President U Thein Sein receives State Councillor and Secretary General of China’s State Council, attends meeting on infrastructure development plans

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 May — President U Thein Sein welcomed the State Councillor and Secretary General of China’s State Council Mr. Yang Jing, at the Presidential Palace on Monday.

Their discussion focused on cooperation in the establishment of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, promotion of bilateral ties, investment in the energy sector and the development of the Kyaukpyu special economic zone in Rakhine State.

The president and secretary general also discussed the 21st Century Maritime Silk Route Economic Belt, a Chinese initiative to foster international investment and cooperation.

The meeting was attended by Union ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Tin Naing Tin, U Kyaw Hsan, U Myint Hlaing, U Kyaw Ohn Myint, U Zeyar Aung and U Ye Htut, along with the visiting Chinese delegation and Chinese ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Yang Houlan.

President U Thein Sein on the same day held a meeting with union ministers and deputy ministers concerning infrastructure development plans in Pa-sho-Kenglak area near Myanmar-Lao Border.

The bridge has created an east-west Myanmar-Laos-Vietnam corridor through northwestern Laos. (See page 3)

Weather Bureau warns of thunderstorms in northern, eastern parts of country

By Aye Min Soe

Yangon, 11 May — The Meteorology and Hydrology Department on Monday warned people in northern and eastern parts of Myanmar to be alert to the possibility of thunderstorms for the next few days.

According to satellite images taken on Monday evening, dense cumulus clouds have been forming, with lightning, thunder, isolated heavy falls, galeforce winds and hailstones possible along the path of the clouds, the weather bureau said.

Thunderstorms mostly occur in April and May in Myanmar.

Since 1980, the country has seen an increase in the number of thunderstorms.

Myanmar’s Meteorology and Hydrology Department has also forecasted the continuation of rain or thundershovers over northern and upper Myanmar for two days.

Rain or thundershovers are likely to be scattered in Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin and Chin States, isolated in Mandalay and Magway regions, Shan, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon states, while weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states, with a 60 percent degree of certainty. — GNLM

Increased focus on human trafficking sees case numbers rise

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

Yangon, 11 May — The number of human trafficking cases recorded from January to April this year has increased nearly 1.5 fold compared to the same period last year, Myanmar’s Anti Trafficking in Persons Division said Friday.

“The number of cases is increasing month-by-month as the body puts more effort into detection,” Pol Capt Min Naing told The Global New Light of Myanmar.

Forty-five cases were recorded between January and April this year, up from 19 for the period last year, with most of the cases occurring in Shan State, where 130 of 169 rescued victims were based. Most were men who had been sold to work as forced labourers in neighbouring Thailand.

In April, police uncovered 16 cases and rescued 18 victims, including four children, but there were no reports of human trafficking cases in Taninthayi Region, the capital Nay Pyi Taw and Rakhine State.

According to the official figures, the authorities exposed 1,168 cases between 2006 and April this year, rescuing more than 2,000 victims and arresting 2,106 traffickers. More than 1,000 suspects remain on the run, however.

Myanmar is included in the Tier 2 Watch List countries, according to the Trafficking in Persons (See page 2)

Vice President, Chinese State Councillor talks to cement bilateral ties

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits museums in Serbia
No free transportation for voters, says UEC

NAVPYI TAW, 11 May — The government will not make any transport arrangements for voters in the upcoming general elections, even in remote areas, said Union Election Commission member U Win Ko to Pyithu Hluttaw on Monday.

In response to a query from Htantabin Township MP U Thein Yi, the UEC member told the Pyithu Hluttaw on Monday.

Win Ko to Pyithu Hluttaw Commission member U Thein Yi, the UEC from Htantabin Township on Monday.

Win Ko also said polling stations will open in remote areas in accordance with the law, following consultation with sub-commissions on the appropriate number of polling stations for each township.

He then noted voter education will be conducted by media, election commissions in constituencies, political parties and civil service organizations.

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Report published by the United States under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. The report places countries in four tiers, with Tier 1 including those which fully comply with the State Department’s anti-trafficking standards, and Tier 3 including nations which are least compliant.

Union Energy Minister visits operation of plants

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May — Union Minister for Energy U Zeyar Aung viewed the running of Refomer Plant that produce advanced petroleum at Group of Petrochemical Plants in Thapayan, Magway Region, on 9 May.

The union minister inspected maintenance of earthen walls along the Southeast Asian oil and gas pipeline in parallel with Minbu-An road section linking Ngaphe and An towns, with instructions to grow trees for strengthening the earthen walls and take security measures.

He visited Hsingontang oil pump station of Southeast Asian oil pipeline and heard reports on appointment of workers and security measures.

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That such facilitation by any political party or electoral representative is tantamount to a breach of the electoral law.

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The president said border townships near the bridge will see progress in the near future, and the appropriate ministries must prepare for infrastructural projects in the Pasho-Kenglak area in Tachilek Township.

He also urged the government officials to draw a town plan for Kenglak as soon as possible, without damaging cultivated lands and farms.

U Thein Sein added that the infrastructural plan should include building of hotels, schools, markets, hospitals and telecommunication networks, as well as the upgrading of the Kengtung-Tachilek motorway, a small airfield and jetties near the bridge.

He emphasized the formation of a joint-committee by the ministries for construction of dams and reservoirs for multiple cultivation and electricity generation projects for the area to meet the needs of its increasing population.—MNA

Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham inspects regional development tasks in Pathein

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 May — Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, together with union ministers and deputy ministers, left Nay Pyi Taw for Pathein in Ayeyawady Region on Monday morning.

The vice president and party inspected Pathein General Hospital and greeted patients warmly before meeting with doctors and health staff at the hospital.

At the meeting, medical superintendent of the hospital Dr Tin Maung Nyunt reported to the vice president on treatment of patients, with Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung addressing the needs of the hospital.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint reported to the vice president on arrangements to be made for the hospital by the ministry.

After the meeting, the vice president greeted hospital staff.

In the afternoon, the vice president and party visited a garment factory of Hakers Enterprise (Myanmar) and observed the production process.

The vice president and party later attended a ceremony to explain regional development tasks held at a garment factory of Delta Industrial Group.

The chief minister of the region reported to the vice president on transportation, electricity supply, greening works and future tasks.

Company officials later reported to the vice president on the Platinum Pathein Housing Project, Industrial City Project and Mya Kyuntha Housing Projects.

In his concluding remarks, the vice president said it was encouraging to see development tasks in Pathein and pointed out the need to develop infrastructure for the long term, and to promote tourism for the short term, before adding that the town will become developed if the projects are successfully implemented.—MNA

Vice President, Chinese State Councillor talks to cement bilateral ties

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 May — Vice President U Nyan Tun and Chinese State Councillor and Secretary General of the State Council Mr Yang Jing of the People’s Republic of China held discussions on Monday to promote bilateral ties between the two countries.

The meeting at the Shwe San Ein Hotel focused on promotion of strategic cooperation between the two countries, the visits of senior government officials, trade, energy, oil and gas, supports of PR China for development programmes in Myanmar and sustaining non-intervention policy on sovereignty and internal affairs.

Also present on the occasion were union ministers, deputy ministers and the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar.

The vice president hosted a special dinner to Chinese delegation at the same venue. —MNA
Nay Pyi Taw, 11 May — Township Administrator U Hlwан Moe Han and township level officials inspect progress of the Nyaungbingyisu Bridge in Kwin Kauk region, Ingapu Township, Ayeyawady Region, on 2 May. Shwe Dana Oo Construction Company is building a 70-foot-long bridge with K34.2 million from the Township Department of Rural Development.

