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President concludes Taninthayi Region tour after inspecting development projects



President U Win Myint (Right) visits Taninthayi Bridge construction project undertaken by the Bridge Department Special Bridge Construction Group 4 in Taninthayi yesterday.
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PRESIDENT U Win Myint accompanied by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Dr. Myint Htwe, U Han Zaw and U Ohn Maung, Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myint Maung, Coastal Command Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Htike Shwe, Myanmar Police Force Lt-Gen Aung Win Oo and officials left Dawei by Tatmadaw special flight and arrived in Myeik Town, Taninthayi Region, yesterday morning.

The President and party were welcomed by Region ministers, Hluttaw representatives, district and township level departmental officials and locals at the Myeik airport.

The President and party then went to pay homage to Shwe Tha Lyaung image on Kyunsu Township opposite of Myeik town and offered flowers, water, and oil lamps and donated money. Later the President

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President U Win Myint

took a commemorative group photo with pagoda trustees after going around the pagoda.

Next, the President and party went to Daweisu Ward in Myeik and observed swiftlet

birds making nests at a natural swiftlet nest house. Officials explained to the President about the process of swiftlet birds making nests and collecting the nests.

Afterwards, the President and party went by motorcade to Taninthayi Town and inspected the Taninthayi Bridge construction project conducted by Bridge Department Special Bridge Construction Group 4.

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At the project briefing hall Bridge Department Director General U Shwe Lay explained about construction of roads and bridges in Taninthayi Region, particulars about the Taninthayi Bridge and the Thamote Lut Lut Bridge projects.

The President said the government was sharing funds for equal development of states and region and the quality and standard of works conducted need to be in accord with the allocated funds. Funds must be systematically used to prevent wastage. Once the bridge was completed special care must be taken to ensure that cars and trucks crossing the bridge were within the specified weight limit. Construction of roads and bridges need to be completed on time while it must be up to

the set standards and specifications. The people will benefit as soon as the construction was completed. Once roads, bridges and the electricity sector develop, the education, health and economic sectors of rural people will develop and in turn develop their socio-economic lives. Technicians and experts must employ their skills to participate in nation-building works, and they must strive to be models for future generations, said the President.

The President then inspected the construction status of the Taninthayi Bridge. The Taninthayi Bridge spans the Taninthayi River and is located between mile post 49/4 and 49/6 on Dawei-Myeik-Taninthayi-Bokpyin ASEAN Road AH 112. The bridge will be 1,444 ft. long, 28 ft. wide with additional



President U Win Myint donates cash during his visit to Shwe Tha Lyaung Reclining Buddha Image on Kyunsu Township opposite of Myeik Town yesterday. **PHOTO:MNA**

4 ft. pedestrian path on both sides of the bridge. Maximum vehicle weight permitted is 75 tons and it is a two-lane, steel

frame reinforced concrete floor bridge.

Later in the afternoon the President and party left Mye-

ik Town by Tatmadaw special flight and reached Nay Pyi Taw in the evening. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Union Minister U Kyaw Tin signs book of condolences for former Vietnamese President



Union Minister U Kyaw Tin signs book of condolences for former Vietnamese President Mr. Le Duc Anh at the Vietnamese Embassy in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin signed the book of condolences for former Vietnamese President H.E. Mr. Le Duc Anh at the Vietnamese Embassy, Kyauk

Kone Road, Yankin Township, Yangon yesterday. H.E. Mr. Le Duc Anh passed away on 22 April. — MNA ■

(Translated by
Win Ko Ko Aung)

Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko attends dinner reception honouring 2019 Bagan Luyeychun Camp

A Dinner reception, hosted by Mandalay Region Chief Minister, in honour of 2019 Luyeychun students in Grade 8, was held at the Myananbone Hotel, Mandalay yesterday evening. The event was attended by Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko, Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun, states and regional ministers and Hluttaw representatives.

First, Mandalay Region Chief Minister Dr. Zaw Myint Maung delivered an opening

address at the event. Then the camp-in-charge of the Bagan Luyeychun, alumni luyeychuns and family of the Myananbone Hotel presented the commemorative gifts to Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko, Mandalay Region Chief Minister Dr. Zaw Myint Maung and Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun respectively.

Then, the family of the Myananbone Hotel presented the gifts to the camp-in-charge of the Bagan Luyeychun camp,

whereas teachers of the Bagan Luyeychun camp presented the commemorative gifts to the Luyeychun students in Grade 8. Following this, Mandalay Region Chief Minister hosted the dinner in honour of the 2019 Luyeychun students in Grade 8. During the dinner, the Luyeychun students together with "Myint Music Band" performed their entertainments.—Ko Min ■

(Translated by
Win Ko Ko Aung)



Mandalay Region Chief Minister hosts the dinner in honour of the 2019 Luyeychun students in Grade 8 yesterday. **PHOTO: MIN MIN**

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Making reforms, step by step

An efficient tax system demands honesty, authenticity, transparency, and accountability from all stakeholders. We are amending outdated tax laws and unnecessary protocol, and upgrading the qualification and changing the mindset of tax officials, the human resource of the tax system, step by step.

(Excerpt from the speech by President U Win Myint at the Ceremony of Honorary Awards and Certificates to the Highest Taxpayers for the 2017-2018 Tax Year in Nay Pyi Taw, on 24 January 2019.)

Facing challenges

I want our country to prosper, develop, and become a Union where all ethnic people live in unity. At the moment, every country in the world is facing challenges, and so is our country.

(Excerpt from the speech by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at the 2018 Myanmar Academy Awards ceremony on 23 March 2019.)

NDMC Chairman VP U Henry Van Thio inspects levee construction in Zalun Township



Vice President U Henry Van Thio inspects the construction of Ayeyawady Hinthada Zalun Township portion of Thekon-Nyaing Aing Pan levee constructed with NDMC fund K 990.868 million yesterday. **PHOTO: YE HTUT**

NATURAL Disaster Management Committee (NDMC) Chairman Vice President U Henry Van Thio accompanied by Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Hla Moe Aung, Deputy Ministers U Hla Kyaw and U Kyaw Myo and officials inspected the construction of Ayeyawady Hinthada Zalun Township portion of Thekon-Nyaing Aing Pan levee constructed with NDMC funds K 990.868 million yesterday.

Vice President U Henry Van Thio arrived in Zalun Town in the morning and Irrigation and Water Utilisation Management

Department (IWUMD) Deputy Director General U Bo Bo Kyaw explained about the construction of levee, Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (DWIR) acting Director General U Win Hlaing explained about Ayeyawady River water way and embankment maintenance works near the levee and Region Chief Minister U Hla Moe Aung provided additional explanations at the Myat Zalun Hall.

With regard to the explanations the Vice President said emphasis must be placed toward quality in striving to complete

the construction of the levee before the start of the rains. In the long run DWIR was to allocate fund annually for stress embankment maintenance work and silt dredging work near the levee to widen the water way.

While these were being conducted IWUMD was constructing the new levee to prevent damage in the region if there were overflowing of river and embankment erosion. Therefore the maintenance of the the Ayeyawady Hinthada levee needs to be coordinated and that there should be cooperation between the two departments. In

conducting maintenance of embankments and improvement of waterways, methods that were appropriate for the region need to be discovered and calculation made to conduct works according to allocated funds.

Next the Vice President inspected the construction of the levee with machineries, dredging a sandbar near the levee with a dredging machine to change the water way, embankment protection works conducted and a breach that occurred near 22/2 milepost of the levee.

The levee construction was 97 percent completed and with

the construction of this new levee more than 300,000 acres of farmlands, a population of 1,255,168 from 286,615 households in 476 wards and village tracts of Zalun, Kyonpyaw, Yekyi, Danubyu, Kyaunggon and Ngathaingchaung townships will be protected from the danger of flooding and inundation.

After paying homage and donating money to the Zalun Manaungmyin Pyi Taw Pyan Pagoda, the Vice President left Zalun by car and reached Yangon in the afternoon. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Five gold bars recovered from quadruple murder suspect

FIVE gold bars weighing about 55 ticals (898.1115 gm) were recovered from U Tin Ohn @ U Aik Ohn who was the suspect of a quadruple murder committed at Myinbyu Na Kaung (Two White

Horse) traditional medicine shop in Taunggyi on 28 April.

After interrogating the suspect, the five gold bars were recovered from underneath a mattress in his room

at home in the morning of 3 May, according to information received from Myanmar Police Force. — MNA

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Luyeychun Students in Grade 8 visit well-known pagodas in Pakokku, Yesagyo

THE Luyeychun Students (All-round outstanding students) in Grade 8, who are currently staying at the Pagan Luyeychun Camp, paid a visit to the well-known pagodas situated in Pakokku and Yesagyo Towns yesterday morning.

First, a total of 178 Luyeychun Students in Grade 7, together with 18 teachers, led by Mandalay Region Head of Education Office Deputy Director General Daw Than Myint and party, left the Bagan Luyeychun camp in the morning and visited the Thihoshin and the Shwe Mote Htaw Pagodas in Pakokku Townshisp.

They then continued to the Sithushin Tharakhan Pagoda from Pakhan Gyi Old Town, Yesagyo and the Kyaungdawgyi.

They arrived back at the Bagan Luyeychun camp in the late afternoon. — Ko Min, (Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



Luyechun Students visit interested places in Pakoku Township yesterday. **PHOTO: MIN MIN**

Myanmar-US trade doubles in February

THE value of bilateral trade between Myanmar and the United States doubled to US\$78.7 million in February from the year-ago period, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Exports have outperformed imports in Myanmar-US trade since the beginning of last year. This February, Myanmar exported goods worth more than \$56.1 million to the US, an increase of \$36.6 million from last February, when exports were valued at \$19.5 million.

Myanmar's imports from the US reached \$22.6 million in February, a slight increase in value of \$2.5 million from the year-ago

period.

The Myanmar-US trade has touched \$394.6 million in the current 2018-2019 fiscal year, with exports reaching \$232.5 million and imports valued at \$362.1 million.

Myanmar exports agricultural products, beans and pulses, marine products, clothing, forestry products, and other finished products to the US, and imports medicines and related equipment, raw materials, industrial products, transportation products, dairy products, and other commodities.

According to data from the Commerce Ministry, the bilateral trade between Myanmar and

the US totalled \$455.7 million in the 2018 mini-budget period (April-September).

The value of trade between the two countries reached a record high of \$718.38 million in the 2017-2018FY. The bilateral trade was registered at \$690.63 million in the 2016-2017FY, \$196.90 million in the 2015-2016FY, \$544.64 million in the 2014-2015FY, \$104.44 million in the 2013-2014FY, \$122.79 million in the 2012-2013FY, and \$293.07 million in the 2011-2012FY.

According to the Myanmar Investment Commission, US foreign direct investment in Myanmar stood at \$55.9 million in the 2018 mini-budget period. There

have been no fresh investments from the US in the current financial year.

A business meeting held recently in Yangon, organized by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, focused on the expansion of trade and investment between Myanmar and the US. Delegates from American companies, including Chevron, Earth Networks, ITW Welding Singapore, Xylerm Water Solutions, Astrophysics, Visa Myanmar, FedEx, GIS, and Arizona Tools Co took part in the meeting.—Swe Nyein ■ (Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

Onion prices drop by half in Muse market in early April



At an open market for onion, the collector-wholesalers arrange the deal. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

THE selling price of onions reduced by half to K367,200 per ton in early April from K734,400 in the year-ago period, according to traders at the Muse 105th mile trade zone.

Between 1 and 5 April, Myanmar exported 297 tons of onion to China from the Muse 105th mile trade zone and earned US\$0.512 million. As on 31 March in the current 2018-2019FY, the country's onion exports to neighbouring China stood at 16,665 tons, worth about \$3.2 million.

At present, the selling price of onions stands at K367,200 per

ton in the Muse market, while the buying price is pegged at K612,000.

Last year, a ton of onions was priced at K550,800 in April, K612,000 in May, K918,000 in June, K1.224 million in July, K1.346 million in August, and K1.53 million in September.

Merchants said onion prices are normally high at the end of the harvest season. Farmers have been urged to store onions and export them when prices are high to enjoy greater benefits.—Khaing Khant ■ (Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

IBK to support Korean companies to set foot in Myanmar

INDUSTRIAL Bank of Korea released a statement yesterday that it signed the Memorandum of Understanding recently on supporting Korean companies to expand business in Myanmar and economic cooperation between Korea and Myanmar.

IBK said on 2 May that it has signed a MoU with four Korean government agencies (Korea Technology Finance Corporation, Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency, Human Resources Development service of Korea, Korea Land and Housing

Corporation) on supporting Korean companies to expand business in Myanmar and economic cooperation between Korea and Myanmar.

These five Korean government agencies including IBK will support Korean companies to enter and settle down in Myanmar, according to the MoU.

They will provide financial, consulting, local employment service and environment such as Smart City and Industrial Complex.

Especially, IBK plans to provide companies with finan-

cial service necessary to enter the market of Myanmar.

"Myanmar is an attractive country for investment and we will be going to develop and make it into a successful oversea cooperation model by building the infrastructure in advance and contributing to economic cooperation between Korea and Myanmar," said the IBK official.

IBK is also planning to hold an investment briefing on 23 May for Korean companies which have interests in entering Myanmar.—GNLM ■

Trade using ITCs highest in Myawady this fiscal year



Traders use Individual Trading Cards at Myawady border trade.
PHOTO: HTEIN LIN AUNG (IPRD)

INDIVIDUAL traders imported goods worth K19.6 billion through the Myawady gate between 1 October and 19 April in the current financial year, according to statistics released by the Commerce Ministry.

