Red carpet welcome for Indian PM
President U Htin Kyaw holds talks with India's Modi

Visiting Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi started his three-day official visit to Myanmar with a red carpet welcome by President U Htin Kyaw at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Mr. Narendra Modi and party arrived Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening for a visit from 5 to 7 September. Following the inspection of the Guard of Honour, the two leaders held talks at the Presidential Palace.

At the meeting, the two sides discussed effective implementation of the current projects between the two countries, extending mutual support to each other at the regional and international fora and fighting terrorism.

Also present together with President U Htin Kyaw at the meeting were Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Sein Win, U Kyaw Tint Swe, Thura U Aung Ko, U Thant Sin Maung, Dr Than Myint and U Win Khaing, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin, Ambassador of Myanmar to India U Maung Wai while the Indian delegation was accompanied by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Shri Vikram Misri.

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Terrorists attack security forces, burn Maungtaw homes

THE ARSA Extremist terrorist group ambushed security forces on Monday at two villages in Maungtaw, Rakhine State, leaving one terrorist dead.

About 20 extremists attacked security forces at Ducheertan Village (East) at about 4:30 pm and set fire to houses in the village before retreating. According to a police source in Maungtaw, this was done in order to make it appear as if security forces destroyed the houses. This could not be independently confirmed.

The Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) extremist terrorists also set fire to more than 100 houses in Yaymyat-taung Village yesterday, according to police sources.

Meanwhile, about 10 armed terrorists attacked security forces at Jintaw Village yesterday, according to a government information committee.— Myanmar News Agency

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U Henry Van Thio, Vice President and Chairman of the National Water Resources Committee, attended and delivered a speech at the third future work programme coordination meeting of the National Water Resources Committee at the Presidential Palace yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

The meeting was attended by Vice Chairman of the National Water Resources Committee and Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung, Member and Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt.Gen Ye Aung, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr Myo Aung, Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe, states and regions ministers, permanent secretaries, director generals and officials.

In his speech, the Vice President said this is the third future work programme coordination meeting of the National Water Resources Committee as well as a general meeting attended by all committee members. The future work programme coordination meeting was held for nationwide development of water-related sectors and to discuss and coordinate effective management and utilisation of water resources. It was also held for effective cooperation in water-related works conducted by relevant ministerial organisations, state and region governments and to discuss future work programmes.

The National Water Resources Committee successfully held a World Water Day event in March. Water-related works decided in coordination meetings were also being worked on by relevant officials, ministries and departments. Monthly progress and work done by ministerial departments related to a national-level water policy were assessed and requirements were coordinated. In order to systematically collect countrywide basic infrastructure data related to water, relevant ministerial departments need to assess and send annual changes in data, said the Vice President.

The Vice President added that the committee needed to make investments for the people in the water-related sector, reduce water-related natural disasters, ensure sustainable water utilisation, cooperate with neighbouring countries in trans-national rivers, obtain water-related information and technology and cooperate for mutual benefit, compile, collect and distribute water related data and information, conduct water-related educational work and capacity building work, support and participate in drawing and implementing projects and water-related cooperation with international organisations.

The committee is working together with the Asia Pacific Water Forum to successfully host the 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Forum from 11 to 12 December 2017, an important meeting for international cooperation within the Asia-Pacific region, he said. Forum organising committees and work committees were formed and duties assigned while sub-committees will also be formed, said the Vice President. All must cooperate and work together to implement an all-round management system for effective water resources and all are urged to cooperate and work together to protect, conserve and develop water resources in the country, he said. The Vice Chairman of the National Water Resources Committee later explained about completed work, future work programmes and the Ayeyawady River basin all-round management project.

Afterward, the committee secretary Director-General of the Department of Water Resources and Rivers Development U Tun Lwin Oo explained the work of the committee and future works.

National Water Resources Committee advisory group members then discussed and suggested how to determine portable water quality, draw up a national water law, and utilise above-ground and underground water for economic development. Officials from ministerial departments, state and region governments and municipal committees who were attending the meeting explained water-related works and cooperation. Meeting attendees also discussed future work of the National Water Resources Committee. — Myanmar News Agency

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**Search on for Tatmadaw G-4 jet trainer lost during flight**

The Tatmadaw is searching for a military jet that went missing during a training flight yesterday about 36 miles northwest of Pathein, the capital of Ayeyawady Region, according to a statement by the Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief’s Office.

The jet trainer, which was piloted by Major Kaung Htike, lost contact with flight control at approximately 9:18 am. The Soko G-4, alternately known as the Super Seagull or N-62, is a one-seat military trainer aircraft first introduced by Serbia in 1983. The two-seater jets cost about $4 million a piece. — Myanmar News Agency

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**Officials disburse aid to displaced people in Maungtaw**

The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the Rakhine State government yesterday provided displaced people in Minkamauang Village, Maungtaw Township, Rakhine with food and supplies.

The aid operation was overseen yesterday by the deputy minister for the Office of the State Counsellor.

During the trip, a teacher, four women staff of General Administrative Department and a child was taken back to Sittway by helicopter. — Myanmar News Agency

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**Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives UNICEF Representative**

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U T Khun Myat received UNICEF Myanmar representative from the office in the Pyithu Hluttaw Building, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, the two officials discussed cooperative efforts to implement UNICEF programs in Myanmar for education, health, nutrition, water and hygiene and child protection. — Myanmar News Agency

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**Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker holds coordination meeting**

U Henry Van Thio delivers a speech at the third future work programme coordination meeting of the National Water Resources Committee in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. — PHOTO: MNA

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**Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U T Khun Myat holds talks with UNICEF Myanmar representative in Nay Pyi Taw.** — PHOTO: MNA

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**Myanmar Red Cross Society’s members loading food aids.** — PHOTO: MNA
President U Htin Kyaw holds talks with India’s Modi

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Following the meeting, President U Htin Kyaw and First Lady Daw Su Su Lwin hosted a dinner in honour of the Indian delegation at the Presidential Palace.

Also present at the dinner were State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Vice President U Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Vice President U Hnery Van Thio and wife Dr Shwe Hlwan, Union ministers, deputy ministers and officials. In his speech at the dinner, President U Htin Kyaw said Myanmar and India share more than a common border as neighbours.

Not only have the two countries’ historical and cultural linkages bonded them together but also their common experience in struggling for independence made the two countries closer, he said.

“This has been evident through close interactions between our founding fathers: Mahatma Gandhi and General Aung San, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and Prime Minister U Nu during our struggle for independence and thereafter,” said U Htin Kyaw.

He also expressed thanks to the Indian government for all the support and assistance extended to Myanmar for socio-economic development, infrastructure development and capacity building in Myanmar.

The president continued to say that India’s recent donation of H1N1 vaccines for the people of Myanmar and the renovation project of the Ananda Pagoda and an additional 92 pagodas in Bagan demonstrate the genuine goodwill of India.

