Lighthouse at the Southern Tip, Crossing the Sea, Sanda Keinari, Stars, "Maezar Dewdrop, Namkham Moonlight and Bong Chaung Orchestra, Samsara, When the Great War Ended, A Rat on Social Media, The Longing Railway Station, Myaing Hay Wun and This Winter, Spring Moonlight and Our Youth's Dates and so on.

In summary, Saya Naing Win Thi's essays display a full range of colours, shades and thoughts. Some offer wide vistas, some are fleeting glimpses, some resemble paintings, and some are portrayed like poems. Some of the writer's words are heard, listened to and felt as thoughts, views and voices. It is a collection of essays that demand re-reading.



A Modern and Beautiful Nay Pyi Taw

By Min Min Zan

Nay Pyi Taw, our capital bright,
Is growing with a future shining light.
With roads and bridges built to last,
It welcomes all, both near and far, steadfast.

Green trees and flowers beautify the land,
With parks and gardens, carefully planned.
Fine arts and statues honour history,
And Union pride shines for all to see.

With knowledge, skill, and work well done,
A modern city rises with the sun.
May peace and progress forever stay,
And Nay Pyi Taw grow more beautiful each day.

The Earthquake of Life

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

In human life,
In the river of care, if a storm goes to strike
And by the water flow, its bank gets hit,
Like the tree by the bank is uprooted, gone and adrift,
With a pounding heart, nerves jump at the bit;
Heart disease to the death
Out of the blue comes to touch;
With a forward and backward drive, I'm struggling,
Not discouraged; keeping my chin up,
Walking tall and resilient to it - life suffering;
Though under topsy-turvy torture, I'm sticking to it;
Until it's cut down out of pure greed,
The stump of life cannot be annihilated -
He who makes a desperate and unshrinking effort,
Building up his budding strength,
Has got to bounce back -
No day or night; I am out tired -
Although practising mindfulness,
As one of the regulars, I become attached;
I, also a human being, am broken-hearted
While experiencing the earthquake.

ဘဝလျှင်

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သောကမြစ်ပြင်၊ မုန်တိုင်းဝင်၍
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ထူထောင်နေရ၊ ကုန်းရုန်းထ၏
နေ့ညမရှိ၊ ပင်ပန်းဘိ၏
သတိသမ္မဇဉ်၊ တရားယုဉ်လည်း
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လေ့ငင်လှုပ်ခါ ကြုံဆဲပင်။

ထီလာစံသူ

Because the rabbit was not caught

By Maung Swan Yi (Translated by Myint Zan)

all day long
searching for rabbits
not even footprints were found

because no rabbit was caught
(I) just picked whatever vegetables I found
Hsoo poke ywet
and took (for meals)
a pack of vegetables with strong odours
(Barleria intsia)



Composed on 30 October 1959
Translated on 7 November 2026

ယုန် မမိ၍

တစ်နေကုန် ယုန်ရှာ
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NATIONAL
Entertainment

Rock Night Show set for 24 Nov



A Rock Night Show titled 'Say Paung Kha Tae Nya' (Night of the Healing Herbs) featuring Rock Legend singer Zaw Win Htut will be held on the upcoming Full Moon Day of Tazaungmone (24 November) in the evening, according to Inya Lake Hotel Yangon.
At the concert, attendees can fully experience Zaw Win Htut's charismatic stage performance and memorable rock classics, accompanied by the Emperor Band, all in one venue. The 'Say Paung Kha Tae Nya' Rock Night Show will commence at 6 pm on 24 November at the Inya Lake Hotel Yangon.—TWA/TH

Family show screening held for feature film 'Matan Maya'

A Family Show screening of the feature film 'Matan Maya' (Unworthy), produced by Hmaw Film Production, was held at Wazira Cinema in Yangon. The original story for 'Matan Maya' was written by director Min Set Thit, while the screenplay was adapted by Ingyin Han. The film was directed by Min Set Thit for Hmaw Film Production.



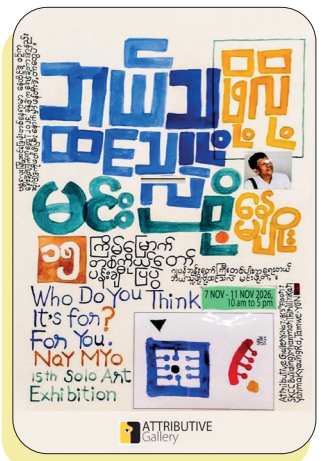
"It is a story that combines suspense and thriller elements. I feel immense joy and pride to have had the opportunity to direct Academy Award winners Nay Toe and Phway Phway, whom I deeply respect and admire. In addition, Ma Ki delivers a fine performance, while Ma Phway Phway's beloved little cutie, Cruella, also makes a special appearance in the film. Audiences will be on the edge of their seats as they watch how the desire for an undeserved life leads to a dramatic downfall," said director Min Set Thit. The feature film stars Academy Award winners Nay Toe, Phway Phway and Khin Zarchi Kyaw, along with Win Thabyay Htun, Charlie Nyein, Adira Oo, Cruella, Win Khant Kyaw and many other artistes.—TWA/TH

Yangon to host 15th Solo Art Exhibition

A solo art exhibition titled Whom Do You Think It Is For? It Is For You by Mandalay-born artist Nay Myo will be held, according to Nama Withaythana Art Gallery.

