Work for inclusive peace building

Door to peace open to NCA non-signatories: State Counsellor

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi reaffirmed the government’s policy of inclusiveness in the peace-making process, saying the door always opens to ethnic armed groups who have not yet signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement.

Speaking at the 12th meeting of the Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee-UPDJC, the State Counsellor said in her capacity as the chairperson of the committee, that the Union Government was placing great emphasis on the participation of the non-signatories to the NCA in the national reconciliation and peace processes of the Union.

“We must walk towards the goal of a federal union with national unity. Building national unity needs national reconciliation and peace. So I would like to urge members of the UPDJC to work for all inclusiveness in the national reconciliation and peace process as much as you can,” said the State Counsellor.

The Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee held its 12th meeting in Nay Pyi Taw, with the opening address by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

She called on members of the committee to make firm commitments to complete works for laying down the basic principles for a federal union in 2018.

Only when political dialogues achieve success can the basic principles for a federal Union be laid down. Meanwhile, the UPJDC plays an important role in bringing lasting peace to the Union, said the State Counsellor.

“I want to urge all for participating in building a federal union looking into the future,” she added.
The 7th day meeting of 2nd Pyithu Hluttaw 6th regular session was held at 10 am in Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting, Daw Cho Cho Win of Maunglaik constituency raised a question on systematic arrangements made for collection of full commercial tax and the ease with which tax payers could pay tax. In response to the question Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win said commercial entities that are required to pay commercial tax are fined progressively upon violations such as failure to affix a commercial tax stamp on the receipt, not affixing the proper value of commercial tax stamp and failure to issue a receipt.

According to Commercial Tax Law, up to 100 per cent of the value of the commercial tax is fined. An additional fine is levied on repeat offender. First failure to pay commercial tax would result in an additional fine of Ks 200,000. Second and third failure means an additional fine of Ks 500,000 and Ks 700,000. For subsequent failures, each failure will be fined Ks one million explained the deputy minister.

Rewarding the consumers who report the failure of commercial entity to pay commercial tax is also prescribed. Consumers were informed through daily newspapers not to purchase commercial taxable products without a proper receipt and set commercial tax stamp attached to it. Assessment teams were formed to conduct spot checks in the market and any violation of the law would result in confiscation of the product and fine.

Tax payers are now required to pay tax into Internal Revenue Department accounts opened in Myanmar Economic Bank branches.

Through cooperation with Central Bank of Myanmar and Myanmar Economic Bank, arrangements are made for tax payers to pay tax with ease by mobile banking, mobile payment, e-payment systems. Customer Credit Transfer function from CBM-Net System of Central Bank of Myanmar will be used to do this.

As a first step this will be started in Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw. By February 2018, top-level and mid-level tax payers will be able to use this system. By using this system, tax payers will be able to pay and transfer the tax between banks within an hour or minutes online in a timely manner. Regardless of what ever bank the tax payer had its own account, arrangements are made for tax to be paid with ease into Internal Revenue Department accounts in Myanmar Economic Bank and bank branches explained the Deputy Minister.

Owning of home and lands is for stability of social life and not for speculators to make money by playing the market and to prevent this speculative and monopolistic action, U Tin Ko Ko Oo of Bilin constituency asked whether there is any plan to collect property tax. Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win replied to the question and said for now property tax is collected by municipalities of state and region governments according to a rate set in the municipal law. In order to oversee and manage the collection of property tax, starting from October 2016 members of Pyidaungsu Hlut- taw’s Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission, officials from Ministry of Planning and Finance, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Construction, Union Auditor General office, Union Attorney General office, Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw city development committees met and discussed for nine times and were able to draw a draft bill on management of property tax collection.

The aims are to collect property tax according to law, increase tax revenue to the government as well as increase the number of tax payer, enable tax officers to properly and systematically collect property tax from those living in the property, increase tax revenue collected by municipal committees and to have a fair amount of property tax.

Once the management of property tax collection law is enacted, property tax collection central management group will be formed with the agreement of the Union Government. This group will determine and set the annual land and building prices with the consent of the Union Government and will collect property tax preventing speculators from profiteer- ing or monopolizing the market explained the Deputy Minister.

Afterwards, questions of Dr. U Khin Maung Maung of Dagon Myothit (North) constituency, U Tun Tun of Pwintbyu constituency, U Myo Zaw Aung of Kawlin constituency and U Aye Win of Ingapu constituency were an- swered by Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win.—Myanmar News agency
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State Counsellor receives Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they discussed promoting relation and cooperation between the two countries and development of Rakhine State. —Myanmar News Agency

-equipped by as described in the road-map of NCA, will we be more strengthened.”

Following that, U Thu Wai, the State Counsellor, we would like to request for taking time enough between the meetings or steps in carrying out the tasks. Especially we, armed national ethnic groups are living apart. We do not belong the same race and same organization, hence need to take time for negotiation. Looking at the NCA, it is described in the political road map No. 1 that Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement is to be inked. Only upon the completion of this, drawing the framework, from then holding national-level political dialogues and thence convention of UPC must be implemented. Only if all of the UPDJC strictly abide by the conditions experienced in the previous conference, it is aimed at gaining the best achievements for the sake of the nation, in combination between political parties and UPDJC. Provided that political dialogues are to be successfully held, NCA must be signed. Signing the NCA is the most fundamental thing. As for the UPDJC, in laying down peace process, it needs to make decisions with broadmindedness by looking forward the better future of the country and next generations.” After that, those present at the meeting discussed various matters—designation of titles to be discussed in the 3rd session of UPC-21st Century Panglong, holding national-level dialogues, designations of places and types to be held, and term papers to be discussed in the working committees of UPDJC.

Present at the meeting were UPDJC members—representatives from the government, representatives from armed national ethnic groups who are NCA signatories, political parties group and responsible officials. —Myanmar News Agency
Chairperson U Myo Nyunt leaves for ROK

U Myo Nyunt, Chairperson of the Constitutional Tribunal and party left on 29 October at 11:50 pm by air to the Republic of Korea to attend the 1st International Symposium of the AACC Secretariat for Research and Development which will be held in Seoul, Korea from 30 October to 2 November.

The party was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by officials from the Constitutional Tribunal. In the tour, the Chairperson was accompanied by U Kyaw San, member of the Constitutional Tribunal.—Myanmar News Agency

Sino-Myanmar international Marathon competition in December

A China-Myanmar international Marathon competition will be held at the end of December in Kyelgaung, a land border between China’s Yunnan and Myanmar’s Shan State, according to the Myawady Daily.

