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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pays homage to chief monk Luangta Soodjai Tantamanochaya at Wat Pa Baan Tat monastery in Thailand. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE C-IN-C OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

Senior General visits Wat Pa Baan Tat, Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge

TATMADAW Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing who is in Thailand, Pattaya at the invitation of Royal Thai Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Ponpipat Benyasri left Pattaya by air accompanied by his wife and Tatmadaw delegation and arrived at the Royal Thai Air Force Wing 23 headquarters in Udon Thani Province yesterday morning.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party were welcomed on arrival at the air force wing headquarters by Group Captain Chanawee Klinmalee and officials and then took the salute of the Royal Thai Air Force guard of honor.

From there the Senior General, wife and party went to Wat Pa Baan Tat to pay homage to chief monk Luangta Soodjai Tantamanochaya and donated

offerings.

Next, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, wife and party went to the Thai-Lao border gate on the Thai-Lao border in Nong Khai Province where they were welcomed by Nong Khai Province chief administrator Mr. Rona Chai and officials. At the meeting hall, the chief administrator and an official explained about transporting consumer goods, electrical

appliances and vehicles from Thailand to Laos and the status of constructing and maintaining Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge 1. Afterwards the Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief and party went on to visit the Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge according to the news from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Workshop on human rights and prospect of prison reform

THE Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) and Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) jointly conducted a workshop on human rights and prospect of prison reform at the Mann Myanmar Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The workshop was attended by MNHRC members, representatives of Amyotha Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw, AAPP officials, retired personnel from Myanmar Correctional Department, representatives of ICRC and civil society organizations.

As per the first day program of the workshop, Pyithu Hluttaw Public Affairs Management Committee Chairman Dr. Aung Tun Khaing delivered an opening speech, MNHRC member U Yu Lwin Aung delivered a speech and AAPP Secretary U Tate Naing explained about the aims of the workshop.

Next, MNHRC member U Yu Lwin Aung explained about the status of inspecting prisons and detention camps and discussed about suggestion on prison reform which was followed by group wise discussions by workshop attendees.

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Religious parts for Pahtaman Koe Nawin Pagoda taking in warmth of Shwedagon Pagoda

PAHTAMAN Koe Nawin Pagoda containing 20 tons (13,000 viss) of mercury will be constructed on top of Mt. Thamanya Setkya in Pa-Auk Yo Go Village, Mawlamyine Town. The upper portions of the pagoda including diamond bud, inverted lotus, banana bud and four standing Buddha images were placed on Shwedagon Pagoda to take in the warmth of Shwedagon Pagoda. This was conducted in a ceremony held at Yahu corner, victory land on the Shwedagon Pagoda platform yesterday morning.

First Sanghas led by Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa and guests carried the upper portions of the Pahtaman Koe Nawin Pagoda and circled once around the platform of Shwedagon Pagoda.

gon Pagoda.

The upper portions of the pagoda were then consecrated at live emerald eye pagoda on the upper platform of Shwedagon Pagoda. At the same time Mt. Thamanya Sayadawgyi Maha Khamahntana Cariya Bhaddanta Sobana, parents and family donated 13 tical (7.488 ounces) of gold worth K. 10.8 million for gold plating Shwedagon Pagoda followed by offering of donations to State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman Sayadaw and sanghas. The upper portion of the pagoda will be placed on Shwedagon Pagoda to take in the warmth of the Shwedagon Pagoda until 12 March and then hoisting of the umbrella onto the pagoda will be made on 31 March.—MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa and Sayadaws carry the upper portions of the Pahtaman Koe Nawin Pagoda to take in the warmth of Shwedagon Pagoda. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister U Ohn Win inspects 56th Myanmar Gems Emporium



Union Minister U Ohn Win observes the quality of the gems at the 56th Myanmar Gems Emporium in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNDER the supervision of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, the 56th Myanmar Gems Emporium will be held at the Mani Yadana Jade Hall, Nay Pyi Taw. Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Ohn Win inspected the displays of jade lots to be auctioned and arrangements being made for the gems merchants to view and buy at the gems emporium. Managing Director and officials from the Myanmar Gems Enterprises explained about the works procedures being conducted at the 56th Myanmar Gems Emporium.

At the event, Union Minister U Ohn Win said that it would be needed for the gems

and jewelry merchants as well as buyers to abide by the rules and regulations of the 56th Myanmar Gems Emporium while adjusting the demand and supply of the market to gain good prices. Moreover arrangements would be made to produce and sell finished gemstones and jewelry besides selling raw gems.

The 56th Myanmar Gems Emporium will be held from 11 to 20 March 2019, and a total of 274 pearl lots, 500 lots of jewelry and 6974 jade lots will be sold. A total of 2687 gems merchants from China, Thailand, Australia and the US together with 941 local gems merchants will be visited at the gems emporium, it was learnt.—MNA ■ (Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

Workshop on human rights and prospect ...

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In the afternoon, AAPP Joint Secretary U Bo Kyi discussed about suggestions for prison reform followed by group wise discussions by workshop attendees. Afterwards, U Zaw Tun, retired Deputy Director-General of Correctional Department explained about his experience on prison reform.

The workshop will continue on 10 March, it is learnt.—Zaw Gyi ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Workshop on human rights and prospect of prison reform is held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

State-run newspapers to increase in basic price

THE News and Periodicals Enterprise has announced that the basic price for the *Myanma Alinn daily*, the *Kyemon daily* and the joint-venture English daily *The Global New Light of Myanmar* will increase from K50 to K100 starting 1 April 2019.—MNA ■ (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

Tun Foundation literary award (2018) presented in Yangon

THE Tun Foundation Literary Award (2018) ceremony, organized by the Tun Foundation Literary Selection Committee, was held at Myanmar Bank Association Building in Yankin Township, Yangon yesterday afternoon.

In addressing the ceremony, Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint spoke of his pleasure in attending the Tun Foundation Literary Award presentation ceremony for the third straight year, as well as his interest in literary ceremonies, and he said how pleased he was for those authors receiving literary awards.

This is the 13th presentation of the Tun Foundation literary awards. The Ministry of Information also presented the National Literary Award and Sarpay Beikman literary awards. Also, private organisations and individuals, such as the Tun Foundation, Dr. Tin Shwe and Pakokku U Ohn Pe, also presented literary awards.

Just as today's award winners were recognized by The Tun Foundation, the Union Minister, as a fellow writer, offered his respect and recognition of the writers. The Union Minister added that he hoped the authors would continue to produce outstanding literature and he urged the Tun Foundation to continue awarding worthy authors.

Also, Tun Foundation Commercial Bank Chairman and Tun Foundation Literary Committee



Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint addresses the Tun Foundation Literary Award (2018) ceremony in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

patron U Thein Tun delivered a speech of greeting, followed by Tun Foundation Literary Award Selection Committee Vice Chairman Dr. Khin Aye's (Maung Khin Min, Danuphyu) remarks about the award selection group.

Afterwards, Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint presented Tun Foundation Lifelong Literary awards to Sayagi Dr. U Myint, Dr. Khin San Maw for the award winning book, "99 Lessons Learnt From A Business" and Dr. Khin Maung Lwin (FAME) for the award winning book, "Probiotics: A True Lifelong Partner."

The Tun Foundation Literary

Committee patron, Vice President and committee members then presented awards to book and manuscript award winners.

The winners of book awards included Maung Swe Thet for a book on Bogale Tint Aung, Maung Naing (Dathanika) for "Barge of Jewel: Techniques for all round usage", Myan Sar Myay Thein Lwin for "Maha Pane Ne (Ganesha, a Hindu deity) and Myanmar culture," Meiji Soe for "Amnesty Winning Poems During Myanmar Monarchy," Hline Tun Naing for "Yaw Min Gyi U Bo Hline biography," U Aye Cho (Master of Art) for "Introduction

to Flowery Literature," Win Chit (National literary award winner) for a book of articles on maintaining the natural environment, Ma Thazin and illustrator Nawl Ein Khant for "Adventure of a chic," Kyaw Win Hein (Pakokku) for "Science knowledge book for youth," Dr. Kyaw Win for "History of Yangon University 1920-2020," Aye Phyu for "My Anthology," and Bumi Lulin (former Bago Hall student) for "Unstable world and history of the world."

Winners of manuscript awards were Dr. Kyaw Min Swe for "The Golden Letter of King Alaungpaya to King George

II," Dr. Daw Myit Kyi for "Myanmar-Japan War Reparation Issues," Htane Lin (Mann University) for "Myanmar bamboo mat work-An intangible cultural heritage," Dr. Sawin Win (Archaeology) for "Research Journey Through Bronze Age Culture of Myanmar," Naing Thauung Htut for "letters to my son-a young author," U Hla Myint for "History of Science" and Takatho Han Soe Oo for "50-year voyage of ASEAN."

Following this, Tun Foundation Literary Committee patron U Thein Tun presented a gift of honor to committee members, which was accepted by Daw Mya Mya Than (Sayama Ma Hnin Phway) on behalf of the committee members, and the Union Minister and officials then posed for commemorative group photos with award winners.

During the ceremony, the Tun Foundation Literary Committee presented Ks 2 million and 0.75 tical (0.432 ounce) gold coins to Tun Foundation Literary Award winners, Ks 1.5 million and 0.5 tical (0.288 ounce) gold coin to book award winners and Ks 700,000 to manuscript award winners. A total of 14 book award and 7 manuscript awards were also presented, in addition to the lifelong literary award. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint takes a documentary photo together with Tun Foundation Literary Committee patron and members along with the award winners. **PHOTO: MNA**



Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint presents an award to Dr. Khin Maung Lwin (FAME) for the award winning book, "Probiotics: A True Lifelong Partner." **PHOTO: MNA**

Literary talks at Yangon Book Street attracts people

LITERARY talks at "The Saturday-Sunday Book Street" on Theinbyu Road in Botahtaung Township was crowded with literature lovers yesterday.

Writer Hsaung Win Latt

gave talks on literary titled "The art of selecting literature".

"This book street attracts book lovers and bridges the books and the people," said

the writer.

With some 80 book stalls selling books, the book street has offered books on different subjects and rare books including novels and books

on religion, social, education, health, culture and medical, and dictionaries.

Besides, children literary books are available there.

Save the Library's reading

program and writer Htet Myat will give talks on "The political writers whom I respect" is held today.— Minthit

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New bridge expected to open in Mongshu in September

A reinforced concrete bridge is being built by the Ministry of Construction in Mongshu Township, Loilin District, Shan State (South), for the convenience of pedestrians, auto and truck traffic.

The government will spend K25 million building the new bridge.

Construction work began last December near the existing bridge, and is expected to be completed by the end of September.

Bridge engineers and workers are making concerted efforts to meet the targeted opening.

Upon completion of the project, the reinforced concrete bridge will be 130 feet long and 30 feet wide, with a capacity to support 60 tons.

A project engineer said the new bridge will help users cut travel time and ensure the smooth flow of commodities.

It will also provide education, health and transport benefits to the town's residents.



Construction work underway at the reinforced concrete bridge in Mongshu Township.

PHOTO: TOWNSHIP IPRD

As part of plans to raise the socio-economic status of the rural community, the gov-

ernment is developing more transport and communication infrastructure projects each

year.—Township IPRD ■
(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

K6.7bln investments go to hotel sector in Sagaing in mini-budget

U Soe Oo, Sagaing Region Minister for Planning and Finance, said a total of K6.789 billion worth investments went to the region's hotel sector in the past mini-budget period between April and September, 2018.

During the period, the authorities permitted US\$10.5 million foreign direct investment projects in the region, including

manufacturing of various types of fertilizers, including organic fertilizer, and timber production, he added.

In addition, the region received US\$5 million FDI in seed production, and \$8.5 million in manufacturing of alcoholic drinks, sugar and fertilizer.

The investment projects also included construction of

Water Park worth K1.573 billion and K2.25 billion worth of hotel-related services business.

The authorities also permitted K2.9 billion worth of Myanmar citizen investment that went to manufacturing sector, consisting of production of value-added bamboo products, motorcycle accessories,

and concrete piles, and packing business, U Soe Oo continued.

According to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration, the country saw an inflow of \$1.764 billion worth of new FDI during the mini-budget period.—Myo Win Tun (Monywa) ■

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)



A man was killed in the car accident on the Kalay-Tiddim road in Chin State. **PHOTO: ZO HAY HSA**

Passenger killed after car plunges into ravine in Tiddim

A man was killed after the car he was travelling in plunged down a 40-foot ravine on the Kalay-Tiddim road in Chin State on Friday afternoon, according to police.

At about 11.30 p.m. on 8 March, the accident occurred between mile post 26/4 and 26/5 on the road near Ngaingngin Village, 23 miles from the south-eastern section of Tiddim Town.

The deceased, identified as Mado Neight Hawe, a resident of Laylone Ward in Tiddim Town,

was returning to Tiddim from Kalay with one other passenger when the driver lost control of his car due to brake failure, and the car plunged into the ravine.

However, the driver and another passenger survived the accident with no injuries.

Police have since filed charges of reckless driving, according to the laws.—Zo Hay Hsa ■

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

Foreign countries offer to import drumstick seeds, morinda from Myanmar

By Aye Yamone

JAPAN, Taiwan (Chinese Taipei) and the US have offered to import drumstick seeds and morindas from Myanmar, according to the newly formed Myanmar Drumstick and Morinda Producer and Exporter Association, which was founded on Friday.

U Soe Than Min Din, chair of the Myanmar Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producer and Exporter Association (MFVP), said the newly founded association would help local drumstick and morinda producers create new export links with international countries.

Earlier, the MFVP assisted interested companies in meeting with drumstick and morinda growers, because they did not have an association to represent them. At trade expos, foreign businesspersons have shown interest in purchasing drumstick seeds and morindas, while rep-

resentatives of countries made offers to import the fruits. This is the reason the Myanmar Drumstick and Morinda Producer and Exporter Association was established.

Myanmar has seen an increase in the number of commercial plantations of drumsticks, which are native to India and Viet Nam. Although it is a tropical plant, drumsticks can grow in any part of the country in every season. However, this kind of plant thrives well in tropical regions, compared to cold weather regions. Growers can pick the fruits or seed pods of drumsticks within six months after their being planted.

U Myint Ko, chair of the temporary association, said that for the time being, efforts are being made to penetrate international markets.

Some countries pledged to provide growers with saplings and cultivation technology. Recently, a Taiwanese importer

offered to purchase 300 kilograms of drumstick seeds, though there are requirements to be met for exporting the fruits. Those in European and African countries use drumsticks to ensure a healthy diet. They also offered to purchase them.

In the domestic market, drumstick powder is currently sold for K60,000 per kilogram, whereas ten milligrams of drumstick seeds are valued at K5,000. At present, drumstick growers are producing seeds, oil and by-products, mostly on a manageable scale, and plan to produce dried leaves and perfume in the future.

Drumstick leaves are highly nutritious and help people who are suffering from high blood pressure, stroke, high blood cholesterol, and diabetes. Currently, drumstick and morinda are exported to China and Korea. ■ *(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)*

Mineral exports decline 58% in five months

MINERAL exports between Myanmar and foreign traders totalled US\$416 million this 2018-2019 Fiscal Year, down significantly by \$590.6 million, or over 58.6 per cent, as against the corresponding period last 2017-2018 FY, the Ministry of Commerce reported this Friday.

At this time during the last FY, mineral exports were \$1.006 billion, with \$552.194 million in the public sector and \$454.744 million reported by the private sector.

