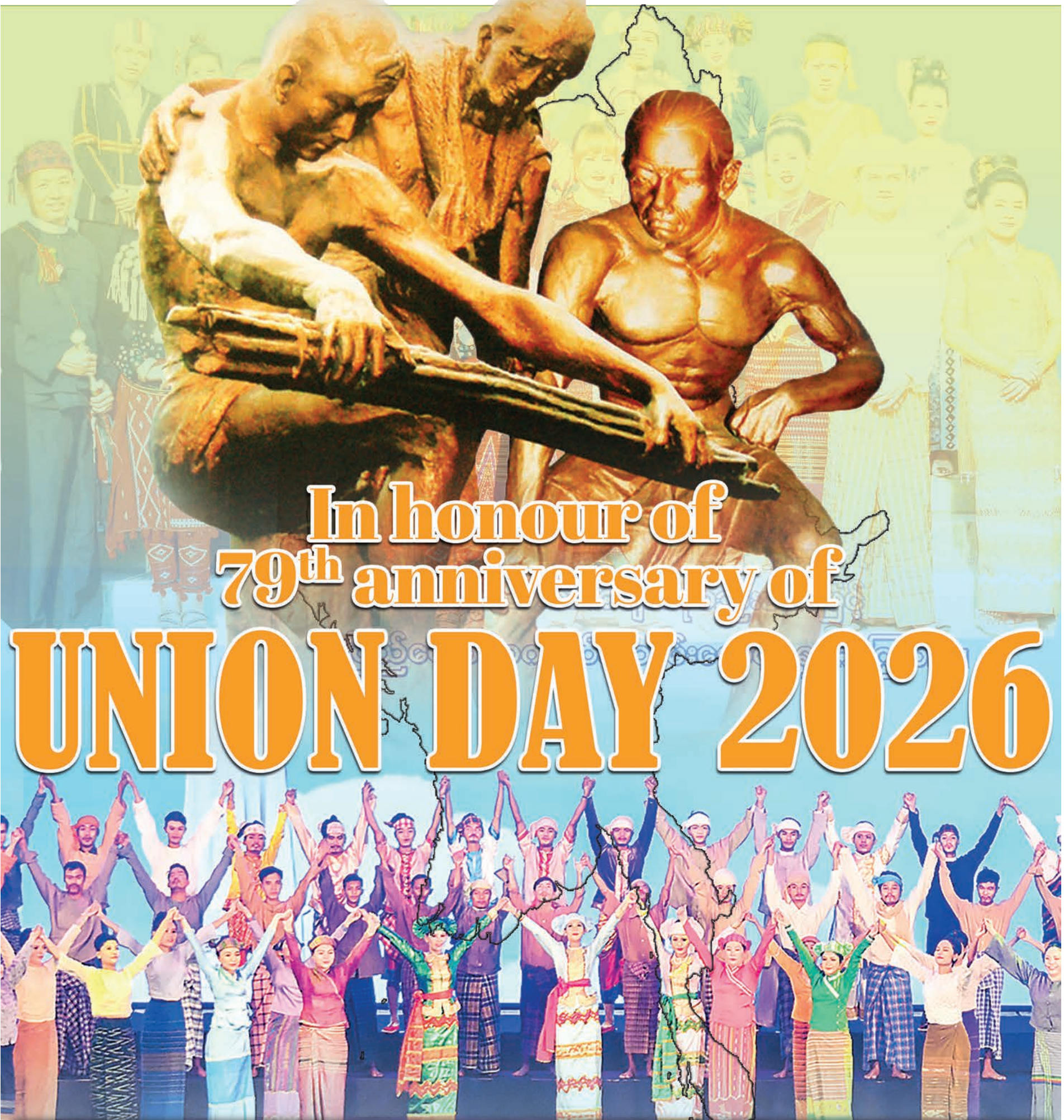


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In honour of
79th anniversary of
UNION DAY 2026

National Objectives for 79th Union Day 2026

1. To work together among all ethnic nationals to achieve the country's prosperity and food security, the national goal of the country.
2. To cooperate hand-in-hand with the government, Tatmadaw and all ethnic nationals in successfully implementing the measures for stability and rule of law.
3. To strive together with ethnic armed groups to establish a lasting peace, while propagating justice, freedom and equality within the country.
4. To build a Union based on democracy and federalism, practising a genuine and disciplined multiparty democratic system through the friendship, trust, unity and collaboration of ethnic people.
5. To cooperate, ensuring the development of education, health and socioeconomic status of ethnic nationals and the emergence of a developing country.

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- Let us encourage production for prosperity of the Nation.
- Let us ensure education sector for the development of the Nation.
- Let us protect our environment for the prosperity of the Nation.

Statement of Appreciation

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 February 2026

1. The Union Election Commission held the multiparty democratic general election in phases starting on 28 December 2025 and successfully conducted it as a free, fair, and transparent election under the relevant Hluttaw Election Law and related rules.
2. In connection with the successful holding of the election, the Union Election Commission would like to express its special gratitude and formally acknowledge all the voters who cast advance votes from home and abroad; those who came to polling stations in person to vote; the officials and employees of various ministries who diligently participated in the national duty with their dedication, intelligence, and diligence, the trusted and respected individuals from the subcommissions in each region and state; the departmental officials; and all the individuals from volunteer organizations.

Union Election Commission

Mann Shwesettaw Pagoda Festival draws large crowds



A bird's-eye view captures the vibrant Shwesettaw Pagoda Festival bustling with visitors (L) and an aerial view captures the enchanting Mann Shwesettaw Pagoda. **PHOTO: DISTRICT IPRD**

THE Mann Shwesettaw Pagoda, located in Minbu (Sagu) Township, Magway Region, hosts large numbers of visitors during the festival this year, according to the pagoda board of trustees. “The Mann Shwesettaw Pagoda Festival has been grandly and traditionally held starting

from the 5th waxing of Tabodwe. To accommodate pilgrims who wish to stay overnight, lodging houses and market stalls have been constructed along the riverbank. We have observed that the number of visitors is higher on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays. For pilgrims

and visitors coming from both near and far, arrangements have been made not only in the lodging houses but also in the religious halls within the pagoda compound, allowing them to stay overnight peacefully and pay homage in a serene atmosphere. Since the opening day of the fes-

tival to date, pilgrims from various regions have been arriving continuously in private vehicles and pilgrimage transport services. Compared to last year, the number of visitors arriving at the festival has noticeably increased, making it more crowded,” said U Aye Ko, chairman of the pagoda

board of trustees. This year, the pagoda festival will be held for 86 days from 22 January to 17 April 2026, including Thingyan periods (from 5th Waxing of Tabodwe to 1st day of Myanmar New Year). — District IPRD/KTZH

Myanma Laphet Festival and Talk Show held marking Union Day in Yangon

THE Myanma Laphet (Tea) Festival and Talk Show marking the Union Day was organized at Sein Lan So Pyay Garden in Yangon yesterday. Moreover, a tea talk show was held at 4 pm with the aim of promoting Myanmar’s tradition of consuming Laphet not only within the country but also internationally as a distinctive food, and to support the recognition of Myanmar’s tea culture on the UNESCO Representative



The Myanma Laphet (Tea) Festival and Talk Show marking the Union Day in progress at Sein Lan So Pyay Garden in Yangon yesterday. List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. During the event, Myanmar Cultural Heritage Preservation Group

Chairperson Daw Sanda Khin, Palaung Laphet Association Patron U Tun Wa, Myanmar Tea Producers and Exporters Association Dr Nan Hla Hla Htay, and advisors U Myo Win Aung and Daw Naychi Myat Tun discussed the history and production processes of tea. Tea produced in the hilly regions is traditionally enjoyed together with sesame oil, peanut oil, and crunchy beans from the lowland regions. This combi-

nation symbolizes unity, which is why the event is being held in commemoration of Union Day. The festival is organized to help the entire public, including younger generations, gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the tradition of consuming Myanmar pickled tea, to value and cherish it, and to continue preserving it. The Myanma Tea Festival will be held from 11 to 14 February. — Bala/KTZH

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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

ARMED terrorists have been launching attacks by using residential homes and administrative buildings in towns and villages as cover, where they have forcibly settled. They aim to shield themselves from Tatmadaw counterattacks while also persuading temporarily displaced persons to return to their native areas and recruiting new members. That enables terrorists to use civilians as human shields. Tatmadaw is committed to safeguarding the sovereignty of the State and will respond to these threats based on intelligence and prevailing conditions. Therefore, residents in areas where terrorists have taken control must prioritize their safety and protect themselves from being exploited by these groups.