On behalf of the Myanmar Government, President U Htin Kyaw appreciated India’s Act East Policy and Neighbourhood First Policy saying that these policies play an instrumental role in cementing not only our existing friendly relations, but also in expanding ASEAN-India dialogue relations.

“We also congratulate India for its endeavours to host the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit in New Delhi on 25 January 2018.

Speaking at the dinner, Mr Modi recounted the close linkages between the two countries and common experiences the two countries have had in struggling for independence.

He pledged to strengthen the current friendly bilateral relations and to make further cooperation in the infrastructure, communications, health and capacity building sectors.

Mr Modi also expressed India’s willingness to assist in the socio-economic sector of Myanmar, appreciating the efforts of Myanmar for achieving peace in the country.

The Indian Prime Minister and party arrived in Nay Pyi Taw International Airport at 4:47 pm and were welcomed by Union Minister for Construction and Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing, Union Minister for Commerce Dr Than Myint, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin and Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Vikram Misri and wife.

The Indian Prime Minister arrived in Myanmar after attending the 9th BRICS Summit attended by the heads of state and heads of government from the five member states of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. The BRICS meeting was held in China from 3 to 5 September.

In 2014, the Prime Minister came to Myanmar to attend the ASEAN-India Summit. This is the Prime Minister’s first official state visit to Myanmar.—Myan- mar News Agency
Passengers suggest better train services

Train passengers were quoted in Myanmar Railways (MR) complaining about the condition of decades old locomotives, coaches and signaling systems in Myawaddy Daily newspaper yesterday.

Passengers complained of frequent delays and poor upkeep and cleanliness of the circular trains.

“Passengers face train delays because MR uses locomotives and coaches manufactured around 1960,” said U Ba Myint, MR General Manager. “Passengers do not get timely information because MR has no information system. We plan to install an information system to provide timely information to passengers. Later on, when all systems are upgraded there won't be any train delays. All these will be implemented with the assistance of the Japanese engineers.”

MR intends to begin upgrading its equipment and systems in October with the installation of alarm systems and the purchase of new coaches.

“Upon completion of the project, circular trains will complete their routes in only 1 hour and 50 minutes for 38 stations instead of running two hours 50 minutes,” said U Thurein Win, the managing director of MR.—GNLM ■

Real estate market still cool in Dala Tsp

Real-estate market in Dala Township is still cool despite the announcement of the Yangon-Dala bridge construction project, according to a report in the Myawaddy Daily yesterday.

 Authorities issued notice letters to apply eminent domain to residences and businesses in the path of the construction project, which will begin in October. The bridge is scheduled for completion in 2018.

Dala real estate prices increased after news of the project emerged, but soon stabilized with a 40 x 60 feet plot of land in Dala Township selling for approximately Ks110 million.

“We have interested real estate buyer and sellers. However, the land owners are not reducing the prices and buyers are waiting for prices to come down. Therefore, the real estate market is cool,” said a real estate agent from Dala township.—GNLM ■

Illegal timber seized in Gwa Township, Rakhine State

A large amount of poached timber was seized on 3 September in Daugt Chaung Village, Gwa Township, Rakhine State.

No tree poachers or smugglers have yet been identified in connection with the seized wood. Members of the Gwa township management committee discovered 264 pieces of wood at five locations within the township area. The officials are attempting to estimate the weight and worth of the wood with help from Township Forestry Department and police officials. (IPRD ■

Manufacturing exports worth US$2.4 billion this FY, up $509 million

Manufacturing exports were worth US$2.4 billion from 1 April to 25 August, an increase of $509 million compared to the same period last year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Manufacturing exports were $1.9 billion during the same period of last fiscal 2016-2017. Of seven export categories only manufacturing increased in trade value.

Total exports were worth $5.64 billion, an increase of $484 million over last year. Agricultural exports were worth $1.2 billion, animal product exports were worth $5.8 million, fisheries exports were worth $213 million, mineral sector exports were worth $309 million and forestry exports were worth $89 million. Other exports were worth $682 million.—Zwe ■
Values of stock trading on Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) in August reached 294,615 shares worth Ks2.29 billion, according to YSX statistics.

Last month YSX stock trades were worth Ks1.37 billion.

Four companies—First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB) and First Private Bank (FPB)—are currently trading their shares on YSX.

Last year, FMI traded shares worth Ks24 billion on YSX in March and Ks5.8 billion in April.

MTSH joined YSX on 20th May and FMI and MTSH stock trades were estimated at Ks16 billion in May, Ks6.8 billion in June and Ks2.7 billion in July.

After MCB joined the YSX, monthly stock trading values of FMI, MTSH and MCB were Ks2.9 billion in August, Ks2.4 billion in September, Ks4 billion in October and Ks2.2 billion in November.

YSX stock trading fell to a record low of Ks1.5 billion in December.

When First Private Bank (FPB) joined YSX, the value of the YSX was Ks8 billion in Jan and Feb 2017, Ks3.3 billion in March and Ks1.2 in April – an all-time low.

The YSX grew to Ks1.48 billion in May and to Ks1.54 billion in June. The Yangon Stock Exchange Expo will be held at the Park Royal Hotel in Yangon on 10 September and will include panels of economic and legal experts who will discuss the future of the exchange.

On 4 September 2017, a total of 10,015 shares were traded with estimated value of Ks133 million.

SHARE PRICES AT CLOSING TIME were Ks13,500 for FMI, Ks3,400 for MTSH, Ks8,800 for MCB and Ks24,000 for FPB.—Ko Htet

A visitor takes a photo of the electronic board showing the stock exchange rates at YSX in Yangon on 22 August 2017. PHOTO: GNLM/PHOE KHAR

Trade value over sea routes US$9.3 billion this FY

Myanmar has done Ks9.3 billion in trade over sea routes between 1 April and 25 August, compared to US$7.8 billion during the same period last year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Exports through sea routes were US$3.39 billion and imports US$6.23 billion.

Comparatively, overland trade was $ 2.77 billion, including exports of $1.7 billion and imports of $1.1 billion.

Total external trade values were $12.4 billion, with an exports worth $5 billion and imports of $7.35 billion.

Myanmar’s trade deficit is $2.3 billion, according to the Ministry of Commerce.—Zwe

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets Shanghai National People’s Congress Standing Committee Vice Chairperson

During his visit to the People’s Republic of China, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint met with Shanghai National People’s Congress Standing Committee Vice Chair Mrs. Zhong Yanqun yesterday afternoon in the People’s Mansion in Shanghai.

During the meeting, views were exchanged on matters relating to bilateral friendship and cooperation.

The meeting was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw affairs committee members Mahn Nyunt Thein, U Than Nyunt, U Khan Than Htoo, Daw Wint War Tun, U Tin Nu @ U Tin Nu Aung, the Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thit Lin Ohn and officials from the Pyithu Hluttaw office.

