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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi arrives in the Czech Republic



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Daw Yin Yin Myint, and Czech Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Daroslav Dolecz and the officials at Prague International Airport yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and her entourage left Nay Pyi Taw by special flight on 1st June morning and arrived in Bangkok at 10:45 a.m.

Myanmar Ambassador to

Thailand, U Myo Myint Than and embassy officials welcomed them at the Suvarnabhumi International Airport.

Then, the State Counsellor and her entourage left for the Czech Republic from Bangkok

at 11:15 p.m.

They were welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Daw Yin Yin Myint, the Czech Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Daroslav Dolecz and officials at

Prague International Airport.

Next, the State Counsellor and entourage proceeded to the Lichtenstein Palace where they will be staying during the visit. — MNA

(Translated by Alphonsus)

Tatmadaw holds press conference in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Tatmadaw held a press conference in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday to clarify the situation about ethnic armed organizations, after the Tatmadaw declared a unilateral ceasefire in the country on 21 December, 2018.

At the press conference, held at the Defence Services Museum, the True News Team of the Tatmadaw also briefed the media about the arrests of members of the NSCN (K) and related groups in the North-West Command area, undertakings to assist in the peace process and public welfare by the Tatmadaw, joint training between the Navy and Air Force of the Tatmadaw, cooperation in the defence sector with ASEAN and neighbouring countries, enhancement of human resources by the Tatmadaw, and the situation in combating drugs.

The press conference was attended by Chairman of Tatmadaw True News Team Maj-Gen Soe Naing Oo, Vice Chairman Maj-Gen Tun Tun Nyi, Secretary Brig-Gen Zaw Min Tun and senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), along with some 50 reporters from local news agencies, daily newspapers, journals, local TV news agencies and locally-based foreign news agencies.

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Union Minister calls for broader involvement in holding centenary of Myanmar films

A preliminary meeting to discuss the centennial celebrations of the Myanmar film industry was held at the meeting hall of the Myanmar Television and Radio in Yangon yesterday afternoon.

Speaking at the meeting, Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint called for the formation of a provisional committee and the broader involvement of stakeholders from all sectors to ensure that the centenary is celebrated in a more meaningful way. "At this meeting, we are going to seek out the means together, with the members of the Myanmar Motion Picture Organization, to hold the celebrations on a grand scale," he said.

Patrons, the Chairman and officials of the Myanmar Motion

Picture Organization recounted the experiences of the previous anniversary celebrations and discussed plans for internal and external activities during the pre-centenary celebrations, the production and airing of a historical documentary on Myanmar films, the rebroadcasting of the earliest Myanmar movies and songs, the holding of talks on outstanding artistes and technicians, fund raising, selection of the venue of the celebrations and formation of a provisional committee. The participants also presented suggestions based upon the experiences they gained during their foreign study tours.

Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Information U Myo Myint Maung and Direc-



Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint addresses the preliminary meeting on the centennial celebrations of Myanmar films at Myanmar Television and Radio in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

tor-General of Information and Public Relations Department U Ye Naing also took part in the discussions.

Following discussions, the Union Minister delivered the concluding remarks.

Those at the meeting

passed a resolution to form the provisional committee and adopt its work programs. MNA ■ (Translated by TMT)

Inter-village bridge commissioned in Kyauktaga Township, Bago Region

YANTOLA, a bridge for inter village transport, was commissioned yesterday morning in Kyeyoe village-tract, Kyauktaga Township, Bago Region.

Built with the funds of the National Disaster Management Committee, the bridge was put into service by Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye, Deputy Speaker of Region Hluttaw U Kyi Zin and Minister for

Kayin Ethnic Affairs Daw Naw Pwal Hsay.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye said, "The bridge will benefit over 20 villages in the area, and will also facilitate the commodity flow and help develop the health, education and socio-economy of the area.

The bridge stands as one of the best results produced by the cooperative efforts of the Union

Government, the Region Government, the MP and the people, he lauded.

"Thanks to the cooperation of the local people, funds of National Disaster Management Committee and the support of the Region Government, the bridge could be erected amidst the many hardships," he said.

"Transport is of vital importance for the rural people which account for 70 percent of the na-

tion's population and who rely on agriculture," he said.

Region MP spoke words of thanks, followed by a documentary photo session. The bridge was built at a cost of K 62 million – National Disaster Management Committee contributed K 57 million and Babo Region Government, K 5 million.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister and team met with childcare undertakers and parents of Nyaunglebin Township at the town hall.

At the meeting, the Union Minister elaborated on the ministry's provision of social care and protection for every individual throughout his life for his survival and progress. "The Union is focusing on infant care as today's children will take over the duties of national development in the future," he said, adding, "Infant care is the best investment for the future," he said. "The Ministry is providing financial assistance for mothers till their children reach two years under the Maternal and Child Cash Transfer Program," he said.

Participants presented the requirements in connection with the issuance of national registration cards for children of single mothers, the birth list, and the

responsibilities of the Government and the long-term care for children with inborn disabilities.

The Union Minister and officials looked into the requirements.

Later, the Union Minister and team met civil society organizations and social organizations providing disaster relief aids of Bago, Nyaunglebin, Kyauktaga, DaikU and Pyontazar townships and discussed natural disaster prevention and rehabilitation measures.

Minister for Kayin Ethnic Affairs Daw Naw Pwal Hsay explained natural disasters occurred in Bago Region and preparations for natural disaster prevention and rehabilitation, and an official the need to take preparatory measures through collective efforts.

Participants then discussed the involvement of the Red Cross during the natural disasters, bank erosion, and the practical difficulties in an emergency situation. The Union Minister and officials coordinated arrangements.

The Union Minister presented K 3.5 million to dig a pond in Sipin village in Nyaunglaybin Township, and to extend a pond at Ngagyiaing village.—MNA ■ (Translated by TMT)



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye and officials observe the condition of Yantola, a bridge for inter-village transport in Kyeyoe village-tract, Kyauktaga Township, Bago Region yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Missionary University holds religious ceremony in Taikkyi

PAN Tapwint Taung Buddhist Missionary University in Taikkyi, Yangon Region, held a religious ceremony yesterday morning in which certificates were presented to the prominent monks of the university.

First, the congregation received the Nine Precepts from Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddama Jotika Dhaja Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa, the Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee.

Then Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko and Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Phyo Min Thein presented certificates to the Ovadacariya Sayadaws of the university.

Then the diamond orb for

the new sacred umbrella and vane of the pagoda of the university were presented.

A member Sayadaw of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, on behalf of the Ovadacariya Sayadaws, delivered a sermon.

The Rector Sayadaw of the university spoke words of thanks.

After the Union Minister supplicated on religious matters, offertories were presented to the Sayadaws.

The Chancellor Sayadaw of the university then delivered a sermon, and merits gained were shared. Also present were officials of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture and invited guests. —MNA

(Translated by TMT)



Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko presents the certificate to the Ovadacariya Sayadaw of Pan Tapwint Taung Buddhist Missionary University yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister U Han Zaw inspects Nga Moe Yeik Creek Bridge

UNION Minister of Construction U Han Zaw inspected 170 ft long Nga Moe Yeik Creek Bridge on Ngarzu Taung-Kyar Einn- Kan Ne-Phaung Gyi Road in Hlegu Township, Yangon Region, yesterday morning. The officials detailed assembly of bridge bow and future work progressions.

He instructed to build the bridge up to standard for the countryfolk to commute with ease, and then he look around the site.

Afterwards, the Union Minister and his entourage proceeded to inspect maintenance of Yangon- Nay Pyi Taw section of Yangon- Mandalay highway and maintenance of

990 ft Ka Paung Creek Bridge between Mile stone 145/0 and 145/3 and progress of preventing it from landslide.

Then, he gave necessary instruction to the officials.

Subsequently, the Union Minister went on to inspect condition of renovated 810 ft long Swar Creek Bridge which went low due to natural disaster. The bridge located between milestone 165/1 and 165/3. It was said to be in use for motor vehicles from 28th February.

Now that Swar Creek Bridge renovation has completed and people can commute with ease in short time. —MNA
(Translated by Alphonsus)



170 ft long Nga Moe Yeik Creek Bridge seen on Ngarzu Taung-Kyar Einn- Kan Ne-Phaung Gyi Road in Hlegu Township, Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Tatmadaw True News Team replies to queries raised by journalists from news agencies. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE C-IN-C OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

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The Tatmadaw True News Team replied to queries raised by those from news agencies.

The full text of the question and answer session can be seen on a video clip from Myawady Media on the YouTube Channel and will be

reported on by daily newspapers, according to the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. —MNA

Free medical treatment goes on in Sittway

A mobile medical team led by Dr Tin Myo Win continued providing free medical treatment at the 500-bed General Hospital in Sittway, the capital of Rakhine State, for the second day yesterday.

Dr Tin Myo Win, the head of National Health Network of the NLD, Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Nyi Pu, members of the state cabinet and officials,

donated foodstuff for patients receiving treatment at childcare, Obstetrics & Gynecology, eye care, dental and oral, skincare, ear, nose and throat, acupuncture, x-ray, surgical and general medical wards.

Dr Tin Myo Win and Chief Minister U Nyi Pu met members of the mobile medical team at the office of the medical superintendent.

U Nyi Pu greeted the members and Dr Tin Myo Win explained facts about his mission.

Chief Minister U Nyi Pu and his cabinet presented souvenirs for Dr Tin Myo Win and his team.

