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Traditional Market Fair, Furniture Fair showcase Myanmar's traditional foods and clothing, furniture

Efforts are underway to intensify the preservation of cultural heritages and grasping market opportunities.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Union ministers, the Yangon Region chief minister the commander of the Yangon Command and officials, visited the Traditional Myanmar Market Fair at the Yangon Convention Centre (YCC) in Mayangon Township of Yangon Region yesterday morning.

The President, his wife and party were welcomed by officials from Myanmar Cultural Heritage Trust-MCHT and Union ministers.

At the entertainment hall, the President and party enjoyed the performances of traditional dances of ethnic cultural troupes, Myanmar's marionette and dances as part of preserving Myanmar's cultural heritages. The President and his wife presented the flower basket to ethnic dance troupes.

The President and party enthusiastically toured each booth at the market fair, including those showcasing traditional Myanmar foods and clothing, regional products from various parts of the country, and consumer goods. The President also asked questions and held discussions with the booth representatives to learn more about the information presented.

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President U Min Aung Hlaing visits booths displayed at the Myanmar Furniture Show (2026) at Kanthaya Shopping Centre in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon, yesterday.

Traditional Myanmar Market Fair Concludes with Vibrant Crowds at Yangon Convention Centre

THE Traditional Myanmar Market Fair, organized by the Myanmar Cultural Heritage Trust-MCHT, drew large crowds of local visitors and foreign tourists on its final day at the Yangon Convention Centre (YCC) on the Inya Lake Hotel grounds in Mayangon Township.

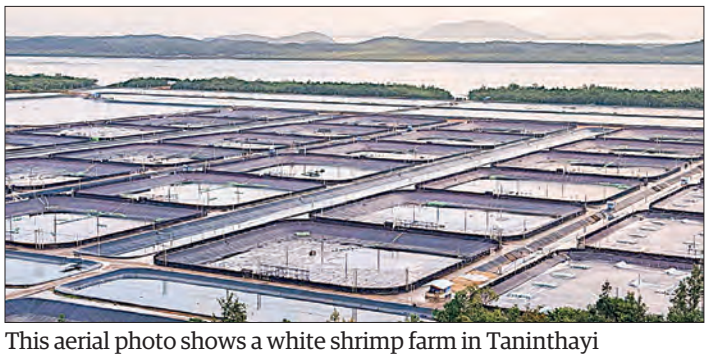


People visit the boosts at the Traditional Myanmar Market Fair at the Yangon Convention Centre (YCC) yesterday. **PHOTO: NAING LIN AUNG (IPRD)**

The closing day featured an array of activities, including a discussion panel titled "Myanmar Food and Nutrition", an interactive cultural quiz with prizes, lucky draws, traditional snack-making demonstrations, and cultural dance performances representing various ethnic groups.

Across the venue, 155 stalls were divided into three main sections: Zone A for fast food, Zone B for regional food products, and Zone C for local handicrafts and consumer goods from across the country.

An event official noted that the festival serves as a vital showcase of Myanmar's heritage, beliefs, craftsmanship, and culinary culture. Beyond passing down traditional customs to younger generations, the gathering provided local farmers, artisans, and vendors a platform to promote regional goods while fostering community well-being. — Naing Lin Aung (IPRD)/ ST



This aerial photo shows a white shrimp farm in Taninthayi Region. **PHOTO: KANU**

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Myanmar Embassy in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Myanmar Embassy in Seoul waives KRW 50,000 advance passport renewal fee

THE Myanmar Embassy in Seoul announced on 7 November that Myanmar nationals residing in the Republic of Korea for various reasons will no longer be required to pay the advance application fee of KRW 50,000 when applying to renew their passports with nine months of validity remaining.

On 17 October, the Myanmar Embassy in Seoul had previously announced that a fee of KRW 50,000 per person would be charged for advance applications by passport holders with nine months of validity remaining who wished to renew their passports.

However, to ensure equal treatment of all applicants renewing their passports, the Embassy has now revoked the requirement to pay the KRW 50,000 advance application fee and announced that applicants will no longer be required to pay it. — TWA/KNN

NATIONAL

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Sunday 8 November 2026)

BAY INFERENCE: The weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 9 November 2026: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in upper Sagaing Region and Kachin, Kayah, Chin and Rakhine states, scattered in Bago and Magway regions, fairly widespread in lower Sagaing Region and Kayin, Mon and (northern) Shan states, and widespread in the remaining regions and states and isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandaly, Magway and lower Sagaing regions and southern Shan State. 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, lower Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayah, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan states. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hails may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: The Sea will be moderate in the Myanmar waters. The wave height will be about 5-7 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of increase of rain in Mandalay and Sagaing regions and Chin and Shan states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9 November 2026: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9 November 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9th November 2026: One or two rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

EARTHQUAKE

A slight earthquake of magnitude 3.8 (M) with its epicentre inside Myanmar (about 11 miles west-southwest of Ottwin), latitude 18.81°N, longitude 96.24°E, depth 11 kilometres, about 15 miles southwest of Toungoo Seismological Observatory was recorded at 13 hour 24 minute 47 second MST on 8 November 2026. — DMH

Lift to be installed at Bago's Daesunpa Pagoda

FOR installing a lift at a historic pagoda Daesunpa located at Wanbe Inn village-tract in Bago Region's Bago Township, a donor presented K300 million to the Regional Chief Minister, U Myo Swe Win, on 5 November morning.

The donor is the Aung Thabyay Khine Company and the Regional Chief Minister has awarded them an honourary certificate.

To make it easier to go on pilgrimage, a road was recently built at the pagoda under the leadership of the regional government, and now the lift installation has started. — TWA/ZS



Bago Region Chief Minister U Myo Swe Win presents certificate of honour to the donor for lift.

Teachers, students from Toungoo District explore museum exhibits in Nay Pyi Taw

A group of students and teachers from Myohla and Yeni townships in Bago Region visited Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning to learn about Myanmar's history and national heritage.

The tour was organized under the supervision of the Bago Region Government, with arrangements made by the Toungoo District Management and Administration Committee. It aimed to help young people develop greater historical awareness, patriotism and love for their country, while gaining inspiration from the achievements and sacrifices of historical figures who contributed to the nation throughout different periods.

A total of 125 participants, comprising 105 students and 20 teachers and supervisors from Myohla and Yeni townships, yesterday travelled in vehicles to visit the Maravijaya Buddha Image, the National Museum, the Defence Services Museum and the Memorial to the Fallen Heroes in Nay Pyi Taw.



This photo shows students and teachers at the Defence Services Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: DISTRICT IPRD**

Students first paid homage to the Maravijaya Buddha Image and took commemorative photographs. They then visited the National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw), where they explored exhibits featuring Myanmar's history from prehistoric times, including the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages, and artefacts from successive eras such as Tagaung, Sri Ksetra, Bagan, Inwa and the Konbaung Dynasties. They also observed royal regalia and traditional artefacts, Myanmar's traditional artworks, traditional costumes and cultural objects of ethnic people, as well as exhibitions featuring fossils discovered in Myanmar and information about the country's natural environment.

The group subsequently visited the Defence Services Museum (Nay Pyi Taw). At the outdoor Air Force exhibition, they viewed various aircraft formerly used by the Tatmadaw (Air), while the Tatmadaw (Navy)'s exhibition featured scale models of naval vessels. The students showed keen interest in the displays and took commemorative photos.

Inside the museum, they continued their tour of exhibitions featuring the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, archival photographs of the Tatmadaw, military equipment and historical records. Museum officials provided explanations and briefings on the exhibits. They finally visited the Memorial to the Fallen Heroes and returned to Toungoo in the evening. — District IPRD/ KZL

Frontline Tatmadaw members receive warm welcome home

FRONTLINE Tatmadaw members returning from security and regional stability operations were warmly welcomed at respective local battalions in Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw and Thegon Township in Bago Region.

Tatmadaw officers, other ranks, families, departmental officials, Myanmar Police Force members, Fire Brigade members, teachers, students and local communities welcomed back returning troops with heartfelt enthusiasm.

They also welcomed home victorious Tatmadaw members with sprigs of Eugenia and presented cash prizes to the returnees. The events included traditional dance and music performances. — MNA/ KZL

NATIONAL

Traditional Market Fair, Furniture Fair showcase ...

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The "Traditional Myanmar Market Fair" is being held at the Yangon Convention Centre (YCC) in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, from 5 November to yesterday, under the auspices of the Myanmar Cultural Heritage Trust-MCHT, with the aim of preserving traditional heritage and passing it on to younger generations.

Throughout the festival, a wide range of activities were held, including displays of traditional Myanmar foods and clothing, demonstrations of traditional Myanmar culinary preparations, panel discussions, performances of traditional Myanmar theatre and contemporary music, and traditional dance performances by ethnic nationalities.

A total of 155 booths have been set up at the festival market, featuring traditional Myanmar foods, traditional clothing, products from various regions across the country, and consumer goods. The event has been bustling with members of the public visiting, viewing the displays and making purchases.

The President and party attended the Myanmar Furniture Show 2026 organized by Myanmar Wood-based Furniture Entrereneurs at Kanthaya Shopping Centre in Mingala Taungnyunt. The President and party were welcomed by the chairman of the association and officials.

Thereafter, the President toured the exhibition, inspecting the furniture displayed at each booth and asking questions and holding discussions with officials to obtain further information on their explanations and presentations.

The Myanmar Furniture Fair 2026 aims to maintain and continuously improve the Myanmar's furniture works and grasp greater market opportunities. From 4 to 8 Novemner, the fair was held with participation of nine local companies and one foreign company, totalling 10 showcasing products at 26 booths. — MNA/TTA

Vice-President visits Ethnic Cultural Centre, Industrial Zone in Mon State

VICE-PRESIDENT of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Nan Ni Ni Aye, accompanied by Union ministers, the Mon State Chief Minister, the Commander of the South-East Command, deputy ministers, state ministers and departmental officials, visited and inspected the Ethnic Cultural Centre and Kyauktan Industrial Zone in Mon State yesterday morning.



Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye observes a workplace of the advanced crumb rubber factory of M Rubber Co Ltd in Kyauktan Industrial Zone in Mon State yesterday.

First, the Vice-President and her entourage arrived at the Ethnic Cultural Centre in Mawlamyine where an official at the Ethnic Traditional Cultural Museum briefed them on the centre's background and objectives, construction work undertaken in different financial years, ongoing construction activities and plans for future development. The Vice-President asked questions and discussed matters requiring clarification before coordinating with the responsible officials on necessary measures.

The Vice-President and her entourage then toured the museum to observe the musical instruments, traditional costumes and household items of various ethnic groups on display. They also visited the traditional Mon, Kayin, Bamar and Pa-O houses and other notable sites within the centre's compound. The Vice-President instructed officials to give priority to preserving the traditional cultural heritage of ethnic groups, enabling younger generations to learn about, appreciate and safeguard their cultural heritage, promoting the region's cultural heritage more prominently, systematically maintaining the traditional objects on display and keeping the premises clean, pleasant and attractive.

The centre was established with the aim of preserving the languages, literature, arts, culture, traditional customs, national identities and historical heritage of ethnic groups, while promoting unity, friendship, mutual respect and mutual assistance among them.

Next, the Vice-President and her entourage visited Ko Hla Tun's chilli powder and assorted powder products factory in Kyauktan Industrial Zone. At the meeting hall, an official briefed them on the products manufactured, types and storage of raw materials, market distribution and sales, current production processes and future business plans. The Vice-President coordinated with the responsible officials on necessary measures. She then inspected the various stages of production inside the factory, including the storage of raw chillies, cleaning, drying, grinding, packaging and distribution.

The Vice-President instructed the factory to prioritize hygienic production practices to ensure consumer safety, manufacture and distribute products in accordance with prescribed standards, produce value-added food products and create more employment opportunities for local residents.The Vice-President subsequently visited the advanced crumb rubber factory operated by M Rubber Co Ltd, where a company official explained the processes of cleaning raw rubber, processing it with machinery, conducting quality inspections, and packaging and storing finished products.The Vice-President asked questions and discussed matters requiring clarification.

At a meeting in the factory's conference hall, an official briefed the delegation on raw material supplies and storage, production capacity, the manufacturing process for MSR, workplace safety measures, product quality and market distribution and sales.

The Vice-President instructed the factory to comply with prescribed standards to ensure workers' safety during production and the systematic maintenance and use of machinery. She also stressed the need to properly dispose of wastewater and solid waste generated by the factory to prevent environmental pollution, take measures to protect the natural environment, manufacture value-added products using raw rubber as a base and develop business initiatives that would benefit local rubber growers and business operators. She also coordinated with the responsible officials on necessary measures. Kyauktan Industrial Zone was established as an industrial area on 27 March 2016. Covering an area of 254.3 acres, it is home to a total of 25 private industrial enterprises of large, medium and small sizes. — MNA/ST

Taninthayi Region Earns US$52.193M from Five Aquaculture Products in FY2025-26

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TANINTHAYI Region earned US$52.193 million from exports of five aquaculture products in the 2025-2026 financial year, according to the Taninthayi Region Fisheries Federation. Aquaculture and fisheries activities in the region contribute to national economic interests, rural development and poverty alleviation.

The export earnings came from a total of 12,267.368 tonnes of products from five coastal aquaculture sectors: fish farming generated US$2.032 million, shrimp farming US$48.003 million, soft-shell crab farming US$1.689 million, spotted Babylon snail farming US$424,000 and seaweed farming US$45,000.

"More than 89 per cent of people in Taninthayi Region are engaged in fisheries-related activities. Therefore, producing finished products rather than exporting raw materials would generate more foreign exchange earnings. Exporting live fish and shrimp by air would also help increase foreign currency earnings.

"It is encouraging that the President has given guidance to expand and upgrade Myeik Airport, and construction work is under way. Once live fish and shrimp can be exported abroad by air, foreign exchange earnings will increase considerably. Fishers and business operators will also enjoy higher incomes," said U Thet Soe, Secretary of the Taninthayi Region Fisheries Federation.

In addition to harvesting marine products from offshore and inshore fishing grounds in the Myeik Archipelago, which comprises more than 800 islands, and other coastal areas of Taninthayi Region, local businesses are engaged in the annual farming and production of fish, shrimp and other export-oriented aquatic products to meet international market demand. Shrimp farming for export is being expanded this year. The Myeik Archipelago, which generates foreign exchange earnings through annual exports of aquatic products, is rich in freshwater and marine natural resources and contributes to food security and foreign currency earnings.

Vietnam earned more than US$10 billion from aquatic product exports in 2020. Given Myanmar's extensive rivers, streams, lakes and fishing grounds, strategic planning to expand aquaculture and fisheries production, together with improvements in transportation and logistics to facilitate direct exports, is expected to help the country increase foreign exchange earnings and open up new markets for aquatic products. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/ST

NATIONAL

364 honorary awards presented to mark 71st Kayin State Day

A ceremony to present certificates of honour and prizes in commemoration of the 71st Anniversary of Kayin State Day and to honour outstanding individuals who have brought distinction to the state was held at Zwekapin Hall in Hpa-an at 1 pm on 8 November.



Chief Minister of Kayin State U Saw Myint Oo and outstanding individuals in the Kayin State pose for documentary group photo at the ceremony to present certificates of honour and prizes in Hpa-an yesterday.

First, Chief Minister of Kayin State U Saw Myint Oo said that the presentation of honorary awards was intended to give recipients a sense of personal pride, inspire others to respect and follow their example, encourage the emergence of more outstanding individuals in the state, and contribute to its development. He urged the award recipients to continue working together with the ethnic communities in the state to bring honour to Kayin State and become respected and reliable individuals who could make the country proud.

Afterwards, Union Consultative Council Councillors Mahn Nyein Maung and U Zaw Aye Maung, the Chief Minister of Kayin State, State Hluttaw Speaker U San Ko and officials presented a total of 364 honorary awards.— Saw Myo Min Thein (IPRD)/KNN

Agriculture, Livestock and MSME Businesses inspected in Nyaunglebin District

BAGO Region Chief Minister U Myo Swe Win, accompanied by members of the regional government, made field visits to Nyaunglebin District on 7 November to inspect and encourage the development of agriculture, livestock breeding and micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs).

First, the Chief Minister and officials visited Letkhokkwin Village in DaikU Township to inspect U Win Aung's successful livestock breeding business, which has been established with funding from the State Economic Promotion Fund. They observed the free-range rearing of 150 local buffaloes and coordinated with the responsible officials to provide necessary assistance.

Next, the chief minister and his entourage met local farmers in Shansu Village-tract, DaikU Township. He encouraged them to expand oilseed soybean cultivation during the winter crop season, use irrigation water efficiently in response to El Niño weather conditions and complete planting while sufficient soil moisture remained. He also provided oilseed soybean seeds and observed soybean sowing using a multi-crop seed drill.

The entourage then inspected a trial run of a small-scale rice-carrying tractor manufactured by MSME entrepreneur U Soe Moe Htun. The tractor was fitted with a 16-inch ploughshare for field operations. The chief minister coordinated with officials to address the necessary requirements. Afterwards, the chief minister visited Sanphe Village-tract in Nyaunglebin Township to inspect the breeding of 8,500 indigenous chickens by the District and Township General Administration Departments. He instructed officials to further promote local food security and surplus production by expanding indigenous pig breeding and using animal waste as organic fertilizer for growing kitchen crops.



Bago Region Chief Minister U Myo Swe Win presents soyabean seeds to a local farmer in Shansu Village-tract in Nyaunglebin Township on 7 November.

Continuing the field visits, the chief minister inspected the colour-coated corrugated iron sheet and hand-operated water pump manufacturing workshop owned by MSME entrepreneur U Moe Aung in Ward 3 of Nyaunglebin. He also coordinated with the responsible officials to provide necessary assistance.

Finally, the chief minister and his entourage inspected the harvesting and production of monsoon paddy along the old Yangon-Mandalay Highway. — Region IPRD/ST

Ayeyawady CM calls for coordinated fuel supply and expanded oilseed cultivation

AYEYAWADY Region Chief Minister U Aye Kyaw has called for effective coordination among relevant departments to ensure adequate fuel supplies for agricultural machinery during the monsoon paddy harvest season, while urging farmers to expand oilseed cultivation to achieve regional edible oil self-sufficiency.

He made the remarks during a ceremony combining the 2026-2027 monsoon paddy yield-sampling harvest, soybean oilseed cultivation and seed distribution, jointly organized by the Pathein Township Agricultural Production Enhancement Supervisory Committee and Ayeya Pathein Rice & Paddy Trading Co Ltd, in Tunpalun Village, Pathein District, Ayeyawady Region, yesterday morning.

The chief minister stressed that farmers should calculate their fuel requirements in advance to ensure the timely deployment of combine harvesters and other agricultural machinery during the harvest season. He also urged relevant departments and responsible officials to coordinate closely to prevent fuel shortages and disruptions to harvesting operations. He also highlighted the importance of closely monitoring weather conditions during the harvest period to minimize crop losses, ensure the timely storage of harvested paddy and maintain grain quality.

U Aye Kyaw urged farmers to expand oilseed cultivation, including groundnut, sesame, sunflower and soybean, to achieve regional edible oil self-sufficiency, highlighting the use of soybean cake as livestock feed and calling on farmers to adopt high-yielding seed varieties suited to local conditions and recommended cultivation practices to benefit from strong market demand and favorable prices. He called on relevant departments, agricultural organizations and farmers to work together to achieve regional edible oil self-sufficiency and meet targeted crop production goals.