After the meeting, Mrs. Zhong Yanqun hosted a lunch for the Myanmar Hluttaw delegation.

Afterward, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint and party arrived at the Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Centre, where officials conducted a guided tour.

The Myanmar Hluttaw delegation arrived at the Pudong New District at 2 pm and toured the free trade office and had discussions with officials from the management committee.

The Myanmar delegation also visited The Oriental Pearl TV and Radio Tower in the afternoon.

The delegation then arrived at Oriental Pearl jetty last night and viewed the Huangpu river onboard. — Myanmar News Agency

Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Office of the State Counsellor
Statement to prevent unwarranted tension and unrest that could be incited by news of possible ARSA terrorist group’s attacks (5 September 2017)

1. The Government security forces are undertaking security operations to maintain peace and stability that have been threatened by brutal attacks of the ARSA extremist terrorist group in the Northern Rakhine State. At the same time, the Government is providing emergency aid and relief to those who are displaced by terrorist attacks. Ensuring that those inhabitants who are innocent and not part of the terrorist movement be able to live without fear for their safety and security, it is also working to apprehend the terrorists to bring them to justice.

2. In the meantime, news about preparation being made by terrorists to stage bomb attacks against innocent civilians in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and other big cities in the country have been brought to our attention. The aim of such attacks will be to attract international focus on and to garner support for their activities in Maungdaw and Buthedaung in Rakhine State.

3. The Myanmar Writers Association issued a statement strongly condemning the ARSA extremist terrorist group and the terrorist acts committed by them in the region, including Buthidaung and Maungtaw townships in Rakhine State. — GNLM

Col. Phone Tint encourages returning teachers and local ethnics in Rakhine State

Rakhine State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col. Phone Tint meets and encourages teachers and local ethnics. PHOTO: MNA

Rakhine State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col. Phone Tint met and encouraged teachers and local ethnics who are returning to their homes and schools in Rakhine State that were temporarily closed. Twenty-six teachers and 18 local ethnics from Kyeinchaung and Tarane villages and Taungpyo town arrived in Maungtaw Township in three military vehicles yesterday morning. Later, those people left for Buthidaung and will continue to Sittway on 6 September to return to their homes. — Myanmar News Agency

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Indonesian Foreign Minister departs Yangon

INDONESIA Foreign Minister Mrs. Retno L.P. Marsudi departed Yangon yesterday morning after being escorted to Yangon International Airport by Ministry of Foreign Affairs officials and Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Myanmar Dr. Ito Sumardi. — Myanmar News Agency
State Counsellor discusses issue of Rakhine

State with President Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey

The State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received a telephone call from President Erdogan and discussed the issue of Rakhine. President Erdogan said that he is confident that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi as a leader who has faced and overcome challenges and advocate of human rights will approach the situation with vision of a long term solution to the issue of Rakhine. He mentioned that there are concerns worldwide regarding the situation of the Rakhine. He said that “We know very well, more than most, what it means to be deprived of human rights and democratic protection. So we make sure that all the people in our country are entitled to protection of their rights as well as, the right to, and not just political but social and humanitarian defense.” The State Counsellor also said that the Government has already started defending all the people in Rakhine in the best way possible and expressed that there should be no misinformation to create trouble between the two countries which have good friendly relations for a long time.

She also intimated to President Erdogan that his Deputy Prime Minister was subjected to a lot of fake news photographs taken elsewhere in the world and not in Burma. She said, that kind of fake information which was inflicted on the Deputy Prime Minister was simply the tip of a huge iceberg of misinformation calculated to create a lot of problems between different communities and with the aim of promoting the interest of the terrorists.

She also expressed that Turkey which has faced the challenges of terrorism and has to cope with the PKK will understand the challenge that Myanmar has to face. She also said that for the country, terrorism is new but the Government will do its best to make sure that this does not expand and spread all over Rakhine.

She expressed her intention to cooperate with friends from all over the world to make sure that terrorism does not take root on Myanmar soil and said that everybody in the country is entitled to and get all the security that they need.

She also informed President Erdogan that the Government is in the process of setting up an implementation committee to carrying out the recommendations of Dr. Kofi Annan’s Commission as soon as possible in line with the reality on the ground.

The President of Turkey expresses understanding of the challenges faced by Myanmar and the willingness to maintain the good relations with Myanmar.

—Myanmar News Agency

Humanitarian aid provided to displaced people without segregation

The Information Committee of the government issued a news release on fatalities, the injured and destructions due to ARSA extremist terrorists’ attacks in Buthidaung and Maungtaw townships in northern Rakhine State yesterday evening.

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- In the morning of August 25, ARSA extremist terrorists made violent surprise attacks on 30 border guard police outposts, simultaneously, claiming security forces, government service personnel and innocent people with many injured.
- Due to violent attacks and killings in sparsely populated villages, planting land mines on the entrance and exit ways to villages and consecutive arson attacks, innocent people are hiding and being placed to safer places.
- Accordingly, the State Counsellor is holding negotiations with members of the Union Government and high-ranking officials of Tatmadaw, lifting up measures on security and rescue for innocent populace, by designating Maungtaw region as operation zone and imposing curfew—section 144.
- Moreover, so as to resist with sufficient amounts of forces and to make displaced people secure, miniature police outposts were combined. Security forces are performing the tasks of searching for terrorists and fighting against them, evacuating local nationals to safer places, providing provisions and other commodities, giving medical care and treatment, releasing warning and organizing for combined living with a view to bringing about peace and stability in the region. And, due to violent attacks of extremist terrorists from August 25 to September 5, there occurred 97 armed conflicts, in all, between security forces and ARSA extremist terrorists, claiming 15 altogether—13 security forces and 2 government service men, and 28 civilians in all—14 local nationals, 7 Hindu local residents and 7 Bengalis, with 22 injured—15 security forces, 3 government staff and 4 nationals. Similarly, 59 villages, 6842 houses were burnt down, with 8 bridges destroyed by planted mines. ARSA extremist terrorists amounting to 371 were killed in fighting.
- Due to terrorist attacks, there are 26747 displaced people until now.

Under the current situations, the State Government will continue to perform the task of providing aids and subsidies to displaced people by laying down effective measures, on the assumption that it is incumbent upon the government to give humanitarian aids, together with the campaign, “Red Cross Movement.” Displaced people will be delivered subsidies without segregation, in accord with the fundamental principles on giving humanitarian aids for donors from home and abroad to take part in contributing the donation.—Myanmar News Agency

Houses set fire by ARSA extremist terrorists in Maungtaw

| No | People | Villages | Houses destroyed in the fire |
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|    |        |         | Houses | Losses | Shops | Vehicle |
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| 3  | Hindu  | 1       | 36     | 3600000 | 1      |       |
| 4  | Bengali| 53      | 6641   | 66410000| 311   | 174   |
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Ethnic IDPS who fled homes due to terrorists attacks

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Power of Resolution

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WE can evidently see from exporting fresh agricultural produce to European Union Countries that privilege and responsibility co-exist. As EU is a huge market, the world exporters of agricultural produce fetch good prices. Had Myanmar agricultural produce been exported to EU market, it would remarkably help for the development of agricultural sector. Yet, European Union specifically deals with safety of food, hence the need for agricultural produce to be exported by Myanmar to meet the requirements designated by European Union. If we want to export Myanmar agricultural produce to EU market, we must abide by rules and regulations of European Union.

