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More than Ks20 million to be spent on upgrading public park in Maungtaw

MAUNGTAW Township Development Committee said it will repair the old Maha Bandoola Park in downtown Maungtaw, a town in Rakhine State, in the current fiscal year, its member said.

U Maung Tun Oo, an executive officer of the committee, said the project is estimated to cost over Ks24 million, adding that the project is a part of development plans of the Rakhine State government, which gave instructions on the development of new public parks and upgrading the old ones this FY, aiming to create more public locations for recreation.

Under the new plan, a wide range of children park materials and playground



Maha Bandoola Park in downtown Maungtaw. PHOTO: MAUNG MAUNG THANT (KYEMON)

equipment will be installed in the park, the municipal authority continued.

"The park has many shady trees, a hall and the sculpture of Maha Bandoola, the general of the royal Myanmar armed forces in the first Anglo-Myanmar war. The park was crowded with res-

idents over a past decade," said U Tha Hla San, one of residents.

The Maha Bandoola Park in Maungtaw Township was established in 1997. For the time being, there has no visitor in the park and the door is locked every day.—Maung Sein Lwin (Myanma Alinn) ■

Blue plaques erected at Yangon Stock Exchange

THE 18th commemorative Blue Plaque of Yangon was installed at Yangon Stock Exchange office building at the corner of Sule Pagoda Road and Merchant Road yesterday.

At the opening ceremony, U Phyto Min Thein, the chief minister of Yangon region, Dr. Than Myint Oo, the chairman of Yangon Heritage Trust (YHT) and other officials cut a ribbon to open the commemorative ceremony.

Royal Philips Corporation (RPC) has partnered with YHT to install Blue Plaques that denotes a prominent historical sites throughout Yangon by providing a US\$75,000 fund.

Over 100 buildings have been intended to be designated as city heritage site around the Yangon region. The YHT is now taking care to maintain colonial buildings in the downtown area of Yangon.

The commemorative Blue Plaques have already been installed at Yangon City Hall, Ayeyawady Bank (AYA bank), The Armenian Church, Central Fire Station, General Post Office Yangon, Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank, Central Press, Sofaer Building, GTI Insein, Merchant Road building, Yangon General Hospital and the Yangon Stock Exchange office.— 200 ■

Motorbike fire breaks out in Buthidaung Town

A FIRE was broke out at a motor bike shop named Zaw Sann at the corner of Bogyoke road and Pyitawthar road in Myothitthuung

Ward of Buthidaung Town on Tuesday.

The fire was caused by a motorbike flame due to the overheating of its oil tank in

the shop and destroyed 6 shops altogether.

Total damage of fire is approximated to K 25 Lakh.—Myanmar News Agency ■

One dead, 14 injured in light truck crash

ONE person died and 14 others were injured when the driver of a light truck apparently lost control because of the right front tyre was flat and the truck overturned on Yangon-Mandalay Highway.

The light truck en route from Mandalay to Nay Pyi Taw driven by Hein Min Latt overturned between mile posts 229-1 and 229-2 near Tatkon Township

at 6:30 pm on 17 May.

Out of 20 passengers on board, one died and 14 others were injured but not seriously. The dead body and injured victims were taken by Phayataung highway police to 1000-bed Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital.

Police filed charges against the reckless driver under section 304 (A)/338/337 of the Penal Code.—Than Oo (Lemyathna) ■



Overturned light truck seen at Yangon-Mandalay Highway. PHOTO: MYANMAR POLICE FORCE

Hepatitis C patients to receive free medical treatment

OVER 2,000 Hepatitis C patients will receive free medical treatment in the last week of May under the National Hepatitis C Prevention and Control Programme, said an official from the Ministry of Health and Sports which was briefed on the plan in Nay Pyi Taw on 12 May.

"Hepatitis C prevention is more important than the treatment. To prevent the hepatitis C infection, the health staffs need to promote providing of awareness health training courses and immunization of hepatitis C", the official said.

The plan is jointly conducted by the Public Health Department and an international donors' organization.