Following the ceremony, officials from the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Agricultural Land Management and Statistics held educational discussions with farmers on agricultural techniques. The chief minister subsequently provided additional guidance and coordinated solutions to address local operational needs. — Regional IPRD/TH



Farmers are working with a rice combine harvester in the paddy field in Pathein. **PHOTO: REGIONAL IPRD**

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NATIONAL

Myanmar delegation attends 2026 China -ASEAN emergency management conference

A Myanmar delegation attended the 2026 China (Guangxi)-ASEAN Emergency Management (Earthquake Disaster Prevention and Mitigation) Cooperation and Development Conference, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The conference was held on 4 November in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China, under the theme "AI-Powered Earthquake Disaster Prevention and Natural Disaster Reduction — Joining Hands to Enhance China-ASEAN Disaster Prevention Capabilities".



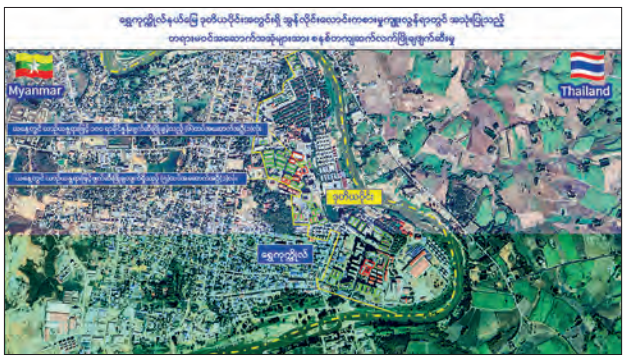
This photo features China (Guangxi)-ASEAN Emergency Management (Earthquake Disaster Prevention and Mitigation) Cooperation and Development Conference in progress.

The conference was the first China-ASEAN cooperation and development conference specifically focused on earthquake disaster prevention and mitigation. It aimed to deepen multilateral cooperation in disaster risk reduction under the China-ASEAN framework, strengthen joint responses to earthquake hazards, and establish regular mechanisms for exchange and cooperation. At the opening ceremony, Mr Cao Zhiqiang, Vice-Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, delivered opening remarks alongside senior officials from ASEAN member states. During the subsequent panel discussions, representatives from China and ASEAN countries, including a delegate from Myanmar's Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, delivered presentations on the topic "Earthquake Monitoring Network in Myanmar". The conference brought together senior Chinese officials, Consuls-General, ASEAN diplomats and technical experts. Daw Khine Su Lin, Myanmar Consul-General in Nanning, also attended the event, underscoring Myanmar's continued engagement in regional disaster resilience, early warning cooperation and technical exchanges between ASEAN member states and China. — ASH/TH

Demolition of 10 illegal buildings in Shwe Kokko Phase II crackdown

TREATING the fight against telecom fraud and online gambling as a matter of national duty, the Government is systematically demolishing illegal structures in the Shwe Kokko area to prevent them from being used again for scam and gambling operations. To date, a total of 10 illegal buildings in Shwe Kokko Phase II have been demolished.

As part of operations targeting the remaining illegal buildings in Shwe Kokko Phase II, heavy machinery has been deployed to dismantle key structures. The demolition of one six-storey building is totally complete, while work on another five-storey building has been completed 45 per cent. To date, 10 illegal buildings have been demolished.



This map shows the continued demolition of scam hubs in the Shwe Kokko Phase II crackdown.

Of the 63 buildings designated for demolition in Phase II of the Shwe Kokko area, four have been demolished through controlled explosions and another six using heavy machinery, bringing the total to nine. The remaining 53 buildings will also be systematically demolished.

The Government is reportedly making concerted efforts to combat online fraud and gambling as a matter of national responsibility. — MNA/KZL

Kachin State Hluttaw Deputy Speaker reviews local development projects

KACHIN State Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Thein Tun Aye met district and township officials and local residents in Mohnyin on 8 November to discuss regional development projects and inspect an agricultural road project in Nantpok Village.

At the District General Administration Department office, he discussed legislative experience and ongoing efforts to promote regional and socioeconomic development. He also addressed issues raised by departmental officials.

On 7 November, he inspected the construction of Lonjakaunt agricultural production road in Nantpok Village-tract, being undertaken by the Department of Rural Development. The project, funded by the Kachin State Government for the 2026-2027 financial year, includes the construction of a four-furlong embankment and a four-furlong gravel road, as well as the upgrading of a concrete bridge. He also met residents of Narkha Ward and Ywathitkon Village to hear about their development needs and coordinate with relevant departments.



Kachin State Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Thein Tun Aye and officials inspect the constriction site of a concrete bridge in Mohnyin on 8 November. **PHOTO: SHWE MOE NYIN**

During the visit, he inspected plans to rebuild the damaged abutment wall of Alawi Bridge in Ywathitkon Village and improve the waterway to prevent riverbank erosion. He instructed relevant officials to coordinate the necessary work and complete the projects on schedule. — Shwe Moe Nyin/KZL

Tachilek opens organic fertilizer production course

THE Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture, opened a free vocational training course on organic fertilizer production in Wamkaung (Lahu) Village, Tachilek Township, Shan State (East), on 8 November to enhance agricultural knowledge and enable rural residents to apply scientific farming techniques.

At the ceremony, Tachilek District Department of Rural Development Head Daw Amar Lwin delivered the opening speech, followed by remarks from Tahley Town Administrator U Lin Lin Aung.

Tachilek Township Department of Rural Development Head Daw Lei Lei Thin urged trainees to study organic fertilizer production methods and agricultural skills diligently for practical application in their work, after which instructors outlined the course curriculum. Departmental officials provided learning materials and training equipment to the trainees.

A total of 20 trainees from Wamkaung (Lahu) Village are attending the three-day course, where instructors are providing theoretical and practical instruction free of charge on preparing EM solutions and compost, producing and applying vermicompost, modern scientific farming techniques, and crop yield improvement practices. — Maung Khaing (Rural)



The opening event of a free vocational training course on organic fertilizer production in progress in Tachilek Township, Shan State (East), on 8 November.

NATIONAL

Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok changes penalty fee for renewal of expired passport

PENALTY fee and procedures for renewing expired passports have been changed, said the Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Bangkok, Thailand on 5 November.

The new change has taken effect starting from 6 November 2026.

Those whose passports expired for 2-5 years will have to pay 550 Thai Baht as penalty fee. In addition, passports expired for more than five years will have to apply the Certificate of Identity (C of I) so that they can apply passport extension in Myanmar. — TWA/ZS



Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok.

Magway's completed concrete road inspected

OFFICIALS inspected the completion of concrete road construction in Chaungphyutaung Village, Magway Township, Magway Region, on 7 November. The project was implemented by the Department of Rural Development (DRD) of Magway Township with funding from the Village Development Project (VDP) and contributions from the local community.


Students participate in cleaning debris on the new concrete road in Magway Township, on 7 November.

During the field inspection, U Soe Lin Htut, Head of the Magway Township DRD, together with officials and members of the Village Development Committee, inspected the completed concrete road. The township DAD head urged committee members and all relevant stakeholders to work together to maintain the completed infrastructure for long-term use. Necessary matters were also coordinated during the inspection.

The concrete road measures 500 feet in length, 12 feet in width and six inches in thickness. The project was implemented during the 2026-2027 financial year with K15 million in VDP funds and K15 million in public contributions, bringing the total cost to K30 million. With technical assistance and close supervision from DRD staff, residents undertook the construction work, which began on 2 October 2026. The project has now been completed 100 per cent.

The completed road is expected to improve year-round transport for 982 residents from 300 households in the village and contribute to the socioeconomic development of the rural community, according to the Magway Township Department of Rural Development. — Ah Htwe (DRD)

Plan for promoting football field emergency care standards under implementation



Dr Yu Nandar Tun was seen at FIFA headquarters in Zurich.

BY representing the Myanmar Football Federation, Dr Yu Nandar Tun who participated in FIFA internship programme has started implementing a project to promote football field emergency care standards for Myanmar women's football teams matches, said the Myanmar Football Federation.

Dr Yu Nandar Tun successfully completed the 8-week internship programme at FIFA headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland. In the programme which specialized medical care for football players and football field emergency care, interns from 20 FIFA member states participated.

The implementation of the plan is underway under the direct management of Dr Andrew Massey, Medical Director of FIFA and through a network with international sport medical professionals, to ensure safer and better emergency care for women football players.

For acquiring hands-on experiences, Dr Yu Nandar Tun also worked in medical team for FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup held in September in Poland. — TWA/ZS

MRCS, partner Red Cross Societies provide primary healthcare services in Kawkareik

THE Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) and its partner Red Cross societies are providing primary healthcare services to local residents through a mobile clinic in Kawkareik Township, Kayin State, according to the MRCS.

The mobile clinic, established in Kyunkalay Village, Kyondoe in Kawkareik Township, is operating from 3 to 9 November. It provided primary healthcare services to 290 people on 3 and 4 November.The mobile clinic is being operated jointly by Red Cross staff and local Red Cross volunteers under the supervision of the state and district Red Cross supervisory committees.


This photo features Red Cross members pictured providing primary healthcare services at a mobile clinic in Kawkareik Township.

With support from partner organizations, the MRCS also operated mobile clinics in Dawei Township, Taninthayi Region, from 10 to 15 October, providing primary healthcare services to 930 people. — ASH/TH

Myanmar records 2,465 road accidents in nine months

MYANMAR recorded 2,465 road accidents nationwide from January to September 2026, resulting in 3,371 injuries and 1,293 deaths, according to road accident statistics for the Regions and States and the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway.

Yangon Region recorded the highest number of accidents at 532, with 607 injuries and 277 deaths. Mandalay Region reported 343 accidents, 430 injuries and 197 deaths, while Bago Region recorded 373 accidents, 534 injuries and 166 deaths.


A scene catches a traffic accident on the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway.

Ayeyawady Region reported 370 accidents, 557 injuries and 148 deaths, while Shan State recorded 229 accidents, 314 injuries and 133 deaths. Meanwhile, 97 road accidents occurred on the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway during the same nine-month period, resulting in 154 injuries and 61 deaths. — ASH/KZL

NATIONAL



This photo features officials inspecting fresh water storage conditions at the Kungyangon Sluice Gate.