In exporting our agricultural produce to EU countries, we are required to follow prescribed rules and laws as well as to fulfill other requirements, which are not classified as laws. For example, in growing for producing foodstuffs to be exported to EU, utilization of insecticides must be given special care. EU will never purchase those foodstuffs if they are found to exceed Maximum Residue Levels—MRLs in having them tested. Similarly, they must comply with standards of protection from pathogen microbial contaminants. Moreover, brand labeling and standards of packaging need to be done unavoidably.

Just by seeing the above-said restrictions, it has been obvious that there are many things to be performed for exporting agricultural produce to European Union countries. So as to successfully implement myriad of the tasks, sharing knowledge among farmers is to broaden their knowledge among farmers is to broaden their

Helping Wild Elephants Where They Roam

Why study Asian elephants?

One of our main projects focuses on Asian elephant populations in Myanmar, and our research estimates that there are less than 2,000 elephants left in that country. We wanted to learn about elephant behavior and movement. What elements make an animal likely to raid a crop, attack a house or engage in other types of human-elephant conflict?

It’s important to recognize that Asian elephants, as the second-largest terrestrial mammal, need lots of space to roam. These animals live in the most populous place in the world. Somehow, they persist. Right now, we’re in a downturn due to the recent poaching crisis, but the work that we and our partners are doing on the ground to detect and prevent poaching is helping, which is a positive step toward saving this species.

What happened to the elephants that SCBI scientists collared earlier this year?

They started disappearing off our radar. We aren’t sure about the status of certain animals because, over time, some of the collars just stopped working. By now, we have collared 19 elephants, and it appears that all of the ones that disappeared have been poached. The loss really started accelerating in the last year in areas where we see a lot of human-elephant conflict.

Part of our local outreach is to travel into townships to teach people how to reduce potential conflict with elephants. Luckily, many people in the community value elephants and do not want to poaching to continue, so they report incidents to us.

Why are elephants being poached?

What is alarming about this latest poaching event is that it appears to be indiscriminate. We have found carcasses of adult males, adult females and calves—all of them skinned. These days, the illegal wildlife product market is less concerned with ivory (only male Asian elephants sport tusks) and more concerned with turning skin into ointments and creams for the traditional Chinese medicine market. A square foot of elephant skin can earn a poacher $120 USD. There is no evidence to support that these treat any ailments; rather, as people become more affluent it is a symbol of status to purchase products made from wildlife.

What effect does this have on elephant populations?

It matters enormously when any elephant is killed. In the past, poaching for ivory only affected male Asian elephants. And while that is concerning, loss of males doesn’t affect the demography as much as the loss of females. Every female counts, because she may give birth to up to six calves over her lifetime. Losing them and calves is the fastest way to drive a population into extinction.

What is being done to slow or stop poaching in Myanmar?

Because SCBI has formed partnerships with many governments around the world, we are able to connect our partners at the Myanmar wildlife department with our partners at the Kenya wildlife department. Together, they can discuss what has worked and what hasn’t in terms of controlling poaching, and what resources are needed to put anti-poaching enforcement in place. On the Smithsonian side, we are going to continue our efforts to collar elephants and expand into other areas of concern. Tracking them via GPS is the best way for us to assess how the elephants are interacting with the landscape. It also helps us pinpoint areas where human-elephant conflict and poaching are occurring. We partner with several non-governmental organizations that accompany us into the townships and help us teach people on the front lines about elephants. There are parts of Myanmar where it is possible to purchase elephant skin and ivory (ivory carving is a cultural tradition that is centuries old). So, our goal is to spread the word and raise awareness about how poaching is affecting elephant populations.

How can people in the United States help elephants in Myanmar?

Although the U.S. is not the biggest consumer of ivory, it remains a major market. Likewise, habitat loss from large-scale agricultural practices—like non-sustainable palm oil plantations—have a big impact on elephants, which need a lot of space. Consumers can help prevent further elephant decline by being informed and checking the labels of the products they buy to ensure that they were sustainably sourced.

If you are passionate about elephants, one of the best ways to help is to support conservation efforts like ours that are working to save Asian elephants in their native habitats.

This story appears in the September 2017 issue of National Zoo News. Help SCBI scientists track and save elephants in Myanmar! Scientists and in-country partners involved in this project include Peter Leimgruber, John McEvoy, Melissa Songer, Aung N. Chan, Christie Sampson, Aung Myo Chit, Christy Williams, Feing Soe, Mark Grindley, Naymyo Shwe, La Myin Yin, Zaw Min Oh, U Choy, and the Mahout tracking team.

(Translated by Khin Maung Oo)
Peace process to be implemented following NCA path: Senior General

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Mr. Sun Guoxiang, Special Envoy of Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China in Bayinnaung Guest House, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the meeting the Senior General said that during the multi-party democracy era when peace process was started to be implemented, ethnic armed groups were invited to participate in “Our Three Main National Causes” and accept the “multi-party democracy system”. The offer was accepted by ethnic armed groups and Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) was signed after the government, Tatmadaw and ethnic armed groups discussed repeatedly. Thus the peace process will be implemented along the NCA path.

With regards to the terrorist acts in Buthidaung and Maungtaw townships in Rakhine State, the Senior General said there were 39 clashes with ARSA extremist terrorists between 1 am to 5 pm on 25 August 2017. In Taungbazar village, a local battalion was attacked by about 500 extremist terrorists while 39 police posts were attacked by around 100 to 200 per post. It is obvious that pre-planning is involved as the simultaneous attacks were launched. Police, public servants, Tatmadaw personnel and local ethnic nation- als were attacked viciously with swords, spears, hand grenades and arms, 8 bridges were destroyed with mines while villages were burnt indicating a strong proof of a terrorist attack. The attack with sticks, knives, spears, jingli (arrows shot by catapult) and mortar was done by young or youthful males of different ages, but when the security personnel pursued the attackers, in some places, women and children were found to be used as human shields. Drug usage is suspected as the attackers use manpower to assault armed personnel with swords, spears and jingli. Security forces are using the least manpower and fire power to control the situation, said the Senior General.