The Marathon, a long-distance running race, is due to take place on 31 December. Altogether about 2,500 athletes will take part in the tournament. Myanmar also plans to participate in the event with selected national-level athletes.

The first prize winner will receive a 10,000 Chinese yuans (Ks2 million) cash award while a cash award of 8,000 Chinese yuans (Ks1.6 million) will go to the second prize winner and 7,000 Chinese yuans (Ks1.4 million) to the third prize winner, according to the Myawady Daily.

300,000 bamboo plants to be distributed nationwide next year

MYANMAR Bamboo Growers Association Chairman U Kyaw Win said it has a plan to distribute about 300,000 saplings to townships throughout the nation free of charge, according to a report of the Myawady Daily issued on Sunday.

The association targets to donate bamboo plants nationwide next year, aiming to inspire farmers wishing to grow bamboo plants on a commercial scale and raise their awareness about bamboo cultivation, U Kyaw Win added.

The target areas include Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Pyinmana, Mandalay, Sagaing, Magway, Kyaukpyu, Sagaing and Bagan areas.

Plants are underway to conduct vocational courses for production of bamboo crafts in target villages. The new scheme will be implemented by the aforementioned association after donation of bamboo saplings.

Myanmar has a great future for bamboo-based handicrafts. Sometimes, demand exceeds supply, local merchants say. According to trade record, the country annually earns about US$5 million from the export of bamboo-based products to abroad.—GNLM

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New company is preparing to enter Yangon Stock Exchange

TMH Telecom Public Co., Ltd is preparing for new listing on Yangon Stock Exchange market (YSX), according to yesterday’s edition of Myawady Daily.

That company is preparing for listing procedure to enter YSX market. It has already linked with Securities Exchange companies.

They have submitted listing application documents to Securities Exchange Commission of Myanmar (SECM) and YSX. After listing examination, the company expects to enter YSX market in the end of this year.

Upon approval by SECM, company will prepare for offering shares to the public and simultaneously, they will get listed on YSX.

Currently, shares of four companies—First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB) and First Private Bank (FPB) are currently being traded on YSX.

A total of 5,270 shares were traded by four listed companies yesterday, with estimated value of Ks24 million. The share prices were Ks12,500 for FMI, Ks3,300 for MTSH, Ks8,200 for MCB and Ks24,500 for FPB at the closing time.—GNLM

Four cargo ships dock in Yangon ports; rice shipment is nearly ready

Rice are being loaded onto four foreign cargo ships so fast that the ships can leave the port during the set period, according to yesterday’s report of Myanma Alin.

The rice is traded through business to business and government to government agreements. A foreign ship docking at Sule Port Terminal 1 is loading 15,000 tons of rice while 20,000 tons of rice is being loaded onto a ship at the dock of Sule Port Terminal 2. About 24,500 tons of rice are put into a ship at Sule Port Terminal 5 and a ship at Sule Port Terminal 7 is loading up 22,000 tons of rice.

U Nay Lin Zin, the joint secretary of Myanmar Rice Federation said that rice price is steady despite some difficulties in cargo loading. The local rice dealers did not reap much profit from 100,000 tons of rice trade with Bangladesh under government to government agreement as the set price is low, he continued.

At present, high demand from Sri Lanka and Bangladesh and new markets explored by the Commerce Ministry and local rice merchants led to shortage of rice stock.

The price of low quality rice exported to foreign trade partners is on the rise in the market but the price is likely to remain steady when the international rice suppliers place the rice on the market in November, said a rice exporter.

We are cooperating with private businessmen so that we can fulfill the requirements of the rice for shipment in time, said U Yan Naing Tun, director-general of the Trade Department.

Rice trade via sea route improved. This fiscal year, sea route accounts for 26 per cent of rice export whereas 76 per cent went from border gate. Rice trade in the past eight months has reached more than 2 million tons. Between 1 April and end of August, Myanmar rice and broken rice has landed to 53 countries. In the same period of last year, Myanmar’s rice market penetrated only 22 markets.

Rice and broken rice export mostly went to China, Belgium and Bangladesh.—Zar Lin Thu (AMIA)
VP U Myint Swe receives Viet Nam delegation

VICE President U Myint Swe received a delegation led by H.E. Mr. Truong Minh Tuan, Minister for the Ministry of Information and Communications of Viet Nam at the diplomatic hall of the Presidential Palace, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, matters relating to implementation of the improvement of the information and communications sector of Myanmar-Viet Nam, cooperation for exchanging news and getting right news and development on investments between the two countries were discussed. Also present at the meeting were Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo, Ambassador of Viet Nam to Myanmar H.E. Dr Luan Thuy Duong and officials. —Myanmar News Agency

Efforts stepped up for Kanyinchaung Economic Zone in Maungtaw Tsp

Kanyinchaung Trade Zone situated in Maungtaw township, Rakhine State is being upgraded into Kanyinchaung Economic Zone, by extending more 100 acres from 49.6 acres of original area.

Kanyinchaung trade zone started to have been built in October 2015, and it was closely situated with Bangladesh which had a great demand for foodstuffs. Out of all border trade zones in the country, it has 90 percent of exports and 10 percent of imports.

Maungtaw border trade was started in 1991. Until now, dollar alone was used in trading commodities there, it was learnt.

As for tax, it was the type of LCCT (Low(654,855),(884,999)Carrier Terminal), resulting in tidy benefits, according to Maungtaw Region Merchant Association. But volume of trade plunged down up to 60 percent, after the 2012 riot, it was learnt.

Presently, the State will implement the Kanyinchaung Economic Zone in cooperation with the private sector. Now, Union Ministers and responsible persons led by UMFCCI general secretary made a survey on the ground for further arrangements.

Kanyinchaung Economic Zone Campus is targeted to be included factories including freezing and refrigerated storage in fisheries and sewing factories. Currently a cargo ship carrying construction commodities and rice bags on board under the programme of Red Cross Movement Group was found calling at the Kanyinchaung Port.

There is only one mile concrete road left to be built on the road from Kanyinchaung Economic Zone to Maungtaw. Upon completion of the road, commodities and goods can be transported more quickly by motor vehicles from the economic zone to Maungtaw.
—Aung Kyaw Oo □

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The green-eyed monsters

By Khin Maung Oo

VERY recently, there was a news item that the US State Department was considering formally declaring that “Ethnic Cleansing” of Bengalis was being committed in Myanmar. It could be defined as ethnic cleansing only if there had been a step-by-step systematically conspired massacre. What happened in Rakhine State was caused by simultaneous attacks of ARSA extremist terrorists on 30 security outposts in Rakhine State. To be exact, it broke out due to the military operations of well-trained ARSA militant extremist terrorists. Strictly speaking, ARSA extremist terrorists intentionally created the problem.