Border trade with the use of Individual Trading Cards (ITCs) totalled K36.27 billion during the October-April period. Exports were valued at only K5.14 billion, while imports reached more than K31 billion.

The value of trade carried out by individual card holders was registered at K19.6 billion at the Myawady checkpoint, K8.8 billion at Mawtaung, over K2.9 billion at Tamu, K2.95 billion at Kawthoung, K1.25 billion at Kanpikete, K400.5 million at Kengtung, K233 million at Reed, K60.4 million at Tachilek, over K20.2 million at Muse, and K5.8 million at Lwejel, according to data from the Commerce Ministry.

The value of trade with ITCs was pegged at over K737 million for the period between 21 November, 2012 and 31 March, 2013, over K6.6 billion in the 2013-2014FY, over K9.3 billion in the 2014-2015FY, over K6.4 billion in the 2015-2016FY, over K18.9 billion in the 2016-2017FY, and K22.5 billion in the last mini-budget period.

The Trade Department has so far issued 1,641 ITCs, of which 292 cards were issued between 21 November, 2012 and 31 March, 2013, 261 cards in the 2013-2014FY, 317 cards in the 2014-2015FY, 146 cards in the 2015-2016FY, 248 cards in the 2016-2017FY, 168 cards in the 2017-2018FY, 92 cards in the last mini-budget period, and 117 cards between 1 October, 2018 and 19 April, 2019.

The Trade Department has been issuing ITCs to boost border trade. A businessman can trade goods worth K3 million per day using an individual trading card, with the Trade Department granting trade of up to K15 million per day for five days. —Ko Htet ■ (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Local demand for lychees drops in MraukU

THE demand for lychees produced in MraukU Township of Rakhine State has decreased in the domestic market this harvest season, with growers selling freshly harvested fruits at a reduced rate compared with the same season last year, according to local growers.

The low demand is linked to a decrease in arrivals of both local and international visitors to MraukU, said one grower from the town.

Growers in MraukU harvested lychees, a tropical fruit, in the last week of April and immediately sent them to the market.

At present, one packet of 100 lychees is being sold for K4,000, a decline of K2,000

from last February, when a packet of lychees was fetching K6,000.

"Currently, the production of lychees is low as it is the beginning of the harvest season.

A bumper harvest may be seen in mid-May. The fruit tastes sweet in the rainy season.

Normally, a bunch of lychees has 30-60 fruits," said another grower from MraukU.

At present, lychee growers in MraukU are relying mainly on the Sittway market to get a good price for their produce.—MraukU District IPRD ■

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)



Lychees on tree in MraukU Township, Rakhine State.
PHOTO: MRAUKU DISTRICT IPRD

Myanmar, Thailand border trade reaches \$ 2 bln this FY

BILATERAL border trade between Myanmar and Thailand totaled US\$ 2 billion this fiscal year, with exports worth \$1.5 billion and imports worth \$556 million, according to statistic from The Ministry of Commerce.

The current trade figures increased by over \$ 996 million

against the same period of last year, when the border trade between the two countries was \$1.01 billion.

Myanmar delivers goods to Thailand through its sea routes as well as cross-border gates. Seven border trade camps are opened between the two states,

including Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthoung, Myeik, Htikhee, Mawtaung and Maesai.

Among all border trade camps, the Htikhee border gate saw the largest value of trade, with \$1.2 billion during the period, followed by Myawady gate with \$ 484 million and Myeik with

\$164 million. Myanmar primarily exports fishery products such as crab, fish and shrimp, as well as onions, sesame, dry tea leaves, coconut and turmeric, while consumer goods, cosmetic machinery, food products, while agricultural equipment and track cars are imported into the country

from Thailand.

Border trade at Myanmar's 15 border points with neighbouring China, Thailand, India and Bangladesh totaled \$5.5 billion during the period, according to the Ministry of Commerce.—Zwe ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Information Ministry holds meetings on classic books series, encyclopedia, literary awards

THE Ministry of Information held separate coordination meetings on publishing a 100 classic books series, reprinting the Myanmar Encyclopedia, and the National Literary Award and the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award at the Printing and Publishing Department on Theinphyu Road in Yangon yesterday.

The meetings were attended by Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint.

The first meeting dealt with publishing the 100 classic books series. The Union Minister delivered the opening speech at the meeting. Then, the Director General of the Publishing Department spoke about the publishing and sales of volumes 1, 2, and 3. He also detailed how the next three volumes — 4, 5, and 6 — would be published and would be of a good quality.

Afterwards, U Than Own (Maung Zeyar), a member of the 100 classic books publishing steering committee, detailed the proof-reading and editing of Volumes 4, 5, and 6.

Then, the attendees discussed matters related to the future volumes, and the Union Minister made additional suggestions and remarks.

It has been reported that the 100 Myanmar classics series will include a selection of novels, short stories, poetry, plays, essays, and belles-lettres to help the younger generation develop a passion for Myanmar literature and culture. As part of the project, 25 volumes of novels, 4 volumes of short stories, 3 volumes of poetry, 2 volumes of plays, 1 volume of essays, and 3 volumes of



Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint addresses the meeting on reprinting encyclopedia at the Printing and Publishing Department in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

belles-lettres will be published.

The sales of Volumes 1, 2, and 3 have been steady since they were advertised and distributed on 3 December, 2018. Encouraged by this, the authorities are planning to publish three more volumes — Tapin Shwe Htee by U Mg Gye (Volume 4), Nar Khan Taw by U Soe Myint and Collage Kyawn Thar by Zawana (Volume 5), and Doe May May by Mahar Swe and Pan the Ma Saoo by Thakhin Ba Thaung (Volume 6). While Volumes 4 and 5 are set to be published by the end of June, 2019, Volume 6 will come out in 2020. After the meeting on the classics series, another meeting on reprinting the Myanmar Encyclopedia was held.

At the meeting, the Deputy General-Director of the Publishing Department explained about the current state of the encyclopedia and how work was progressing. Secretary 1 of the

editorial team, U Myint Soe, put forward changes, related suggestions by external experts, and the completion of changes. The Union Minister made additional suggestions.

The Ministry of Information, Sarpay Beikman of the Printing and Publishing Department, and the Tun foundation are collaborating on the project for republishing the Myanmar Encyclopedia. Participants at the meeting discussed the completion of proof-reading by experts and some errors that need to be corrected in Volume 1 of the Myanmar Encyclopedia.

Afterwards, a work coordination meeting between the chairman, deputy chairman, secretary, and members of the National Literary Award-2018 selection committee and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award selection team was held.

At the meeting, the Vice

President of the National Literary Award selection committee, Dr. Khin Aye, suggested working in unity and abiding by the rules.

Afterwards, the Director-General of the Printing and Publishing Department, U Aung Myo Myint, discussed the process of selection for the 2018 National Literary Award and the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award. Then, the Secretary of the National Literary Award selection committee, U Than Own (Maung Zeyar), and the Vice President of the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award selection team, Daw Kin Phone Yee (Natmouk Anecho), explained the rules and regulations, and spoke about how the teams had been organized according to categories. Thereafter, the Union Minister made suggestions about the proposals of the attending experts. The Ministry of Information, the Printing and Publishing Department,

and the Sarpay Beikman have been responsible for the National Literary Award since 1948. The recipients are selected by the National Literary Award selection committee and the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript selection team.

The selection committee for the 2018 edition of the National Literary Award comprises 54 people, under the leadership of president Dr. Thaw Kaung, vice president 1 Dr. Khin Aye (Maung Khin Min -Da Nu Phyu), and vice president 2 U Khin Mg Soe (Maung Paw Tun). The committee has been divided into 15 teams, according to the categories of books.

The categories include novels, short stories, poetry, plays, Myanmar culture and art, children's literature, youth literature, general knowledge (arts), general knowledge (science and applied science), political literature, belles-lettres, English, essays, and reference books.

Meanwhile, the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award selection team comprises 27 members, under the leadership of the president U Own Myint (Mg Yint Mar-Kyaung Gone) and vice president Daw Khin Phone Yee (Natmouk Anecho). The team has been divided into 13 groups to judge different categories of books. The categories include novels, short stories, poetry, general knowledge (arts), general knowledge (science and applied Science), belles-lettres, Myanmar culture and arts, children's literature, youth literature, political literature, plays, English scripts, and translation scripts.—MNA ■

(Translated by Alphonsus)

Inle Luyechun Camp closed down with ceremony, dinner

A dinner in honour of the Luyechun students was held in the compound of the Shan State Government Office in Taunggyi. At the ceremony Shan State Chief Minister Dr. Linn Htut delivered a speech.

Afterwards the Chief Minister, State ministers and departmental officials presented commemorative gifts to the Luyechuns and on behalf of the Luyechun students Grade Ten Luyechun Maung Khantnya Nanda spoke words of thanks.

After the dinner a closing ceremony of the camp was held at No. 1 Basic Education High School with a bonfire. Earlier in the day the Luyechuns visited Htan San Cave and Shwedagon Replica Pagoda in Ho Pone Township, Pa'O Self-Administered Zone. In the afternoon the Luyechun students visited Mwaytaw Kakku Pagoda in Kyauktalongyi Township, cultural museum and Myoma market in Taunggyi.—Zin Oo (Myanma Alin) ■ (Translated by Zaw Min)



Shan State Chief Minister Dr. Linn Htut delivers the speech at the closing ceremony for Inle Luyechun Camp yesterday. **PHOTO: THIHA SITHU**

Dozens of rockets fired from Gaza, Israeli response kills one

GAZA CITY — Gaza militants on Saturday fired dozens of rockets at Israel, which responded with strikes that killed a Palestinian, officials said, as another escalation between them threatened a fragile ceasefire.

The latest flare-up came with Hamas, the Islamist movement that rules the blockaded Gaza Strip, seeking further concessions from Israel under the ceasefire.

Israel said around 150 rockets were fired from the Palestinian enclave by late Saturday afternoon and its air defences intercepted dozens of them.

One woman was seriously injured in a rocket strike on the Israeli city of Kiryat Gat, some 20 kilometres (13 miles) from

the Gaza border, police said.

Police said a man was also hospitalised in the city of Ashkelon and spoke of other injuries without providing details.

A house near Ashkelon was damaged, while other rockets hit open areas.

The Israeli army said it had targeted two rocket launchers in Gaza with an air strike in an immediate response and its tanks and planes later hit some 30 military targets for Hamas and its ally Islamic Jihad.

A Gazan security source said a series of Israeli strikes targeted at least three separate areas of the Gaza Strip and that three “resistance fighters” were wounded.

The Gaza health ministry reported one person killed and



Smoke billows over Gaza City after Israel carries out an air strike in response to a barrage of rockets fired by Palestinian militants. **PHOTO: AFP**

seven wounded.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was holding consultations with security chiefs.

A statement from Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for at least some of the rocket fire and said it was prepared for

more if necessary.

Its armed wing distributed a video showing militants handling rockets and threatening key Israeli sites, including Ben-Gurion international airport near Tel Aviv.

A source in the group said Egypt was engaged in discus-

sions to calm the situation, as it has done repeatedly in the past.

Israel announced on Saturday afternoon that it was closing its people and goods crossings with Gaza as well as the zone it allows for fishermen off the enclave until further notice due to the rocket fire. — AFP

Venezuela's Maduro tells armed forces to be 'ready' in case of US attack

CARACAS (Venezuela) — Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro called on the armed forces to be “ready” in the event of a US military offensive against the South American country, in a speech to troops on Saturday.

Maduro called on the military “to be ready to defend the homeland with weapons in your hands if one day the US empire dares to touch this territory, this sacred earth.”

His speech at a military base in the northwest, where he appeared alongside Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino, came as opposition leader Juan Guaido rallied his supporters in a new day of protests to press the armed forces to support his bid to dislodge Maduro.

Earlier this week, Guaido tried to incite a military insurrection but it quickly fizzled out as a group of 25 rebel soldiers sought refuge in the Brazilian embassy in Caracas.

Maduro had responded to that by insisting the military high command had reasserted

its loyalty to him.

“I told the generals and admirals yesterday: loyalty, I want an active loyalty ... I trust you, but keep your eyes open, a handful of traitors cannot tarnish the honor, the unity, the cohesion and the image of the armed forces,” the president said in his speech broadcast on public radio and television.

The socialist leader accused Guaido — recognized by more than 50 countries as Venezuela's interim president — of trying to launch a “coup d'etat.”

Despite Guaido's best efforts, the military has remained loyal to Maduro.

His appeal came during a week in which US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had warned Caracas that “military action is possible.”

Despite repeatedly alluding to such an intervention, Washington has so far limited its actions to ramping up sanctions against key figures in the Maduro regime, as well as state oil company PDVSA. — AFP

Pressure on for Brexit compromise after polls debacle

LONDON (United Kingdom) — Britain's two biggest parties said there was renewed impetus Saturday to find a compromise on Brexit after taking a battering in local elections from voters exasperated by the impasse.

Prime Minister Theresa May's governing centre-right Conservatives had a disastrous result, losing more than a thousand seats in the English local authority polls.

But the left-wing Labour main opposition led by Jeremy Corbyn failed to capitalise, and even managed to lose seats.

Instead, two pro-EU parties profited: the centrist, Liberal Democrats were up 676 and the left-wing Greens added 185. Independents meanwhile gained 242.

Yet, in a sign of the frustration among pro-Brexit supporters, many voters boasted on social media of how they spoiled their ballots, writing “Brexit betrayal” and “traitors” on their voting slips.