Upon completion, the bridge will benefit rural development tasks for more than 8,100 people from 14 villages and contribute to swift transportation of commodities including rice, beans and pulses to other regions.—Township DRD

Township authorities honour outstanding students in Kyangin

Kyangin, 11 May — A ceremony to honour outstanding students for 2015 was held at Ayeyawady hall in Kyangin, Ayeyawady Region, on 9 May. Township Administrator U Phyo Min Htaik and Township Education Officer U Thein Win praised the students for their efforts. Officials presented prizes and gifts to the outstanding students. Matriculation student Ma Yun Mie Mie Htet spoke words of thanks. Matriculation student Ma Yun Mie Mie Htet, 10th grader Ma Htet Eindra Lin and ninth graders Maung Wai Yan Phyo Oo and Ma Aye Khant Kyaw emerged as outstanding students in Kyangin Township in 2015. Ma Thu (IPRD)

Tax talks focus on legal amendments, penalties

Mandalay, 11 May — A talk on tax regulations, enforcement and legal amendments took place at the city hall in Mandalay on 8 May, with the deputy speaker of Mandalay Region, the chairman of Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry and members of the business community in attendance. Mandalay Region Minister for Finance Dr Myint Kyu and head of Region Internal Revenue Department U Than Zaw Win gave talks, with the latter covering several aspects of taxation law, as well as the tax hike on cigarettes, beer and ingredients in betel quid, and penalties for failure to stamp tax vouchers. Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Information and Public Relations Dept staff begin training course

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 May — Information and Public Relations Department staff began a training course Monday aimed at improving their office work skills. Department Director-General U Ye Tint addressed the 31 trainees from district and township offices who will undertake the course until 5 June. The opening ceremony of the course was attended by Deputy Director-General U Maung Pe, Director (Admin) U Aye Kywe and officials. Tun Tun Win (IPRD)

Well-wishers donate cash and kind to fire victims

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 May — Pymmana Township Administrator U Myo Naung, Chairperson of Township Women’s Affairs Organization and well-wishers donated cash and kind for fire victims in Ywakauk Ward, Pymmana Township, on 10 May evening. Relief and Resettlement Department provided mosquito nets, T-shirts, towels, sarongs, blankets, soaps and kitchen utensils to the households of victims. Local people donated K3.5 million, bags of rice and foodstuffs to the fire victims.—Zaw Myo Naung

Storm victims receive assistance for reconstruction of houses

Taungtha, 11 May — Concerned residents and local authorities have donated cash and building materials to people whose homes were damaged in a storm that struck Taungtha Township, Mandalay Region, on 7 May. The storm damaged monasteries, one basic education primary school and 14 houses in Kywehsin, Kanywa, Nyaunghin and Kyaukkatutongkon villages. Well-wishers and the Township General Administration Department donated corrugated iron sheets and cash to the victims on May 8. Okawthan (Taungtha)
Salon ethnics in Kyunsu Township receive health and education assistance

KYUNSU, 11 May—Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko and ministers visited Donpaleaw Village in Kyunsu Township, Taninthayi Region, on 10 May. They observed the lifestyle of Salon ethnics in the village and made plans to improve health and education facilities. Officials performed medical checkups and provided medicine, notebooks, clothes, foodstuffs and household goods to residents.

Election sub-commission launches course for members

MYANMAR, 11 May—The Myanmar Township Election Sub-commission ran a training course for its members at the Basic Education High School on Monday.

Concrete bridge under construction in Kalay Tsp

KALAY, 11 May—A reinforced concrete bridge is under construction on Cikon-Kalay Road in Kalay, Sagaing Region.

Public Works is building the new bridge, which accommodates a 44-foot-wide motorway, using K65 million from the fiscal 2014-15 special maintenance fund.

The bridge, which will cross Upok Creek, will improve access for larger vehicles.

Chairman of Kalay District Management Committee U Maung Htoo inspected progress of construction tasks on 8 May.

New mall targets tourist market

Mandalay, 11 May—Operators of the Mandalay Yatanar Mall are making preparations to open the new shopping centre aimed at showcasing Myanmar-made jewellery, silk products and handicrafts to the tourist market.

The mall, on the second floor of Yadanabon Super Centre at the corner of 78th and 34th streets in Chanayet-hazan Township, will include 389 shops to showcase gold and gemstones, Myanmar handicrafts, silk, and mosaic paintings.

The mall, slated to open on 1 April, 2016, will include banks and money changers. Shop premises will be sold through instalment as of the second week of May, 2015. Those wishing to operate stores at the mall should contact the operators on 09-5045777 and 09-259288886.

Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee provides assistance to youth training school

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 May—The Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee donated food and cooking ingredients to the Philanthropic Youth Development School on Sama Hill for the 37th time on 10 May.

Head of Public Relations and Information Department U Win Naing of the committee and officials handed over donations to the school.

The committee has donated 50 bags of rice, 30 viss of cooking oil, 30 viss of chickpeas and 30 viss of salt to the school every month as of May 2012. The school located four miles from Thawutti in Lewe Township houses more than 400 orphans. The committee donated K20.035 million for education costs and school uniforms for the students and K30 million to the fund on 9 June, 2011. The committee also donated on 2 December, 2012, K79.94 million for a three-storey building, one kitchen worth K63.5 million, and tables and chairs worth K2.97 million.

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China’s CRCC agrees railway, port projects in Russia

SHANGHAI, 11 May — A China Railway Construction Corp Ltd (CRCC) unit has signed a memorandum of understanding to build rail and port projects in Russia, the firm said in a stock exchange statement on Monday.

The agreement was one of a series signed between China and Russia on the sidelines of a visit by Chinese President Xi Jinping to Moscow to mark the anniversary of the end of World War Two in Europe.

China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) said it had agreed with Russian firm Tuvan Energy Industrial Corporation LLC (TEIC) to consult on and help source funds from Chinese institutions for projects including a 410 km (255 miles) track across the central southern part of Russia from Elgeest to Karagin.

The other projects comprise a railway line connecting the Tuvin Republic, in the same area of Russia, to western China, and a port project in eastern Russia.

CCECC said the firms would sign a contract for general contracting once the projects obtained financing. It did not say what the deals were worth.

Last week, Russian Transport Minister Maxim Sokolov said the countries would invest 1 trillion roubles (13 billion pounds) in a rail link between Moscow and the Russian city of Kazan to be completed by 2020. Putin said the level of Chinese investment would be around 300 billion roubles.

Reuters

Japan’s ruling bloc formally approves new security legislation

TOKYO, 11 May — Japan’s ruling coalition gave formal approval on Tuesday to a series of security-linked bills that will expand the scope of operations by the Self-Defence Forces, setting the stage for Cabinet approval and submission of the bills to parliament.

After months of negotiations, the Liberal Democratic Party and its junior coalition partner, the Komeito party, agreed on the content and wording of the security bills that will enable Japan to exercise the right to collective self-defence, lawmakers said.

With Monday’s accord paving the way for one of the most drastic changes to Japan’s postwar security policy, the Cabinet of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will give final approval at an extraordinary meeting on Thursday. Abe is also set to give a press conference on Thursday to explain the government’s decision.

The ruling parties are seeking to set up a special panel in the House of Representatives to deliberate the bills from later this month, shifting the stage to Diet debate with the opposition camp.

“A proposal by the ruling parties, a Cabinet decision will be made quickly and (the bills) submitted to the Diet,” Abe said at a meeting with the ruling parties before coalition lawmakers met later Monday afternoon to formally agree on the proposed legislation.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told reporters separately that the government plans to submit the bills to parliament by the middle of this month.