At the same time the UNSC weighed in by discussing the need to pass a resolution which included calls for Myanmar authorities to immediately stop military crackdowns on Bengalis, it was said. Here, one might ask why the UNSC failed to refer to the attacks launched by the ARSA extremist terrorists, which in fact was the real cause of the events that unfolded in the Rakhine State. According to unconfirmed sources, it has been learnt that a sentence in the UNSC Draft Resolution stated that refugees living in conventional rescue camps in Bangladesh be allowed to return homes. Matters for the arrangement of accepting Bengalis were negotiated between Myanmar and Bangladesh. We fail to understand why the UNSC demanded again in its resolution about a matter which has been negotiated between Myanmar and Bangladesh.

The above-said UNSC Draft Resolution has been said to demand for Bengalis to be granted citizen rights. The Union Government has already stated publicly that these Bengalis would be granted citizen rights in compliance with existing rules and laws. Why would the UNSC like to demand the already-publicized matter? Why would the great powers not like to acknowledge the anxieties of ethnic nationalities over the potential infiltration of Bengalis on the other side of the border into Rakhine State where 1.3 million Bengalis are already residing. In this area the number of national ethnic races amount to only 3 million. Why can the great powers defend that there were no illegal encroachments of Bengalis from across the border into Rakhine State presently, apart from in olden days?

How shall we understand the attitudes of the UNSC and the great powers of the world with regard to failure to recognize reasonable anxieties of local minorities, lack of interest to do so and repeated demands of the UNSC and the great powers for the affairs which have been officially stated by the Union Government that it would take necessary action? We, the people of Myanmar, will review their attitudes and opinions in comparison with those of India, China and Japan, who are great powers of the Asia Continent.

Great powers of the world which claimed recently that Myanmar’s democratic transition is the Hope of our Planet acted again as if Myanmar’s efforts were of little value. We hereby assert that such deeds will never produce positive results, in fact they are counter-productive.

Fire in the sky – the Taunggyi balloon festival

By Maung Lu Aye

It is in the month of Tazaungmon that hot air balloons lit with candles and fireworks are seen in the skies. The Tazaungdaing Festival, also known as the Festival of Lights and spelt Tazungline Festival, held on the full moon day of Tazaungmon, the eighth month of the Burmese calendar, is celebrated as a national holiday in Myanmar and marks the end of the rainy season.

Among Tazaungdaing festivals, Taunggyi’s hot-air balloons and firework-launching competition is the most prominent festival. The origin of Taunggyi’s hot-air balloons contest dates back to 1894, when the British first held hot air balloon competitions in Taunggyi, soon after the annexation of Upper Myanmar.

The huge balloons created in the shapes of animals, made by teams, are the focal point of the Taunggyi festival. The fun begins every day in the early afternoon when the teams enter into the competition of balloons releasing.

When the darkness comes, the hot air balloons are released with two categories: for beautiful creation with proper ascending into the sky and another one is for fireworks.

The latter balloons reach an altitude of several hundred metres, after which the fireworks burst into an extraordinary, multicoloured shower – which lasts up to 15 minutes. Brightly coloured balloons with hundreds of homemade fireworks woven into their frames were sent soaring into the night sky, showering down cascades of sparks onto adoring crowds.

The November celebration has become a highlight of the annual Tazaungdaing festival of light that marks the end of rainy season. While the tradition is rooted in Buddhism, the hot air balloon contest itself was started by British colonialists in the late 19th century.

The annual festival with the extraordinary explosions light and colour attracts local and foreign visitors.

In fact, the visitors are dangerous to see the hot air balloons attached with explosives, but it was great.
Union Chief Justice attends CACJ Special Meeting in Philippines

Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo attended Special Meeting of the ASEAN Chief Justices Council (CACJ) started from 27 October in Makati City, Philippines.

The meeting was also attended by ASEAN’s Chief Justices and representatives and discussed about implementation of the Internet Portal in accordance with the information of ASEAN judiciary organization, training and cooperation for justice and judicial officials, observation and analysis on the application of Court Technology and Case Management, solution for family crimes and illegal passing border cases of children and finding a way for Facilitating the Service of Civil Process.

To launch Standing CACJ Secretariat and implementation of Charter of ASEAN Chief Justices Council and current agendas were also mainly included in the discussion. Then, ASEAN Chief Justices signed the agreements in the Manila declaration and Memorandum of Understanding in relation to the ASEAN Judicial Portal for the implementation of the Internet Portal. Representatives from cooperation meeting were also discussed at the special meeting, it is learnt.—MNA

AICHR workshop on Rights-based Approach

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The workshop also dealt with how to strengthen environmental policies/practices in order to achieve sustainable development by adapting a right-based approach to environmental protection. Furthermore, the workshop exchanged views on seeking common feature from EIA procedures from ASEAN Member States and how these procedures help to ensure sustainable development from regional perspectives. The participants also shared views on how EIA can address environmental, social, economic, and human rights issues as part of ASEAN’s management of environmental impacts.—MNA

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**Invitation to young writers for Sunday section**

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their works to the Global New Light of Myanmar at No. 150, Nga Hlat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon or by email to dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Real name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.) — Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar news office

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**Union Election Commission**

**Notification 26/2017**

11th Waxing of Tazaungmon, 1379 ME (30 October, 2017)

Thirty Defence Services Personnel representatives from Region and State Hluttaw substituted

According to a request made in accordance with Section 33 of the Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law to substitute thirty representatives of the Armed forces who are parliamentarians, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following thirty Region Hluttaw and State Hluttaw representatives shown on the left column under the Notification 3/2016 of the commission dated 18-1-2016, the Notification 10/2016 of the commission dated 17-5-2016, the Notification 28/2016 of the commission dated 14-11-2016 and the Notification 4/2017 of the commission dated 2-2-2017 with those shown on the right column. The Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Representatives to be substituted were nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in the second multi-party general election held on 8 November 2015.