The country saw a decrease in value of mineral exports from both sectors. Between 1 October and 1 March, public exporters sold minerals valued at \$7.247 million, declining by nearly \$545 million from the corresponding period last FY. Also during the five months of this FY, the private sector's export of the same reached \$409 million, a decrease in value by over \$45 million against last FY.

Other products which saw a downward trend in export growth in the current FY covered forest-based products and other

miscellaneous items. When compared with the corresponding period last FY, the current export value of forest products declined by almost \$7.6 million, while the export of miscellaneous products this FY dropped by \$317 million. The ministry's data indicated that the country earned \$6.637 billion from the export of seven major groups of products—agricultural, mineral, marine, animal, and forest products, manufactured goods, and other miscellaneous items. The total export figures went up by \$339 million.

During the 2018 mini-budget period (April and September), the country's exports of mineral products was pegged at \$1.034 billion. As per the ministry's yearly trade report, the value of mineral exports were \$897 million in the 2011-2012FY, \$399 million in the 2012-2013FY, \$1.339 billion in the 2013-2014FY, \$1.498 billion in the 2014-2015FY, \$968 million in the 2015-2016FY, and \$1.010 billion in the 2016-2017FY.—Khaing

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)



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Coordination meeting held to inaugurate studios in film, arts zone, to hold Academy Award Presentation Ceremony

A coordination meeting to inaugurate new studios in the films and arts zone, and to hold Academy Awards presentation ceremony, was held at the Studio (1) building in the Myanmar Motion Picture Organization at No. 50, Golden Valley Road in Bahan Township, Yangon yesterday morning.

The inauguration ceremony for the films studios was held at 9 a.m., and Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint, Patron of the Myanmar Film Asiyone Sithu Bogalay Tint Aung, IPRD Director-General U Ye Naing, Chairman of Myanmar Film Asiyone U Zin Wine and officials from the Myanmar Film Asiyone cut the ceremonial ribbons to officially open the studios.

In his opening remarks at the inauguration ceremony, Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint said

there were a numbers of film studios in the country, and there remains a great need for opening training schools for creating films and arts, along with forming groups and organizations for filming and arts, and artistes who have created and shared in technological developments.

As part of the efforts to produce superior films, invest in film infrastructure and international cooperation, the ministry has provided assistance to promote the film industry. Also, patron of the Myanmar Film Asiyone Sithu Bogalay Tint Aung expressed words of appreciation. Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint and attendees posed for commemorative photographs and toured the studios.

As an act of rendering special public services, the Information and Public Relations De-



Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint visits a studio in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

partment (IPRD) and the Film Development Centre provide a wide range of services, such as renting studios, compounds for films and arts zones, cameras and accessories, a variety of prime lens and audio systems at reasonable prices for making 2K and 4K HD resolution movies, MTVs, advertisements, documentary films and short movies.

Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint

also attended the coordination meeting for the Academy Award Presentation Ceremony, where he delivered the opening speech. Director-General U Ye Naing discussed the arrangements for holding the Myanmar Motion Picture Academy Award Presentation Ceremony. Afterwards, Chairman of Myanmar Film Asiyone U Zin Wine discussed preparation of stages for the

Academy Award Presentation Ceremony and an official from the Yangon Region Government took part in the discussion.

Following this, Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint reviewed and coordinated the proposals that were made at the meeting. — MNA

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

“Chit-chin-tayar-to-shi-yar” TV series previewed for press



The press event for the TV series “Chit-chin-tayar-to-shi-yar” in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

A press event for the TV series “Chit-chin-tayar-to-shi-yar” (“The place where love exists”) took place at JCGV in Junction City in Yangon yesterday.

The TV series, filmed by the Singapore Tourism Board-STB and the MRTV-4 channel of the

Forever Group, will be broadcast on the MRTV-4 channel from 11 March to 5 April.

“This drama series will bring new scenes to the people. People can watch significant places and idyllic scenes in Myanmar and in Singapore

during this TV series. The ending for the series will be decided through voting by the viewers,” said producer U Nyi Nyi Naing.

People can vote for the ending of the drama and choose from two endings on the Facebook Page of MRTV-4 and STB.

The film is directed by Htut Tin Tun, with acting by Kaung Myat San, Aung Paing, Pyo Yazar Naing, Hsaung Wutyi May, May Akari Htoo, Nayyi Win Le, Academy Ye Aung, Min Thu, Yan Kyaw, Academy Cho Pyone, Academy Khin Zargyi Kyaw and Hsu Htet Kaday.

The drama series will be broadcast in 20 parts.

“I acted as two characters. In the beginning of the film I’m a student. After graduating, I go

to Singapore and make my life what I want,” said actor Kaung Myat San.

Attending the press showing was Vice Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Lin Naing Myint, Director-General of the Information and Public Relations Department U Ye Naing, Ambassador of Singapore Mrs. Vanessa Chan, artistes from the Myanmar film community and guests. —MNA

(Translated by GNLM)



Kaung Myat San.



U Nyi Nyi Naing.



Report to the People submitted by the Committee for Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State, on its activities from September to December 2018



This report to the people covers the activities of Ministries, Government Organizations and Rakhine State Government involved in the Committee for Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State, during the period from September to December 2018.

A thorough assessment of these recommendations will show that while some of them are easily discernible by facts and figures, others remain more subtle and pervasive, likely to take more time to follow them step by step, until a certain stage is reached to comprehend the whole process. This report covers activities and progress which can be easily shown in facts and figures, but is silent on such factors as social cohesion and long-term economic development, which can be seen only on the long-run.

Media Access

58 Journalists



Arranged 4 media tours for 58 journalists from domestic and international media to Rakhine State, from September to December 2018.

During the period under review, people within the country and without have been acquainted with the situation in Rakhine state relating to such sectors as development, peace and rule of law, in the following manner;

- 316 times of news announcement and 20 times of programme announcement, were made in television programme.
- 2640 times of news announcement, one programme, 4 articles, 63 interviews, 354 times of broadcast for public information, 236 times of Public Service Announcement (PSA) were made in radio programme.
- News coverage was inserted in Ministry of Information website 283 times.
- Publishing 4 news, one article, 4 interviews, one message, two news announcement, one news reporting, 257 photo display in daily newspapers, in addition to 3 field visits and 38 photo displays.

Education

Reopened 344 Schools



Out of 424 basic schools temporarily closed in Rakhine State because of terrorist activities, 344 schools have been reopened so far.

Teaching Assistants who can teach in indigenous language have also been appointed in order to facilitate proper teaching for children of indigenous races. 150 Assistants have been appointed in Rakhine State including 7 in Maungdaw township.

Arrangements have been made to provide SUZUKI HIJET motor cars for transport of teachers in Maungdaw, Buthitaung and Yathetaung townships from their respective stations to schools and for the convenience of their teaching.

Township level TOT training for Child Friendly School (CFS) held at No.4 Basic High School in Sittwe was attended by 11 tutors, 2 supervisors and 150 trainees.

Development projects under Building-on-Quality-Basic-Education Program (BoQBEP) designed to produce quality education at basic school level have been launched in co-operation with UNCEF.

Monthly salaries were provided to 119 Volunteer Teachers of both sexes stationed at IDP camps.

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Basic Education



During 2018-2019 academic year there exist 339 basic schools in Maungdaw, Buthitaung and Yathetaung townships in Rakhine State including 49 schools for mixed students from indigenous races and Muslim communities and 88 schools for Muslim students only.

Higher Education



During 2018 academic year altogether 258 students including 216 Muslim students are studying and sitting for examinations at Sittwe and Thandwe centres.

Alternative Education Activities



Under alternative education program, being implemented in Rakhine State, primary level education was imparted to 1151 people at 59 camps stationed in 10 townships.

Primary education was provided to 73 people from Rakhine and Muslim communities at 6 teaching camps opened at No.1 Western Quarter, Ywarma village and Kyarmyopyin village in Buthitaung township.

Health

Receiving Health care and Treatment Activities during the period from September to December 2018

SN	Particulars	National race	Muslim	Total number of patients
1	Sittwe	26246	964	27210
2	Thakkepyin	-	9193	9193
3	Maungdaw	6171	3478	9649
4	Mobile teams	5404	97029	102433
	Sub-Total	37821	110664	148485
5	UEHRD Health Unit			1997
6	Myanmar-Thai special program			1136
	Total			151618

Health Education Topic Broadcast Through Radio

36 programs on health education, including programs relating to disease that occur during winter season have been broadcast under Mayyu FM program on health education.



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Blood Banks

Construction of Buthitaung blood bank by Myanmar Red Cross Society with assistance from Thai Red Cross Society is already completed.



Equipments used for blood bank at Buthitaung were procured with donation from JICA. Necessary accessories and machinery to be installed at blood donation bank at Maungdaw will be provided by Thai Red Cross Society.

Appointment of health doctors



7 specialist and assistant specialist doctors were appointed during the period from September to December 2018 in order to promote health care services in Rakhine State.



During the same period training courses for nurses, midwives and volunteer health trainees were given in 17 townships within Rakhine State as per following program-

SN	Type of Training	National race	Muslim	Total
1	6-month training course for spare mid-wife	177	53	230
2	On-going 6 month training course for spare mid-wife	17	21	38
3	Volunteer public health workers	240	188	428
	Total	434	262	696

Renovation of Sittwe General Hospital

8 items of construction work for renovation of Sittwe General Hospital were already completed. 70% of construction works in respect of 4-storied extension building for patients, staff quarter and building for head of office is new completed.



Renovation of Sittwe General Hospital



Health care being provided by mobile health teams



Oral Polio Immunization



Immunization

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(To be continued)

Turn challenges into opportunities

FOR nearly seventy years, peace, stability and development in Myanmar have fallen victim to conflict. Over successive generations, our people have seen their socio-economic situation and morale undermined, while our country's future has been gradually corroded. Even today, Myanmar has not yet been able to escape from the trap of poverty and conflict.

We have experienced changes, triumphs, struggles, challenges and losses in our history. When we tried to tackle obstacles and faced changes, the people have had to accept both, a good and evil legacy. We have shared the fruits of success, bad consequences and battles, with the obstacles in the eras we passed through.

It is not the duty of the Government alone to solve problems and tackle challenges. Everyone has a duty to join in and contribute to the country and to leave a better legacy for the next generation.

Monywa on 8 March.

Making the best use of opportunities granted to us, each and every citizen can contribute to the country, to place it on the path of reaching our goal by using all opportunities.

Our people have been waiting for almost seventy years to witness the ray of hope for a better future and better life.

The requirements of the people nationwide are the same, since we all are living on the same land and drinking the same water, and travelling on the same boat toward the same goal.

It is not the duty of the Government alone to solve problems and tackle challenges. Everyone has a duty to join in and contribute to the country and to leave a better legacy for the next generation.

There is no room for selfishness. Development for one should contribute towards development for all. Everyone needs to help, so that the Young Generation can grow up strong and healthy.



Some Memories of Yangon University in the 1920s

By Dr. Saw Mra Aung

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YESTERDAY

In the place of the University Avenue was the undulating ground cut off by swells and inlets of waters. The place where Inya Road was to be built was inundated with water coming up from Inya Lake during the rainy season. But it turned out to be a sandy foot-path during summer. When the examination drew near, the students with bundles of flowers in their hands filed to the Shwedagon Pagoda by that path and prayed at the pagoda for the success in the examination. Only when it came to the 1928-29 academic year, University Avenue and Inya Road were constructed.

In the 1926-27 academic year, the Engineering College built by B.O.C company in the vast plot of land to the east Pyi and Tagaung Halls was completed and engineering classes were shifted from the building on Commissioner Road to that building that year. The engineering students were assigned at Bagan Hall. Warden Saya U Kar was such as a disciplinarian that he always went on an inspection tour around the hall at 8:00 p.m sharp. During his inspection, when he saw some students talking about frivolities, he at once stopped them from doing so and asked them to study their lessons. The students from Tagaung Hall and Bagan Hall issued two hand-written weekly newspapers to voice their feelings and inconveniences during their



Convocation Hall at the University of Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

hostel life.

The former produced the one named 'Andaman Mail' which was in Myanmar and English and the latter 'Bagan Fist', which was only in Myanmar. The Andaman Mail was edited by Ko Ba Thin and Ko Thein and the Bagan Fist by Ko Tin Sein.

After 1927, the brick halls such as Thaton, Bago, Pinya, Sagaing, Inwa and Inya Halls were constructed serially on the east of the Adhipati Road and Bantan (Thiri) Hall, the North Hall (Shwebo Hall) and Willinton Hall (Dagon Hall) on the west of the Adhipati Road. The stu-

dents were housed in Thaton and Bago Halls. The temporary lecture-rooms for art subjects were only opened at Pinya and Sagaing Halls. The students who specialized in science subjects were ferried to the University College on Commissioner Road by eight buses hired from Wason Insan Company along Pyi Road. (It is learnt that all the lecture-rooms at University College and Judson College were transferred to Yangon University Campus in the 1930-31 academic year when the Art Hall and the Science Hall were completed there). On 8 December 1927, the University Library start-

The most popular sports on the Yangon University Estate in those days were foot-ball, boat-rowing and tennis.

ed to be built. The two-storey Students' Union Building was built in a patch of land at the corner of Adhipati Road and University Avenue in 1929 with 170,000 Rupees contributed by U Nyo. It consisted of a meeting-room, a library, a hair-dresser's room, book-stalls, stationary-stalls, tea-shops, restaurants and a billiard room. A gymnasium was also constructed behind it on Thaton Road with the money donated by Chinese Wealthy Man named Chan Murphy the same year.

The most popular sports on the Yangon University Estate in those days were foot-ball, boat-rowing and tennis. Principal of Yangon University College Dr. Methew Hunter was a football enthusiast. So he encouraged foot-ball. Some students fell into the habit of playing foot-ball every evening. Football matches between the halls were held annually. Some foot-ball matches invariably drew a large number of spectators. Especially, the Pyi Hall Team and the Thaton Hall Team were arch rivals. Therefore, the matches between them

arouse the spectators to come into conflicts. So, Warden of Thaton Hall U Pe Maung Tin and Warden of Pyi Hall U Po Chu had to run down into the foot-ball field and reconciled the flaring football fans.

Second to foot-ball, rowing boats was the most popular with the students. Urged by Mr. Edgar, some students became keen on rowing boats. But they all had to be learnt how to swim before entering the Yangon University Boat Club. Mr. Edgar ordered two Myanmar boats from England and had his members participate in the boat-race held in Kandawgyi during the visit of the Governor of India Lord Chalford in 1924. The captain of the boat club was Ko Than Pe, who became Head of the Education Department Brigadier-General Than Pe (Minister for Education) during the Revolutionary Government. In 1928, four tennis-courts were constructed in front of Tagaung Hall. But, very few Myanmar students would be among the tennis players.