"This exhibition marks artist Nay Myo's 15th Solo Art Exhibition. Rooted in minimalist concepts and perspectives, it invites viewers to appreciate the artist's simple yet profound artistic beauty. Furthermore, each artwork is dedicated to family members, making this a truly distinctive and heartfelt exhibition. We warmly invite everyone to visit and experience these contemporary line artworks, which allow the imagination to flow freely and effortlessly," said the gallery manager.

The exhibition will run from 7 to 11 November at Nama Withaythana Art Gallery, 7/8, SKCC Building (5th Floor), Myanmar-Sri Lanka Rama Monastery Street, Natchaung Ward, Tamway Township, Yangon.—Htun Htun/TH



Feature film 'Say' begins production with ceremonial launch

A ceremony to mark the start of filming for the feature film 'Say' (Command), produced by Moe Kaung Kin Film Production, was held at Aintawya Pagoda in Yangon. The original story and screenplay for 'Say' were written by Htet Myet Zin Naing, while the film will be directed by Mae Min Bon for Moe Kaung Kin Film Production.



"Shwe Thamee, Hein Thiha, Myo Thanda Htun, Wa Wa Aung, myself and many other actors are appearing in this film. I will portray a character with a tone and personality that I have never taken on before. I accepted the role because I particularly liked this aspect of the character. The story is based on the novel titled A Summer That Drank Snow. Set against the backdrop of modern urban life, the film combines romantic fantasy with health-related perspectives and other thought-provoking elements," said actor Tyron, who stars in the movie.
The feature film 'Say' stars Tyron, Shwe Thamee, Hein Thiha, Myo Thanda Htun, Wah Wah Aung and many other artistes.—TWA/TH

Filming commences for television drama series 'Bedayi'

A traditional auspicious ceremony to pay respects ahead of the shooting of the television drama series 'Bedayi', produced by Tawwin Nan San Film and Video Production and Distribution, was held at Kyaikkasan Pagoda in Yangon. The original novel on which the series is based was written by Yoon Thakhin, while the screenplay was adapted by Yoon Thakhin and Wera May. The series was directed by Htet Gyi (Pauk Kwai The) for Tawwin Nan San Film and Video Production and Distribution. "It portrays the natural dynamics of family relationships and incorporates elements of romance. There will also be some unexpected plot twists. We will do our utmost to bring this story to life for audiences, so I would like to encourage everyone to stay tuned for its release," said actor Kaung Myat San, who stars in the series. The series features an ensemble cast including Academy Award winners Khant Si Thu, Ye Aung and Myat Kay Thi Aung, along with Kaung Myat San and many other artistes. It will be available on the Mahar application and the Mahar TV channel. - TWA/TH



Veteran star's husband to host Aung Zabu dramatic troupe in Mawlamyine

KO ZAY THI HA, husband of actress Nanda Hlaing, announced on his social media page that he would be hosting and presenting the Aung Zabu Traditional Dramatic Troupe in Mawlamyine.

"Yesterday, I met with Aung Zabu and discussed the upcoming event in Mawlamyine. I also asked him all the questions I had about his work. Since I already felt close to him, I kept asking so many questions that my wife even had to stop me. During our conversation, in addition to the two nights of performances scheduled for March in Mawlamyine, we also agreed to arrange an additional two-night performance within the grounds of Win Sein Tawya Byai Hnit Kaung Monastery in January," he wrote.



The exact dates of the shows will be officially announced later.—TWA/TH

Press launch held for television drama series

A press launch for the television drama series 'Thitsa Seinn Seinn', which is scheduled to begin airing weekly on MRTV-4 on 11 November, was held at Mingala Cinema in the Kanthaya Shopping Mall in Yangon, according to reports.

The story and screenplay for 'Thitsa Seinn Seinn' were written and adapted by Htet Myet Zin Naing, while the series was directed by Ko Ko Win for Niyayana Production.

"Since we spent more than three months filming this series in Pindaya during the winter, putting a great deal of effort and time into the production, I believe audiences will enjoy it. In the mornings, we had to learn traditional Danu dances, while in the evenings, we studied the Danu language and script. It was truly a memorable experience. The series tells a unique and intriguing story about reincarnation across two lifetimes. Please tune in and support the series when it airs," said actor Sai Si Tuam Kham, who stars in the series. The series cast includes Sai Si Tuam Kham and many other artistes.—TWA/TH

WORLD

NEWS IN BRIEF

Malaysia suspends Najib's transfer to house arrest

MALAYSIA'S attorney-general on Friday temporarily suspended implementation of an order allowing jailed former Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak to serve the remainder of his six-year corruption sentence at home.