H.E. Mr. Sun Guoxiang said China condemns the terrorist acts that have occurred in Rakhine State, conveying Chinese government’s confidence to resolve the Rakhine State affairs. As a good friend and neighbour, China will stand with Myanmar for Myanmar’s benefit and will closely cooperate with it. The meeting was also attended by high ranking officers of Command-in-Chief (army) office while H.E. Mr. Sun Guoxiang was accompanied by Ambassador of China to Myanmar H.E. Hong Liang, military attache and officials. — Myanmar News Agency

Myanmar pulses market examined

By Ko Moe

The permanent secretary of the Ministry of Commerce said that several strategies are being explored to restore the stability of Myanmar’s pulses market.

The Myanmar pulses market was sent into disarray last month when India, the largest buyer, put severe restrictions on imported pulses in an attempt to protect the price of their own supply market.

At a special co-ordination meeting held at the UMFFCCI yesterday, U Toe Aung Myint said his ministry is examining ways to expand and reclassify Myanmar’s pulses destined for export.

“So as to solve the present problems, many ways will be sought. Markets for mung bean and toor whole are presently narrow. Previously, mung beans were exported to India and the Middle East as FAQ, without classifying as special quality. Now that classification has been made, bilateral negotiations were held and the other side had to make concessions. In the future, by classifying as special quality, pulses will be exported so that foreign markets can be sought more than ever.”

In addition, acquisition of investment and technical aid will be sought out so as to be able to diversify and export products to foreign markets, after producing agricultural produce as high-value products.

“The industry needs to produce high-price products concerning pulses and to grow substitute crops. Moreover, it is necessary for farmers to be resilient as well as to grow other crops which can gain market shares instead of pulses,” said Dr. Ye Tin Tun, Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation. As regards the future export of pulses, arrangements will be made in consultation with authorities concerned to grow other pulses and crops, in substitution, which can gain market shares in the global market, instead of mung beans and toor whole,” the permanent secretary said.

In spite of the recent restriction of pulses by the government of India, the amount of pulses to be exported to India was re-granted as agreed upon in the contract signed after giving advance payment, under the bilateral negotiation. The statement informing the re-granting of the imports as previously agreed was issued via the Embassy of India in Myanmar on 30 August, it was learnt. But the damage to the Myanmar market was done, and exposed the weaknesses of the pulses market.

“(The industry) needs to produce high-price products concerning pulses and to grow substitute crops. Moreover, it is necessary for farmers to be resilient as well as to grow other crops which can gain market shares instead of pulses,” said Dr. Ye Tin Tun, Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation. As regards the future export of pulses, arrangements will be made with a view to signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Myanmar; it has been learnt. And, for the stability of the local market over the pulses left to be exported, the government, private sector and farmers will cooperate and determine appropriate ways and means of effectively dealing with surplus pulses.

U Tun Lwin, chairman of Myanmar pulses and sesame merchants’ federation said that they are making efforts for the market stability. For farmers not to suffer losses for toor whole that will be harvested very soon, preparations are being made under the law on protection of farmers’ rights and upgrading their benefits.

In Myanmar, there are 2.6 million acres of mung beans. The price for one ton was Ks1 million in April, but the current price is Ks50,950.

Myanmar is mostly exporting its mung bean and green gram to India and China, with lesser amounts being exported to the EU and the Middle East.

According to the Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar exported 1,398,905 metric tons of pulses to foreign countries — 672,389 metric tons of mung beans, 349,802 metric tons of green gram and 159,788 metric tons of toor whole in the FY 2016-2017. Until 11 August of the present fiscal year, 517,752 metric tons of pulses — 213,186 metric tons of mung bean, 147,598 metric tons of green gram and 75 metric tons of toor whole — were exported.
Emergency aid provided by Rakhine State Government to IDPs fled from Maungtaw

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Russia reserves right to further cut number of US diplomats — Putin

XIAMEN/China — Russia has the right of further cutting the number of US diplomats in the country, but won't do this now, Russian President Vladimir Putin told reporters after his visit to China.

Putin recalled that Moscow and Washington had agreed to have an equal number of diplomats in Russia and the US. Some 1,300 US diplomats worked in Russia, and 453 Russian diplomats were in the US. Among these 453 Russian diplomats there are 155 people working for the UN, he said. These are not diplomats accredited by the US State Department, they are staff members of an international organization. According to the Russian president, the US had struggled to have the UN headquarters in New York and undertook commitments to ensure the work of this organization.

"Strictly speaking, if we talk about full parity, there should not be 453 US diplomats in Moscow but rather minus 155. So, we reserve the right to make a decision also on the number of US diplomats, but we won't do this now. We'll keep an eye on how the situation develops further," the president stressed.

Putin said the Americans cut the number of Russian diplomatic missions, and this was their right, "but what's different here is that this was apparently done in an uncivilized manner, and this doesn't put our American partners in a good light."

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"The American side stripped Russia of the right to use our property. This is a clear violation of Russia's property rights. That's why, to begin with, I will instruct the Russian Foreign Ministry to take legal action. Let's see how the much-lauded American judicial system works."—Reuters
Russian frigate hits terrorist command centers in Syria with missiles

MOSCOW — Russia’s frigate The Admiral Essen, currently on a mission in the Mediterranean Sea, has launched cruise missiles to wipe out terrorists’ command centers and a communication facility, as well as an armored vehicles repair plant of the Islamic State (outlawed in Russia) near Deiz ez-Zor, the Russian Defence Ministry said on Tuesday.

“The Kalibr cruise missiles were launched against IS targets identified and confirmed through several channels.

The missile strike destroyed command centers and a communication facility, weapons and ammunition depots, an armored vehicles repair plant and a large group of militants,” the Defence Ministry said.

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UK police arrest four men suspected of planning far-right terrorism

LONDON — Four men suspected of belonging to a banned far-right group and planning terrorist attacks were arrested in Britain on Tuesday, police said.

The men, aged 22 to 32, were detained on suspicion of being involved in the commission, preparation and instigation of acts of terrorism and of being members of the group National Action.

The neo-Nazi organization became the first far-right group to be outlawed in Britain last year after the murder of member of parliament Jo Cox, whose killing the group had praised.

The four arrests were made by counter-terrorism officers in the English cities of Birmingham, Ipswich and Northampton, and in Powys, Wales.

“The arrests were pre-planned and intelligence-led; there was no threat to the public’s safety,” West Midlands Police said. Britain is on its second-highest threat level, “severe”, meaning an attack is highly likely. Suspected Islamists have killed 35 people this year in attacks in London and Manchester, and a man died in June after a van was driven into worshippers near a London mosque.

— Reuters ▪

Kidnapped Red Cross staff released in Afghanistan after seven months

KABUL — Two Red Cross staff members kidnapped early this year in Afghanistan have been released, the International Committee of the Red Cross said on Tuesday.

The two were abducted on 8 February while delivering assistance in Jawzjan province, in the north of the country, on the border with Turkmenistan.

Six of their colleagues were killed in the attack, which prompted the ICRC to suspend operations in Afghanistan for a time.