Yangon University developed gradually under two principals-

Dr. Methew Hunter and D.J. Sloss during the 1920s. As the former was a bachelor, he had much attachment to the students. He was said to say good-bye to the students with tears welled up in his eyes at the ceremony held to honour him just before his departure to England at the expiry of his assignment in Myanmar. He was succeeded by D.J. Sloss. Although he was rather bureaucratic always wearing a stern face, he always sided with his students. Whenever his students picked up quarrels or fights with others in downtown Yangon and were detained by the police, he always came to their rescue and brought them back safe to the university premises. Some well-known students of Yangon University at that time were Ko Sein Tin (Thipan Maung Wa), Ko Thein Han (Zaw-gyi), Ko Wun (Min Thu Wun), Ko Aye Maung (Myanmar-sar Professor), Ko Nu (Prime Minister), Ko Ba Myaing (Deputy Commissioner), Ko Thant (Secretary-General of the United Nations), Ko Ba Nyunt (History Professor), Ko Ohn (I.C.S), Ko Sein Nyo Tun (I.C.S), Ma Mya Sein (Daughter of May Aung), Ma May Kyi, Ma Khin Saw Mu, Ma Hla Ohn, Ma Aye Kyi, Si Si Aung Gyi, etc.

In conclusion, it is found that before 1920, the Yangon University Estate was only a vast jungled area infested with beasts, often serving as a hide-out for decoits, that, in the early 1920s, many halls of residence and lecture-rooms, staff-quarters, and many other modern amenities were, however, hacked one after another out of the jungles on that estate and that, in that late 1920s, it took on the appearance of an infant university with a hive of student's activities-the sounds of their shuffling steps along the corridors, giggling of lady-students, resonant voices of teachers wafting from lecture-rooms, deafening applause of the students at the sports-competitions, debates, etc.

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Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 9th March, 2019)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and a few cloud elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 10th March, 2019: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin State and isolated in Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Shan and Chin States. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4 - 6) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of slight increase of day temperatures in Naypyitaw, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyarwady Regions.

FORECAST FOR NAYPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 10th March, 2019: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 10th March, 2019: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 10th March, 2019: Partly cloudy.

Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

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 work to the **Global New Light of Myanmar** at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, in person, or by email to ce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Own 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

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Chelsea Manning jailed for refusal to testify in WikiLeaks case

WASHINGTON (United States)—Chelsea Manning, who spent more than three years in prison for leaking US military secrets to WikiLeaks, was jailed again Friday for refusing to testify in a grand jury investigation targeting the anti-secrecy group.

US District Judge Claude Hilton ruled Manning in contempt of court and ordered her held not as punishment but to force her testimony in the secret case, according to a spokesman for the US attorney in the Alexandria, Virginia federal court. “Chelsea Manning has been remanded into federal custody for her refusal to provide testimony,” said a statement from the Sparrow Project, a support group for Manning. They quoted Hilton as saying Manning would be held indefinitely “until she purges or the end of the life of the grand jury.” In a statement, Manning said she had “ethical” objections to the grand jury system and had answered all questions about her involvement with WikiLeaks years ago. “I stand by my previous testimony,” Manning said. “I will not participate in a secret process that I morally object to, particularly one that has been historically used to entrap and persecute activists for protected political speech.” Manning, 31, was ordered to testify earlier this week for an investigation examining actions by WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange in 2010, according to her own description, inadvertent court revelations and media reports.

At the time Manning, a transgender woman then known as



Prosecutors assured Chelsea Manning that the Alexandria Detention Center in Virginia where she will be held is experienced in holding transgender inmates and fully capable of addressing any special personal and medical needs she has. **PHOTO: AFP**

Bradley Manning, was a military intelligence analyst. She delivered more than 700,000 classified documents related to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan into WikiLeaks's hands. The documents exposed cover-ups of possible war crimes and revealed internal US communications about other countries.

'Attack on media freedom'

She became a hero to anti-war and anti-secrecy activists, and her actions helped make WikiLeaks a force in the global anti-secrecy movement. She was detained in 2010 and held in military jails for investigation before finally being brought to trial in 2013. In August that year she was sentenced to 35 years in prison. She spent more than three years more in an all-male prison, during which she underwent gender

transition therapy, spent time in solitary confinement and attempted suicide twice. President Barack Obama later commuted her sentence, leading to her release in May 2017. In court Friday, Manning's lawyer requested home confinement after the judge found her in contempt, according to the US attorney's spokesman.

But she was jailed in the Alexandria Detention Center which, according to the judge, is experienced in holding transgender inmates and capable of addressing any special personal and medical needs Manning may have. The grand jury investigation could eventually herald a case focused on media freedoms.

The US government has been investigating Assange and WikiLeaks for years and has stepped up its efforts against

the Britain-based group after it served as an outlet for internal Democratic communications that Washington alleges were stolen by hackers from Russia's GRU intelligence agency during the 2016 US election. Fearing arrest and extradition to the United States, Assange has been sheltering in Ecuador's embassy in London since 2012. He says WikiLeaks's publishing of US secrets is no different than what the mass media does and he should enjoy the same protections as journalists. Reacting to Manning being sent to jail Friday, WikiLeaks said in a tweet: “Whistleblowers are now being forced to testify against journalists and sent to jail when they don't cooperate. A new angle in the attack on media freedom.”—AFP ■

IS runaway teen's baby son dies in Syria

BEIRUT (Lebanon)—The baby son of Shamima Begum, a British-born teenager who left London to join the Islamic State group, has died in Syria, the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces said Friday. Begum, 19, who was stripped of her citizenship by the British government despite her wish to return, gave birth last month in a refugee camp in northeast Syria. The baby died of pneumonia, according to a medical certificate, the BBC reported. She had previously given birth to two other children who are said to have died, apparently from illness and malnutrition.

SDF spokesman Mustafa Bali confirmed the death to AFP but declined to specify how or when it happened. He had previously denied the baby had died in a Twitter post that has since been deleted. Her case has highlighted a dilemma facing many European countries, divided over whether to allow jihadists and IS sympathisers home to face prosecution or bar them from entry as the so-called Islamic State group's “caliphate” crumbles. The runaway teen, who left East London for Syria when she was 15 years-old with two other schoolgirls, said last month she wanted to return to Britain after fleeing fighting between the terror group and US-backed forces.

At the time, Ms Begum told the BBC: “Losing my children the way I lost them, I don't want to lose this baby as well and this is really not a place to raise children, this camp.” But public sentiment hardened against Begum after she showed little remorse about IS attacks in media interviews from the refugee camp in eastern Syria. Home Secretary Sajid Javid revoked her citizenship, deeming her a security risk, although the government had hinted her newborn son could be treated differently.

After news of the baby boy's death emerged, senior opposition figure Diane Abbott criticised the government's decision. “It is against international law to make someone stateless, and now an innocent child has died as a result of a British woman being stripped of her citizenship,” she tweeted. “This is callous and inhumane.”—AFP ■

Washington protesters demand ‘regime change’ in Iran

WASHINGTON (United States)—Hundreds of people turned out in Washington Friday demanding regime change in Iran and denouncing “atrocities toward the people” under Tehran's regime.

Protesters waved Iranian flags as they chanted for “regime change now”—with some holding portraits of Maryam Rajavi, leader of the People's Mujahedin, an Iranian opposition group banned in the country.

“The regime inside Iran is doing so much atrocity toward the people. Iran in whole has been destroyed by this regime,” said Michael Passi, an Iranian-American engineer.

“There are a lot of execu-



Effigies of Iranian President Hassan Rouhani (l) and Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei (r) march with the Organization of Iranian-American Communities during a rally in support of “the nationwide uprisings in Iran for regime change” on 8 March 2019 in Washington, DC. **PHOTO: AFP**

tions, a lot of tortures and a lot of export of terrorism by this regime,” he alleged.

“We want separation of reli-

gion and the state,” added Mina Entezari, an Arizona-based designer who was a political prisoner in Iran for seven years. “We

want freedom for people.”

The administration of US President Donald Trump consistently blasts a lack of freedoms in Iran and its “destabilizing” influence on the Middle East.

A firm adversary of the Islamic republic, he has re-implemented harsh economic sanctions — but Washington insists it is not pushing for regime change, only a change to Iran's policy in areas including missile development and support for militant groups.

“I'm 100 per cent behind President Trump's policy,” Passi said. “The only language that this Iranian regime understands is a language of force.”—AFP ■

Venezuela struggles with blackout as government claims sabotage



People queue at the airport in Barquisimeto, Venezuela on 8 March 2019, during a blackout. PHOTO: AFP

CARACAS (Venezuela)—Venezuela's government struggled to cope Friday with a massive electricity blackout that paralyzed much of the country as President Nicolas Maduro blamed the chaos on US sabotage. Even by the standards of crisis-weary Venezuelans, the power cut—which began late Thursday—was one of the longest and most widespread

in memory, heightening tensions in Maduro's power struggle with his US-backed rival, opposition leader Juan Guaido. Maduro shut down offices and schools "in order to facilitate efforts for the recovery of electricity service in the country," Vice President Delcy Rodriguez tweeted. Power supply was gradually being restored to large areas of Caracas on Fri-

day afternoon, as well as parts of Miranda state and Vargas, which contains the country's international airport and main port.

However, it was short-lived as the lights went off again, extending the blackout beyond 24 hours. As night fell, people banging saucepans could be heard around the capital: a form of popular protest often seen in South America. Large lines formed

at the few gas stations open as people fetched fuel for generators. Some took gas from their cars. The power "came for one moment and went away again," Antonio Belisario, who had been waiting around an hour for petrol, told AFP.

'Total madness'

The outage had left most of the country in chaos, crippling day-to-day functioning of hospitals and other public services, according to local press reports. Witnesses described scenes of chaos at several hospitals as people tried to move sick relatives in the dark to clinics with better emergency power facilities. Marielsi Aray, a patient at the University Hospital in Caracas, died after her respirator stopped working. "The doctors tried to help her by pumping manually, they did everything they could, but with no electricity, what were they to do?" asked Jose Lugo, her distraught uncle. Generators at the JM de Rios children's hospital in downtown Caracas failed to kick-in when the blackout hit, said Gilbert Altuve, whose eight-year old boy is among the patients. —AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Chinese vice commerce minister sees "hope" in economic, trade talks with US

BEIJING—Chinese Vice Minister of Commerce Wang Shouwen said Saturday he sees "hope" in the prospect of China-US economic and trade consultations. "Teams from both countries are trying their best to implement the consensus reached by the two countries' heads of state," Wang, also deputy China International Trade Representative, told a press conference on the sidelines of the annual legislative session. The two teams have had three rounds of consultations over more than three months, he said. Reaching a mutually beneficial and win-win agreement conforms to the interests of both countries and the world's expectation, Wang said. —Xinhua ■

Japan, Palau agree to cooperate on maritime safety

TOKYO—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Palauan President Tommy Remengesau agreed Friday that Japan will continue to help the western Pacific nation beef up maritime security, pledging 400 million yen (\$3.6 million) in grant aid for the purpose. During their meeting in the prime minister's office, Abe promised to provide fishing boats and construction equipment for infrastructure building as well as "new assistance in the areas of disaster prevention and impact mitigation," Abe told a joint press briefing with Remengesau. —Kyodo News ■

Israel launches airstrikes on Gaza in response to rockets firing

GAZA—Israeli war jets carried out at midnight Friday two airstrikes on military facilities and posts that belong to Islamic Hamas movement in northern and eastern Gaza Strip with no injuries reported, Gaza security officials said on Saturday. The Israeli war jets struck a military facility that belongs to Hamas naval forces in northern Gaza Strip, they said, adding that no injuries were reported, but severe damages were caused to the facility. They also said that the Israeli war jets carried out four airstrikes on military facilities all over the Gaza Strip with no injuries reported. —Xinhua ■

US job creation screeches to a halt in February

WASHINGTON (United States)—US job creation ground to a virtual halt last month, the government reported Friday, a blow to President Donald Trump's hopes for undiminished economic growth this year. But after the unusually dramatic swing in the critical monthly data, economists — whose forecasts missed badly — hastened to say that underlying employment trends remained strong, and highlighted the hefty boost in worker pay. The figures also will be revised. Job creation was the slowest since September 2017, which adds to widespread reports from firms nationwide complaining that worker shortages are beginning to impede growth in their businesses. Despite the drop, the unemployment rate fell and hourly wages saw their biggest gains in nearly a decade, more evidence of the tight labor market.

The sudden collapse in hiring—including deep job cuts in the construction retail and transportation sectors—is sure to revive worries about the dwindling sup-

ply of American workers.

US employers added just 20,000 net new positions for the month, only a fraction of what economists had been expecting, while unemployment fell two tenths to 3.8 per cent, its lowest level since October, according to the closely-watched Labor Department report. Economists had been projecting a far stronger 173,000 gain. Over the last three months, job creation has averaged a slightly higher 186,000. Trump downplayed the decline, but February still marked a dizzying tumble from January's blow-out 311,000 net new positions—a number the White House had held out as a sign that robust economic growth would continue. "I think you will find probably find out it averages out," Trump told reporters on Friday. "The unemployment rate just went lower... I think the big news really was that wages went up and that's great for the American worker." The decline in the unemployment rate may seem contradictory to the weak job crea-



The US economy added just 20,000 jobs in January, the smallest gain in months, and a sign the workforce may have been depleted. PHOTO: AFP

tion, but the figure is derived from a different survey and reflects a shrinking labor force. The data can produce the occasional blip due to weather or other one-off factors and these numbers are subject to revision. Economists said the weakness may have been exaggerated after a big gain in the prior month or due to seasonal adjustment, meant to smooth out sharp swings due to weather or other expected elements.

Unwelcome news

The hiring slowdown may weigh on first-quarter GDP calculations, threatening to take the

shine off the economy's in the first quarter. The US unemployment rate has been hovering 50-year lows since last year, with a hot economy's hunger for new employees seeming to turn up new pockets of available labor every month. But the construction, retail, mining and transportation sectors shed a combined 45,000 positions while the education sector added only 4,000 workers, down from 64,000 the prior month.

And there were no hires in February to work America's in leisure and hospitality—a stunning halt after January's gain of 89,000 jobs. —AFP ■

Facts and alternative facts between India and Pakistan

NEW DELHI (India)—India and Pakistan have retreated from the brink of possible war but an information conflict still rages over their tit-for-tat air strikes and an aerial dogfight between the nuclear-armed arch rivals.

A suicide bombing on 14 February killed 40 troops and was the deadliest attack in Kashmir on Indian forces in a 30-year insurgency by militants wanting independence or to be part of Pakistan. Delhi has long accused Islamabad of supporting the insurgents and the attack was claimed by Pakistan-based militant group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM). India and Washington say Islamabad uses groups like JeM as proxies to attack India, which despite repeated “crackdowns” manage to resume their activities. Here is a brief summary of what both countries, which have fought three wars since 1947, have said in recent days about their most serious standoff in years.

‘250 dead’

India launched air strikes on 26 February on what it called a JeM training camp at Balakot inside Pakistan, 12 days after the suicide bombing. Vijay Keshav Gokhale, Indian foreign secretary, hours after its pre-dawn



An Indian paramilitary trooper stands guard in front of closed shops in Srinagar in March. PHOTO: AFP

air raid said the target of the “pre-emptive strike” was “jihadis” in the “biggest training camp of JeM”. Gokhale said “a very large number of JeM terrorists, trainers, senior commanders and groups of jihadis who were being trained for fidayeen (suicide) action were eliminated”. While the Indian government has given no official statement about the numbers of dead, Indian local media ran several source-based reports claiming as many as 350 killed.

Leading politicians linked to Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) including notably BJP president Amit Shah put the death toll at 250. Some of those asking for proof—such as opposition politicians accusing Modi of using the crisis to boost his standing ahead of looming elections—have gotten short shrift. In the next raids, “opposition parties raising these questions can be tied under the jets... so that they can look at the targets,” thundered

junior foreign minister V.K. Singh.

Just trees?