(An excerpt from guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to Shan State cabinet members and state-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)

Unity in Diversity: Building a Strong, Peaceful and Enduring Union

ACTING President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Thadue Maha Thray Sithu Thadue Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing sent a message to the ceremony to mark the 79th Anniversary of Union Day, which falls on 12 February 2026. The full text of the translated message was as follows: -

Esteemed Union-born national brethren,

On this special occasion of the 79th Anniversary of Union Day 2026 of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, falling today, 12 February, I extend my greetings and best wishes, praying that the entire Union-born ethnic people may enjoy good health, prosperity, and be blessed with abundant well-being and happiness.

Myanmar lived under colonial rule for more than 100 years, during which the unity of its ethnic groups was fractured due to the colonizers’ divide-and-rule administration. To resist colonialism and achieve national independence, all ethnic communities joined hands, making long-term sacrifices and engaging in armed struggle. With the determination to regain independence for both the hill regions and the plains as one, the leaders of the ethnic groups signed the Panglong Agreement on 12 February 1947. That day has since been commemorated annually as Union Day, and today marks its 79th anniversary.

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Tatmadaw member medallists in Asian and SEA Games honoured

Not only athletes but every citizen must possess a strong sense of responsibility to safeguard the country.

State Security and Peace Commission Chairman and Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech at the ceremony to honour Tatmadaw members and coaches who secured medals in the XIX Asian Games, the XXXIII SEA Games and the XIII ASEAN Para Games, at Bayintnaung Villa in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said that at the XIX Asian Games, the Myanmar Sepak Takraw team, which included one Tatmadaw member, won a team gold medal. At the XXXIII South-East Asia Games, Myanmar competed in 38 sports, and Tatmadaw members con-



State Security and Peace Commission Chairman and Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing warmly greets the triumphant medallists and coaches at yesterday’s event.

tributed to the country’s performance by winning one silver medal and five bronze medals in four sports. Similarly, Tatmadaw member coaches also demonstrated their capabilities in sports such as rowing, weightlifting, boxing, Wushu, and wrestling, helping secure four silver medals and ten bronze medals.

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Esteemed Union-born national brethren,

The government has adopted the national objectives to ensure prosperity and food security, which are fundamental needs of any country and is implementing them. Only when the country is prosperous and secure can social and economic life develop, allowing all citizens to live happily and healthily. A nation can continue to progress and achieve lasting prosperity only through citizens who are knowledgeable, skilled, and virtuous. Accordingly, the education sector of the country is being prioritized and continuously promoted.

The State is also supporting the development of small, micro, and medium-sized industrial enterprises to boost production, so that high-quality, value-added products can not only meet domestic consumption needs but also be exported abroad.

Myanmar, blessed with fertile land and abundant natural resources, is a country with secure domestic food supplies due to sufficient arable land, a balanced population, a favourable climate, diverse ecosystems, and plentiful freshwater sources. To ensure that agricultural activities meet their production targets per acre, support is provided in the form of suitable crop varieties, land, water, technologies, and investment requirements tailored to each region. By combining traditional farming with modern techniques to increase yields and enhance productivity, the people's food security is ensured, while also contributing to higher national economic output and GDP growth.

It is necessary to carry out both agriculture and livestock farming together to ensure food security. Efforts are being encouraged to carry out livestock and production for local sufficiency according to each region and to produce animal feed based on locally grown crops. The key requirement is that all citizens work diligently and contribute their efforts.

Therefore, to achieve the State's national objectives of national prosperity and food security, all ethnic communities are strongly encouraged to work together in a united effort.

Esteemed Union-born national brethren,

The fundamental needs of all ethnic communities are national peace and stability, the rule of law, and the ability to live, work, and access food safely. Any disruption to the stability and development of a region is caused solely by the actions of terrorists in that area. At present, these terrorists have committed destructive acts such as planting explosives on roads and bridges, damaging power lines, and setting fire to public buildings, resulting in blocked trade routes, disrupted goods transport, lost educational opportunities, and denied access to healthcare. In some regions, these disturbances have caused local ethnic communities to face declines in social and economic life, as well as threats to life and safety. As a result of these events, social and economic conditions have deteriorated, and the population is experiencing increased hardship, which requires special attention.

Our country is an independent and sovereign nation, and the State prioritizes the safety, security, and well-being of all ethnic communities, ensuring the protection of their homes, lives, and livelihoods while exercising the legislative, executive and judicial powers.

A firm and reliable judicial system is being implemented to eliminate terrorism, uphold the rule of law, and ensure that all citizens fully enjoy their human rights. To support the enforcement of the rule of law within the country, knowledge about the law is being taught and disseminated not only to government officials but also to the new generation of students.

Tatmadaw is not only the people's patriotic armed forces, born from among the citizens themselves, but also the Union armed forces that includes members from all ethnic groups. It is the most steadfast and resolute organization standing firmly for the State. Since the country gained independence, Tatmadaw has been maintaining and managing internal security up to the present time. With the support and encouragement of the entire population, it has been fully committed to defending the nation against all internal and external threats, relying on patriotism and courage, and carrying out its duties with utmost effort and dedication.

Tatmadaw has pledged to work alongside citizens who desire peace to restrain and defend against the unlawful and violent acts of armed groups, as well as any expansionist conflicts. For national defence and security, a modern people's defence system will be developed based on domestic forces and with the full participation

of all citizens. Tatmadaw will exist as long as the world stands, and as long as Tatmadaw exists, the Union will remain strong and stable. It is also necessary for all ethnic communities and the people to stand united with the State and Tatmadaw to protect the nation and ensure the Union does not break apart.

Therefore, in order to successfully implement national peace and the enforcement of the rule of law, all ethnic communities are urged to work hand in hand with the State Government and Tatmadaw.

Esteemed Union-born national brethren,

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar is a nation founded on the universal principles of justice, freedom, and equality. Only when these universal principles, which uphold peace and harmony, flourish can conflicts within human society be reduced, allowing people to live together in unity and peace. All ethnic communities, with awakened awareness, must practise and uphold these universal principles for the country to stand as a peaceful and stable nation in the long term. All ethnic groups living in Myanmar have, for many centuries, lived together in harmony, sharing the same land and water, and are like Union-born national brethren.

All ethnic communities of the Union, who wish to live peacefully, are firmly committed to a durable peace that resolves conflicts. During the Youth Peace Forum, held from 13 to 15 January 2026, the voices of young people from across Myanmar expressing their desire for peace were also heard.

In building a Union based on democracy and a federal system, an enduring peace throughout the country is a fundamental requirement. The people of all ethnic communities themselves must ensure the peace of the nation. Therefore, to establish long-term and sustainable peace, ethnic armed groups need to participate in accordance with the common agreement of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).

The democracy and peace of our country can only be successfully achieved through political dialogue and negotiation based on the spirit of Union solidarity among national brethren, free from foreign interference and internal sabotage. The State, for its part, continues to extend invitations to dialogue, always keeping the door to peace open and welcoming. As the strength of the nation lies primarily within the country, all ethnic communities must stand united and actively participate in the State's peacemaking efforts, following the Union Day motto: "Let us build durable peace for the progress of the Union".

Therefore, all ethnic armed groups are strongly urged to work together with the State to promote the universal principles of justice, freedom, and equality, and to collectively strive to establish durable peace.

Esteemed Union-born national brethren,

In building a nation based on democracy and a federal system, the spirit of the Union serves as the foundation, while the close bonds, trust, unity, and collective efforts of all national brethren form the cornerstone. Since Myanmar is home to a diverse range of ethnic groups, it is essential to unite these differences harmoniously and to live together in mutual trust, respect, and goodwill.

In accordance with the objectives of the National Defence and Security Council, free and fair elections have been successfully held. Appreciation and gratitude are extended to all citizens who fulfilled their duties as responsible nationals by casting their votes and to everyone who actively contributed to the success of the elections. The government that will emerge from the upcoming Hluttaws and meetings will be entrusted with the responsibilities of the State.

The strength of the Union depends on the unity and solidarity of all ethnic communities. All individuals must set aside thoughts and actions that do not benefit the nation and work together in a coordinated and harmonious manner on initiatives that promote the country's well-being. Only in this way can the shared goal of a democratic and federal Union, envisioned by all ethnic communities, be achieved smoothly and swiftly.

In following the path of multiparty democracy, differences of opinion will naturally arise among individuals. However, as the saying goes, "Unity is strength, harmony is power, and peace is beauty," every citizen must work hand in hand with mutual understanding, trust, and solidarity. Only through such cooperation can a strong and resilient Union be built that can stand confidently on the world stage.

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Therefore, all national brethren are encouraged to genuinely participate, cooperating hand in hand, with mutual trust, unity, and collective effort, by practising a fully disciplined multiparty democratic system, to build a Union founded on democracy and a federal system.

Esteemed Union-born national brethren,

By prioritizing the comprehensive development of education, healthcare, and socioeconomic life for all ethnic communities of the Union, including local people from remote border areas, a strong and balanced national capacity can be built to create a modern and progressive nation. Only when every citizen is healthy, fully capable, and well-educated in all fields can the country achieve its long-term development goals. Investment in education is essential for building a modern and developed nation, which is why education continues to be actively supported. Through teaching and learning that encourage critical thinking, innovation, and creativity, the aim is to cultivate a growing number of knowledgeable and skilled individuals.