**Kachin State Hluttaw**

(1) BC 47792 Captain Kaung Myat Thu Chin State Hluttaw

(1) BC 47792 Captain Kaung Myat Thu

(2) BC 52472 Captain Yan Aung Htiike

**Sagaing Region Hluttaw**

(1) BC 47765 Major Thet Soe Aung

(2) BC 45958 Captain Aung Ko Hwe

**Tanintharyi Region Hluttaw**

(1) BC 21897 Colonel Zaw Lwin

(2) BC 28113 Major Tun Tun Oo

(3) BC 36241 Major Kyaw Ye Myint

**Bago Region Hluttaw**

(1) BC 23974 Major Thein Lwin Oo

(2) BC 23160 Major Zaw Lwin

(3) BC 23861 Major Thein Khaiung Myint

(4) BC 33531 Major Naing Win Htu

(5) BC 2835 Major Kyaw Thura

(6) BC 47647 Captain Naing Aung Khin Magway Region Hluttaw

(1) BC 36048 Major Thaing Soe Oo

(2) BC 47779 Captain Wai Phyo Aung

**Mandalay Region Hluttaw**

(1) BC 37491 Lt-Col Myint Swe

(2) BC 20694 Major Tin Tun

(3) BC 28325 Major Thein Htay Maung Mon State Hluttaw

(1) BC 51322 Captain Wunna Naing

Rakhine State Hluttaw

(1) BC 30431 Lt-Col Myat Min Htwe

(2) BC 33564 Major Hein Zay Myint

(3) BC 3900 Navy Myint

Yangon Region Hluttaw

(1) Air 1795 Brig Gen Thein Naing

(2) BC 36781 Major Kyaw Kyaw Wine

Shan State Hluttaw

(1) BC 32080 Major Kyaw Zeya

(2) BC 37254 Major Kyaw Kyaw Naing

(3) BC 28164 Captain Pawlar

(4) BC 35197 Captain San Lin

Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw

(1) BC 32961 Major Kyaw Zeya

(2) BC 40563 Captain Khin Maung Cho

(3) BC 50369 Captain Zarn Zaw

(4) BC 40238 Major Kyaw Myo Thant

(5) BC 37701 Major Win Han

(6) BC 46125 Captain Min Thein Htiike
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11th Waxing of Tazaungmon, 1379 ME
(30 October, 2017)

Five Defence Services Personnel representatives from Pyithu Hluttaw substituted

According to a request made in accordance with Section 33 of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law to substitute five representatives of the Armed forces who are parliamentarians, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following Pyithu Hluttaw representatives shown on the left column under Notification 1/2016 of the commission dated 18-1-2016 and Notification 26/2016 of the commission dated 14-11-2016 with those shown on the right column.
The Defence Services Personnel Representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw to be substituted were nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in the second multi-party general election held on 8 November 2015.

(1) BC 29530
Lt-Col Myo Khaing Aung

(2) BC 30489
Major Kyaw Zin Moe

(3) BC 23394
Major Hla Nyi Nyi

(4) BC 32413
Major Kyaw Kyaw Htet

(5) Air 2377
Major Hein Min Htet

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Six Defence Services Personnel representatives from Amyotha Hluttaw substituted

According to a request made in accordance with Section 33 of the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law to substitute six Defence Services Personnel Representatives who are parliamentarians, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following six Amyotha Hluttaw representatives shown on the left column under the Notification 2/2016 of the commission dated 18-1-2016 and the Notification 27/2016 of the commission dated 14-11-2016 with those shown on the right column.
The Defence Services Personnel Representatives of Amyotha Hluttaw to be substituted were nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in the second multi-party general election held on 8 November 2015.

(1) BC 18020
Brig-Gen Aung Khin Zaw

(2) BC 26586
Colonel Myint Swe

(3) BC 22794
Lt-Col Tun Myint

(4) BC 35453
Major Ko Ko Naing

(5) BC 37232
Major Min Aung Phyo

(6) BC 37634
Major Naing Thu

Union Minister Dr Pe Myint meets Minister of MIC of Viet Nam

UNION Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint met with H.E. Mr. Truong Minh Tuan, Minister of Information and Communications of Viet Nam and party at the Ministry yesterday morning. During the meeting, matters on bilateral cooperation, works of the two ministries, signing MoU between the ministries of the two countries, news and information exchange and matters to open Viet Nam Television channel and News Agency branch office in Myanmar were discussed. — Myanmar News Agency

Czech Republic Day reception

UNION Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Ohn Maung and wife Daw Khin Than Nwe were welcomed by Ambassador of Czech Republic to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Jaroslav Dolecek at a ceremony to mark the National Day of Czech Republic which was held in Sule Shangri-La Hotel in Yangon on 27 October. — Myanmar News Agency

94th Turkey Republic Day reception

DEPUTY Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo and wife Daw Thin Thin Nu were welcomed by Turkish Ambassador to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Kerem Divanlioglu at a ceremony to mark the 94th Anniversary of Turkey Republic Day which was held in Sule Shangri-La Hotel in Yangon at 6:30 pm on 30 October. — Myanmar News Agency
Market, shops see normalcy in Maungtaw

TRADING and normal living are coming back with crowded with people from both communities as peace and stability gradually regaining in Maungtaw region after the outbreak of the attacks by ARSA extremist terrorists occurred on 25 August.

Shops, travelling and living are coming back to the normal situation in Shwezar village tract where Muslim people mostly stayed peacefully without involving in the attacks.

Other business as machinery shops and motorcycle workshops are now operating at the corner of Mahabandula road and clock tower road.

And, Maungtaw Four Miles market and Kayintan market opened by selling and buying, and Maungtaw Myoma Market will open soon, it was learnt. According to the terrorist attacks, markets in Maunglaw closed, though prices of common products including food are boosting more than half. As market and shopping booths are reopening, thus the prices of goods are being stability.

— Han Lin Naing

CICS (Lower Myanmar) department head management course No. 1

CENTRAL Institute of Civil Service’s (CICS) (Lower Myanmar) department head management course No. 1 was opened yesterday at Kaytumadi Hall of CICS (Lower Myanmar). The event was attended by Union Civil Service Board (UCSB) Chairman Dr. Win Thein, member of Constitution- al Tribunal of Myanmar Daw Hla Myo Nwe, UCSB members U Win Maw, Dr. U Pwa, Permanent Secretary U Khin Maung Win, Director General U Kyaw Soe, Rector of the CICS Lower Myanmar U Aung Tin Soe, officials, CICS staff, invited guest and trainees. At the ceremony, UCSB Chairman said that the course was conducted with an aim to train up the senior management of departments in order to lead and manage their respective departments and to develop good head of departments. This is the first of its kind course to be opened in CICS (Lower Myanmar) where local and foreign organizations will conduct the course.