Pakistani officials have said that Indian warplanes did breach its airspace, dropping what military spokesman Major General Asif Ghafoor described as “payloads” near Balakot. But Islamabad has denied there was any damage or casualties. “Once again (the) Indian government has resorted to a self serving, reckless and fictitious claim,”

Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said.

Local residents reported hearing explosions in the night, but said only one person was injured and that no infrastructure was destroyed.

The army escorted reporters to the area, but independent reporting by multiple local and international outlets who visited the site also found no evidence of a major terrorist training camp—or of any infrastructure damage at all. An AFP reporter visited what his Pakistani military escort and locals said was the site and saw a crater, two trees snapped in half and three mud houses, one of which had a collapsed wall.

AFP has not independently verified if any JeM training camps are nearby. Some media have reported that a madrasa run by JeM was in the vicinity, but undamaged. The Atlantic Council’s Digital Forensic Research Lab said that open-source satellite imagery indicated “only impacts in the wooded area, with no damage being visible to the surrounding structures.” Pakistan has even—perhaps tongue-in-cheek—floated the possibility of lodging a complaint against India for “eco-terrorism” for killing of “dozens” of trees. —AFP ■

China hopeful on US trade talks: official

BEIJING (China)—Beijing is hopeful about its next round of trade talks with the US, China’s vice minister for commerce said Saturday, after revealing that top negotiators had tried to hammer out a deal over burgers and eggplant chicken. China and the United States have been locked in a bruising trade war since last year, imposing tit-for-tat tariffs on more than \$360 billion in two-way trade, which has left global markets reeling. Top-level negotiators have met thrice in an attempt to reach an agreement ahead of next week, when additional tariffs could be levied on Chinese goods entering the US as a truce period expires. “When you ask about the prospects for the next Sino-US economic and trade consultation, I feel that there is hope,” Vice Minister for Commerce Wang Shouwen told journalists at a press briefing on the sidelines of China’s National People’s Congress. He added that Beijing’s top economic official Liu He and US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer held talks over a packed lunch of burgers and



China’s Vice Minister of Commerce Wang Shouwen said he is hopeful about trade talks with the US amid a bruising spat that has spooked global markets. PHOTO: AFP

eggplant stir-fried with chicken—a common Chinese dish—in Washington last month. “Vice Premier Liu ate a beef burger, and Lighthizer ate eggplant and chicken (with rice),” Wang said. “Throughout the consultation process, there was coffee and tea... but both drank plain water.”

“This was to find common ground,” he added. Chinese Commerce Minister Zhong Shan had on Tuesday said the negotiation process was very “difficult and taxing” with “lots left to do”, but that breakthroughs had been

made in several areas. But there have been conflicting comments from Washington and Beijing on the negotiations. Donald Trump on Friday said he remains optimistic but will not sign a pact unless it is a “very good deal”, and a top economic advisor said the US president could walk away from a bad deal. Commerce officials also said a foreign investment law—widely expected to be passed by China’s rubber-stamp parliament next on Friday—will allow foreign companies to take part in government tenders. —AFP ■

Flying the flag: North Korea puts on daily displays

PYONGYANG (North Korea)—Every workday morning, detachments of North Korean women armed with red flags take up their positions in strategic locations around Pyongyang. To the sound of patriotic songs extolling the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, as the North is officially known, and lauding its leader Kim Jong Un, they wave their banners and beat red drums for up to an hour. They are deployed at major sites and key transport hubs such as the Ryugyong hotel and the city’s main train station, each group in a different uniform but their equipment identical. Their displays of sweeping, flowing gestures—accompanied by disciplined looks—are intended to motivate the North’s workers to greater efforts in their toils.

“We do this propaganda with the desire to give happiness to the Marshal,” said Kim Chun Hui, referring to the leader. Kim spoke to AFP after her performance Saturday outside the Ryugyong hotel, the unfinished pyramid

that towers over Pyongyang but has yet to open for business—although its facades are now illuminated at night, topped with a North Korean flag.

“We encourage the citizens to achieve greater successes in their work,” added the 47-year-old, who has two sons. “So we are not tired. We regard this as our great pride and we think this is what we have to do.” Ordinary North Korean citizens always express wholehearted support for the authorities when speaking to foreign media. The shows have their origins in two production drives the North declared in 2016, the “70-day battle” and “200-day battle”—Pyongyang often uses military language when setting goals for its economy, hit by sanctions imposed over its nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programmes. Those “battles” are long over but the flag-waving—whose formal name is the “Agitation Activity of the Members of the Socialist Women’s Union in Rush Hour”—continues six days a week, the routines unchanged. —AFP ■

State-run newspapers to increase in basic price

The News and Periodicals Enterprise has announced that the basic price for *the Myanma Alinn*, *Kyemon* and *The Global New Light of Myanmar* dailies will increase from K50 to K100 starting 1 April 2019.

The fully state-run dailies, *Myanma Alinn* and *Kyemon*, are regularly published with 32 pages, and increases to 40-48 pages on days with certain sections, while the joint-venture English daily, GNLN, publishes an 8-page supplement on Sundays, expanding up to 24 pages.

The NPE announced that basic price was increased to meet rising production costs and prevent losses that must be absorbed by the national budget. —NPE

Philippines survey shows ‘shocking’ plastic waste

MANILA (Philippines)—An audit in the Philippines has shown the country uses a “shocking” amount of single-use plastic, including nearly 60 billion sachets a year, a new report said Friday. The report, produced by the NGO GAIA, is part of an effort to collect data on plastic consumption as environmentalists push for government action to reduce plastic waste. It contains eye-popping figures: every day, almost 48 million shopping bags are used throughout the Philippines, adding up to more than 17 billion a year.

And that figure does not include the smaller, thinner and often transparent plastic bags known as “labo” bags — around 16.5 billion of those are used per year across the country, the report says. The figures are based on 21 waste assessments conducted in six cities and seven municipalities across the Philippines, with the national figures produced by extrapolating from local results. More than half of non-recyclable plastic analysed in the survey came from sachets — small plastic packets often lined

with aluminium or containing other materials that make them non-recyclable. “On a per capita basis, it’s about one sachet per person per day,” said Froilan Grate, executive director of GAIA’s Asia-Pacific office. “But on a per year, per city basis, it’s quite shocking. It runs into the millions and billions depending on the place,” he told AFP. Small portions of products ranging from coffee to shampoo are often sold in sachets in the Philippines, and are seen as an affordable solution for consumers. —AFP ■

Green groups sound environment alarm over Brexit

PARIS (France)—Leaving the EU could cause “untold damage” to Britain’s ecosystems and undermine its attempts to curb greenhouse gas emissions, green groups warned Friday, calling on the government to prioritise the environment after Brexit. With 80 per cent of Britain’s current environmental guidelines—governing everything from air pollution to waste disposal—coming from Brussels, there are fears that ministers are ignoring the ecological fallout of exiting the bloc. “If we have a no-deal Brexit, the government is going to be busy with other things,” said Richard Black, director of the Energy and Climate Intelligence Unit (ECIU), an environmental think tank.

“In terms of policy development, there’s an



Fears that not enough is being done to tackle climate change have sparked protests across Britain. PHOTO: AFP

awful lot of catching up to do, frankly.” The government says it is committed to upholding the highest environmental standards when Britain leaves the EU, with or without a deal.

In a speech last year, Prime Minister Theresa May said Britain “will continue to lead the world in delivering on our commitments to the planet”. She promised that EU green guidelines would be

adopted into national law after Brexit. But environmentalists say there is little legislation in the pipeline to ensure Britain toes the line in terms of emissions, conservation and air quality—and virtually no legal recourse if it doesn’t.

“It’s instructive that a large number of the cases that end up before the European Court of Justice are environmental,” Amy Mount, who heads the Greener UK

Unit at the Green Alliance, told AFP. “Right now, people in the UK benefit from access to a strong, independent body which has real powers to make governments across the EU enforce their own laws rather than ignoring them.” Britain was taken to the ECJ last year after repeatedly breaching EU-set limits on air pollution.

‘Weak model’

After Brexit, the government is planning its own domestic watchdog, the Office for Environmental Protection (OEP). It says the OEP “will ensure that this and every future government benefits from the expertise vested in a consistent, long-term, independent body on the environment” and “offer a strong system of accountability”. —AFP ■

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Flamenco dancers from Ballet Flamenco Sara Baras performs a scene from "Shadows (Sombras)" during their opening night at the City Center on 7 March 2019, during the 2019 New York City Center's Flamenco Festival. PHOTO: AFP

Sara Baras, the flamenco superstar wearing the pants

NEW YORK (United States) — A seductive Spanish art form characterized in the popular imagination by a bright frilly dress, the tradition of flamenco is fast becoming an arena for innovation.

And flamenco superstar Sara Baras is at the forefront, using her heels to pierce gender stereotypes by trading the ruffled gown for a pair of pants to dance "farruca"—a style normally limited to men. The 47-year-old from the southwestern Spanish city of Cadiz, who is starring in New York's Flamenco Festival USA series this weekend, says she enjoys the traditionally masculine style farruca because she "likes the risk, it makes you grow."

"It's an elegant, sober style; it's a trouser and a shirt, not your dress or your flowers or anything." "You cannot hide. You have to have truth." Baras begins her show in a shirt with black pants, before transitioning to a spectacular dress with undulating folds. Today, she says, the "farruca" belongs to both men and women.

"It does not matter what the

movement is," she told AFP. "Before men could not move their hips and women did not use their feet." But today, she said, "a man can move his hips beautifully without being feminine, and a woman can dance with her feet without being masculine."

She even says dancing farruca allows her to tap into her femininity, citing "the sensuality of the movement in pants." "The body is more naked; therefore you have to be more careful with placement—your hip, your legs, your waist, everything has to be in place."

'Straight to the heart'

Spanish sensation Rosalia has earned global acclaim for her fusion of flamenco with electronica and trap, a style of hip hop born in the southern United States.

But she's also stoked controversy: some accuse her of cultural appropriation, as the tradition comes from Spain's southern Andalusia region where the gypsy community created it to express their suffering.

Baras dismisses those criticisms, saying flamenco belongs to everyone. "Anyone who feels and lives it can do it," she said. "Flamenco does not understand borders; it is an art that goes straight to the heart." "It has no passport, it has no schedule, it has no limitations," Baras continued. "Flamenco is free." The acclaimed dancer says her art has changed since she became a mother nearly eight years ago, seeing her place less emphasis on technical perfection and speed.

"Silence, a gesture, a sweet moment," are now the goals, she said. "Being still and being able to express something almost without moving." Baras—whose tour began in Switzerland and will soon visit Miami, Abu Dhabi, Valencia and Barcelona—vows to keep dancing "as long as the body endures." "I do not know my life without dancing," she said. "You dance and release everything; you communicate with everyone as if you had an additional form of expression." "You wear your shoes and fly."—AFP ■

'Simpsons' creators drop classic episode featuring Michael Jackson

NEW YORK (United States)—The creators of "The Simpsons" have shelved one of the animated series' classic episodes because it features Michael Jackson's voice, the show's executive producer told The Wall Street Journal Friday.

Simpsons producers made the unanimous decision after viewing the bombshell documentary "Leaving Neverland," which revives pedophilia accusations against the late megastar in excruciating detail.

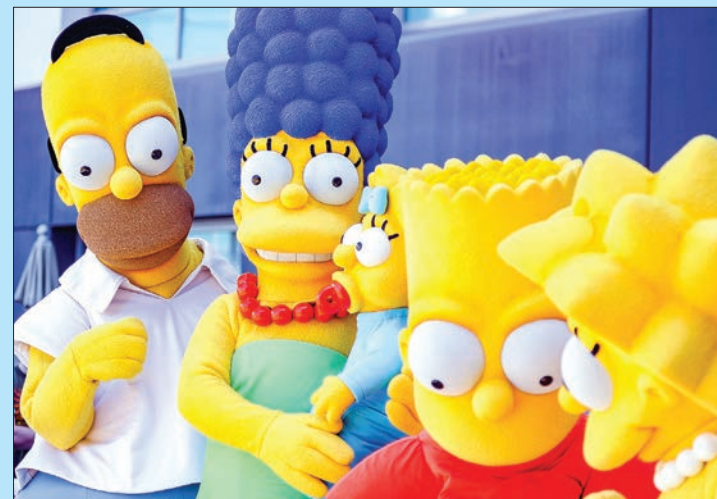
"It feels clearly the only choice to make," Simpsons

creator Matt Groening confirmed Jackson had indeed done the voice work—but not the song bit.

"When it came time to sing the songs, he had a sound-alike singer," Groening told Australian television.

"And he stood there and watched the guy who was so nervous, who had to sound like Michael Jackson."

Brooks told the paper the episode had been one of his favorites—but that pulling it was necessary in light of the documentary. "This was a treasured episode. There are a lot of great memories we



Simpsons characters welcome guests at the Fox Studios in Los Angeles, California, on 7 May 2009, before a dedication ceremony for the first day of issue of the Simpsons' stamps by the US Postal Service. PHOTO: AFP

executive producer James L. Brooks told the WSJ.

The move appears to be the first such artistic ban in the United States since the documentary aired on US network HBO earlier this week. Several radio stations in Canada, New Zealand and Australia have stripped Jackson songs from their playlists in light of the film.

The 1991 episode in question sees Homer Simpson meet a mental hospital patient who believes he is the popstar Michael Jackson, and speaks in the star's signature high pitch.

Entitled "Stark Raving Dad," the segment that aired on Fox in the show's third season triggered intense fan speculation because Jackson's name was not in the credits. But just last year,

have wrapped up in that one, and this certainly doesn't allow them to remain," Brooks said, citing "evidence of monstrous behavior."

Prior to his 2009 death, Jackson emphatically denied molesting children, and was acquitted of child abuse charges in 2005 after a dramatic trial.