The Conservatives and Labour are in prolonged talks on finding a compromise to break the Brexit deadlock after MPs failed to agree on a divorce deal with the European Union.

“We can look at those local election results as a punishment for both the Labour Party and the Conservative Party for failing to find a way through,” Justice Secretary David Gauke told BBC television.

Corbyn told ITV there was clearly a “huge impetus... that an arrangement has to be made, a deal has to be done; parliament has to resolve this issue”.

With the divorce deal hanging in the balance, Britain's exit date from the EU has been pushed back twice from the original March 29 to October 31.

Britain's voted in June 2016 in favour of leaving the bloc.

Shadow over EU poll

In the local elections, the Conservatives were expected to lose seats, with sitting governments traditionally taking a mid-term hit.

Meanwhile Labour could have expected to make the sort of sweeping gains opposition parties on course for government typically pocket.

However, the results were far worse for both major parties than they might have projected.

With more than 8,000 council seats up for grabs in England, the Conservatives were

net down 1,269 — the worst local elections performance, in raw numbers, by a governing party since 1995 — while Labour shed 63.

This year's local elections took place in largely rural and suburban England, where generally the Liberal Democrats provide the main alternative to the Conservatives in the south and to Labour in the north.

Without a resolution to Brexit, the scenario could be worse for the big parties at the European Parliament elections. They are scheduled to take place in Britain on May 23 following the last extension to the Brexit deadline granted by the EU.

The Conservative and Labour will face eurosceptic Nigel Farage's Brexit Party — which leads in the opinion polls — and pro-EU centrists Change UK.

Neither newly-formed party stood in the local elections, the polls coming too soon to find the thousands of candidates necessary. The prime minister interpreted the election outcome to be a simple message to the Conservatives and Labour to “just get on and deliver Brexit”. — AFP

Support the rule of law to strengthen our democracy

DEMOCRACY is a government of, by, and for the people. Thus, the task of upholding a democratic system and federal rights also lies in the hands of the people. Democracy is a system that provides freedom, security, and happiness to the citizens. As our country comprises many ethnic nationals, a Union could not be established without the participation of the ethnic nationals.

As we are determined to establish a Democratic Federal Republic, the government has been holding meetings to ensure all responsible persons work together to carry out the work of reform and transition smoothly.

The establishment of a Democratic Federal Republic can be successful only with the participation of officials from the executive, legislative, and judicial pillars in the reform and transition works. CSOs, NGOs, and the media need to provide assistance and support in this endeavor, and only then can there be success.

At present, there are a number of requirements that we need to fulfil and work we need to carry out for the people and our country. The time has come for us to unite to solve the problems of the people, remove instability and anxiety due to conflicts, and give the people a safe and secure future. That is why the rule of law needs to be upheld. The administrative system of the executive pillar of a democracy supports the rule of law. In the same way, the administrative machinery must protect human rights. Only then can we reach our goal of establishing a democracy.

A democracy can be firm and strong only through the establishment of a humane society that provides justice to all. A democracy can be firm and strong only when there is rule of law. The rule of law, democratic rights, and human rights are interlinked. Without rule of law, democratic rights would be lost.

To avoid becoming a burden to the people, the country's administrators need to curb corruption, set aside personal interests, and carry out their duties in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations, and procedures of the nation.

Corruption needs to be eliminated to establish a clean administrative mechanism.

As reforms begin at the individual level, the authorities concerned must adopt strong convictions for reforms.

We must all discharge the historic duties placed on our shoulders. We would like to urge all responsible persons to strive together for a democracy with collective strength.



Shan State: Working for major development projects; Promoting areas of agriculture and livestock; Implementing programs for public utilities

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Shan State Chief Minister Dr. Lin Htut

By Shin Min
PHOTOS: AYE THAN

LOCATED east of Myanmar, Shan State is the biggest among the 14 States and Regions of Myanmar with an area covering 61090 square miles.

The clouds hovering over the mountain ranges make one wonder if they are actually on top of the world.

Then Shan plateau hosts quite a lot of villages and is home to 5.8 million people in 1 self-administrated state, 4 self-administrated areas, 13 districts (55 townships and 86 towns).

For the 2018-19 financial year, the Shan State government aimed to produce up to K1,929,584 million worth of goods and services. By the end of the year, the government had an output of goods and services worth K2,007,356 million.

Agriculture and Livestock

The State government was able to grant K75000 million of loans to 130,000 farmers in the span of 3 years the incumbent government has been in office. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) also collaborated in an effort to borrow 149 farm equipment units as well as loans up to K6000 million.

Over 29572 acres out of 30831 of abandoned land from the war

was restored and given back to the farmers with the rest in progress.

Floods are a constant threat to crop fields. With the construction of dams, trenches, underground trenches and other water drainage systems, 189,740 acres were managed to prevent from flooding. There are also plans to dig wells in the coming year in 17 villages to supply 19225 people with fresh water. Additionally,

from 31st Jan 2019, 3563 companies were able to export 313897 cows and 42286 buffalos worth US\$430 million.

Education and Health

The literacy rate in Shan State is 73.42%. In an effort to increase the numbers, 30 new schools have been opened through the state. Within three years of the current administration, 1346 additional health centers have been opened.

There were also 410 field trips by the doctors to remote areas to treat 62545 patients. ICRC, an international NGO, donated 1800 million Kyats to Kyein Tone hospital for a 40-bed rehabilitation center. JICA contributed K8340 million as well for the expansion of the Lashio General Hospital.

Infrastructure

To rewire the electric lines that have been damaged during

natural disaster, K33 million were invested in 2018 alone. “In 2018-19, there was an increase of 770,000 people who had access to electricity,” explains the State Chief Minister.

Trade

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have been approved as well as other US\$27.1 million of foreign investment and US\$446284 million domestic investment.

Hotel and Tourism

The State Minister comments “During the past three years of our government, we approved 1270 licenses for hotel and hostels, 291 tour operators, 7206 transportation operator licenses and 569 guide licenses.” There

are also plans in place to open waterfalls, ethnic villages, elephant sanctuaries as well as additional routes along the Mekong river.

Social Sector

There have been numerous camps to accommodate for the people fleeing the KIA/ TNLA/ MNDAA/AA war zone territories. The Union donated 138 million Kyats along with supplies worth 65 million Kyats for rehabilitation

efforts. The Shan State government also donated K2.2 million along with supplies worth 29 million Kyats as well. Companies donated 1 million Kyats and 13 million worth of supplies with NGOs and other private donors donating 98 million Kyats and K456 million worth of supplies. Total donations combine to almost 800 million Kyats.

Low-cost Housing and Philanthropy

The Shan State government officials' accommodation were constructed with funding from the State government. A total of 716 rooms from 34 buildings were constructed. In Taunggyi, the government was able to house -with a lottery system- 119 households who are considered low-income and/or pensioners. In 2018-19, the social security for people above 85 years of age was increased to 10,000 Kyats. During the past three years, the state have distributed up to 29 million Kyats to support retirement homes, youth organizations and kindergartens.

The State government, elected by the people, is in charge of the state and its people's welfare, the administration aims to choose policies and projects that will benefit the people.

Translated by Myat Thu



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivers the speech at the 72nd Shan State Day Ceremony in Taunggyi, Capital of Shan State. PHOTO: MNA



Shan State Chief Minister Dr. Lin Htut provides pension to the former civil servant. PHOTO: MNA



Shan State Chief Minister Dr. Lin Htut offers certificate of honour for launching booths at the 72nd Union Day in Shan State.



Low-cost housing for public provided within three year period in Shan State. PHOTO: MNA

Mon State: Enhancing the attractiveness of cultural sites as tourism destinations; Contributing to sustainable regional development; Improving life of people

"Mon State Government, Pyithu Hluttaw, ethnic literary and cultural groups and education department are cooperating in drawing up curriculum for teaching Mon literature at 292 schools in Mon State."

Mon State Chief Minister, Dr. Aye Zan.



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By Nanda Win
Photos : Aye Than

FAMOUS persons like Myanmar history's only Queen Shin Sawbu and King Dhammazedi who became patron of Buddhism are natives of Mon. Mon people are those who have been together in the fight against imperialists for Myanmar's struggle for independence.

Mon National Day is annually celebrated on the first waning of Tabodwe to honor its founding of Hanthawaddy Bago capital by two Mon brothers Thamala and Wimala in the year 1116 of the Buddhist Era. The decision to hold the annual Mon National Day celebrations was made at the Mon National Conference (MNC) held at Pa Nga Village, Thanbyuzayat Township in 1946.

Mon National Day on the auspicious day for Mon ethnic people was held on 20 February this year that falls on the first waning of Tabodwe 1380 ME.

Mon ethnic people are residing in Mon State as well as other parts of Myanmar. Mon State is widely well-known for its significant places to visit such

places as Kyaikhtiyo Pagoda, Kyaik Thanlan Zedi, U Zina Zedi, Kyaik Thoke Zedi, Kyaikhani Yele Pagoda, Setse Beach and Balu Island, attracting a lot of local travelers and globetrotters.

Pha Auk Tawya Monastery is also a renowned and an ideal place for meditation where both local people and foreigners usually come to practice meditation. Win Sein Tawya Reclining Buddha is also a place frequented by local and foreign pilgrims.

Mon State covers an area of 4748 square miles and many islands and islets along its coast are located in the south-eastern part of Myanmar and bounded by Kayin State, Bago Region, Mottama Gulf, Tanintharyi Region and Thailand. Mon State has all modes of transportation and is easily accessible to every parts of the country.

Visible Improvement in Mon State during the third year term of incumbent Government

Framing earthen road and 12 reinforced concrete bridges construction were completed in the mini fiscal year of 2018, as parts of Kyaikhto Town bypass road project that was implemented due to heavy traffic jams at the downtown of Kyaikhto and Kyaikhto-Kim Pon Camp road section.

Moreover, a 2109 ft long and 31 ft wide Ahttayan (Sabel Gu) steel framing reinforced concrete Bridge in Kyaikmayaw Township was also being constructed, setting up a two year target of completion with a 22 per cent completion in the end of 2018-2019 FY.



Taung Yoetan asphalt road constructed in Mawlamyaing Township.



Regional Forest Department undertakes the coastal protection program by planting mangroves in An Dhin Village in Ye Township, Mon State.

Road and bridge

Mon State Road Department constructed 715 miles and 6 furlongs of road networks and 2,508 bridges.

During the mini FY April-September 2018 and 2018-2019 FY, the Yangon-Myiik road section which is part of the ASEAN Highway was extended

from 24 ft width to 36 ft width, and upgraded to asphalt concrete (AC) road from asphalt road.

Paving roads with asphalt concrete (AC), upgrading gravel road to asphalt road, road extension and rebuilding 136 bridges on the other roads in the State were also

carried out.

Agriculture

The number of summer paddy cultivation in Mon State has increased from 42,535 acres in 2018 to over 45,000 in 2019 after the Mon State government provided necessary assistance to farmers.

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Engineers test soil samples for building the bridge across the Ahttayan River in Mon State.



An embankment seen for water control system during summer paddy cultivation in Mon State.

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Moreover, 430 acres of sugarcane were cultivated in the virgin lands in Kyaikmayaw Township. 1,000 acres of palm oil cultivation were also implemented in Babu Village.

In 2018, 62 projects on digging ditches/creeks to reduce flooding, 16 projects on building and renovating saltwater dams, nine projects on renovating door dams, nine irrigation projects and 41 projects for summer paddy were also carried out.

Nearly 30,000 baskets of paddy were also provided to farmers in nine townships as a compensation for 31,657 acres of rain paddy destroyed by flood. Farmers were also educated with agricultural knowledge.

Regarding upgrading farmland, 1,335 acres of farmlands were introduced with 2018-2019 budget of Mon State government. 12 Kubota combine harvesters also sold with low price for farmers.

Electricity

Regarding electricity, 11 KV grids, 11/0.4 KV sub-station, 400 V electric line were also constructed and renovated with Union budget. 22,274 households and 97 villages in 7 townships and 3 towns also got accesses to electricity during the mini FY April-September 2018 and 2018-2019 FY.

Education

Over 260 school buildings, eight science rooms and 17 residences for teachers were constructed for the development of basic education sector and all school aged children to reach school.

Twelve school buildings for high school education and 48 school buildings for middle school education, 16 school buildings for basic education were also upgraded and opened, along with 62 exam centers for ten standard.

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Health

Four story-building, five patient wards and MDR TB building, Disease Control Centre (HIV/AIDS Prevention) building and staff residences were constructed in Mawlamyine, Mudon, Thanbyuzayat, Ye, Kyaikmayaw, Chaungzone, Kyaikhto, Belin, Thaton and Paung townships. About K 1800 million worth medicines were also distributed.

About 130 road projects, 29 bridges, 8 education projects, 2 general projects, 59 projects for water and 31 other projects in 10 townships were also carried out during the mini FY April-September 2018 and 2018-2019 FY,



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi visits the Mawlamyaing General Hospital.



Teachers demonstrate new curriculum in a primary school in Mon State.



Department for Health (Nyaung Gone).

with the development fund of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, K 1000 million each for the 10 townships in Mon State.

For the development of Mon State, Mon State Development Committee carried out the works to keep the towns and wards clean, upgrading roads during 2018-2019 FY.

A garbage disposal machine was also installed on the Kyai-khtiyo mountain in Kyaikhto Township.

Mangrove forests were also cultivated in Mon State to conserve natural environment.