To enable students to study and combine a wide range of disciplines in one place, the Naypyitaw State Academy has been newly opened in Nay Pyi Taw, along with nine Polytechnic Universities, including Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University, which are providing education across the regions and states. For the continuous development of the industrial sector, which is based on agriculture and livestock production – the foundation of the nation’s economic growth – basic education, high school, combined with industrial, agriculture and livestock subjects are being established and taught. Moreover, the University of Agriculture and Livestock (Maubin) has been opened to cultivate more agricultural and livestock professionals on whom the nation can rely. All citizens are encouraged to collectively nurture and develop the youth, who will shape the future of the country, into well-educated, virtuous, and capable individuals.

In the health sector, efforts are continuously being made to ensure that every citizen has access to basic healthcare services. This includes fully supplying hospitals with medicines and medical equipment, providing free medical treatment, and assigning adequate healthcare personnel. To improve the socioeconomic well-being of all citizens, measures are being taken to enhance transport infrastructure,

increase energy production sustainably, expand the production of high-quality import-substitute goods, support industry, agriculture, and livestock, and nurture a healthy and capable human resource base. Additionally, support is being provided to study and apply artificial intelligence (AI) technology across various fields.

In order to build a modern and developed nation, the Government strives not only to engage domestic intellectuals and intelligentsia but also to invite investment and sector-specific experts from partner countries to obtain technical assistance, while implementing both short-term and long-term development plans.

As such, everyone is encouraged to work together to build a modern and developed nation and to promote the development of education, healthcare, and socioeconomic well-being for all ethnic communities.

Esteemed Union-born national brethren,

I send this message to all Union-born national brethren, urging them to solemnly recognize their historical responsibilities, to work together hand in hand with a spirit of unity and with the Union spirit as their foundation to collectively build a strong, stable, and continuously developing Union that will endure as long as the world stands by realizing five national objectives of the 79th Anniversary of Union Day 2026: to work together among all ethnic nationals to achieve the country’s prosperity and food security, the national goal of the country; to cooperate hand-in-hand with the government, Tatmadaw and all ethnic nationals in successfully implementing the measures for stability and rule of law; to strive together with ethnic armed groups to establish a lasting peace, while propagating justice, freedom and equality within the country; to build a Union based on democracy and federalism, practising a genuine and disciplined multiparty democratic system through the friendship, trust, unity and collaboration of ethnic people; and to cooperate, ensuring the development of education, health and socioeconomic status of ethnic nationals and the emergence of a developing country.

*Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu
Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing
Acting President, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Chairman, the State Security and Peace Commission*

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Additionally, he continued that the XIII ASEAN Para Games held earlier this year comprised a total of 19 sports. Among them, Tatmadaw member athletes competed in athletics, sitting volleyball, football, and goalball, winning five gold medals, six silver medals, and three bronze medals. Likewise, Tatmadaw member coaches also demonstrated their capabilities by helping secure two gold medals, three silver medals, and four bronze medals. It was stated that the medals won represent achievements of great pride not only for the nation but also for Tatmadaw.

The Senior General stated that the spirit of “never yielding and never giving up” fostered through sports is closely

linked to nation-building. Not giving up on oneself and not giving up on one’s team means safeguarding one’s dignity, and at the same time preserving the image of the nation from decline. It was further emphasized that not only athletes but every citizen must possess a strong sense of responsibility to protect and safeguard the country. Only when such awareness is alive in the hearts of all citizens will it be possible to defend the nation against dangers that may seek to cause its deterioration and destruction.

At today’s ceremony, he highlighted that Tatmadaw member athletes and coaches who have enhanced the honour of the nation and Tatmadaw will be recognized with honorary certificates from the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Ser-

vices, certificates of commendation, cash awards, and promotions in rank.

The Senior General presented the honorary certificate of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the certificate of honour and cash awards to gold medallists in the XIX Asian Games, the XXXIII SEA Games and the XIII ASEAN Para Games.

Commission Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Soe Win gave the honorary certificate of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the certificate of honour and cash awards to gold medallists in the XIII ASEAN Para Games and the XXXIII SEA Games.

Commission members and senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief also handed the

honorary certificate of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the certificate of honour and cash awards to the victorious athletes and coaches.

Warrant Officer II Soe Pay, on behalf of the winners, spoke words of thanks.

The Senior General and party hosted a tea party for the outstanding Tatmadaw member medallists and coaches.

After the ceremony, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and party cordially greeted the victorious athletes and coaches.

Also, present at the ceremony were Daw Than Than Nwe, the wife of the Vice-Senior General, Commission Secretary General Ye Win Oo and his wife, Commission members and their wives, Union ministers, and officials. — MNA/TTA

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Union Election Commission
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10th Waning of Tabodwe 1387 ME
11 February 2026

Tatmadaw Names Representatives to Region/State Hluttaws

IN the multiparty democratic general election held in phases starting from 28 December 2025, the Union Election Commission, having scrutinized the following Defence Services personnel candidates nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services for the Region or State Hluttaw under the provisions of Chapter VIII of the Region or State Hluttaw Election Law, hereby declares, in pursuit of Section 31 of the Region or State Hluttaw Election Law, that they are Defence Services personnel representatives for the Region or State Hluttaws.

No	Gazette No	Rank	Name
Kachin State Hluttaw			
1	BC 27351	Colonel	Kyaw Thura
2	BC 26784	Colonel	Kyaw Zeya
3	BC 37264	Lt-Col	Thet Min Oo
4	BC 30003	Major	Tin Ko Ko
5	BC 30764	Major	Kyaw Thu Myo
6	BC 51433	Captain	Yan Aung Khine
7	BC 57467	Captain	Thet Paing Soe
8	BC 61472	Captain	Tin Ko Ko Htwe
9	BC 64410	Captain	Htet Myet Aung
10	BC 74160	Captain	Ye Ko Myint
11	MAF 3954	Captain	Tet Toe
Kayah State Hluttaw			
1	BC 26863	Colonel	Than Soe Aung
2	BC 25790	Colonel	Aung Kyaw Myint
3	BC 52781	Captain	Khant Sithu
4	N 919	Captain	Daw Kyu Kyu Khaing
Kayin State Hluttaw			
1	BC 27238	Colonel	Min Thu Kyaw
2	BC 24096	Colonel	Than Htaik
3	BC 35782	Lt-Col	Kyaw Thura Win
4	BC 42653	Captain	Khine Tun Oo
5	BC 71711	Captain	Zaw Win Htay
6	BC 73248	Captain	Soe Pyae Bo
Chin State Hluttaw			
1	BC 30184	Colonel	Khin Maung Htwe
2	BC 25994	Colonel	Saw Tun
3	BC 35419	Major	Arkar Kyaw Moe
4	BC 64583	Captain	Zaw Ye Naing
Sagaing Region Hluttaw			
1	BC 24993	Colonel	Win Tin Soe
2	BC 27932	Colonel	Min Min Oo
3	BC 28779	Lt-Col	Aung Paing Oo
4	BC 29109	Major	Min Htut
5	BC 33688	Major	Min Zaw
6	BC 34921	Major	Thant Zin Oo
7	BC 41272	Major	Kyi Tha Aung
8	BC 47945	Major	Wai Phyو Tha
9	BC 50929	Major	Aung Ko Ko Win
10	BC 51640	Major	Nay Lin Tun
11	BC 53728	Major	Nyein Chan Ko
12	MAF 3053	Major	Thein Lin Tun
13	BC 35051	Captain	Toe Myint Win
14	BC 50983	Captain	Kyaw Kyaw
15	BC 51422	Captain	Than Naing Tun
16	BC 53417	Captain	Ye Yan Naing