At the brief ceremony, the Union minister for Health and Sport said the future process and requirement related to hepatitis C treatment. At the brief ceremony, Dr. Than Tun Aung, Deputy Director-General from Public Health department explained the project concerning Hepatitis C Prevention and Control, Dr. Khin Sandar Aung, project manager explained the process of the providing hepatitis C free medical treatment, Dr. Win Naing, Prof. & Head Department of Hepatology, Yangon General Hospital explained the process of the hospital-based treatment programme, Prof Dr. Htay Htay Tin from National Health Laboratory explained the laboratory sector from the hepatitis C free medical treatment.—YCDC ■



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing signing the joint statement of the 14th ACDFIM. PHOTO: MNA

ASEAN military leaders for united change

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is in the Philippines, attended the 14th ASEAN Chiefs of Defense Forces Informal Meeting (ACDFIM) held in Manila's Sofitel Hotel yesterday morning.

Chief of Staff of the Philippines Army General Eduardo M. Año delivered the opening speech. This was followed by the Philippines Army Deputy Chief of Staff (Intelligence) disclosing the results of the 14th ASEAN Military Intelligence Informal Meeting and the Philippines Army Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations) disclosing the results of the 6th ASEAN Military Oper-

ations Informal Meeting.

Next, General Eduardo Año and other military leaders discussed on various topics. Senior General Min Aung Hlaing spoke on possible cooperative strategies concerning maritime security in Southeast Asia.

Afterwards, discussions were made on the ASEAN militaries' 2017-2018 two-year project followed by the various military leaders signing the joint statement of the 14th ACDFIM.

General Eduardo Año then delivered the closing speech and transferred the role of host country for the 15th ACDFIM to Lt-

Gen Perry Lim of the Singapore Armed Forces.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing then met separately with Malaysia's Commander-in-Chief General Tan Sri Raja Mohamed Affandi Bin, a delegation led by Vietnam's Deputy Minister for Defense Lt-Gen Phan Van Giang, and a delegation led by Deputy C-in-C of Cambodian Armed Forces General Eth Sarath.

The Senior General discussed more goodwill tours between the countries, transferring of military trainees, joint security efforts and anti-terrorism efforts. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Vocational training to be opened in Rakhine State

RURAL Development Department of Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation will carry out 50 carpentry and masonry training courses in the 2017-18 fiscal year in Maungtaw, Buthidaung, Kyaukpyu and Thandwe, said U Tun Wai, Head of State Rural Development Department.

The Rural Development Department of Rakhine State was established in 2013.

The department has contributed to the need of infrastructure by building roads, bridges and rural housing. During the period from 2013-14 to 2016-17, 37 vocational training courses have been completed under the Myaseinyaung Project and has produced 1,300 trainees who now have access to jobs.

Another 50 training programmes will be opened, said U Tun Wai.

Up to now the rural development department of Rakhine State have produced over 1,000 successful trainees and will turn out another 2,500 trainees in carpentry

and masonry in Maungtaw, Buthidaung, Kyaukpyu and Thandwe townships.

The coming vocational training courses on carpentry and masonry will be conducted for 16 days between 18th May and 2nd June. Rural Development Department will hire four training teachers from Dual Tech and will spend Ks5.5 million to conduct the courses. The Rural Development Department will cover accomodation expenses and meals of the 50 trainees.

Forty trainees from Maungtaw and 10 from Buthidaung, 50 in total will attend the course.

The trainees are local residents from 17 villages in Maungtaw and Buthidaung.

The opening ceremony was attended by Rakhine State Chief Minister for Ministry of Security and Border affairs, Colonel Htein Lin, Head of State RDD, U Tun Wai, Maungtaw District Administrator, U Ye Htut and officials from departments concerned. —Maung Sein Lwin ■

World to tackle deadly disasters at U.N. forum

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will explore how to better protect people, infrastructure and services from disasters.

"Extreme weather causes serious destruction and major loss of life," Petteri Taalas, WMO secretary-general, said in a statement. In the run-up to the gathering, the WMO has released a list of the highest historical death tolls from extreme events such as lightning strikes, tropical cyclones and tornadoes. Here are some of them, alongside other facts on disasters:

* The deadliest tropical cyclone killed around 300,000 when it hit Bangladesh, then East Pakistan, in November 1970, the WMO says.

* The highest number of deaths caused by a tornado was about 1,300, in April 1989 when one ripped through the Manikganj district of Bangladesh, leaving 80,000 homeless.

* In November 1994, 469 people were killed in Dronka, Egypt, when lightning set oil tanks on fire. A single lightning strike on a hut killed 21 people in Manica Tribal Trust Lands in Zimbabwe, then Rhodesia, in December 1975.