173 rural development projects were also implemented in 10 townships in Mon State during the mini FY April-September 2018 with a budget of K 3282 million allocated by Mon State Government for rural development. In 201-2019 FY, a budget of K 19,999 million was allocated for rural development.

In 2018-2019 FY, K 1000 million from Union Budget was allocated.

Rent grants in the villages of 10 townships were also issued in 2018-2019 FY with a State budget of K 11.80 million.

K 3235 million worth SME loans were also provided as an investment fund for the economic development.

Allocated budget for building three cyclone shelters in Chaungzon Township to protect from natural disasters was also already received.

The meetings between state-level Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee (JMC-S) and local people were also held. Mon State government is striving for creating more job opportunities through eco-tourism. ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



New school buildings are under construction in Mon State.



Extended building being constructed for Mawlamyaing General Hospital under construction.

Thai king crowned in day of pomp and centuries-old splendour

BANGKOK (Thailand) — To the boom of cannons, pipes and chants, King Maha Vajiralongkorn was crowned Saturday in a ceremony governed by centuries-old rituals, vowing a righteous reign and calling for “national security” and “happiness” in a remarkable display of royal power.

Starting at the auspicious time of 10:09 am (0309 GMT), the public was granted a rare window into the cloistered halls of Thai royalty as the three-day coronation began.

King Vajiralongkorn is the tenth monarch of the Chakri dynasty, which has reigned over the kingdom since 1782.

He ascended the throne over two years ago following the death of his



This screengrab from Thai TV Pool video taken on 4 May 2019 shows Thailand's King Maha Vajiralongkorn facing the audience wearing the gold crown while sitting on the throne during his coronation at the Grand Palace in Bangkok. **PHOTO: AFP**

beloved father. Saturday's sombre ceremony opened with the white-gowned king receiving sacred water and

dabbing it gently across his face at a shrine inside the Grand Palace complex.

A cannon salute

marked the moment as pipes played and Buddhist monks chanted.

Several grey-haired

Hindu Brahmins were also in attendance at a ceremony that symbolises Rama X's transformation from human to divine figure.

He later took his seat under the umbrella of state and was handed the Great Crown of Victory, a 7.3-kilogram (16-pound) tiered gold headpiece topped by a diamond from India.

Draped in bejewelled royal regalia summoning images of another era, in contrast with consumer-mad Bangkok outside palace walls, Vajiralongkorn vowed to reign “with righteousness” for the benefit of Thais. In a later audience with royal family members and some of the most powerful people in the country, including junta chief Prayut Chan-O-Cha,

he implored all to work for “the people's benefit with prosperity, national security, peacefulness and happiness of people as our highest goal”. He was then carried in a palanquin surrounded by guards in lockstep to the Temple of the Emerald Buddha where he proclaimed himself the royal patron of Buddhism.

Earlier his fourth wife, Suthida — married in a surprise ceremony days before the coronation — was invested as Queen, kneeling in respect in front of her husband who sat on a throne.

For most Thais, it is the first time they have witnessed a coronation — the last was in 1950 for the king's beloved father Bhumibol Adulyadej.—AFP ■

Trump says still confident in Kim after N. Korea test launch

WASHINGTON (United States) — US President Donald Trump voiced confidence Saturday that Kim Jong Un would not “break his promise,” following what if confirmed would be North Korea's first short-range missile launch for more than a year.

“Anything in this very interesting world is possible,” Trump tweeted, after Seoul said Pyongyang had launched several unidentified projectiles into the sea.

“But I believe that Kim Jong Un fully realizes the great economic potential of North Korea, & will do nothing to interfere or end it,” he added.

“He also knows that I am with him & does not want to break his promise to me. Deal will happen!”

Since their historic summit meeting in Singapore in 2018, Trump has said Kim remains committed to the “complete denuclearization” of the Korean peninsula.



In this file photo taken on 27 February 2019, US President Donald Trump (L) shakes hands with North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un following a meeting in Hanoi. **PHOTO: AFP**

He has insisted the two leaders remain close even after their follow-up meeting in Hanoi collapsed in February, and that Kim would maintain his moratorium on long-range missile and nuclear tests.

But with negotiations lagging, the North appears to be testing the US side.

The latest launch followed last month's test-firing of very-short-range tactical weapons, and it came days after a senior North Korean diplomat chastised US

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo for making “foolish and dangerous” comments in nuclear talks with the North.

Analysts said Pyongyang appears intent on raising pressure on Washington as those talks remain deadlocked.

The two sides have been clashing over the North's demand for substantive economic sanctions relief and the US's insistence that the North make concrete concessions toward eliminating its atomic arsenal.—AFP ■

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Yangon Region Government
Yangon City Development Committee
Notification No. 32/ 2019
14th Waning of Tagu, 1381 M.E.
(3 May, 2019)

Notification of Cut-off Date for Yangon Urban Mass Rapid Transit (YUMRT) Project

- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 67 and 336 of the Yangon City Development Law, this is to notify the public of the Cut-off Date of Yangon Urban Mass Rapid Transit (YUMRT) Project.
- The Ministry of Transport and Communications (MOTC), in collaboration with Yangon Region Government (YRG) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), is implementing the Yangon Urban Mass Rapid Transit (YUMRT). Phase I of East-West Line of YUMRT, (Hlaing Thar Yar – Parami) will be implemented as a priority. It will be 18 kilometers in length, starting from Hlaing Thar Yar Station, travelling along Yangon-Pathein Road, and crossing the Hlaing River, then along Parami Road, ending at Parami Station. The required width of road is 29 meters for Yangon-Pathein Road and 22 meters for Parami Road.
- The affected area of the YUMRT project will be as the followings;
 - 54.36 Acres (22 Hectares) from Hlaing Thar Yar Station for the construction of YUMRT Depot;
 - 14.5 meters width at each side from the center of YUMRT alignment along Yangon-Pathein Road;
 - 11 meters width at each side from center of YUMRT alignment along Parami Road.
- It is officially announced that 6 May, 2019 (3rd Waxing of Kason, 1381 M.E.) is the Cut-off Date so that to the affected areas in article 3 of this notification are to be acquisitioned and supported by Yangon Region Government for resettlement.
- According to the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Policy of JICA and standard practices of international monetary organizations, the survey for project area will be conducted tentatively from 6 May 2019 to 30 June 2019. COD is to be defined as the first date of conducting survey as per above-mentioned standard practices.
- This is hereby announced that there will be no compensations, resettlements and grievances for the matters, such as renovation and expansion of existing buildings, construction of new buildings, transfer of land ownership and sales of land after COD in the affected area in article3 of this notification.

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Maung Maung Soe
Chairman (Mayor)
Yangon City Development Committee

Boeing plane skids into Florida river in crash-landing, no fatalities

MIAMI (United States) — A Boeing 737 skidded off a runway into a river after crash-landing during a lightning storm in Florida on Friday, officials said, with terrified passengers all safely evacuated to shore from the stricken jet's wings.

The plane carrying 143 people including crew from Guantanamo Bay in Cuba slammed into shallow water next to a naval air station in Jacksonville after a hard landing that saw the plane bounce and swerve down the runway, passengers said.

No fatalities or critical injuries were reported.

"As we went down ... the plane bounced and screeched and bounced more and lifted to the right and then it lifted to the left," Cheryl Bormann, a defense attorney who was on board the flight, told CNN.

"And then it sort of swerved and then it came to a complete crash stop."

Some oxygen masks deployed and overhead lockers flew open during the landing, she added.

Twenty-one adults were taken to local hospitals, but none were critically injured, Jacksonville sheriff's office said on Twitter. Others were treated for minor injuries at the scene.

Captain Michael Connor, commanding officer at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, told a news conference early Saturday it was a "miracle" no more serious injuries or fatalities had occurred.

"We could be talking about a different story this evening, so I think there's a lot to say about, you know, the professionalism of the folks that helped the passengers off the airplane ... it very well could be worse," he said.

All 136 passengers and seven aircrew on board had been accounted for, NAS Jacksonville said in a statement.

However, there were fears for a number of pet



The plane was carrying 143 people including crew from Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. PHOTO: AFP

animals travelling in the plane's luggage compartment.

The pets had "not been retrieved yet due to safety issues with the aircraft", NAS Jacksonville said in an update on Facebook Saturday.

'Lightning and thunder'

Images showed the Miami Air International plane lying partially submerged in water after the crash-landing, with its nose cone missing.

Passengers in life vests were instructed to clamber onto the wings of the jet before being transported to shore aboard inflatable life rafts, Bormann said.

"We couldn't tell where we were, a river or an ocean. There was rain coming down. There was lightning and thunder. We stood on that wing for a significant period of time," she told CNN.

Navy security and emergency response personnel including some 90 firefighters attended the scene.

Jacksonville mayor Lenny Curry tweeted that the White House had called to offer assistance as the situation was developing.

"All alive and accounted for. Our Fire and Rescue teams are family to all," said Curry.

Teams were working to control jet fuel spilling

into the St Johns River, he added.

The "Rotator" flight from the US base in Cuba carries passengers including military personnel and family members.

The National Transportation Safety Board said Saturday a team was being sent to investigate the incident.

Boeing said it was aware of the incident and providing technical assistance to the agency as it conducts its probe.

The plane involved was a Boeing 737-800, in operation for 18 years, according to website FlightRadar24.

US aerospace giant Boeing is under scrutiny following two crashes that killed a total of 346 passengers and crew and grounded its newer 737 MAX planes worldwide.

Both a Lion Air crash in Indonesia in October, and March's Ethiopian Airlines crash outside Addis Ababa, occurred shortly after takeoff. —AFP ■

Major disaster averted as weakened Fani hits Bangladesh

KHULNA (Bangladesh) — Cyclone Fani weakened to a depression as it barrelled into Bangladesh on Saturday after leaving a trail of deadly destruction in India, although a major human disaster looked to have been averted.

Press reports said 12 people had died in India and police in Bangladesh put the death toll there at the same number — a fraction of the casualty numbers seen in past cyclones, earning authorities praise from the United Nations.

With 1.2 million evacuated in India's Odisha state, more than 1.6 million people were taken to shelters in Bangladesh, officials told AFP, with at least 36 villages flooded by a storm surge and more than 2,000 homes destroyed.

"Six people died after they were hit by falling trees or collapsed walls, and six have died from lightning," Bangladeshi disaster official Benazir Ahmed told AFP.

In the coastal town of Banishanta, where embankments burst and some 250 families were marooned overnight, most houses were semi-submerged under water while a few straw huts had been washed away.

"We are now trying to fix the dam otherwise we will have to pass the night outside," villager Sanjay Mondol told AFP.

Ferries on large rivers remained out of action but those on smaller waterways resumed operations, and many people were beginning to return home with the wind still strong and skies overcast.

— AFP ■

Transferring Distributor for Registered Products

Distribution of following pesticides registered by Syntech International Co., Ltd is transferring from Agro Tech Co., Ltd to Golden Lion High Tech Agricultural Resources Co., Ltd. Any Objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Co Secretary, Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board, West Gyogone, Insein Township within (14) days.

Sr	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration	
			Type	Number
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2.	AT-Prole 10 SC	Ethiprole 10%	Provisional	P 2018-4487
3.	Robin 25 SC	Azoxystrobin 25% SC	Provisional	P 2017-3373
4.	Concept 48 EC	Chlorpyrifos 48% EC	Provisional	P 2017-3375
5.	Copper Tech 77 WP	Copper Hydroxide 77% WP	Provisional	P 2015-2380

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V UNI ANGEL VOY. NO. (0167-497W/E)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V UNI ANGEL VOY. NO. (0167-497W/E) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 05-05-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S EVERGREEN SHIPPING LINES

Phone No: 2301185

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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AGENT FOR: M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

Phone No: 2301185

High-speed train system to appear in Yangon soon

YANGON is the largest economic centre across the country and its transport systems are also essential to economic activities and quality of life of its people. At a time when Yangon is making strenuous efforts to develop a world-class metropolitan, urban public transportation plays a leading role for enabling travelling people to move from one place to another. Five main types of transport, such as private car, rail, taxi, trishaw and bus are available in Yangon. Yangon public rail transport project has been under implementation for enabling Yangonites to travel in the inner city with peace of mind.

“With the assistance of Japan, concerted efforts are being made to develop Yangon public rail transportation system,” said U Thant Sin Maung, Union Minister for Transport and Communications. The national transportation plan has been drawn up in use of the assistance from Japan. Implementations are being carried out according to prioritized order. It is also an attempt to undertake urban transportation development in a systematic manner.

The population in Yangon has reached almost 6 million. The travelling people are using vehicles and trains daily in Yangon and those relying on circular trains are about 80,000 in number every day. So as to improve circular train service, coaches, locomotives, railroads and signals are in need of upgrades.

Accordingly, plans are being made to upgrade circular railroads, stations and coaches, thanks to the assistance from Japan. Population growth will be nearly 10 million in Yangon in 2040. In order to fulfill the needs of the growing number of people, high-speed train system must be implemented at the same time.

In a bid to develop modern urban rail transportation system, plans are underway to upgrade southern

and northern railroad systems of Yangon and eastern and western ones. In this state, Myanma Railways received financial and technical helps from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and pilot feasibility studies were conducted from 2016 August to 2017. Now, detailed observations are being carried out. Such observations in details will be over in 2019 September. The final report of feasibility studies will come out at the end of 2019.

As soon as the final report of feasibility studies comes into view, the working committee, the technical cooperation committee, the traffic congestion reduction committee will have to be formed in order to encourage the implementation of the modern urban rail transportation system.

