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Hluttaw Offices hold 2019 Monsoon Tree Planting Event



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat plants a Mesua ferrea tree at a monsoon tree planting event for 2019 in the compound of Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Hluttaw Offices held a monsoon tree planting event for 2019 in the Hluttaw compound in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At first, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat, Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein and Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung planted Mesua ferrea saplings at their designated places.

Following this, officials from the Hluttaw offices and public service personnel planted Eugenia, Mesua ferrea, star-flower, golden shower and gold mohur saplings.—MNA

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

Resettlement programmes discussed for displaced persons in Kachin State

DR WIN MYAT AYE, the Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, attended the discussion yesterday morning between the government bodies and the Kachin Humanitarian Concern Committee to collaborate in resettlement programmes for the displaced persons in Kachin State.

At the second coordination meeting held at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw, the Union Minister said that the ministry has adopted strategies to ensure better lives for the displaced persons in Kachin State under the rehabilitation programme before closing temporary camps where they are taking shelters from armed conflicts in their region.

He also said the IDPs will be settled in the appropriate and convenient places to be able to restore their dignity, guarantee education and health services, and create job opportunities for them.

Dr Win Myat Aye added the ministry will work together with the KHCC in these tasks, and called for suggestions from the relevant parties.

Then, the Vice Chairman of KHCC presented their role in coordinating between the government and the local people.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw holds 4th day meeting of 13th regular session

By Mawsi, Hmwe Kyuzin

THE Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw convened its fourth day meeting of 13th regular session on Wednesday.

First, U Than Win, Secretary of Anti-Corruption Commission, presented the topic sent by the President of the State about Myanmar to sign in the agreement of countries to establish the International Anti-Corruption Academy.

After joining this agreement, Myanmar could widen its knowledge and efforts on anti-corruption activities, dispatch trainees for short-term and post-graduate courses conducted by the organization, receive trainings and experiences on international norms in this work, etc.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker invited Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the matter to register their names by 4 pm 26th July.

The 2018 Annual Report of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission was also discussed by 14 representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw, and eight representatives of Amyotha Hluttaw. The report presented high density of inmate population in prisons, healthcare services for them, closure of hard labour camps for women prisoners, reduction of prison terms for teachers and students who passed matriculation exam in prison, etc.

The National Planning Report for the first half of 2018-2019 fiscal year sent by the Union government and the findings and remarks of Joint Public Accounts Committee on this report was discussed by three Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and five Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is being convened in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: HTAN PHON**

The report on Union budget for the first half of 2018-2019 fiscal year sent by the Union government and the findings and remarks of Joint Public Accounts Committee on this report was discussed by four Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and one Amyotha Hluttaw representative.

The fourth day meeting of 13th regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was concluded at 3 pm and it will convene the fifth day meeting on 26th July.—MNA ■

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Anti-grave violations committee discusses draft action plan for implementation



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye addresses the coordination meeting of the Committee for Preventing Grave Violations against Children in Armed Conflicts in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Committee for Preventing Violence against Children in Armed Conflicts held its second coordination meeting at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement yesterday.

Speaking at the meeting, Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye said the committee was formed in January to work on preventing grave violations against children in armed conflicts. He said the committee is tasked with ten duties for implementation.

The Union Minister said it is necessary to cooperate on the important decisions made at the first meeting with UNCTFMR. He said they have acquired suggestions from relevant ministries to draft an action plan to avoiding maiming and killing children and ending sexual violence against them.

He said they have plans to hold a meeting with UNCTFMR to discuss implementation of the action plan and urged attendees to take part in the discussion.

Next, the Deputy Director-General of the Rehabilitation Department reviewed the draft action plan for a national-level reporting mechanism to prevent the maiming, killing and sexual assault of children in conflict zones.