The team treated 1124 persons on 1 and 2 June, and the Rakhine State Development Affairs Ministry also provided foodstuff. —MNA

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Myanmar workers to gain mechanic skills in Japan

UNDER the supervision of Myanmar-Japan SEDA, mechanics from Myanmar will be receiving internships in Japan.

"We signed an MoU concerning sending Myanmar service workers to work at the care centers for the aged in Japan three months ago. Now, mechanics will be sent to Japan as soon as possible. We also have a plan to send other workers to Japan and provide training courses to Myanmar workers who want to be engaged in restaurant and hotel businesses", said U Aye Min from Myanmar-Japan SEDA.

The Japanese government will allow some 500,000 blue collar workers from ASEAN countries to enter Japan, including from Myanmar, in order to work in 14 types of job. Those who wish to work in Japan must be fluent in the Japanese language, and overseas recruitment will cost US\$2,800, as per the set rate by



Officials sign the Memorandum of Understanding of Myanmar-Japan SEDA yesterday.

PHOTO : ZAR NI MAUNG

the government. Japan also has a plan to offer loans for half of these expenses.

"We have heard that Japan wishes to hire Myanmar mechanics. This is a precious opportunity for Myanmar youth",

said U San Oo, principal of Progress Automotive Technical Trading School.

Yesterday, Myanmar-Japan SEDA and associates, including Japanese language schools, oversea job recruitment agen-

cies and financial supporting groups, signed an MoU at Sedona Hotel to provide training to trainees and skilled mechanics and send them to Japan.—Zar Ni Maung ■ (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Extension of Shwebo-Myitkyina road complete 62%

EXTENSION of Shwebo-Myitkyina Road is now under construction and it is 62 per cent finished, said Daw Moe Moe Myint, assistant director of Road Department (Sagaing Region).

She said the tar road connecting Sagaing Region and Kachin State has been extended to 18 feet from the current 12 feet through a phase by phase

approach in each financial year. In the current 2018-2019 FY, the department is implementing the extension of a part of road in the distance of 40 miles one furlong.

The Shwebo-Myitkyina Road is vital for road transportation to move people and goods. The 174 miles one furlong long tar road in Sagaing Region was built in 1962-1963 FY. It was up-

graded to 12-foot wide road in 1996. Since 2017-2018 FY, the government led the extension of the road from 12 feet to 18 feet as the existing road is naturally damaged and drivers of heavy trucks are facing difficulties while using the narrow road.

The Ministry of Construction is continuing its efforts to improve road transportation to

provide better transport services to general public by paving new roads, upgrading and extension of the existing roads and constructing necessary transport facilities not only in urban areas but also in remote regions.—Win Oo (Zeyataing) ■

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

5,000 teak saplings to be planted in Sagaing this month

PLANS call for the planting of 5,000 teak saplings across Sagaing Township in Sagaing Region during the third week of June, said U Soe Oo, regional minister for Planning and Finance.

U Soe Oo noted that the country is facing a yearly rise in temperature, and trees can help provide cooling by reducing temperatures. Therefore, there is a need to plant more saplings. Collective efforts between the forest department, ward/village

administrative authorities and the public are essential to carry out the tree-growing plan. Increased budgets are also needed to develop forest plantations, and the government is making some arrangements for the sustainable development of these forests.

For the time being, members of the Forest Department, ward/village administrative officials and residents in the project area are making preparations for the tree-planting campaign,

including the collection of garbage, digging holes to plant trees and removing bushes.

The 5,000 teak plants will be grown on an 80' x 7,000' land plot located between the railroad and Shweminwon Ward in Sagaing.

This is a part of the government's Dry Zone Greening Project, which is an important environmental conservation programme focusing on the best practices for planting and maintaining trees, in order to protect the region from climate

change. As part of the project, a wide range of plants have been planted beside roads, mountains and other areas, especially in the dry zone.

The tree-planting programme is aimed at raising public awareness about the sustainable growth of the natural environment, the benefits of planting trees and their economic importance.—Win Oo (Zeyataing) ■

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

Over 10 tons of timbers seized in Magway, owners unidentified

POLICE seized over ten tons of hardwood timbers beside Ye Creek near Saw-Kyaukdu road in Saw Township, Magway Region, on Sunday noon, according to the township forest department.

Officials said it was not

known who owned the confiscated timbers.

A total of 10.26 tons of illegally harvested hardwood timbers were found when a team of officers and members of the Forest Department and township administrative authorities

was jointly conducting security measures along Saw-Kyaukdu road at around 12 p.m. on 1 June.

The 107 Padauk timbers were discovered on a 10-wheel truck without number plates near the Ye Creek between mile posts 9/3 and 9/4.

Police are still seeking to identify those connected with the confiscated timbers, as they will face legal charges when apprehended.—Wai Phyo Lay (Magway) ■

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

Consumer goods import down 6.9% in nearly eight months



High commodity price causes a significant rise in inflation in April

Earlier, the inflation rate was calculated based on a 2006 survey. The base year was later changed to 2012. The Central Statistical Organization conducted a Household Income and Expenditure Survey in 82 townships in November, 2012. To reduce the inflation rate, the concerned authorities have been making efforts on the basis of policies on finance, currency, trade, and foreign currency control, in keeping with the second five-year National Development plan. — Htet Myat (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

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State Counsellor, Vice Chairman of NDRC of China, discuss implementation of projects

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Authorities seek public cooperation in Yangon sky train project

TWO Hluttaw MPs made public clarifications on the situation of the Yangon Urban Mass Rapid Transit (YUMRT) at an event in Athula Maguta Sasana Beikman in Hlinethaya Township yesterday, which was attended by government officials and residents living in the vicinity of the project implementation area.

U Win Min, Pyithu Hluttaw representative for Hlinethaya constituency, and U Aye Bo, an Amyotha Hluttaw representative, delivered separate remarks that urged relevant organizations and the public concerned to cooperate so that the project can be accomplished in a legal format.

They both highlighted the contribution of the project to Hlinethaya Township, which has a high population density and a large nomadic demographic.

Next, officials from the YUMRT project, including technicians and environmental impact researchers, explained the support and technological assistance received for the project and the construction and environmental impact of it.

Following this, attendees asked questions concerning the project implementation area and other consequences they should be aware of. Authorities then replied that the project will be conducted in an absolutely transparent manner and will be done in a way that is acceptable by the majority, to the best that they can.

The YUMRT will start from Hlinethaya Station along the Yangon-Pathein road, cross over Hlaing River, and run along the north of Bayinnaung Bridge and eventually stop at Parami Station, covering 18 kilometres from start to finish. This project is the first phase in connecting the eastern and western parts of Yangon.

The Ministry of Transport and Communications, the Yangon Region Government and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) are working together on the project.

Concerning the YUMRT project, U Htun Aung Thin, general manager of Myanma Railways (Lower Myanmar),



A local man questions about the Yangon Urban Mass Rapid Transit project at the meeting with authorities in Hlinethayar yesterday. **PHOTO: MYO GYI**

explained that the sky train is based on standard models of Thailand and Indonesia and the time period for the survey and design phase is scheduled from 2018 to 2022. He said this

will ensure minimal impact on the environment and the community, adding that the public meeting today is the first step in making the whole process more transparent to the people in the

immediate implementation vicinity of the project. He said they aim for the project to completed by 2027. —Hlinethaya IPRD, Myo Min Thein (Mayangon) ■
(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Pregnant women should avoid e-cigarettes: Aussie researchers

SYDNEY — Pregnant women should avoid using electronic cigarettes as there is a lack of evidence about the safety of the smoking devices, Australian researchers said on Saturday.

Many people believe that “vaping” with the e-cigarettes “was either safe or at least far safer than tobacco smoking during pregnancy, however, the lack of detailed research into the subject meant this belief could not be supported,” researcher from the Telethon Kids Institute Alexander Larcombe said in a statement from the institute.

“There is this general perception that it’s either orders of magnitude safer or completely safe to vape during pregnancy, which is completely unfounded and almost certainly not true, because women and babies are still potentially getting exposed to nicotine and other potentially harmful chemicals,” Larcombe said.

“So if a pregnant woman is thinking of switching

to e-cigarettes instead of smoking, which the evidence shows a lot of them are, the outcomes may be just as bad. We just don’t know.”

Larcombe, whose views on the smoking devices were published in the leading medical journal The Lancet Respiratory Medicine, said e-cigarette usage was rising in Australia and around the world, with people aged between 18-39, includ-

ing women of child-bearing age, Australia’s largest user group.

Recent research conducted by Larcombe and his colleagues also found that six out of 10 “nicotine-free” e-cigarette liquids purchased over the counter and online in Australia “contained nicotine as well as an acutely toxic chemical typically found in pesticides and disinfectants.”

— Xinhua ■



Australian researchers said that pregnant women should avoid using electronic cigarettes. **PHOTO: XINHUA**



Mexico says detects measles in British tourist

MEXICO CITY (Mexico) — Mexican health officials have confirmed a case of measles in a British woman who arrived in the country’s touristic Caribbean coast a week ago, authorities said on Saturday.

The 50-year-old woman arrived Monday at the airport in Cancun with a final destination of Playa del Carmen, the area’s second most frequented resort.

“Upon presenting signs and symptoms of illness she sought medical attention at a private hospital, where they were recognized as a probable case of measles,” the Health Ministry said in a statement.