The late superstar's estate has smeared the documentary as a "posthumous character assassination," and is suing HBO for \$100 million. Brooks told the paper the Simpsons episode would be removed from streaming services, TV stations and box sets, a process that "has started." "I'm against book burning of any kind. But this is our book, and we're allowed to take out a chapter," Brooks said.—AFP ■

Swiss Miss is now a mum



Martina Hingis of Switzerland at her October 2017 retirement ceremony at the WTA Finals tennis tournament in Singapore. PHOTO: AFP

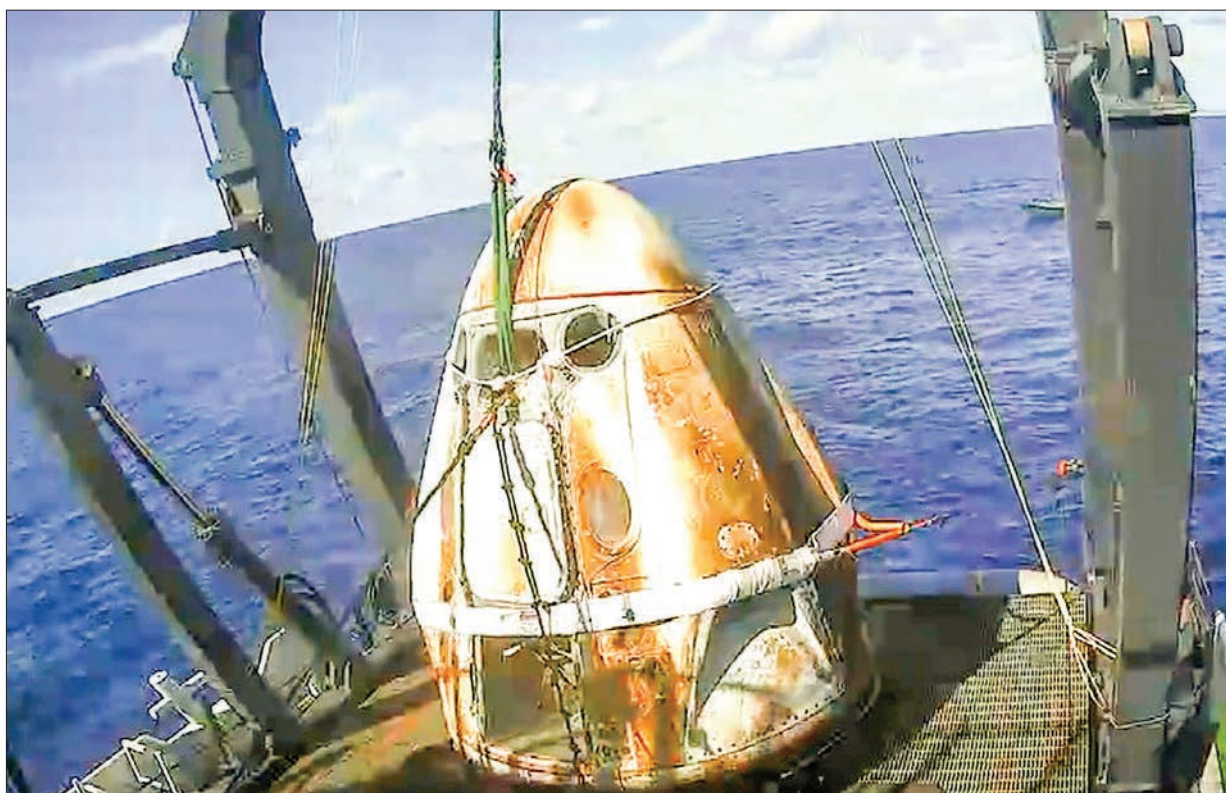
PARIS (France)—Former world number one and five-time Grand Slam title winner Martina Hingis on Friday became the latest tennis mother after giving birth to a baby girl.

Hingis, 38, revealed on Twitter that she and husband Harald Leemann, the Switzerland team's Fed Cup doctor, were now parents. "And then we were three! Harry and I are excited to welcome our baby girl Lia to the world. We are already so in love," tweeted the Swiss star who retired from the sport in 2017.

Fellow tennis mothers Serena Williams and Victoria Azarenka are still active in the sport.

Like Hingis, Williams and Azarenka are former number ones and major winners.

They face each other at the Indian Wells tournament later on Friday.—AFP ■



This still image taken from NASA TV, shows SpaceX's Crew Dragon spacecraft safely aboard the company's recovery vessel, Go Searcher, following splashdown at 8:45 a.m. EST on 8 March 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**

SpaceX capsule back on Earth, paving way for new manned US flights

WASHINGTON (United States)—SpaceX's Crew Dragon capsule splashed down in the Atlantic Ocean on Friday, completing a NASA demonstration mission that paves the way for the resumption of manned space flights from the US. After hours of suspense, the Dragon spacecraft touched down at 8:45 am (1345 GMT) some 230 miles (370 kilometers) off the coast of the US state of Florida. The seven-seat capsule brought its "crew" of one test dummy back to Earth in the same way that American astronauts returned to the planet in the Apollo era in the 1960s and 1970s, before the 1981-2011 Space Shuttle Program.

NASA TV footage showed the capsule drifting down into the ocean, its descent slowed by its four main orange and white parachutes, which gently folded into the water around it as boats sped toward the site. Pending the analysis of flight data, everything indicated that SpaceX—founded in 2002 by Elon Musk—had passed its test from beginning to end, a result that drew widespread

praise. NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine hailed the splashdown, saying it "marked another milestone in a new era of human spaceflight." The head of the Russian space agency Roskosmos sent his congratulations via Twitter to his "dear colleagues Jim Bridenstine and Elon Musk!" And former president Barack Obama noted that it was his government that launched the commercialization of astronaut space transport. "We invested in the @Commercial-Crew program to strengthen the US space program for the long haul, and it's great to see that happening," he tweeted. Launched on 2 March from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, Dragon docked at ISS the following day before successfully undocking Friday some 250 miles over Sudan. The re-entry into Earth's atmosphere tested the vehicle's heat shield for the first time, and Musk had previously said that the phase was "probably my biggest concern." Even though the capsule came back to Earth looking like a "toasted marshmal-

low"—in the words of SpaceX engineer Kate Tice—the heat shield held.

Preparation for crewed mission

While Dragon's crew member was a dummy named Ripley this time, the mission sets the stage for a manned flight, which will see two US astronauts book a return trip to the ISS. In June, the capsule's in-flight abort system will be put to the test: the rocket will take off without human passengers, after which the capsule will eject using its own engines and return safely in a simulation of an incident. "I don't think we saw really anything in the mission, so far—and we've got to do the data reviews—that would preclude us having the crewed mission later this year," Steve Stich, deputy program manager at NASA, said on Friday. Separately, Boeing is scheduled to carry out an unmanned demo mission in April of its Starliner capsule. Both systems must give NASA two independent means—and at a lower cost than that of the Space Shuttle

Program—to access the ISS by 2020. The SpaceX mission represents the first private venture to the ISS, as well as the first time a space vessel capable of carrying people was launched by the US in eight years.

Dragon also marks a return to a "vintage" format: it is the first US capsule since the pioneering Apollo program.

Capsules have no wings and fall to Earth, their descent slowed only by parachutes -- much like the Russian Soyuz craft, which lands in the steppes of Kazakhstan.

The last generation of US spacecraft, the space shuttles, landed like airplanes. Shuttles took American astronauts to space from 1981 to 2011, but their cost proved prohibitive, while two of the original four craft had catastrophic accidents, killing 14 crew members.

Until SpaceX and Boeing are certified by NASA, Russia will continue to be the only country taking humans to the ISS. NASA buys seats for its astronauts, who train with their Russian cosmonaut counterparts. — AFP

Condolence

U Wai Min
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Rtd.)
Aged: 67 Years

We all are deeply heartfelt and saddened on the demise of U Wai Min (Rtd.), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, beloved husband of Daw Mya Mya Ohn (Rtd.), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and father of Nyein Wai Min- Brendan Chan (UK) and Si Thu Min (UK), in the afternoon 2:23 pm on 8-3-2019 (Friday) at No.467, Thitsar Road, No. 3 Ward, South Okkalapa Township in Yangon.

Myanmar Ambassador to France
U Kyaw Zeya, wife Daw Mon Mon Soe and family, and Myanmar Embassy staff in Paris

World's first graffiti-busting laser helps Florence's 'Angels'

FLORENCE (Italy)—A beam of silver light erases scrawled black letters on Florence's historic Ponte Vecchio, as "Angels" wielding a revolutionary new laser wage war on graffiti in the UNESCO site. Gold glints in the windows of the tiny jeweller boutiques that line the medieval stone bridge, but it is the scribbled messages left by tourists, and passionate declarations by would-be Romeos, that catch the eye. "My big cat, I love you," reads one, while others feature interlocking hearts or clumsily drawn flowers.

Now a team of volunteers in the Tuscan city dubbed the "Angels of Beauty" is determined to restore famous monuments to their former glory thanks to a latest-generation infrared wand, donated by Italian laser developer El.En. Group. "The laser evaporates the graffiti, without damaging the stone underneath," Daniela Valentini, who heads up the Angels' team of cultural heritage restor-

ers, told AFP as she pointed the fibre laser's beam at a scrawled signature.

"Some graffiti is more difficult to remove, certain colours like silver and red for example. And it also depends how long it has been there and how porous the stone is," she said. There is a sizzle as a white "I was here" message is burned off the grey stone by the 56-year old, a professional restorer who dons protective glasses for the painstaking task, as curious tourists stop to watch. "We have cleaned up areas in at least 28 UNESCO world heritage sites around the world," said El.En general manager Paolo Salvadeo. The lasers strip dirt from everything from frescoes to statues and bronzes. The company, which specialises in designing and manufacturing medical and industrial lasers, has donated devices capable of restoring artwork to museums around the world, including the MOMA in New York and the Vatican.

— AFP ■



A volunteer from the Beauty Angels (Angeli del Bello) environmental association, a group that aims at keeping the Tuscan capital clean of graffiti, uses a powerful laser blaster to remove graffiti from the Ponte Vecchio medieval arch bridge over the Arno river on 7 March 2019 in Florence, Tuscany. **PHOTO: AFP**

Sala deal highlights problems of regulating player representatives

PARIS (France)—The chaos that has followed the tragic death of Emiliano Sala has shone an unflattering light on the murky dealings of player agents and reinforced calls to properly licence them.

Even though France has stricter rules governing agents than other leading Western European football nations, at least six intermediaries have been named in connection to Sala's 17-million euro transfer from Nantes to Cardiff City in January. Illustrating the problem of controlling who clubs and players choose to involve in negotiations, two of those thought to have had fingers in the Sala deal did not, in theory, have any authorisation to practise as agents. FIFA is thinking about re-establishing licences, a spokesperson told AFP, having done away with them in 2015. World football's governing body has also said it is considering a "clearing house" to handle, among other things, the money involved in transfers, and a ceiling on the percentage an agent can take, a suggestion that has provoked heated opposition. Since 2015, federations in major European nations have tended to adopt a minimalist policy, with "intermediaries" having to declare transactions in a national register and meet certain professional standards. Spain also conducts an interview and a background check and asks agents to sign a code of conduct. However, the French Football Federation (FFF) has maintained a licence system, with a reportedly difficult entrance exam. French agents complain that the system means they are like registered taxi drivers competing with Uber. "All's fair in the eyes of clubs trying to land a player and for the players who surround themselves with these pseudo-advisers," Stephane Canard, of the Union of French Sports Agents, told AFP. "As nobody says anything, the authorities do very little. For us, there are agents on one side, and on the other usurpers and imposters."

Keeping it in the family

In the Sala case, the disappearance of the player led to an unsavoury argument over who was to blame and who was entitled to what from his transfer. Attention quickly turned to Willie McKay, a Scot who lost his English Football Association licence in 2015 after the bankruptcy of his company. But he works with his son Mark, who is on the FA's list of recognised intermediaries. In football dealings, it is not unusual to keep business in the family. It is hard to argue that a player should not lean on a parent or a sibling in negotiations. —AFP ■



Emiliano Sala in action for Nantes—the Argentine died in a plane crash shortly after signing for Cardiff City in January. **PHOTO: AFP**



Myanmar team (green) vies to score a goal, as the Niigata FC keeper catches the ball at yesterday's friendly match at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon. **PHOTO: MFF**

Myanmar U-23 draws Albirex Niigata FC in friendly match

THE Myanmar U-23 men's football team played to a scoreless draw against Albirex Niigata FC at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon yesterday.

The Myanmar U-23 team lined up with goal keeper San Satt Naing, Ye Yint Aung, Lwin Moe Aung, Captain Myat Kaung Khant, Win Naing Tun, Hein Htet Aung, Zay Yar Naing, Soe Lwin Lwin, Hein Phyo Win, Htet Phyo Wai and Zin Ye Naung.

Myanmar dominated the match, threatening the oppos-

ing team with frequent shots on goal.

Yesterday's style of play by Myanmar displayed the players' coordination between Myanmar's attackers Win Naing Tun and Myat Kaung Khant.

Myanmar's shots at goal were mostly blocked by the Niigata goal keeper's excellent defence.

The second half saw a variety of set formations, plus player changes in both teams, since the match was a friendly.

Myanmar still dominated the second half, with the talent of new youth substitutes.

At the final whistle, the match was a 0-0 draw and the players shook hands as part of a friendly match.

After the match, Myanmar head coach Popov said he was satisfied with his players' efforts and he will prepare the team for upcoming international matches, including the AFC U-23 Championship.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Youth stars to be chosen from talent tournament in Yangon

A tournament to select qualified youth players, entitled MFF U-14 Talent Identification Tournament, began at Aung San Stadium in Yangon on 6 March.

The first stage of the tournament was held from 6 to 8 March with four matches a day, and divided into Group A and B.

In Group A, MPT MNL A team, MFF Youth B team, 100 Plus B team and 100 Plus C team competed.

In Group B, MPT MNL B team, YUFC Youth team, 100

Plus A team and MFF Youth A team met each other in play.

The second stage of the tournament will be held on 10 March, with matches of the MFF Youth B team vs MFF Youth A team, 100 Plus Youth A team vs 100 Plus Youth B team, MPT MNL A team vs YUFC Youth team and 100 Plus C team vs MPT MNL B team.

After playing the second stage matches, 36 talented youth players will be selected from the teams.

Then the selected players will go into the Selection A and B teams, and the two teams will play a decisive match on 12 March at Aung San Stadium to choose the players.

After the Selection A and B matches, a team will be chosen and the team will play a final match against Myanmar Football Federation's U-15 youth team, in which talented players for future Myanmar teams will be chosen.—Lynn Thit(Tgi) ■

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The **hand** that rocks the **cradle** rules the **world**

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IT does not matter where people live or what kind of ethnic group they are. People all over the world have at least one in common with other people. It is that they all have mothers who gave birth to them. Mother is like a place where a river rises. No one is born without her. From the highest authority to the layman, no one is escaped from the greatest gratitude of mothers. Besides, mothers are the persons who keep in closer touch with their children than everyone including fathers. As a result, how a child will live in the future depends mainly on his or her mother. Mothers are the very first teachers who teach informally how to eat, how to talk, how to walk, how to behave and every basic manners to their children since the formative years of their children. In addition, children themselves imitate the way their mothers talk, behave, think and interact with others. Therefore, it is mother who can mould a child into a good or bad person as well as a successful person or a failure. It is like a fountain from which its streamlets stream.

In the poem, 'the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world', which was composed by William Rose Wallace (1819-1881), he composed;

"Infancy's the tender fountain
Power may with beauty flow,
Mother first to guide the streamlets,
From them souls unresting grow —
Grow on for the good or evil hurled,
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world."

It is obviously clear that mother can mould a child's life into a good or evil one. There are lots of evidences to prove that. In a Burmese story, there once lived a thief who burgled other people's houses and stole their properties. One day he burgled the King's palace and stole his jewelry. However, he was caught by the King's soldiers and finally he was sentenced to death. On the way to the place where he was about to be killed, the thief requested the King to let him meet his mother as the last chance. The King thought for a while and made up his mind to take his mother and allow him to meet her. When his mother arrived in front of him, the thief told her to come closer to him and bit her ear instead of saying something as his mother had thought. To make a long story short, the thief believed that he became such a thief who dare steal even the King's properties because his mother ignored minor cases of stealing which he did in his childhood instead of punishing him to stop it. This story highlights how much a mother influences her child. Even her minor ignorance can end a child's life with a terrible ending.

On the contrary, there are many evidences in which children become successful owing to their mothers' incredible guidance. One of the best examples is Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's success, which started under the systematic control and guidance of Daw Khin Kyi, her mother. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, our State Counsellor, had to grow up only under her mother's guidance because her father, General Aung San, was assassinated when she was only a two-year-old girl. Therefore, she had to depend only on her mother for all.