Najib's lawyer earlier in the day obtained a court order allowing his release from prison and placement under house arrest after his party, the United Malays National Organization, said it paid a fine of 50 million ringgit ($12.3 million) on his behalf by raising the sum in a crowdfunding drive.

The Attorney-General's Chambers said in a statement that the implementation of the house arrest order has been "temporarily suspended until further review and clarification" partly due to its implications for another jail sentence Najib received. — Kyodo

Iranian lawmaker warns oil prices could hit $150

THE price of oil will reach $150 if the United States and Israel resume hostilities against Iran, Iranian lawmaker Hossein-Ali Haji-Deligani warned on Friday.

"In the event of any kind of destructive actions or attacks by the United States and the Zionist regime, the response of the Islamic Republic of Iran will be that the missiles will reach Europe, and this will lead to the price of oil exceeding $150," Haji-Deligani was quoted as saying by the Tasnim news agency. — SPUTNIK

Pope Leo begins South America tour in 'fairly good shape'

The 71-year-old pontiff will visit Uruguay, Argentina and Peru on one of the most intense papal trips in decades.

POPE Leo XIV on Friday defended universal healthcare after undergoing surgery for lung cancer as he began a 12-day tour of South America in "fairly good shape".

Leo's sixth international tour takes him to the continent that helped shape his priesthood, just three weeks after being operated for a tumour on his right lung.

The 71-year-old pontiff will visit Uruguay, Argentina and Peru on one of the most intense papal trips in decades, meeting political leaders, prisoners, the poor, as well as old friends.

Thousands of people, some waving yellow-and-white Vatican flags, lined the seafront of Uruguay's capital Montevideo to greet him as he waved from a custom-made popemobile.

But the crowds were relatively sparse in Latin America's most secular country compared with Leo's recent visits to France and Spain. Speaking in a half-empty Plaza Independencia, after being welcomed by left-wing President Yamandu Orsi, the pope lamented Uruguay's high suicide rates — among the highest in the world — and appealed for healthcare to be "accessible to everyone". — AFP



A man shows a small card with the image of Pope Leo XIV as he waits with a group of Catholic faithful to board a bus in Colon, Entre Rios province, Argentina, on 6 November, 2026, on their way to Paysandu, Uruguay, where Pope Leo XIV will celebrate a mass on 7 November. **PHOTO: AFP**

Ecuador allocates over US$ 200 mln to tackle El Nino-related rains

ECUADOR has allocated more than US$ 200 million to address the effects of the El Nino climate phenomenon, as record rainfall is already affecting the country, President Daniel Noboa said Friday.

In an interview with Quito-based Radio FM Mundo, Noboa said the effects of El Nino began to be felt in Ecuador in September, with the "most critical moment" expected between December 2026 and February 2027.

He said record rainfall was recorded in the coastal region in September, while accumulated rainfall in November has reached 400 per cent of the monthly average.

"In the Costa, in less than 72 hours, it rained four times what it usually rains in the whole month of November," Noboa said.

The government has requested emergency credit lines from the World Bank to secure additional funding should the need arise, he added.

Ecuador has been facing repeated emergencies caused by heavy rains since 29 August, when a national red alert was declared amid the evolving El Nino phenomenon. — Xinhua

Yemen's Houthis granting ships safe passage via email: report

YEMEN'S Iran-backed Houthis are effectively policing maritime transit of the Red Sea through a system under which vessels can request safe passage via email, the Wall Street Journal reported Friday.

The Houthis—who control swaths of Yemen —declared a maritime blockade of Saudi Arabia earlier this year, after which some ships began contacting them before transiting the Red Sea, the Journal reported.

If the Houthis reply, they typically do so within 24 hours, the newspaper said, citing crew member accounts and emails it reviewed.

The Journal included one email in which the master of an unnamed ship declared it "has no connections with Israel, the United Kingdom and the United States of America" and said "we kindly request your confirmation for safe passage."

Vessels allegedly linked to those countries —all three of which have carried out strikes in Yemen in recent years —have been repeatedly targeted by the Houthis.

In another email, the Houthis responded to a separate request from a Chinese container ship: "We hope you are keeping well. We are glad that you understood the criteria for the scope of the vessels ban," they said. — AFP



A cargo ship travels on the Suez Canal in Ismailia Province, Egypt, 13 January 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA/ FILE**

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Nigerian tycoon bolsters Cameroon's oil supply

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A general view of Dangote Petroleum Refinery Petrochemicals in Lagos, on 22 May 2023. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

AFRICA'S richest man, Nigerian tycoon Aliko Dangote, has agreed to step in and bolster Cameroon's supply of refined petroleum products, the West African nation's refinery company Sonara has announced.