Relatives of the patient — a 33-year-old man, a 29-year-old woman, a 14-year-old boy and a seven year old girl — were currently showing no symptoms, it said. The woman was transferred Tuesday to a hospital run by the Health Ministry, which activated epidemiological protocols, taking samples for analysis and identifying the woman’s contacts. Health authorities in the state of Quintana Roo and the federal government are taking steps “to avoid contagions and to detect secondary cases,” particularly among children and adolescents, the ministry said. — AFP ■

Bolivia restores myth-generating funerary towers

CONDOR AMAYA (Bolivia)—Unique quadrangular pre-Inca towers made of earth and straw, standing up to eight meters tall, dot the landscape at Condor Amaya on the Bolivian altiplano – giving rise to myths and legends.

These eight “chullpas” standing almost side by side are funerary towers that have been built with a technique unique to this site in the Bolivian Andes.

Severina Flores, a skilled wool weaver and sheep breeder, remembers that she was scared of the towers when she was young.

“Before, when I was ‘wawa’ (a child) we would never approach them because when we did we would fall ill,” the 29-year-old mother of four told AFP.

The chullpas measure between two and eight meters high

and two to four meters wide. They all have a small entrance door facing the rising sun in the east.

That gave rise to myths and legends relating to the sun.

A story told by a Don Estanislao Colque claims that the pre-Incan towers “lived with the moon” and “walked on the earth” many generations ago.

But the earth changed position and the sun stopped rising in the west to be born again sometime later in the east, “burning” all those chullpas facing the other way. “It’s a myth, but valuable, because mythology is also part of heritage,” said Greek archeologist Irene Delaveris.

Other, more rational, explanations for the doors’ orientation: wind and rain arriving from the west.

The towers were built during



All the small doorways in the chullpas funerary towers face east, a fact that has been responsible for the development of numerous myths and legends. **PHOTO: AFP**

two cultural periods: the pre-Incan Aymara kingdoms and the Inca-Pacajes period, conservation expert Guido Mamani told AFP.

The oldest of these towers were built in the 15th century, according to Delaveris.

Chullpas were first built in the 10th and 11th centuries by the Aymara kingdoms following the end of the Tiwanaku culture. The practice continued through

the Inca period until the arrival of Spanish conquistadors.

They were used for the burials of royalty, military officials or wealthy people.

Condor Amaya – known as Kuntur Amaya in the Aymara language – is a small village of 40 families around 130 kilometers (80 miles) to the southwest of La Paz. It has 11 funerary towers

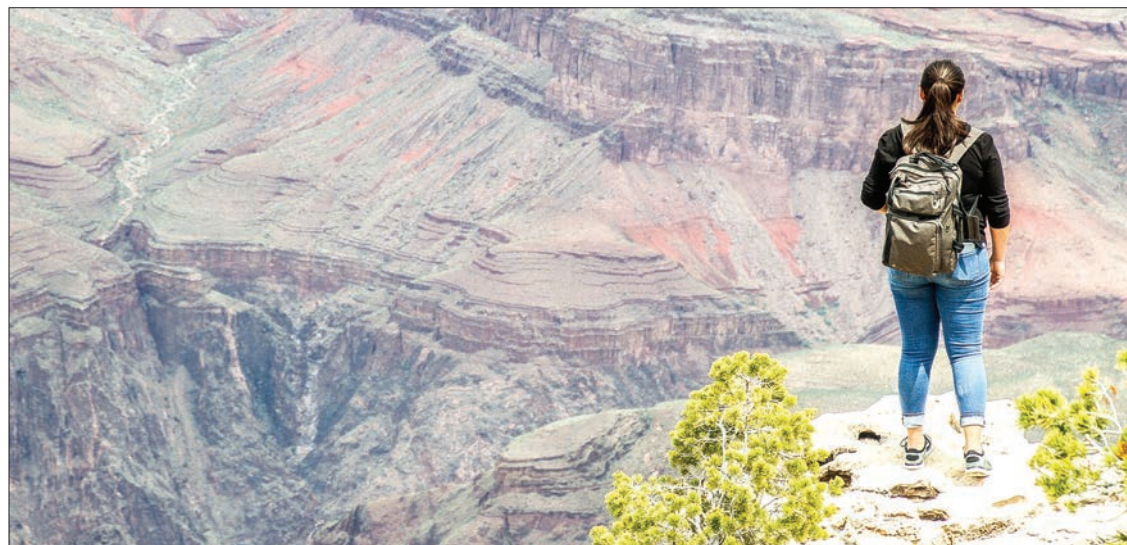
restored by the culture ministry

in collaboration with the government of Switzerland.

There are 39 chullpas in the area, some in ruins, ravaged by time and the unforgiving climate. In the La Paz department there are around 300 overall, according to the culture ministry.

There are also similar funerary structures in neighboring Peru, but those are circular. —AFP ■

US’s Grand Canyon offers awe-inspiring beauty but sometimes deadly risk



Hikers walk by the edge of the cliffs of the Grand Canyon on 15 May 2019. The Grand Canyon experienced an unusual number of accidental deaths this spring. Despite calls for caution, the risky behavior persists. **PHOTO: AFP**

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK (United States)—Attention, Grand Canyon visitors—watch your step before attempting a selfie from the edge of the vertiginously deep and perilously steep US landmark. The national park surrounding the enormous canyon—the second-most visited US national park, after the Great Smoky Mountains in the country’s southeast—has experienced a distressing surge in fatal accidents, with at least four visitors dying in as many weeks in March and April.

The views that draw millions to the park in the high Arizona desert are stunning, to be sure,

both in their rich earth hues and in the sheer immensity of the gap cleaved over eons by the unceasing Colorado River as it winds sinuously through the canyon bottom. But the views can also distract or disorient visitors—some of whom take risks despite park rangers’ constant warnings—and the result can be fatal.

The body of a Japanese tourist was the first one found this spring, located in a wooded area some distance from the rocky cliffs. Then came three fatal falls, including that of a fifty-something tourist from Hong Kong who toppled over the edge while snapping photos. The

park has placed protective barriers at some popular vista points, but “we don’t want to put barriers everywhere,” park spokeswoman Kris Fister told AFP. “The specialness about parks is not being enclosed.” “You don’t have a barrier between you and this amazing place,” she added, “but you have to pay attention.” “We tell people to stay on the designated trails and walkways and to keep a safe distance from the rim”—and of course, to pay attention when taking pictures, said Fister, dressed in the gray military-style shirt and khaki pants of a park ranger. —AFP ■

Study reveals mechanism behind ginger’s warming effect on body

BEIJING—Ginger is known to have a warming effect on the body in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM). Chinese researchers have found the protein regulating networks behind the effect.

Researchers from China’s Lanzhou University searched the two main active ingredients in ginger, namely 6-gingerol and 6-shaogaol in medical literature and a protein database, and identified proteins targeted or regulated by these two compounds.

They then pieced together likely compound-protein and functional protein-protein interactions to build up a picture of the underlying regulating networks in the stomach and the small intestine that may make the body respond to ginger compounds.

Reporting in the International Journal of Computational Biology and Drug Design, the researchers said a total of five key metabolic processes were linked to the warming effect of ginger.

Meanwhile, the two main bio-active compounds in ginger have regulating effects on adenosine triphosphate (ATP), the primary carrier of energy in cells; glycogen, a type of glucose serving as a form of energy storage in animals; glycolipid, a type of lipid to contribute energy and act as a marker for cellular recognition; coenzyme, a non-protein compound that binds with an enzyme to catalyze a reaction; and fatty acid that can help the body process cholesterol.

The researchers said that their study provided insights that might add to the evidence base to support the modernization of traditional Chinese medicine.

On May 25, the 72nd World Health Assembly held in Geneva, Switzerland, approved the incorporation of traditional medicine originating from TCM into the 11th revision of the International Classification of Diseases. —Xinhua ■

Marching towards the goal of a Federal Republic

NATIONAL Reconciliation and the Peace process are being carried out for the emergence of a Democratic Federal Republic, inspired by the people to bring equal opportunities to all.

We have seen armed conflicts for seventy years, based upon suspicion, mistrust, hate and antagonism, as the consequences and demands for equal opportunity and self-determination by ethnic minorities.

Dreams and aspirations of our country and our people were being sacrificed in these long-running armed conflicts.

The desires of the ethnic armed groups can be achieved through participation in the national reconciliation and peace dialogues.

To take steps towards reaching these goals, it is a must for all stakeholders to take part in the peacemaking process. The major stakeholders for the peace process are the Tatmadaw and the ethnic armed organizations, and the first step in marching towards national reconciliation and peace is a ceasefire. Only after reaching a ceasefire can we move forward, step-by-step towards the goal.

In fact, the NCA (Nation-wide Ceasefire Agreement) is the beginning of the Peace Process, the beginning of the political dialogues, the beginning of reducing armed conflicts; it is the beginning of the political process that will result from the resolution of political problems through negotiations, discussions and a joint search for solutions. Our internal armed conflicts were born together with our independence, and today they are over 70 years.

So far, 10 ethnic armed organizations have signed the NCA, and efforts are being made by the government to include the remaining organizations in the list.

Whether the peace that was beyond the reach of the Union throughout its history can be achieved, or not, is dependent on the mind and decision of these groups.

When we take steps towards peace, we understand the important role of the ethnic armed organizations which have not yet signed the NCA.

