

## Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung inspects Falam Airport construction project



Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung and officials inspect the construction site of the Falam Airport in Falam Township, Chin State yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung accompanied by Chin State Chief Minister Salai Lian Luai arrived at Falam Airport construction project office on 17 November where Department of Civil Aviation Director U Kyaw Soe explained about the project in detail covering the aim of the project; site selection; restrictions related to air traffic; design based on International Air Transport Association terms and condition on safe landings of aircrafts; construction works including retaining walls, apron, runway, terminal, control tower; connecting electrical cables for lighting; water drains; project cost and project processes.

In response to the expla-

nation, the Union Minister and the Chief Minister remarked on completing the construction on schedule and up to set standards; to conduct works without worksite incidents and accidents; resubmit a more modern design for the terminal building among others and resubmit the budget requirement.

Next the Union Minister and the Chief Minister inspected the airport construction project works.

Falam Airport is situated in the middle of Chin State and towns such as Falam, Haka, Thantlang and Tiddim can reach all airports in states and regions via this airport named Surbung. Once this airport is completed it will become the air Gateway of

Chin State and will enable visitors to reach Chin State in a short travel time.

The project was started in 2013 and construction began in 2015. Falam Airport is situated on Surbung mountain range 8.5 miles northwest of Falam Town and is at an altitude of 6,000 ft. above sea level. The airport runway is 6,000 ft long and 100 ft wide and is a Flexible Pavement type runway.

The permitted load of the runway is 50,000 pounds and the airport is constructed with a budget of Ks 28 billion. It is now over 40 percent completed and the first phase will be completed in 2021 when planes can start landing it is learnt. —MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

## Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presents letters of Credence to the Director-General of the OPCW in The Hague

PERMANENT Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations and other international Organizations in Geneva U Kyaw Moe Tun presented his Letters of Credence, as Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), to H.E. Mr. Fernando

Arias, Director-General of the OPCW, on 16 November 2018 at the Credentials Room of the OPCW in The Hague, Netherlands.

While residing in Geneva, U Kyaw Moe Tun is concurrently accredited as Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the OPCW in The Hague. He is also accredited to

the World Trade Organization in Geneva.

Myanmar was among the first countries to sign the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) in 1993 and deposited its instrument of ratification to the CWC on 8 July 2015. Myanmar became the 191st State Party of the CWC on 7 August 2015.— Ministry of Foreign Affairs ■

## President's Office continues announcement of illegal drug arrests, seizures acting on tip-offs

THE Office of the President issued Press Release No. 24/2018 yesterday, publicly announcing the Ministry of Home Affairs' arrests and seizures in the fight against illicit drug trafficking up till 19 November.

The ministry made the arrests, acting on information, sent to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department of the Office of the President as of 19 November.

The full text of the press release will be reported in the 21 November issue of The Global New Light of Myanmar. —GNLM ■

## Union Minister U Kyaw Tin accepts credentials from UNHCR Representative



Union Minister U Kyaw Tin meets with the newly-appointed UNHCR Representative Mr. Johan Cels in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin received Mr. Johan Cels, the newly-appointed UNHCR Representative in Myanmar and accepted his credentials at 10:00 am on 19 November 2018 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting after the presentation of his credentials, they exchanged views on ways to strengthen cooperation between Myanmar and UNHCR, speeding up the implementation of the MoU signed between the Government of Myanmar, UNDP

and UNHCR on 6-6-2018, implementation of Quick Impact Projects which will be beneficial to all communities in Rakhine State in parallel to the field assessments as part of the implementation of the MoU, the upcoming visit of UNHCR High Commissioner Mr. Filippo Grandi to Myanmar, the supportive measures that can be undertaken by UNHCR in assisting the ongoing efforts of the Government of Myanmar for the success of the voluntary, safe and dignified repatriation of the displaced persons. — MNA ■



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## Myanmar - Bangladesh conduct coordinated patrols

THE Myanmar Border Police Force and the Bangladesh Border Police Force conducted a coordinated patrol, from border post 38 to 39, on the morning of 18 November according to Myanmar Police Force.

Myanmar's patrol team was led by Police Inspector Thein Tun

Myint, from the No.1 Border Police Force, Area 3, Maungtau Township, Rakhine State. The Bangladeshi patrol was led by Naib Subedar Md. Sultal Ahmed of No.34 Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB).

Meanwhile, another team led by Police Captain Myint Maung,

from the No.1 Border Police Force conducted a coordinated patrol from border post 49 to 50 with a Bangladeshi patrol team led by Subedar Md. Habibur Rahman of No.11 BGB. They conducted the patrol between 11.10 am and 11.30 am on 18 November. —GNLM ■ (Translated by Thanda Aung)