UCSB took up the duty to systematically choose, train and appoint new gazette officers for various ministries, support the government to set up ethics, rules, regulations, norms and policy guidelines, coordinate to choose, train, appoint and manage state and region departments personnel according to 2008 the Republic of the Union of Myanmar constitution, UCSB law and rules, public servant law and rules, procedure, process and notifications said the UCSB Chairman. Public servants are the principal driving forces to implement the policies and are responsible to provide basic services for the people. Most public servants represent the government and the department heads attending this course play a key role in promoting trust between the government and the people as well as a good governance system, added the UCSB Chairman. Top level management attending this course need to draw up and implement the policy and must provide effective and creative leadership and management in order to overcome any difficulties faced in implementing the policy. The course is attended by a total of 32 trainees consisting of 22 males and 10 females and will be conducted for 8 weeks from 30 October to 22 December it is learnt. — Myanmar News Agency

Request for service offer: Hosted Dedicated Server

The My-Governance Project is a technical assistance programme funded by the European Union for Institutional Strengthening and Policy Dialogue Support in Myanmar. Amongst others, it supports the Department of Rural Development through the development of a monitoring and evaluation management information system (M&E MIS).

The My-Governance programme is soliciting proposals from local companies to provide a hosted dedicated server for managing the M&E MIS data.

Company profile:
The company should be:
- A government certified private owned service provider in Myanmar that provides hosting facilities like ‘dedicated servers’ as ‘managed servers’;
- The service provider confirms that all Servers (Server Farm or Data Center) are located in Myanmar and not in other countries.

The Server: Dedicated Server Intel® Core i7-6700, incl. Hyper-Threading, RAM: 64 GB DDR4
- Hard Drive: 2 x 250 GB SATA 6 GB/s SSD (Software-RAID 1)
- Connection: 1 GB/s/Port
- Guaranteed bandwidth: Gbit/s, 1 Gbit/s Bandwidth if 30 TB is exceeded
- Backup space: 100 GB
- Traffic: 30 TB
- Network Availability min. 99.9%
- Full root access
- 1 Dedicated IPv4 address
- IPv6 subnet (/64)
- Administration Software Webmin
- 24hr remote service via web interface
- Operating systems - Linux, Debian, Windows

The Server Administrator: (Provides the local service provider)
The web-server has to be installed and managed by the local service provider. The Server administrator will perform the following functions:
- Setup the server and manage the server for contract duration
- Installs software by request (Drupal, etc.) and supports users and developers in server configuration.
- Access to the Server Administrator during working hours, minimum response time within 3 hours.
- Responsible for server and data backup
- Manages the various domains

The selected company will have to sign a security agreement that no data and no application is used / misused and that government will always have access to the data, also in case of contract termination.

Proposals should be clearly identified as Request for service offer: Hosted Dedicated Server with full company address and contact details on the submission envelope. Proposals should be submitted to:

GOPA My-Governance Programme
19/B, Kanbawza Road, Golden Valley, Bahan Township, 11012, Yangon, Myanmar

The deadline for submission of proposals is Friday, November 17 at 17:00 Myanmar time.
Muslim villagers receive medical care in Maungtaw

BY Maw Si

MUSLIM villagers who are gathering at the Ale Thangyaw beach nearby Laymyinpyawkin village in Maungtaw township with a view to emigrating into Bangladesh were given medical treatment by Buthidaung mobile medical care unit, on 30 October.

They received medical checkups for contagious or infectious diseases.

Dr Than Tun Kyaw, head of township medical department, Buthidaung said, “Diseases can break out among people regardless of race, religion and age and can spread. As a precaution we made such a mobile treatment. And, in case it has spread, we can identify which kind of diseases they are and we can give necessary treatment.”

Muslim villagers amounting to nearly 3000 had arrived there for about two weeks, waiting for boats which will take them to Bangladesh.

Dr Than Tun Kyaw added, “Our unit is comprised of 10 medical staff in total, including one orthopaedic surgeon from Yangon General Hospital. From 8:30 am on, we are providing medical treatment to the patients, mostly suffering from catching cold, normal sickness and coughs. Concerning diarrhea, there was not found severe symptoms, but only normal cases in few children.”

Dr Than Tun Kyaw went on to say, “Since the outbreak of terrorist attacks, Buthidaung mobile medical care unit is giving medical treatment at Buthidaung hospital, regardless of race, religion, color or status. We reached villages of national ethnic people as well as the villages in which Islamists reside. Until now, there are many patients, Islamists, Hindus, national ethnic people such as Rakhine, Myanmar; Mro, Thet, Khami, and Daingnet receiving treatment.”

A total of 10 mobile medical care units have been formed, comprised of doctors, medical assistants and nurses, giving medical care at mobile medical care units in Rakhine State. The medical units are moving around village mobile clinics to give medical care. Now, under the aegis of Rakhine State, the mobile medical care unit came to Alei Thangyaw beach.

The Head of Townships Medical Department said, “Currently there are not many rescue camps in Buthidaung any longer. So, 5 mobile medical care units are to be reformed to give effective treatment in Buthidaung and Maungtaw, under the guidance of Ministry of Health and Rakhine State Government.”

He added, “Regardless of race and religion we will give medical treatment to the patients including Mro, Khami and Daingnet from hilly areas.”

Under a special program, medical treatment routines will not be performed in sectors in giving treatment. It was learnt that the Ministry of Health and Sports has arranged to collectively perform the tasks of vaccination, nourishment, eradication of diseases and maternity and child care.

Concerning vaccination, Dr Than Tun Kyaw said, “While carrying out mobile medical care, our units will carry out vaccination at the same time. Now we have already vaccinated against Japanese Encephalitis and H1 N1. Motor vehicles, motor boats and other necessary things have been support by the Rakhine State Government so as to open mobile clinics in the State.”

Led by Dr Chan Tha, Minister for Social Affairs, Rakhine State, a group of visiting professors and specialists from Yangon are alternatively giving mobile medical treatment to the patients in the townships of Rakhine State.

Head of township medical department explained as regards the tasks to be performed of the mobile units, “Now, the project reached Maung, MraukU and Yanbye. In the months to come, we will go to Taungup or Thandwe, thence to Buthidaung where we will deal with major surgery cases.”

One of those who had been in Ale Thangyaw beach disclosed, “We have been here for a fortnight or so. Red Cross team provided us with purified drinking water, food and shelters plus medical treatment.”