“We are relieved and grateful that our colleagues are now back with us unharmed,” the ICRC head of delegation in Afghanistan, Monica Zanarelli, said in a statement.

At the time of the attack, officials in the area blamed Islamic State gunmen but the ICRC said it would not comment on the identity of the abductors, their motives or details of the release.

Kidnapping has been a major problem in Afghanistan for many years.

Most victims are Afghans abducted for ransom but foreigners or Afghans working for foreign organisations have also been targeted.

— Reuters ▪

Syrian army breaks Islamic State siege in eastern city — state media

BEIRUT — Syrian government forces advanced against Islamic State on Tuesday to reach troops surrounded for years by the jihadists in a government-held enclave in the eastern city of Deir al-Zor, pro-Damascus media outlets and a monitoring group reported.

“The Syrian army and its allies break the siege on Deir al-Zor,” a military media unit run by Syria’s ally Hezbollah said.

State television and the British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights also reported that advancing Syrian forces had linked up with government troops in Deir al-Zor.

The army and its allies had made lightning advances in recent days and pushed through Islamic State lines to within kilometres of Deir al-Zor.

Islamic State had since 2014 besieged the government-held enclave, where some 93,000 civilians live and an army garrison is stationed.

Deir al-Zor is located south-east of Islamic State’s former stronghold Raqqa, most of which has been captured in a separate offensive by US-backed Syrian militias. Islamic State fighters are believed to have fled to areas around Deir al-Zor as the group loses areas of Raqqa.

Both cities lie in oil-rich areas on the Euphrates river. — Reuters

Indonesia backs establishment of joint special forces

JAKARTA — Indonesia is ready to discuss a plan for setting up joint special forces to fight the Islamic State (IS) militants and pirates in the region, a government official said on Tuesday.

The plan, which is aimed at combating the IS militants in the borders of Indonesia, the Philippines and Malaysia, was initiated by Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte.

“Indonesia is ready at any time to guard this region,” Indonesian Cabinet Secretary Pramono Anung said.

The official said talks could be undertaken at any time or during the upcoming ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) summit in November in the Philippines, where some of world leaders will also be present. — Xinhua
Trump agrees "in principle" to scrap S Korean warhead weight limit—White House

WASHINGTON/SEOUL — US President Donald Trump agreed “in principle” to scrap a warhead weight limit on South Korea’s missiles in the wake of North Korea’s sixth nuclear test, the White House said on Monday.

During a call with South Korean President Moon Jae-in, Trump also gave “conceptual approval” for South Korea to buy billions of dollars of weapons from the United States, the White House said in a statement.

Separately, South Korea’s presidential office said the two leaders had agreed to scrap the weight limit and to apply the strongest sanctions and pressure on North Korea through the United Nations.

In a separate phone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin also on Monday, Moon said the UN Security Council should seek ways to sever North Korea’s foreign currency income, including from its workers employed abroad and oil shipments, according to the South Korean statement.

Under the existing missile pact between the United States and South Korea, Seoul’s warheads currently face a cap of 500 kg (1100 lb). The agreement, last amended in 2012, was in the process of being changed in the wake of a series of missile tests by North Korea this year after Moon took office in May, including two intercontinental ballistic missile launches. North Korea said it tested an advanced hydrogen bomb for a long-range missile on Sunday, prompting global condemnation and a US warning of a “massive” military response if it or its allies were threatened.

An unlimited warhead weight allowance would enable the South to strike North Korea with greater force in the event of a military conflict.

The missiles would still be bound by a flight range cap of 800 km. No changes to the flight range were mentioned in the Blue House statement.

Most analysts and policymakers agree cutting off supplies of oil to North Korea would hurt its economy. It remains to be seen whether China, the North’s biggest ally and trade partner, would cooperate.

South Korea said earlier in the day it was talking to the United States about deploying aircraft carriers and strategic bombers to the Korean peninsula after signs North Korea might launch more missiles.

—Reuters

German police recover stolen artworks worth 2.5 mln euros

BERLIN — German authorities have recovered a cache of stolen artworks by neo-expressionist painter Georg Baselitz worth 2.5 million euros ($2.97 million) after the thieves tried to sell some of them, police said on Tuesday.

Prosecutors have retrieved 15 of a total 19 paintings and drawings stolen between June 2015 and March 2016 by a gang whose 39-year-old ringleader was a courier specializing in transporting art, the police said.

The two other suspects, a 51-year-old truck driver and his 26-year-old son, have been charged as accomplices. Police declined to give any details about the works in the haul, Germany’s largest in years, at the owner’s request. They also gave no information about the owner or about how the art came to be stolen over a period of time.

Anne Leiding, spokeswoman for Munich prosecutors who carried out the recovery operation, said the recovered artworks were being kept in a safe place but declined to say where.

The theft only came to light when the father and son attempted to offer some of the works for sale for less than their market value. An insurer got wind of one of these attempts and informed police, leading to the 51-year-old suspect being located in Spain.

The three suspects have yet to make a statement to police.

The four pictures still missing are estimated to be worth around 130,000 euros.

Born in 1938 and still active, Baselitz, a painter and sculptor, trained first in the state-backed socialist realism of Communist East Germany before discovering abstract art in West Berlin.

Baselitz then gained international fame by spearheading a revival of neo-expressionist art, which had been rejected by Adolf Hitler’s Nazi dictatorship.—Reuters

Brazil police probe suspected vote-buying for 2016 Olympics

RIO DE JANEIRO — Brazil’s federal police on Tuesday said they raided the home of Carlos Arthur Nuzman, the national Olympic committee’s president, to probe a suspected international vote-buying scheme to secure Rio de Janeiro’s selection as the host of the 2016 Games.

Police were also serving two arrest warrants and conducting search and seizure operations as part of the investigation started nine months ago in cooperation with French authorities, a police statement said.

French newspaper Le Monde in March said a company linked to Brazilian businessman Arthur Cesar de Menezes Soares Filho paid $1.5 million to Papa Massata Diack, son of Lamine Diack who was then International Association of Athletics Federations president, three days before the 2009 IOC vote to choose the host city for the 2016 Games. Rio lost the first vote to Madrid but bounced back to win the nomination on a third ballot, by 66 votes to 32. After the publication of the Le Monde report, the IOC said it had started investigating the allegations, and a Rio 2016 Games spokesman said the 2009 IOC vote was clean.

On Tuesday, a spokesman for the Rio Olympics declined to comment on the federal police statement.

An IOC media representative said, “The IOC has learned about these circumstances from the media and is making every effort to get the full information,” “It is in the highest interests of the IOC to get clarification on this matter,” the representative added.—Reuters

French magazine found guilty over topless photos of British Duchess

PARIS — A French court on Tuesday found six people associated with the celebrity magazine Closer guilty of invading the privacy of Britain’s Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton, when it published topless photos of her in 2012.