* Natural disasters force some 26 million people into poverty each year, and cost the equivalent of \$520 billion in lost consumption, according to the World Bank.

* Around 11,000 people died in 2016 as a result of natural and manmade disasters, which cost \$175 billion in economic losses, according to reinsurer Swiss Re. Hurricane Matthew was the year's deadliest natural catastrophe, claiming around 1,000 lives, primarily in Haiti.

* Asia has the largest number of people exposed to natural disasters, but African countries are the most vulnerable to them,

mainly because of political instability, corruption, poverty and inequality, according to 2016 research by Verisk Maplecroft, a UK-based risk management company.

* India has a billion people at risk, with China, Bangladesh, Indonesia, the Philippines, Japan and Pakistan also ranked among the 10 countries with the most people exposed to natural hazards, Verisk Maplecroft data shows.

* The World Disasters Report 2016, issued by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, says only 40 cents in every \$100 of development aid is spent on preparing for disasters and trying to prevent them.

* The Indian Ocean tsunami in December 2004, triggered by a 9.15 magnitude earthquake, killed around 226,000 people, one of the biggest natural disasters

in history.

* The number of weather and climate-related disasters more than doubled over the past 40 years, accounting for 6,392 events in the 20 years from 1996 to 2015, up from 3,017 in the period from 1976 to 1995.

* Of the 1.35 million people killed by natural hazards from 1996 to 2015, 90 per cent died in low and middle-income countries, according to the Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters, which collects the data.

* Over those two decades, 56 per cent of deaths were caused by earthquakes and tsunamis, with the rest due to floods, storms, extreme temperatures, drought, landslides and wildfires.

* In 15 of the 20 years, the greatest loss of life was due to extreme weather events. —By Sophie Hares/Thompson Reuters Foundation ■

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw mulls US\$125 million...

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Regarding the proposal sent by the president to the parliament yesterday, Deputy Minister U Maung Maung Win clarified that the Yangon City Development Committee, which would spend US\$104 million on its water supply project, supplying 40 million gallons of water per day beginning in fiscal year 2021-2022. "The YCDC has a target of earning Ks14.6 billion per year from selling 10 million gallons of water per day to the Thilawa Special Economic Zone and would give back loans to the World Bank," said the deputy minister.

Meanwhile, Ministry of Planning and Finance would handle US\$20 million, he added. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Negotiations for protest in Nay Pyi Taw falters

NEGOTIATIONS between the Nay Pyi Taw Council and a Buddhist association over staging a peaceful protest in Nay Pyi Taw remained deadlocked yesterday after the two sides could not agree on the number of protesters who would be allowed to demonstrate.

At the negotiation table, authorities offered the association to stage the assembly with about 300 people, while the group led by U Kyaw Myo Thet demanded the Nay Pyi Taw Council allow

a peaceful assembly with about 15,000 people on 20th May 2017, according to a statement released by the authorities yesterday.

Following the failed negotiations, authorities called for further talks with a mutual understanding that an agreement would be attempted in good faith so that the protest becomes a lawful event.

During the negotiation, the two sides agreed that the duration of the peaceful assembly would last no longer than two

hours and on the wording of slogans and placards to be used during the protest.

“To successfully hold the second session of the Union Peace Conference- 21st Century Panglong in Nay Pyi Taw, the Union territory, and to provide the people with community peace, necessary measures will be taken in accordance with the law,” said the statement. According to the statement, the protestors will march from Yangon to Mandalay.—GNLM ■

Military medical team provides care to victims of Pauktaw fire

A fire broke out in Pauktaw, Rakhine State, on 17th May, destroying 23 houses and one sentry post, and injuring 16 people.

The fire also caused losses worth about K15 million.

Following the fire, a mobile medical team of the Western Command and local military men gave treatment to the injured and carried out evacuation and resettlement of the people.

A total of 132 people including three injured people and 27 patients suffering from dengue



Local military men help the people of Pauktaw after the fire. PHOTO: MNA

fever received the medical care. The mobile medical team

also made plans to send several patients to hospital.—MNA ■

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Kanphan health care clinic is 30 miles far from NuZunbaw township hospital and take four hours. However, it is too difficult to travel in rainy season. If the clinic is upgraded to health care sub division, it could service for 2199 people in 349 households in three groups of villages. Due to difficulties in transportation, if it is upgraded, it could cover more health care service and the

State's health care department also agreed for upgrading. So, the ministry will arrange it in 2018-2019 fiscal year. Daw Thiriyadana, the representative for No 12 constituency in Mon State asked the question whether is there a plan to appoint more dental nurses who are needed in Dental unit in General Hospitals in the country including Beling township in Mon State. The Health minister answered that presently, 42 trainees are attending the two years diploma course of dental nurse

which is open once in every two year in Yangon and Mandalay and they will be appointed after completed in February, 2018.

