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Economy

Union Government Meeting 5/2025 held

The Prime Minister made the call at the Union Government Meeting 5/2025 of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, held on 19 November at the Union Government Office. The Prime Minister emphasized that illegal trade harms the country's economic, social, and security sectors, noting that enforcement efforts across regions and states have already reduced such activities, highlighted newly opened trade routes and ongoing strict

border inspections, urged authorities to take legal action, under the Anti-Money Laundering Law, against seized illegal goods, and stressed the need to work towards eliminating illegal trade. The Prime Minister highlighted the need to facilitate the flow of goods, stabilize commodity prices, efficiently manage the rice and other seasonal crop supply chains, and enforce market regulations.

Finance

Kyat Shows V CBM Interventions; Gold and Fuel Prices Fluctuate

The kyat stabled around K4,090 per US dollar at the end of November, reflecting continued depreciation pressure. The Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) intervened throughout the month, selling millions of US dollars, yuan, and baht to stabilize the exchange rate and support imports of essential goods. CBM injected US dollars 112 million in November, into the edible oil, fuel, and CMP sectors.

Gold prices were increasing throughout the month, closing at 8.7 million kyats per tickle for selling. Domestic fuel prices showed a decrease in November.

14 private banks join oil mill development loan scheme as PFIs

Fourteen private banks have agreed Participating Financial Institutions (PFIs) to operate the oil mills development loan programme, implemented under the State Economic Promotion Fund, in collaboration with the Myanmar Edible Oil Millers Association. Involvement of private banks such as KBZ, AYA, MAB, MCB, UAB, Nay Pyi Taw Development Bank, Ayeyawady Farmers Development Bank, Shwe (Rural and Urban) Development Bank, Myanmar Tourism Bank, Myanmar Metro Bank and Mineral Development Bank. The plan will help oil millers across the country get easy access to loans, upgrade oil mills, distribute high-quality edible oil and reduce palm oil imports.

The domestic consumption of palm oil is estimated at one million tonnes per year, and palm oil worth about US\$800 million is imported. There are over 4,250 oil mills running across the country, with over 230 large mills, over 920 medium-scale mills and over 3,100 small-scale mills. The State Economic Promotion Fund allocated K50 billion loans for oil mill businesses in order to

reduce edible oil imports, buy raw materials, achieve self-sufficiency, expand, upgrade mills, and develop necessary equipment and new mills. The State Economic Promotion Fund allocated K50 billion loans for oil mill development, with five per cent interest per annum.

Trade

Myanmar earns US\$200M from 160,000MT of fish exports in Apr-Oct

Myanmar exported more than 165,000 metric tonnes of fish in the past seven months of the current financial year 2025-2026, beginning 1 April, bagging over US\$200 million, according to the Department of Fisheries. Myanmar sent over 85,750 metric tonnes of fish by sea, with an estimated value of \$131.846 million. Over 79,350 metric tonnes of fish worth \$69.25 million were exported to neighbouring countries via the border channel. Myanmar's fish export amounted to US\$421 million from about 400,000 tonnes in the past FY 2024-2025 (April-March). Myanmar continues to steadily expand its seafood exports, delivering a wide range of marine products to 40 countries, including China, Thailand, Bangladesh and Japan, via both maritime and land routes. Seafood, including hilsa, rohu, catfish, seabass, eel, shrimp and crab, is shipped to foreign markets. There are over 140 fishery cold storage facilities in Myanmar.

Ayeyawady Region plans to set 100,000-acre rice export zone under contract farming system

According to the Ayeyawady Region Government, plans are underway to

implement a 100,000-acre rice export zone in the Ayeyawady Region under a contract farming system. The project aims to produce quality rice, those participating in the export zone will work based on four key elements: seed, land, water and technique. The Ayeyawady Region is a region that has been successfully implementing agricultural, livestock and related industries.

Myanmar footwear to penetrate Bangladesh market

Myanmar MSME Cluster Footwear Manufacturers Federation (Central) stated that negotiations are underway to export Myanmar's footwear to the Bangladesh market by sea trade. Myanmar used to deliver 100,000 pairs of slippers made in Myanmar per day in 2010 through border points. The footwear export halted in late 2015.

Footwear for both male and female is exported to Bangladesh. They prefer durable Myanmar slippers made from tyres. The daily purchase order is estimated at 100,000 pairs.

The federation aims to go to Bangladesh for ocean freight export negotiations next year. Myanmar can supply about 200,000 pairs per day, as Bangladesh has a strong demand. If

the negotiation goes well, we will build an industrial ward to supply a million pairs of footwear per month. Made in Myanmar footwear has already gained market shares in

Investment

Direct yuan investment plan in Myanmar set in motion

Myanmar has been implementing to permit investments made in Yuan Renminbi to spur investments in the country, according to a meeting held between the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and Myanmar-China Business Association on 8 November at the Yangon Region Investment Committee's office. As the Chinese yuan surges in global trade finance, Myanmar is also preparing to accept direct investment in yuan, said Dr Wah Wah Maung, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations.

The US dollar is the sole foreign currency allowed for foreign direct investment. At present, Myanmar is endeavouring to settle the yuan for direct investment by Chinese investors. Furthermore, yuan payment in domestic investment businesses, permit for carrying yuan, making payment directly in yuan to China's banks and cooperation with the Central Bank of Myanmar to facilitate the yuan-kyat exchange and to open yuan bank accounts were also discussed. The ministry asked Chinese business entities to submit possible difficulties in direct yuan investment.

Myanmar and China, as members of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), have also signed a Myanmar-China investment promotion and protection agreement to safeguard bilateral investments and ensure smooth business

Bangladesh. The slipper price is around K5,000 per pair for males and K3,500-K4,000 per pair for females. We could supply the slippers according to that price.

operations. The ministry has allowed the formation of Myanmar-China Business associations in regions and states, and reached 25 associations so far. China is the second largest investor in Myanmar, primarily in power, transport and communication, manufacturing, natural gas and agricultural businesses.

Thilawa SEZ to complete modern warehouse, jetty by end-2025

Myanmar Agro Products and General Development Public Company Limited (MAGDPL) is constructing a multipurpose jetty and a modern warehouse in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone in Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region. The project is being developed under the BOT system on Plot 29 of the Thilawa SEZ to handle beans, pulses and general cargo. The jetty and the modern warehouse connected to it are being built on 13.88 acres, and the warehouse will store various beans, maize, sesame, pulses and imported commodities. The warehouse, currently under construction, is scheduled for completion in late 2025. As the facility is located near the jetties, export companies will be able to transport goods abroad with reduced logistics costs. MAGDPL has reportedly invested nearly K5 billion in Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings, Myanmar National Telecom Holdings, Myanmar Kyauk Phyu SEZ Holdings and Myanmar Agro Alliance Terminal Co Ltd.

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