The Fourth Meeting of High-Speed Train System was held at the Office of Directorate of Inland Water

Transport on 29 March in 2019 during which the matters relating to high-speed train system were focused. “Detailed feasibility studies on railroads are being conducted with the intention of beginning high-speed train system in Yangon at the end of 2019,” said U Kyaw Myo, Minister for Transport and Communications.

Southern and northern high-speed railroads will be from Yangon Railway Station to the Yangon International Airport while eastern and western ones will be from Hlinethaya to Toekyoung Galay. After these high-speed railroads have been already upgraded, 11 trains from Japan will be substituted in the place of old ones.

The previous one round trip of the circular train lasted for about 2 hours and 50 minutes. If 11 high-speed trains are used to run on the upgraded high-speed railroads, it will take one hour and 50 minutes and it will save one hour. The reduced time of one hour will bring a big support to families, occupations and Yangon urban development.

If high-speed rail system of Yangon circular trains is implemented and standard high-speed circular trains are used on upgraded railroads, it will win the trust of the travelling people, railway passengers will be on the increase and Myanma Railways will earn more income.

Two high-speed railroad systems of Yangon have been under implementation for the time being. If the whole Yangon circular railroad has been already upgraded, the train speed will be at an average of 34 miles per hour. At this time, it is absolutely certain that Myanma Railways will earn more trust of the people relying on train services and it will provide the public with timely circular train services.

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Ground breaking ceremony of seven stories building of New Yangon Specialist Hospital held in Yangon

THE Ground Breaking Ceremony of “the Project for the Construction of New Yangon Specialist Hospital” was held at the construction site of New Yangon General Specialist Hospital on 28 April 2019.

In this ceremony, H.E Dr. Myint Htwe, Union Minister of Health and Sports (MoHS), U Phyo Min Thein, Chief Minister of Yangon Regional Government, H.E Mr. Ichiro Maruyama, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Mr. Masayuki KARASAWA, Chief Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) delivered the speeches.

JICA grants total amount of 8.661 billion Japanese Yen to the government of Myanmar to construct a new seven stories building with teaching functions, through relocation of the selected clinical departments for cardiology, car-



PHOTO: JICA

diac surgery, neuro medicine and neurosurgery from Yangon General Hospital. The government of Myanmar will take responsibility to procure equipment required for the new facilities to improve the health services at the hospital. Its construction is expected to com-

plete in early 2021.

Japan has been cooperating for the health sector in Myanmar since 1970s, by supporting for the human resource development, health system strengthening, infectious disease control and etc. New Yangon Specialist Hos-

pital will be one of the flagship projects of Myanmar and Japan cooperation.

The project site is located near the New Yangon General Hospital, which was also constructed under Japanese Grant Aid in 1984.—JICA

New Hydropower Developers' Association to drive sustainability in Myanmar

A new industry association is launching in Myanmar to promote sustainable development in the hydropower sector: The Myanmar Hydropower Developers' Association (MHDA) is an innovative platform for hydropower companies and industry professionals to support dialogue, influence sector policies, and improve environmental and social management practices and governance.

The MHDA was founded in 2016 as the Hydropower Developers' Working Group. Initially led by the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, with support from the Australian government, the MHDA has now transitioned to an independent, Myanmar-registered association. Myanmar is South East Asia's largest growth market for electricity. Currently, an estimated 60 percent of the population lacks access to electricity. The government's National Electrification Plan aims to electrify 7.2 million households and give Myanmar's people universal access to electricity by 2030.

With the nation's vast untapped hydrological resources—about 95 GW—and nearly 100 hydropower projects in operation, under construction, or in the planning stages, the sector is set to play a crucial role in providing the power essential for Myanmar's economic growth

and social development. The MHDA offers a private sector perspective on hydropower policies as well as the sector's evolving legal and regulatory frameworks and development. The association will hold business meetings and organize activities around four focus areas: development of model transactional documents; project procurement; environmental and social matters; and small hydropower. Members will benefit from tailored seminars on topics such as social risk management, stakeholder engagement and grievance mechanisms.

“We're very proud to have played a part in creating the MHDA. We believe it is uniquely placed to make significant contributions to the sustainable development of Myanmar's hydropower sector,” said Vikram Kumar, IFC's Country Manager for Myanmar and Thailand.

As its first initiative, the MHDA—in cooperation with the Ministry of Electricity and Energy—is producing standardized concession and power purchase agreements for hydropower projects. These agreements will help regulate the rights and obligations of both developers and the government, and ensure projects will meet the accountability requirements of international lenders and comply with environmental and social standards.

“Hydropower has significant potential to help develop Myanmar, but we need to strike a balance between meeting the country's energy needs and protecting its environment and communities. To support that, we aim to promote health and safety standards, sustainable regulation, and strengthen compliance,” said Aung Zaw Naing, Chair of MHDA's Executive Committee.

The MHDA is accepting membership applications from local and foreign-owned hydropower developers, operators, EPC contractors, as well as related vendors and industry professionals that are currently or soon to be operating in Myanmar. Prospective members are invited to attend a launch event on 9 May, 2019 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the Bago Room of the Sule Shangri-La Hotel in Yangon where they can meet current members and learn more about the organization's vision and activities.—GNLM



Photo of Baluchaung No.2 Hydropower Plant. PHOTO: YE MYINT



Yangon United draw Sagaing United in MNL Week 10 match

THE Week 10 match between Yangon United, the defending champions of the Myanmar National League, and Sagaing United ended in a 1-1 draw yesterday at the Yangon United Sports Complex in Yangon.

Although Yangon United dominated the first half, the visiting team managed to end the half with a lead of one goal. Friday scored the first goal for Sagaing United.

Yangon United missed a goal chance in the early minutes of the first half, when Mg Mg Lwin failed to convert from a cross over from Yangon's youth star Nyein Chan Aung.

Sagaing United scored the icebreaker at 24 minutes. The goal was scored by Friday after the referee awarded a foul ball in 18 yards.



A player from Sagaing United (red) vies for the ball against Yangon United (white) during the Week 10 match of the Myanmar National League at the Yangon United Sports Complex yesterday. **PHOTO: YUSC**

The first half ended with Sagaing United leading by 1-0. In the second half, Yangon

United played better with perfect ball passes and neat deliveries. But the team had to play

with 10 players in the later minutes after Sylla received a direct red card for misbehavior.

Yangon gained a penalty shoot at 78 minutes on account of rough play by Sagaing defenders in the penalty area.

But, Mg Mg Lwin failed to convert the penalty as the Sagaing United keeper palmed away the ball.

Yangon United managed to score the equalizer at the 79th minute with a beautiful shot by Mg Mg Lwin. Both teams were low on energy in the final minutes of the match, and no more goals were scored till the final whistle. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.

Yangon United has so far earned 20 points from 6 wins, 2 draws, and 2 losses from 10 matches played and is placed second in the table. Yangon will next play against Shan United on 11 May.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Zidane downplays Madrid move for Pogba

MADRID (Spain) — Zinedine Zidane has played down speculation linking Real Madrid with a summer move for Manchester United midfielder Paul Pogba.

Zidane said in March he knew Pogba personally and likes him “a lot” before adding Madrid could be his next club “when his experience in Manchester comes to an end”.

Pogba had also added to the doubts surrounding his future by saying that “all players dream of playing for Real Madrid”.

But ahead of his team's La Liga game at home to Villarreal on Sunday, Zidane appeared to downplay the chances of Pogba moving to the Santiago Bernabeu.

“I said Pogba was a good player but I could say the same about other players,” Zidane said at a press conference on Saturday.

“I know him but nothing

more. If you ask me about Pogba, I say he is a very good player but he plays for Manchester United.

“At the end of the season we will see which players come here, and who leaves, but I did not say ‘We are going to sign Pogba,’ nothing like that.

“I will not say anything until the deals are done.”

Madrid sit third in La Liga, 18 points behind champions Barcelona and with little hope of catching Atletico Madrid in second.

Zidane's team have delivered a series of underwhelming performances, most recently in a 0-0 draw with Getafe and 1-0 defeat to Rayo Vallecano.

“I was very angry the other day, so were the players, they didn't enjoy it either,” Zidane said. “Sometimes nothing goes your way.”

Madrid fans have vented their frustration towards a



Real Madrid head coach Zinedine Zidane has played down reports linking Manchester United's French midfielder Paul Pogba with a move to the Spanish club. **PHOTO: AFP**

number of players, in particular Gareth Bale, but Zidane said supporters cannot assume anyone will leave.

“The season is what it is but the fans must think about next

season. There will be changes but many of these players will stay,” he said.

“The fans will be the same, and most of the players too so we must stick together.

“We are going to have time to prepare for next season. Until August 31 anything can happen, so it will be a long summer.”

Vinicius Junior has been one of the few positives to come from Madrid's season and he could return against Villarreal after two months out with a hamstring injury.

“Vinicius is training much better and ready to be in the squad,” Zidane said.

“He is very good, he is an important player for this team and the future. He is 18 years old and we have to be patient.

“But he deserves to be here and next year, we will see how we can make the best of him.” —AFP ■

Myanmar faces Viet Nam in AFF U-15 Girls' Championship 2019

MYANMAR will play against ASEAN football powerhouse Viet Nam at the AFF U-15 Girls' Championship 2019, which will be held at Chonburi, Thailand, from 9 May.

Team Myanmar has been placed in Group A with Viet Nam, the Philippines, and Timor-Leste.

Thailand is in Group B with Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, and Cambodia. Myanmar will play against Timor Leste on 10 May, the Philippines on 12 May, and Viet Nam on 14 May.

A special training was conducted for the girls' team in Yangon earlier this month. As part of preparations for the AFF championship and to gain more experience, team Myanmar played a friendly match against the Zwegapin F.C., a professional football team based in Myanmar.

The Myanmar girls' team lost 5-1 to Zwegapin F.C., which has several senior Myanmar women footballers, including midfielder Le Le Hlaing from the national team, striker San Thaw Thaw from the U-19 team, and midfielder Win Win from the U-16 team. Zwegapin's players are also more experienced than the U-15 team.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Celtic honour McNeill with eighth straight Scottish title

GLASGOW (United Kingdom) — Celtic secured an eighth successive Scottish Premiership title on Saturday with a 3-0 win at Aberdeen that put them two-thirds of the way towards an unprecedented third consecutive domestic treble.

Saturday's title triumph came the day after former Celtic

captain and manager Billy McNeill's funeral in Glasgow, and both he and fellow Lisbon Lion Stevie Chalmers, who also died recently, were hailed with a minute's applause before the match.

“Things just felt right this week, we kept calm with all the emotions with Billy funeral,” said Celtic's interim manager

Neil Lennon. The former Hoops midfielder returned for a second spell as boss this season following Brendan Rodgers' shock decision to quit and join English Premier League side Leicester.

“It's been really tough, toughest piece of management I've had to do, as it has been difficult coming in to the club but the

players helped me and I like to think I've helped them. It's been really special,” added Lennon.

Celtic, who only needed only to avoid defeat at Pittodrie to be sure of retaining their crown, survived scares when Aberdeen's James Wilson twice hit the woodwork with the match was still scoreless.—AFP ■



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Questioning is the taproot of *education*

As soon as we had come out of the mother's body, we met questions of heat, coldness, warmth, hunger, dissatisfaction and our new world. Our response to these questions was crying with a high voice. Since then, questions had increasingly moved towards our life. Whenever I cried with the loudest voice, my parents always asked me why-questions. Moreover, when I entered my school, my classmates and I asked a lot of questions to one another. Then, my teachers always put several questions to me daily when I attended the class. From that time on, it dawned on me that questions and questioning almost always occupy my everyday life, my environment, my society and my small world. However, these questions and questioning are usually straightforward and sometimes personal.

As we all know that classrooms should be like Hluttaws to give children's opinion our classroom of today should be filled with agreement and disagreement as well as asking intelligent questions. Here, Edison, for instance, asked many questions to his teachers not because he did not understand the lessons very well but because he really wanted to know thoroughly how things happen or work. Yet, his teachers thought that he is a slow learner or low-achieving student. In this way, his questions were killed, but he himself tried to discover the answers to his questions by studying at home. Later, he was able to invent the electric bulb after doing laboratory experiments many times. Consequently, our world has been shining the whole night. I believe Edison showed that questioning is not a job of lay men, but of wise men.

Since I was a high school student, I had also enjoyed questioning like Edison. I like to understand very well what the concept of the lesson is. Certain teachers were ready to welcome my questions including my friends'. Unfortunately, some teachers pay too little attention to my questions. Nor do they themselves ask their students, either. Nevertheless, it is true that questioning is an important aspect of students' and teachers' work in the classroom.

According to Charles Kivunja (2015), questions fall into four main categories: convergent questions, divergent questions, evaluative questions and reflective questions. Convergent questions are questions whose answers are known and expected from the students. If students give any response which is not what teacher expects, it is considered. An example of such a question is "When was Hellen Keller born?" The next one is divergent question which is an open-ended type designed to give the students the opportunity to uncover the deep-seated meaning of the concepts rather than simple yes or

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Answers

1. I spent three hours reading that book.
2. They spent over 20 years fighting for their independence.
3. He spent three days trying to buy a train ticket to Mandalay.
4. He spent over 12 years saving money to get enough to buy a car.
5. He spent over three hours swimming in the lake this morning.