The next step after signing the NCA is participating in the political discussions of the 21st Century Panglong Conference, where all stakeholders are to discuss the principles of democracy and federalism, which are the main points of the Union Accord.

Immediately after signing the NCA, the people in the ceasefire areas can enjoy the fruits of peace at once. Afterwards, we can move forward to building a Democratic Federal Republic, in accordance with the Union Accord.

We must have firm determination in walking down the path towards democracy and a federal republic by resolving the political problems through political dialogue.

We earnestly urge those organizations which have not yet signed the NCA to work together, step by step, in this process.

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In search of solutions for dealing with menace of stray dogs

By Dr. Myint Than (Nyaung Lay Bin)

STREET dogs, known in science literature as free-ranging urban dogs or urban free-ranging dogs, are unconfined dogs that live in cities. They live virtually wherever where cities exist and the local human population allows, especially in the developing world and the former USSR.

In reality, street dogs may be just stray dogs, animals that have strayed from or are allowed freedom by their owners, or may be feral animals that have never been owned, and that they are growing fast.

Problems

(1) Dog bites

Like wolves, to survive, street dogs need to avoid conflict with humans. However, dog bites and dog attacks can occur when dogs are trying to mate or fighting among themselves, and pedestrians and other humans in the vicinity may be bitten by fighting. The bites caused rabies (Hydrophobia) and that Lyssaviruses disease killed individuals.

(2) Nuisance to environment

Barking and howling and dog fights over mating among dogs can be very disturbing to people, and the smell of dog urine (leptospirosis biohazard) which is an unsavory product of territory marking can become quite pungent, especially among unsprayed or neutered dogs, not to mention the presence of feces (toxocariasis biohazard).

Stray dogs' population control

Killing or removing the overpopulated stray dogs seemed to be the most appropriate ways and means, it is believed, but in reality the method is not effective. Preferred their own habitat, they wanted to stay in the same place, and that when their group had been killed or removed, the new breeds moved in and taken up the places. It is due to the fact that food and water are available in the old habitation.

Birth rate of dogs is high and rapid, and that a pair is born on average every year, spreading about 300 dogs on the streets by the pair. They moved into the free spaces, bite and attack among themselves, and occupied the territory.

When female dogs are fighting over rank and breeding rights, things can get bloody quickly. When getting in between two fight-

ing dogs at what time they are both aroused indeed, may cause them to bite people as well, a very dangerous situation.

International tendency

In many countries, the stray dogs are killed.

Mumbai of India has over 12 million human residents, of whom over half are slum-dwellers. At least five hundred tons of garbage remains uncollected daily. Therefore, conditions are perfect for supporting a particularly large population of stray dogs. India has the highest number of human rabies deaths in the world, estimated at 20,000 per annum.

In 2001, a law was passed in India that made the killing of stray dogs illegal, and residents often feed the animals as well. In August 2014, the Delhi Police announced plans to recruit some of the city's stray dogs as police dogs, after training them.

Several dog shelters are organized throughout India that emphasis on the rescue of stray dogs especially in South and North eastern part of India.

"Nowzad" is an organization in Afghanistan that works to rescue stray dogs in that country. A group of stray dogs became famous in Afghanistan after confronting a suicide bomber, preventing fifty American soldiers from being killed. However, one of the surviving dogs, "Target", was mistakenly euthanized when she was brought to the United States.

The Rabies Control and Prevention Program records for last year showed that 70 people died from contracting rabies in Myanmar.

In Pakistan, several dog breeds exist including the Gaddi Kutta, Indian pariah dog, Bully Kutta, among others. In the city of Lahore, the Public Health Department launched a campaign to kill 5,000 stray dogs.

In 2009, total of 27,576 dogs were killed within the city of Lahore; in 2005, this number was 34,942. In 2012, after 900 dogs were killed in the city of Multan, the Animal Safety Organization in Pakistan sent a letter to Chief



A woman feeding stray dogs by the roadside in a suburban area.

PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH

Minister (CM) "Shahbaz Sharif" recommending that stray dogs be vaccinated rather than killed.

In Romania, free-ranging urban dogs (called in Romanian câini maidanezi, literally "wasteland dogs", câini comunitari "community dogs", etc.) have been a huge problem in recent decades, especially in larger cities, with many people being bitten by dogs.

The problem originates primarily in the systematization program that took place in Communist Romania in the 1970s and 1980s under Nicolae Ceaușescu, who enacted a mass program of demolition and reconstruction of existing villages, towns, and cities, in whole or in part, in order to

were captured from October 2013 to January 2015, with more than half being euthanized, about 23,000 being adopted, and 2,000 still residing in the municipality's shelters.

In Russia, stray dogs have been captured by dog hunters' vans and destroyed since 1900. Their sad lot was dramatized by Anton Chekhov in the famous short story Kashtanka, by Mikhail Bulgakov in the novella Heart of a Dog, and by Gavril Troyepolsky in the novel White Bim Black Ear.

Each year in the United States, approximately 2.7 million dogs and cats are killed because shelters are too full and there are not enough adoptive homes. In 2016, between 592,255 and 866,366 street dogs were euthanized in the US.

Locally known as "Askals", street dogs in the Philippines, while sometimes exhibiting mixing with breed dogs from elsewhere, are generally native breed mongrel dogs.

Street dogs, commonly "soi dogs" (in Thai soi means 'side-street', 'lane', or 'alley') in Thailand, are ownerless, free-ranging dogs. These dogs are sometimes rounded up and sold as meat in Vietnam and China. It is estimated that there are about 8.5 million dogs in Thailand, of which about 730,000 are abandoned by their owners. Bangkok alone is estimated to have from 100,000 to 300,000 street dogs. Few have been vaccinated against canine diseases.

In the 1990s, more than 200 dogs were euthanized each day. In 2000, however, the Animal Guardians Association campaigned against the practice, which they argued violated Buddhist principles.

The Bucharest City Hall stated that over 51,200 stray dogs



An animal shelter helps with sterilisation of stray dogs.

PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH

They launched a sterilization program in Bangkok. The campaign generated substantial public outcry against the euthanasia, and the city adopted a pro-life dog policy including sterilization. A regulation has forbidden the feeding of stray dogs in public places.

In September 2005, the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration began a program of mandatory registration for dogs. The program was aimed to deter the abandonment of dogs, which could be traced to their owners. Requirements for registration include the implantation of a microchip identifying the owner; rabies vaccination status for dogs less than one year old, and sterilization.

Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) is the animal protection organization in Singapore. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) in Singapore was in existence in the 1800s. A report from the Straits Times Press dated 3 October 1878 said, "The number of cases brought under the notice of the Singapore Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" during the first quarter ending 30 September 1878 was 84. Not only dogs, but also cats, cows, goats, chickens and birds are being protected.

In 1994, SPCA proposed to the government to increase the

penalties for those found guilty of cruelty to animals. This resulted in an increase from a \$500 fine and 6 month jail term to a \$10,000 fine and a one year jail term in 2002. The 24-hour emergency service has been established and shelters for the stray dogs with animal feeds are functioning.

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donation received is merely MMK 2.8 million, resulting with budget difficulties at the shelter.

Now more difficult situation for the dogs' shelters across the country is being reported.

Many countries on this planet are doing their own jobs of establishing shelters for the animals, and that Myanmar could catch up in her own way for successful establishment of animal shelters.

In the management of stray dogs in Myanmar, it is carrying out in line with the religious concept and cultural outlook, and therefore, the most suitable and appropriate ways and means are being applied. At this juncture, the governments, the well wishers, and the people should come together in this endeavor.

What to do for dog bites

It is advisable to do the following when bitten and scratched by dog and rodent.

1. Wash the bite carefully with soap and water for 15 minutes, and then wash again with soap.
2. Keep clean and apply antibiotic ointment to the injury every day to prevent infection.
3. Urgent need for injection is required as Capnocytophaga canimorsus bacteria in dog saliva can cause severe disease and death in humans, and therefore advised to report and take treatment at hospital and clinic at the earliest.
4. When the situation requires for stitches on the wound, then injection of Immunoglobulin (Readymade antibody) must be administered around the wound, and stitch after one hour. Tetanus Toxoid should also be given.

Best thing to do is to rush to the nearest hospital and clinic.

Saliva of the stray dogs is filled with rabies virus, and therefore, appropriate vaccine and anti-biotic treatment is necessary immediately. Young or old including pregnant women must take the shot, and that it is not to be taken lightly due to the possibility of high risk. Remember, there is no second chance in taking the treatment. If one is infected there is not a single way of cure at all on this planet.

In quest of solutions for stray dogs menace, all the citizens must come together with alertness and awareness to manage and contain the scourge among us.

Translated by UMT (Ahlone)

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Mexican president says confident that US will negotiate on tariffs

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's president said Saturday he thinks US officials are prepared to negotiate on President Donald Trump's threat to use tariffs as a tool to fight illegal migration across the border.

"There is willingness on the part of US government officials to establish dialogue and reach agreements and compromises," President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador told a news conference.

He did not say what gave him reason to believe this.

Lopez Obrador said a Mexican delegation led by Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard will meet Wednesday in Washington with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to discuss the surprise tariff announcement Trump made on Thursday.

The US president said tariffs starting at five percent and gradually increasing to 25 per cent will be applied to all Mexican imports beginning 10 June, unless the Mexican government does more to halt the flow of undocumented mi-

grants crossing into the US.

The Mexican government has already contacted Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law and also an adviser to him, and Pompeo, Lopez Obrador said.