Kungyangon Ramps Up Irrigation Drive for Summer Paddy Amid El Niño

EFFORTS are being made to ensure an adequate water supply for summer paddy cultivation and prevent water shortages caused by the El Niño phenomenon in Kungyangon Township, Yangon Region, according to the Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department.

To proactively prevent potential water shortages affecting local farmers' summer paddy fields in Kungyangon and Kawhmu townships of Twantay District, responsible departmental officials conducted field inspections. The inspections focused on facilitating the intake of fresh water from the Toe River, repairing sluice gate leaves to ensure watertight closure and prevent fresh water leakage at the Kungyangon Sluice Gate, preventing saltwater intrusion, and checking fresh water storage conditions.

During the inspections, the director of the Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department and responsible officials visited designated summer paddy cultivation areas in Kungyangon and Kawhmu townships. They inspected water distribution conditions and arrangements for water utilization, as well as the necessary preventive measures.

The Kungyangon Sluice Gate is a key infrastructure facility for flood protection and water shortage prevention in the area. It has 15 gate openings, each measuring six feet by 12 feet. The sluice gate protects farmland from flooding during high tides, prevents saltwater from entering agricultural land during the summer, and allows fresh water from the Toe River to be drawn in and stored during dry periods.

Through the diversion and storage of fresh water using the sluice gate, adequate irrigation water is being supplied to a total of 8,330 acres of summer paddy fields in Kungyangon and Kawhmu townships through Main Canal No 1 and Main Canal No 2, according to reports. – ASH/TH

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May Grace to represent Myanmar at 75th Miss Universe

Miss Universe Myanmar contestant May Grace will represent Myanmar at the 75th Miss Universe pageant in 2026, to be hosted by Puerto Rico.

The competition will take place in San Juan, the capital of Puerto Rico, with the preliminary rounds and grand final scheduled to be held at the José Miguel Agrelot Coliseum from 21 to 24 November.

"I will proudly showcase Myanmar's strength with the support of fans from Myanmar and the Miss Universe family. Seeing so many people come to send me off has given me tremendous encouragement. I feel as though I am carrying the whole country with me rather than competing alone. I am very grateful and excited. I will do my best to showcase Myanmar's fashion, culture and other aspects to an international audience, so that I have no regrets," May Grace said.



Miss Universe Myanmar contestant May Grace is seen with supporters who came to see her off at Yangon International Airport before she departed for the 75th Miss Universe pageant.

Contestants from Indonesia, New Zealand, France, the Philippines, Cambodia, Spain, Brazil, South Korea, India, Guatemala, Belarus, Portugal, Australia, China, Thailand, Ethiopia, Uganda, Greece, Mongolia, Botswana, Egypt, Argentina, Macau SAR, Malta, Iceland and Ukraine, among others, will also take part in the competition. — ASH/KZL

Myanmar workers in Korea to face severe legal actions for using illegal hundi channels

THE Myanmar Embassy in Seoul issued an advisory on 5 November warning Myanmar nationals working in the Republic of Korea that transferring money through illegal hundi channels will result in severe legal action under South Korea's Foreign Exchange Transactions Act.



Myanmar EPS workers seen at Incheon International Airport on 4 November.

If found using illegal hundi services, not only the senders, brokers, and operators, but all involved parties face up to three years in prison, as well as fines of up to 300 million won depending on the amount illegally transferred. Furthermore, relevant bank accounts will be frozen, and offenders may face deportation from South Korea.

In its statement, the embassy strongly urged Myanmar workers in Korea to strictly comply with the following measures when remitting 25 per cent of their earned wages back to their families in Myanmar: use only legally registered banks or remittance service providers in the Republic of Korea; verify whether the recipient banks or remittance companies in Myanmar hold valid licences from the Central Bank of Myanmar; accurately fill out sender identification details and recipient information;. and keep all transaction receipts and transaction history records securely. — TWA/ZN

Basic Patent Agent and Representative Training Course 1/2026 opens in Nay Pyi Taw

THE opening ceremony of the Basic Training Course 1/2026 for Patent Agents and Representatives was held virtually at the meeting hall of the Department of Intellectual Property under the Ministry of Commerce on 3 November 2026, according to the Department of Intellectual Property.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Director-General Dr Moe Moe Thwe said that all four Intellectual Property Laws enacted in 2019 had come into force and that the Department had begun accepting applications for patents and utility model patents on 31 October 2024. She stressed the important role of patent agents and representatives in ensuring that applicants and the Department of Intellectual Property could work effectively together throughout the patent registration process. The training is intended to equip participants with the basic knowledge and practical skills needed to comply with the relevant legal provisions and procedures and apply them effectively in their professional work.

The Basic Training Course for Patent Agents and Representatives is expected to contribute to the development of Myanmar's patent system, the effective protection and promotion of inventors' rights, and the commercial application of innovations.

A total of 28 trainees are attending the course, which will run for seven days, excluding public holidays, from 3 to 11 November. — Htun Htun/MKKS

OPINION

Discipline Keeps Danger Away

EVERY citizen has the right to travel safely and securely on the roads, while every motor vehicle driver has an individual responsibility to drive carefully and responsibly, with due caution and awareness, to avoid endangering the lives of their family members and the general public.

A review of road accident statistics from around the world and Myanmar reveals a deeply concerning situation. In 2025, a total of 3,348 road accidents occurred across Myanmar, resulting in 1,735 deaths and 4,676 injuries. In particular, Yangon Region, the country's commercial hub, recorded 801 traffic accidents, claiming the lives of 387 people. Meanwhile, 180 road accidents occurred on the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, resulting in 64 deaths.

Comparisons with the corresponding period in the first four months of 2026 show that although the number of traffic accidents declined slightly, the number of people injured increased, while the death toll remained unchanged. Therefore, warnings about road safety must not be taken lightly.

> In addition to the State's efforts to reduce road accidents, the active participation and cooperation of the entire public are also essential. Therefore, drivers and all road users must systematically observe and comply with traffic rules and road regulations. Furthermore, whenever violations are observed, everyone is urged to act as a responsible citizen by joining hands to provide reminders and help ensure compliance. Through these collective efforts, it is necessary to work together to build a safe and secure social environment for all.

An analysis of road traffic accidents reveals, regrettably, that approximately 94 per cent of them are caused by human error and negligent behaviour, as pointed out by experts. Driver fatigue and drowsiness during long-distance journeys, speeding, reckless overtaking and driving against the flow of traffic are among the major contributing factors. In particular, when a vehicle is travelling at 60 miles per hour on an expressway, if the driver falls asleep for just one to five seconds, the uncontrolled incidents can lead to tragic loss of life.

The State is systematically implementing road safety measures in line with the five pillars of the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030, through the National Road Safety Council (NRSC). In accordance with the principle that "Discipline Keeps Danger Away", every road user has a responsibility to protect not only their lives but also the lives and property of the public. Taking a short rest when necessary and respecting and obeying traffic rules will ensure that everyone reaches their intended destinations safely and comfortably.

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ARTICLE

The Polar Vortex Could Split in Two:
What an Early Stratospheric Warming Means for Winter 2026-2027

By Khin Maung Myint

WEATHER computer models for early November 2026 are pointing toward an unusual event high above the Arctic: the polar vortex – the massive ring of icy air that usually sits over the North Pole – could break down and split into two separate cold pools. If this happens as early as mid-November, it would be the earliest atmospheric disruption of its kind ever recorded. While it sounds alarming, it does not mean instant doom. Instead, it acts like a wild card thrown into the weather system, shifting how cold air moves across parts of North America, Europe, and Asia as winter approaches.

1. What Is the Polar Vortex?

Think of the polar vortex as a giant, spinning top of freezing air trapped high in the sky – about 12 to 30 miles (20 to 50 kilometres) above the Arctic, up in a layer of atmosphere called the stratosphere.

Every autumn and winter, as the North Pole turns away from the sun and enters dark, icy conditions, this vortex forms naturally. When it is strong and working normally, it acts like a tight, high-altitude fence. Its powerful winds spin fast from west to east, locking the absolute coldest air on Earth safely up at the Pole. Under normal conditions in early November, this "atmospheric fence" is just building up speed and getting stronger ahead of deep winter.

2. Why Could It Split in Two?

Sometimes, big waves of heat and energy rise up from the lower atmosphere—pushed upward by warm oceans or massive mountain ranges like the Rockies and the Himalayas.

In late October and early November 2026, forecasters noticed a massive surge of this atmospheric energy heading straight for the Arctic stratosphere. When that energy hits the polar vortex, it acts like a sudden wedge jammed into a spinning wheel:

• The Winds Slow Down: The strong winds holding the cold air in place rapidly weaken or even reverse direction.

• Temperatures Skyrocket High Above: As air gets squished and trapped by high pressure up in the stratosphere, temperatures 19 miles high surge by 40°F to 50°F (22°C to 28°C) in just a few days. This sudden heat spike is called a Sudden Stratospheric Warming.

• The Vortex Pinches: Unable to stay in one circle, the ring pinches in the middle and ruptures into two smaller spinning hubs of cold air.

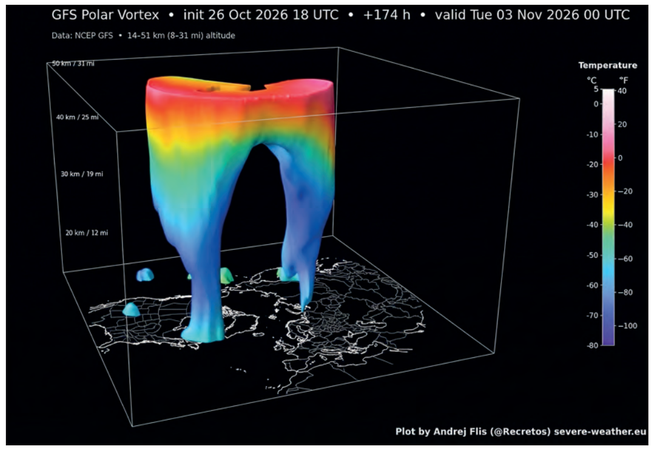
One of these new cold pools is expected to drift toward Siberia, while the second moves towards North America. Important Note: This dramatic warming happens 19 miles up in the sky. It does not mean that temperatures down on the ground will suddenly warm up by 40°F! Instead, it means the high-altitude fence holding the Arctic cold has broken down.