D. Advised to (အကြံပေးသည်)

To နောက်တွင် phrase လိုက်လေ့ရှိသည်။ အကြံပေးသည်ဟု အဓိပ္ပာယ်ရသည်။ Suggested that ၎င်းနောက်တွင် clause (ပုဒ်စုံ) လိုက်လေ့ရှိသည်။ ယခုခေတ်တွင် အကြံပြုသည်ဟု ပြန်ဆိုကြသည်။

ဥပမာ -

1. Father advised us to go on a picnic next Sunday.
အဖေက ကျွန်တော်တို့ကိုနောက်တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့တွင်ပျော်ပွဲစားသွားရန် အကြံပေးခဲ့သည်။
Father suggested that we should go on a picnic next Sunday.
ကျွန်တော်တို့ကို နောက်တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့တွင် ပျော်ပွဲစားသွားသင့်သည်ဟု အဖေက အကြံပြုခဲ့သည်။
2. She advised Ko Ko to join the YIT.
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3. The doctor advised the patient to take a long rest.
ဆရာဝန်က လူနာကို အချိန်ကြာမြင့်စွာ အနားယူရန် အကြံပေးခဲ့သည်။
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4. The teacher advised the students not to depend too much on notes.
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မှတ်ချက် ။ ။ Suggested ရေးသော စာကြောင်းအားလုံးတွင် should ကို မြှုပ်နှံလည်း သုံးနိုင်သည်။

ဥပမာ-

1. Father suggested that we go on a picnic next Sunday.
2. She suggested to Ko Ko that he join the YIT.
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4. The teacher suggested that the students not depend too much on notes.

လေ့ကျင့်ခန်းလုပ်ကြည့်ပါ

1. Mother advised us to go to bed early.
2. The state advised the farmers to grow more special high-yield paddy.
3. The headmaster advised the teacher to give more exercises to students.
4. I advised my friend to avoid drinking beer.
5. She advised her brother not to marry that actress.

Answers

1. Mother suggested that we (should) go to bed early.

2. The state suggested that the farmers (should) grow more special high-yield paddy.
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5. She suggested to her brother that he (should) not marry that actress.

E. 1. You must work hard or you will fail.

သင်ကြိုးစားရမည်၊ သို့မဟုတ်က သင်ကျွန်းလိမ့်မည်။

If you do not work hard you will fail.

(If ကို စာကြောင်းရှေ့ဆုံးတွင် ထည့်၍ အငြင်းစကား do not/does not စသည်တို့ကို ဆီလျော်သလို သုံးရသည်။ စာကြောင်း ၂ ကြောင်းဆက်ထားသော (or) ကို ဖြတ်ပစ်ရသည်။)

သင်မကြိုးစားလျှင် သင်ကျွန်းလိမ့်မည်။

2. She must come early or she will be left behind.

သူမ စောစောလာရလိမ့်မည်၊ သို့မဟုတ်က နောက်ချန်ထားခြင်း ခံရလိမ့်မည်။

If she does not come early, she will be left behind.

သူမ စောစောမလာလျှင် သူမ နောက်ချန်ထားခြင်းခံရလိမ့်မည်။

3. He must run as fast as possible or he will not catch the train.

သူ လျင်မြန်နိုင်သမျှ လျင်မြန်စွာ ပြေးရမည်၊ သို့မဟုတ်ပါက ရထားမီလိမ့်မည်မဟုတ်။

If he does not run as fast as possible, he will not catch the train.

သူ လျင်မြန်နိုင်သမျှ လျင်မြန်စွာမပြေးလျှင် ရထားမီလိမ့်မည်မဟုတ်။

4. They must be united or they will be defeated.

သူတို့ ညီညွတ်ကြရမည်။ သို့မဟုတ်ပါက သူတို့ချေမှုန်းခြင်း ခံရလိမ့်မည်။

If they are not united, they will be defeated.

သူတို့ မညီညွတ်လျှင် ချေမှုန်းခြင်းခံရလိမ့်မည်။

လေ့ကျင့်ခန်းလုပ်ကြည့်ပါ

1. We must play well or we will lose the game.
2. She must be faithful to him or he will divorce her.
3. Ko Ko must attend classes regularly or he will not get 75 per cent attendance.
4. You must love others or you will not be loved.

Answers

1. If we do not play well, we will lose the game.
2. If she is not faithful to him, he will divorce her.
3. If Ko Ko does not attend regularly, he will not get 75 per cent attendance.
4. If you do not love others, you will not be loved.

F. Joining the sentences using "by" (By နောက်တွင် ing လိုက်ရသည်။)

1. You can improve your English. You should read a lot.
သင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာတိုးတက်အောင် ကြိုးစားနိုင်သည်။ သင် စာများများဖတ်သင့်သည်။
You can improve your English by reading a lot.

သင် စာများများ ဖတ်ခြင်းအားဖြင့် သင်အင်္ဂလိပ်စာတိုးတက်နိုင်သည်။

2. We should settle disputes between nations. We should talk across a table.

ငါတို့သည် နှစ်နိုင်ငံအကြား အငြင်းပွားမှုများကို ဖြေရှင်းသင့်သည်။ ငါတို့စားပွဲတစ်လုံးတွင် အတူတကွ ထိုင်၍ ဆွေးနွေးသင့်သည်။

We should settle disputes between nations by talking across a table.

ငါတို့သည် နှစ်နိုင်ငံအကြား အငြင်းပွားမှုများကို စားပွဲတစ်လုံးတွင် အတူတကွထိုင်၍ ဆွေးနွေးခြင်းအားဖြင့် ဖြေရှင်းသင့်သည်။

3. You can help me.

You can iron my clothes.

မင်း ငါ့ကို ကူညီနိုင်သည်။

မင်း ငါ့အဝတ်များကို မီးပူတိုက်ပေးနိုင်သည်။

You can help me by ironing my clothes.

ငါ့အဝတ်အစားများကို မီးပူတိုက်ပေးခြင်းအားဖြင့် မင်း ငါ့ကို ကူညီနိုင်သည်။

4. They will reach the top early.

They will take the short cut.

သူတို့ ထိပ်ဖျားသို့ စောစောရောက်လိမ့်မည်။

သူတို့ ဖြတ်လမ်းလိုက်လိမ့်မည်။

They will reach the top early by taking the short cut.

သူတို့ ဖြတ်လမ်းလိုက်ခြင်းအားဖြင့် ထိပ်ဖျားသို့ စောစောရောက်လိမ့်မည်။

လေ့ကျင့်ခန်း လုပ်ကြည့်ပါ။

1. You can improve your health.

You should eat good food, take a rest, take exercise and keep yourselves clean.

2. We must produce more rice.

We must put more acres under paddy on the one hand and grow special high-yield paddy on the other.

3. You can keep yourself fit.

You should swim three hours a day.

4. Children can gain a lot of knowledge.

They should visit zoos, museums and gardens.

Answers

1. You can improve your health by eating good food, taking a rest, taking exercises and keeping yourselves clean.

2. We must produce more rice by putting more acres under paddy on the one hand and grow special high-yield paddy on the other.

3. You can keep yourself fit by swimming three hours a day.

4. Children can give a lot of knowledge by visiting zoos, museums and garden.

G. If-pattern

He did not take the examination.

He did not pass.

သူ စာမေးပွဲမဖြေခဲ့။

သူ မအောင်ခဲ့။

If he had taken the examination, he would have passed.

သူသာ စာမေးပွဲဖြေခဲ့ပြီးဖြစ်လျှင် အောင်ခဲ့ပြီးလည်း ဖြစ်လိမ့်မည်။

(ပေးထားသော စာကြောင်း ၂-ကြောင်းကို If နှင့် ဆက်ရန် ဖြစ်သည်။ Simple past tense ပုံစံဖြင့် ပေးထားသည်။ ထို့ကြောင့် If နောက်ထပ်လျက် စာကြောင်းတွင် not မပါသော past perfect tense သုံး၍ ကျန်စာကြောင်းတွင် not မပါသော past future perfect tense ဖြစ်သော would, have + V3 ပုံစံလိုက်ရသည်။ အမှန်စင်စစ်တွင်မူ ပေးထားသောစာကြောင်းများနှင့် ဆန့်ကျင်ဘက်အဓိပ္ပာယ်သို့ ရောက်အောင် ရေးရန်ဖြစ်သည်။ ထို့ကြောင့် not ပါလျှင် ဖြတ်ပစ်၍ မပါလျှင် ထည့်ရသည်။)

2. She came late.

She was punished.

သူမ နောက်ကျလာခဲ့သည်။

သူမ အပြစ်ပေးခံခဲ့ရသည်။

If she had not come late, she would not have been punished.

သူမသာ နောက်ကျလာခဲ့ပြီးမဖြစ်လျှင် အပြစ်ပေးခံခဲ့ရပြီး ဖြစ်လိမ့်မည်မဟုတ်။

3. He did not help her.

She was very angry.

သူ သူမကို မကူညီခဲ့ပါ။

သူမ အလွန်စိတ်ဆိုးခဲ့သည်။

If he had helped her, she would not have been very angry.

သူသာ သူမကို ကူညီခဲ့ပြီးဖြစ်လျှင် သူမ စိတ်ဆိုးခဲ့ပြီး ဖြစ်လိမ့်မည်မဟုတ်။

4. Ko Ko made a mistake.

He lost the job.

ကိုကိုအမှားတစ်ခု ပြုလုပ်ခဲ့သည်။

သူ့အလုပ်ကို ဆုံးရှုံးခဲ့သည်။

If Ko Ko had not made a mistake, he would not have lost the job.

ကိုကိုသာ အမှားတစ်ခုမပြုလုပ်ခဲ့လျှင် သူ့အလုပ်ပြုတ်လိမ့်မည်မဟုတ်ပါ။



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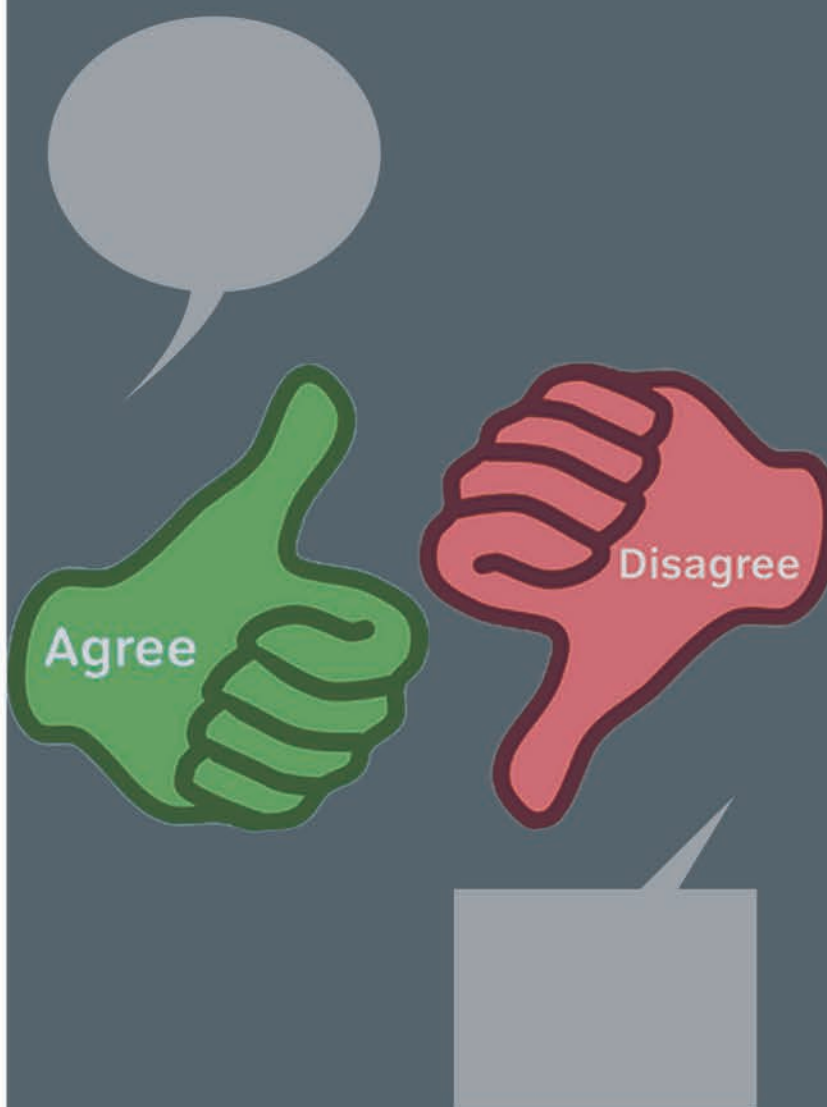


Let's all be open to constructive criticisms



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CURRENTLY, Myanmar is practicing an emerging "Democracy" so transparency and human rights are crucial in this political orientation. The populace's feedbacks, demands are mainly to be taken into consideration while practicing democracy. The development of technology, social media, and freedom of the press or media enables the individuals to keep track of the ongoing and up-to-date news in Myanmar as well as news of around the globe. What's more, the interactions among people become more active with the help of Facebook. Because of these situations, nowadays people's criticisms become prevalent everywhere. Particularly, on Facebook, people make comments as a way of expressing their feedbacks and opinions. In fact, criticism is simply challenging someone's ideas, someone's actions, someone's abilities, someone's character, traits, etc. If so, what is needed is the right attitude that someone who criticizes others' works should have and someone who takes criticisms should have.



It is good that nowadays, the government's actions, the people's lives are open to criticism. At the same time, it is sorry to see that destructive criticisms are made. Destructive criticisms are intended to have negative effects on someone's work, someone's character which means that these are criticisms deliberately making to become hindrances for someone's work and to hurt someone's dignity, confidence. Simply, such kind of criticisms seem worthless for both sides. Sometimes, criticisms should not be made with just first impression. Unless we know about that person, about the case in detail, we should not make destructive criticisms easily.