If passed, the new legislation will expand the scope of overseas SDF operations, putting into effect a landmark Cabinet decision last July that reinterprets the Constitution to allow Japan to exercise the right to collective self-defence, or coming to the aid of allies under armed attack even if Japan itself is not attacked.

Ahead of such efforts to give a legal basis to a greater global role for the SDF, Japan and the United States revised their defence cooperation guidelines last month for the first time in 18 years. The guidelines reflected the ideas in the security-linked bills. The legislative work includes amending 10 existing security-linked bills, including laws on the SDF; responding to armed attacks, and dealing with contingencies “in areas surrounding Japan.” Another pillar is developing a law for the dispatch of SDF troops in a timely and speedy manner to provide legal support for foreign troops.

Until now, Japan has enacted time-limited, case-specific laws for overseas missions, such as refuelling missions to support US-led antiterrorism operations in and around Afghanistan, and humanitarian and reconstruction efforts in Iraq. The new law on “international peace assistance” now allows for the dispatch of SDF personnel whenever necessary. Under the envisaged revision to the law, the SDF can use the right to collective self-defence if there is a “clear danger” to Japan’s existence due to an armed attack on a country with which it has close ties.

In revisioning the law to deal with contingencies “in areas surrounding Japan,” which was enacted to prepare for contingencies on the Korean Peninsula, the SDF will no longer be bound by geographical constraints and can cooperate with US and other foreign troops in situations that “significantly influence Japan’s peace and security.”

During Thursday’s meeting, the Cabinet will also give approval for the swift dispatch of the SDF to gray zone incidents, which stop short of military attacks on Japan, such as an armed group disguised as fishermen taking control of a remote Japanese island.

The LDP and Komeito resumed talks in February to narrow their differences over loosening the legal constraints on the SDF.

Wary of expanding the SDF’s role on the global stage, Komeito had pushed to keep the SDF’s operations abroad in check. Last month, the LDP and Komeito agreed that sending the SDF overseas to provide logistical support needs Diet approval “without exception.”

Japan’s strong typhoon lashes northeast Philippines, two dead

MANILA, 11 May — Heavy rains and strong winds flattened houses on coastal areas as typhoon Noul crashed into the northeastern tip of the Philippines, killing two people and prompting more than 3,000 residents to move to shelters.

The typhoon weakened slightly after hitting land, with winds of 160 km (99 mph) near the centre and gusts of up to 195 km (121 mph) as of Monday. It is expected to move north at 19 km and head to southern Japan by Tuesday, the weather bureau said. British-based Tropical Storm Risk downgraded Noul on Monday to category five from category four.

Noul made landfall on Sunday in the rice- and corn-producing province of Cagayan about 400 km (250 miles) north of the capital, Manila, toppling trees and cutting power in wide areas of the province. It is now hovering 185 km north of the town of Aparrri in Cagayan.

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An average of 20 typhoons cross the Philippines annually, with the storms becoming fiercer in recent years. More than 8,000 people died or went missing and about a million were made homeless by Haiyan, another category 5 typhoon that struck the central Philippines in 2013, bringing 5-metre high storm surges.

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SINGAPORE PRESS-Call to expand joint patrols in piracy hot spots - Straits Times

SINGAPORE, 11 May — After keeping pirates at bay in the Malacca Strait, Singapore and its neighbours want to expand their joint patrols in new piracy hot spots in the South China Sea. The Straits Times reported. Chief of Navy Lim Chong Han was in talks with his counterparts in the littoral states, such as Malaysia and Indonesia, to carry out joint patrols in the southern reaches of the South China Sea. The area and the Philip Channel, which is 16 km south of Singapore, were places highlighted by Rear-Admiral Lai as new piracy hot spots. Pirates attack one small coastal oil tanker every two weeks in the waters off South-east Asia, the reported said, citing International Maritime Bureau.—Reuters

Photos taken on 11 May, 2015, shows Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga attending a press conference at the prime minister’s office in Tokyo.

Kyodo News

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Japanese, S Korean lawmakers meet in Seoul

Senior Japanese and South Korean lawmakers met in Seoul on 11 May, 2015, to discuss the agenda and schedule of a future meeting of the two countries’ parliamentarian groups promoting bilateral ties. Takeo Kawamura, secretary general of the non-partisan Japan-Korea Parliamentarians’ Union, said at the outset of the talks, “(Japanese) Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s thought of adhering to the opinions of past prime ministers and wanting to advance Japan-South Korea relations is unswerving.”

Kang Chang Il, Kawa- mura’s counterpart in the South Korean lawmakers’ group, said, “We hope to aim carefully toward the prosperity of both Korea and Japan.”

The meeting of the two groups’ executives, held at a Seoul hotel, is also expected to cover the issue of Japan’s proposal for the listing of the “Sites of Japan’s Meiji Industrial Revolution” as a UNESCO World Heritage, which South Korea is opposing, with Kawamura planning to explain Japan’s position.

South Korea expresses concern over North’s submarine missile test

Seoul, 11 May — North Korea’s recent test-firing of a ballistic missile from a submarine was “very serious and concerning”, South Korea said on Monday, with one defence official suggesting Pyongyang could have a fully operational platform in two or three years.

Pyongyang’s official KCNA news agency said on Saturday North Korea’s leader, Kim Jong Un, oversaw the test-launch of the missile from an offshore location. Such a development could pose a new threat to the isolated country’s neighbours and the United States.

“We urge North Korea to immediately stop developing SLBMs (submarine-launched ballistic missiles), which hinder the stability of the Kore an peninsula and Northeast Asia,” Kim Min-seok, spokesman for South Korea’s defense ministry, told reporters on Monday.

He said North Korea still needed time to develop additional equipment in order to make its submarine-launched missile system fully operational.

However, a South Korean defence official said separately that North Korea could develop a fully operational submarine with ballistic missiles within two or three years.

The official, who asked not to be identified because of the sensitivity of the issue, said photographs from North Korea showing a rocket launched from the sea appeared to be authentic.

North Korea’s state media often boasts of successful military and space accomplishments, including the launch of a functional communications satellite, which are not independently verified by outside experts.

It is believed to have launched a long-range rocket and put an object into orbit in December 2012, defying scepticism and international warnings not to pursue such a programme, which could be used to develop intercontinental missiles.—Reuters

North Korea can develop missile-equipped submarines in 2-3 years

Seoul, 11 May — North Korea could build a fully operational submarine equipped with ballistic missiles within two or three years, a South Korean defence official said on Monday.

The official, who requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter, said photos of North Korea’s test of a submarine-launched ballistic missile appeared authentic.

North Korea said on Saturday it had successfully test-fired a ballistic missile from a submarine. Such a development, if verified, would mark a significant new technological achievement for Pyongyang.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un watches the test-fire of a strategic submarine underwater ballistic missile (not pictured), in this undated photo released by North Korea’s Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) in Pyongyang on 9 May, 2015. —Reuters

Bureau: No indications conflicts will spill over to Serbia

Belgrade, 11 May — The current security situation in Serbia is satisfactory and there are no indications that the conflicts in the territory of Macedonia will spill over to Ser bia in the coming period, it was concluded at a session of the Security Service Coordination Bureau.

The Bureau suggested to the Serbian government to form a special body that will coordinate the action of all security structures and forces, and to the Serbian president to pass a decision so that the units of the Serbian Army could be adequately deployed in the territory of Serbia’s southern municipalities in the border area with Macedonia.