The court ordered the individuals, including two photographers, the then-editor of Closer and the chief executive of the Italian publishing group, to pay damages.

Closer magazine, a weekly round-up of gossip about the rich and famous, published a series of photos of Middleton, the wife of Prince William, second-in-line to the British throne, topless while on holiday in southern France.—Reuters
Malaysian police say they foiled attack on SEA Games closing ceremony

KUALA LUMPUR — Malaysian police thwarted a plan by a member of the Islamic-State linked Abu Sayyaf militant group to attack the closing ceremony of the Southeast Asian Games in Kuala Lumpur last week, the top police official said on Tuesday.

The suspected attacker, a 25-year-old Philippine national, had been involved in fighting, kidnapping and beheading of foreign hostages in the Philippines, Inspector General of Police Mohamad Fuzi Harun said in a statement.

The arrest will raise concern about increasing cooperation among militants within Southeast Asia and what governments fear is the spreading influence of Islamic State as it loses ground in the Middle East.

Mohamad Fuzi did not identify the suspect but said he had planned to attack the closing ceremony of the games at the Bukit Jalil National Stadium, as well as an Independence Day parade the next day. He gave no detail of the plans. The man was arrested in a raid on 30 August, the day of the ceremony, along with seven other suspected members of the hardline Abu Sayyaf, including another Philippine national.

Authorities said earlier they had detained Philippine Abu Sayyaf leader Hajar Abdul Mubin, 25, also known as Abu Asir, in the 30 August raid.

Abu Asir was arrested with six Malaysians and another Philippine national, aged between 20 and 52, police said earlier.

Eleven other suspected militants, including nine foreigners, were picked up in a two-month security operation before the games. The arrests were the latest in a crackdown on militants by Muslim-majority Malaysia. Since 2013, Malaysia has arrested more than 250 people on suspicion of links to Islamic State.

Among those picked up were two Iraqi brothers, aged 41 and 63, who were suspected to have served as commanders for Islamic State, Mohamad Fuzi said. They were working as technicians and were arrested in a Kuala Lumpur suburb on 11 August. The Iraqis had arrived in Malaysia separately and were detained on information from foreign intelligence agencies, a Malaysian police source told Reuters. “One arrived last year, while the other came in early August.

We’re still investigating what their activities were in Malaysia,” the source, who declined to be identified because he is not authorised to speak to media, said.

Philippine National Police chief Ronald dela Rosa testifies during a Senate hearing on the killing of 17-year-old Kian delos Santos in Pasay, Metro Manila, Philippines on 5 September, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

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—Reuters ■

Cambodian opposition leader charged with treason

PHNOM PENH — Cambodian opposition leader Kem Sokha, who was arrested over the weekend on charges said to be politically motivated, was on Tuesday officially indicted in Phnom Penh in the early hours of Sunday.

The government of Prime Minister Hun Sen alleges that he hatched a secret plan with foreigners to harm Cambodia, citing as evidence a four-year-old video that recently surfaced in which he says in a speech that he received advice from the United States on building an opposition movement.

The US State Department issued a statement saying it notes “with grave concern the Cambodian government’s arrest of Kem Sokha, respected leader of the political opposition, on a number of charges that appear to be politically motivated.”

“This government move follows a number of troubling recent steps, including the imposition of unprecedented restrictions on independent media and civil society. These measures undercut Cambodia’s progress in recent decades and raise serious questions about the government’s ability to organize credible national elections in 2018 which produce an outcome that enjoys democratic legitimacy,” it added.

—Kyodo News ■

Philippine police chief says no state policy to kill drug suspects

MANILA — The Philippine police chief denied on Tuesday any policy to kill drug suspects, telling a Senate hearing into the bloodshed that President Rodrigo Duterte had never told him to “kill and kill”.

Duterte took office in June last year after winning an election on a vow to get tough on drugs and crime. He soon launched a “war on drugs” in which thousands of people have been killed.

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‘Thriller’ was made because Michael Jackson wanted to be a monster

VENICE — Music video “Thriller” was not the product of a brilliant idea but was made because pop star Michael Jackson wanted to be a monster, director John Landis told journalists.

Landis was in Venice to present the 3D version of the video, which was made 35 years after the original. It was screened as a special event in the out-of-competition section.

“(Thriller) was nobody’s good idea, it was no brilliant business plan,” John Landis told journalists.

“It was a vanity video because Michael wanted to be a monster. And everything that came, evolved from that, was spectacularly successful and I was totally surprised.”

Landis said Jackson first approached him about making the video because he liked his work on “An American Werewolf in London” and the two, along with make-up artist Rick Baker, met to look at photographs from old monster movies.

“Turns out he hasn’t seen many horror films, they were too scary. I found him great,” Landis said, laughing. “He wanted zombies, but the big thing for Mike was turning into a monster.”

Asked about his first meeting with Jackson, the child star turned King of Pop who set the world dancing but died in 2009 at the age of 50, Landis said he was “joyful” and “childlike” and quickly became a close family friend.

“Michael was very determined that everything had to be the best, the greatest,” he said. “He had a spectacular work ethic, but he was an old pro, the guy was already working from a young age ... he never had a childhood. That’s one of the reasons he was so interested in pursuing something like that, but it does enhance certain parts of it tremendously ... the dance is much improved,” he said.—Reuters
"Lat Khat Than" exhibition kicks off in Yangon

"Lat Khat Than" exhibition kicks off at the National Museum in Yangon on 5th September 2017, showcasing products from Myanmar traditional weaving.

The exhibition is aimed at promoting the role of Myanmar traditional weaving in the country's intangible art, in attempts to create jobs for women. PHOTO: GNLM/PHOE KHWAR

South Korea's Lotte hotel opens in Yangon

Hotel Lotte Yangon, overlooking Yangon's Inya Lake, opened on Friday as part of the hotel division of South Korea's Lotte Group.

"The Hotel Lotte Yangon is comprised of a hotel building with 343 guest rooms, the Mungunghwa Korean Restaurant, the Toh Lim Chinese Restaurant, a bakery, bar and BBQ, a fitness centre, swimming pool and a 29-storey serviced apartment building with 315 units. The hotel is a five-star establishment," said Marketing Director Ma Mikon. The Lotte Group operates its businesses in the food & service, tourism, financial services as well as chemical/ construction sectors.—GNLM

For Chinese millennials, despondency has a brand name

For Chinese millennials, despondency has a brand name — a range of teas such as "achieved-absolutely-nothing black tea", and "my-ex's-life-is-better-than-mine fruit tea". While the drink names at the Sung chain of tea stalls are tongue-in-cheek, the sentiment they reflect is serious: a significant number of young Chinese with high expectations have become discouraged and embrace an attitude known on social media as "sang", after a Chinese character associated with the word "funeral" that describes being dispirited.

