

GAD celebrates 30th anniversary

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The Vice President mentioned that there are 316 One Stop Shops (OSS) opened in townships across the country. He said the OSS seek to administer a smoother experience, when providing basic services for the public, while simultaneously preventing bribery and corruption, and encouraging best service provider practices. He said this will increase the level of trust the public has in government departments.

Also, Vice President U Henry Van Thio encouraged employees of the General Administration Department to build themselves up to become model staff, saying that people will rely on the administrative machinery if it can guarantee community peace under the rule of law to their livelihood.

“You are obliged to fulfill the needs of the people, in accordance with the law. At the



Vice President U Henry Van Thio delivers a speech at the 30th anniversary celebration of the General Administration Department. PHOTO: MNA

same time, you, governmental employees, are to work hard to become good public servants, while helping the people with sympathy and empathy,” said the Vice President.

He also stressed the need for governmental employees to understand the difficulties the people are facing, as the incumbent government is making efforts for achieving distinct wins in the transition to democracy by carrying out reforms, including providing public services.

“To emerge as a governmental machinery with high dignity, employees of GAD who are dealing with the people should avoid taking measures only when they are instructed by superiors or pointed out by the media” said U Henry Van Thio.

The Vice President also urged the employees of the General Administration Department to retain the good traditions of the department, while avoiding habits and manners that can cause the disintegration of GAD. He

then presented awards to four One Stop Shops that have provided the best services to the public.

Afterwards, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe presented awards to outstanding staff, while Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Aung recognized the Heads of Townships General Administration Department for their excellent performance in administration after the Muse Township, Mongkoe and Pansaing (Kyukok) towns were attacked by armed

groups in Muse District. Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo and Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs U Tin Myint also honoured the outstanding employees of GAD with prizes and certificates of honour. The ceremony was concluded with dinner and performances.—MNA (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



NSA U Thaung Tun holds talks with Indonesia's Wiranto over counter terrorism



Union Minister U Thaung Tun holds talks with Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs of Indonesia, General Wiranto in Jakarta. PHOTO: MNA

MYANMAR delegation led by Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government and National Security Advisor U Thaung Tun attended the Sub-regional Meeting on Counter Terrorism held in Jakarta on 6 November 2018.

The Meeting co-hosted by the Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs of Indonesia, General Wiranto, and the Minister for Home Affairs of Australia Mr. Peter Dutton was attended by delegations from Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Indone-

sia, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Singapore, the Philippines and Thailand.

The delegates exchanged views on matters relating to the emerging threats of terrorism and radicalism in the region, ways to address returning foreign terrorist fighters and transnational terrorist groups, to further strengthen operational, legal policy and law enforcement cooperation in the region, the role of civil society organization (CSO) in partnering with governments to prevent radicalization and violent extremism and

to enhance cooperation between government and private sector to combat the use of social media platforms by terrorist networks.

In the session on “Prevention/Countering Violent Extremism including Counter-Radicalisation: Strengthening valuable engagement with civil society”, the Union Minister shared his perspectives on the impact of globalization and technology which has brought major paradigm shifts in the security sector.

The Meeting highlighted the need for strengthening valuable engagement with civil society organizations and noted the importance of inclusive and cross-sectoral partnership to develop and deliver effective Counter Violent Extremism (CVE)-based policies and programmes.

While in Jakarta, the Union Minister called on the Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs of Indonesia, General Wiranto and discussed matters related to bilateral cooperation on counter terrorism measures.—MNA ■

SWRR Union Minister meets Dutch Foreign Trade Minister



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye meets with Dutch Foreign Trade Minister Mrs. Sigrid Kaag in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye received Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Netherlands, Mrs. Sigrid Kaag, at the Home for the Aged in Yangon yesterday. The Netherlands Ambassador to Myanmar, Mr. Wouter Jurgens, was also in attendance.

During the meeting, the Union Minister discussed the repatriation process agreed upon by Myanmar and Bangladesh, and the resettlement, rehabilitation and creation of jobs for people under an arrangement between the min-

istry and the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development (UEHRD).

The minister also outlined the progress of the national strategic plan for closing camps for Internally Displaced Persons (IDP), and the effectiveness of measures taken for the socio-economic development of Rakhine State.

The Dutch Minister then apprised him of the Netherlands' opinion on these issues. The ministers also discussed cooperation between the two countries at the meeting.—MNA ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Chinese Communist Party Minister

COMMANDER-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met Mr. Song Tao, Minister of the International Department of the Communist Party of China, at the Shwe San Ein Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The two discussed promoting friendly ties between the two countries, Myanmar's progress on the road to democracy, and measures being taken by the government and the Tatmadaw for peace.