The session was chaired by Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic. “The current situation in Serbia is satisfactory and there are no indications that the conflicts in the territory of Macedonia will spill over to Serbia in the coming period. All security structures have taken measures to prevent this from happening,” Military Security Agency Director Petar Cvetkovic said.

Police Director Milorad Veljovic said that the current situation is stable and that the police in cooperation with the security services are in full control of the situation in the zone of Serbia’s southern municipalities.—Tanjug

Iran obtains 15 civilian aircraft in boost to ageing fleet

Dubai, 11 May — Iran has bought 15 second-hand civilian aircraft in the last three months, the transport minister said in published remarks, bolstering an ageing fleet hit by US sanctions that restrict trade of aircraft and parts.

ISNA news agency on Sunday quoted Abbas Alkhoondi as saying nine of the planes had been obtained in the past week, without specifying who had sold them or how they had been bought.

“With the arrival of these new aircraft, the average age of the active planes in Iran has fallen from 20 years to 19 years,” Alkhoondi was quoted as saying. The report did not identify the type of aircraft purchased. A long-standing ban on the sales of spare parts was eased under an interim nuclear deal between Iran and world powers in late 2013, but the US sanctions regime still restricts sales of aircraft.

Iranian airlines have suffered several fatal crashes in recent years due to mechanical failures. Thirty-nine people were killed in August last year when a locally-built plane of Ukrainian design crashed after taking off from Tehran.

Alkhoondi said the ongoing nuclear negotiations, and the potential lifting of sanctions if a deal is reached next month, might allow Iran to negotiate directly with manufacturers to purchase high-quality aircraft.—Reuters
Victorious Living

By Kyi Mun

"I make my living by what I get, and I make my life by what I give".

- Winston Churchill

"We should live and move and have our being in vitality, virility, valor, vision and values."

- Anonymous

"Victorious living certainly requires discipline, diligence, daring, devotion and dedication."

- Anonymous

James Bond said: "We only live twice". Twice, in my opinion, means we have lived up to now the old life, and we intend to live the new life from now on for the whole future. Our Strategy for Living should be Victorious Living.

Please let's explore the meanings of living victoriously in the following manner:

V for Vision & Values
I for Integrity
C for Commitment
T for Trust
O for Objective
R for Resources
I for Insight
O for Opportunities
U for Unique Strengths
S for Strategy

VISION & VALUES

Vision means what we desire and will strongly and clearly to become in the future. Vision is a mental picture for shaping our future life. Or, Vision is creating the essential ingredients of a better life in the future. Conceiving, believing and achieving the ascending future calibre of our life is our vision.

Values are the qualities of life that we hold high in our esteem and that we passionately cherish as the ideal aspects of our life, such as honesty, honour, health, happiness and harmony.

INTEGRITY

Integrity means honest, uprightness, probity, straight-forwardness, dignity, honour, truthfulness, etc. of our character. Without integrity, our life will surely be hollow without any core values.

COMMITMENT

Everyone has good intentions to do good for oneself as well as for others. It is said that: "the road to hell is paved with good intentions". So, we should walk the talk. We had better be committed to executing our intentions, expectations, plans and dreams, without fail.

TRUST

Family, team, organization, the whole nation, etc. are built and cemented on trust. Without trust, there can be no friendship, association, society, party, etc. But, to build trust, we have got to be trustworthy based upon character and competence, at the least, always bearing win-win relationship in mind.

It is important for the department to collect taxes properly since correct use of this revenue will benefit both the country and taxpayers. However, its aim should not be to merely maximize revenue but to also allow taxpayers to enjoy their legitimate entitlements such as tax exemptions for some categories of business and people of various walks of life.

It is therefore essential for the department to educate taxpayers about its procedures. In this light, it should provide training to financial officers in companies and businesses who have to withdraw tax payments from the salaries of employees and declare income and profit to the department.

In addition, the department should also occasionally provide financial officials with checklists, instructions and advice for withdrawing taxes from salaries. Although it is true that a new tax system cannot be implemented overnight, systematic steps should be taken for systematic collection of taxes in the near future.

Victorious Living

By Myint Win Thein

With the government increasingly reliant on taxes collected from businesses and individuals, the Internal Revenue Department, which is responsible for assessing and collecting taxes, plays a more important role than ever.

"Going All-out in Serving Others"

By Mathew Hla Maung

"To live a victorious life, we can’t live for ourselves alone. We should be friends or helpers or benefactors for the less fortunate people. We should be the sowers of the seeds of LOVE, JOY, HOPE, PEACE, FAITH AND LIGHT. We, the people who aspire to live glorious and victorious lives must be bold and relentless strivers for PEACE, PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY!"

CONCLUSION

"This to me is life. That, if life be a burden, I’ll join to make it But the burden of a song!"

- Poet Bailey

About author: U Hla Maung went to school in London and graduated from London’s Imperial College of Science and Technology in 1966.
Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits museums in Serbia

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—A Myanmar military delegation in Serbia led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visited Yugoimport Company on Sunday afternoon.

Mr Aleksandar Ljajovic of the company explained the production of the company to the delegation and the senior general raised questions on some interesting points.

Then, the delegation proceeded to the Museum of Yugoslav History and viewed round the museum.

The museum is an historic national museum of Serbia and is located in a 3.2 hectare park where the tombs of former President Marshall Tito and wife are situated. It displays over 200,000 items of exhibits and it is combined with the May-25 Museum and the Museum of the Revolution.

Samsung seeks home-grown app developers through training course

By Khing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 11 May—Samsung Myanmar is providing free Android mobile application development training to university students, with the aim of turning out qualified developers in the country, the company’s marketing manager U Kyaw Swar Lin said Monday.

The one-month programme runs from 4 to 31 May, with a competition for the budding developers scheduled for 27 May.

A total of 30 computer science students from the University of Yangon (YU) and Dagon University have been split into 25 teams to compete in the mobile application contest.

“We believe that those students can build amazing apps to improve their communities,” U Kyaw Swar Lin said at an opening ceremony on Monday at the University of Yangon.

One of the trainees, a male student from the University of Yangon, said he “expects to get invaluable knowledge from the course” and believes the programme “helps develop the Myanmar mobile products manufacturing sector.”

Samsung will award US $2,000 to the first-place team, $1,500 for second and $1,000 for third. In addition, winners will receive Samsung products.

As part of its social responsibility activities, the South Korean electronics giant has been running the Samsung Tech Institute Android Mobile Application Development Training Program since 2013 and has admitted more than 100 computer science students to its courses.

“This programme is so successful that we have decided to extend its reach to more universities this year,” Samsung head of marketing Mr Richard See said.

“Samsung plans to offer training opportunities to up to 200 students this year,” said U Kyaw Swar Lin. “The next training for remaining students from universities of computer studies in Yangon and Mandalay is scheduled for October and November.”

Before starting those courses, Android application road shows will be conducted at universities in June, with the aim of increasing student participation.—GNLM

Feasibility studies conducted for generating hydropower

By Kyaw The-ein

YANGON, 11 May—Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Maw Tha Hwe together with Leading Body Chairman of Naga Self-Administered Zone U Ruh San Kyu and officials viewed feasibility studies for generating small-scale hydropower at Nampok, Nansalein and Honnyi creeks, 11 miles north of Hkamti on 9 May.

According to the feasibility studies, Honnyi and Sansalein creeks can generate hydropower for Htanpakwe sub-township in Lahe Township and Hkamti. In meeting with Naga ethnics in Hwekun and Lankhin villages, the deputy minister provided cash assistance.—MNA

BMW adds new vehicle to range in Myanmar

By Kyaw The-ein (MNA)

YANGON, 11 May—In a further sign of growth in Myanmar’s market for luxury goods, the country’s authorised importer and dealer for German automaker BMW has announced it is expanding its range of vehicles for sale.