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1. He went out. He did not pay for the food.
2. She came into the hall. She did not look at anyone.
3. Ma Ma washed the clothes. Then, she hung them on the line.
4. We watched the pwe for some time.
Then, we went to the open-air market.
5. Maung Maung went out of the classroom. Nobody noticed him.
6. She came to the wedding reception. She was not invited.
7. The police warned him. Then, he no longer went out at night.
8. The car was repaired and painted. Then, it was sold at a higher prize.
9. They know these things. Nobody taught them.
10. I worked for her for three months. I was no paid.
11. The footballers were trained for three months.
Then, they were given a few days rest.
12. The eassys were corrected. Then, they were returned to us.

(Answers)

1. He went out without paying for the food.
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2. She came into the hall without looking at anyone.
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3. After washing the clothes, Ma Ma hung them on the line.
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4. After watching the pwe for some time, we went to the open-air market.
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5. Maung Maung went out of the classroom without being noticed.
မည်သူ၏ သတိပြုခြင်းမှ မခံရဘဲ မောင်မောင် အတန်းအပြင်သို့ထွက်သွားသည်။
6. She came to the wedding reception without being invited.
သူမ ဖိတ်ကြားခြင်း မခံရဘဲ မင်္ဂလာဆောင် အတန်းအပြင်သို့ထွက်သွားသည်။
7. After being warned by the police, he no longer went out at night.
ရဲများ၏ သတိပေးခံရပြီးနောက် သူ့နောက်ထပ် ညအခါ အပြင်မထွက်တော့ပါ။
8. After being repaired and painted, the car was sold at a higher prize.
ပြင်ဆင် ဆေးသုတ်ပြီးနောက် ကားကိုဈေးမြှင့်၍ ရောင်းခဲ့သည်။
9. They know these things without being taught.
သင်ကြားခြင်းမခံရဘဲ သူတို့ဤကိစ္စများကို သိကြသည်။
10. I worked for her for three months without being paid.
ကျွန်တော်ငွေကြေးတစ်စုံတစ်ရာပေးခြင်းမခံရဘဲ သူမအတွက် သုံးလ အလုပ်လုပ်ခဲ့သည်။
11. After being trained for three months, the footballers were given a few days rest.
သုံးလ လေ့ကျင့်ပေးပြီးနောက် (လေ့ကျင့်ခြင်း ခံရပြီးနောက်) ဘောလုံးသမားများကို ရက်အနည်းငယ် အနားပေးခဲ့သည်။
12. After being corrected, the essays were returned to us.
အမှားပြင်ပြီးနောက် စာစီစာကုံးများကို ကျွန်တော်တို့ထံ ပြန်ပေးခဲ့သည်။

ဥပမာ
D So that
(a) စာကြောင်းနှစ်ကြောင်းကို **So that** ဖြင့် ဆက်ရာတွင် **So** နှင့် **that** ကြားတွင် adjective (နာမဝိသေသန) သို့မဟုတ် *adverb* (ကြိယာဝိသေသန) ထည့်ရသည်။
(b) **adv/adj** ရှေ့မှ **very** ကို ဖြုတ်ပစ်ရသည်။

ဥပမာ

1. He is very tall. He can reach the fruits.
He is so tall that he can reach the fruits.
သူ့အရပ်ရှည်လွန်းသည့်အတွက် သစ်သီးများကို လက်လှမ်းမီသည်။
2. She is very weak. She cannot work for a long time.
She is so weak that she cannot work for a long time.
သူမ အားနည်းလွန်းသည့်အတွက် အချိန်အကြာကြီး အလုပ် မလုပ်နိုင်ပါ။
3. He worked very hard. He passed with flying colours.
He worked so hard that he passed with flying colours.
သူ့ အလွန်ပြင်းထန်စွာ ကြိုးစားခဲ့သောကြောင့် ဂုဏ်ထူးများဖြင့် အောင်ခဲ့သည်။
4. They ran very quickly. They caught the train.
They ran so quickly that they caught the train.
သူတို့ အလွန်လျင်မြန်စွာ ပြေးခဲ့သည့်အတွက် ရထားမီခဲ့သည်။
5. Germs are very small. We cannot see them without a microscope.
Germs are so small that we cannot see them without a microscope.
ရောဂါဗိုင်းကူးများသည် သေးငယ်လွန်းသည့်အတွက် ကျွန်တော်တို့ အနုကြည့် မှန်ဘီလူးမပါဘဲ မမြင်နိုင်ပါ။

Exercises :

အောက်ပါတို့ကို **So that** နှင့်ဆက်ပေးပါ။
အဖြေကို အောက်တွင် ပေးထားပါသည်။

1. He is very poor. He cannot send his children to school.
2. The forest was very deep. They lost the way.
3. She was worried. She did not sleep all night.
4. He was absorbed in his work. He did not see me enter the room.
5. The questions were very difficult. She could not answer them.
6. The book on medical science are very expensive. She cannot buy them.
7. The meat was very tough. We could not eat it.

(Answers)

1. He is so poor that he cannot send his children to school.
သူ့ဆင်းရဲလွန်းသည့်အတွက် ကလေးများကို ကျောင်းမထားနိုင်ပါ။
2. The forest was so deep that they lost the way.
တောသည် နက်လွန်းသည့်အတွက် သူတို့ လမ်းပျောက်ခဲ့သည်။
3. She was so worried that she could not sleep all night.
သူမ စိုးရိမ်ပူပန်လွန်းသည့်အတွက် တစ်ညလုံး မအိပ်နိုင်ခဲ့ပါ။
4. He was so absorbed in his work that he did not see me enter the room.
သူ့ အလုပ်၌ အလွန် အာရုံဝင်စားနေသည့်အတွက် ကျွန်တော်အခန်းထဲဝင်လာသည်ကို မမြင်မိခဲ့ပါ။
5. The questions were so difficult that she could not answer them.
မေးခွန်းများသည် ခက်လွန်းသည့်အတွက် သူမ မဖြေနိုင်ခဲ့ပါ။
6. The books on medical science are so expensive that she cannot buy them.

ဆေးသိပ္ပံဆိုင်ရာစာအုပ်များ ဈေးကြီးလွန်းအတွက် သူမ မဝယ်နိုင်ပါ။
7. The meat was so tough that we could not eat it.
အသားသည် မာလွန်းသောကြောင့် ကျွန်တော်တို့ မစားနိုင်ခဲ့ပါ။

Emphasis

လေးနက်စေခြင်း။

(It is / was who / that ပုံစံ)

အောက်ပါစာကြောင်းများကို လေ့လာပါ။

I like tea.

ကျွန်တော် လက်ဖက်ရည်ကြိုက်သည်။ အလွန်လွယ်ကူရှင်းလင်းသော ဝါကျ ဖြစ်သည်။ အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ အတော်အတန် တတ်လျှင်ပင် ရေးနိုင်သော စာကြောင်း မျိုးဖြစ်သည်။ သို့ရာတွင် ကျွန်တော် ကြိုက်သည်မှာ လက်ဖက်ရည်ဖြစ်သည်။ (ကော်ဖီမဟုတ် စသည်ဖြင့်) လေးနက်အောင်ရေးလိုလျှင် အောက်ပါ **it is / was - who / that** ပုံစံသုံးရသည်။

I like tea.

ကျွန်တော် လက်ဖက်ရည်ကြိုက်သည်။

It is tea that I like.

ကျွန်တော်ကြိုက်သည်မှာ လက်ဖက်ရည်ဖြစ်သည်။

(စာကြောင်းနှစ်ကြောင်း ဆက်ဖြစ်သွားသည်)

(a) **Simple Past Tense** နှင့်လာလျှင် စာကြောင်းရှေ့ဆုံးတွင် **It was** ကို ထည့်၍အခြား **tense** များဖြင့် လာလျှင် **It is** ကို ထည့်ရသည်။
(b) **It was / It is** တို့နောက်တွင် လေးနက်စေလိုသော စကားလုံး၊ စကားစုများထည့်ရသည်။
(c) ပြုလုပ်သူ (**subject**) အတွက် **who** ကို သုံး၍ခံရသူ (**object**) နှင့် တိရစ္ဆာန်၊ သက်မဲ့များအတွက် **that** ကို သုံး၍ ဆက်ရသည်။

ဆက်လေ့လာပါ

1. Ko Ko won the first prize.
ကိုကို ပထမဆုရခဲ့သည်။
It was Ko Ko who won the first prize.
ပထမဆုရခဲ့သည်မှာ ကိုကိုဖြစ်သည်။
2. The teacher punished Ko Ko.
ဆရာသည် ကိုကိုကို အပြစ်ပေးခဲ့သည်။
It was Ko Ko that the teacher punished.
ဆရာ အပြစ်ပေးခဲ့သည်မှာ ကိုကိုဖြစ်သည်။
3. Daw Hla sells flowers in this market.
ဒေါ်လှသည် ဤဈေးထဲတွင် ပန်းများရောင်းသည်။
It is flowers that Daw Hla sells in this market.
ဤဈေးထဲတွင် ပန်းများရောင်းသည်မှာ ဒေါ်လှဖြစ်သည်။
4. Ko Ko took Khin Khin to the cinema yesterday.
ကိုကိုသည် ခင်ခင်ကို မနေ့က ရုပ်ရှင်ခေါ်သွားသည်။
It was Khin Khin that Ko Ko took to the cinema yesterday.
မနေ့က ကိုကို ရုပ်ရှင်ခေါ်သွားသော မိန်းကလေးသည် ခင်ခင်ဖြစ်သည်။
5. Ko Ko took Khin Khin to the cinema yesterday.
ကိုကိုသည် မနေ့က ခင်ခင်ကို ရုပ်ရှင်ခေါ်သွားသည်။
It was yesterday that Ko Ko took Khin Khin to the cinema.
ကိုကို ခင်ခင်ကို ရုပ်ရှင်ခေါ်သွားသည်မှာ မနေ့ကဖြစ်သည်။

လေ့ကျင့်ခန်းလုပ်ကြည့်ပါ။

(အဖြေကို အောက်တွင် ပေးထားပါသည်။)

1. King Anawrahta founded the Pagan Dynasty.
2. Myanmar regained its independence in january 1948.
3. Bogyoke Aung San took an active part in politics at the University of Yangon.
4. Ko Ko fell in love with the younger sister.
5. He earns his living by selling vegetables.
6. The police are looking for Po Toke.
7. He went to London to attend a conference.

(Answers)

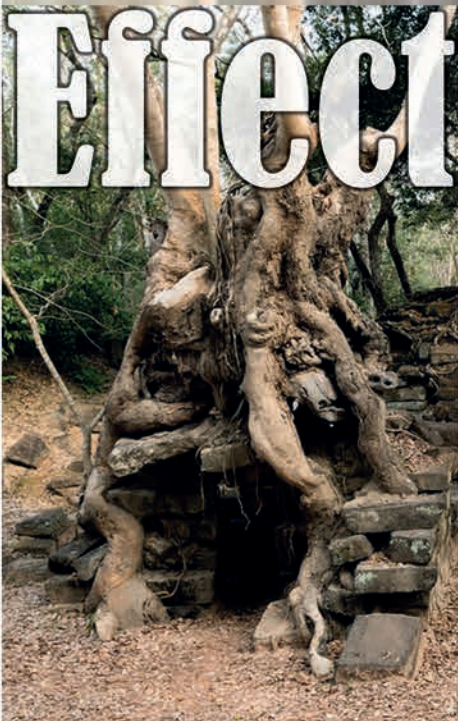
1. It was King Anawrahta who founded the Pagan Dynasty.
2. It was in January 1948 that Myanmar regained its indepenedece.
3. It was at the University of Yangon that Bogyoke Aung San took an active part in politics.
4. It was the younger sister that Ko Ko fell in love with.
5. It is by selling vegetables that he earns his living.
6. It is Po Toke that the police are looking for.
7. It was to attend a conference that he went to London.

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)

Effects of Ageing



By Thu Naung Kyaw
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RAIN or shine, for about five score years, I have been standing here. My arms feel achy for they have been kept spreading with my hands and fingers getting so weak that even a creature as tiny as a mouse cannot be held tight. Some dark and dirty patches are staining my body, which cause my coat to lose its fresh richness that I used to have when I was yellowish with some adorable youth. Still I fancy listening to those little birds merrily chirping, which sounds so pleasant as the treble of heaven’s harmony.

I miss my lush green robe that I, more or less always, blanketed myself in to let those passers-by see how the attire and I matched, covering my body from being exposed to the sporadic sun rays. However, it has now worn out making some big holes through which the shiny sun, my friend, which is hard to give even a once over, tends to enjoy extending his tributaries touching and tickling the uncovered spots on my tall, stout shaft of body. Like the sun, the occasional breeze is no stranger to me. It finds teasing me by rubbing with its subtle tenderness to its liking. But, both of them do not seem to know I am now too vulnerable to enjoy their intimacies. I have come of age! I am nowhere near as firm on my feet as I used to be.

I am even propped up with some steel staves in order that I can stay upright until my last breath. Everyone can know from the way I look that I am in the twilight. The day that will take the breath out of this tetrameles tree is nigh!



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It is sure that her mother’s behavior influenced her a lot. Since Daw Khin Kyi was an incredible and ideal woman, her daughter becomes a worldwide famous leader and gets admired by people all over the world. This highlights a mother’s importance and the idea that the hand that rocks the cradle can rule the world. As William Rose Wallace composed

in the last verse of his poem, ‘the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world’; “Blessings on the hand of women! Fathers, sons, and daughters cry, And the sacred song is mingled With the worship in the sky— Mingles where no tempest darkens, Rainbows evenmore are hurled; For the hand that rocks the cradle Is the hand that rules the world.”

It is obviously true that mother is the key person to mould a child into a good or evil person in the future. Mother themselves need to realize their importance. Besides, they need to try their best to guide their children as an ideal person. They need to be knowledgeable and have to read lots of books in order to put their children on the right track. As William R. Wallace composed, it is mother who can

make a child’s life bright like sunshine or a rainbow. Moreover, it is mother who can make a child’s life darken with tempest. All things to be considered, every mother should realize their importance for a child’s future and need to try best to become ideal persons for their children because the hand that rocks the cradle can rule the world.

“ EVERY progressive citizen reads and every citizen who reads progresses,” said U Thant, the UN third Secretary-General. If we look at our neighbors we will see that China and India are in the lead when it comes to national interest in reading. Indeed, the amount of time their people spend on reading is quite admirable. A developing country needs learned and well-informed citizens along with a properly functioning government to lead the way.

The act of reading is the most basic and effective way to accumulate knowledge. We must develop a habit for it to see results in the long run. Like with any good habit, a love for reading can be best instilled during childhood but it is important for there to be opportunities to nurture this desired growth.

Acquiring good habits

The Ministry of Information(MoI) is upgrading libraries in government offices and installing separate reading rooms for children. Domestic and foreign NGOs are also offering their help to guide children and youths into good reading habits. The MoI and the Ministry of Education began collaborating with sub-national governments in 2016 to organize literary festivals aimed at children in the regions and states across Myanmar.

Appropriately named 'Children's Literary Festival' followed by the name of the state or region hosting it, the festivals aim to instill a love for literature in the hearts of children, breed aspirations to grow up into intellectuals, nurture the spirit of teamwork through participation in the festivals' many fun activities, and to pave the way for the youths who will become the future leaders of our country.

Some of the fun activities mentioned before include competitions for reciting poetries, storytelling, and impromptu or ad-lib speaking, paper-folding or origami, coloring, assembling toys and word game puzzle, and other team building activities.

