

NATIONAL

Message of Congratulations sent by State Counsellor to 29th SEA Games Athletes
PAGE-3

NATIONAL

Twelve suspected violent attackers arrested in Maungtaw
PAGE-9

LOCAL BUSINESS

Energy officials to explore direct gas shipments from the Middle East
PAGE-5



NATIONAL

More parts of crashed Y-8 aircraft found
PAGE-9

THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Vol. IV, No. 128, 2nd Waxing of Tawthalin 1379 ME

www.globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

Wednesday, 23 August 2017



Mr. Kofi Annan (left) is welcomed by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin (center) at the Yangon International Airport. **PHOTO: MNA**

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi hails Myanmar's SEA Games athletes

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi yesterday expressed her support to Myanmar athletes competing in the 2017 SEA Games currently being held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, despite some inconveniences during the competition of South-East Asian nations.

In a message released yesterday, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said she congratulated the Myanmar men's football team, which was able to advance to the semi-finals despite a loss against Malaysia.

"The Myanmar U-22 men's soccer team was defeated by the host team at the group's last match on 21st August, but it was a great honour for us as Myanmar would progress to the semi-final. The whole nation is encouraging you with great expectations", the statement read.

"It is natural that sometimes we win and sometimes we get a learning experience. The greatest reward is to be able to apply physical strength, wisdom and bravery after accumulating new strength and renewed spirits, in the coming matches by reviewing these lessons. I would like you all to lay stress on making efforts to show your best calibre in the midst of the audience with light spirits and well-rested bodies. Our people will also continue to encourage your best efforts".

SEE PAGE-3

SEE PAGE-3

Kofi Annan arrives to issue final report on Rakhine

Mr. Kofi Annan, the chair of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State and the former UN Secretary General, arrived in Yangon yesterday in advance of the release of the commission's final report.

Mr. Annan is scheduled to hold talks with members of the

Central Committee for the Implementation of Peace, Stability and Development in Rakhine State chaired by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi today in Nay Pyi Taw, according to the Ministry of Information.

The central committee includes 20 cabinet ministers.

According to the website of the advisory commission, Mr. Annan will answer questions from the media in the Sule Shangri-La hotel on Thursday morning. The commission's final report will be published on the same day.

The report will include

recommendations for the government on conflict prevention, humanitarian assistance, reconciliation between the region's Buddhist and Muslim communities, institution building, and development in conflict-torn Rakhine State.

SEE PAGE-3



သဒ္ဓါထက်သန် မြန်မာအားမာန် ကမ္ဘောဇဘဏ်

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Counsellor Office

Message of Congratulations sent by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to the 29th SEA Games Athletes

(22nd August 2017)

I would like to say “Mingalarpar,” to all of you men and women athletes bringing honor to the country by representing Myanmar and competing in various sports in the 29th SEA Games being held in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia from August 19 2017 to August 30.

To our great delight and honour, news and information are coming in continually that our sportsmen are participating in the Games, by representing the

Republic of the Union of Myanmar and our people with pure sporting spirit, indomitable zeal and the ASEAN Spirit of Friendship.

On 21st August, at 7:45 am a car accident occurred to the vehicle with the Myanmar Squash Sports team onboard, in which one sportsman and two sportswomen were injured. Fortunately enough, the sportsman was slightly wounded, managing to contest in the game, whereas it has been learnt that the two sportswomen would be able to participate in the games after a few days of rest. This was a great relief for us.

Myanmar U-22 men’s soccer team was defeated by the host team at the group’s last match on 21st August, but it was a great honour for us as Myanmar would progress to the semi-final. The whole nation is encouraging you with great expectations. It is natural that sometimes we win and sometimes we get a learning experience. The greatest reward is to be able to apply physical strength, wisdom and bravery after accumulating new strength and renewed spirits, in the coming matches by reviewing these lessons. I would like you all to lay stress on making efforts to show your best calibre in the midst of the audience

with light spirits and well-rested bodies. Our people will also continue to encourage your best efforts.

Taking part in the games while representing the motherland, individual skills, good training, good spirit, and team unity are needed. At the same time, it gives us the opportunity to show the civility and dignity of the athletes of the participating country.