"Sang" culture, which reveals in often-ironic defeatism, is fueled by internet celebrities, through music and the popularity of certain mobile games and TV shows, as well as sad-faced emojis and pessimistic slogans. It’s a reaction to cut-throat competition for good jobs in an economy that isn’t as robust as it was a few years ago and when home-ownership — long seen as a near-requirement for marriage in China — is increasingly unattainable in major cities as apartment prices have soared.—Reuters

Sprint legend Bolt delights crowd at Kyoto event

KYOTO — The world's fastest man Usain Bolt delighted local children and "maiko" (young apprentice geisha) in Kyoto on Tuesday, with his trademark "lightning bolt" pose as he attended a promotional event for Swiss watchmaker Hublot.

The Jamaican sprint legend is on his first trip to Japan since retiring in August following the world athletics championships in London. Bolt, dressed in a stylish suit, struck a pose with five local youngsters in athletic wear and received a roar of applause from the crowd.

Hublot, with which Bolt has signed an endorsement deal to represent its brand, opened a new store last month in Kyoto's Gion district famous for geisha culture. The 31-year-old multiple world record holder and gold medal winner said he gave his all in competitive sprinting and that he would like to try something new from now on. Among his record shattering performances, Bolt set world records in the 100 meters and 200 meters, clocking 9.58 seconds and 19.19 seconds, respectively, in Berlin in 2009.—Kyodo News

OBITUARY

Eric Bertie Abel (Ex; BPI)
Age(78)

Son of Mr. A.T Abel & Daw Chai of Insein fell asleep in Jesus on the 4th September 2017 at 18.05 PM in Fremantel, Western Australia. Sadly mourned by his brothers & sister. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Retired Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt (3rd from L on back) poses with local children during an event for Swiss luxury watchmaker Hublot in the traditional Gion district of Japan's tourist city of Kyoto on 5 September, 2017. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

Customers take pictures of cups of tea named in the fashion of the Sang subculture at the Sung Tea shop in Beijing on 24 August, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

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Myanmar defeated by Indonesia in opening match

Kyaw Zin Tun

The Myanmar U-18 football team lost to Indonesia by a score of 1-2 at the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) U-18 Youth Championship yesterday at Thuwanna Stadium, Yangon.

The Myanmar team included Htet Wai Yan Soe (GK), Naing Ko Ko, Aung Wanna Soe, Win Naing Tun, Soe Moe Kyaw, Pyae Sone Aung, Myat Kaung Khant, Thet Paing Htwe, Pyae Phyo Maung and Eant Maw Oo.

The Myanmar team played well at the beginning of the match, with midfielder Myat Kaung Khant scoring the opening goal at the 27-minute mark. In the second half, Indonesia’s Egy Maulana Vikri scored the equalising goal at 71 minutes and the winning goal at 90 plus 3 minutes. In other action yesterday in Group B, Brunei beat the Philippines 3-2. The Philippines scored the opening goal at 32 minutes, but Brunei scored equaliser at 33 minutes. The first half ended in a draw. In the second half, Brunei’s Norsamri scored at 49 minutes, the the Philippines player Tacardon scored the equaliser at 54 minutes. At the 65-minute mark, Brunei player Ramli scored the winning goal. Today’s schedule of play in Group A will pit Malaysia against Singapore at 3pm at Aung San Stadium and Cambodia versus Timor Leste at 3pm and Laos against Thailand at 6pm at Thuwanna Stadium.

Myat Kaung Khant scored the opening goal for Myanmar U-18 team in this match. Photo: MFF

England hit back to beat Slovakia with Rashford winner

LONDON — England closed in on qualification for next year’s World Cup finals as Marcus Rashford’s 59th-minute winner sent their 2-1 win over closest Group F rivals Slovakia to Wembley on Monday.

The ninth seed, out of a renaissance path as she reached major finals this season for the first time since 2009, faces Czech Petra Kvitova, who knocked out pre-tournament favourite Garbine Muguruza in the previous round three months after coming back from a career-threatening injury. Kvitova, seeded 13th, was stabbed in her left playing hand by an intruder at her home in December. “What she’s gone through is unimaginable, unreasonable. The world we live in is just shocking,” said Williams.

“For her, I think to be playing well is such a blessing. To be able to come out here and do what she needs to do, to clear her head, it’s such a beautiful thing to see. What else can I say except I’m glad to see her back.” American Sloane Stephens, back to her best after a year out because of a foot injury, faces Latvian 10th seed Anastasija Sevastova, who beat Maria Sharapova in the previous round. She will be followed on Arthur Ashe Stadium by Williams, with Sam Querrey, the only American male player left in the draw, closing proceedings against big-serving Kevin Anderson.—Reuters

Williams leads American charge at US Open

NEW YORK — Venus Williams, looking to win her first grand slam title since 2008, leads the American charge at the US Open as quarter-final action starts in Flushing Meadows on Tuesday.

Venus Williams of the US takes a break in her match against Carla Suarez Navarro of Spain during their fourth round match of US Open in New York; US on 3 September, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

Slovakia, who began the night only two points adrift of Gareth Southgate’s England, stunned their hosts in the third minute when Stanislav Lobotka punished some slack defending to prod the opener past keeper Joe Hart. England were wobbling but midfielder Eric Dier calmed the home jitters with a well-taken 37th minute equaliser. Manchester United youngster Rashford, who had been at fault for Slovakia’s opener, then showed why he was selected ahead of Raheem Sterling with a stunning 59th minute effort, beating Martin Dubravka with a fierce drive. Victory put England five points ahead of second-placed Slovakia with two matches remaining and means they are almost certain of at least a playoff spot.—Reuters

Bartomeu says Messi’s new contract has been signed by his father

MADRID — Barcelona president Josep Maria Bartomeu has reassured his club’s supporters that Lionel Messi’s new contract has been signed, albeit by the player’s father.

The Catalans announced a new agreement with Messi, their all-time leading goalscorer, in July to extend his stay to 2021 but the Argentine has not yet put pen to paper, prompting fears he might leave at the end of the season when his previous contract expires.

In an interview with newspaper Diario Sport, published on Tuesday, Bartomeu said Messi’s father Jorge had signed the contract and the only outstanding matter was to take a photo of Messi doing it himself.

“It’s all agreed and signed. There are three contracts,” said Bartomeu. “One with the Messi Foundation, which is signed by its president and the player’s brother, an image rights contract with Messi signed by his father, who is the administrator of his company, and his employment contract, which his father signed — he has the power to do so.

“(What remains is) that Leo arrives and we have the official photograph and the protocol of the signature. The contract is signed and it’s valid from the month of June, 30 June, the same day he got married.” Bartomeu also spoke about Andres Iniesta’s new contract, with Barcelona’s veteran playmaker on a deal which expires at the end of the season.—Reuters

Barcelona President Josep Maria Bartomeu. PHOTO: REUTERS