Investment office opens to boost Rakhine’s economy

A ceremony to open a Rakhine State Directorate of Investment and Company Administration office and office of the directorate head was held in Rakhine State government office compound in front of the said office yesterday morning.

First, Rakhine State minister of planning, finance, tax and economy U Kyaw Aye Thein and Director General of Investment and Company Administration Director General U Aung Naing Oo jointly cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the office.

Next, Myanmar Investment Commission Chairman, Union Minister for Ministry of Planning and Finance U Kyaw Win and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu pressed a button to unveil the sign board of Rakhine State Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) office. The Union Minister, the Chief Minister and ceremony attendees then inspected the State DICA office.

Afterwards an explanation about investment status and procedures was held in the State Government meeting hall where Union Minister U Kyaw Win and State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu delivered an opening address.

DICA Director General explained about the reason for opening the office and the first five companies that register in State DICA office were presented with company registration certificate by State Minister U Kyaw Aye Thein. This was followed by DICA Director General and Deputy Director General explained about setting up businesses, registering and investment procedures and attending business persons asked related questions.

“In the past, businesses in Rakhine need to go to Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw to register a company and any other matters related to Myanmar Investment Commission. By opening an office here, they no longer need to go anywhere else and do everything within their own state. Once the local businesses are firmly established, necessary assistance can be provided to link them up with foreign investors. Local businesses can also conduct many things with less cost in time and many. If they are not sure of anything regarding the investment law, establishing a company etc., they can easily contact this office. Businesses in the state can establish and expand their works easily and conveniently” said DICA Director General U Aung Naing Oo.

A local business person was heard welcoming the opening of this office and invited local and foreign investors to come and invest in Rakhine State — Tin Tun (IPRD)
China aims to set up state anti-corruption unit next year

BEIJING — China aims to pass a national supervision law and set up a new commission next year to oversee an expansion of President Xi Jinping’s campaign to fight corruption in the ruling Communist Party and government, the party said on Sunday.

The moves will be made as China’s annual meeting of parliament early next year, the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI), the party’s anti-graft watchdog, said in its report to a five-yearly party congress last week. The report, issued by the official Xinhua news agency, had not been previously released and gave few other details on the new commission.

“All provinces, regions and cities must closely connect regional practices, integrate reform pilot scheme experience, implement the overall plan according to the decision of the party’s Central Committee, and promote organisational integration,” the report said.

The report also said former Chongqing Party boss Sun Zhengcai and a group of other top officials ousted for graft, including former security tsar Zhou Yongkang, were “schemers” and “plotters” out to further their own careers.

Zhao Leji, the newly appointed head of the CCDI, told the commissio that they must secure a “sweeping victory” in the fight against corruption, and set up an institutionalized legal framework to make it impossible for officials to be corrupt, Xinhua reported.

Wang Qishan, as part of a leadership reshuffle announced at the close of the 19th National Party Congress of the Communist Party of China, which ended last Tuesday.

Wang had been widely credited with the success and vigour of the graft fight. Analysts say Zhao is likely to take a more institutional approach.

The new National Supervision Commission will work alongside the CCDI, sharing much of its power and resources, and will merge multiple additional anti-graft units, according to an announcement last year. It will also expand the purview of Xi’s anti-graft campaign to include employees at state-backed institutions who are not necessarily party members.

Since coming to power in 2012, Xi’s signature anti-corruption drive has jailed or otherwise punished nearly 1.4 million party members and he has emphasised the importance of improving China’s rule of law architecture.—Reuters

US. South Korea, Japan urge North Korea to cease ‘irresponsible’ provocations

SEOUL — Senior defence officials from the United States, South Korea and Japan held trilateral talks and urged North Korea to walk away from its “destructive and reckless path” of weapons development, the US military said in a statement.

Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff General Joseph Dunford hosted his South Korean and Japanese counterparts at the US Pacific Command headquarters in Hawaii on Sunday to exchange views on North Korea’s long-range ballistic missile and nuclear tests.

“Together they called upon North Korea to refrain from irresponsible provocations that aggravate regional tensions, and to walk away from its destructive and reckless path of development,” the statement said.—Reuters

Senior S Korean, Chinese diplomats to hold talks on N Korea

SEOUL — Senior diplomats from South Korea and China will hold talks on Tuesday concerning tensions on the Korean Peninsula ahead of US President Donald Trump’s visit to the two countries next week.

South Korea’s Foreign Ministry, which announced the schedule on Monday, said its special representative for Korean Peninsula peace and security affairs, Lee Do Hoon, will meet with his Chinese counterpart Kong Xuanyou in Beijing.

It will be Lee’s first meeting with Kong since becoming South Korea’s nuclear envoy last month. The ministry said in a statement that they will share information on North Korea’s nuclear and missile threats and discuss diplomatic measures to tackle them.

Kong, serving also as one of China’s assistant foreign ministers, was in Tokyo over the weekend and also discussed North Korea with senior Japanese government officials.

Lee held trilateral discussions on North Korea with his Japanese and US counterparts in Seoul in mid-October.

The consultations of top nuclear envoy sends preceded Trump’s first official visit to Asia, which will also bring him to Japan from 5 November.

A response to North Korea’s nuclear weapons development will almost certainly be a major topic during Trump’s visit to the three Asian countries.

North Korea has not conducted any major arms test since it launched an intercontinental ballistic missile in mid-September.

But verbal threats from North Korea continue, and Japanese, South Korean and US officials are alert to the possibility of a provocation during Trump’s Asia trip. On Saturday, North Korea threatened to “bury” Japan “into the bottom of the sea” if Tokyo acts as “a stooge in the US rack-et for escalating confrontation” with Pyongyang, “while chinning in with old lunatic Trump’s crazy remarks.”—Kyodo News

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Kevin Spacey apologizes after actor says he was subjected to sexual advance when only 14

LOS ANGELES — Kevin Spacey apologized on Sunday to fellow actor Anthony Rapp for a 1986 incident in which Rapp said Spacey made a sexual advance to him when Rapp was only 14.

Spacey said in a post on Twitter he was horrified to hear Rapp’s story of the encounter, which he said he did not remember. He wrote that he owed Rapp a “sincere apology” for what he said would have been “deeply inappropriate drunken behaviour.”

In an interview with Buzz Feed, Rapp described attending a party hosted by Spacey in which the actor picked him up, brought him to a bed and lay down on top of him after other guests left.

Rapp, who said he had the impression Spacey was drunk, pushed him away and left.