The State and its people are hoping that all of you will be able to uplift our national dignity by exerting your utmost efforts with sporting spirit and ethical sporting behavior, spirit of justice, fairness, purity and noble spirit. I wish to express my deep and firm belief that all of you are trying your very best in these games to fulfill these hopes.

I hereby send my sincere good wishes and message of congratulations to all of you who are bearers of the country’s honor and pray that you would be able to uplift the honor of the country to new heights.

Sd, -----

Aung San Suu Kyi
State Counsellor

(Unofficial Translation)



Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint delivers a speech at the ceremony of Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) to commemorate the joint broadcasting of a Chinese TV series. PHOTO: MNA

Broadcast of Chinese TV series commemorated

A ceremony was held yesterday morning in Nay Pyi Taw at Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) to commemorate the joint broadcasting of a Chinese TV series by MRTV and a Chinese broadcaster.

Today, the Chinese TV series “Mingalaba Chung” is being broadcast with Myanmar voice dubbing. The series, popular in China, depicts the overcoming of life’s difficulties with strength and determination that is expected to be equally popular with Myanmar audiences, said

Dr. Pe Myint, the Union Minister for Information.

As part of the agreement, a recording studio signboard was also set up and commemorated yesterday.

At the ceremony, Dr. Pe Myint delivered a welcoming speech, noting that Myanmar and China have a long history of cooperation in the information sector and other sectors in Myanmar.

In keeping with an agreement between Guangxi TV (GXBS) and MRTV, the two stations

sent representatives on study tours between 2013 and 2015 and, based on discussions held during these visits, additional agreements were signed, including an agreement on jointly broadcasting a Chinese TV programme. Through such joint broadcasting, MRTV programmes will become more complete and support the transition to Public Service Broadcasting (PSB) while increasing relations between the two organisations.

As part of yesterday’s

commemoration, Ms. Fan Xioali, the Guangxi Autonomous Region party permanent committee member, gave words of thanks.

A trailer of “Mingalaba Chung” was then shown, after which officials cut a ceremonial ribbon.

Afterward, Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint, Guangxi Autonomous Region party permanent committee member, minister of information Ms. Fan Xioali toured the recording studio.—MNA ■

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi hails Myanmar’s SEA Games athletes

FROM PAGE-1

The 2017 SEA Games, however, have not been without incidents that have sidetracked the efforts of the athletes. On Monday, the vehicle transporting the Myanmar squash team was involved in an accident in which one male player and two female players were injured. The male athlete was only slightly injured and was able to compete. The two female players had to concede their next match, but will be able to participate in later matches, the statement said.

“It has been learnt that the two sportswomen will be able to participate in the games after a few days of rest. This was a great relief for us” the State Counsellor said in her statement.

In another incident,

the Myanmar women’s football team had to wait several hours after their win over Malaysia on 17 August after it was learnt that the bus driver did not have a valid license. “Taking part in the games while representing the motherland, individual skills, good training, good spirit, and team unity are needed. At the same time, it gives us the opportunity to show the civility and dignity of the athletes of the participating country”, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said in her statement. “The State and its people are hoping that all of you will be able to uplift our national dignity by exerting your utmost efforts with sporting spirit and ethical sporting behavior, spirit of justice, fairness, purity and noble spirit”—GNLM ■

chaired by Mr Kofi Annan, the former Secretary-General of the United Nations, the chairman and founder of the Kofi Annan Foundation and a Nobel laureate. In addition to Mr. Annan, the commission comprises three international and six national persons of eminence who are highly experienced, respected and neutral individuals, added the statement.—GNLM ■

Kofi Annan arrives to issue final report on Rakhine

FROM PAGE-1

The advisory commission has already submitted a 15-page interim report to the government with 30 recommendations that the Burmese government could undertake immediately including points related to citizenship, humanitarian aid, border issues, and bilateral relationships with Bangladesh.