3. How Does This Affect Ground Weather?

What happens high in the sky eventually trickles down to where we live. This trickle-down effect takes about two to four weeks.

When the high-altitude polar vortex breaks apart, it messes with the jet stream – the high-speed "river of air" lower down in the sky (about six miles up) that guides day-to-day weather across the globe.

• A Bumpy Jet Stream: Normally, the jet stream blows in a relatively straight line from west to east. But when the vortex above it splits, the jet stream begins to buckle and bend like a snaking river.



The potential polar vortex split in early November 2026 is a rare and historic atmospheric event. **PHOTO: ANDREJ FLIS (@RECRETOS) SEVERE-WEATHER.EU**

• Escaping Arctic Air: As the jet stream dips far to the south, it creates open expressways for frigid polar air to leak out of the Arctic and pour down into regions that are usually much milder.

• Stuck Weather & Volatile Swings: A buckled jet stream tends to get "stuck." This means some places might get hit with long spells of freezing weather, followed by sudden, unusual warm-ups when the winds shift.

4. Does This Guarantee an Extreme Winter Freeze Everywhere?

No. A split polar vortex creates the opportunity for severe cold snaps, but it does not guarantee historic blizzards everywhere. Two big factors determine what actually happens on the ground:

a. **The Arctic "Cold Bank" Isn't Full Yet** Because this disruption is happening so early in the season (early November), the Arctic has not had months of pitch-black polar night to build up truly extreme sub-zero cold. So even if the jet stream pulls air down from the north, that air mass might initially bring only moderately chilly weather rather than record-breaking blizzards.

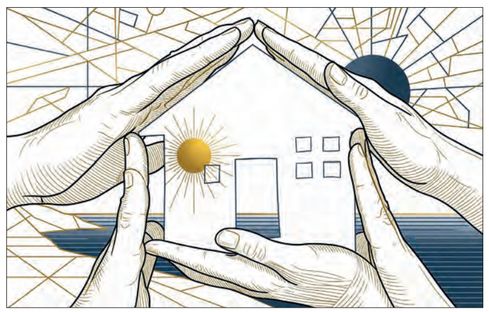
b. **The Battle with "Super El Niño"** Winter 2026-2027 is also being shaped by a strong Super El Niño in the Pacific Ocean. El Niño usually pushes mild, warm weather across northern regions of North America. This creates an atmospheric tug-of-war:

• Super El Niño tries to keep winter mild and smooth.

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The Light Is On, But Have We Taken Responsibility for the Coldness at Home?

By Thin Hlaing Hmwe



"THE Light Is On, But Is There Warmth at Home?" published in *The Global New Light of Myanmar* on 6 November 2026, is a thoughtful article that reminds us that a home's true comfort cannot be measured by its furnishings, food, or outward appearance. A gentle greeting, a sincere apology, patience, and understanding can mean far more than expensive possessions. The article is right to emphasize that our words matter and that kindness should begin at home. Yet there is another question worth asking alongside its central one: when warmth fades within a family, have we honestly considered whether our own actions helped make it happen?

It is easy to recognize the value of a warm welcome when we are the ones coming home tired or troubled. It is also natural to wish for a patient listener, a kind voice, and a peaceful place to rest. But family relationships are shared, and the atmosphere in a home is not shaped by words alone. It is also shaped by trust, reliability, respect, and the choices each person makes. Before asking why our family members seem distant or why the home no longer feels welcoming, we should first reflect on whether something we did may have caused them pain or weakened their trust in us.

Sometimes tension grows from ordinary misunderstandings, stress, or differences of opinion. In those situations, listening carefully and speaking gently can help people find their way back to one another. But not every disagreement is simply a matter of choosing a softer tone. A family member may be hurt because someone has repeatedly broken promises, hidden important truths, acted irresponsibly, or crossed boundaries that the family clearly values. In such circumstances, it would be unfair to focus only on how the hurt person responds while ignoring what led to that hurt in the first place.

This is where self-reflection becomes essential. The writer of an article about warmth at home – and all of us who read it – should be willing to ask difficult questions: Have I behaved in a way my family could reasonably find unacceptable? Have I been honest with them? Have I taken their feelings seriously, or have I expected them to accept choices that caused them distress? When they became upset, did I try to understand why, or did I dismiss their concerns as nagging, judgment, or a lack of kindness? These questions are not comfortable, but avoiding them can make a difficult situation worse.

When our own conduct has damaged a relationship, we cannot repair it simply by asking others to speak more gently. Nor can we expect one apology, one pleasant greeting, or one family meal to erase the effects of repeated hurt. The first responsibility belongs to the person whose actions created the injury. That person must acknowledge what happened without making excuses, recognize the effect it had on others, and accept that the family may need time before trust returns. A sincere apology is important, but changed behaviour is what gives an apology meaning.

This does not mean that every family problem is always caused by one person, or that anyone should accept blame for mistreatment they did not cause. Families can be complicated, and disagreements may involve mistakes on more than one side. But where a person's own choices have clearly led to disappointment, conflict, or a loss of trust, responsibility cannot be placed on the people who were hurt merely because they are no longer as warm as before. Their distance may not be the original problem; it may be a response to it. Understanding that difference is crucial.

The article's observation about words is especially important. A gentle "You're home?" can sound caring when it comes with a warm expression and a sincere desire to connect. But the same words may sound different if the person asking has repeatedly ignored the concerns of the person returning home. Tone matters, as the article says, but history matters too. People do not hear each sentence in isolation. They hear it in the context of what has happened between them. Rebuilding closeness therefore requires more than choosing kinder words; it requires addressing the experiences that have made those words difficult to trust.

Taking responsibility also means resisting the urge to make oneself the victim whenever others express hurt. It can be tempting to say, "Why are you so cold to me?" or "You never welcome me warmly," without asking whether one's own behaviour has contributed to the change. This shifts attention away from the cause and places the burden of repair on those who may already feel wounded. A more honest approach is to ask, "What have I done that made you feel this way? What do I need to understand, and what can I change?" That question does not guarantee an immediate reconciliation, but it opens the door to a more truthful conversation.

Families need both kindness and accountability. Kindness without accountability can become a demand that others remain pleasant while their concerns go unheard. Accountability without kindness can become punishment rather than a path to repair. A healthy home makes room for honest discussion, where people can describe the harm they have experienced and the person responsible can listen without becoming defensive. It also makes room for boundaries. Forgiveness cannot be demanded, and trust cannot be forced. They may grow again when the person who caused harm consistently demonstrates honesty, respect, and care over time.

The greatest warmth, then, is not simply the absence of arguments. It is the sense that people in the home can be truthful, take responsibility, and still be treated with dignity. Sometimes the kindest thing a person can do is not to offer a quick explanation or ask everyone to move on, but to acknowledge, "I was wrong. I understand why that hurt you. I will work to make sure it does not happen again." Those words are most powerful when followed by actions that confirm them.

The article rightly reminds us that a loving home is built through everyday gestures. But before we ask whether there is warmth waiting for us when we enter the door, we should also ask whether we have helped preserve that warmth – or damaged it through our own choices. A light may be on, the meal may be ready, and the family may be gathered under one roof. Yet emotional closeness cannot be demanded as though it were part of the furniture. If our actions have caused the coldness, the first step toward making home warm again is not to criticize those who feel hurt. It is to take responsibility, make amends, and show through our behaviour that their trust matters.

DELICACY/NEWS QUIZ

Coconut Milk Sago Cake or Coconut Milk Sago Pudding: A Traditional Myanmar Sweet Delight



A FAMILIAR, much-loved treat at traditional Myanmar religious donation ceremonies and afternoon tea gatherings, coconut milk sago cake is an irresistible dessert that makes mouths water at first sight. Its attractive appearance, with a layer of translucent, soft, chewy sago pearls topped with a rich coconut milk custard delicately scented with roasted sesame seeds, makes the neatly cut diamond-shaped or square pieces especially tempting.

The main appeal of coconut milk sago cake lies in its beautifully balanced combination of sweetness and creamy richness. The bottom layer, made from sago pearls, has a pleasantly chewy texture and a delicate sweetness with a subtle sugary aroma.

The upper layer of coconut milk custard, meanwhile, offers the full richness and creaminess of pure coconut milk. A little salt is added to create a mildly savoury note that balances the sweetness and prevents the dessert from becoming overly rich. When combined with the distinctive aroma of roasted sesame seeds, these flavours come together to create a wonderfully harmonious blend of sweetness, creaminess and fragrance.

Now, let's set aside our cravings for a moment and explore how to prepare this delightful coconut milk sago cake at home, so that we can enjoy it with our families or serve it as a delicious and nourishing treat to guests.

Ingredients

(The following quantities are suitable for preparing one medium-sized tray of coconut milk sago cake at home.)

For the sago layer

1. Small sago pearls – 1 cup (washed and drained)
2. Water – approximately 3½ to 4 cups
3. Sugar – ½ cup (adjust according to your preferred level of sweetness)
4. Salt – ¼ teaspoon

For the coconut milk topping

1. Thick coconut milk (first extraction) – 1½ cups
2. Rice flour – 2 tablespoons
3. Cornstarch – 1 tablespoon (to give the coconut custard a smooth and firm consistency)
4. Sugar – 1 tablespoon
5. Salt – ½ teaspoon (to bring out the creamy, mildly savoury flavour of the coconut custard)
6. Roasted white sesame seeds – a small amount (for sprinkling on top)

Step-by-Step Preparation

1. Cook the sago

- Pour the water into a saucepan and bring it to a rolling boil.
- Once the water is boiling, add the drained sago pearls and stir continuously with a spoon to prevent them from sticking to the bottom of the pan.
- When the small white centres inside the sago pearls have almost disappeared, and the pearls become nearly transparent, add the sugar and salt and stir well.
- Once the sago mixture becomes thick, sticky and translucent, turn off the heat. Pour it evenly into a lightly greased tray or mould and smooth out the surface.