No	Gazette No	Rank	Name
17	BC 53548	Captain	Phyo Pyae Son
18	BC 59315	Captain	Kyaw Win Thant
19	BC 67530	Captain	Daw Thiri Han
20	BC 74450	Captain	Htet Aung Shine
21	MAF 3502	Captain	Tun Than Win
Taninthayi Region Hluttaw			
1	BC 31667	Colonel	Thein Zaw Myint
2	BC 27151	Colonel	Aung Ko Latt
3	BC 31988	Lt-Col	Nan Htet Win
4	MAF 2735	Major	Myo Thet Oo
5	BC 66238	Captain	Zin Ko Maung
6	MN 4677	Lieutenant	Min Pyae
7	MAF 4146	Captain	Thet Paing Moe
Bago Region Hluttaw			
1	BC 29173	Colonel	Nyi Lan Cho
2	BC 27978	Colonel	Than Hlaing Win
3	BC 33797	Major	Tun Tun
4	BC 33869	Major	Lay Naing
5	BC 34956	Major	Zaw Lin Aung
6	BC 35364	Major	Hein Zay Myint
7	BC 37810	Major	Kyaw Thet Naing
8	BC 48180	Major	Khine Lwin Htoo
9	BC 48445	Major	Min Thu Aung
10	BC 36645	Captain	Myo Min Zaw
11	BC 39414	Captain	Lu Maw Myint
12	BC 49097	Captain	Maung Maung Lwin
13	BC 51091	Captain	Than Myat Linn
14	BC 52631	Captain	Tin Maung Lwin
15	BC 57459	Captain	Phyo Thura Maung
16	BC 62245	Captain	Aung Sit Maung
17	BC 79241	Captain	Daw Thae Nu Zar
18	MAF 4208	Captain	Daw Nilar Myint
19	N 879	Captain	Daw Zin Mar Wan
Magway Region Hluttaw			
1	BC 22405	Colonel	Moe Min Thein
2	BC 26870	Colonel	Kyaw Than Swe
3	BC 36502	Lt-Col	Zaw Oo Latt
4	BC 28463	Major	Kyaw Kyaw Soe
5	BC 48385	Major	Zarni Maung
6	BC 48465	Major	Aung Soe Tun
7	BC 51245	Major	Lwin Moe
8	MAF 2888	Major	Naing Lin
9	N 803	Major	Daw Ei Ei Win
10	BC 34960	Captain	Kyaw Tun
11	BC 50074	Captain	Khine Zaw Wai
12	BC 51563	Captain	Nyan Lin Tun
13	BC 53844	Captain	Thet Paing Oo
14	BC 54441	Captain	Myo Min Tun
15	BC 56065	Captain	Moe Zeya Htay
Mandalay Region Hluttaw			
1	BC 32132	Colonel	Nay Lin Soe
2	BC 26788	Colonel	Kyaw Sein Tun
3	BC 26936	Lt-Col	Naing Lin
4	BC 28324	Lt-Col	Kyaw Win
5	BC 32571	Lt-Col	Myint Naing
6	BC 30419	Lt-Col	Thet Naing Oo
7	BC 30546	Lt-Col	Myo Myint Lay
8	BC 37909	Major	Aye Lin Tun

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9	BC 39247	Major	Htay Oo Khaing
10	BC 47456	Major	Kyaw Ko Oo
11	BC 51322	Captain	Wunna Naing
12	BC 42640	Captain	Aung Tun
13	BC 52702	Captain	Moe Min Thu
14	BC 53789	Captain	Nay Zaw Soe
15	BC 67490	Captain	Daw Nyein Hsu Yee
16	BC 67506	Captain	Daw Ei Htet Paing
17	BC 70202	Captain	Daw Ei Mon Hlaing
18	BC 71556	Captain	Daw Sein Lae Cho
Mon State Hluttaw			
1	MN 3475	Commodore	Aung Win Than
2	BC 26829	Colonel	Kyaw Swa Myint
3	BC 24923	Colonel	Maung Maung Lat
4	BC 44138	Major	Nyi Bo Bo Soe
5	N 749	Major	Daw Ngu Wah Kyi
6	N 785	Major	Daw Thet Thet Soe
7	N 925	Captain	Daw Myint Myint Nwe
8	N 955	Captain	Daw Thu Zar
Rakhine State Hluttaw			
1	BC 25775	Colonel	Kyaw Thura
2	BC 26875	Colonel	Tun Tun Win
3	BC 34738	Major	Kyaw Zeya
4	BC 55047	Captain	Hlwan Moe Naing
5	BC 59531	Captain	Sit Min Naing
6	BC 74169	Captain	Lwin Aung Myat
7	MN 5387	Lieutenant	Thet Ko Ko Oo
Yangon Region Hluttaw			
1	BC 21897	Colonel	Win Tint
2	BC 26242	Colonel	Zaw Myo Htut
3	BC 33638	Lt-Col	Tin Myo Lat
4	MN 4205	Commander	Thet Tin Aung
5	MAF 2425	Lt-Col	Wai Moe Aung
6	N 537	Lt-Col	Daw Aye Aye Mar
7	BC 28470	Major	Thet Naing Oo
8	BC 30668	Major	Hla Tun
9	BC 33520	Major	Kyaw Moe Thwin
10	BC 37667	Major	Naing Tun Aung
11	BC 38533	Major	Aung Phyto Han
12	BC 40954	Major	Pyae Win Aung
13	BC 40982	Major	Soe Lin Naung
14	BC 43114	Major	Kyaw Kyaw
15	BC 43668	Major	Hsan Maung Maung Myint
16	BC 47438	Major	Theik Tun Zaw
17	MN 4244	Lt-Cmdr	Phyto Thura Kyaw
18	MN 4384	Lt-Cmdr	Kyaw Kyaw Min
19	MAF 2612	Major	Win Naing
20	MAF 3082	Major	Swe Myint Oo
21	BC 28576	Captain	Tun Myint Lat
22	BC 51276	Captain	Wunna Sein Myint
23	BC 54774	Captain	Han Zaw Lin
24	BC 58122	Captain	Khin Maung Cho
25	BC 62068	Captain	Pyae Aung Soe
26	BC62518	Captain	Soe Htet Aung
27	BC 70200	Captain	Daw Win Shwe Sin Tun
28	BC 71559	Captain	Daw Khin Sanda Kyaw
29	BC 71562	Captain	Daw Thae Nu San

No	Gazette No	Rank	Name
30	N 859	Captain	Daw Kyu Kyu Tun
31	N 935	Captain	Daw Khin Yadana Hlaing
Shan State Hluttaw			
1	BC 24970	Colonel	Sein Win
2	BC 25755	Colonel	Aung Myo Than
3	BC 27402	Lt-Col	Myint Maung
4	BC 30545	Lt-Col	Nyi Nyi Tin
5	BC 32372	Lt-Col	Win Kyaw Kyaw
6	MAF 2771	Lt-Col	Aung Soe
7	BC 29132	Major	Kyaw Thu Win
8	BC 24050	Major	Hla Moe Thein
9	BC 25297	Major	Kyaw Soe Lin
10	BC 28783	Major	Min Khaung
11	BC 32577	Major	Zaw Win Oo
12	BC 33404	Major	Aung Thura
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14	BC 38813	Major	Aung Ko Ko
15	BC 40429	Major	Phyto Htet Oo
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21	N 840	Major	Daw Wai Hnin Aung
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27	BC 52019	Captain	Myo Min Soe
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12	BC 66084	Captain	Aung Thu Soe
13	BC 71054	Captain	Waiyan Min Khant
14	MN 5254	Lieutenant	Phyto Wai Aung
15	MAF 4232	Captain	Than Hteik Zaw
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Firmly join hands in building a federal democratic Union

MYANMAR is an independent and sovereign nation, and the State prioritizes the safety, security, and well-being of all ethnic communities, ensuring the protection of their homes, lives, and livelihoods while exercising the legislative, executive and judicial powers.

Only when these universal principles, which uphold peace and harmony, flourish can conflict within human society be reduced, allowing people to live together in unity and peace. All ethnic communities, with awakened awareness, must practise and up-

The strength of the Union depends on the unity and solidarity of all ethnic communities. All individuals must set aside thoughts and actions that do not benefit the nation and work together in a coordinated and harmonious manner on initiatives that promote the country's well-being. Only in this way can the shared goal of a democratic and federal Union, envisioned by all ethnic communities, be achieved smoothly and swiftly.

In building a nation based on democracy and a federal system, the spirit of the Union serves as the foundation, while the close bonds, trust, unity, and collective efforts of all national brethren form the cornerstone. Since Myanmar is home to a diverse range of ethnic groups, it is essential to unite these differences harmoniously and to live together in mutual trust, respect, and goodwill. The strength of the Union depends on the unity and solidarity of all ethnic communities. All individuals must set aside thoughts and actions that do not benefit the nation and work together in a coordinated and harmonious manner on initiatives that promote the country's well-being. Only in this way can the shared goal of a democratic and federal Union, envisioned by all ethnic communities, be achieved smoothly and swiftly.

Everyone residing in the Union has to erase hate, grudge and hostilities suffered in the past from their minds and wash their souls to build a Union based on democracy and a federal system to uplift life of all nationalities. Therefore, they have to genuinely participate, cooperating hand in hand, with mutual trust, unity, and collective effort, by practising a fully disciplined multiparty democratic system, to build a Union founded on democracy and a federal system.

UNION Day in Myanmar, celebrated annually on 12 February, is more than a commemoration of the 1947 Panglong Agreement. It is a living symbol of the country's aspiration for unity among diverse ethnic groups, cultures, and traditions. In 2026, Union Day arrives at a particularly significant moment: just weeks after the 2025-26 general elections, which unfolded in three phases between December 2025 and January 2026. The results, led by the Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP), mark the beginning of a new political chapter. This convergence of historical remembrance and contemporary governance offers Myanmar an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of unity in both heritage and future leadership.