Sonara, whose local plant was wrecked in a 2019 fire that forced Cameroon to become a net importer, said the deal would help the country keep prices down and avoid the risk of fuel shortages caused by geopolitical instability.

"This agreement is of fundamental importance in the current context of tensions in the Middle East," Sonara Director General Harouna Bako said in a statement dated 29 October.

Dangote's group owns Africa's biggest oil refinery in Nigeria and has interests throughout the continent.

Africa currently imports more than 70 per cent of its refined fuel, according to an Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) report in April. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

China urges EU to resolve mutual concerns through dialogue, consultation

CHINA'S Ministry of Commerce on Friday urged the European Union (EU) to face up to its own economic and trade problems and address mutual concerns through dialogue and consultation. A spokesperson for the ministry made the remarks in response to a media query on its decision to launch anti-dumping investigations into imports of para-aramid filament yarns and ethylidene norbornene originating in the EU. The two anti-dumping investigations were launched following applications from domestic industries, the spokesperson added. Preliminary evidence provided by the applicants showed that from 2023 to the first half of 2026, imports of para-aramid filament yarns from the EU remained at a high level, with prices falling by more than 50 per cent cumulatively. – Xinhua

Japan, Vietnam to cooperate in power generation projects

JAPANESE and Vietnamese leaders will affirm cooperation over power generation projects when they meet in Tokyo next week, a draft of their joint statement showed Friday. Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi and Vietnamese President To Lam will seek an early start of a gas-fired power plant project, according to the draft of the statement to be issued after their talks on Monday. – Kyodo

Spain puts the squeeze on olive oil producers to avoid glut



People visit the 2025 World Olive Oil Exhibition in Madrid, Spain, 11 March 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**

SPAIN has ordered olive oil producers to withdraw 12 per cent of their production from the market and store it until September 2027, in a bid to prevent a bumper harvest from driving down prices.

The order will remove around 188,000 tonnes of olive oil from the market, the agriculture ministry said in a statement on Friday. "The aim is to regulate supply in order to improve and stabilize the functioning of the market and the sector," it said.

Mild temperatures and abundant rainfall during the spring have created favourable conditions for what Spain expects to be its fourth-largest harvest on record.

The agriculture ministry forecasts Spanish olive oil production of 1.6 million tonnes in the 2026-27 season, up 23 per cent from the previous season.

The 12-per-cent requirement will apply to each mill's cumulative monthly production, regardless of the category of olive oil, with producers free to choose which type to store and whether to use their own or external facilities. The government said the measure could be modified from 31 December depending on how production develops.

In October, farming associations had called for the measure to be adopted "immediately", but Agriculture Minister Luis Planas said the government would wait until regional authorities adjusted their production forecasts before taking a decision. — AFP

Türkiye eyes energy self-sufficiency by 2040 but no coal exit yet

POISED to host the COP31 climate summit, Türkiye has unveiled an ambitious $500 billion roadmap for electrifying its economy and slashing imports, but no clear timeline for exiting coal.

Just days before the UN conference opens in the resort city of Antalya, Türkiye's energy minister launched its new National Energy Plan, seeking self-sufficiency by 2040 by ramping up renewables while also pushing new oil and gas investments.



Türkiye is rapidly expanding its renewable energy capacity. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

As summit host, Turkey's own energy policies have come under scrutiny especially as coal accounts for a third of its power, making it the leading generator of coal-fired electricity in Europe, according to energy think tank Ember.

"When we reach 2040, we are going to reduce our emissions by 40 per cent and this big change in electrification will make it happen," Energy Minister Alparslan Bayraktar told reporters during a presentation given on Thursday but made public on Friday.

But that would require "a big paradigm shift" in energy demand in Turkiye: "We need to change the demand from diesel or gasoline towards electricity," he said. — AFP

China's securities regulator approves registration of lithium hydroxide futures, options

CHINA'S securities regulator on Friday announced it recently approved the registration of lithium hydroxide futures and options on the Guangzhou Futures Exchange.

The introduction of lithium hydroxide futures and options marks an important step in expanding China's scope of futures products and strengthening financial support for green development, the China Securities Regulatory Commission said in a statement.

Lithium hydroxide is a key raw material for high-nickel ternary lithium batteries used in new energy vehicles. It also has potential applications in emerging fields, such as low-altitude aircraft and embodied artificial intelligence.



A worker operates on a production line at a lithium battery factory in Tangshan, north China's Hebei Province, 29 November 2020. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ XINHUA/FILE**

China is the world's largest producer and consumer of lithium hydroxide. It also leads the world in lithium processing technology, with about 90 per cent of the world's capacity for extracting lithium from ore through smelting located in China. — Xinhua

Dutch activists invade site of Microsoft's planned data centre

SEVERAL hundred activists opposed to the construction of a Microsoft data centre in Amsterdam occupied the site on Friday, responding to a call for a two-day protest across Europe. The collective Geef Tegengas, which campaigns for climate and justice, and the environmental group Fossielvrij entered the construction site in the Sloterdijk district, halting work for the day.

