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## Six villagers killed, two missing in Maungtaw

THE bodies of six people near Kaigyi Village and the Mayu Mountain Range were discovered by Myanmar security forces on patrol in Maungtaw, Rakhine State. The villagers, all members of the Mro-Arakan ethnic group, had been killed with machetes and gunshots by violent attackers, according to State Counsellor's Office Information Team. Two additional villagers are missing.

The victims were identified as Kon Wai, 25, Lin Kyat, 29, U Kaing Hmwe, 25, Daw Seik Yar, 38, Daw Yi, 27, and Daw Hti Kaw, 25, from Kaigyi Village.

In October nine officers were killed at a border station in Maungtaw. The area has, since then, been the scene of a series of conflicts. After reports circulated that a group called Harakah al-Yaqin was responsible for the attack, the security forces staged area clearance operations.

The security operation has been beset by allegations of rape, torture and extrajudicial killings. The Union government has denied most of those allegations and refused access to a United Nations panel of experts, saying its mission would aggravate the situation in Rakhine.— GNLM ■



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### 3 August chosen as Myanmar Gems and Jewellery Day

Local and foreign merchants attended the Myanmar Gems and Jewelry Day which was commemorated at Mani Yadanar Jade Meeting Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: HTEIN NAN NAW (NEWS ON PAGE-3)**

## One more dead from H1N1 flu

ANOTHER victim died from the H1N1 virus, also known as swine flu, on Wednesday, bringing the death toll to 14, according to the Ministry of Health and Sports.

With this death, the average

fatality rate for people with confirmed infections is 4.6 per cent.

The government says that 110 patients have contracted the virus since 21st July when the first infection of the virus

announced. Of that total, 63 are receiving treatment at hospitals and 28 have already been discharged.

Emergency medical assistance from the government of

India arrived in Yangon yesterday to help the authorities in Myanmar deal with and contain the outbreak of H1N1 flu in certain parts of the country, according to a statement. **SEE PAGE-3**

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## Leading monks in demonstration camps requested to leave

BUDDHIST monks who have been staging anti-government protests at Yangon's Shwedagon Pagoda and Mandalay's Maha Myat Muni Pagoda have been asked by Sangha Maha Nayaka committees in both cities to leave the religious sites.

The Sangha Maha Nayaka committees serve as the governing bodies of Myanmar's monks. The Bahan Township Sang-

ha Maha Committee ordered 10 monks and 35 other people to vacate the Mahazeya Atula Marazane Bronze Buddha Image compound and to leave the area.

Similarly, the Chanmyathazi Township Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee requested a group 15 monks and 50 other people led by U Aggadaza of Taungthaly Sayadaw, Aung Thar Monas-

tery, Meiktila and U Sandathiri of Dhammarakita Monastery, Patheingyi Township to cease their demonstration and leave their protest camp.

In both requests, senior monks of the committees said the camping at religious sites was inappropriate.

The groups set up their protest camps on 2nd August. —Myanmar News Agency

## Five cattle smuggling suspects arrested in Yathedaung Township

A government security patrol yesterday stopped five men on a boat headed for the Bay of Bengal along Htun Ya Wai Creek near Yathedaung Township, Rakhine State and found 18 cows aboard.

The patrol arrested the men on suspicion that they were trying to smuggle the cattle out of the country. Authorities are conducting further investigations into the men. —Myanmar News Agency ■

## Appointment of Ambassador of Spain agreed

THE Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr. Emilio De Miguel Calabia as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Spain to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, with residence in Bangkok.

Mr. Emilio De Miguel Cal-

abia was born on 23 November 1965 in Madrid, Spain. He obtained a bachelor's degree in law, and joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain in 1990.

He has served under various capacities at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain, Spanish Embassies

in Cameroon, Bolivia, Thailand and Singapore as well as at Spanish Consulate General in the Philippines. Mr. Emilio De Miguel Calabia is currently serving as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Kingdom of Spain to the Kingdom of Thailand. —Myanmar News Agency ■

## Mobile medical team visits Maungtaw, Rakhine State

THE Ministry of Health and Sports sent a mobile medical team to villages in northern Maungtaw District, Rakhine State yesterday to assist far-flung residents. The mobile medical team was led by Dr. Kyaw Maung Maung Thein of Maungtaw Hospital and treated 283 patients in Phar Wutt Chaung Village and 237 patients in Ngan Chaung Village.

"We are trying to close the gap between healthcare available in urban and in rural areas," said

Dr. Kyaw Maung Maung Thein.

Last week, the same mobile medical team visited King Chaung and Kyaung Taung villages in southern Maungtaw. "I came to buy medicine to treat bruises on my son's leg," said U Eie Nhit a villager of Ngan Chaung. "I came to buy medicine as my legs and body are achy," said Daw Oo Thandar, 75, of Phar Wutt Chaung Village. "I am very grateful to see free medical treatment." —Aone-Soe/ Myo Thu Hein ■

## Three suspects arrested in Maungtaw in connection with mine explosion

LAW enforcement officials arrested three men on 1 August on suspicion of being involved in a mine explosion at Pan Taw Pyin Village, Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State. Investigators named two of the suspects: Ma Su Phee Yar and Zar Baw Tar Mauk. Police conducting further investigations of the three men. —Myanmar News Agency ■

## Registration of media personnel and observers attending Forum on Myanmar Democratic Transition

A forum on Myanmar Democratic Transition will be held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre 2 (MICC-2) Nay Pyi Taw from August 11 to 13, 2017.

Observers, national and international media personnel who wish to attend the forum must contact the Information and Public Relations Department, Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw at phone 067-412002, 412187, email iprd.md@gmail.com

and News and Periodical Enterprise phone 067-412125, 412126, email myogyi.npe@gmail.com. Registration deadline is 4 p.m., 8 August. One-hundred observers will be allowed to attend and those who are authorized will be listed on the MOI's website and on Facebook.

Entrance cards will be issued from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 9 August at Ministry of Information, Office No. 7, Nay Pyi Taw. —Myanmar News Agency ■

## Myanmar steps up reforms to entice investors

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To finance these development needs, the government will need to look to the private sector, according to U Win Khaing, minister of construction.

"We are working to expand electricity access and increase road connectivity. However, given our budgetary limitations, these projects can only be undertaken in partnership with international investors and

financial institutions, preferably under public-private partnership models," he told OBG.

"We must also look to increase interaction with local and international stakeholders to align the construction industry with international standards and good governance practices," he added.

### Regaining momentum

During FY 2016/17, which

ended on March 1, GDP growth slowed from 7.4% to 6.4%. Much of this cooling has been attributed to external factors, such as the continued impact of flooding between July and September 2015, and declines in global commodities prices.

However, some of the root causes have been internal, including weaker construction activity in Yangon due to regulatory compliance, according to

the IMF's most recent Article IV consultation.

The transition of power following the election of the National League for Democracy at the end of January 2016 has also slowed the pace of reform, as the new government gets to grips with the task of reshaping the economic focus to consolidate growth and stability.

However, as legislative changes enacted over the past

year begin to take effect and global market conditions pick up, the country's economy should gain momentum both this year and next.

GDP is forecast to expand by 7.7% in FY 2017/18 and by 8% in FY 2018/19, according to the latest projections from the ADB.

(This Myanmar economic update was produced by Oxford Business Group and Kelvin Chia Yangon.)

## 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 Htat Kye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon or by email to [dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com](mailto: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