Union Day: Historical Resonance

The Panglong Agreement of 1947 stands as a cornerstone in Myanmar's journey towards national unity. Signed by General Aung San and representatives of major ethnic groups, including Shan, Kachin, and Chin, it was a visionary pact that laid the ground-work for a federal union based on mutual respect, equality, and co-operation. The agreement recognized the distinct identities and rights of ethnic nationalities while affirming their shared commitment to forming a unified nation. Though challenges have followed in the decades since, the spirit of Panglong continues to inspire calls for inclusive governance and peaceful coexistence.

Union Day, celebrated annually on 12 February, serves as a powerful reminder of Myanmar's rich diversity. The country is home to more than 130 ethnic groups, each with its own language, customs, and traditions. From the Bamar heartland to the highlands of the Shan, Kachin, Chin, and Kayin peoples, Myanmar's cultural mosaic is both vibrant and resilient. Union Day invites citizens to reflect

on this diversity not as a source of division, but as a strength that enriches the national identity. It is a day to honour the idea that unity does not mean uniformity, and that true solidarity embraces difference.

The ceremonial importance of Union Day is felt across the country, from bustling cities to remote villages. Schools organize essay contests and debates on unity, while communities host cultural performances showcasing traditional dances, music, and attire. Government offices hold formal events where leaders speak about the values of cooperation and national harmony. These celebrations are not merely symbolic — they reinforce the collective memory of the Panglong spirit and encourage ongoing dialogue about federalism, inclusion, and peace. Union Day thus becomes both a historical commemoration and a living civic tradition, reminding all citizens of their shared responsibility to build a more united and equitable Myanmar.

Union Day is not only about looking back but also about imagining how unity can be reinterpreted in modern times. In 2026, this imagination is shaped by the results of the elections and the governments that will emerge.

A Turning Point

The 2025-26 general elections in Myanmar unfolded across three distinct phases, reflecting both logistical planning and the country's commitment to broad civic participation. The first phase took place on 28 December 2025, followed by the second on 11 January 2026, and the final phase on 25 January 2026. This staggered approach allowed for greater accessibility across regions and ensured that voters from diverse backgrounds could engage in the democratic process. The elections were held amid anticipation and reflection, as citizens considered the future direction of governance and national unity.

Unity in Words, Unity in Action

To begin in my own way, I find it necessary to return to the very meanings of the words “Union” and “Day” themselves. According to global references such as the Oxford and Webster's dictionaries, a *union* is defined as the act of joining, or the state of being

joined together as one, while a *day* signifies not merely a unit of time, but a moment set apart for recognition, remembrance, or significance. When viewed together, *Union Day* is more than a date on the calendar; it is a reminder of collective commitment and shared responsibility.



A New Chapter of Unity and Governance

By Yin Nwe Ko

The Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) emerged as the leading political force in this electoral cycle. With historical ties to governance and a platform emphasizing stability and development, the USDP secured a majority in both houses of parliament, positioning itself to form the next government. This outcome was met with a mix of celebration and cautious optimism, as communities across Myanmar looked to the incoming administration to address key issues such as infrastructure, education, and interethnic cooperation. The party's victory also signalled a continuation

of familiar leadership styles, with potential for renewed focus on national integration.

At the time of the elections, the presidency was vacant, creating a unique moment of transition. The new government is expected to consolidate leadership under the USDP, appointing key figures to guide policy and administration in the coming years. This leadership shift presents opportunities to align governance with the values celebrated on Union Day — particularly unity, inclusion, and federal dialogue. As Myanmar steps into a new political chapter, the convergence of electoral results

and Union Day observance offers a symbolic reminder that leadership is not only about authority but about fostering cooperation across all segments of society.

Within Myanmar, the focus remains on how governance can contribute to stability, development, and unity. For Union Day, this means reflecting on how the new government can embody the spirit of Panglong in contemporary practice.

Interwoven Narratives

Union Day and the elections intersect in meaningful ways:

- Unity in Diversity: Just as

Panglong sought to unite ethnic groups, the new government faces the challenge of ensuring representation and inclusion across Myanmar's diverse regions.

- Federal Aspirations: The symbolism of Union Day reminds leaders of the importance of federal principles, balancing central authority with regional autonomy.
- Youth Engagement: With half of Myanmar's population under 30, Union Day celebrations increasingly highlight the role of young citizens in shaping the future. The elec-

tions, too, underscore the importance of youth participation in civic life.

Fresh Perspectives on Union Day 2026

To make Union Day resonate with today's citizens, new ideas can be introduced:

Civic Storytelling Festivals

Communities could host storytelling events where citizens share personal narratives about unity, resilience, and cooperation. These stories, collected across ethnic lines, would embody the spirit of Panglong in everyday life.

Union Day and Digital Citizenship

In an era of technology, Union Day could highlight digital platforms that connect citizens across regions. Online forums, educational apps, and civic engagement tools could serve as modern “Panglong tables”, fostering dialogue and collaboration.

Youth Parliaments on Union Day

Schools and universities could organize mock parliaments where students debate issues of unity, governance, and federalism. This would not only honour the historical roots of Union Day but also prepare the next generation for leadership.

Cultural Bridges

Union Day could feature “cultural bridges” — events where ethnic groups exchange traditions, foods, and art. Such exchanges would symbolize the ongoing weaving of Myanmar's diverse cultural fabric.

Elections and the Future Government: Opportunities Ahead

The USDP's victory sets the stage for a government that will likely emphasize continuity and stability. In the context of Union Day, this offers several opportunities:

- Policy Alignment with Unity: The government can align its policies with the spirit of Union Day, focusing on inclusive development, infrastructure in ethnic states, and cultural preservation.
- Strengthening Federal Dialogue: Union Day could serve as an annual reminder for the government to engage in dialogue with ethnic leaders, reinforcing trust and cooperation.
- Educational Initiatives: By supporting civic education programs tied to Union Day, the government can nurture a generation that values unity and democratic participation.

Union Day as a Civic Compass

Union Day is not merely ceremonial; it can serve as a civic compass guiding governance. The elections remind citizens that governments change, but the aspiration for unity remains constant. By embedding Union Day values into policy, Myanmar can ensure that governance reflects the nation's deepest ideals.

Union Day 2026 arrives at a crossroads: a historical commemoration intertwined with the emergence of a new government following the 2025-26 elections. The USDP's victory signals continuity, while Union Day reminds Myanmar of the timeless need for unity in diversity. Together, they create a narrative of hope, resilience, and forward-looking governance.

As Myanmar celebrates Union Day this year, citizens can reflect not only on the past but also on the possibilities ahead. By embracing new ideas — storytelling, digital citizenship, youth parliaments, and cultural bridges — Union Day can remain vibrant and relevant. And by aligning governance with the spirit of Panglong, the new government can ensure that unity is not just remembered but lived, shaping Myanmar's journey into the future.

By @Editor

I Say What I See: Union Day and My Dad - A Personal Remembrance

From a local perspective, English-Myanmar dictionaries render *union* as ဝေါင်းစည်းခြင်း or ညီညွတ်မှု, words that go beyond

structure and speak of harmony, mutual respect, and coexistence. *Day*, meanwhile, is understood as a marked time of meaning,

often associated with memory and reflection. These interpretations resonate deeply with our nation and with the many ethnic

peoples who have lived on this land through sunshine and rain, through calm seasons and turbulent years.

In this sense, Union Day is not owned by history alone. It belongs equally to those who came before us and to those who continue to live, work, and endure together, bound by geography, experience, and hope.

My memory drifts back to my younger years with my siblings

— three of us: my elder sister, my younger brother (who, sadly, has passed away), and me. Our father often took us to the Kyaukkasan Grounds, once the grand venue for the nation's significant celebrations, including Union Day.

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Union-Level MSME Products Expo extended to 14 Feb

TO honour the upcoming 79th Union Day, the Union-Level MSME (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises) Products Exhibition and Market Fair will be extended by one day, now running until 14 February.

According to the Organizing Committee, the extension aims to allow more members of the public to explore and purchase goods. The decision follows significant public interest, high sales volumes, and the fair's overlap with public holidays.

The fourth day of the event, held at Nay Pyi Taw Square, saw a large turnout, including civil servants and their families, MSME entrepreneurs, students, youths, and residents.

The exhibition features over 120 booths showcasing a diverse range of products. These include displays from

Union Ministries, various Regions and States, and 29 private companies. On its fourth day, the fair remained bustling with visitors from across the country.

At the respective booths, officials provided detailed information on traditional ethnic cuisines, "One Region One Product" items, and MSME goods currently being exported.

Visitors crowded the Regional and State pavilions to purchase local foodstuffs, traditional ethnic souvenirs, costumes, household goods, and agricultural equipment, all offered at competitive prices. Additionally, regional delicacies are available for purchase, prepared according to authentic local recipes and flavours at reasonable rates.