2. Prepare the coconut milk mixture

- In a small saucepan, combine the coconut milk, rice flour, cornstarch, sugar and salt.
- Stir thoroughly until all the ingredients are evenly incorporated and no lumps remain.

3. Cook the coconut milk custard

- Place the saucepan over low heat and stir the coconut milk mixture continuously.
- Continue cooking until the mixture thickens and begins to bubble. It should develop a smooth, soft, creamy custard-like consistency.

4. Add the coconut layer and steam (optional)

- While the coconut milk mixture is still warm, pour it evenly over the prepared sago layer and spread it gently to cover the entire surface.
- Sprinkle the roasted sesame seeds over the top.

(If you prefer a firmer cake that holds its shape better, you can cover the tray and steam it in a steamer for approximately 10 minutes.)

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Weekly News Quiz

(for 9 November 2026)

THE following quiz is based on three national news stories (covering finance, culture, and wildlife conservation) and two international news stories published in Monday's newspaper (2 November 2026).

National News Quiz

1. (Finance & Banking)

According to a press release by the Central Bank of Myanmar regarding the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) plenary meeting held in Paris, how many of the 15 action plan measures set by the FATF had Myanmar successfully completed?

A. 10 of 15
B. 11 of 15
C. 13 of 15
D. 14 of 15

2. (Culture & Tradition)

Known locally as 'Inlong Innan Sha', the Traditional Kachin Harvest Feast Festival and Cultural Exchange is scheduled to be celebrated on 15-16 November at which venue in Myitkyina?

A. Majoi Hall, Sitapu Manaw Ground
B. Myitkyina University Convocation Hall
C. Shatapru Sports Ground
D. Bala Min Htin Cultural Park

3. (Wildlife & Conservation)

As of October 2026, how many tortoises belonging to seven different species were being cared for at the Bantbwe Forest Nursery and Tortoise Rescue Centre in Nawnghkio Township?

A. 450 tortoises
B. 580 tortoises
C. 699 tortoises
D. 724 tortoises

Global News Quiz

4. (Sustainable Development)

Which capital city was awarded the 2026 Global Award for Sustainable Development (UN-Habitat Shanghai Award) for outstanding progress in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?

A. Nairobi
B. Addis Ababa
C. Cairo
D. Dakar

5. (Space Exploration)

Under the detailed manned lunar exploration plan unveiled by China, which architecture will be adopted using the Lanyue lunar lander and Mengzhou crewed spaceship?

A. Single launch, direct landing
B. Two launches, lunar orbit rendezvous
C. Three launches, low-Earth orbit assembly
D. Dual launch, Earth-orbit docking and direct flyby

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DELICACY/ARTICLE/NATIONAL

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5. Allow to cool and cut into pieces

- Leave the tray at room temperature for at least two to three hours to cool completely.

- Once both the sago and coconut milk layers have cooled and set firmly, lightly grease a knife with a little oil and cut the cake into neat diamond-shaped or square pieces.

• The coconut milk sago cake is now ready to serve and enjoy!













Health and Nutritional Benefits

• Provides readily available energy and is easy to digest

Sago is a carbohydrate-rich food that is generally easy to digest and provides the body with readily available energy. It can be a convenient source of energy when the body needs replenishment.

Contains natural fats from coconut

Coconut milk contains naturally occurring fats, including medium-chain fatty acids, commonly referred to as medium-chain triglycerides (MCTs). These fats contribute to the dessert's rich flavour and creamy texture.

Naturally gluten-free

As the recipe uses sago and rice flour rather than wheat flour, it is naturally gluten-free, making it a suitable dessert option for people who need to avoid gluten, provided that the ingredients are not contaminated with gluten during processing or preparation.

A word of caution

It is worth noting that coconut milk contains relatively high levels of saturated fat, while sago is rich in carbohydrates. Consequently, coconut milk sago cake is a relatively calorie-dense dessert.

People with diabetes, high blood pressure or elevated blood lipid levels should be mindful of portion sizes and consider reducing the amount of added sugar. Those who need to manage their cholesterol levels should also take the saturated fat content of coconut milk into consideration.

With these considerations in mind, coconut milk sago cake remains a delightful traditional Myanmar dessert made with familiar natural ingredients. Its combination of soft, chewy sago pearls, rich coconut milk custard and fragrant roasted sesame seeds makes it a satisfying treat and a wonderful way to appreciate Myanmar's traditional culinary heritage. That is our traditional food feature for this week. We hope you enjoy preparing and sharing this delicious homemade treat with your family and friends. — MOON

Students Explore National Heritage at National Archives in Yangon

AROUND 100 students and teachers from Basic Education High School No 2, Bahan Township, visited the National Archives Department in Yangon yesterday morning to learn about Myanmar's historical and national records.

During the study visit, Deputy Director-General Daw Saw Nan Nwe delivered welcoming remarks, while Staff Officer Daw Mya Mya Moe presented an overview of the archive's history. Departmental staff guided the delegation through essential operations, including document preservation techniques, microfilming processes, conservation methods, researcher support services, and exhibition galleries.

The educational tour concluded with an interactive quiz competition testing the students on what they had learned, with organizers awarding commemorative gifts and prizes to the active participants. The excursion offered students practical insights into the nation's documentary heritage and ongoing preservation efforts. — Township IPRD/ST



Students and teachers from Bahan Township observe a display at the National Archives Department in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: TOWNSHIP IPRD**

The Polar Vortex Could Split in Two: What an Early Stratospheric Warming Means for Winter 2026-2027

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• The Split Polar Vortex tries to buckle the winds and drag down cold air. Which side wins will vary from region to region throughout November and December. **5. Why Is the Early November Timing So Unusual?** Usually, the polar vortex breaks down in the middle or late part of winter – typically in January or February. A major breakdown in early November is essentially unheard of in modern satellite records. It breaks previous historical records by nearly three weeks! Because meteorologists have never seen a collapse happen this early in the autumn, computer forecasting models are dealing with more uncertainty than usual.

6. What Does This Mean Around the World?

Here is what different regions can expect as a result of the split:

• North America (US & Canada): While parts of Canada may stay milder overall due to El Niño, the Eastern and Central United States face a higher chance of sudden, sharp cold snaps heading into late November and December.

• Europe & the UK: The shift makes it more likely that high-pressure systems will park over Scandinavia or the Atlantic, blocking mild ocean air and allowing chilly continental winds to sweep across Northern Europe and the UK.

• Siberia & East Asia: Since one of the split cold pools is moving directly over Siberia, deep winter cold will build up early in Northern Asia, opening the door for periodic cold waves into China, Korea, and Japan.

• South-East Asia (Including Myanmar): Tropical regions are completely safe from polar vortex disruptions. Thanks to our distance from the pole and the towering mountain barrier of the Himalayas, Arctic cold air cannot reach mainland Southeast Asia. Myanmar's cool season will simply follow its usual pleasant, dry pattern.

Summary: The potential polar vortex split in early November 2026 is a rare and historic atmospheric event. While it won't trigger an instant deep-freeze everywhere, it reshuffles the deck for Northern Hemisphere winter weather, setting the stage for a volatile, unpredictable start to the 2026-2027 season. (Original content and atmospheric insight credited to social weather updates and AccuWeather forecasting analysis.)

ECONOMY
WORLD

15 companies join hands to push for 2028 air taxi service in western Japan

SkyDrive, based in Toyota, Aichi Prefecture in central Japan, conducted more than a dozen demonstration flights at last year's World Exposition in Osaka.

MUFG Bank and other major Japanese companies from a range of industries have joined forces to study how to commercially deploy air taxis in western Japan, including sustainable business models, necessary infrastructure and ways to create demand through tourism.



SkyDrive SD-05, an electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) flying car developed by the Japanese startup SkyDrive Inc. **PHOTO: KYODO/FILE**

Japanese startup SkyDrive Inc's compact aircraft, which can take off and land vertically without a runway, will be used in the service targeting the Kansai region, which includes Osaka and Kyoto prefectures. Companies joining the study may establish a jointly owned company to operate the service planned for launch in 2028.

In a road map updated in March, the Japanese government said it expects commercial services using such next-generation air mobility vehicles to start between 2027 and 2028.

SkyDrive, based in Toyota, Aichi Prefecture in central Japan, conducted more than a dozen demonstration flights at last year's World Exposition in Osaka, using its battery-powered multirotor aircraft that can carry a pilot and up to two passengers. — Kyodo

NEWS IN BRIEF

Five EU countries push for deal with UK on electricity

FIVE EU countries, including Germany, have called on Brussels to speed up talks about the UK's participation in the European electricity market, according to a letter seen by AFP Saturday.

A highly anticipated summit between the EU and the UK is scheduled for 20 November in Brussels, after Prime Minister Andy Burnham promised to move the country closer to the bloc, 10 years after the Brexit referendum.

Items on the agenda include youth mobility, the simplification of sanitary regulations for food products and the exchange of carbon emission quotas.

But Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark and Luxembourg want the summit to provide fresh momentum to the European electricity market. – AFP

US nonfarm payrolls rise by 165,000 in October

THE United States added 165,000 jobs in October 2026, while the unemployment rate remained largely unchanged at 4.1 per cent, according to data released by the US Bureau of Labour Statistics (BLS) on Friday.

The latest employment figures showed that job additions were significantly higher than the average monthly gain of 48,000 recorded over the previous 12 months, with employment growth concentrated in professional and business services, healthcare, and transportation and warehousing.

"Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 165,000 in October, and the unemployment rate changed little at 4.1 per cent," the BLS said in its Employment Situation report for October 2026. – ANI

Sri Lanka considers raising PAYE tax threshold in 2027 budget: president



Employees work at the construction site in Colombo Port City, Sri Lanka. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ XINHUA/FILE**

SRI Lanka plans to further raise the threshold for Pay-As-You-Earn (PAYE) tax in the 2027 Budget, President Anura Kumara Dissanayake said on Saturday.