Prestige Automobiles has introduced the BMW 2 Series Active Tourer, which it describes as “a premium compact class model that skillfully blends comfort and functionality.”

“It will also appeal to young families with a penchant for lifestyle appeal, sporting performance, practicality and adaptability,” said Mr Chan Mya, Managing Director of Prestige Automobiles.

While the importer has not indicated a price tag for the local release, prices for the BMW 2 Series in the United States start from around US $33,000.

According to the IMF, Myanmar’s GDP per capita in 2015 is estimated to be roughly US $5,200, adjusted for purchasing-power parity.
Putin says Ukraine peace ‘moving forward’ despite problems

MOSCOW, 11 May — Russian President Vladimir Putin said after talks with German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Sunday that the peace process in eastern Ukraine was progressing despite difficulties.

Merkel reaffirmed her support for the peace efforts and repeated her calls to Putin to use his influence with pro-Russian separatists battling Kiev government forces to end a conflict in which more than 6,000 people have been killed since April 2014.

“There is every reason to believe the Munich process is moving forward, though with problems,” Putin told a joint news conference

with Merkel, referring to the peace deal brokered by President Francois Hollande that is expected to feature more women.

Opposition Labour MPs will also meet for the first time since the elections in which they were beaten by the Conservatives in England and thrashed as aspirants of millions of voters.

Merkel said.— Tanya

Vucic: We celebrate victory of strong, triumphant Serbia

BELGRADE, 11 May — Serbia sacrificed itself in WWII for the great idea of anti-fascism, which lies at the foundation of today’s Europe, Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic has said.

Vucic said at a ceremony marking the 70th anniversary of the Victory Day in WWII that we have the right to be happy and celebrate the victory of a strong, triumphant Serbia.

Today we are celebrating the fact that our people freed themselves from the Nazi boot and the Ustasha knife, and all the others who believed that the extermination of Serbs will be the solution to their problems, the prime minister underlined.

Vucic thanked Russian Ambassador to Serbia Alexander Chepurin for his beautiful speech and apologized because sometimes we forget that it was the Red Army that gave the greatest contribution to peace.

“This is our day, a great day for our Serbia, the Victory Day and that is why our soldiers are proudly marching today on Red Square in Moscow alongside the Russian soldiers, our allies and the winners of the war,” Vucic said.— Tanya

Victorious Cameron to brief party on EU strategy

LONDON, 11 May — Buoyed by a surprisingly clear-cut election victory, British Prime Minister David Cameron will name his new cabinet on Monday and meet Conservative lawmakers keen to hear how he plans to claw back more powers from the European Union.

Cameron won an outright majority in Thursday’s parliamentary election with 12 seats more than all the other parties combined, freeing him to ditch his previous Liberal Democrat coalition partners and govern alone.

He has promised to renegotiate the country’s relationship with the EU and then call a referendum by 2017 on whether to stay or leave, a decision with far-reaching implications for trade, investment and Britain’s place in the world.

But he faces a strong contingent of doubters within his own party who loathe what they see as the dead hand of Brussels bureaucracy and will take plenty of convincing to accept anything other than a British exit.

Britain’s Prime Minister David Cameron

The last Conservative prime minister to govern with a small majority — albeit larger than Cameron’s — was John Major, whose premiership two decades ago was fatally undermined by “eurosceptics” within his own party.

So four days after winning re-election, Cameron can expect a rousing reception from the so-called 1922 Committee of Conservative members of parliament, but will know from Major’s example that the honeymoon may not last.

“A Conservative party that years for less meddling EU government will be urging the prime minister on to the full restoration of home rule,” leading eurosceptic John Redwood wrote in the Observer newspaper. “There is, however, disagreement about the aim, but the prime minister has to avoid disappointment about how much has been achieved to further it.”

Also on the agenda will be Cameron’s blueprint for eliminating Britain’s budget deficit. Having halved it to around 5 percent of gross domestic product since 2010, he has promised another 30 billion pounds ($46.3 billion) of “consolidation” in the next two years including 12 billion of savings from the welfare budget, but has not spelt out how this will be achieved.

A Downing Street spokesman said Cameron would reappoint former party leader Iain Duncan Smith as work and pensions secretary in charge of welfare reforms, which opponents call draconian but which the government says are necessary to make working more attractive than receiving state handouts.

The spokesman declined to comment on a Sky News report that rising parity MPs will also meet for the first time since the elections in which they were beaten by the Conservatives in England and thrashed by Scottish nationalists in their traditional stronghold north of the border.

Labour health spokeswoman Liz Kendall was the first to declare herself a candidate to take over as leader from Ed Miliband, who quit the day after the election. Former soldier Dan Jarvis has ruled himself out.

Senior Labour figures have said the party must reorient to the politicalcentre of gravity and respond to the aspirations of millions of voters it ignored in its election campaign.

Sweden’s Supreme Court upholds Assange detention order

STOCKHOLM, 11 May — Sweden’s Supreme Court said on Monday it rejected an appeal by WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange to revoke a detention order over allegations of sexual assault.

The 43-year-old Australian has been stuck inside Ecuador’s London embassy since June 2012 to avoid a British extradition to Sweden, which wants to question him on allegations of sexual assault.

The detention order was issued by prosecutors in 2010. Assange denies the allegations and says he fears that if Britain extradited him to Sweden he would then be extradited to the United States where he could be tried for one of the largest information leaks in US history.

The court said in a statement that the prosecutor’s decision to question Assange in London supported the ruling to uphold the detention order.

“We are of course disappointed, and critical of the Supreme Court’s way of handling the case. This decision has been taken without letting us close our argument,” Assange’s lawyer Per Samuelson told Reuters.

Prosecutors first insisted Assange should come to Sweden for questioning, but in a U-turn in March agreed to conduct the interview in London.

One of the five Supreme Court judges dismissed and argued for the arrest warrant to be lifted.

Even if Sweden drops the investigation, Assange faces arrest by British police for jumping bail granted while the British courts considered the European arrest warrant issued by Sweden.

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange

British police for jump-
After surviving Boko Haram, returnees face hunger in Nigerian towns

MICHKA, (Nigeria), 11 May — Since Nigeria’s army began clearing large areas of the country northeast from Boko Haram, some 1.5 million internally displaced people have started returning home. But thousands could now face severe food shortages as reconstruction lags behind.

Along the main roads heading north from Adamawa’s state capital Yola, some trade has resumed in the towns but ghostly pockets and haunting reminders of the insur- gent takeover are evident. Some three months after the flighty militia, the smell of rotting corpses still clings to the air by the headquarters of the Church of the Brethren near Mararaba. This is said to be the birthplace of the northern group Boko Haram near Mararaba. It took over most of Borno state, the birthplace of the leader of the group Boko Haram near Mararaba. It took over most of Borno state, the birthplace of the group Boko Haram near Mararaba. Meanwhile there is no sign of government aid.

“Most people coming back are in hardship because there’s no food. People are sick but there are no hospitals, no medicines, no e- tables, no lemons, no banana... We’re not ready to go back to farming. All our machinery was burned or taken,” a Christian community leader, Sini T-Kwagga, told Reuters. People will drive to Mubi, a city about an hour’s drive south, to get goods but this vital route would be unusable while the rainy season comes into full swing next month. Many bridges were blown up by Boko Haram, including the important link to Mubi, to try to stop the offensive by Nigerian troops. The river is already starting to fill up with early rains and men have to push cars through muddy waters while women sail mangos on to passers-by.