"The results are going to be good because there is an atmosphere that is favorable to dialogue both in this country and in the United States," he said.

Lopez Obrador expressed confidence that the tariffs will not in the end go into force.

"It is in everyone's interest to reach an agreement," he said. Trump's announcement spooked financial markets around the world and raised fears of US trade wars on multiple fronts.

Lopez Obrador said Friday that his country was "doing our job" to stop the flow of undocumented migrants to the United States, and warned Trump that hitting his neighbor with tariffs would be a lose-lose game.

— AFP ■



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PHOTO: AFP

China-ASEAN expo seminar held to promote investment in Indonesia

NANNING — A seminar for investment in Indonesia was held Friday in Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

Nearly 100 enterprises and chambers of commerce from Shanghai, Guangdong, Fujian and Guangxi participated in the event.

Ikmal Lukman, deputy chairman of the Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board, said at the meeting that various reform measures had been taken to provide with convenience for Chinese investors who set up businesses in Indonesia.

An online single submission (OSS) system was launched last year by the Indonesian government, which integrated the resources of the central and local governments and allowed investors to apply for relevant licenses on one single platform.

"I believe it will save investors a lot of time," Lukman said.

Indonesia has been working on improving its policies on foreign investment since 2009, Lukman said, noting that the country was more investor-friendly in terms of tax deduction and exemption on import goods.

Huang Weimin from the China-ASEAN Expo Secretariat, said that the seminar was the first of a series of activities that will be held by Indonesia as the Country of Honor for the 16th China-ASEAN Expo, to be held from 20 to 23 September in Nanning.

The seminar focused on promoting investment cooperation between the two sides in the fields of industrial parks, infrastructure, manufacturing and agriculture, Huang said.

China is the largest trading partner of Indonesia, with bilateral trade reaching 77.4 billion U.S. dollars in 2018, according to the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Guangzhou. — Xinhua ■

China's securities regulator to enhance crackdown on money laundering

BEIJING — China's securities regulator will enhance its crackdown on money laundering, with a string of concrete measures.

Anti-money laundering will be further prioritized as it bears much importance for the stable and healthy development of the capital markets, the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC) said in a statement.

The CSRC will enhance

regulation cooperation and information sharing with the country's central bank, while the regulatory mechanism for anti-money laundering will be improved.

Supervision will be increased in terms of market access, anti-money laundering checks and punishment, and efforts will be made to train more experts in the field, the CSRC said. — Xinhua ■

BMW to recall 319,045 vehicles in China

BEIJING — BMW will recall 319,045 vehicles in the Chinese market due to defective PCV valve heaters, according to China's market regulator. The recall, set to begin on 30 August, involves 174,027 domestically-produced sedans and 145,018 imported cars, according to a statement on the website of the State Adminis-

tration for Market Regulation. Due to defective materials and manufacturing mistakes, internal elements of PCV valve heaters may short-circuit, overheat and melt, increasing risks of fires, the statement said. BMW promised to replace all the defective parts of the affected vehicles free of charge. — Xinhua ■

Rosneft starts construction of jet fueling facility in Pulkovo

ST. PETERSBURG — Russia's oil major Rosneft started on Sunday the construction of a jet fueling facility with the capacity of 300,000 tonnes of jet fuel per year

in St. Petersburg's Pulkovo Airport. The plan is to construct the facility in two stages in 2020-2021, according to the files provided by the company. Chief Executive

Officer Igor Sechin said during the ground-breaking ceremony that investment in the project are estimated at over 3 bln rubles (\$45.7 mln). — Tass ■



The plan is to construct the facility in two stages in 2020-2021. PHOTO: TASS

Three Syrian soldiers killed by Israeli missile strikes: state media

DAMASCUS (Syria)—At least three Syrian soldiers were killed and seven others wounded in Israeli missile attacks on the southern province of Quneitra, Syrian state media said Sunday.

The Israeli military confirmed it had targeted Syrian military position in response to two rockets fired from Syria at Mount Hermon in the occupied Golan Heights. After targeting the outskirts of the capital Damascus, Israel “renewed its aggression by firing several missiles on the eastern countryside of Quneitra,” the official SANA news agency reported.

“The aggression resulted in the martyrdom of three soldiers and the injury of seven others in addition to some material losses,” it added. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he had ordered the strikes. “We won’t tolerate fire at our territory, and respond forcefully to any aggression against us,” he said.

The army said it fired on



A picture taken early on 21 January 2019 shows Syrian air defence batteries responding to what the Syrian state media said were Israeli missiles targeting Damascus. Israel struck what it said were Iranian targets in Syria today in response to rocket fire it blamed on Iran, sparking concerns of an escalation after a monitor reported 11 fighters killed. **PHOTO: AFP**

“two Syrian artillery batteries, a number of observation and intelligence posts on the Golan Heights, and an SA-2 aerial defence battery”. Israel has carried out hun-

dreds of air strikes in Syria, most of them against what it says are Iranian and Hezbollah targets. It says it is determined to prevent its arch foe Iran from entrenching

itself militarily in Syria, where Tehran backs President Bashar al-Assad in the country’s eight-year war which has killed more than 370,000 people.—AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pope ‘asks forgiveness’ over Catholic Church discrimination of Roma

BLAJAN (France)—Pope Francis on Sunday asked the Roma people for “forgiveness” for discrimination committed by the Roman Catholic Church against them after meeting with members of the community in Romania. “I ask forgiveness in the name of the Church... for the times when in the course of history we have discriminated against, mistreated or mistrusted” the Roma people, the pope said in a speech to the Roma community in the central Romanian town of Blaj.—AFP ■

US prepared to talk to Iran ‘with no preconditions’: Pompeo

BELLINZONA (Switzerland)—Washington is willing to speak with Iran “with no preconditions”, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Sunday, but stressed his country would continue working to rein in Iran’s “malign activity”. “We are prepared to engage in a conversation with no preconditions. We are ready to sit down with them,” Pompeo told a joint news conference in Switzerland with Swiss Foreign Minister Ignazio Cassis, adding however that “the American effort to fundamentally reverse the malign activity of this Islamic Republic, this revolutionary force, is going to continue.”—AFP ■

Daughter of Monaco’s Princess Caroline weds ‘Little Prince’ producer

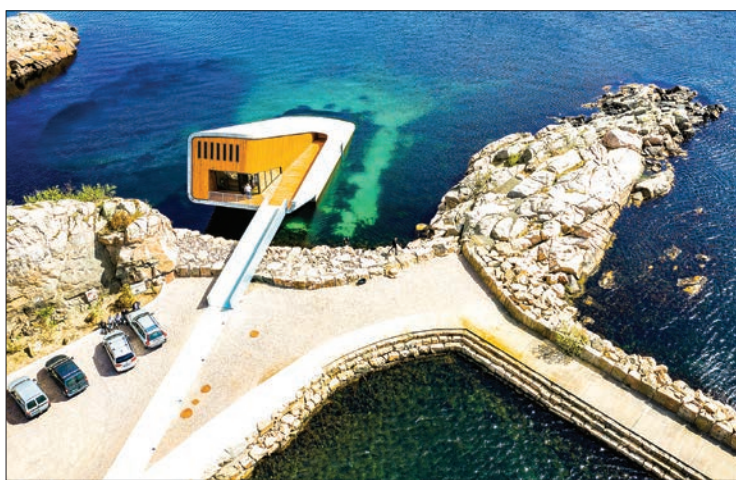
MARSEILLE (France)—The daughter of Princess Caroline of Monaco has married a French film producer with whom she had a son last October, according to the principality’s royal Facebook page. Charlotte Casiraghi, 32, wed Dimitri Rassam on Saturday in a ceremony at the Palace of Monaco, according to details and photos posted on the palace’s account. It was followed by a reception at the opulent villa of La Vigie in nearby Roquebrune, France, formerly one of the homes of fashion designer Karl Lagerfeld.—AFP ■

Descend, Eat, Marvel: Europe’s first underwater restaurant

LINDESNES (Norvège)— For the chef and diners alike, each meal beneath the waves at Europe’s first underwater restaurant is a thing of wonder.

“We have this small window next to the kitchen and every time some special kind of fish comes by, I always start thinking about how it would taste,” says chef Nicolai Ellitsgaard. The aptly named new restaurant Under opened a few weeks ago in Lindesnes on Norway’s southern tip. It serves up Poseidon’s delicacies in an architectural showpiece that stretches down five metres (15 feet) underwater, offering a unique closeup of ocean life.

From the outside, the giant concrete monolith juts out from the craggy shoreline, while its other end tips down into the North Sea. Customers enter the restaurant onshore through a wood-panelled passage and descend down a long, oak staircase into a dimly lit dining room. Here, a gigantic plexiglass underwater window takes centre stage. The 36-square-metre (398-square-foot) window—“like a sunken periscope” in the words of its designers—offers a panoramic view of the ever changing live aquatic show. In Norwegian “Under” means it’s under, like submerged, underwater, and it also means a



A picture taken on 2 May 2019 shows an aerial view of Under, a restaurant that is semi-submerged beneath the waters of the North Sea in Lindesnes near Kristiansand, some 400 km south west of Oslo. **PHOTO: AFP**

sense of wonder,” says Stig Ubostad, who co-owns the eatery with his brother, Gaute. “It is without doubt the largest one in the world and the only one in Europe.”