To ensure public enjoyment, the event features evening entertainment programmes. Renowned artistes are performing popular songs, with many visitors enthusiastically joining in the festivities.

While these performances will be temporarily suspended on 12 February to mark Union Day, the entertainment programme featuring famous artistes will resume on 13 February. — Min Kyaw Swa/KNN

Japan-Myanmar traditional snacks competition winners to receive market expansion support

THE Japan-Myanmar Traditional Snacks Competition was held from 16 to 20 January, and the 20 prize winners were allowed to open stalls and sell their products at a bazaar held on 31 January at Pearl Island in Kandawgyi Nature Park, Yangon Region.

According to the Association of Myanmar-Japan Socio-Economic Development Cooperation (AMJSEDC), there are plans to organize the Japan-Myanmar Traditional Snacks Competition annually, and prize winners will be assisted in expanding their markets both domestically and internationally.

The competition was organized by AMJSEDC to revive traditional Myanmar snacks and reduce the consumption of ready-to-eat imported products.

"We intend to hold it at least once a year. For those who have already won prizes, we will visit their shops every six months to check on them, whether hygiene standards are good or not, and whether their products are being properly prepared. After one year, we will conduct another inspection. Following that, we have plans to continue supporting them. We are carrying out everything on a data-based approach. Using this data, we will upload their information to our Facebook pages and websites and help promote them. By promotion, we mean exploring ways for them to expand from small-scale operations, such as supplying their products as desserts to tea shops or restaurants. We will work together to study how their market opportunities can be broadened. If capital investment is required, there are also plans to provide support," said AMJSEDC general secretary U Than Naing.

At present, the prize winners have been awarded start-up capital, including two first prizes of K5 million each, together with snack display boxes, while the remaining winners received K2 million each along with snack display boxes.

Arrangements are being made to enable prize-winning contestants and Myanmar snack vendors to sell their products in the evenings along busy streets in Kyauktada Township, Yangon Region, areas frequently visited by international tourists, to attract foreign visitors. — ASH/KNN



A traditional Myanmar snacks bazaar is in progress.

Business matching pavilion connects MSMEs to local, global markets at Union-Level Expo

AT the Union-level MSME Products Exhibition and Market Fair being held at Nay Pyi Taw Square from 8 to 13 February, services are being provided at the Business Matching Pavilion to connect MSME products from the regions and states with markets, supporting entrepreneurs from the initial stage of establishing their businesses through to domestic sales and eventual export to international markets.

During the exhibition period, MSME entrepreneurs are being linked with relevant departments through the Ministry Coordination Team. These include the Department of Trade for exporter and importer registration certificates, the Food and Drug Administration for FDA certification, the Department of Intellectual Property for trademark registration, and other departments for import and export endorsement matters.

Services are also being provided by the Domestic Market Linkage Team to enable MSME entrepreneurs to display and sell regional products at local retail and wholesale outlets such as Makro, City Mart, One Stop Mart and Aeon.

In addition, the Investment Linkage Team is facilitating connections between



This photo depicts entrepreneurs actively participating in ongoing business matchmaking activities at the MSME Products Expo in Nay Pyi Taw.

MSME entrepreneurs and domestic banks, including Kanbawza Bank, CB Bank, AYA Bank and SME Development Bank, to help them obtain the financial resources and loans required to establish new businesses or expand existing ones.

To assist MSME products in entering overseas markets, the Overseas Market Linkage Team is coordinating with 16 commercial attachés assigned to 12 countries.

On the fourth day of the exhibition, the Ministry Coordination Team connected with 73 MSME entrepreneurs, the Domestic Market Linkage Team facilitated meetings between a total of 221 entrepreneurs and 12 retail and wholesale outlets, the Investment Linkage Team arranged meetings between a total of 167 entrepreneurs and 14 banks, and the Overseas Market Linkage Team connected with a total of 57 entrepreneurs. — MNA/MKKS

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16 PDF members rejoin legal framework

THE government is extending an invitation to those involved in various armed groups, including the PDF, to return to the legal fold. Those who do so are being provided with necessary assistance and support.

A total of 16 members of the PDFs entered the legal fold yesterday. These returning members stated that they could no longer accept the terrorist acts committed by the armed groups and PDF, such as forced conscription, threatening, arresting, and killing innocent civilians and civil servants for the benefit of terrorist organizations, planting mines and destroying non-military infrastructure like roads and bridges. They also cited discrimination, internal hierarchical oppression, torture, killings, violence, poor living conditions, and demoralization due to an inability to resist Tatmadaw operations as reasons for leaving. Moreover, they expressed trust in the



A former PDF member who has rejoined legal framework receives cash awards at the Ayeyawady Hall in the South-West Command.

State and Tatmadaw’s peace processes and a desire to live peacefully under the law, hoping to contribute back to the State and people whom they had caused losses to.

The 16 individuals from Insein township of Yangon

Region, Lemyethna, Ingapu, Yekyi and Pathein of Ayeyawady Region reentered the legal fold yesterday and were accepted by responsible officials. At the handover ceremony, PDF members were handed over to their parents or

guardians at Ayeyawady Hall of the South-West Command Headquarters yesterday.

At the event, the region chief minister and the commander gave an opening speech and briefed on legal matters. Then, the returnees

handed over two rifles and four grenades to the commander.

The region chief minister and commander rewarded K5 million for one rifle, totalling K10 million for two rifles, K300,000 for one grenade, totalling K1.2 million for four grenades and K300,000 per returnee, totalling K4.8 million for 16. The reward amounted to K16 million.

The region chief minister, the commander, and the officials cordially greeted the participants and had a documentary photo taken together with them. There are still individuals who wish to return to the legal fold. Those who intend to do so are encouraged to promptly contact and report to the nearest Tatmadaw bases or police stations. They will be welcomed and accepted, provided with the necessary assistance and support, and cash rewards for any arms and ammunition. — MNA/KTZH

Ceremony held in Hlegu to honour victorious Tatmadaw members

THE honouring ceremony for the brave soldiers who fought fiercely and achieved victories against the AA and PDF terrorist groups in Kyaukpyu Township, Rakhine State, was held yesterday afternoon at the local battalion in Intine Village, Hlegu Township, Yangon Region. The ceremony was attended by Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Pyae Sone Lin, as well as departmental officials, students, artists, and residents.

To ensure that people in each region and state can live and work in peace, and to safeguard their lives, homes, and property, as well as to maintain national stability and peace



This image shows Tatmadaw’s triumphant troops being warmly welcomed back at the station in Hlegu, Yangon.

in the region, victorious Tatmadaw members have served tirelessly day and night on the front lines. The Commander of the Yangon Command, along with officials and residents, welcomed the victorious Tatmadaw members with sprigs of Eugenia, garlands, and floral tributes. The joyous celebration featured a pom-pom dance troupe, as well as the beating of traditional drums, the playing of musical instruments, and lively dances. The Yangon Command commander presented cash awards to the victorious Tatmadaw members. — MNA/GNLM

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We were always delighted to go, enjoying fun fairs, tasting traditional Burmese and ethnic foods, exploring exhibition booths presented by ethnic nationalities and ministries, and riding the merry-go-round or the makeshift toy train. These moments remain vivid in my memory, unforgettable even now.

We also never forgot the podium and stage at the centre of Kyaikkasan Grounds, where delegates from the then states and divisions – Shan, Mon, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Magway, Kachin, Taninthayi, and Ayeeyawady, among others – spoke of unity and solidarity among all ethnic peoples living peacefully in our nation for generations. These gatherings, these words, and my father’s presence there left a lasting impression on me. This, I realize now, was my real-life remembrance of my late father.

Looking back, those childhood visits with my father were more than just days of joy and amusement; they were lessons in the spirit of our nation. Union Day was not merely a public holiday marked by flags and speeches; it was a living demonstration of unity, of people from diverse backgrounds coming together under

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one roof to celebrate shared heritage and common purpose. Today, as I witness Union Day commemorations across the country, I see the echoes of those past moments – the stalls, the exhibitions, the calls for solidarity

among ethnic peoples – and I am reminded that the essence of this day lies not only in ceremony, but in the everyday commitment of our citizens to live together with mutual respect, harmony, and responsibility.

The memory of my father standing among the crowds, guiding us through the celebrations, quietly instilled in me an understanding of what it means to be part of a Union. It is in these personal recollections, interwoven

with the collective observances of our nation, that the significance of Union Day comes alive. It is at once historical and present, public and deeply personal – a reminder of the enduring threads that bind us, and of the work still required to nurture them.