Madagali, the northernmost major town in the state and the last to be liberated in Adamawa in February, also depends on this route. Mubi itself was a Boko Haram stronghold at one point. Life is bustling but it is still closed and in ruin.

Rustic tanks with Arabic writing, burnt cars and military equipment litter the main roads in northern Adamawa. Boko Haram writings cover the beige outdoor walls of buildings, roofs are col- lapsed and churches stand charred.

Some landmines are still dotted around Mich- ka and the main farming areas are far away from military checkpoints.

“We have to stay, we have nowhere to live, no water to farm. We are afraid to farm... about a week ago a bomb exploded when people went to clear the land. They were hurt,” Rebecca Ishaya said.

She came back two weeks ago with her chil- dren but sent a few away again because of the lack of schools. Boko Haram militants liberally employed land- mines, often handmade in bomb factories, to protect their strongholds. The military said this strategy was slowing their advance. Thus the Sambisa forest reserve, which is the militants’ last bastion and where hundreds of abduct- ed women and children have been found.

Heavy bombing on Yemen border area by Saudi forces and Houthis

CAIRO, 11 May — Yemen’s Houthi militia and Saudi forces traded heavy artillery and rocket fire in border areas on Monday, residents said, a day before a five-day humanitarian truce was due to take effect.

The Houthis said they fired Katyusha rockets and mortars on the Saudi cities of Jizan and Najran on Monday, after the Saudis hit Saada and Hajjah provinces with more than 150 rockets. Saudi planes also struck positions of the Iranian-backed Houthis in the central city of Taiz and in the oil-producing Marib province east of the capital Sanaa.

There were no immediate details on any casualties.

More than six weeks of air strikes by Sunni Muslim Gulf monarchies have failed to push back the Shi’ite Houthi’s and militiamen loyal to the Houthi’s ally, ex-presi- dent Ali Abdullah Saleh.

The rebels, whose ties to regional rival Iran has rattled the Gulf Arabs, remain the dominant political force in the impoverished Arab country that borders Saudi Arabia, the world’s top oil exporter.

Saudi Arabia has offered a five-day ceasefire starting on Tuesday evening to allow de- livery of humanitarian supplies into the country, but warned that the truce depended on the Houthis abiding by that deal.

A group of 17 international aid agencies said on Sunday that its troops were now several kilometres away from the be- sieged hospital, the last remain- ing army foothold in the town of Jisr al-Shughour in the province of Idlib.

The town was overrun last month by insurgents, including al-Qaeda’s wing in Syria, Nusra Front. The army repulsed the attack.

Rebels have so far failed to storm the hospital despite repeat- ed suicide bombings and intense mortar shelling from nearby pos- itions. The compound is situated on a hilltop overlooking a main highway and has several under- ground levels that have sheltered the troops from the rebel shelling.

The UK-based Syrian Ob- servatory for Human Rights, which tracks violence across the country, said insurgents got into one of the hospital buildings on Sunday, after a suicide bomber from Nusra Front blew himself up at dawn. But pro-government sources said the army repulsed the attack.

The Syrian army is deter- mining to restore morale and regain momen- tum against the rebels, after losing Jisr al-Shughour and on 28 March the provincial city of Idlib. Large parts of the rich agricul- tural province are now in rebel hands.

The army strategy is to keep the rebels on the run. It was said to be fighting to end Assad’s rule, from getting any closer to Latakia along the coast, the heartland of Assad’s minority sect, the Alawites.

The Observatory said at least 16 raids were conducted on Sun- day and two rebel sources said the army had been advancing slowly in the last few days nearer to the hospital area.

“There are hundreds of raids and the bombing is not stopping. But God willing they will be de- feated and we will move the bat- tle next to their areas,” Abu Obada, a rebel commander from Jash al-Nasr, a coalition of rebel groups involved in the fighting, told Reuters via Viber.

Turkish ship attacked as it approached Libya’s Tobruk — Foreign Ministry

ISTANBUL, 11 May — A Turkish dry cargo ship was shelled by the Libyan coast as it approached the port of Tobruk and then attacked from the air as it tried to leave the area on Sun- day, the Turkish Foreign Minis- try said on Monday.

The third officer on the Cook Islands-registered Tunaki 1 vessel died and other crew members were wounded in the attacks, which the ministry condemned in a statement. It did not specify who launched the assaults.

“We condemn strongly this contemptible attack which target- ed a civilian ship in international waters and curse those who car- ried it out,” it said. Ankara had protected Turkish citizens in Libya. There was no immediate com- ment from Libyan officials.

A Libyan warplane from forces loyal to the internationally recognised government bombed a Greek-operated oil tanker an- chored off Libya’s Mediterra- nean coast in January, killing two crewmen amid hostilities between factions vy- ing to rule the oil-producing North African country.

Internationally recognized Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thin- ni said in February his govern- ment would stop dealing with Turkey because it was sending weapons to a rival group in Trip- oli so that “the Libyan people kill each other”.

The cargo ship, owned by a Turkish company, was carrying plasterboard from Spain to To- bruk when it was hit 21 km (13 miles) from the port, suffering some damage, the Foreign Minis- try statement said.— Reuters

Syrian army steps up bid to regain town and rescue besieged troops

AMMAN / BEIRUT, 11 May — Syrian troops backed by heavy air strikes have edged closer to a hospital in northwestern Syria where dozens of Syrian soldiers and loyalist fighters have been holed up for the past two weeks, the army said on Sunday.

An army source told Reuters that its troops were now several kilometres away from the be- sieged hospital, the last remain- ing army foothold in the town of Jisr al-Shughour in the province of Idlib.

The town was overrun last month by insurgents, including al-Qaeda’s wing in Syria, Nusra Front. President Bashar al Assad said on Thursday troops would head to the hospital on the out- skirts of the town.

Israel and Syria have been exchange- ing fire in the northern sector of the Golan Heights, which Syria captured from Israel in the 1967 war.

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Chepurin: Serbs, Russians never against each other

BYELAWS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PORT OF YANGON

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

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The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Energy
Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
(Invitation for Open Tenders)
(8/2015)

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars / Myanmar kyats.

Sr. No. Tender No. Description
(1) IFB-009(15-16) Electrical Spares for HDD Rig (46) Items
(2) IFB-010(15-16) Spares for Cooper Well Servicing Unit (11 Items)
(3) IFB-011(15-16) Spares for Rig Engine / Rig Pump
(4) IFB-012(15-16) Ex HDD Rig (16) Items
(5) IFB-013(15-16) Crank Line (3) Items
(6) IFB-014(15-16) Spares for National Drive Group
(7) DMPL-004 (15-16) Ex NAT-55 Drilling Rigs (3) Items

Spares for Kenworth Trucks (6) Items

33 KV Current Transformer for GCB

Sets


9-6-2015, 16:30 Hr

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 12th May 2015 at the Finance Department, Myanmar Oil and as Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise
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Russian Ambassador to Serbia Alexander Chepurin

Belgrade, 11 May — Russian Ambassador to Serbia Alexander Chepurin has said that the future lies in a united Europe, and expressed belief that Russians and Serbs will never be against each other. Russians will never be against Serbs, and I believe that Serbs will never turn against Russians, Chepurin said on Saturday evening at a ceremony marking the 70th anniversary of the Victory Day in WWII.

He underlined that the future of Europe, including Russia and Serbia, much depends on how we preserve what is valuable. The future lies in a great and united Europe. Development can be achieved only if there are no walls, he said.

Expressing gratitude to all allies that fought in WWII, Chepurin said that the greatest contribution certainly cannot be to the Soviet and Yugoslav peoples.