Nevertheless, constructive criticism which is only intended to point out the unconscious mistakes of someone, to give your suggestions, feedbacks with the intention of having progress and improvements in someone are acceptable. If the populace will just make constructive criticism, it is not only beneficial to every individual, but also to the government's implementations of the country's development and the citizens' sake. Also, from the side of those who take criticism, the attitude they should own is that "Two heads are better than one" and one's flaws cannot be seen by oneself. To sum up, I firmly believe that the democracy system will move on efficiently if all look forward to hearing constructive criticisms.



By Aye Mar Way

It is Myanmar that has a wide variety of ecosystems: plains, mountains, forests, wetlands, coastal and marine ecosystems. The country is rich in natural resources and enjoys an unusual great diversity of flora and fauna. It provides home to a large variety of biological species. Very rare species also live in the forests and wetlands including mangroves, swamp forest, lakes, marshes and seas. Moreover, some new species are still discovered within the country.

In the mammal sector, nearly 300 species have been recorded, but a number of these have not been sighted in recent years, including rhinoceros and Indian water buffalo. There are 47 globally threatened mammal species

in the country, five Critically Endangered, 17 Endangered and 25 Vulnerable according to the report - National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (2015-2020). The is also home to at least five endemic mammal species, including Anthony's pipistrelle, Joffe's pipistrelle, Myanmar pipistrelle and the Popa soft-furred rat. Dry mixed deciduous forests in Myanmar are home to the largest remaining population of the endangered Eld's deer.

Myanmar is a wonderful place for those who want to go watching wildlife tours around the country. For wildlife lovers who want to watch Myanmar wildlife at various destinations such as parks or wildlife reserves or wildlife sanctuaries



For Deer Watching in Myanmar

throughout the country, four kinds deer species found in Myanmar are presented in this time. These deer species are well-known in Myanmar. They are Eld's Deer, Sambar Deer, Muntjac and Hog Deer. Besides, the good places to watch these deer species are also expressed.

1. Eld's Deer

Eld's deer, known as brow-antlered deer and commonly called as "Shwe Thamin - ရွှေထမင် (means golden deer)" in Myanmar, is a rare species of deer found throughout mainland Southeast Asia, northeastern India, and southern China.

Especially, the deer's largest population is in Myanmar and it can be found mostly in Sagaing, Mandalay, Magwe, and Bago regions. Primarily, it lives in the Shweseetaw and Chatthin wildlife sanctuaries. Eld's deer is highly threatened and is included on the IUCN red list as an endangered

species. Some said that the deer has reached at even Critically Endangered of the list.

It is medium-sized deer and has a regal and graceful physique. Its legs are thin and long with a long body, large head and thin neck. The rough and coarse coat turns from reddish brown in

summer to dark brown in winter. The tail is short in length and the rump has no distinct patch.

2. Sambar Deer

The sambar is a large deer which is native to the Indian sub-continent, Southern China, and Southeast Asia including Myanmar. It is called "Sat - (ဆတ်)" in Myanmar. Populations have declined substantially due to severe hunting, insurgency, and industrial exploitation of habitat. Throughout Myanmar, it inhabits tropical forests, deciduous forests, evergreen forests and so on. It prefers the dense cover of deciduous shrubs and grasses. It can be seen in some zoos, animal reserves and parks throughout Myanmar. Such kind of deer is listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List since 2008.

3. Muntjac

Muntjacs, known as barking deer and Mastreani deer, are small deer of the genus Muntiacus native to south Asia and can be found in India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Indonesia, Taiwan and Southern China. In Myanmar, we call it "Che (ချေ) or Jhe (ချဲ)". It also can be seen in some places such as zoos, animal reserves and parks throughout Myanmar. It is listed as Least Concern by the IUCN Red List.

4. Hog Deer

Hog deer is a small deer whose habitat ranges from Pakistan, through northern India, to mainland southeast Asia. It can be found in Pakistan, northern India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Thai-

land and Sri Lanka. Its Myanmar's name is "Da-yae - ဒာယဲ". Some news said that a new species of Hog Deer (*Axis porcinus*) was discovered in the Indawgyi landscape in central Myanmar in 2012. It is listed as Endangered by the IUCN Red List.

For those who are interested in deer watching tour in Myanmar, the following places are recommended. In these places, the wildlife lovers will be sure to have an amazing time. The good time for deer watching is the period from November to May.

1. Hlawga Wildlife Park (Hlawga National Park) - It is a national park located in Mingaladon Township of Yangon, 22 miles north of Yangon. The 1540-acre park includes an 818-acre wildlife park, a 62-acre mini-zoo and a 660-acre buffer zone. The habitat is primarily semi-evergreen forest, mixed deciduous forest, swamp forest and extensive lakes. Within the fenced Hlawga Wildlife Park, one may observe the rare brow-antlered deer, hog deer, barking deer, sambar deer, monkey, jungle cat and many small mammals. Moreover, there is a range of various kinds of birds, tigers, leopards, bears and crocodiles in the small zoo.

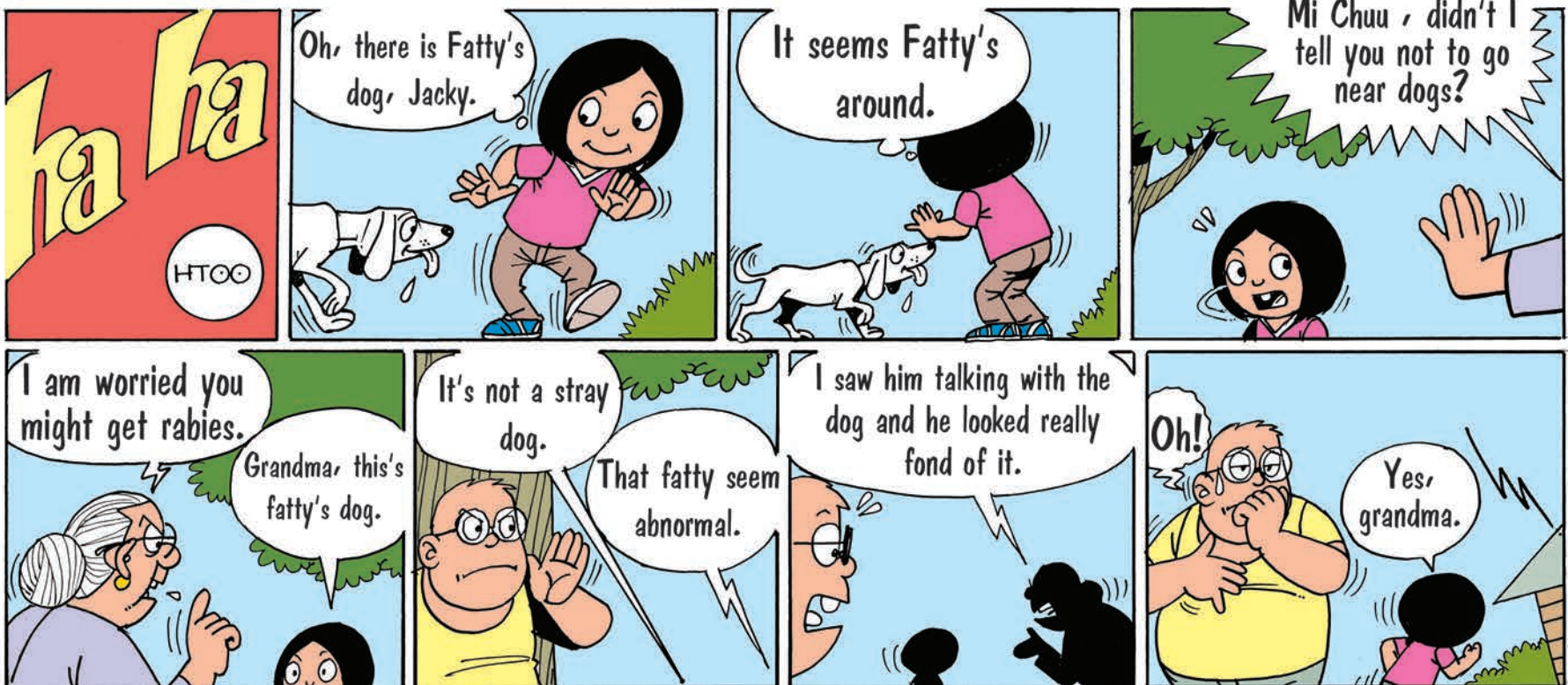
2. Mount Victoria (Nat Ma Taung National Park) - The highest mountain in Chin State is situated on Himalayas Mountain Range in the western part of the Myanmar. With a height of 3,053 m (10,016 ft) above sea level and a prominence of 2,231 m (7,320 ft), Nat Ma Taung is one of the ultra-prominent peaks of Southeast Asia. More than watching barking deer and sambar deer, it is the best site for bird watching. Leopard, clouded leopard, bear, gaur, barking deer, sambar deer, wild boar, wild dog, gibbon, various species of wild cat and many species of small mammals

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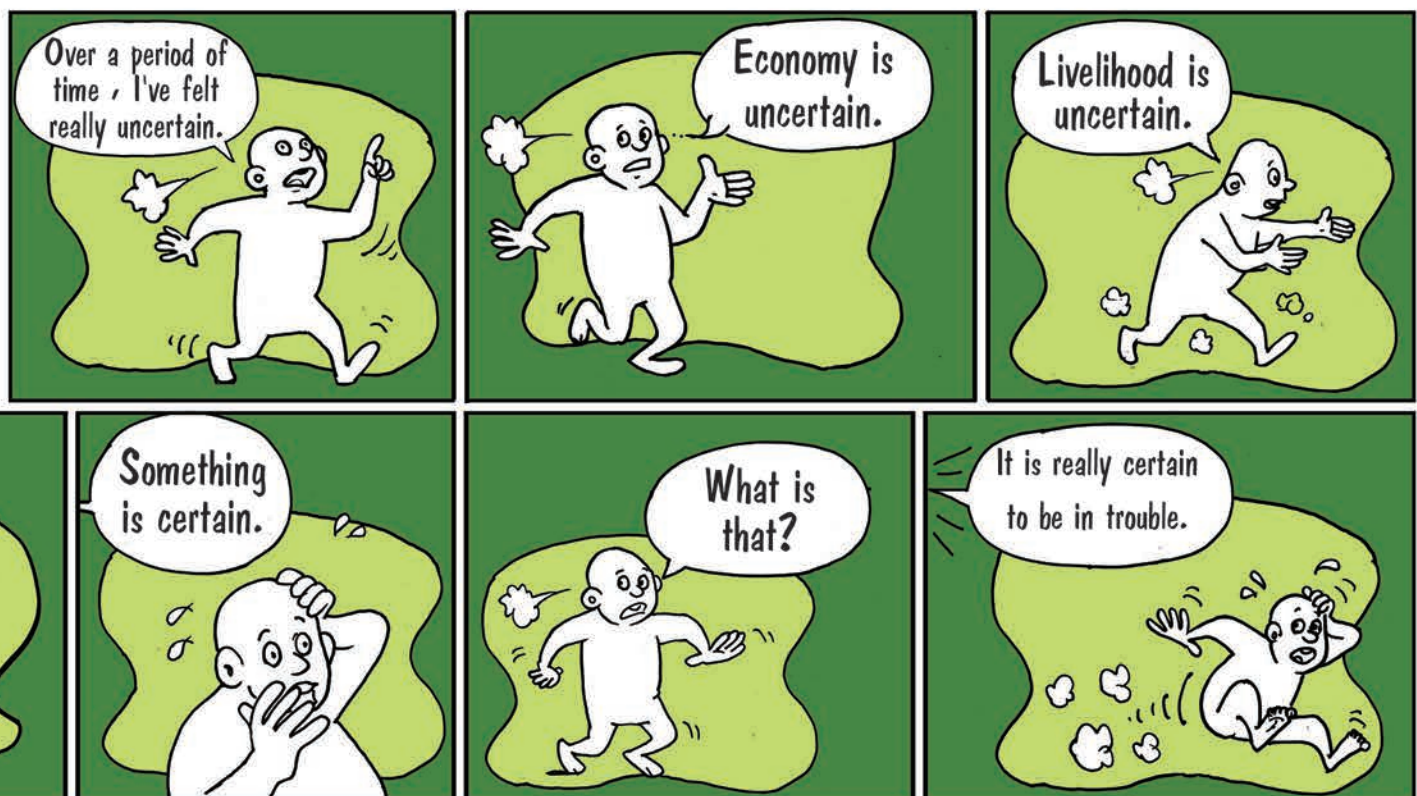
Conservationists are concentrating their efforts to ensure the species would not go extinct.