"It's so many things, so many struggles that come together in this data centre," Geef Tegengas spokesman, Nathan Timmer, told AFP. — AFP

Notice for change of distributor

We, **Agrodan Chemical Co., Ltd.**, would like to change the Distributor of the following product, which registered under Pesticide Registration Board, Myanmar, from **Amazing seasons Co., Ltd** to **First Start Company Limited.** If any objection or enquiry, please contact to Co-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture, West Gyogone, Insein township, Yangon from here to next two weeks.

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FIRST START COMPANY LIMITED (Address: Pyi Htaung Su Road, No. 1285, (50) Quarter, North Dagon Township, Yangon Region, Myanmar.Tel:09428562250)

Don Quijote offers multilingual guide on tax-free shopping overhaul



A store clerk (R) explains Japan's new tax-free shopping procedures at a Don Quijote discount store in Tokyo's Shibuya district on 2 November 2026. **PHOTO: KYODO**

THE operator of Don Quijote, a discount store chain popular among foreign visitors, has started providing instructions on new tax-free procedures in multiple languages following Japan's shift from in-store tax exemption to a refund method from this month.

At a Mega Don Quijote in Tokyo's Shibuya district in early November, store clerks handed out flyers to inbound tourists at the cashier, notifying them that they need to claim tax refunds upon departure from the country under the new system.

The major overhaul is aimed at combatting abuse of the tax-free system by purchasers, such as reselling items before leaving Japan.

Previously, foreign visitors could buy items at tax-exclusive prices by showing their passports at eligible shops. — Kyodo

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST



The image shows US President Donald Trump speaking to a group of reporters and media personnel outside the White House. **PHOTO: AFP**

7 November

Trump defiantly posts "MR VETO" portrait after crushing midterm defeat

UNFAZED by the shifting political terrain following a punishing electoral cycle, United States President Donald Trump has once again taken to social media, sharing a striking black-and-white portrait of himself leaning over a desk, captioned "MR VETO" on Truth Social.

This defiant digital statement arrives directly in the wake of the 2026 US midterm elections, which delivered a resounding victory for the Democratic Party.

With Democrats sweeping back into commanding control of both the House of Representatives and the Senate in what has been widely characterized as a historic "blue wave", the legislative balance of power has fundamentally shifted.

These damaging losses pose a formidable obstacle for the remainder of Trump's presidential term, leaving a fully Democratic-controlled Congress poised to challenge the executive branch. — ANI

6 November

EU investigating fraud in crash rail line

THE European Union is investigating the possible misuse of EU funds earmarked for the renovation of a Spanish railway line where a train crash killed 69 people, prosecutors said Friday. The October accident on the Madrid-Seville high-speed line was one of the worst railway disasters in Europe this century, overshadowing Spain's upcoming general election in November.

A similar investigation into the same stretch of track had already been opened in March in the wake of another accident that claimed 46 lives in the southern province of Andalusia in January, European prosecutors said.

The fraud investigation comes on top of another probe launched by a Spanish court to establish how the crash happened. Transport minister Oscar Puente submitted his resignation on Tuesday. — AFP

5 November

Melania Trump calls for Ukraine ceasefire

US First Lady Melania Trump called for a new, "more enduring" ceasefire in Ukraine as she hosted officials from the war-torn country and its invader Russia at the White House on Thursday.

Trump earlier helped negotiate a six-day ceasefire in the Russian-occupied town of Oleshky, which ended on Sunday. The brief pause was one of the most notable instances of Russian-Ukrainian cooperation since Moscow invaded its neighbour in 2022.

"I hope Oleshky inspires greater peace. Every significant transformation begins with a small spark," Trump told reporters at a joint press conference with Russian presidential envoy Kirill Dmitriev and Ukrainian ceasefire negotiator David Arakhamia.

She has written personal letters to Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelensky. — AFP

4 November

Philips reaches deal with US over sleep machine recall

DUTCH ELECTRONIcs and medical device manufacturer Philips said it had reached a deal "in principle" with US authorities to settle a long-running case over faulty sleep machines.

The company has for years been weighed down by a series of crises over the recall of its DreamStation machines for sleep apnoea, a disorder in which breathing stops and starts during sleep.

Millions of devices were recalled over concerns that users were at risk of inhaling pieces of noise-cancelling foam and fears it could potentially cause cancer.

Presenting its third-quarter results, the Dutch firm said it had "reached an agreement in principle with the US Department of Justice to resolve the previously disclosed criminal and civil investigations related to the... recall."