Following this, the attendees discussed the action plan in detail and the Union Minister and other officials replied with appropriate suggestions. The government-led draft action plan will be discussed with UN agencies for future implementation. —MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

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Heads of service organizations appointed

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as Heads of Service Organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

	Name	Appointment
(1)	U Khun Aye Naing Deputy Director-General Agricultural Mechanization Department Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	Director-General Small-scale Industries Department Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
(2)	U Thant Sin Lwin Deputy Director-General Directorate of Investment and Company Administration Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations	Director-General Directorate of Investment and Company Administration Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing plants a tree at the monsoon tree planting ceremony held around Yezin Dam in Zeyathiri Township. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy, Air) holds second monsoon tree planting ceremony

THE Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy, Air Force) held the second monsoon tree planting ceremony near Yezin Dam in Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the ceremony, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife planted a teak sapling. Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife, Union Ministers and wives, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and wives, officers, other ranks and families from the offices and departments of the office of C-in-C planted saplings of teak, padauk (gum-kino), mahogany, and mangiumcia (acacia mangium).

Next, the Commander-in-Chief and party viewed and encouraged officers, troops and families planting the trees.

In today's event a total of 4500 saplings including 330 teak saplings, 1,215 padauk saplings, 1,823 mahogany saplings and 1,132 mangiumcia saplings were planted in the vicinity of the Yezin Dam. Starting from 2011 to 2019, the Office of the C-in-C (Army) has already planted a total of 146,283 saplings of precious teak, perennial trees, and shade and windbreak trees to conserve the environment and ecosystem of the Yezin Dam and its surrounding areas.

Similarly, the military commands across the country also held second monsoon tree planting ceremonies. They planted a total of 394,101 saplings during this second tree planting, according to the news release of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. – MNA *(Translated by TTN)*

MoE organizes disability-inclusive education seminar in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Seminar on Inclusive Education – Inclusion for Children with Disabilities was held at Mingalar Thiri Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Union Minister for Education, Dr Myo Thein Gyi, first delivered a speech. He said the Department of Basic Education undertakes numerous tasks such as ensuring every citizen has access to education, including people living with disabilities.

Children with disabilities need support from relevant departments and organizations to have the same access to education, development, protection and social security as other children, said the Union Minister.

He said there are 1,281 students with disabilities attending basic education schools in Kachin State and Mandalay, Sagaing and Yangon regions for 2018-2019 academic year.

Of those students, the Union Minister said the Ministry of Education provides K5,000 as monthly education stipend for the 843 primary students with disabilities (K50,000 per year), K8,000 each to the 352 middle schoolers with disabilities (K80,000 per year), and K10,000 each to the 86 high schoolers with disabilities (K100,000 per year).

The Union Minister said 4 out of 24 visually impaired students, 2 out of 15 hearing impaired students, and 26 out of 111 physically impaired students passed the matriculation exams for 2019.

He said a vital component of implementing quality and inclusive education is ensuring all students are literate and capable of calculations by the third grade.

Next, Paul Edwards, UNICEF's Deputy Representative, delivered remarks on the seminar. This was followed by a documentary photo with all attendees after which the seminar commenced. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi delivers the opening speech at the Seminar on Inclusive Education – Inclusion for Children with Disabilities in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

19th SOMTC, related meetings held in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime and its Related Meetings (SOMTC) are held by its ASEAN member countries annually. The 19th SOMTC and its related meetings were being held in Nay Pyi Taw from 22-26 July.

The Working Group Meetings of the 19th SOMTC and its related meetings were held on 23 July while other Plenary Session and SOMTC + Dialogue Partners Consultations were being held 24-26 July. The opening ceremonies of the meetings will be launched at the Brand Ballroom (2) of the Thazin Villa, Horizon Lake View Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Thu and Chief of Myanmar Police Force delivered the opening remarks at the event. The meetings was attended by high-ranking officials from ten member states of the ASEAN and other partnership countries from Australia, Canada, China, India, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand, Russia, American and the EU together with Directors-General and high-ranking officials from the Ministry of Home affairs. — MNA

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj Gen Aung Thu poses for the photo with high-ranking officials from other countries at the Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) and its related meetings. **PHOTO: MNA**