The nine-member Advisory Commission is

chaired by Mr Kofi Annan, the former Secretary-General of the United Nations, the chairman and founder of the Kofi Annan Foundation and a Nobel laureate. In addition to Mr. Annan, the commission comprises three international and six national persons of eminence who are highly experienced, respected and neutral individuals, added the statement.—GNLM ■

More parts of crashed Y-8 aircraft found

DURING the search for remaining parts of crashed Y-8 aircraft in combination with Tatmadaw (Navy) ships boats and local fishing boats, nearby the location where parts of its tail depending upon images received through sonar system, 3 fishing boats found one engine and 3 propeller blades of the aircraft in the search by dragging fishing nets, it was learnt. —Myanmar News Agency ■



File photos show parts of crashed Y-8 military transport aircraft found. PHOTO: MNA

Twelve suspected violent attackers arrested in Maungtaw

SECURITY forces arrested 12 persons in Norual Village and Myo Oo village tract on Sunday in Maungtaw suspected of being associated with violent attackers.

Six men, including Shaung Ru Arr Laung, were arrested in Norual Village by patrolling

security forces on Sunday.

Similarly, a combined force of police personnel conducting a patrol in villages of Myo Oo village tract also arrested six men suspected of associating with violent attackers. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Villager with weapons arrested in Maungtaw

HAMID Tu Saung from East Village of Ywa Thit Kay ward was arrested for possession of knives, pointed iron bars and military uniforms on Monday, according to Myanmar News Agency.

Based on information received, security forces searched and found four

knives, a wooden stick, two pointed iron bars, one black jersey, two pairs of trousers, a pair of stockings and a water bottle in Hamid Tu Saung's home. A case was opened against him in accordance with the law at Maungtaw Myoma police station. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Thura U Shwe Mann receives Ambassadors of PRC and Netherlands

Thura U Shwe Mann, Chairman of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission, held separate meetings yesterday with H.E Mr Hong Liang, Am-

bassador of People's Republic of China to Myanmar at the Hluttaw Affairs House and H.E. Mr Wouter Jurgens, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Myanmar.

In both meetings, Thura U Shwe Mann and the ambassadors discussed bilateral co-operations – especially in the agricultural sector. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Future Of Agriculture And Implications For ASEAN – Analysis

FROM PAGE-8

A further step is for farmers to share data with one another, to spread best practices that optimise the use of inputs. The private sector can also provide farmers with insurance mechanisms to shield them from financial shocks caused by bad harvests. Information dissemination campaigns will be required so that farmers will learn about funding opportunities as well as the benefits of insurance.

As regards anti-microbial resistance, Singapore is currently coordinating ASEAN's efforts in reducing use of anti-microbials in agricultural production, developing regional laboratory testing capabilities, and promoting exchange of information among

member states. Linkages with countries such as Denmark and the Netherlands, through NTU's Food Science and Technology Programme and Food Technology Centre, allow for more information on better management systems which can supplant over-use of anti-biotics for boosting yields.

Lastly, job creation is a key policy imperative for developing countries, as well as the developed economies. An effective policy in bringing agriculture to the 21st century actually yields more employment, and not just in doing the manual jobs on the farms. There are innovative enterprises and emerging technologies to support food production and to package

food exports.

It will be important to engage and encourage the youth to enter into agri-entrepreneurship, and to venture into jobs related to agriculture. Similar initiatives such as the Youth Engagement Event, which took place alongside WAF 2017 and engaged over a hundred Singaporean youth and students in Singapore, will be needed to secure the food production base for generations to come. This initiative is worth emulating in other ASEAN countries as well.

Beyond ASEAN Integrated Food Security (AIFS) Framework

ASEAN created the AIFS framework in 2009, with pri-

mary objectives of ensuring long-term food security, and improving the livelihood of farmers, in the region. This is translated into a Strategic Plan of Action on Food Security (SPA-FS) in the ASEAN Region for 2015-2020, which is reviewed periodically to ensure objectives are achieved.

WAF 2017 provided comprehension of global developments in the field of food and agriculture that can aid in SPA-FS reviews, with the next one scheduled for 2018. Beyond this, WAF 2017 also showed that the food and agriculture sector alone is not sufficient to address emerging threats to food security.

In a similar vein, the AIFS alone is not enough. Strategies in other sectors/indus-

tries, including information technology, telecommunications, finance, insurance and education, will need to be calibrated accordingly to enable solutions that help secure the region's future food security and agriculture.

*Ong Keng Yong is Executive Deputy Chairman of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore and Jose Montesclaros is an Associate Research Fellow at the Centre for Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Studies, RSIS. This is the final essay in the series on the World Agricultural Forum 2017 held on 6-7 July 2017 in Singapore, co-organised by the WAF and RSIS.

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 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