As Union Day unfolds each year, I cannot help but see it through the lens of my father’s presence and guidance. The lessons he imparted – of respect, unity, and care for our fellow citizens—remain with me, quietly shaping how I perceive our nation and its people. Union Day, therefore, is not only a day of public commemoration; it is a call to action, a reminder that the strength of our Union depends on the small, persistent efforts of each individual to honour our shared history, uphold justice, and foster harmony among all ethnic peoples. In remembering my father, I also remember the enduring responsibility of every citizen: to walk hand in hand with others, to nurture understanding, and to help build a Union that is strong, peaceful, and lasting, just as he quietly taught me all those years ago.

Hand in Hand, Past and Present, We Build the Union

22 apprehended, 5 handed prison sentences, as thousands await deportation

THE Government is identifying and investigating foreign nationals who have illegally entered border areas to engage in criminal activities, including online gambling and telecom fraud. These individuals are being systematically deported and handed over to their respective countries in accordance with legal procedures.

As part of these ongoing efforts, a further 22 foreign nationals were recently apprehended and processed for deportation. They had entered sites near Myawady, Kayin State, through illegal routes via neighbouring countries, including Thailand. The group comprises 15 Chinese nationals, two Burundians, two Indians, and one citizen each from Rwanda, Bangladesh, and Uganda.

To ensure their swift repatriation, a joint departmental team is currently collecting the neces-



Immigration process is underway for the deportation of foreign immigrants linked to telecom fraud and online scams.

sary personal data and records. U Kaung San Linn, Chairman of the Myawaddy District Management and Administration Committee and District Administrator, alongside other officials, inspected the process and coordinated essential requirements.

Between 30 January 2025 and 11 February 2026, a total of

14,200 foreign nationals were detained for illegal entry into Myawaddy Township. Investigations into all detainees have been completed. Of these, 13,117 individuals have already been systematically deported via Thailand. The remaining 1,083 nationals are being well cared for and are prepared for transfer to

their respective home countries.

Among those investigated, one Indian national and one Nepali national are currently being prosecuted under Section 3(1)/13(1) of the 1947 Myanmar Immigration (Emergency Provisions) Act for visa violations. Furthermore, five other Indian nationals, who had previously

been deported and blacklisted for online fraud, re-entered Myanmar for a second time. They were charged on 6 October 2025 and, having been found guilty, were sentenced on 3 February 2026. They received separate sentences of five years’ imprisonment with hard labour under Section 4(2)/13(1) and three years’ imprisonment with hard labour under Section 15 (2) of the Immigration Act.

The Government is actively collaborating with neighbouring countries, regional partners, and international organisations to identify, arrest, and take decisive action against those involved in, or masterminding, online scam centres. Additionally, effective coordination is underway to ensure the rapid repatriation of foreign nationals who have been trafficked or find themselves in distress due to various circumstances. — MNA/KNN

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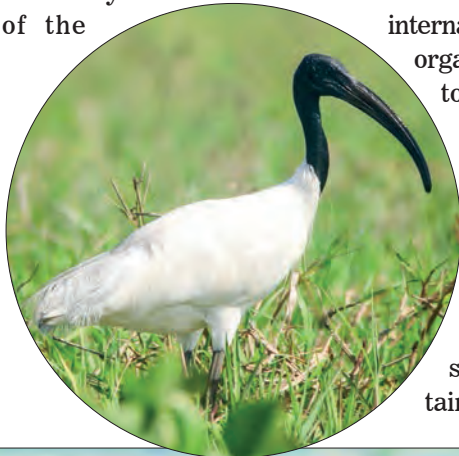
MORE than 10,000 migratory birds of 34 bird species are taking shelter at the Moeyungyi Lake, the first Ramsar Site in January 2026 in Bago Region, according to the warden of the Moeyungyi Wildlife Sanctuary.

During last year’s winter season, over 3,700 migratory birds from 30 species were recorded at the sanctuary. This year, one further migratory bird species has been observed, and more than 22,000 birds of 57 migratory and resident species are currently inhabiting there. Bird species such as northern pintail, garganey, Asian openbill, red-wattled lapwing, black-winged stilt, river tern, Black-headed Ibis and American Golden-Plover can be found most. The migratory birds take shelter in Moeyungyi Lake in

Over 10,000 birds of 34 species arrive at Moeyungyi Lake

the last week of October, and return by the end of April and early May.

“The Moeyungyi Wildlife Sanctuary is one of the



largest wetland areas in Bago Region and supports the livelihoods of nearby villages. As migratory water birds arrive annually and we cooperate with international flyway partnership organizations, it is important to ensure the long-term sustainability and ecosystem of Moeyungyi. Through cooperation among organizations, related departments, and the public, the ecosystem will become stronger and more sustainable, ensuring continu-

ous livelihoods and the annual return of migratory water birds,” said the warden of the sanctuary.

Bird species that inhabit northern parts of the world migrate to the southern part during winter in search of sufficient food and warmer climates due to snowfall, heavy snow cover that makes food scarce, shorter daylight hours, reduced sunlight, and extreme cold. Moeyungyi provides abundant food, suitable habitats, and a safe, biodiverse ecosystem, making it a regular destination for these birds. The Moeyungyi Wildlife Sanctuary

is Myanmar’s first Ramsar Site and has been internationally recognized as a Flyway Network Site by the East Asia-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP).

There are nine major migratory bird flyways. The migratory birds arrive in Myanmar through two flyways – the Central Asia Flyway and the East Asia Australasian Flyway – and take shelter at the Moeyungyi Wildlife Sanctuary. The sanctuary also hosts 11 endangered waterbird species. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH



These photos capture Black-headed Ibis, Stork and Ducks birds at the Moeyungyi Wetland Wildlife Sanctuary in Bago Region. PHOTO: MOEYUNGYI WETLAND WILDLIFE

Myanmar’s rice export bags US\$735M in 10 months of 2025-2026FY



Journeying Beyond Borders: Export rice bags being loaded onto the overseas merchant vessel at Yangon Port.

MYANMAR’S rice export in the past ten months of the current financial year 2025-2026, beginning 1 April, exceeded 2.3 million tonnes worth US\$735 million, according to the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

Myanmar conveyed over 142,000 tonnes (\$52M) in April, over 529,000 tonnes (\$90M) in May, 210,000 tonnes (\$71M) in June, over 230,000 tonnes (\$77M) in July, over 190,000 tonnes (\$65M) in August and 160,000 tonnes (\$52M) in September and over 310,000 tonnes (\$92M) in October, 263,815 tonnes (\$76M) in November, over 331,869 tonnes in December (\$99M) and 208,847 tonnes in January 2026 (\$60M).

Myanmar’s rice trade is heavily reliant on sea trade. The federation aims to achieve three million tonnes of rice exports in

the current FY. Myanmar generated income of over \$1.129 billion from 2.48 million tonnes of rice and broken rice exports in the financial year 2024-2025 (1 April-31 March). Ministry of Commerce is working together with the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association, Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association, Myanmar Industries Association, Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association, Myanmar Fisheries Products Processors and Exporters Association to meet monthly export targets and facilitate exports. — NN/KK

ROLLING UPDATES

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Norwegian Chief of Defence proposes establishing military hotline with Moscow

The 1920 Svalbard Treaty established Norwegian sovereignty over the Arctic archipelago while granting treaty signatories, including Russia, equal rights to exploit natural resources.

NORWEGIAN Chief of Defence Eirik Kristoffersen has proposed establishing a military hotline between Moscow and Oslo to establish a communication channel to avoid escalation caused by misunderstandings, The Guardian newspaper reported.

Russia and Norway continue to maintain direct contact for search and rescue operations in the Barents Sea, and military representatives from both countries regularly meet at the border, Kristoffersen reportedly added. “When we talk with the Russians, they actually



The image shows the town of Longyearbyen, the largest settlement and capital of the Svalbard archipelago, Norway. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ AFP/FILE**

respond in a very professional and predictable way,” he was quoted as saying by the newspaper on Tuesday.

Kristoffersen also confirmed that Russia is abiding by the 1920 Svalbard Treaty, adding that Norway has no plans to militarize the region. — SPUTNIK



Entire corridor will be fully automated driverless metro once operational. **PHOTO: ANI**

Magenta Line to become longest Delhi Metro corridor

THE Magenta Line (Line-8) of the Delhi Metro network is set to emerge as the longest corridor of the Delhi Metro, featuring the highest number of interchange stations and underground stations, thereby significantly enhancing cross-city connectivity across the National Capital Region.

As per the press release, “In light of the recently sanctioned Phase-V (A) corridor, namely Line 8 (Magenta Line) extension from Ramakrishna Ashram Marg to Indraprastha (Via Central Vista), the Indraprastha-Inderlok corridor of Phase-IV shall be implemented as an extension of the Magenta Line.” Total length of Magenta Line (i.e from Botanical Garden to Inderlok will be approximately 89 kilometres, making it the longest corridor in the Delhi Metro network.

The line will run from Botanical Garden to Inderlok and will function entirely as a driverless metro corridor once fully operational.