Spacey, 58, who has won an Oscar for “The Usual Suspects” and “American Beauty,” also said Rapp’s story “has encouraged me to address other things in my life.”

“I have loved and had romantic encounters with men throughout my life, and I now choose to live life as a gay man,” Spacey wrote.

“I want to deal with this honestly and openly,” he said, “and that starts with me examining my own behaviour.”

The actor for years had declined to address rumours about his sexuality.

Rapp, who went on to star in the Broadway musical “Rent,” was starting his career on Broadway at the time of the incident.

Spacey, a Tony Award winner for “Lost in Yonkers,” stars in the Netflix political drama “House of Cards.” He also served for 10 years as artistic director of London’s Old Vic theater company.

Hollywood and some top US companies have been rocked in recent weeks by allegations from scores of women that executives had sexually harassed them. US movie mogul Harvey Weinstein has been accused by numerous women of having sexually harassed or assaulted them in incidents dating back to the 1980s, including some who said they were raped.

Weinstein denies having non-consensual sex with anyone. He has since been fired as chief executive of The Weinstein Company, which he co-founded and has which been one of Hollywood’s most influential forces since its launch in October 2003.

—Reuters

‘Stranger Things’ creators already writing season 3

LOS ANGELES — “Stranger Things” co-creators Matt and Ross Duffer revealed that they have already started penning the script for the third season of the show.

The confirmation by Duffer brothers comes after the successful launch of the season two of the Netflix show this week.

“The hardest thing with this story is that we were tracking these multiple storylines and having them sort of build about at the same pace as to crescendo at the same time. It’s always the hardest part as we move into writing. ‘Like we’re starting on season three now, it’s always the most difficult thing just to get those to build simultaneously. It’s always a challenge, and so we’re really starting, I mean, we’re trying to do this eight-hour, nine-hour movie so to get that pacing just right, you know, it’s always hard,” Ross told Deadline.

No official date of premiere for the third season of the show has been confirmed.—PTI

Jeff Goldblum has a small role in Jurassic World 2

LONDON — Actor Jeff Goldblum, who played Dr Ian Malcolm in the first two “Jurassic Park” films, said that he will have a small role in “Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom”.

The 63-year-old actor said that his character will not be too involved in what the upcoming film has to offer. “Its small. Who knows, they may cut me out entirely! But if I stay in Ill be a sprig of parsley or a little garnish, hopefully with some impact!” Goldblum teased during the Empire Podcast.

Featuring new series regulars Chris Pratt and Bryce Dallas Howard, the film is slated to release on 22 June next year.—PTI
Australia restaurant of the year showcases boom in native ingredients

ADELAIDE, (Australia) — When award-winning chef Jock Zonfrillo opened Restaurant Orana in the southern Australian city of Adelaide in 2013, he had a point to prove: native Australian ingredients are not “B-grade.”

“We’re not doing 18 courses of witchetty grubs (moth larvae),” said Zonfrillo. “We’re making delicious food and we’re doing it with Australian ingredients.”

Even today native foods are rarely used in everyday cooking, unable to shake the gimmicky, witchetty grub stereotype created in the 1980s and 90s when the industry experienced a boom, primarily as a novelty for tourists.

But Zonfrillo is one of a growing number of chefs and foodies working to champion the little-known ingredients and see them used widely and, importantly, deliciously.

Restaurant Orana’s 18-course degustation menu features foods most people have never heard of before, like kangaroo tendon served with Tasmanian mountain pepper or flathead fish cooked in a fire pit, with eucalyptus, smoked potato and leek.

So remarkable is the Scottish-born chef’s cooking that Orana — which means “welcome” in several Aboriginal languages — won Australia’s Restaurant of the Year in September.

“We had to do this,” said Zonfrillo, who hopes the status the award brings to his restaurant will change the way people see native ingredients, once derisively dismissed as “bush tucker.”

“Bush tucker” is an Australian term referring to the over 6,500 native varieties of fruits, vegetables, herbs and meats that indigenous Australians have eaten and used in medications for tens of thousands of years.

“Even the name ‘bush tucker’! It’s the s.t version of real food,” said Zonfrillo, 41, punctuating his ideas with the colorful language of native foods. It’s the s..t version of real food,” he said.

According to Garner, demand has increased partly due to chefs featuring native ingredients in their luxury restaurants and showing the variety of produce available. Or as Zonfrillo explains: “If you want to start a revolution, you need to make it easy for people to join.”

Another entrepreneur behind the native food revolution is Daniel Motlop, the 36-year-old owner of Something Wild, Australia’s first Indigenous-owned native greens and game provider.

As well as selling a range of products from his Adelaide Central Market store, the former Aussie Rules footballer has collaborated with a local distillery to create a gin flavored with native green ants. The ants, which Motlop grew up eating in the Northern Territory, have bright, emerald-coloured abdomens and a sweet, citrus flavour; not unlike sherbert powder.

For gin distiller Sacha La Forgia of Adelaide Hills Distillery, the flavors are a perfect match with gin — though having to taste the ants for the first time was a challenge for him.

“Daniel gave me something like a half-kilo tub of ants and told me to have a play around with them, but I think I just put them in the freezer and tried to forget about them,” said Zonfrillo.

But after six months he came by and said: “Eat an ant, so I did, and they were great. It was very easy to create after that.”

The gin, which has also been flavored with other native botanicals like finger lime and lemon myrtle, is due to be distributed in Japan later this year, and is already a hit with local drinkers.

“We’re pushing the boundaries so native foods can be in a product that people can just buy,” said Motlop, who also has plans to release a wattleseed beer in the near future.

But perhaps the most significant impact of the growing native foods industry is the Bowman effect it has on Aboriginal communities in remote parts of Australia. For Motlop, being able to help create jobs and education opportunities is a major part of his business, which hires 40 Aboriginal harvesters.

“Employment is all Indigenous, so all the harvesters and pickers and gatherers, they’re all Aboriginal. So it’s created jobs,” said Motlop.

“We try to set up small harvesting businesses in Aboriginal communities around Australia and then they also hire a certain amount of pickers as well, so that creates jobs in places where there are no jobs.”

Indigenous Australians, who account for 3 per cent of the population, are some of the country’s most disadvantaged citizens.

Along with being over-represented in the prison system, only two-thirds of Aboriginal Australians have completed high school, while almost one in two are jobless. Having spent years in various Aboriginal communities, learning about native ingredients and Indigenous food culture, Jock Zonfrillo is also determined to help communities profit from their own history and culture. The chef established the nonprofit Orana Foundation in 2016 to help develop Indigenous enterprises through supporting communities to research, document and commercialize native foods.