The minister also answered the question for standard buildings for rural health care sub divisions in the villages of Thetyatabin, Dotekhanchaung, Shwepyi, Nargayar, Sapseik, Saphoethar and Kyauktan to be constructed in 2017-2018 fiscal year that the ministry has proposed Kyat 63 million each for civil servant housing, the health care build-

ings in Khwasone village, ngatapung village, Yaungson village in Kyauktan township for 2017-2018 fiscal year and had also maintained rural health care subdivisions in Dokhan change and Kyauktan under maintain fund of Kyat 100 lakh each.

The minister also clarified the construction of standard health care buildings in Thetyatabin, Shwepyi, Nagayar, Sapseik and Saphoethar which would be prioritized for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. He also answered for

the health care buildings in Magwe region for 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Then, Dr Tin Tin Win, representative of No 5 constituency in Bago region has submitted a proposal for quality education, the fourth of the 17 millennium development goal, which includes democracy, reproductive health and civil ethic to enact in school curriculum at different level. The proposal is agreed to be discussed by the hluttaw and enrollment for discussion is announced.—Myanmar News Agency ■

2nd Pyithu Hluttaw 5th Regular Session's ...

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In 2013 and 2015, cooperation program for long-term sustainability of ecosystem in the Bay of Bengal had been carried out. For long-term production of freshwater fish and prawns, control of working forces of fishing, restriction of fishing equipments, techniques and fishing vessels, designation of season banned for fishing and areas banned for fish-

ing are being performed. And, actions are being taken against those who committed illegal fishing.”

Then, U Hla Kyaw, deputy minister, replied to questions raised by U Khin Maung Thein of Sagaing Constituency as to whether there have been any plans for teaching staff from the University of Cooperatives to be allowed to sit for the promotion

exams in accord with the law, likewise teachers from other universities. As regard this, promotions are being given to those with prescribed qualifications, depending upon vacant posts. As types of the set-up between the present Cooperative College and other colleges differ from each other, provided that set-up of the college has been approved, promotions will be able to be carried out likewise other colleges.

In answer to the ques-

tion raised by U Kyaw Min of Letpadan Constituency, as to whether there have been any plans for heavy construction of road-cum-embankment to 23-mile-long embankment, on the eastern bank of the Aye-yarwady River flowing through Letpadan township and embankment on the eastern part of Myitmakha, heavy construction of road-cum-embankment had been being made, by dividing into five parts depending upon

the budget acquirement.

Afterward, U Hla Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation replied to the questions raised by U Kan Myint of Thayet Constituency and U Win Thein Zaw of Sal-yingyi Constituency, followed by putting forward the Law on Embankment (Bill) to Hluttaw.

Finally, Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee clarified the report on findings of the bill.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Announcement No. 12/2017
8th Waning of Kason, 1379 ME
Myanmar Public's Democratic Party approved

The Union Election Commission gave permission to Myanmar Public's Democratic Party to set up as a political party with the registration No.102 under Section 9 of Political Parties Registration Law headquartered at Building No.3, U Ba Thin Road, Bago Street Ward, Htaukkyant in Mingaladon Township, Yangon Region from the date of this announcement on 18 May 2017.

By Order,
Tin Tun
Secretary
The Union Election Commission

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Announcement No. (11 / 2017)
8th Waning of Kason, 1379 ME
(18 May 2017)
Permission to change the name of
“Public Contribute Students Democracy Party” to
“Public Contribute Student Party”

1. Public Contribute Students Democracy Party which has already been registered at The Union Election Commission under the section (9) of Political Parties Registration law with registration no. 82, submitted the application to change the existing name “Public Contribute Students Democracy Party” to “Public Contribute Students Party”.
2. As Union Election Commission scrutinized the submission in accordance with the law and agreed the change of name, it is announced that the “Public Contribute Students Democracy Party” has been changed to “Public Contribute Students Party” starting from 18 May 2017.

By Order
Tin Tun
Secretary
The Union Election Commission