On the literary side of things we have book exhibitions, sample children's reading rooms, book stores, and literary talks, seminars, and discussions. There are also plenty of other exhibits displaying things beyond literature that still aim to enhance children's understanding of their country and the world, plus a host of entertainment programs.

Plethora of ethnicities

Of all the children's literary festivals held so far, the one celebrated at Myitkyina University in Kachin State seems to be the most unique. The opening ceremony for that festival was held amid traditional songs of Manaw and Kachin accompanied by Shan, Yawan, Lisu, and Tailong dances. Cultural troupes performed these traditional dances in all three days of the festival in Myitkyina in addition to dances of the Zaiwa, Lacheik, Tailai, and Taisar.

The State Counsellor paid a visit to Kachin State before the festival was opened and gave guidelines to include ethnic languages to the storytelling and poem competitions in addition to the English language. Everyone followed suit and soon the festival held competitions in the local ethnic residents' native tongues. This allowed the ethnic races to raise the standards of their literature and share them with other people who may not have ever heard of them.

Students on the first day of the poem competitions participated in the languages of Jinhaw, Yawan, Lisu, Zaiwa, Lawwaw, Tailong, Taisar, and Tailai alongside Burmese renditions to enthusiastic applause from the audience.

Ethnic language exchange

Likewise, the Jinhaw, Yawan, Lisu, Zaiwa, Lawwaw, Tailong, Taisar, and Tailai students told stories in their ethnic language together with translations in Burmese on the second day of competitons with an equally active crowd showing support.

The lives of ethnic people receive spotlight in children's literary festival

By Htet Ant Lin



• Ethnic cultural troupe performs at the Children's Literary Festival in Myitkyina

Ma Jar Naung Sai, a Jinhaw student from B.E.H.S. 1, said this of the contest: “Today, I entered the contest with a Jinhaw story ‘Cha-ga-rong Htae Sagu Kashar Alam’ which translates to ‘The wolf and the little sheep’ in Burmese. It was more about raising awareness of my language than competing. I’m happy to be able to participate in the contest and I want to know more about the stories from my other friends and ethnic races.”

Yawan ethnic student Chan Day Vis San Long from B.E.H.S. 8 competed in the storytelling contest using Yawan ethnic language. He said, “I have never told stories like this in front of friends from other ethnic races. We sing in our language in church. This was both exciting and happy for me. It was a story but I felt like I was speaking on behalf of the Yawan people. I wish for more events like this in the future.”

Ethnic Tailong student Sai Myint Oo entered the group storytelling using his Tailong language. He said, “I used my people’s language while my friend Nan Mai Mai used Burmese. We told the story of the monkey rescuing the moon, which is called ‘Lin Taung Lain’ in Yawan language. After the contests, I explored the festival with my father and friends. We have never seen something like this before and we were pleased. I will compete again if they hold the festival again.”

We find out that the teachers accompanying the students were just as excited themselves, when we heard Teacher Daw Jar Mai say, “We were notified that ethnic language could be used in the storytelling and poem contests. We teach Jinhaw language from Grade 1 to Grade 4 in school. The children were eager to enter the contests so we brought them here. The children are happy which makes me happy as well. It’s not just for the competition, they have a lot to learn from here too.”

Building a strong knowledge bank

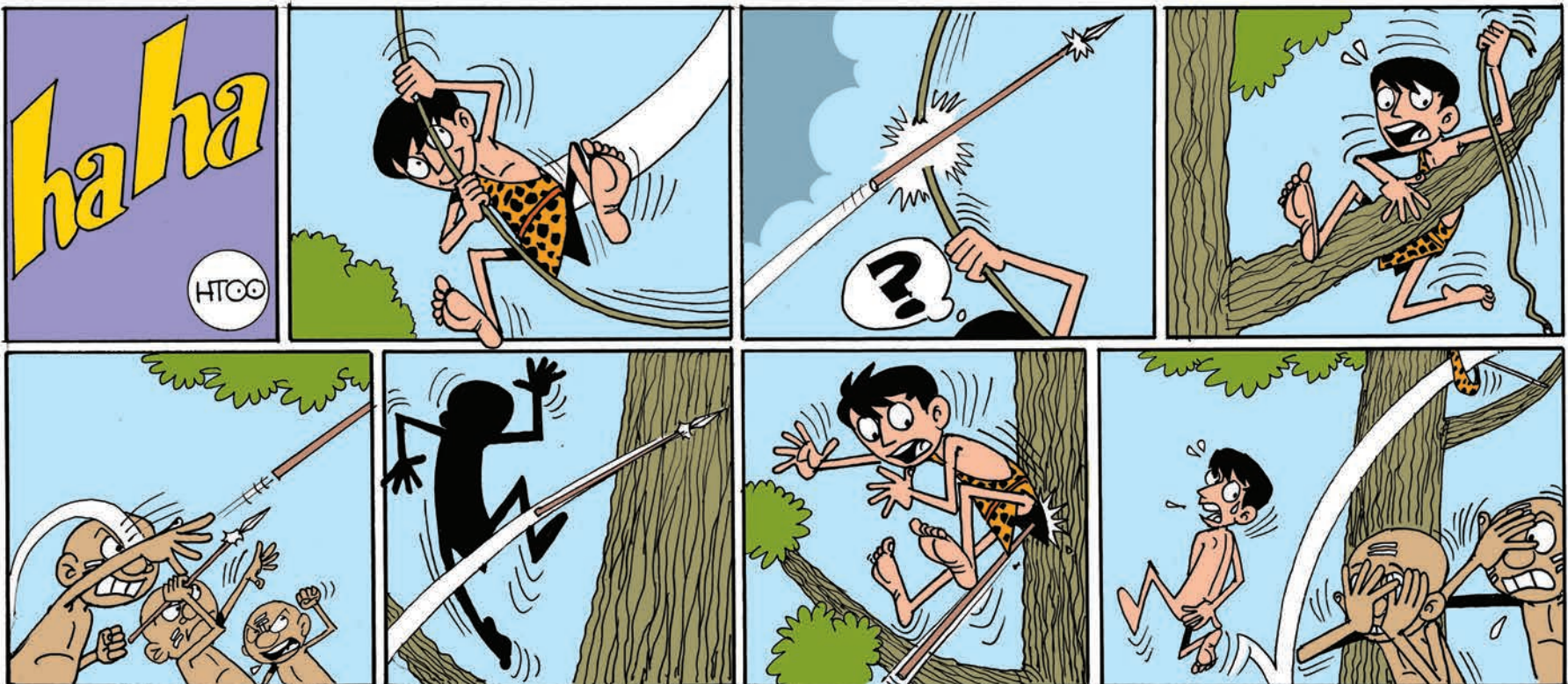
Children's Literary Festival (Myitkyina) also had 36 exhibition booths including 11 booths for the ethnic literature and culture of the Jinhaw, Lacheik, Lawwaw, Zaiwa, Lisu, Yawan, Tailong, Tailay, Tailai, Taisar, and Taikhamti. Visitors looked in awe at the ethnic people's literature written in books and parabeiks, their traditional clothings, household items, and souvenirs. The booth facilitators patiently answered visitors' questions and enthusiastically offered explanations and background history. The entire festival was a beautiful sight to behold.

Riding off of these successes, a children's literature festival is planned to be opened in the city of Putao on the northern reaches of Myanmar, from 18 to 19 March. The ethnic languages will be once again incorporated into the festival and it seems this practice is here to stay.

Similarly, local ethnic residents from Kayin, Mon, Asho Chin, Pa-o, Shan and Kayah races in Bago Region will have their native tongues heard in the Bago literary festival coming to Bago University on 28 March to 30 March.

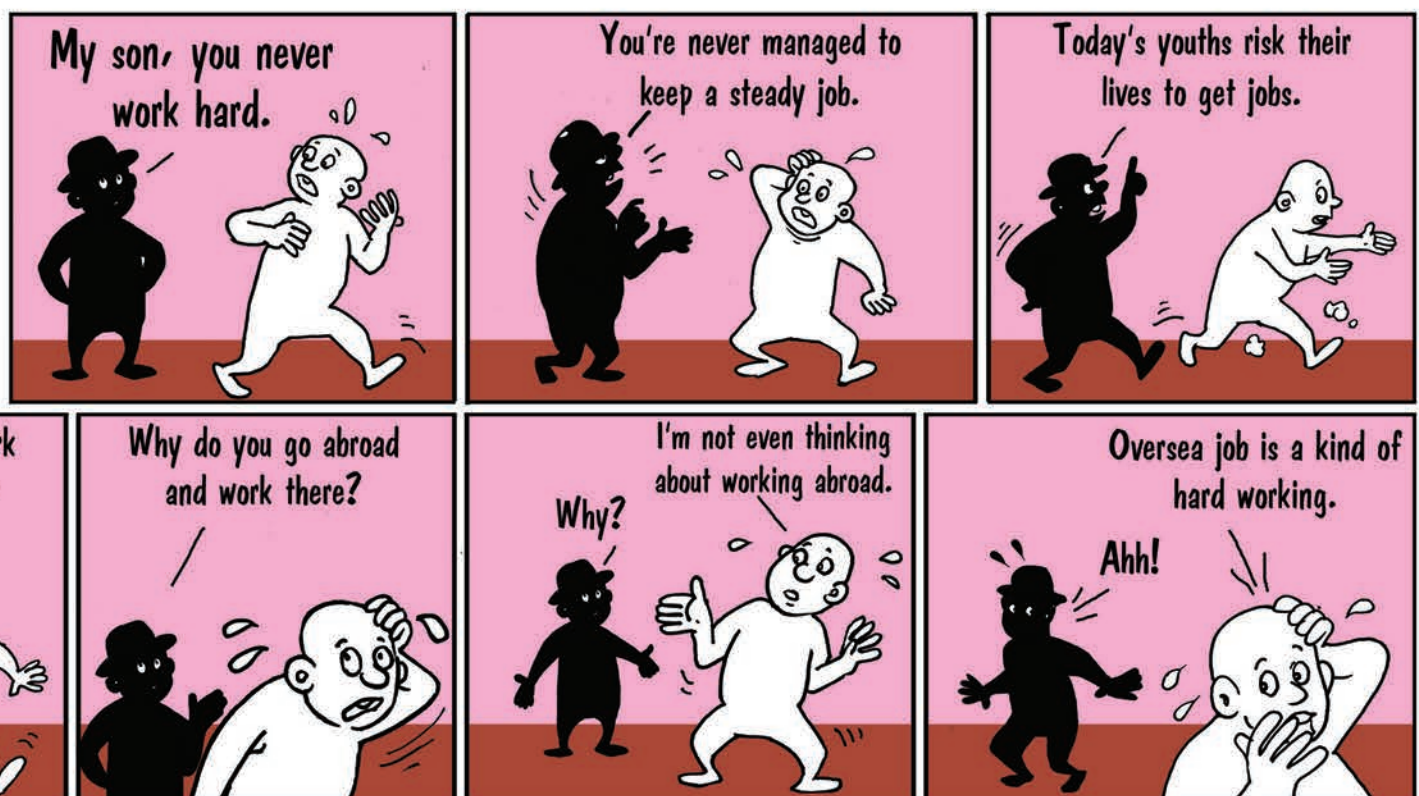
In conclusion, it is both delightful and encouraging to see such bold steps taken to preserve and proliferate the ethnic languages of the diverse people of our beautiful nation. Like trees entwining to support each other, one day our Union Spirit will grow as strong and unshakable as a forest. (Translated by Pandarli)

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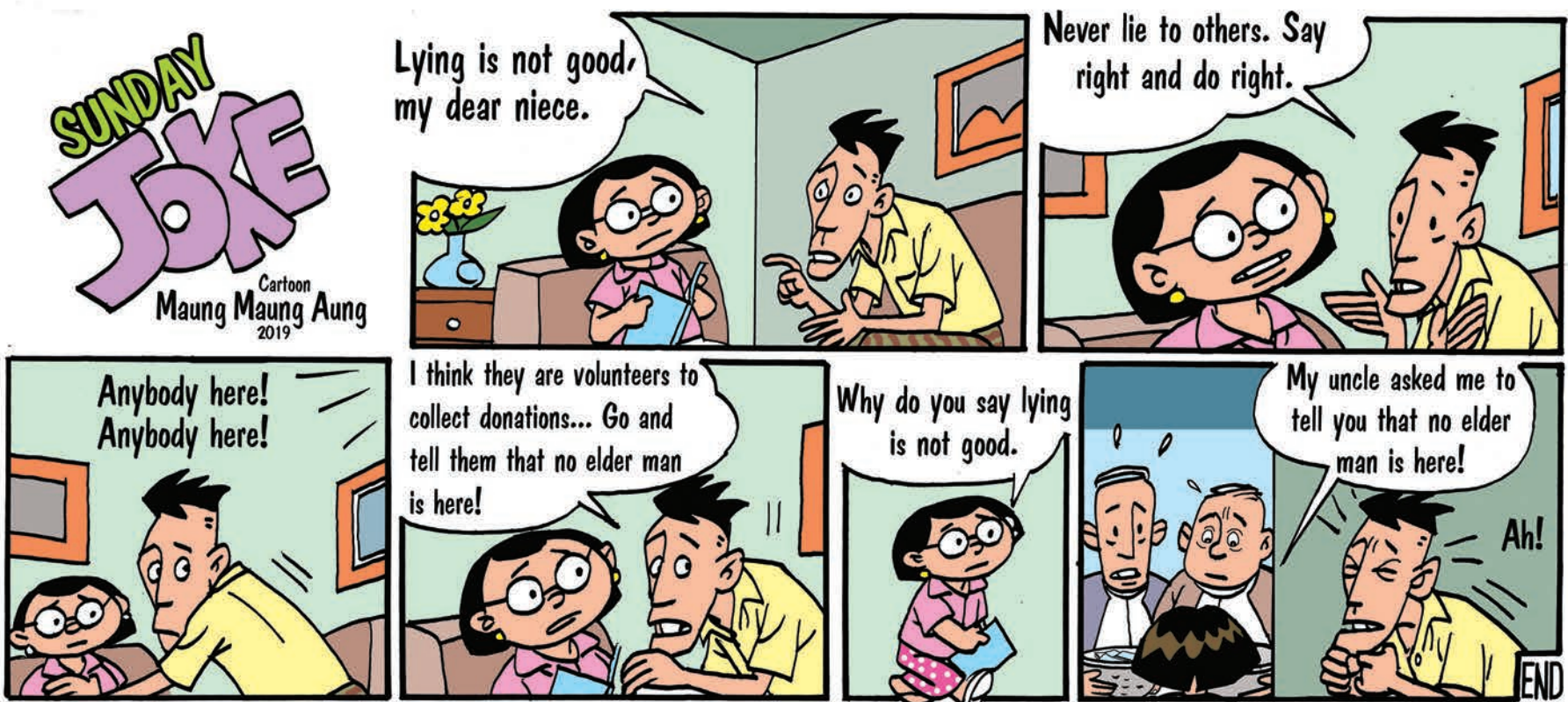
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The Last Leaf:

One of the short stories I Enjoyed Reading

EVERYONE has different sorts of hobbies. I also have many hobbies but my favourite hobby is reading. I love reading a lot. I have been reading many stories since I was young. I started my reading hobby with various kinds of cartoon books soon after I learned to read. As I love cartoon, I am fond of comic books such as “Shwe Thway”, “Poe Zar”, “Ko Tint Toh Yat-Kwat-Tae-Mar-Byar (Oh! In the quarter)” and so on. As “Shwe Thway” is written not only in Myanmar but also in English Language, I had to read in English since my childhood. I like them a lot. As I got older, I began to enjoy reading the fairy-tales like “Cinderella”, “Snow White”, “The little Mermaid” and “Mulan”. These give me many lessons. After passing the Matriculation examination, I developed into an enthusiastic reader of short stories. I enjoy reading short stories of different genres: reality, historical fiction, science-fiction, non-fiction and so on. Fictions are my favourite. My favourite Myanmar authors are Saya Zaw Gyi, Min Thu Wun, Thaw Dar Swe and U Poe Kyar. As I love reading, I usually read Myanmar stories as well as English stories. However, as I am an English specialization student, I usually read English short stories. Among the short stories I have read, the short story I enjoyed reading very much is “THE LAST LEAF”.