With the very deep feel of gratitude, we will always remember the feat of our peoples, soldiers and veterans, Chepurin said. The ceremony held at Sava Center was attended by the Serbian prime minister, parliament speaker, ministers, representatives of embassies, religious communities and others.—Tanjug
**Ministry of Energy**
**Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise**

Extension of the request for the Letter of Expression of Interest (LOEI)

Joint Venture Project of No. (3) Fertilizer Factory (Kyawzwa)

Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise (MPE) has invited the interested local and international investors for the request of the Letter of Expression of Interest (LOEI) regarding the joint venture project of No. (3) Fertilizer Factory (Kyawzwa) from 17.3.2015 to 23.3.2015 in the national newspaper and to be submitted not later than (12:00) noon at the date of 4.5.2015.

MPE hereby announces that the submission of LOEI shall be extended up to 4.6.2015 from 4.5.2015.

**INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER (3/2015)**

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV BRIGHT STATE VOY NO (112)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BRIGHT STATE VOY NO (112) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.5.2015 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY AGENT FOR: MS ECL (S’PORE) PTE LTD.**

Phone No: 2301191/2301178

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**WEATHER REPORT**

**Inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Southwest Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast Valid until Evening of the 12th May, 2015:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Sagain and Taninthayi Regions, Laung Hmeaw and Chin States, isolated in Mon and Kayin States, isolated in Mon. Rainy and Showery Conditions, Shan, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Electric Power Myanma Electric Power Project (MEPP) Credit No.: 5306-MM

**Assignment Title:** Myanma Power Sector Study of Electricity Tariffs and Subsidies Mechanisms

**Reference No.:** MEPE CS-4

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of increasing capacity and efficiency of gas fired power generation and strengthening the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Electric Power.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include study of Myanma Power Sector study of Electricity Tariffs and Subsidies Mechanisms over a period of 12 (Twelve) months.

The Ministry of Electric Power (MOEP) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the above Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The short-listing criteria are:

1. The interested consultants should have previous experience in the area of electricity tariffs design, analysis and modeling;
2. A minimum of 10 years of experience in carrying out consulting services as a consulting firm in the field of assignment; and
3. At least 3 contracts of similar nature and complexity, or more complex and relevant, that the firm has successfully completed in the past 10 years.


Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost-Based Selection Method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during the 11:00 AM to 16:00 hours on working days. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by 16:00 hours of 02 June, 2015.

Attention:
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Mumford & Sons score second UK number 1 album

Marcus Mumford, lead singer of Mumford & Sons, performs on the Pyramid Stage at the Glastonbury music festival at Worthy Farm in Somerset on 30 June, 2013.—Reuters

London, 11 May — Marcus Mumford, lead singer of Mumford & Sons, captured top spot in the UK album charts on Sunday with their third album “Wilder Mind”, the Official Charts Company said, matching the success of its predecessor “Babel”. British band Blur slipped a place to number two with “The Magic Whip”, their first chart-top album in 12 years. Sam Smith’s “In The Lonely Hour” bounced to number three, and Ed Sheeran’s “x” climbed three places to four. Sia’s “1,000 Forms Of Fear” rounded off the top five, up eight places.

In the singles chart, the top three were unchanged: Felix Jaehn’s re-mix of “Cheerleader” by OMI held on to number one, with “See You Again” by Wiz Khalifa at two and “I Really Like You” by Carly Rae Jepsen in third position. Next came deep house duo Blonde with “All Cried Out”, the week’s highest new entry, while “Lean On” by Major Lazer slipped one place to number five.

Avengers: Age of Ultron Tops With $77.2 million, ‘Hot Pursuit’ Flounders

Los Angeles, 11 May — “Avengers: Age of Ultron” picked up $88 million, pushing the film to $875.3 million globally. Given that major markets such as China and Japan are still left to open and domestic audiences continue to embrace the film, “Avengers: Age of Ultron” should have no trouble becoming the second 2015 release to clear $1 billion before the summer’s “Furious 7”. With Hulk, Iron Man, Captain America, and the rest of the super team dominating ticket sales, Warner Bros. “Hot Pursuit” landed with a thud, picking up a frosty $13.3 million opening from 3,003 locations. The Reese Witherspoon and Sofia Vergara remake of “The Heat” was clobbered with withering reviews, with its debut falling short of expectations an opening of $18 million or higher. It’s also on the low-end of Witherspoon’s recent box offices for more commercial fare such as “Water for Elephants” ($16.8 million debut) and “This Means War” ($17.4 million debut).

Given our expectations it was a little lighter than we had hoped for,” said Jeff Goldstein, Warner Bros distribution executive vice president. He argued the negative critical reaction took a toll.

“We did business, we way over-indexed in the South and in the small towns,” said Goldstein. “We were lighter in the East in review-driven markets.”

In third place, Lionsgate’s “The Age of Ade- line” earned roughly $5.6 million, dropping 10% from its previous haul and bringing its total to $31.5 million.

Universal’s “Furious 7” slid into fourth place with $5.2 million pushing its domestic total to $338.4 million after six weeks in theaters. Globally, the action sequel has earned $1.5 billion.

Sony’s “Paul Blart Mall Cop 2” snagged fifth place with just under $5.2 million, bringing its domestic total to $58.1 million.

A24 continued to expand “Ex Machina”, moving it from 1,279 theaters to 2,004 locations where it earned $3.5 million. The twisty sci-fi thriller has made $15.7 million during its theatrical run.

Next weekend brings “Mad Max: Fury Road” and “Pitch Perfect 2”, two highly anticipated sequels that should goose ticket sales.

Agnes Varda to receive Palme d’Or at Cannes 2015

Los Angeles, 11 May — French director professor Agnes Varda will be honoured with the prestigious Palme d’Or at the upcoming Cannes International Film Festival for the global impact of her body of work.

Premiering last week, “Cleo From 5 To 7”, was a documentary style look at a singer awaiting results of a biopsy, which precluded Varda’s fascination with human mortality.

Her films tended to focus on women and her subsequent “Vagabond” in 1985 examined the investigation of the death of a female drifter.

She married film director Jacques Demy in 1962 and after his death in 1990, she made “Jacquot de Nantes”, about his life and death.—PITI

French director professor Agnes Varda

Agnes Varda to receive Palme d’Or at Cannes 2015

Los Angeles, 11 May — French director professor Agnes Varda will be honoured with the prestigious Palme d’Or at the upcoming Cannes International Film Festival for the global impact of her body of work.

The 86-year-old helm- er becomes the first woman to be selected for this dis- tinction, reported Deadline.

Only three other direc- tors, Woody Allen, Clint Eastwood and Bernardo Bertolucci, have been recog- nized with the honour.

She will be honoured at the closing ceremony of the 12-day festival (May 13-24).

From her first film, “La Pointe Courte” in 1954, Varda’s style reflect-

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Prince takes the stage for ‘Rally 4 Peace’ show in Baltimore

Baltimore, 11 May — Reclusive rocker Prince took the stage on Sunday in a “Rally 4 Peace” concert in response to the death of a 25-year-old man, whose death from injuries suffered while in police custody triggered riots, telling the crowd: “We are here for you.”

The Grammy-winning musician, appearing at Royal Farms Arena along with his backing band 3RDeye GIRL, performed such hits as “When Doves Cry” and “Raspberry Beret”, as well as a new song called “Baltimore,” which he dedicated to the city.

“We are here for you tonight,” he said. “It’s going to be all right. We’re going to figure this thing out,” Prince said while performing “Purple Rain.”

“It’s going to take the young people to fix it this time. We need new ideas,” he said.