Corruption Prevention Unit technical workshop 2/2019 held in Nay Pyi Taw

ANTI-Corruption Commission, UNDP and UNODC held Corruption Prevention Unit technical workshop 2/2019 collaboratively at Park Royal Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the event, Chairman of Anti-Corruption Commission, U Aung Kyi said that CPUs have been formed in 14 Union Ministries since January 2019. As there were Union Ministries that deliberately want to have CPUs in them, 32 CPU have been formed at 18 Union Ministries. The commission will report the details of the performances of CPU to the President, authorities and the public in its annual report. CPUs are urged to be practical in realizing their goals with sense of responsibility. CPUs are now operating effectively in some ministries, and as the second workshop will equip CPUs with new program and facilities. Their extensive public service will be available soon.



Anti-Corruption Commission Chairman U Aung Kyi delivers the speech at the Corruption Prevention Unit technical workshop in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

At the workshop, World Bank Myanmar handed over Proactive Beneficiary Engagement Programme (PBE) as CPU toolkit. This programme will be of great assistance in tackling corruption. This programme will connect each one with members of CPU, and help take action against corrupted officials of regional, state, township, ward and village offices.

Due to the action taken against corrupted officers, now the public is more and more aware of the danger of corruption. As democracy strides forwards in this transitional period, there is better chance of being exposed if corrupt. It is important for the CPUs to be alert to keep their departments from the danger caused by corruption and to be in best of public's interest. He requested not to cast doubt on CPUs but to offer cooperation.

Then, Resident Representative of UNDP Mr Peter Batchelor said that CPU formed at Union Ministries has been successful. For the success of duty of CPU, they will collaborate with the commission. They take pride in the fact that the seniors officials of the country are enthusiastic about fighting corruption. Good leadership of fighting and good will of people will take time.

Anti-Corruption Programme Manager of UNODC , Ms Marie Pegie Cauchois said that all particiants of the workshop are important for democracy transition. Corruption is a headache for the democratic government and they are making special effort to fight corruption. It is important to find means in fighting corruption and for the people to cooperate. The integrity of the government employees is of utmost importance.

Then, the Chairman of commission and the participants had their group photo taken,

The workshop will be held until 26 July. The Chairman of the Commission and members, experts from UNDP, UNODC and World Bank will take part in the discussion. The event was attended by 156 trainees from 18 Union Ministries which have formed CPUs and the commission office.—MNA ■ *(Translated by Alphonsus)*

Over 9,000 households evacuated from flood-hit areas

THE water level in the Ayeyawady River is rising due to the continuous heavy rainfall, forcing flood victims from more than 9,400 households in eight regions and states, where they are being evacuated to flood shelters, according to Disaster Management Department headquartered in Nay Pyi Taw.

"Eight regions and states are estimated to have experienced flooding. Rescue and relief operations were undertaken for flood-stricken locations in Bago Region and Mon, Chin and Rakhine states. However, some regions and states are still in need of rescue and relief operations, said Daw Phyu Lei Lei Tun, director of the Disaster Management Department.



Flooding leave homes submerged in deep water. **PHOTO: MYINT MAUNG SOE**

A total of 9,420 households are being evacuated to flood shelters, registering 100 households from Bhamo, Kachin State, over 4,300 from Katha, Htigyaing, Kanbalu, KhinU, Sagaing and Kyaukmyaung townships in Sagaing Region, over 4,900 from Thabeikkyin, Singu, Singaing, TadaU and Taungtha townships in Mandalay Region and 120 from Chauk and Yenangyaung townships in Magway Region, according to officials. "We are endeavouring to evacuate flood victims based upon real-time information, under the respective region and state governments' supervision. The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement has been contributing to the flood victims", Daw Phyu Lei Lei Tun said. At present, under the natural disaster management committee, the ministry is coordinating with the region and state governments to support contributions for rice, and has handed over contributions of K169 million to flood victims. Further contributions will also be made.

The residents in flood-prone locations need to be alert for warnings issued by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, and can call for help to the respective Disaster Management departments and headquarters in Nay Pyi Taw by dialing 067-3404666, 067-34040777.—Myint Maung Soe ■ *(Translated by EMM)*

11 die, 3 missing after boat capsized in Mahlaing Tsp

A motorboat with 24 passengers on board capsized while crossing Sar Taung dam in Mahlaing Township, Mandalay Region yesterday morning.