The company set aside 288 million euros ($322 million) in the third quarter of this year to settle the case, with payment expected in the first quarter of 2027. — AFP

3 November

Lufthansa fuel costs to be 2B euros higher

GERMAN AIRLINE giant Lufthansa said Tuesday it expects its 2026 fuel costs to be two billion euros ($2.24 billion) higher than last year as the Iran war keeps global energy prices elevated.

Releasing third quarter results, the group predicted its fuel bill across the full year will come in at 9.3 billion euros.

That is 600 million higher than it had anticipated just a few months ago, as the US war against Iran drags on.

The group, which also operates carriers including Swiss, Brussels and Eurowings, also slightly downgraded its forecast for core profit to a range of between 1.7 and 2.0 billion euros for 2026. Previously it predicted a range of between 1.7 and 2.2 billion euros.

Despite the slightly bleaker outlook, the group reported a 30-per cent jump in profits for the July-September period, beating forecasts. — AFP

2 November

Binance detailed its US$ 6B hack

BINANCE released a detailed investigation into the $6 billion hack of its cryptocurrency platform, showing how attackers used fake job interviews and malicious code to steal the funds. The crypto exchange said it had replenished 98 per cent of the affected assets by drawing on its own funds, with the remaining amount involving little-traded currencies that are harder to acquire. The attack, carried out over about four hours on 29 October, was attributed by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to North Korea-affiliated hackers.

Pyongyang has denied the allegations, with the powerful sister of leader Kim Jong Un calling the claim "absurd rhetoric".

Around $2.85 billion of the stolen $6.34 billion has been frozen, Binance said. — AFP

1 November

Japanese protesters rally against nuclear policy

NEARLY 10,000 Japanese citizens gathered in front of the National Diet Building in Tokyo to protest moves by Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's government to revise the country's nuclear policy and expand its military capabilities.

The Takaichi administration has recently made a series of moves concerning nuclear policy. After Defence Minister Shinjiro Koizumi repeatedly said that "no options are ruled out" in discussions about introducing nuclear-powered submarines, Takaichi told parliament this month that the government would seriously consider the possibility of the Self-Defence Forces acquiring such submarines in a "concrete and realistic manner". — Xinhua

SPORTS

Myanmar to face Afghanistan in U17 Asian Cup Qualifiers Opener

THE 2027 AFC U17 Asian Cup Qualifiers Group A, hosted by Myanmar, will kick off today, with hosts Myanmar taking on Afghanistan and Cambodia facing the Philippines in the opening matches.

Group A comprises Indonesia, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Cambodia and the Philippines, with matches scheduled at two venues in Yangon. Initially, two matches per day were scheduled to be played at Star City Stadium and Padetha Stadium. However, due to weather conditions, all matches originally scheduled at Padetha Stadium will be moved to Thuwunna Stadium, with kick-off times set for 3 pm.

On the opening day, Myanmar will face Afghanistan at Thuwunna Stadium, while Cambodia will meet the Philippines at Star City Stadium.

A pre-tournament press conference attended by representatives of the participating Group A teams was held at the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) Hall in Yangon on 7 November.

Myanmar U17 head coach Koizumi said the team had made the best possible preparations for the competition. He noted that the friendly matches against India had been the team's first international friendlies and revealed that some weaknesses had been identified. These had since been addressed, and the team would strive for good results by giving its best in every qualifying match.

Philippine U17 head coach Suarez said his team had prepared for the competition and was aware that strong teams were competing in the group. However, the team would do its utmost to achieve its goal of progressing to the next stage.

Indonesian U17 head coach David Da Silva said preparations had begun in June and that the team had played several friendly matches. He added that the young players were excited about the competition and that the team was now well prepared and would give its best.

Afghanistan U17 head coach Ali Ahmad said his team had made the best possible preparations with full determination and was ready to give its best in the opening match.

Cambodian U17 head coach Kha Amri described the competition as a valuable opportunity for his players to gain experience by competing at a high level. He said his team respected every opponent but feared none, adding that it would approach every match with discipline, determination and full confidence in its abilities. — Nyi Myat Thawta/KZL



Myanmar U17 players are seen during a training session. **PHOTO: MFF**

LFC-1 tickets available at 8 Yangon outlets



The image illustrates a poster for the LFC-1 Traditional Myanma Lethwei competition to be held at Hexagon Complex in Yangon.

TICKETS for the LFC-1 Traditional Myanma Lethwei competition, scheduled to take place at Hexagon Complex in Yangon at 6 pm on 14 November, are now available at eight designated sales outlets across the city.

Tickets can be purchased online or at the following eight outlets: Nine Lethwei Club, Python MMA, Top ONE Lethwei Club, Theinbyu Boxing Stadium, Myan Kaung Pharmacy, Unleashed Kickboxing, Beer Vibe (Pyithaya) and Beer Vibe (Sangyoung). The venue gates will open at 5 pm on the day of the competition.