Speaking at the National Trade Union Conference in Colombo, Dissanayake said the government had previously increased the monthly PAYE tax threshold from 100,000 Sri Lankan rupees (about US$301) to 150,000 rupees (about $452) and expected to raise it further in the upcoming budget.

He said the move would provide additional tax relief to salaried employees. Dissanayake said the private sector makes a major contribution to the country's economy and that the government had paid particular attention to the economic conditions of private-sector workers. — Xinhua

Hyperscaler expansion to boost US power generation capacity: Report

RISING electricity demand from expanding hyperscale data centres is expected to drive US power generation capacity growth through 2028, however, dependence on a concentrated customer base poses risks, as per a report by S&P Global.

The report highlighted that the rapid expansion of hyperscale data centres is driving electricity demand in the US after decades of largely stagnant consumption.

Citing projections by the US Energy Information Administration (EIA), it noted that electricity generation capacity is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate exceeding 5 per cent through 2028.

As per S&P Global, the rising demand presents opportunities for US utilities, as higher electricity consumption could help offset delays in recovering costs through regulated rates, while supporting financial performance and credit quality. — ANI



Electricity generation capacity is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate exceeding five per cent through 2028. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ UNSPLASH**

Musk's futuristic Cybertruck rolls toward exit

PRODUCTION of Cybertrucks — the pickups hailed by enthusiasts as a symbol of Elon Musk's futuristic ambitions and equally hated as ugly reminders of the Donald Trump era — will wind down, the Tesla CEO said Friday.

Tesla will stop building the truck at its Texas factory around the middle of 2027 to free up space for its Cybercab robotaxi, Musk said.

"Tesla will be winding down production of the Cybertruck at Gigafactory Texas around the middle of next year to make room for increased Cybercab production," Musk wrote on X. Musk did not say whether the truck would be built elsewhere or discontinued altogether, nor what would happen to outstanding orders.

Wes Morrill, the Cybertruck's lead engineer, wrote in a separate post that the truck "was an incredible technology development platform and lives on through Cybercab."

"Thanks to everyone who contributed to making the future (look) like the future," he added.

Tesla fans lamented the departure of the Cybertruck on X, the social media platform Musk owns, but the tycoon reassured them that the Cybertruck fleet "will be around for a long time".

The truck came to be seen as an extension of Musk himself, and its image became entangled with his politics as he took on a high-profile role leading the Trump administration's cost-cutting Department of Government Efficiency. Some owners reported vandalism and harassment. — AFP



2024 Tesla Cybertruck, Foundation Series. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ WIKIPEDIA**

Chinese motorcycle brands turn heads at EICMA

A steady stream of visitors gathered around the booths of Chinese motorcycle makers at the 83rd International Two-Wheeler Exhibition (EICMA 2026) in Milan, Italy.

Cameras were pointed at newly unveiled models, visitors paused to examine their designs and technical specifications, and conversations continued in the business areas behind the display, where overseas dealers explored potential deals and delivery arrangements.

The scene offered a glimpse of how China's motorcycle industry is gaining visibility in Europe.

EICMA, one of the world's major events for the motorcycle industry, was recently opened in Milan, bringing together various Chinese manufacturers. From traditional fuel-powered motorcycles to electric and smart mobility products, Chinese brands presented their latest models and technological advances.

For Chinese manufacturers, the exhibition was more than an opportunity to showcase new products. It was a chance to demonstrate their growing capabilities in one of the world's most established motorcycle markets. — Xinhua



People visit the stand of Chinese brand CFMOTO during the 83rd International Two-Wheeler Exhibition (EICMA 2026) in Milan, Italy, 4 November 2026. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

India-ASEAN trade reaches $128 billion

INDIA'S economic partnership with the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) is entering a new phase, with bilateral merchandise trade reaching US$128 billion in 2025-26. The ongoing review of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) is expected to provide fresh opportunities to address trade imbalances, improve market access and strengthen economic cooperation between the two sides.

India and ASEAN share longstanding relations shaped by geographical proximity, historical connections, cultural exchanges and expanding commercial engagement. Over the years, the relationship has evolved beyond traditional diplomacy to encompass trade, investment, manufacturing, technology, connectivity and regional security. — ANI

Europe faces growing backlash against data centres

PROTESTS against large data centers, ranging from street marches to the occupation of a data centre construction site, swept Europe on Friday and Saturday, highlighting tensions between the continent's artificial intelligence (AI) ambitions and the demands these facilities place on local resources. Local residents, environmental organizations, trade unions and political representatives were involved in the "Stop Dirty Data Centres" campaign. In Amsterdam, protesters entered a Microsoft data center construction site on Friday, prompting riot police to clear it. More than 200 people were arrested and had all been released by Saturday afternoon, Dutch broadcaster NOS reported. — Xinhua

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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Israeli president to task Eisenkot with forming new govt

Under Israeli law, the former military chief has 28 days to assemble a governing coalition and can request a 14-day extension from the president.



Justice Noam Sohlberg (2L), the head of the central elections committee, prepares to submit the election results to Israel's President Isaac Herzog, in Jerusalem on 4 November 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

ISRAELI President Isaac Herzog announced Saturday evening that he would task Yashar party leader Gadi Eisenkot with forming the next government, following consultations with political parties.

Herzog has invited Eisenkot to the president's residence on Sunday at 5 pm local time (1500 GMT) to formally receive the mandate, according to a statement from the Office of the President.

"This is the time to establish a national emergency government. I will do anything possible to prove us worthy," Eisenkot said on the social media platform X following the announcement.

Under Israeli law, the former military chief has 28 days to assemble a governing coalition and can request a 14-day extension from the president.

If he fails, Herzog may assign the task to another candidate, or at least 61 members of the 120-seat parliament can ask the president to entrust the mandate to a candidate of their choice.

If these efforts also fail, the parliament will be dissolved, and the country will hold new elections.

In the parliamentary recommendations submitted to Herzog, Eisenkot received backing from 48 lawmakers from four opposition-bloc parties, in addition to 19 representatives of Arab-led parties.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was recommended by 46 lawmakers, while the seven members of the ultra-Orthodox United Torah Judaism party declined to endorse either candidate.

Despite securing the most recommendations, analysts say Eisenkot faces a challenging path to a 61-seat majority government, with divisions within the opposition over cooperation with Arab parties and disagreements with the two ultra-Orthodox parties, which together hold 13 seats. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Iran says two tankers caught fire in Hormuz after hitting mines

TWO oil tankers caught fire in the Strait of Hormuz after hitting mines, Iran's Revolutionary Guards said on Sunday, according to state news agency IRNA.

Since the outbreak of the Iran war in late February, Tehran has severely restricted traffic through the strategic waterway, insisting vessels use routes authorised by the Islamic republic.

The United States has in response imposed a naval blockade on Iranian ports and helped tankers travel the strait, which normally carries about one-fifth of global oil consumption. "Two oil tankers violating regulations — one in the eastern part of the Strait of Hormuz and the other within the strait — caught fire and are currently engulfed in intense flames after striking naval mines while attempting to cross through unauthorised routes," the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, the ideological arm of Iran's military, said in a statement. — AFP

Indonesian water-bombing helicopter crashes

A helicopter battling Indonesian wildfires crashed into a river on Sunday as it scooped water, an official told AFP, with two crew members rescued and one still missing.

The crash in Borneo Island's South Kalimantan province was the second in days involving a firefighting helicopter, after a military chopper plunged into the waters off Borneo on Wednesday, killing three people.

Two Australian nationals had survived Sunday's incident and were "safe", said Berton Panjaitan, a spokesman for the national disaster mitigation agency, while the third member of the crew, an Indonesian, remained unaccounted for. – AFP

Erdogan visits Azerbaijan in bid to ease rift between allies

TURKISH President Recep Tayyip Erdogan arrived in Azerbaijan on Sunday for Victory Day celebrations, hoping to ease an unusually public rift between two close regional allies.

Tensions flared in September, when Baku revised school uniform regulations to prohibit additions deemed incompatible with secular education, effectively barring Islamic headscarves from classrooms.

Erdogan's government has dismantled restrictions on hijabs in Türkiye. Baku's move sparked protests at home and drew criticism from Erdogan's Islamist-rooted ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP), including presidential adviser Oktay Saral, who demanded that Azerbaijan reverse the restrictions.

Aliyev's ruling party, Yeni Azerbaijan, denounced such comments as "interference in Azerbaijan's internal affairs".

Baku also declared 31 Turkish nationals, including an opposition lawmaker and party leaders, persona non grata over critical social media posts.

Erdogan subsequently dismissed Saral, but Aliyev stayed away from the 30 October summit of Turkic leaders in Ankara — despite a personal invitation from Erdogan. Instead, he sent Foreign Minister Jeyhun Bayramov. On Sunday, Erdogan arrived in Azerbaijn's Fizuli district, which Baku recaptured in 2020 from Armenian separatist forces. — AFP



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Kushner views Russia-NATO Council as model for security negotiations

US presidential envoy Jared Kushner considers the Russia-NATO Council a model for negotiations on European security, Washington Post columnist David Ignatius reported citing sources.

Following consultations in Brussels on Friday, Kushner said that the United States intended to involve Russia in discussions regarding the formation of a new security architecture in Europe as part of a resolution to the conflict in Ukraine.

According to an official familiar with the talks, the model for a European security architecture in Kushner's view is the Russia-NATO Council — a body established after the Cold War that suspended its operations in 2014, Ignatius said.

The Russia-NATO Council (RNC) was a consultation mechanism between Russia and NATO member states established on 28 May 2002, in Rome. The "29+1" format allowed for participation on equal terms, with discussions covering security issues, arms control, counter-terrorism, and measures to prevent incidents. — SPUTNIK

SPORTS

Myanmar suffer 1-4 defeat to Afghanistan in AFC U17 Asian Cup Qualifiers

THE opening day of the 2027 AFC U17 Asian Cup Qualifiers Group A, hosted by Myanmar, continued on 8 November, with hosts Myanmar suffering a heavy defeat.