As of 4 pm yesterday, authorities have reported 11 have died and 3 are missing while the remaining 10 have been rescued unharmed.

The passengers onboard are from Haung Nwe village, Myittha Township, led by fellow villager U Nan Lwin, 40. They were visiting Bawdi Thitsar monastery on the western bank of Sar Taung dam in Mahlaing Township, Meiktila District.

The helmsman, identified as Kyaw Win Hlaing, 18, from Sar Taung village, was found alive. Nhawkan Police Station has opened the case under (Pa) 39, Penal Code 280/304-A, and are continuing search and rescue operations. —Maung Thein, Kyaw Kyaw (Mahlaing) ■ *(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)*

Union Minister U Kyaw Tin delivers a statement at Ministerial Meeting of Coordination Bureau of Non-Aligned Movement held in Caracas

UNION MINISTER for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin participated at the Ministerial Meeting of the Coordination Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) held in Caracas, Venezuela from 20 to 21 July 2019 and delivered a statement in the debate under the theme "Promotion and Consolidation of Peace through Respect for International Law". The Ministerial Meeting was presided over by the current Chair of the Movement, Minister of the People's Power for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and attended by 78 Member States of the Movement and 4 observer States and 7 international organizations and 2 countries as special guests.

Union Minister U Kyaw Tin made a statement in the first session of the debate of the Ministerial Meeting on 20 July 2019 recalling that the Non-Aligned Movement was founded based on the Bandung Principles at the height of the Cold War and had envisaged a peaceful and prosperous world and a just and equitable order where states can determine independently their own destinies. Regardless of the profound changes of the world, he added, the founding principles and purposes of the Movement still remained relevant and valid. He emphasized the importance for all NAM member states to remain committed to the core principles of the Movement, especially the principles of respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity, justice, equality and mutual respect among nations without interfering in the internal affairs of another country and settlement of disputes by peaceful means. In today's world, developing countries are still far from enjoying the right to determine their own destiny or resolve their own internal problems in their own way best suited to their own circumstances. Even some of the United Nations today are focusing more on retribution than helping the countries resolve their problems by peaceful means. It is the duty of the United Nations to help in bringing conflicting communities together rather than making them further apart. The unity of the Movement is therefore of paramount importance to stand up together against their common challenges. He also urged the NAM member states to be careful not to allow anyone to misuse the platform of the Movement to serve one's own political agenda against other member states.

The Union Minister stated that observance of the principles of international law applicable to each member state is of utmost importance for the maintenance of the world peace and security. He reminded, however, that application of international law must be based on principles of objectivity, impartiality and avoidance of double standard. He expressed serious concern over the claim of jurisdiction of ICC to a country which is not a party to the Rome Statute, citing the 1969 UN Vienna Convention on International Treaties which clearly states that "no treaty can be imposed on a country that has not ratified it". The extension of the jurisdiction to a non-party may have a reverberating effect to all non-parties and challenges the long established legal principles such as legal certainty. It will also run counter to the principles enshrined in the UN Charter and set a very dangerous precedence in international law.

The Union Minister also took the opportunity to brief the meeting on Rakhine issue, highlighting that the issue of Rakhine is just one of the many challenges facing Myanmar in its efforts for peace, national reconciliation, development and democracy. But the world's attention is focused on the negative aspect of this particular issue due to the one-sided media campaign, wrongfully depicting it as a religious issue. It is neither an issue of religious persecution nor an issue of driving an ethnic group out of the country as widely portrayed. He highlighted that it is a political and economic issue involving cross-border irregular migration since colonial time, poverty, lack of rule of law and security. There had been deep rooted history of tensions, mutual mistrust and fear between the ethnic communities of Rakhine and the migrant communities. It will take time to educate both communities to live harmoniously. The Union Minister also pointed out the fact that in the remaining parts of Myanmar, people of different faiths are living in peace and harmony. Religious edifices of different faiths stand side by side under each other's shades in many cities of Myanmar. It is utmost important to try to understand different narratives, the historical facts and complete information about this communal conflict before making a judgement of the issue.