In the opening bout, Myanmar female fighter May Thazin Htoo will face British fighter Danielle Lee. The second bout will see Daung Mike Thway take on Thai fighter Bandasak, followed by a third bout between Thway Thit Maung and Thai fighter Frankie. In the fourth bout, Naing Win Tun will meet American-German fighter Samuel, while Soe Moe Zaw will face Thai fighter Pongpisan in the fifth bout.

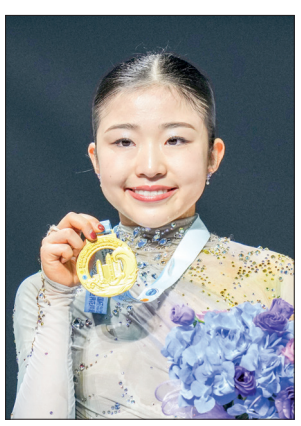
The sixth bout will feature Myanmar female fighter Naw Ommar Soe against French fighter Cindy, while Kanyaw Khwar will face Ye Lin Oo in the seventh bout. The co-main event will see Tun Min Aung take on Iranian fighter Abofi, while Myanmar fighter Yarmann will face Brazilian fighter Bruno Fontes in the main event. — TWA/KZL

Figure skating: Chiba wins Cup of China to extend Japan women's GP streak

JAPAN'S Mone Chiba won the Cup of China on Saturday to extend Japanese women's winning streak to three events at the start of the Grand Prix Series season.

Top after Friday's short programme, last season's world championships runner-up Chiba scored 148.40 points in the free skate for a total of 224.48 in Shenzhen, claiming the third Grand Prix victory of her career.

The 21-year-old joined fellow Japanese winners Ami Nakai at the Grand Prix de France and Mao Shimada at Skate Canada International over the past two weeks. "I was really nervous, but I remembered how much I love figure skating," said Chiba, who was flawless apart from landing her triple Lutz a quarter rotation short in a late combination. "During the performance, I was able to trust myself and stay focused throughout. I was able to show what I've been working on in training." Individual Neutral Athlete Alexandra Ignatova, the 2022 Winter Olympics silver medalist from Russia, topped the free skate on 148.90 after landing her opening quadruple Lutz. She came second overall on 221.27 and South Korea's Lee Hae In third on 210.79. — Kyodo



Japan's Mone Chiba poses for a photo after winning the Cup of China in Shenzhen, China, on 7 November, 2026. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Barca's Garcia fit for Atletico clash as defensive crisis eases

BARCELONA coach Hansi Flick said Saturday defender Eric Garcia is fit to start against Atletico Madrid and Andreas Christensen will also be in the squad for the table-topping La Liga showdown.

Atletico, second, trail champions Barca by two points ahead of Sunday's clash in the Spanish capital.

Barcelona have suffered a host of injuries at the back this season but Garcia and Christensen are available once again.

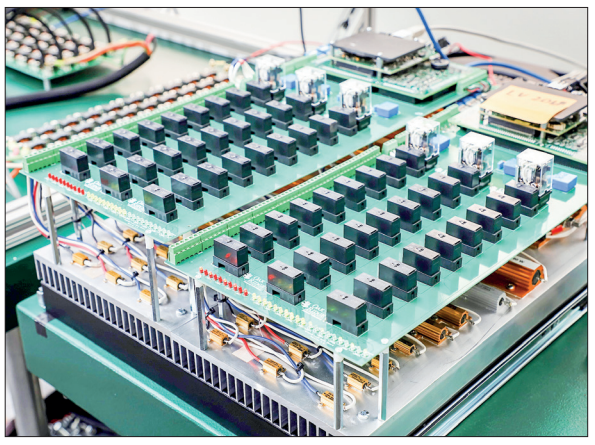
"I think (Garcia) is able to start and both of them are in the squad for tomorrow so they will travel with us to Atleti," Flick told reporters.

"I think (Garcia) can start, we will see if he starts."

In recent weeks, Flick has used midfielders Frenkie de Jong and Brian Farinas at centre-back and right-back respectively to help plugs gaps. — AFP



Barcelona's Eric Garcia is ready to play again after injury and could start against Atletico Madrid. **PHOTO: AFP**



The image shows a digital twin hardware testbed for power grid simulation developed by Oak Ridge National Laboratory, United States. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

Spanish hospital to develop human digital twins

The researchers would use computer to create a digital replica of a human body part.

A hospital in the Spanish city of Barcelona plans to develop human digital twins to predict disease progression and personalize treatments, in collaboration with leading technology companies, according to a recent statement of the hospital.

Dr Manel Escobar, clinical director of Diagnostic Radiology at Vall d'Hebron Hospital, said in an interview with Xinhua on Friday that the researchers would use computer to create a digital replica of a human body part—specifically of an individual with specific medical condition—and then "use that replica to simulate how the disease might progress".

"We are also able to simulate which treatment would work best for that person, and how their condition would evolve under that treatment," said Escobar.