Fan Jamal Terrell, 41, said: “I think he showed why he’s still extremely important. He brought a community together.”

‘Overrated’ Fowler wins Players Championship in playoff

Ponte Vedra Beach, (Florida), 11 May — American Rickie Fowler produced a stunning finish to claim the lucrative Players Championship in a playoff at TPC Sawgrass on Sunday.

The 26-year-old outlasted 2008 champion Sergio Garcia and world number 123 Kevin Kisner in extra holes after finishing his final six holes of regulation in six-under-par.

In a week where he was labelled “overrated” in an anonymous player poll, Fowler clinched victory on the famous 17th island green with his third birdie on the hole in the day, taking home $1.8 million.

Fowler faced a nervous wait after finishing eagle, birdie, birdie across the daunting last three holes in regulation to shoot a five-under 67 and post-12-under for the tournament.

Both Garcia (68) and Kisner (69) had putts on the 18th green that would ultimately have given them the tournament but the Spaniard’s 19-foot effort missed and Kisner’s 10-foot attempt hung agonisingly on the lip.

The trio then headed to a three-hole aggregate playoff over holes 16-18 where Fowler and Kisner managed to birdie the 17th to stay alive as Garcia managed only three pars.

When they returned to 17 in sudden death, Kisner missed a 12-foot birdie attempt to leave the door open for Fowler to drain a four-footer and win his second US PGA tour title.

“I felt really good all week, it’s pretty fun, this is special,” said the Fowler, whose previous win came at the 2012 Wells Fargo Championship, also after a playoff. “I laughed at the poll, but, yeah, if there was any question, I think this right here answers the question you need to know.

“I was always looked at as only having one win on tour, and I always felt that I needed to put myself in position to win more often, and I did that last year.”

“I wasn’t able to end up as the last guy standing but it feels good to be back in that position, and I’m hoping to be back in the same position more often.”

Americans Ben Martin (70) and Bill Haas (70) finished fourth at 11-under with South African Rory Sabbatini (69) and American Kevin Na (71) sixth at nine-under.

Martin bogeyped the 18th to fall out of the playoff and former FedEx Cup champion Haas had a putt from the fringe to join it but it failed to drop.

Overnight leader Chris Kirk had a day to forget, shooting 75 to drop five shots off the pace.

Fowler said the win would give him confidence at the remaining three majors of the season having finished in the top five of all four in 2014.

“It’s only going to help me move forward,” Fowler said.

“I look at this event as basically like a major. It has the major feel, obviously one of the best fields we play all year, on a tough golf course. “This will definitely give me momentum going into the US Open and makes me feel confident about being in this situation and taking care of business.” — Reuters

Intensive search held in disaster-hit coastal areas

Sendai, (Japan), 11 May — Police officers conducted intensive searches on 11 May, 2015, in coastal areas of northeastern Japan, seeking traces of those who have been unaccounted for since the 11 March, 2011, earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disasters.

“I am determined to search for as many traces as possible, down to the last person,” said Tomohiko Sato, a senior officer of Miyagi Prefecture, one of the three prefectures worst hit by the disaster. As of 8 May, 15,891 people have been confirmed dead due to the disaster, while 2,579 people are missing, according to the National Police Agency.

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Motoyuki Sato, professor at the Centre for Northeast Asian Studies of Tohoku University, seeks traces of those still unaccounted for since the 11 March, 2011, disaster in the northeastern Japan town of Namie by using a portable radar on 11 May, 2015.

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Murray stuns clay king Nadal to win Madrid Masters

MADRID, 11 May — Andy Murray continued his remarkable run on clay when he pulled off a stunning upset at dethrone home favourite Rafael Nadal 6-3, 6-2 in the Madrid Masters final on Sunday and claim his second title on the surface in a week.

Following up his debut triumph on the red dust on Monday in Munich, Murray denied Nadal a third straight triumph in the Spanish capital — and record fifth overall — and raised fresh doubts over the Spaniard’s form heading into the French Open.

The Briton’s strong performances this week suggest he may be a real contender in Paris, when holder Nadal, who has struggled for consistency since returning from injury and illness, will be bidding for a record-extending 10th Roland Garros crown. “To play Rafa on clay is extremely tough and this is the reason why we play tennis for these matches,” Murray said after receiving the trophy from Spain’s Queen Sofia. “It’s one of the toughest things in tennis to try to beat Rafa on clay,” added the 27-year-old. “I’ll keep trying to play well over the next few weeks with Roland Garros just around the corner.”

Murray had never beaten third-seeded Nadal on clay in six attempts but raced into a 3-0 lead at the futuristic magic box arena and fended off three break points to close out the set.

The world number three broke Nadal twice more to open a 4-0 lead in the second and finished him off on his first match point when the Mallorcan sent a weak forehand return into the net. Nadal, 28, congratulated Murray for a “great season” and said he would try to keep working back to top form at this week’s Rome Masters before heading to the French capital.

“Obviously, this wasn’t the match I wanted or expected to play today,” Nadal said. “Although it’s not nice to end it like this, it has been a very important week for me, very positive, in which I rediscovered sensations I had not had on a tennis court for a long time,” he added.

It was Murray’s 10th Masters crown and 33rd career title, while Nadal missed out on a record-extending 28th Masters and 66th title overall. Nadal needed a win to stay in 10th place in the world rankings and he will drop to seven when they are updated, putting him outside the top five for the first time in a decade. —Reuters

Atletico miss chance to pull away in third

MADRID, 11 May — Atletico Madrid squandered a chance to all but secure their place in next season’s Champions League group stage when Fernando Torres had to come off the bench to rescue a 2-2 draw at La Liga strugglers Levante on Sunday. After fourth-placed Valencia drew 2-2 at Real Madrid on Saturday, a win for the champions would have propelled them six points clear in third with two games left but they slipped up against a team fighting for their top-flight status.

Villarreal made no such mistake in their match at home to Elche, a 1-0 victory thanks to Joel Campbell’s first goal for the club securing sixth place and a berth in Europa League qualifying.

Sevilla’s hopes of overhaulng Valencia and clinching a spot in Champions League qualifying suffered a setback, however, when the Europa League holders let slip the lead and drew 1-1 at mid-table Celta Vigo. Atletico have 77 points from 36 matches, with Valencia on 73 and Sevilla in fifth on 70, 13 ahead of Villarreal. Malaga, who won 2-1 at Almeria on Sunday, are seven points behind Villarreal in seventh.

Leaders Barcelona (90 points) are on the brink of a fifth title in seven years after they won 2-0 at home to Real Sociedad on Saturday to stretch their advantage over Real (86) to four points.

Levante’s David Barral tapped in at the far post in the 32nd minute to put the 14th-placed club ahead at their Ciutat de Valencia stadium before Guilherme Siqueira levelled for Atletico with a smart volley three minutes later.

Atletico fell behind again in the 63rd minute when Kalu Uche bundled the ball over the line and Torres secured a point when he nodded powerfully home following a corner 10 minutes from time.

“We knew what it means to play here, where Levante are very strong,” Siqueira told Spanish television.

“In this final part of the season every point is crucial,” added the Brazilian. “We have two games left to make sure of the third spot that we want.”

This weekend’s matches are being played under the cloud of a possible strike orchestrated by the Spanish soccer federation (RFEF) and the players’ union (AFE) due to a dispute over a new law on collective bargaining for the sale of television rights.

The two organizations, who complain the law does not take their interests sufficiently into account, have threatened to halt games from 16 May, meaning the last two La Liga match days and the King’s Cup final between Barca and Athletic Bilbao are under threat.