The Union Minister underscored that Myanmar fully shares the concern over the plight of all communities affected by the violences. He stressed that it should not be overlooked that the violence was ignited by provocative coordinated attacks of ARSA terror group against multiple police outposts on 9 October 2016 and on 25 August 2017. The violences were committed by both sides and affected all communities. He assured that the Government must therefore provide safety and security and protect the rights of all affected communities, not just one community. That is why the civilian government, immediately after taking office, set up the necessary mechanisms to tackle the issue including Advisory Commission on Rakhine State led by Dr Kofi Annan on its own volition to seek a long-lasting solution to the issue. Many overlook the fact that this massive outflows of the displaced persons was manipulated by staging provocative brutal attacks by ARSA as part of their strategy to attract the world's attention to advance their political agenda. Many conveniently ignore these underlying facts and the sufferings, insecurity and legitimate fears of many ethnic communities in Rakhine State. The Government is fully committed to find a sustainable solution that would lead to peace, stability and development for all people in Rakhine State. The Government has recently taken steps to speed up implementation of the recommendations of the Kofi Annan Commission in remaining key areas and also finalised a National Strategy for closure of all IDP camps in consultation with the UN and external experts.



Union Minister U Kyaw Tin. **PHOTO: MNA**

The Union Minister mentioned that the most pressing task now is to remove the obstacles hindering the repatriation and reiterated the readiness of the Government to receive all the returnees who can be verified as former residence in accordance with the bilateral arrangements. He stressed that the following week, the Government of Myanmar will despatch a team comprising of Myanmar high-level officials accompanied by representatives of ASEAN and AHA Centre to Bangladesh to inform the displaced persons about the preparations made for their return. The Government of Myanmar has already provided Bangladesh with a long list of verified persons. He underscored that if both neighbours follow the bilateral arrangements, the repatriation can be made a success, as has been done before. The main obstacle is the presence of hardline groups inside Bangladesh who do not want repatriation but international pressure to create a so-called "Safe Zone" to advance their political agenda. The Government of Myanmar is creating a conducive environment for the returnees in cooperation with UN agencies and our ASEAN team. Trilateral MoU with UNDP and UNHCR was extended in last May and access has been given to over eighty villages in Rakhine State during their four rounds of field assessments. The ASEAN team submitted its report on their preliminary assessment to the recent ASEAN Summit which has tasked the ASEAN Secretary-General to follow up the team's recommendations.

The Union Minister also pointed out that the issue of Rakhine State is a complex one that requires time and space to build trust and harmony among communities. In these efforts, the Government of Myanmar would welcome willing partners who really wish to see the sustainable resolution of the issue. Myanmar stands ready to resolve the issue with the cooperation of Bangladesh based on the bilateral agreement reached. In this regard, the Union Minister also informed the meeting that he had recently extended an invitation to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh to visit Myanmar to discuss the issue.

The meeting adopted the Final Document, Caracas Political Declaration, Political Declaration on Palestine and General report. The Ministerial Meeting was preceded by Senior Officials Meeting on 18 and 19 July.

In the Final Document, the Ministers, among others, stressed on the implementation of the bilateral arrangements of the return of displaced persons from Rakhine State and underscored the importance of creating conducive conditions in Rakhine State for the voluntary return of displaced persons to Myanmar in a safe and dignified manner. The Ministers also welcomed ASEAN's efforts to support Myanmar Government in providing humanitarian assistance and to facilitate the repatriation of process through the work of the ASEAN Secretary-General and the AHA Centre .

While in Caracas, the Union Minister held bilateral meeting with Deputy Minister for Asia, Middle East and Oceania of the Ministry of People's Power for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the current Chair of the NAM.—MNA

It is utmost important to try to understand different narratives, the historical facts and complete information about this communal conflict before making a judgement of the issue.