The short story, “THE LAST LEAF,” was written by an American short story writer named “O. Henry”. His real name is William Sydney Porter. He was born in Greensboro, North Carolina, United States on 2 September, 1862. His stories are known for their surprise endings. He died in New York City, New York, United States on 5 June, 1910. When I got my Grade Nine English Text Book, I was delighted to find one short story in it. I could not wait for my English teacher to read and explain it

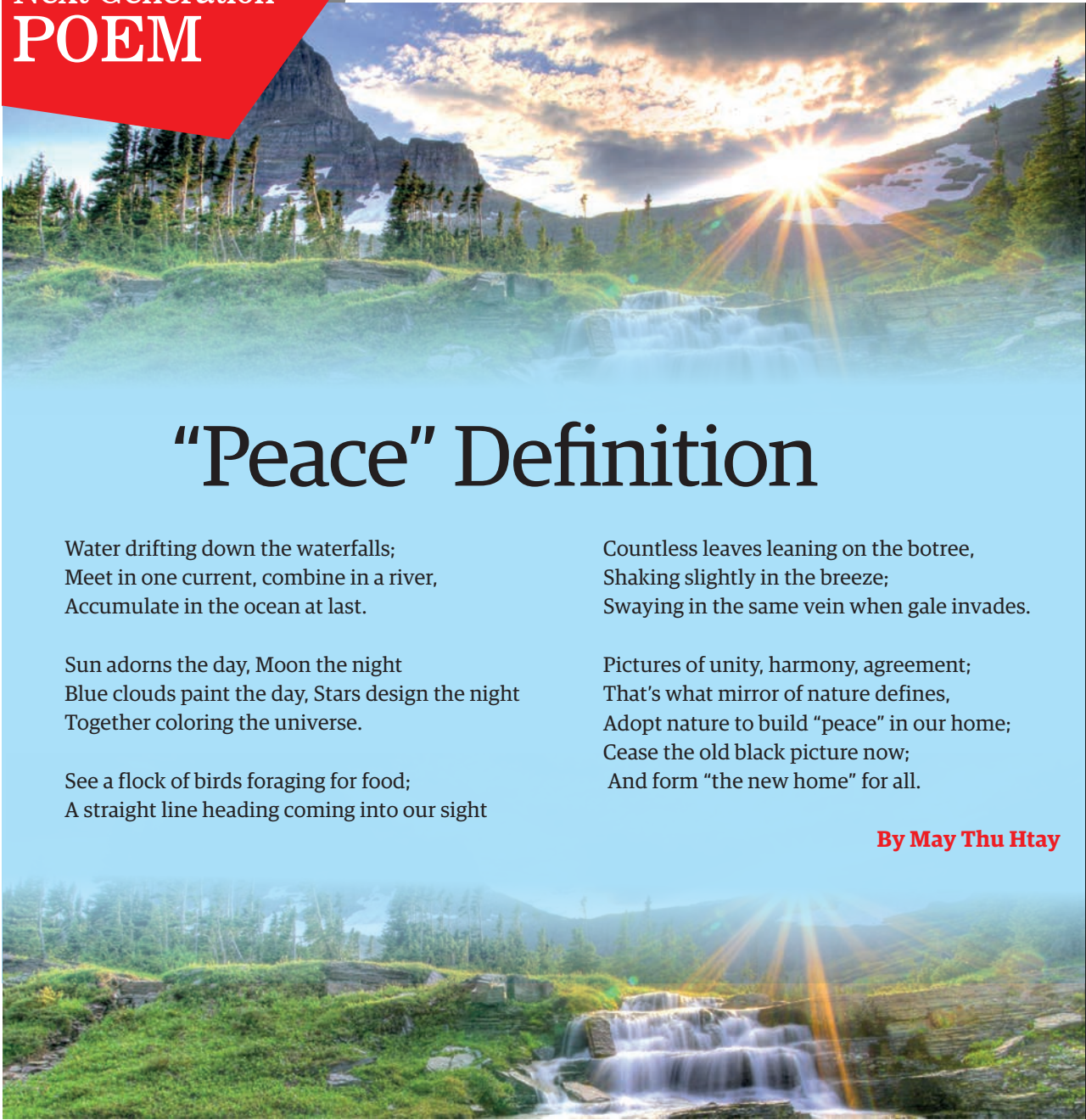


to me. I read it on my own. In that story, there are three main characters. They are Sue, Johnsy and Mr. Behrman. Sue and Johnsy came to Greenwich village, which is a part of New York City, to earn their living as artists. Sue was from the state of Maine and Johnsy was from California. Mr. Behrman was more than sixty years old. He earned his living as a model but his desire was to paint a great masterpiece.

One of the days of November, Johnsy was caught with pneumonia and lay in her bed. She was too weak to walk, so the only thing she could do was to look out of the window at the blank wall of the opposite building. One morning, the doctor invited Sue to the hall. The doctor said that life of Johnsy depended on her desire to live. Sue took pity on Johnsy and cried in her room. There was an old vine climbing on the wall of the opposite house where Johnsy was looking through the window. Johnsy saw the old vine and its leaves. The vine was dead at the root, so the leaves were falling to the ground gradually. Johnsy was counting the leaves of the vine every day. Due to the weakness of her fever, a strange idea got into her mind. She believed that she would die when the last leaf fell from the vine. The last leaf also fell on the night of strong wind and heavy rain. But Mr. Behrman climbed up the wall by a ladder and drew a green leaf of the house opposite.

Next morning, Johnsy thought that the last leaf would fall during the night. However, Johnsy was so surprised to see the last leaf was still hanging on the vine although the weather was very bad previous night. She realized that it was wrong to have silly idea on her mind. So, she decided to get better from her illness. Then, Johnsy's health was well again. But,

Next Generation
POEM



“Peace” Definition

Water drifting down the waterfalls;
Meet in one current, combine in a river,
Accumulate in the ocean at last.

Sun adorns the day, Moon the night
Blue clouds paint the day, Stars design the night
Together coloring the universe.

See a flock of birds foraging for food;
A straight line heading coming into our sight

Countless leaves leaning on the botree,
Shaking slightly in the breeze;
Swaying in the same vein when gale invades.

Pictures of unity, harmony, agreement;
That's what mirror of nature defines,
Adopt nature to build “peace” in our home;
Cease the old black picture now;
And form “the new home” for all.

By May Thu Htay

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old Mr.Behrman who saved Johnsy’s life, died of pneumonia in the hospital. Mr.Behrman was a failure in art. He had always wanted to paint a masterpiece,but he had never yet begun to paint it. The last leaf he drawn was his real masterpiece because it not only saved the life of a person but also showed his honesty, kindness, sacrifice and noble deed. Old Mr.Behrman was so noble that he sacrificed his life to save Johnsy’s life.

I found the short story to be very interesting as well as exciting. The short story “THE LAST LEAF”, written by O. Henry, was a very good story because it gave the readers various tastes and lessons. By reading this short story, I came to realize that silliness was a bad idea. That short story told us about the nobility of a person’s act. In the story, although Mr.Behrman was poor, he loved and protected Sue and Johnsy as much as he could like their guardian. Finally, when Johnsy was facing death, Mr.Behrman motivated on Johnsy’s mind and made her mind change by giving his life. It is also a story of Mr.Behrman’s attachment to Sue and Johnsy. This is remarkable, respectable, irreplaceable and need to be followed. The end of the story is very touching because only at the end does the writer reveal that poor Mr.Behrman saved Johnsy’s life and he died. He had created a real masterpiece finally. This story gives me appreciation. It is so aesthetic. Moreover, the writting of the author “O.Henry” is very good for us to emulate. As I get tastes and lessons by reading this short story, so the short story I enjoyed reading is “THE LAST LEAF”.



INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SCHEDULE



YANGON TO BANGKOK			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG706	5:45	8:10	Daily
8M335	7:30	9:15	Daily
UB-019	7:50	9:20	1,3,5,6,7
TG304	9:50	11:45	Daily
PG702	10:30	12:30	Daily
TG2302	11:45	13:40	2,3,5,7
PG708	15:30	17:30	5,6,7
8M331	16:30	18:15	Daily
UB-017	18:00	19:30	Daily
PG704	18:35	20:35	Daily
TG306	19:50	21:45	Daily

YANGON TO DON MUEANG			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
DD4231	8:00	9:50	Daily
FD252	8:45	10:30	Daily
SL201	9:00	10:50	Daily
DD4235	11:55	13:40	Daily
FD254	17:35	19:25	Daily
SL207	19:00	20:55	Daily
DD4239	21:00	22:45	Daily
FD258	21:40	23:30	Daily

YANGON TO GUANGZHOU			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
8M711	8:40	13:15	2,4,5,7
CZ3056	11:35	15:55	3,6
CZ8472	17:40	22:20	1,5

YANGON TO SINGAPORE			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
UB001	7:15	11:45	Daily
8M-231	8:20	12:40	Daily
SQ997	10:25	15:10	Daily
3K582	11:30	16:05	Daily
MI533	12:30	19:30	2
MI510	14:55	19:30	4,6
UB003	16:00	20:30	Daily
MI519	17:35	22:10	Daily
MI521	18:30	22:55	3,7
3K584	19:35	0:10	1,2,3,4,5,7

YANGON TO HONG KONG			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
KA275	17:20	21:45	5
KA251	1:5	5:25	1,2,3,4,6,7
UB8027	7:15	11:45	1,3,5,7

BANGKOK TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
TG303	8:00	8:45	Daily
PG701	8:45	9:40	Daily
TG2301	10:00	10:55	2,3,5,7
8M336	10:15	11:00	Daily
UB020	10:20	10:50	1,3,5,6,7
PG707	13:45	14:40	5,6,7
PG703	16:50	17:45	Daily
TG305	18:05	18:50	Daily
8M332	19:20	20:05	Daily
PG705	20:30	21:50	Daily
UB018	20:30	21:00	Daily

DON MUEANG TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
DD4230	6:30	7:15	Daily
FD251	7:30	8:15	Daily
SL200	7:35	8:25	Daily
DD4234	10:35	11:20	Daily
FD253	16:10	17:05	Daily
SL206	18:55	19:45	Daily
DD4238	19:25	20:15	Daily
FD257	20:30	21:10	Daily

GUANGZHOU TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
CZ3055	8:35	10:25	3,6
8M712	14:15	15:50	2,4,5,7
CZ8471	14:35	16:40	1,5

SINGAPORE TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
SQ998	7:55	09:20	Daily
3K581	9:10	10:35	Daily
MI510	10:15	14:10	4,6
MI533	10:15	11:40	2
UB002	13:00	14:30	Daily
8M232	13:45	15:15	Daily
MI518	15:15	16:40	Daily
MI520	16:10	17:35	3,5,7
3K583	17:30	18:55	1,2,3,4,5,7
UB004	21:15	22:45	Daily

HONG KONG TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
UB8028	12:45	14:15	1,3,5,7
KA250	21:50	23:45	1,2,3,5,6,7
KA252	22:20	00:10+1	4

YANGON TO KUALA LUMPUR			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
AK505	8:30	12:45	Daily
MH741	11:20	15:45	Daily
OD551	12:25	16:45	1,4,7
MH743	16:10	20:30	1,4,6,7
AK503	19:10	23:30	1,5,6,7
OD553	23:55	4:20+1	2,3,5,6

YANGON TO SEOUL INCHEON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
KE472	23:30	7:15	Daily

YANGON TO TAIPEI			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
CI7916	10:50	16:10	1,2,3,4,6

YANGON TO KUNMING			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
CA416	13:00	16:30	Daily
MU2012	13:10	20:05	3
MU2032	16:00	19:50	Daily

YANGON TO BEIJING			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
CA906	23:50	5:50+1	1,3,5

YANGON TO HANIO			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
VN956	18:55	21:15	Daily
VJ918	18:55	21:20	2,4,5,6,7

YANGON TO HO CHI MINH			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
VN942	12:10	15:05	Daily

YANGON TO TOKYO			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
NH814	21:10	6:45+1	Daily

YANGON TO DOHA			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
QR919	7:40	11:55	1,3,4,6,7

YANGON TO CHIANG MAI			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG724	13:40	15:30	Daily

KUALA LUMPUR TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
AK504	6:50	8:00	Daily
MH740	9:10	10:15	Daily
OD550	10:15	11:30	1,4,7
MH742	13:55	15:05	1,4,6,7
AK502	17:20	18:30	1,5,6,7
OD552	21:45	22:55	2,3,5,6

SEOUL INCHEON TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
KE471	18:15	22:10	Daily

TAIPEI TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
CI7915	7:00	9:50	1,2,3,4,6

KUNMING TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
MU2011	8:20	12:10	3,7
CA415	11:20	12:00	Daily
MU2031	14:30	15:10	Daily

BEIJING TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
CA905	19:30	22:50	1,3,5

HANOI TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
VN957	16:30	18:00	Daily
VJ917	16:30	17:55	2,4,5,6,7

HO CHI MINH TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
VN943	7:20	9:55	Daily

TOKYO TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
NH813	11:00	16:30	Daily

DOHA TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
QR918	20:00	5:30	2,3,5,6,7

CHIANG MAI TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG723	12:05	12:55	Daily

YANGON TO DHAKA			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
BG061	14:15	16:00	1,3,6

YANGON TO DUBAI			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
EK389	2:10	5:55	Daily

MANDALAY TO BANGKOK			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG710	14:30	16:55	Daily
PG714	19:15	21:40	Daily

MANDALAY TO DON MUEONG			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
FD245	12:55	15:20	Daily

MANDALAY TO KUNMING			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
MU2568	10:20	13:25	1,3,5,7
MU2030	16:10	19:25	Daily

NAY PYI TAW TO BANGKOK			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG722	20:00	22:50	1,2,3,4,5,7

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3K = Jet Star	MH = Malaysia Airlines
8M = Myanmar Airways International	MI = Silk Air
AI = Air India	MU = China Eastern Airlines
AK = Air Asia	NH = All Nippon Airways
BG = Biman Bangladesh Airlines	PG = Bangkok Airways
CA = Air China	QR = Qatar Airways
CI = China Airlines	SL = Thai Lion Air
CZ = China Southern	SQ = Singapore Airways
DD = Nok Airline	TG = Thai Airways
FD = Air Asia	TR = Tiger Airlines
KA = Dragonair	UB = Myanmar National Airlines
KE = Korea Airlines	VN = Vietnam Airlines

DATE	4 = Thursday
1 = Monday	5 = Friday
2 = Tuesday	6 = Saturday
3 = Wednesday	7 = Sunday

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