They also spoke about China's position on the Rakhine is-

sue and the strengthening of ties between the armed forces of the two countries.

After the meeting, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing hosted a lunch for the Chinese delegation, led by Mr. Song Tao.

Also present at the meeting were Lt-Gen Than Tun Oo of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Lt-Gen Soe Htut, and senior military officers.

Mr. Song Tao was accompanied by the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar, Mr. Hong Liang, and other embassy officials. — MNA
■ (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Mr. Song Tao, Minister of the International Department of the Communist Party of China, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Child Protection offices provide services in Kayin State



A meeting for opening of the child protection office held in Hpa-an Township in Kayin State yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

WITH the aim of reducing the percentage of orphans and protecting children, a ceremony marking the opening of the child protection office was held at 1 p.m. yesterday in Khaymar Street, 5th Ward in Hpa-an Township.

At the ceremony, Kayin State Minister for Social Affairs Dr. Tin Win Kyaw and head of Kayin State's Social Welfare Department U Zaw Min explained the purpose of founding the child protection association, its procedures and the conditions for opening temporary offices.

"With the development of social and economic standards, it has been found that some so-

cial norms have been changed in some places. Thus, the attitude of youths towards what is to be valued has fallen, and as a consequence they tend to abandon their unwanted children. Therefore, we have formed this association to reduce and safeguard these kinds of undesirable incidents," said U Zaw Min, head of State's Social Welfare Department.

Child Protection offices have been opened in the seven townships in Kayin State. With the cooperation of other associations, efforts are being made to educate, carry out the tasks and operate the offices. — Htein Lin Aung (IPRD) ■ (Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

Tharaphu Farmers Festival held in Pathein

THE Tharaphu Farmers Festival was organized recently to promote mechanization of agriculture in the Ayeyawady Region, and to educate farmers about its long-term benefits. The festival was held at the town hall of Pathein in the Ayeyawady Region last Sunday.

Speaking at the festival, Ayeyawady Region Minister for Development Affairs, U Kyaw Myint, said the country's exports are lacking in quality as there is limited use of machinery, and little land preparation and technical knowledge of machinery which can boost crop production and quality.

He said that as the country transitions from conventional farming to mechanized farming, the role of not just the government and farmers, but also private businesspersons, is gaining importance.

After the speech, the minister, along with Regional Minister for Security and Border Affairs Colonel Kyaw Swar Hlaing,

Tharaphu U Soe Myint from the Tharaphu Farmers Festival Organizing Committee and other officials opened the festival with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The festival showcased mechanized farming machinery, agricultural equipment, fertilizers, grain dryers, and banks for agricultural loans. At the event, Tharaphu Soe Myint Company

donated money for constructing a new school building in the Ywar Haung Gyi Village-tract, Pathein Township, distributed pamphlets about agricultural technology to farmers, and conducted talks on technical know-how. It also organized games and entertainment programmes by famous artists.—Min Thit (MNA) ■ (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



A technician demonstrates a tractor at the Tharaphu Farmers Festival held in Pathein, Ayeyawady Region. PHOTO: AUNG AUNG (PATHEIN)

Memorial art show for master painter U Thu Kha

A total of 376 paintings will be displayed by foreign and local artists at the exhibition to mark the 100th birth anniversary of late artist Saya U Thu Kha.

"The 100th birth anniversary of artist Saya U Thu Kha, who served as the headmaster of the Yangon School of Painting and Sculpture, will be observed on 11 November. Ranked among the famous artists of Myanmar, he was born in 1918. He passed

away at the age of 89. He spent the whole of his life painting and teaching art. He mentored several professional artists. At the exhibition, 376 paintings will be showcased, some of which were made by Saya U Thu Kha," said artist Min Wai Aung in media conference.

Over 300 local artists and 53 foreign artists from Malaysia, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Chinese (Taipei), Thailand, England, Ger-

many and France will display their paintings at the exhibition.

The exhibition will be held at two venues: The Strand Hotel from 13 to 15 November, and the Pansodan Lawkanat gallery from 13 to 18 November. It will be open to the public, free of charge.

Artist saya U Thu Kha was awarded an honorary certificate by the then government in 1935.—Myint Maung Soe ■ (Translated by Hay Mar)