‘Nature’s never disappointing’

There are no clown fish or sharks, like at other underwater restaurants in more tropical locations such as the Maldives or Dubai. Rather, it is in this simple, but no less spectacular forest of kelp that cod, pollock and wrasse swim past depending on the season, with occasional visits from their predators, seals and the large eider sea ducks.

“It’s an area on the southern tip where the brackish water from the east meets the salty water

from the Atlantic, so the richness of the species is very high,” says Trond Rafoss, a marine biologist involved in the project. In addition to its distinctive architecture and fine dining, Under wants to shine a spotlight on environmental issues. The international waiting staff are trained to provide guests with information about the aquatic show they are watching. “The guests are on an adventure. They are exploring the nature themselves, because this is not an aquarium. “The fish might look at us as an aquarium because what’s happening outside here is under natural control,” Rafoss says. “You will never be disappointed, nature is never disappointing.”

Algae dessert

The restaurant is a 34-metre monolith designed by Norwegian firm Snohetta, known for its celebrated buildings such as the Oslo Opera and the 9/11 Memorial Pavilion in New York. It can serve up to 40 diners during its one sitting a day, five nights a week. In the kitchen, Danish chef Nicolai Ellitsgaard and his staff let their imaginations run wild when creating seasonal menus based primarily on what the sea has to offer, including a dessert composed of five different types of algae collected from a nearby shore. “We try to use things that are in the area, and also use things that nobody else is really using,” Ellitsgaard says. The restaurant however is probably not for everyone’s budget. The tasting menu, consisting of 16 to 18 dishes, costs 2,250 kroner (230 euros, \$258) per person—and double that when wine is included.

‘Magnificent light’

Under is nonetheless fully booked for the next six months. “The wonder is when you come here from the surface and you get into this magnificent light,” says Dag Jacobsen, a 59-year-old professor, who dined there with his wife and another couple. — AFP ■

Chinese defense minister calls for coordinated, cooperative, stable China-US relationship

SINGAPORE — Chinese State Councilor and Defense Minister Wei Fenghe said here on Sunday that China and the United States should follow the consensus by the two heads of state and promote a China-US relationship featuring coordination, cooperation and stability.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between China and the United States, and the bilateral relationship grew steadily in the past 40 years, despite all the ups and downs, said Wei in a speech at the 18th Shangri-La Dialogue.

“The most valuable lesson we have learned from the four-decade-long relationship is that cooperation benefits the two sides while confrontation hurts both,” he said.

The Chinese minister said the militaries of the two countries have agreed on many important issues through continued communication, including agreements on making their relationship a stabilizer for the overall relations, and maintaining regular communication on the strategic level.

Wei said that he had a candid and practical discussion with US Acting Secretary of Defense



China's Defence Minister Wei Fenghe addresses the IISS Shangri-La Dialogue summit in Singapore on 2 June 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**

Patrick Shanahan on Friday, and they reaffirmed the importance of maintaining communication and developing a constructive military-to-military relationship.

In terms of managing risks and preventing conflicts, Wei said China and the United States recognize that military conflicts or even a war between them would bring disasters to both countries and the world.

“It takes two to cooperate, but only one to start a fight,” he said. “We hope that the US side will work with us towards the same goal, follow the principles of non-conflict, non-confronta-

tion, mutual respect and win-win cooperation, and steer the China-US relations in the right direction.”

Wei leads the Chinese delegation at the 18th Shangri-La Dialogue, which opened Friday to discuss the security situation and challenges in the Asia-Pacific.

Officially known as the Asia Security Summit, the Shangri-La Dialogue has been organized and convened annually by the British think tank International Institute for Strategic Studies and the Singaporean government since 2002. —Xinhua ■

Number of injured in Dzerzhinsk blasts totals 89, say authorities

MOSCOW — The number of injured after the explosions at the Kristall factory in the town of Dzerzhinsk amounts to 89 people, according to the updated data, press service of the government of the Nizhny Novgorod Region said in a statement on Sunday.

“According to the updated numbers, all in all 89 people requested medical assistance following the emergency in Dzerzhinsk. Forty four of them are the plant's employees and 45 - inhabitants of adjacent territories,” the statement said.

Earlier reports said referring to the data provided by Russia's Health Ministry that 85 requested medical assistance

following the blasts. As of now, 16 people are in hospitals, one of them is in a grave condition.

On Saturday, several blasts took place at the Kristall explosives factory, which were followed by a fire. The authorities declared an emergency in Dzerzhinsk, the neighboring communities of Pyra and Zhelnino and the Lesnoi cordon. As of now the emergency rescue operation has been completed.

Russia's Investigative Committee said that those were man-made explosions. A criminal case has been opened under Part 1 Section 217 of the Russian Criminal Code (“Violation of industrial safety requirements at production facilities”). — Tass ■



44 of them are the plant's employees and 45 - inhabitants of adjacent territories. **PHOTO: TASS**

Four rescued, eight still missing on avalanche-hit Indian peak

NEW DELHI (India) — Four British climbers have been rescued from an avalanche-hit Himalayan mountain range, Indian authorities said Sunday, as a frantic search continued for eight other mountaineers still missing on its treacherous heights.

Helicopters airlifted the rescued group to safety after they were spotted early Sunday at a base camp near India's second highest mountain, the 7,826-metre (25,643-foot) Nanda Devi. Scores of emergency workers were combing the peaks on foot and using two choppers as rescue operations entered a second day, having been hampered by rough weather on Saturday.

The eight missing climbers — four Britons, two Americans, an Australian woman and an Indian — were last week set to scale an unclimbed summit in the mountain range, which includes the world's 23rd highest peak.

Authorities said the four

rescued were not part of the larger group but were in touch with them until 26 May, a day before the avalanche struck the mountain.

“They were climbing separately but were in touch with the larger group. Heavy snowfall and bad weather had left them stuck at the base camp,” R.C. Rajguru, police chief of Pithoragarh district — where the peak is located — told AFP.

Rajguru said there was no certain information on the location or safety of the mountaineers, who started their ascent on 13 May.

The group, led by British climber Martin Moran — who has successfully climbed the mountain twice in the past — had initially set out for the Nanda Devi peak but a later post on his Facebook page hinted that they were attempting to scale a virgin peak in the region. The group was expected to report back to the Munsiyari base camp on 26 May but a porter stationed at

the camp reported to authorities that the group remained missing on 31 May, prompting a search operation. The British High Commission in New Delhi said they were in touch with the local authorities “following reports that a number of British nationals are missing in the Indian Himalayas”.

'Hopeful'

Pithoragarh district magistrate Vijay Kumar Jogdande



Scores of emergency workers were combing the peaks in two choppers and on foot as rescue operations entered a second day. **PHOTO: AFP**

told AFP Sunday's search operation continued for seven hours in which the four climbers, including a woman, were rescued from the base camp.

The mission will continue on Monday, with two choppers scanning the area.

“We are hopeful to get some clues but it's not an easy task,” said Jogdande, adding the climbers were likely trekking heights above 6,000 metres when the avalanche

struck amid ongoing heavy snowfall.

Hundreds of climbers from across the world visit India to scale mountains located across the Himalayan belt, but the twin peaks of Nanda Devi are the toughest to scale.

The first successful ascent to the Nanda Devi summit was in 1936.

India has 10 peaks above 7,000 metres, including Kangchenjunga — the world's third highest — sandwiched between India and Nepal.

Four Indians were among 11 climbers that died climbing Mount Everest in the latest season that ended this week amid allegations of overcrowding on the world's highest peak.

The deaths caused massive outrage, with mountaineering experts criticising the government of Nepal for giving permits to anyone ready to pay \$11,000, letting rookie climbers risk their lives and those of others on the slopes. —AFP ■

Japan, U.S, S. Korea urge N. Korea to act toward denuclearization

SINGAPORE—Japanese, U.S. and South Korean defense chiefs on Sunday urged North Korea to take concrete steps to realize denuclearization, as talks between Washington and Pyongyang remain stalled following their summit in late February.

But the three nations apparently failed to reach a consensus on how to deal with Pyongyang's recent firing of short-range missiles, highlighting differences in their attitudes toward the projectiles. The defense chiefs pledged that their countries "will closely cooperate to support diplomatic efforts to establish complete denuclearization and permanent peace on the Korean Peninsula," according to a joint statement released after their gathering.

They also "recognized the international community's shared goal of North Korea's full compliance with its international obligations in accordance with" all relevant U.N. Security Council resolutions, the statement said.



Japanese Defense Minister Takeshi Iwaya (R) is pictured with his South Korean and U.S. counterparts Jeong Kyeong Doo (L) and Patrick Shanahan in Singapore on 2 June 2019. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

At the outset of the trilateral meeting in Singapore, Japanese Defense Minister Takeshi Iwaya told his counterparts from Washington and Seoul that their gathering

is "extremely important" as the situation on the Korean Peninsula has changed drastically.

Acting U.S. Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan and South

Korean Defense Minister Jeong Kyeong Doo expressed eagerness to deepen trilateral cooperation to tackle issues related to the peninsula. —Kyodo News ■

Former top bureaucrat arrested for murder speaks of family trouble

TOKYO—A 76-year-old former top bureaucrat of the farm ministry arrested for the murder of his son suggested during police questioning that his son's social withdrawal and violent behavior were the motive behind the act, investigative sources said Sunday. The police arrested Hideaki Kumazawa, also a former Japanese ambassador to the Czech Republic, on Saturday for stabbing his 44-year-old son Eiichiro to death at their home.