Once completed, the magenta line from Botanical Garden to Inderlok will have 65 stations, out of which 40 will be underground stations. The extensive interchange facilities of the Magenta Line are expected to reduce travel time, decongest major corridors, and provide seamless, end-to-end connectivity across the city. — ANI

Bangladesh all set for Thursday’s general elections

BANGLADESH is all set for Thursday’s general elections in which more than 127 million voters are expected to cast their ballots at over 42,000 polling stations across the country, a senior official said Tuesday.

All election preparations are now complete, Akhtar Ahmed, Bangladeshi Election Commission’s senior secretary, said.

According to the official, ballot papers and all other polling materials have already been delivered for 299 of the 300 constituencies.

He said polling in one constituency has been postponed due to the death of a candidate and will be held later. — Xinhua

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SPORTS

Myanmar names 44-player squad for Asian Cup qualifiers

MYANMAR has announced a 44-player provisional squad for the remaining two group matches of the 2027 AFC Asian Cup third-round qualifiers to be played in March.

The provisional list includes regular national team players, new faces and several returning players. The squad comprises goalkeepers Zin Nyi Nyi Aung and San Sat Naing of Yangon United, Nay Lin Htet of Hanthawady United, Khant Min Thant of Rakhine United and Aung Ko Latt of Maha United.

Defenders selected are Hein Phyo Win (Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand), Aung Wunna Soe, Zwel Khant Min, Ye Min Thu and Nanda Kyaw (Shan United), Thiha Htet Aung (unattached), Hein Zeya Lin and Kaung Htet Paing (Yangon United), Shin Mwel Ngan Kee and Phyo Pyae Sone (Yadanabon), Myat Bhone



The Myanmar team (red) in action during their previous international match. PHOTO: SOE NYUNT THAW

Khant and Aung Tun Tun (Thitsa Arman), and Soe Moe Kyaw (Uthai Thani, Thailand).

Midfielders include Wai Lin Aung (Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia), Shine Wunna Aung and Min

Maw Oo (Thitsa Arman), Okkar Naing, Aung Myo Khant, Zaw Win Thein and Maung Maung

Lwin (Yangon United), Soe Min Oo (Yadanabon), Swan Htet, Thiha Zaw, Moe Swe and Aung Thiha (Dagon Star United), Ye Yint Phyo (Ayeyawady United), Aung Naing Win (Rakhine United), Lwin Moe Aung (Maha Sarakham, Thailand), Kyaw Min Oo (Terengganu, Malaysia), Myat Kaung Khant, Khun Kyaw Zin Hein, Ye Yint Aung (Shan United) and Hein Htet Aung (Kelantan, Malaysia).

Forwards are Win Naing Tun (Yangon City), Than Toe Aung (Hanthawady United), Than Paing (Trat, Thailand), Yan Kyaw Htwe (Dagon Star United), Pyae Sone Aung (Thitsa Arman) and Pyae Moe (Yadanabon).

Myanmar will play Afghanistan in Qatar on 26 March and Pakistan in Pakistan on 31 March. Myanmar won both first-leg home matches against the two teams. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



US snowboard star Chloe Kim is aiming for her third Olympic gold in women's halfpipe at the Milan-Cortina Games. PHOTO: AFP

US snowboard star Kim stays on track for historic Olympic hat-trick

US superstar Chloe Kim said “muscle memory” had kicked in as she began her quest for a historic Olympic women’s snowboard hat-trick on Wednesday by topping qualifying at Livigno Snow Park.

Kim, who had an injury-disrupted build-up to the Milan-Cortina Games, shot to the top of the halfpipe qualifying times with a score of 90.25 on her first run.

Japan’s Sara Shimizu, who won silver at last year’s world championships, was second on the charts after posting 87.50 in the second of her two runs,

with America’s Maddie Mastro third (86.00).

No snowboarder, man or woman, has won three gold medals at consecutive Olympics — with two athletes missing the chance to do so earlier in the Games in Italy.

Kim, who suffered a dislocated shoulder last month while training in Switzerland, denied she felt rusty despite her lack of recent competitive action.

“I’ve been doing this for 22 years, OK? Muscle memory is a thing. I might be better at snowboarding than I am at walking,” she said. — AFP

Barca missing Rashford, Raphinha for Atletico cup clash

BARCELONA will be without both of their left wingers Marcus Rashford and Raphinha for the Copa del Rey semifinal first leg clash at Atletico Madrid on Thursday.

Raphinha is still sidelined with a thigh strain, while Rashford did not train on Wednesday.

The England international is suffering from a knee problem after receiving a knock in Barca’s 3-0 win over Real Mallorca on Saturday in La Liga.

“Marcus is not able to play, he got a hit and it’s painful and we have to take care about this,” Flick told reporters on Wednesday.

“I think this is not good news, but in the end I believe in my team always.

“When it’s like this, the situation is not easy, we grow and this is also necessary for



Marcus Rashford (R) is suffering from a knee problem after receiving a knock in Barcelona's 3-0 win over Real Mallorca. PHOTO: AFP

tomorrow”.

Flick said the Copa del Rey holders had to go “step by step” with Raphinha’s recovery. — AFP

De Zerbi leaves Marseille 'by mutual agreement'

COACH Roberto De Zerbi has left Marseille “by mutual agreement”, the French club said early on Wednesday, days after they were thrashed 5-0 by bitter rivals Paris Saint-Germain.

The 46-year-old Italian, who had been in charge since the summer of 2024, has been linked with a return to the Premier League.

Marseille crashed out of the Champions League last month and were well beaten at PSG on Sunday to leave them fourth in Ligue 1.

After days of speculation about his future, a club statement read: “Following discussions between all stakeholders in the club’s management — the owner, president, director of football, and coach — it was decided to make a change at the helm of the first team.

“This was a difficult collective decision, taken after careful consideration in the best interests of the club, in order to respond to the sporting challenges of the end of the season”. — AFP



IRAN'S president vowed on Wednesday that the Islamic republic would not bow to outside aggression, as it marked the anniversary of the 1979 revolution with events overshadowed by the looming threat of US military action.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and US envoy Steve Witkoff held indirect talks on the nuclear issue in Oman on Friday, although it remains unclear when, or even if, a new round might be held, despite optimistic statements from Tehran.

Iran's supreme national security council head Ali Larijani followed this up with talks in Oman on Tuesday and he was now heading for discussions in US ally Qatar, one of the Gulf states seeking to mediate a peaceful outcome.

Qatar's Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani and Trump in a telephone call meanwhile discussed "international efforts aimed at de-escalation and strengthening regional security and peace", the royal court said Wednesday.

in a speech at Azadi Square in the capital for the 47th anniversary of the Islamic revolution, President Masoud Pezeshkian said Iran would not yield to "excessive demands" from Washington.

"Our Iran will not yield in the face of aggression, but we are continuing dialogue with all our strength with neighbouring countries in order to establish peace and tranquillity in the region," he said. — AFP

Iran marks revolution anniversary under shadow of US threat

Iran's security chief Ali Larijani held talks in Oman and is now heading to Qatar, a US ally mediating peace efforts.



People converge on Azadi Square in Tehran, Iran, marking the 47th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution, on 11 February 2026. **PHOTO: IRNA**

WTO must reform, 'status quo is not an option': chief

THE World Trade Organization must urgently reform itself, its chief warned Wednesday, saying that "I don't think the status quo is an option".

"We are meeting today at an inflection point, not just for the WTO, but... for the multilateral system," Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala told reporters, saying that if

the global trading system were allowed to lapse, it would be "chaos".

Reform will be at the heart of the WTO's ministerial meeting in Cameroon next month.

The World Trade Organization regulates large swathes of global trade but is handicapped by a rule requiring full consensus among members, and a dispute settlement system crippled by the United States.

The Geneva-based organization faced structural and geopolitical obstacles long before US President Donald Trump returned to the White House last year and dramatically ratcheted up global trade tensions.

Speaking at the WTO's headquarters, Okonjo-Iweala said that "the world is moving so fast... If you look at the speed at which technology is moving, and AI is moving and quantum technologies are moving". — AFP

China successfully retrieves first orbital spacecraft

CHINA on Wednesday successfully conducted its first maritime search and retrieval of a crewed spacecraft's return capsule, the China Manned Space Agency said.

The Mengzhou (dream vessel) spacecraft, China's new-generation spaceship for crewed mission, successfully conducted a maximum dynamic pressure abort test and achieved a safe splashdown on the sea. It was carried out during a low-altitude demonstration and verification flight test of the Long March-10 carrier rocket. At 12:20 pm (Beijing Time), the maritime search and rescue team completed the recovery of the return capsule. The success offered crucial experience for subsequent space station operation and crewed lunar landing, the agency said.

The spacecraft Mengzhou is designed mainly for China's crewed lunar exploration and can also be used for space station operation. Its return capsule is capable of multiple reuses. — Xinhua



WTO chief Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala warns that urgent reform is vital, as abandoning the multilateral trading system would cause global chaos. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**