The digital replicas of organs, systems or biological processes are created with medical images, clinical data and genomic information from individual patients. — Xinhua

Nepal approves regulated cannabis cultivation

NEPAL'S top court gave the green light to regulated cannabis cultivation for some uses, decades after the Himalayan nation banned the crop, a petitioner in the case told AFP on Thursday. The Supreme Court ordered the government to make the "necessary arrangements" for the "controlled cultivation and production of cannabis". The framework would allow cultivation for medicinal, scientific, agricultural, horticultural and industrial purposes. The court also asked for wider consultations on recreational use. The ruling was issued in May 2025, but court documents were destroyed in a fire that September during protests that toppled the government. Its full text was released only this week. — AFP

Deepavali celebrations make history across US Pacific Northwest



Several governments issued formal proclamations honouring the contributions of Indian-Americans, building on Washington's recent legislative step to establish Deepavali as a state observance. **PHOTO: ANI**

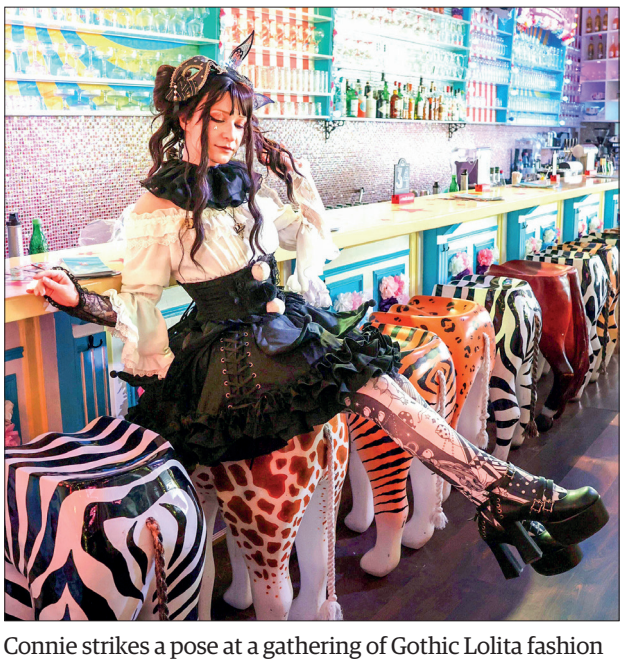
The celebrations began in mid-October and will conclude on 10 November.

THE Governors of Idaho, Nebraska, Montana, North Dakota and Washington hosted first-ever Deepavali celebrations at their State Capitol Rotundas and Governors' Mansions this year, organised in partnership with the Consulate-General of India, Seattle. US Senators, Members of Congress, Mayors and the Indian-American community attended the celebrations.

Across Washington State, 22 cities held Deepavali ceremonies in their City Council Chambers, where Mayors and Council Members lit the ceremonial lamp. Several States and cities also issued official proclamations recognising Deepavali and the contributions of the Indian-American community. The celebrations began in mid-October and will conclude on 10 November with a state-level celebration hosted by the Governor of Oregon at the State Capitol in Salem, alongside ceremonies at Seattle City Hall and the King County Council. In a statement on X, the Consulate General of India, Seattle, said, "Welcome to the 1st Deepavali celebration at the Washington State Capitol in Olympia! The magnificent Rotunda of the Washington State Capitol in Olympia provided a beautiful setting for a special celebration of Deepavali, bringing together state leadership, the Indian-American community and friends of India! Thank: Hon'ble Governor Bob Ferguson and Hon'ble State Senator Manka Dhingra for joining the celebrations and recognizing the rich cultural heritage and contributions of the Indian-American community to Washington State!"—ANI

Japan's Gothic Lolita fashion finds growing following in Europe

The growing enthusiasm is translating into increased sales for Japanese brands.



Connie strikes a pose at a gathering of Gothic Lolita fashion enthusiasts in Berlin in August 2026. **PHOTO: KYODO**

A Japanese fashion style inspired by historical European clothing is finding a growing following in Europe, where enthusiasts are embracing its elaborate designs and forming communities around their shared passion for lace, frills and intricate outfits.

Gothic Lolita, often shortened to "Goth-Loli", blends elements of European clothing styles with Japanese fashion sensibilities. Japanese brands are now looking to expand their presence in Europe, bringing the style back to the continent that helped inspire it.

In August, around 70 enthusiasts gathered at a restaurant in central Berlin for a "tea party" organized by Japanese fashion brand Atelier Pierrot, its first such event in the German capital. Dressed in elaborate outfits featuring lace, ruffles and other decorative details, participants enjoyed cakes and sweets, posed for photographs and exchanged fashion tips.

Some had travelled from Belgium, Ireland and Poland to attend the gathering. Henriette, 37, who lives in Dresden in eastern Germany, has been a fan of Gothic Lolita fashion for nearly 20 years.

Another longtime enthusiast, a 39-year-old accountant, said her interest in Japanese culture began with anime and music before expanding to fashion. — Kyodo