Social withdrawal was recently highlighted again as a serious social problem in Japan by a mass stabbing Tuesday in Kawasaki near Tokyo by an assailant who is said to have hardly left his home where he was living with his uncle and aunt in their 80s. The investigative sources quoted Kumazawa as saying his son "tended to be withdrawn from social life and showed violent behavior" toward him and his wife. —Kyodo News ■

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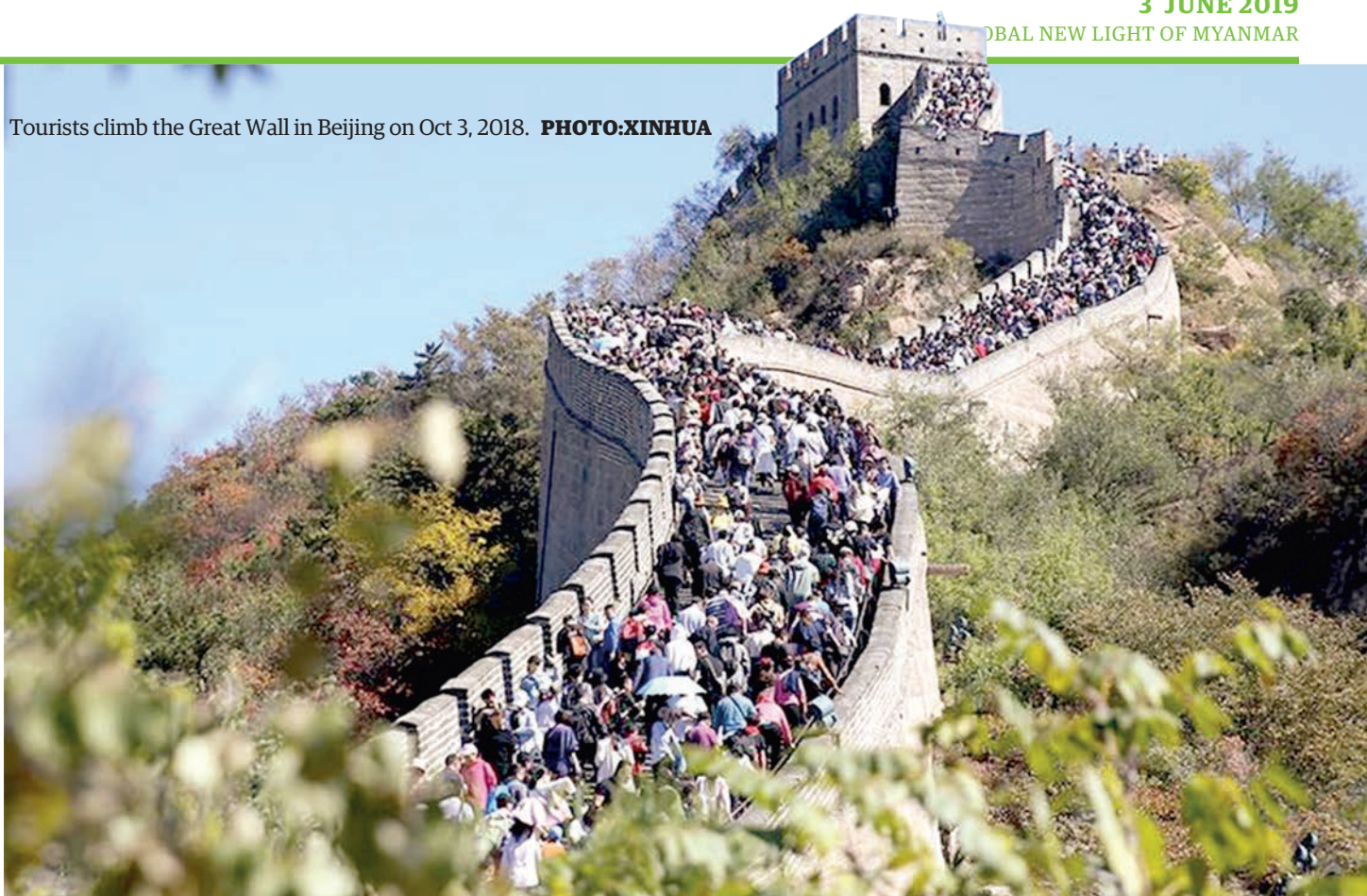
Meaning of overtourism

The word overtourism is very popular in countries with developed tourism industry. Overtourism is interrelated with the word overcrowding meaning more tourists arrival at a destination than the carrying capacity to host it. In fact, overtourism had a bad and negative impact on the local at the destination as well as the visitors to it.

Double edged sword

Fame is a double edged sword in travel industry. The meaning is that when a destination became popular among travellers there can be benefits such as arrival of more travellers, development of basic infrastructures, increased employment opportunities and improvement in social economic situation of the local people. On the other hand, more travellers mean more degradation of the travel destination resulting in environmental damages, invasion into privacy of the local and tourism phobia brought about by unwelcomed, unappreciated and unvalued increase in numbers of travellers.

Tourists climb the Great Wall in Beijing on Oct 3, 2018. **PHOTO:XINHUA**



Nature of overtourism and its management

Hnin Lei (Tourism)



Tourists flock over the Bund next to the Huangpu river during the third day of the Lunar New Year in Shanghai on 18 February, 2018. **PHOTO: AFP**



Tourists flock over a bridge on West Lake in Hangzhou, in eastern China's Zhejiang Province on 17 February, 2018 as people spend the second day of the Lunar New Year outdoors. **PHOTO: AFP**

Root cause of overtourism

Overcrowded tour destination was the result of the fame of the destination. It was also the result of placing emphasis on quantity over quality. Offering cheap service (budget airlines, budget hotels etc.) to make quick money that didn't even cover the cost of maintaining the natural or man-made resources will result in overtourism. And this eventually and quickly destroy the natural or man-made resources of the destination making it less of an attraction.

Countries suffering impacts of overtourism

Places that had overtoursim attract most interest for traveller result of which is a higher numbers of tourists visiting it. Places that had overtourism will face locals opposing tourism as huge numbers of tourists were destroying the way of life and cultural heritages. The increased income and opportunity for locals from

tourism was no longer attractive or wanted. For example, major tour cities in Europe such as Amsterdam, Barcelona and Venice which were receiving increasing numbers of tourists yearly have adopted and are implementing new policies for tourism industry in order to prevent overtourism. Maya Beach in Thailand made famous due to a film "The Beach" was recently closed to make much needed repairs and respite to the ecosystem that was adversely affected by the huge number of tourist arrival.

Borocay Beach is one of the most beautiful beaches in the Philippines. The Travel+Leisure honoured the beach as the best beach in 2012. As tourist arrival went over 2 million, weak management and irresponsible acts of tourists themselves degraded the environment. The beauty of the beach was damaged by littering resulting in travel to the beach restricted for six months to repair the damages caused effecting those relying on tourists to face

hardships. Philippines government is now reducing airline flights to this destination, perform educative programmes to ensure tourists to be responsible and put up more garbage bins.

In the same way tourists arrival was increasing in the Republic of Korea year by year. Tourist arrival hit 13 million in 2017 and overtourism occurred in Bukchon Hanok Village. Bukchon is a peaceful and tranquil village where houses were traditional Korean style houses. Visitors put on Korean traditional costumes, wonder around traditional houses and observe the traditional culture and custom of Korea. This attracts many visitors and local people at first accepted the visits. But as more and more visitors came, locals start erecting signboards saying "Tourists, go home" and "Your tourism kills my neighbours" as the tourists were affecting the freedom of locals, increasing prices of lands, rental charges not to mention noisy, nosy and



undisciplined guests destroying the tranquillity of the area.

Now, the Korean government is implementing programme for the convenient of both the locals and tourists by limiting number of tourist arrivals to the village, appointment of volunteers to hush noisy tourists and putting up "Silence Here" notice boards.

How to control overtourism

According to United Nations World Tourism Organization, numbers of international tourists reached 1.4 billion in 2018 and is expected to reach 1.8 billion in 2030. Tourism industry is the third largest export service of the world creating 10.4 per cent of global Gross Domestic Products directly and indirectly. Countries strive to develop tourism industry because it creates employment and develops the country's economy. So these countries try to encourage more and more visitors but some countries are starting to come to face with overtourism. UNWTO therefore has adopted and implementing tactics to solve the problem of overtourism and recommended the following.

1. Search new tourist destinations, offer new package tours and enhance the visits

Large number of travellers to a destination with limited services available causes overtourism. Visitors to these destinations can be reduced by searching new and alternative destinations, informing and enhancing visits of travellers to these new destinations and beefing up the management of the destinations.

2. Reviewing situations, rules and laws of tourism industry

Government need to review the visiting time and set acceptable number of tourists to the main des-

tinuation where overtourism was occurring and enact effective rules and laws to reduce the impact of overtourism. For example, a total of 1.4 million international tourists visit Machu Picchu, a UNESCO recognized ancient cultural site in Peru in 2016. As from July 2017 Peru launched a system for tourist to book visits to visit the site either on a morning session 6 a.m. to 12 noon or afternoon session 12 noon to 5:30 p.m. via designated routes and prevented overcrowding or overtourism.

We all need to join hand to ensure a sustainable tourism according to the motto "Let's joint to develop State tourism industry in the long run."