In the match played at Thuwunna Stadium, Afghanistan defeated Myanmar 4-1. Following this heavy defeat in their opening group match, Myanmar now face an uphill battle in their remaining three matches to qualify for the next stage. The team's overall performance and individual displays were revealed weaknesses, resulting in three goals being conceded in the first half alone.

Myanmar's starting line-up comprised Lin Lett Tun (GK), Hein Thant Chit Khin, Myo Zaw Lwin, Myat Thu Maung, Myat Min Thu, Khun Tun Wai, Aung Myat Thar, Khun Wai Phyo, Paing Zay Tun, Kyi Thar and Kaung Khant Lin.

Quadiri opened the scoring for Afghanistan just nine minutes into the match, while Fahim Hamad scored a hat-trick in the 15th, 22nd and 49th minutes. After conceding four goals, Myanmar struggled to recover. Thet Naing Oo scored a consolation goal from the penalty spot in the 56th minute, but Myanmar were unable to find the net again and suffered a 1-4 defeat.

In another match played at Star City Stadium, the Philippines defeated Cambodia 2-1.

The second round of Group A matches will take place on 11 November. The Philippines will face Indonesia at Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna, while Cambodia will take on Afghanistan at Star City Ground. — Nyi Myat Thawda/KZL



An action during the match between Myanmar and Afghanistan. **PHOTO: MFF**

Five U17 Asian Cup qualifiers moved to Thuwunna Stadium

FIVE matches in Group A of the 2027 AFC U17 Asian Cup Qualifiers, hosted by the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF), will be relocated from Padonmar Stadium to Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna due to prevailing weather conditions.

The venue change was made following recommendations from AFC competition officials and was approved by the AFC after the MFF submitted a request.

Thuwunna Stadium has better drainage and floodlighting systems, allowing matches to resume as quickly as possible if they are suspended due to bad weather. It also offers better facilities for smooth live television broadcasts.

Hosts Myanmar U17 will play three matches at Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna and one at Star City Sports Club. The team faced Afghanistan U17 at Thuwunna Stadium on 8 November.

All qualifying matches will be broadcast live on free-to-air television channels and YouTube. — TWA/KZL



Myanmar's U17 team trains ahead of the 2027 AFC U17 Asian Cup Qualifiers.



Japanese golfer Shuri Sakuma wins the Toto Japan Classic title in Omitama, Ibaraki Prefecture, on 8 November 2026. **PHOTO: Kyodo**

Golf: Sakuma wins Toto Japan Classic title

JAPAN'S Shuri Sakuma won the Toto Japan Classic on Sunday, giving Japanese players a third consecutive victory on the US LPGA Tour.

The tournament at Taiheiyo Club Minori Course in Ibaraki Prefecture is jointly sanctioned by the US LPGA Tour and the Japan LPGA Tour.

The 23-year-old Sakuma shot an 8-under-par 64 in the final round to finish at 20-under 268, four strokes ahead of compatriot Akie Iwai, with Erika Hara finishing third.

Starting the day three shots behind overnight leader Iwai in fifth place, Sakuma rallied from behind to claim the title and the winner's check for $315,000.

Among Japanese golfers, Yuri Yoshida clinched the BMW Ladies Championship in South Korea on 25 October and Miyu Yamashita won the Maybank Championship in Malaysia on 1 November. — Kyodo

Ethiopian runner Taferi wins 43rd Athens Authentic Marathon

ETHIOPIA'S Manazot Siyum Taferi won the 43rd Athens Authentic Marathon on Sunday, clocking 2:10:03 over the classic 42.195km course from the historic town of Marathon to the Panathenaic Stadium in central Athens.

Taferi broke the course record of 2:10:34 set by Kenya's Edwin Kiptoo in 2023, improving the previous mark by 31 seconds.

Taferi's compatriot Asefa Tefera Mengisha finished second in 2:10:18, followed by Kenya's Patrick Keter Kiplagat in third in 2:11:22.

In the women's race, Ethiopia's Yatane Kormoshe Dusha claimed victory in 2:30:04. — Xinhua

Weekly News Quiz

Answer Key

ANSWERS TO QUIZ FROM PAGE 10

Weekly News Quiz - Answer Key

1. C. 13 of 15 (From the FATF plenary meeting story on Page 1 & 3)
2. A. Majoi Hall, Sitapu Manaw Ground (From the traditional Kachin harvest feast festival story on Page 1)
3. C. 699 tortoises (From the Bantbwe Forest Nursery and Tortoise Rescue Centre story on Page 7)
4. B. Addis Ababa (From the 2026 Global Award for Sustainable Development story on Page 12)
5. B. "Two launches, lunar orbit rendezvous" (From the manned moon landing plan story on Page 14)



Israeli president to task Eisenkot with forming new govt

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WORLD

PM Modi greets nation on Diwali

Diwali wishes to everyone across the whole country!

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday extended Diwali greetings to people across the country, wishing them happiness and prosperity.

In a post on X, he wrote, "Diwali wishes to everyone! Boundless Diwali wishes to my family members across the country."

On Saturday, in a post on X, the Prime Minister extended Diwali greetings to the people of the country, wishing them happiness, peace and prosperity, and said he would continue his tradition of celebrating the festival with jawans.

He wrote, 'Have a great Diwali!'

Sharing a video message, the Prime Minister said the entire country was illuminated with lights on the occasion of Diwali and described the festival as a symbol of the country's resolve against darkness.

"Hello! The holy festival of Diwali, the whole country is lit up with lights. This festival of light is an introduction to our resolve against darkness. Wishing you all a very Happy Diwali. May this festival of yours, your future time be filled with happiness, peace and prosperity," he said. — ANI



Sikh devotees visit the illuminated Golden Temple on the eve of Diwali, the festival of lights in Amritsar on 7 November 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

Russia, US, and China discuss possible leaders' meeting

RUSSIA, the US and China are drafting proposals on the agenda ahead of the APEC summit in China, Russian presidential spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

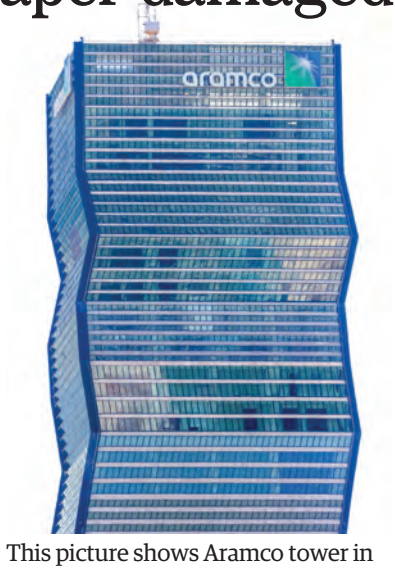
"Some issues may be a priority for one side but considered entirely inappropriate by another. Therefore, a certain consensus needs to be reached. If the sides manage to find common ground and the meeting does take place, it will be a very important discussion that will attract the attention of the entire world, without exaggeration," Dmitry Peskov told Russian media. — SPUTNIK

Riyadh financial district targeted, Aramco skyscraper damaged

AN Aramco building in Riyadh was targeted in an "attempted attack", the Saudi energy ministry said on Sunday, with eyewitnesses telling AFP the skyscraper sustained damage, after the Saudi-led coalition fighting Yemen's Houthis said it had intercepted missiles launched by the group.

Aramco facilities and infrastructure have been repeatedly struck by the Houthis in recent months, with tankers, refineries, storage areas and the company headquarters all targeted by the group.

"Aramco tower in KAFD has been targeted, that's the sure thing," an eyewitness told AFP, referring to the King Abdullah Financial District. Two other witnesses confirmed seeing damage to the building.



This picture shows Aramco tower in the King Abdullah Financial District (KAFD) in Riyadh on 3 March 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

A 2022 truce that had paused fighting in Yemen's long-running conflict fell apart in July and Saudi Arabia has since traded blows with the Houthis, who have struck Saudi airports, energy infrastructure and military sites.

The Iran-backed Houthis seized the Yemeni capital Sanaa in 2014, with the Saudi-led coalition entering the conflict a year later in support of the government. — AFP



Delta Air Lines operates its long-haul international routes using the modern and fuel-efficient Airbus A350-900. **PHOTO: DAVID SYPHERS / UNSPLASH**

Airlines bet that more premium offerings will boost profits

AIRLINES are installing deluxe seats, enlisting Michelin-star chefs for luxury menu offerings and designing elite airport lounges as the industry bets its future on growing demand for premium travel.

The strategy is expected to accelerate the shrinking share of coach class on many flights, with airlines envisioning as much as 70 per cent of passengers paying for enhanced options, if not first-or business class.

Airlines face significantly higher jet fuel costs due to the Iran war, but view such upselling as a profitable longterm bet.

Business class seats can each take up floor space equivalent to four basic-level seats, but can be priced five or six times higher, said Volodymyr Bilotka, a professor at Purdue University and a specialist in aviation economics. "Airlines have traditionally been investing quite a lot into the premium offerings because the profit margins are significantly higher," Bilotka told AFP. — AFP

Russia warns foreign troops in Ukraine

RUSSIA will regard any foreign military units deployed in Ukraine as legitimate targets, Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova said Saturday, warning that such deployments would further escalate the conflict.

Commenting on the "Koalicja 26.2" military exercises for multinational forces planned for 9-22 November in Ukraine, Zakharova accused Western countries of disregarding Russia's security concerns and fueling tensions.

Britain and France hope to maintain a foothold in Ukraine through the deployment of multinational forces to confront Russia and inflict a military defeat on the country, she said.

"We reiterate once again that the deployment of foreign military contingents in Ukraine is categorically unacceptable — whether under the auspices of a so-called 'Coalition of the Willing' or any other grouping," Zakharova said, adding that such military intervention would create additional security threats to Russia. — Xinhua