SUNDAY COMICS



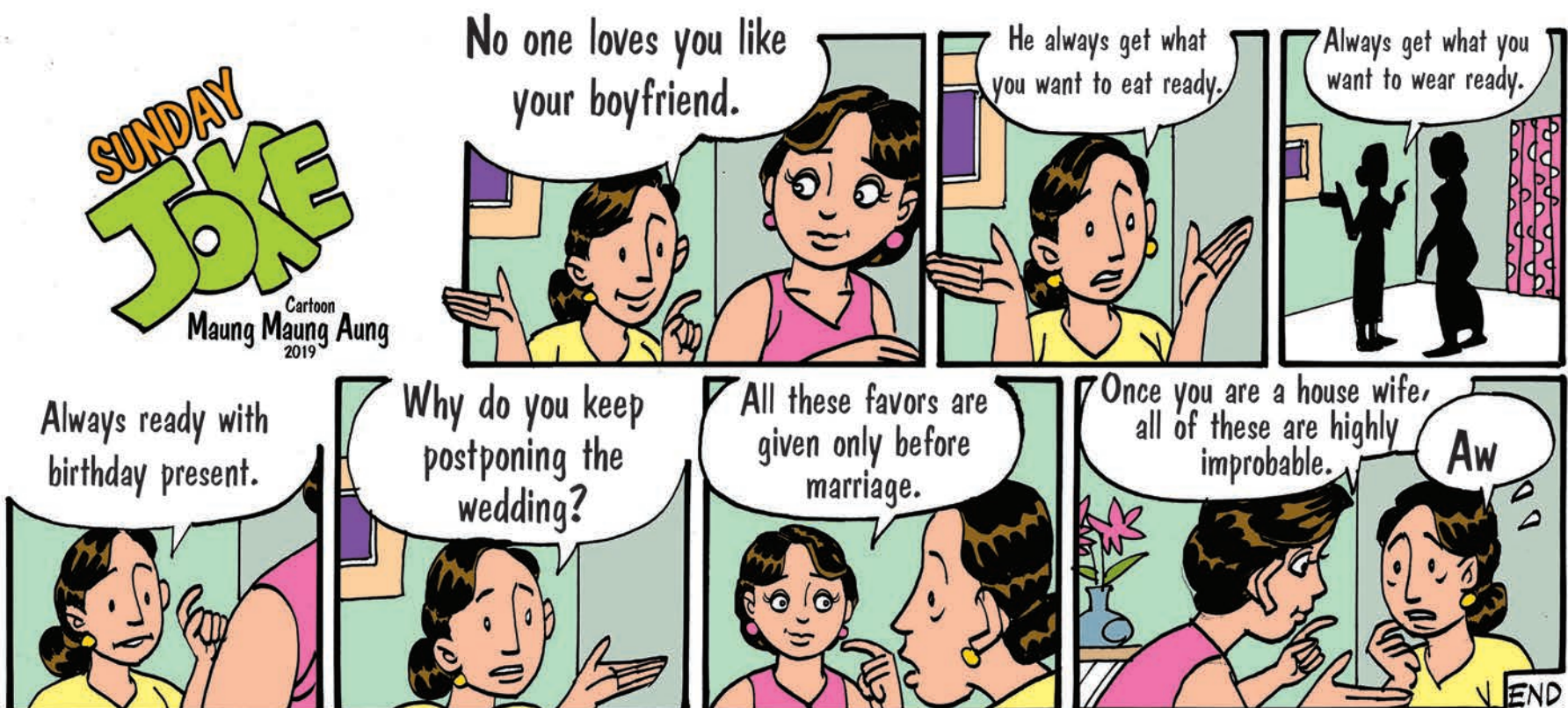
PEOPLE WILL BE PEOPLE

Cartoon
Maung Shwe Win



SUNDAY JOKE

Cartoon
Maung Maung Aung
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I SAW a mysterious object hovering above a tree in the night sky. It was making noises so strange that I could not interpret them. The nearly-camouflaged object didn't fool me. From the looks of it, I knew what it was. It was something far from the understanding of the average human mind.

It was midnight and I dismantled my telescope after a long period of time studying the night sky. The moon shone at me with its dim light as I started my journey towards the observatory to file my results. I walked into the Fallen Forest to reach my car, which was parked at the near edge of the forest. I retraced my steps to my destination until the object appeared out of the sky. It was heading towards the tallest tree and I realized that it was moving faster than my mind could follow. A few seconds passed and the flying object was above the tree. It paused for a bit and then a beacon of light shot out from the underside of the out-of-the-world vehicle. I could not believe what I saw and my eyesight suddenly became blurry. My head started spinning and my hands became numb. Sweat soaked up my entire face. The object sucked up all of the leaves from the tree, leaving it with only branches. My jaw dropped when I came upon this extraordinary sight. The first thing I thought of doing was to run away but something popped up in my mind. Worry vanished from my head and my legs started carrying me towards the object. I laughed at my own worries and fear. An inner voice kept telling me that the thing inside this object was not to be feared. It was meant to be embraced and followed.

I shuddered at my last thoughts and I snapped out of the trance. I was aware that if I kept staying close to the extra-terrestrial aircraft, I would meet my demise. I shut off my eyes and ran for my own survival.



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The Thing



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no answers. For example, such a question is "Why should we preserve endangered species from extinction?" The third one is evaluative question which is similar to divergent question in that it deals with matters of judgement, value and choice. A brilliant example of this is "If the Ayeyarwady river is dammed up, how would this affect Myanmar?" Last but not least, reflective questions give students the opportunity to reflect

before they respond and to be prompted to expand and extend thinking through follow-up questions. "What are your opinions, ideas and beliefs about the party politics and what implications do they have for our future Myanmar?" is one of the reflective questions.

It is in our classroom that economic, social, political, educational, cultural, religious and environmental factors of Myanmar must have been discussed by teachers and students. Therefore, not

only should questioning be welcome in our classroom but it is vitally important for teachers to be proficient in asking students these types of questions in a proper and intelligent manner. In 1971, Rosenshine stated that questioning is one of the oldest instructional strategies used by teachers and it is sometimes referred to as the Socratic method. According to the findings of research studies, an average teacher spend between 35 and 50 per cent of

teaching time on asking questions to students. It is an unforgettable fact that although teacher questioning is essential, teachers should prepare questions to be used in the instructional process before entering the classroom.

By summing up, questioning can facilitate learning by students and can extend as well as deepen their understanding of related issues. So, let's paint together our classrooms questioning colour. ■

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can also be seen in this site. The White-browed nuthatch (*Sitta victoriae*) is a bird endemic to this mountain range.

3. Indawgyi (lake) Wetland Wildlife Sanctuary - It is a wildlife reserve of Myanmar and is located in Mohnyin Township in Kachin State. The lake lies in a north-south elongated basin with flat plains. The lake is 175 m above sea level and covers 12000 ha which is the largest inland lake of South East Asia and the third largest lake in the world. The eastern side of the lake is mountainous terrain that is rising to 1175 m. The hill to the west and north are more extensive and rising to 1500 m. Total area is 775.25 sq km [299 sq miles] and covers moist upper mixed deciduous and semi-evergreen forests are found on the mountainous terrains. In this forests, we can watch sambar deer and barking deer. Moreover, wild elephant, leopard, bear, gaur, banteng, red goral, gibbon, macaque, wild dog, golden jackal, wild boar, hog badger, civet and other mammals may be observed. The region is also home to rare bird species. On 18 December 2003, it was recognized as ASEAN Heritage Park.

4. Alaungdaw Kathapa National Park - It is the largest national park in Myanmar with the area of 1,605 sq-km. It is situated in Sagaing Division and lies to the west of Chindwin River. It comprises two reserve forest, Patolon and Taungdwin. It is also a centre of pilgrimage and each year some 30,000

Myanmar pilgrims visit the Buddhist shrine of Maha Kathapa. It belongs to the central mixed deciduous forests that are undisturbed such as moist upper mixed deciduous forest, dry mixed deciduous forest and low mixed deciduous forest. The virgin indaing (dipterocarp) forest places in the central of the park and the Pine Forest are on the hillsides. Evergreen Forest can be seen along the major streams. One may also see a range of larger animals such as wild elephant, leopard, cloud leopard, gaur, banteng, bear, sambar deer, barking deer, as well as many other small mammals.

5. Mount Kyaiktiyo Wildlife Sanctuary - It is situated in Mon State and is 180.05 sq-km in extent. Mount Kyaiktiyo is mostly famous for its Golden Rock Pagoda at its top, within Kyaikhtiyo Wildlife Sanctuary. In this area, sambar deer, hog deer, barking deer, may be viewed. Bear, monkey, gibbon and other mammals can also be found.

6. Shwe Settaw Wildlife Sanctuary - It is a wildlife reserve and is located in Minbu Township of Magwe Division. It occupies an area of 553 square kilometres (213.4 sq mi). One pay respects and amazing to Buddha's holy foot and there are two upper one and lower one. Moreover, rare birds, star tortoises and other mammals can be seen in the place. It is also the home of many golden deer (Eld's deer).

7. Chatthin Wildlife Sanctuary - It is a wildlife reserve of Myanmar. It

is located in kanbalu Township in Sagaing Division. It occupies an area of 268.2 square kilometres (103.55 sq mi). Many golden deer (Eld's deer) can be found in this protected area.

The above mentioned seven places are good to watch deer. Besides, deer can be seen in such places of Meinmahla Kyun (Island) Wildlife Sanctuary in Boglale Township of Ayeyarwaddy Division, Putao (Frot Hertz) Region and Mount Hponkan Razi Wildlife Sanctuary in Kachin State, Popa Mountain Park and Bagan Lawkananda Sanctuary in Mandalay Region. In some places such as Yangon Zoological Garden and Yadanabon Zoological Garden, these species of deer are shown. Wildlife lovers can also watch Myanmar colorful various kinds of birds not only deer and other mammals in these mentioned places.

While visiting around Myanmar for deer watching or bird watching tours, the wildlife lovers can enjoy other tours such as trekking tours, pilgrimage tours, and so on. They can also study the unusual traditional culture, custom, and living system of various ethnic tribes. Moreover, with Myanmar's long history and its greatness dates back to the early 11th Century, Myanmar is full of stories and heritage places. Myanmar is a perfect place for adventures, explorers and people of all ages. Today is the perfect time to visit Myanmar.

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PG706	5:50	8:10	Daily	
8M335	7:40	9:25	Daily	
UB-019	7:45	9:40	Daily	
TG2304	9:50	11:45	Daily	
PG702	10:30	12:30	Daily	
TG2302	11:30	13:25	3,4,5,7	
PG708	15:20	17:20	Daily	
8M331	16:30	18:15	Daily	
UB-017	17:25	19:20	Daily	
PG704	18:20	20:20	Daily	
TG306	19:45	21:40	Daily	

YANGON TO DON MUEANG				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
DD4231	8:05	9:50	Daily	
FD252	8:30	10:15	Daily	
SL201	9:25	11:15	Daily	
FD256	13:25	15:15	1,2,3,5,6,7	
FD254	17:30	19:15	Daily	
FD258	19:25	21:15	Daily	
SL207	20:45	22:45	Daily	
DD4239	21:00	22:45	Daily	

YANGON TO GUANGZHOU				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
8M711	8:40	13:15	2,4,5,7	
CZ3056	11:25	15:55	3,6	
CZ8472	17:30	22:00	1,5	

YANGON TO SINGAPORE				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
UB001	7:30	12:00	Daily	
8M-231	8:20	12:50	Daily	
SQ997	10:35	15:10	Daily	
3K582	11:15	15:50	1,3,4,5,7	
UB003	16:15	20:45	Daily	
MI519	17:35	22:10	1,2,3,4	
SQ995	17:35	22:10	5,6,7	
MI521	18:30	22:55	3,4	
3K584	19:15	23:50	1,2,5,6,7	

YANGON TO HONG KONG				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
KA251	1:05	5:25	1,2,3,4,6,7	
UB8027	7:25	12:05	3,5,7	
KA275	17:20	21:45	5	

BANGKOK TO YANGON				
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PG701	8:50	9:40	Daily	
TG2301	9:35	10:30	3,4,5,7	
8M336	10:40	11:25	Daily	
UB020	11:00	11:55	1,3,5,6,7	
PG707	13:45	14:45	Daily	
PG703	16:45	17:35	Daily	
TG305	17:50	18:45	Daily	
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DON MUEANG TO YANGON				
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FD257	18:05	18:55	Daily	
SL206	18:55	19:45	Daily	
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GUANGZHOU TO YANGON				
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CZ3055	8:30	10:20	3,6	
8M712	14:15	15:50	2,4,5,7	
CZ8471	14:40	16:30	1,5	

SINGAPORE TO YANGON				
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SQ998	7:55	09:20	Daily	
3K581	8:55	10:25	1,2,5,6,7	
UB002	13:15	14:45	Daily	
8M232	13:50	15:20	Daily	
MI518	15:15	16:40	1,2,3,4	
SQ996	15:15	16:40	5,6,7	
MI520	16:10	17:35	3,4	
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UB004	21:45	23:15	Daily	

HONG KONG TO YANGON				
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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	8:25	12:40	Daily	
MH741	11:30	15:50	Daily	
OD551	12:25	16:45	1,4,7	
MH743	16:15	20:30	1,4,6,7	
AK503	19:30	23:45	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	10:45	16:15	Daily	

YANGON TO KUNMING				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
CA416	12:15	15:45	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	1,3,5,7	

YANGON TO HANOI				
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	
SQ998	12:10	15:05	Daily	

YANGON TO TOKYO				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
NH814	21:45	6:50+1	Daily	

YANGON TO DOHA				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
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YANGON TO CHIANG MAI				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
PG724	13:10	15:05	Daily	

KUALA LUMPUR TO YANGON				
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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	9:45	Daily	

KUNMING TO YANGON				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
MU2011	8:20	12:10	3,7	
CA415	10:45	11:15	Daily	
MU2031	14:30	15:10	Daily	

BEIJING TO YANGON				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
CA905	19:30	22:50	1,3,5,7	

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	11:15	16:05	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	10:40	12:35	Daily	

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

YANGON TO DUBAI				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
EK389	2:20	5:40	1,4,5,7	