3. Informing local people on benefit of tourism industry and authorities cooperating with the local people

Key player for success in tourism industry are local people. Their keenness in tourism services, heartfelt welcome of tourists and clarifying dos and donts to travellers directly relates to the development of tourism industry in the region. As such local people must be informed of the benefit of the tourism industry and participate in the tourism management. Authorities on the other hand are to carry out appropriate moves in line with the wishes of the lo-

cals to beef up participation and cooperation of local people in the tourism industry.

Tourism industry in Myanmar

Myanmar is full of cultural heritages and natural environment, Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan and Inlay were the regions that receive the highest numbers of international tourists. Myanmar has been practising open door economic system since 2012 and tourist arrival had been rising. Although 3.55 million international visitors visited Myanmar in 2018, this was comparatively lower than neighbouring countries. Ministry of Hotels and Tourism is striving toward increasing the number of visitors through appointment of tour ambassadors, promote tourism services in Myanmar through digital marketing and social media such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The government was also allowing visa exemption to citizens of Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong and Macao starting from 1 October 2018 to encourage more visitors.

According to Myanmar Tourism Rules enacted on 17 September 2018, regional tourism work committees led by relevant State/Region Chief Ministers were to take up more responsibilities to manage tour destinations and supervise businesses related to tourism industry. These work committees observe the actual situation and tourism services at the existing destinations and create opportunities for local people to enjoy the fruits of the tourism industry while managing as necessary to ensure a sustainable tourism services that'll serve the interest of the people and not cause undesirables such as overtourism.

All in all, it needs to make the utmost efforts for the emergence of a sustainable tourism industry. Take lesson from experiences of countries that had faced the bad impacts of overtourism and create opportunities for locals while offering pleasant and enjoyable visits for visitors. We all need to join hand to ensure a sustainable tourism according to the motto "Let's joint to develop State tourism industry in the long run."

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Elephant camp on Shan mountain range woos visitors

By Kyaw Htike Soe

AN elephant camp near Nant Pan Tet Village, Kalaw Township was frequently packed with holiday makers and is becoming a popular tourist attraction spot in Southern Shan State.

Nant Pan Tet Village, on the border of Mandalay Region and Shan State is 70 miles east of Meiktila. Visitors to the camp were enjoying elephant rides and posing for selfies in the natural surrounding that are considered as great photographic sites. They were also relaxing under the shady trees together with families and friends. The purpose of opening the camp was to create a tranquil area where people can enjoy the natural beauty, ride elephant and



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learn about these majestic animals.

"There were only a few visitors during the early day of the camp but as words of its beauty spread from the few visitors that were there, more and more came and it was now thronging with visitors. Entrance fee is Ks. 1,000 for a local and kids can go in free. An elephant ride is set at Ks 3,000. The entrance fee for foreigners is Ks 20,000 and this includes one elephant ride," said a camp official.

"We are preparing some more activities for the visitors. For now, apart from the elephant ride, visitors can hike along a two miles trail to a small waterfall and bath in the pond there. Public lounges were being extended while souvenir shops were built," he added.

The additional activities and services arranged will enable visitors to relax and relieve whatever stresses they may have experienced before visiting the camp. Ten full grown elephants and two baby elephants will be at hand to entertain the visitors. The camp opening hours were from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and the camp was launched on 13 February 2018.

The camp was created by Myanmar Timber Enterprise to house elephants retired from timber extraction. As the elephant live out their well earned retirement, the public can also enjoy the natural habitat of the elephant and learn about their natural way of live.



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Tourists flock to beach near the Black Sea city of Varna, on 31 July 2005, to avoid a heatwave which has hit Bulgaria over the last two days. Temperatures in the Balkan state reached 37 degrees Celsius. PHOTO: AFP

General Aung San Shield: Yangon makes finals, beating Sagaing 3-1



Players from Yangon United celebrate their victory after defeating Sagaing United 3-1 in the 2nd leg of the General Aung San Shield Semifinal at the home stadium of Yangon United yesterday. **PHOTO:YUFC**

YANGON United has secured a spot in the finals of the General Aung San Shield 2019 after defeating Sagaing United 3-1 in the 2nd leg of the General Aung San Shield 2019 at Yangon United Sports Complex yesterday.

Yangon United played a draw match against Sagaing United 1-1 in the first leg, and the aggregate result was 4-2 for Yangon United to step into the Final match against Shan United.

As the match is crucial to go to the final, Yangon United played its stars, Captain cum Keeper Kyaw Zin Htet, Maung Maung Lwin, Miller, Kosuke and Anderson, while Sagaing United

lined up with its key players, keeper A Zin Hmue, Donal Bissa and Friday. Both teams gave all-out efforts from the start.

Yangon United took the lead goal at the 12 minute mark when they received a free kick. The foul ball was kicked by Yangon's Soe Min Naing and the ball reached his teammate, striker Maung Maung Lwin, as he scored perfectly for the team's first and leading goal.

Sagaing United tried to equalise the goal, but the first half ended with Yangon United in the lead. The match became more heated in the second half, as Sagaing put in play its fast attack. Sagaing United equalised

the goal at the 72 minute mark, as the ball was headed by Thant Zin Win.

The second, and leading goal for Yangon United, was scored at 85 minutes while Maung Maung Lwin made a cross toward Sylla, who finished the score.

Then, by taking advantage of Sagaing's defensive error, Sylla made the third goal for Yangon at 90 minutes. At the final whistle, Yangon United took the victory with a 3-1 defeat of Sagaing United. Yangon United will play the final match of General Aung San Shield 2019 against Shan United on 21 September at Aung San Stadium in Yangon.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Formed squad in short time: Myanmar head coach Radulovic

MYANMAR national football team's head coach, Miodrag Radulovic, said that he had a very short time to select his team for the upcoming friendly match against Singapore next week. The friendly match is to be played at National Stadium in Singapore on 11 June. Team Myanmar has announced a preliminary squad of 26 players for the friendly against Singapore next month, according to a press release from the Myanmar Football Federation.

Regarding the match, Myanmar team head coach Miodrag Radulovic said, "I selected the players for this game in just a short time. For a different tournament, I think I will be able to choose more." "We are prepared to play very well in this game, despite the short period of training. All the players will join the training camp by 3 June."

Among the players are first timers Nyein Chan (Rakhine United), Yan Naing Aung (Hantharwady United), Zaw Lin (Ayeyawady United), and Pyae Shan Aung (Yadanarbon). There are also four keepers selected: Kyaw Zin Htet (Yangon United), Kyaw Zin Phyto (Ayeyawady United), Naing Zeyar Tun (Zwekapin United) and Pyae Lian Aung (Yadanarbon).

Meanwhile, the eight standout defenders are Soe Moe Kyaw, Zaw Lin (Ayeyawady United), Zaw Min Tun (Chonburi), Pyae Phyto



Myanmar national football team head coach Miodrag Radulovic. **PHOTO:SUPPLIED**

Zaw (Yangon United), Win Moe Kyaw (Magwe), David Htan (Shan United), Thein Than Win (Yadanarbon), Nanda Kyaw (Shan United), and Chan Nyein (Rakhine United). Likewise, midfielders are Yan Aung Kyaw, Maung Maung Lwin (Yangon United), Hlaing Bo Bo, Ye Ko Oo (Yadanarbon), Aung Hlaing Win (Sagaing United), Yan Naing Aung (Hantharwady United), and Suan Luam Mang (Shan United).

The six strikers are Kyaw Ko Ko (Samutprakan), Aung Thu (Muangthang United), Than Htet Aung (Samutsakhon), Zin Min Tun (Shan United), Sithu Aung (Chonburi), and Win Naing Soe (Yadanarbon).—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Liverpool's Champions League party moves to England



Jurgen Klopp says there is plenty more to come from Liverpool after their Champions League triumph. **PHOTO:AFP**

MADRID (Spain)—Liverpool's celebrations stretched long into the night after they became six-time European champions with goals from Mohamed Salah and Divock Origi to beat Tottenham—and the party was set to move to England on Sunday where tens of thousands of fans awaited the team's return. The 2-0 win in the sweltering Metropolitano Stadium delivered a first trophy in seven years for Liverpool, and—finally—a first win in seven finals for coach Jurgen Klopp. The final whistle sparked wild scenes among the Liverpool fans in the stadium and back home in northwest England, where the team will have a victory parade on Sunday. "We were all pretty much crying on the pitch, because it was so emotional, it was so big, it means so much to us," Klopp said.

For Liverpool it was sweet redemption after defeat to Real Madrid in last year's final in Kiev. Mohamed Salah, who emphatically scored a penalty awarded in the very first minute, revealed he had drawn motivation from the disappointment of that

match in which he left the pitch in tears with a shoulder injury. "Before the game, I looked at a picture of last year and we were so disappointed to lose the final," Salah said. "I was very disappointed after that injury, I went off after 30 minutes and we lost the game. It motivated me to win today. When you know how it feels to lose, you say to yourself 'Let's go and win that'."

Guardiola's congratulations

Klopp revealed he had received a congratulatory call from Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola. Three weeks ago, Liverpool were denied a first league title in 30 years by City, despite losing just once all season. "We promised each other already that we will kick our butts next year again," Klopp said of his brief exchange with Guardiola. "We will go for everything and we'll see if we get something." Liverpool's sixth success in Europe's top club trophy—coming after wins in 1977, 1978, 1981, 1984 and 2005—masks the fact they have not won the English title since 1990. —AFP ■