“It was incredibly humbling but also very disturbing for me to go into some of these communities and see the poverty,” said zonfrillo. “This is the world’s oldest culture, it’s a culture that was making bread, probably, 40,000-50,000 years before the Egyptians were building pyramids,” Zonfrillo said. “If we’re not looking after this and preserving this, what are we all doing here?”

As for the future of native ingredients, Zonfrillo is not simply optimistic. He is certain the foods will become mainstream.

“It has to,” said Zonfrillo. “It grows everywhere, (and) it doesn’t need a huge amount of irrigation or chemicals. It makes too much sense not to.” — Kyodo News

World’s smallest paleolithic ornamental beads unearthed in China

YINCHUAN — Chinese archaeologists have unearthed the world’s smallest paleolithic ornamental beads, in northwest China’s Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region.

The bead, made of a kind of eggshell and 1.26 millimetres in diameter, was discovered in an ancient site from the late Pleistocene dating between 8,000 and 12,000 years ago in Qintongxia county. Three similar beads, all smaller than 2 millimetres in diameter, were discovered at the same site, archeologists said on Monday.

The excavation was jointly conducted by Ningxia Institute of Cultural Relics and Archeology, the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology and the cultural relics administration of Qintongxia from May to August. “It is incredible that it can be so well processed with such a small diameter.

It is rare among similar ornaments unearthed in other sites around the world,” said Wang Huimin, a researcher with the Ningxia Institute of Cultural Relics and Archeology. Archeologists said the beads showed excellent craftsmanship and the aesthetic tastes of ancient humans. They said further research is needed to determine the exact purpose or meaning of the beads.

It took the archeologists five years to sift and wash thousands of cubic meters of dirt to find the beads. As many as eight sets of steel sieves were worn out in the process. In 2016, three beads all smaller than 2 millimetres in diameter, were found at the site, among which the smallest was 1.42 millimetres in diameter.

The excavation of the site in Qintongxia is one of China’s top 10 archaeological finds of 2016, which unveiled more than 10,000 items, including stoneware, ornaments and plant seeds. —Xinhua
Roger Federer of Switzerland celebrates after defeating Martin del Potro of Argentina.

PHOTO: REUTERES

Federer outlasts Del Potro for eighth Basel title

BASEL, Switzerland — Roger Federer claimed an eighth Swiss Indoor title when he outlasted Argentina’s Juan Martin del Potro 6-7(5), 6-4, 6-3 in front of a partisan Basel crowd on Sunday.

The 36-year-old local favourite, beaten by Del Potro in consecutive Basel finals in 2012 and 2013, was ragged at times and looked in danger of an unwanted hat-trick, but showed all his battling qualities to turn the match around.

Fourth seed Del Potro, making a late run to try and qualify for next month’s ATP World Tour Finals in London, broke serve in the first game of the decider but wilted as Federer stormed back to the delight of a raucous crowd inside the St Jakobshalle. World number two Federer charged into a 5-2 lead and while Del Potro delayed the end by holding serve, Federer would not be denied and racked up his 95th career title as Del Potro fired a backhand long under pressure.

Victory means Federer trails world number one Rafael Nadal by 1,469 points going into the Paris Masters where 1,000 points are on offer for the champion. Del Potro would have moved into the eighth and final qualifying spot for London had he claimed a forehand long in the French capital to make it to the season-ending tournament.—Reuters

Group’s second positioner Myanmar to meet Thailand in 2017 AFF Futsal Semifinal

Kyaw Zin Lin
Myanmar just pleased with the second position in the Group A of the 2017 AFF Futsal championship as host Vietnam defeated Myanmar 3-0 in Phu Tho indoor Stadium in Ho Chi Minh City yesterday night.

Both Vietnam and Myanmar have already secured to the semi-finals but the Group A top spot was still up for grabs in semi-final of 2017 AFF Futsal Championship.

Both teams played with their great efforts with showing caution in their offence, anxious to play counter-attacks.

Vietnam got the starter at the 12 minute mark by a fast shot of Phung Trong Luian. Myanmar’s Naing Ye Kyaw scored in the close range in the 25th minute but Vietnamese keeper Nguyen Van Huay was quick to block the shot.

Myanmar players tried to level proceedings but the Vietnam defence deterred their every endeavour.

Myanmar’s Pyae Phyo Maung kicked straight at 38 minute but the ball went slightly upward from the goal bar and the game was ended with unsatisfied 0-3 result for Myanmar. According to the yesterday’s result, Myanmar will play against ASEAN futsal power house, Thailand while host Vietnam will face with Malaysia in the semifinals of the tourney on 1 November.—Reuters

Quarter-finals of U-13 Boy’s States & Regions Tournament 2017 today

Kyaw Zin Lin
After playing all group matches, a total of eight quarter-final qualifiers came out in Under 13 Boys States and Regions football tournament 2017. Nay Pyi Taw team and Bago team from Group (A) , Shan (East) team and Ayeyarwaddy team from Group (B), Taninthayi team and Mon team from Group (C) and Kayin team and Sagaing team from Group (D) correspondingly saved the quarter-final stage by securing decisive results.

The matches for the quarter-final will be played at the artificial turf fields of the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon today and Nay Pyi Taw team will play against Mon team while Shan team will play with Sagaing team, Taninthayi team will play with Mon team and Kayin team will meet with Ayeyarwaddy team respectively.

Chelsea’s Rudiger relishing Roma return

LONDON — Chelsea defender Antonio Rudiger is keen to return to his former club AS Roma and play in front of their fans at the Stadio Olimpico, the German international said ahead of the London side’s Champions League game in Italy on Tuesday.

Rudiger made 72 appearances for the Serie A side before joining Chelsea in July and has played 12 times for the Premier League champions, who are fourth in the league and top their Champions League group.

The 24-year-old anticipated meeting his former team before the Champions League draw.

“I spoke to my parents (after the draw) and I already knew and my parents even told me that you will get Roma,” Rudiger said.

“I was happy and I am happy to go to Rome, to go there and play against my old team because I have a big respect. I had two wonderful years there with ups and downs, with injuries. "They were standing always behind me, the players, the team, the board and the fans."

Chelsea will be hoping to extend their three-match winning streak in all competitions against Roma and in the league game against second-placed Manchester United on Sunday.—Reuters