Union Minister for Information meets separately with Korean Ambassador, CEO of YTV, Dy GM of Yunnan TV

DR Pe Myint, Union Minister for Information, received Mr Lee Sang-hua, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar. The minister also held a separate meeting with Daw Nan Saw Htwe, Chief Executive Officer from YTV and Mr Yu Lei, Deputy General Manager from Yunnan TV, yesterday at his office.

During the meeting with the Korean ambassador, they cordially discussed matters related to collaboration in media sector between the two countries, enhancing cooperation in film sector, and sending media representatives to 2019 Kwanhun-KPF Press Fellowship Programme to be held from 7 to 31 October. During the meeting with CEO Daw Nan Saw Htwe and Deputy General Manager Mr Yu Lei, the two sides discussed matters related to the development of television sector and collaboration in new media. —MNA ■ *(Translated by TTN)*



Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint holds talks with Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Sang-hua at the Ministry of Information yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo attends workshop on prosecution of terrorist financing , terrorist activities



Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo poses for a documentary photo with attendees at the workshop in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE United States Department of Justice and the Union Attorney General's Office yesterday jointly conducted a workshop focused prosecution of terrorist financing and terrorist activities.

It was held at the Hilton Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw, and began with opening remarks made by Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo and Mr Jorgan K Andrews, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs.

In his opening remarks at the workshop, Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo said that terrorism and transnational crimes became a challenge faced by almost all countries and cooperation to combat the terrorism and transnational terrorism was also needed. Myanmar participates in international and regional conventions with a view to combating terrorism while conducting the implementation of enacting necessary local laws. With the assistance of the United States Department of Justice, Myanmar has established the Transnational Crime Unit comprised of twenty-four legal officers in May, 2018. It was of great beneficial for them to conduct the training course as an act to investigate the transnational crimes, to prosecute and conduct the cases.

Then the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs said that further assistances would be provided in the fight against the transnational crimes and terrorism to be effective. In doing so, cooperation among the relevant organizations was of great importance. Also present at the workshop were the Deputy Attorney's General from the Union Attorney General's Office, the permanent secretary, the Directors-General, the US Deputy Chief of Mission Mr George Sibley, officials, representatives from the Union Attorney-General's office and the Myanmar Police Force.—MNA ■ *(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)*

JMC-U delegation attends peace process training in Aceh, Indonesia

A DELEGATION from the Union Joint Monitoring Committee-JMC-U is attending a training in Aceh, Indonesia, to learn about peace process in Aceh.

During the training, the 10-member delegation led by U Ko Ko Gyi, Vice Chairperson-2 of JMC-U discussed and shared best practices with resource persons from Aceh that are expert in peace process and conflict resolution."Indonesia is committed to support national reconciliation and peace process in Myanmar", the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Myanmar, Inspector General of Police Prof Dr Iza Fadri said at the official opening of the Training on Peace Process held from 24-25 July 2019 in Aceh, Indonesia. To strengthen bilateral relations and cooperation between Indonesia and Myanmar, the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Yangon has held a Training on Peace Process. The Training aimed to provide a capacity building platform in the areas of negotiation of peace process, conflict resolution, as well as post-conflict reconstruction program. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by the Government of Republic of Indonesia and the Free Aceh Movement on 15 August 2005 in Helsinki, Finland, ended a long-standing armed conflict in Aceh. Since the signing of the MoU, all parties continue to build constructive cooperation for sustainable peace in Aceh.

As a good model of conflict-resolution, the Aceh Peace Process offers invaluable lessons for countries affected by conflict in other regions of the world, including Myanmar.

The JMC of Myanmar delegation will also be invited to visit a place of economic empowerment for ex-combatants of Free Aceh Movement, managed by Dr Muslahuddin Daud in Lamteuba, Aceh Besar.

This activity is fully supported by the Aceh Provincial Government. Representing Acting Governor of Aceh, Special Advisor to Governor on Law and Politic Issues, Drs H Rakhmat Fitri HD, MPA gave a speech at the opening ceremony.

The Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Myanmar expressed hopes that this training will not only equip the participants with the information, but will also strengthen the participant's role in contributing to the national reconciliation and peace process in Myanmar, for stability, sustainable and inclusive development in Myanmar.—GNLM ■



Vice Chairperson-2 of JMC-Union U Ko Ko Gyi presents a gift to Inspector General of Police Prof Dr Iza Fadri. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

Resettlement programmes discussed for displaced persons in Kachin State

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Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, the leader of working committee on the return of displaced persons, members of his committee and the officials of Kachin State government held talks with the KHCC on the future plans based on the data of IDPs and choosing prioritized villages resettlement.

The coordination meeting was attended by Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, Kachin State's Security and Border Affairs Minister Colonel Nay Lin Tun, Social Affairs Minister U Nay Win, Command Staff Colonel of Northern Command Colonel Tun Nay Linn, the directors general, the members of working committees, Vice Chairman 1 Father Paul Awng Dang of the KHCC and its members. —MNA ■

(Translated by



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye holds talks with members from Kachin Humanitarian Concern Committee at the second coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Four die, 39 missing after motor boat capsizes in Yenangyoung Tsp

FOUR people died and 35 people from Phayelkyun village went missing when a boat capsized in the Ayeyawady River on 23 July in the Ayeyawady River in Yenangyoung Township, Magway Region.

The incident occurred when some 150 people from Phayelkyun Village with two motor boats left a silt-island after disputing with others over ownership of the island.

After the dispute with people of a nearby village for some hours, the Phayelkyun villagers left the island at 4:40 pm, and soon after their boat capsized.

Thirty nine people went missing, according to Township Police Force.

"Dead bodies of two men and women were found on 24 July. Rescue operations are being undertaken", said, U Marn Ko Haw, Yenangyoung Township Administrator.

The officials of the Magway District and Township General Administration Department, District Police Force, Township Fire Services Department, Township Red Cross Society and officials are conducting rescue operations.— San Nyunt ■ *(Translated by La Wonn)*



Four died and 39 people missing after a boat capsizes in Yenangyoung Township. **PHOTO: SAN NYUNT**

Households evacuated in Amarapura

AS Ayeyawady and Dohtawady rivers flood Amarapura township in Mandalay Region, some households and domestic animals were evacuated, and 21 basic education Schools were closed, according to 24th July statistics.

Over 40 villages form 17 village-tracts and Owe Taw ward and Hmite Suu ward (north) were flooded. There were 4573 household that suffer the flood. Nearly 6,900 people, 262 cows and 89 other domestic animals from 1585 households were evacuated to safety. Over 20 schools are temporarily close. The officials are now monitoring Taungthaman bridge as river is flowing harshly in to Taungthaman Inn. ■ *(Translated by Alphonsus)*

Government to provide fingerlings when floods destroy fish, shrimp farming ponds

By Aye Yamone

THE government will provide fingerlings free of charge to farms damaged by floods, according to the Fisheries Department.

Continuous heavy rainfalls, unusual high tides and river water flowing into downstream areas from the upper regions in some townships of Ayeyawady, Yangon and Bago regions resulted in flooding. Heavy rainfall is forecasted from August to September, thereby raising concerns over fishing ponds in the flood-prone regions and states. Therefore, those fish farmers need to take preventative measures for possible flooding in order to reduce risks and losses.

"We have prepared our fish hatcheries to distribute fingerlings to flood-hit farmers free of charge. Myanmar Fisheries Federation, the Fisheries Department and the General Administration Department will jointly provide fingerlings to the flood-affected fish farmers.

So, the respective fisheries associations need to notify fish farmers of the news that the government will provide fingerlings if floods destroy their fish farming ponds. We will assist them with real-time information", said U Hla Win, head of the Yangon Region Fisheries Department.

Flooding in upper Myanmar might flow to lower regions in Myanmar, prompting the regional government to draw up risk management plans.

Also, the Fisheries Federation, in cooperation with village and township administrators, has warned the public about possible floods and encouraged them to prepare for emergency alert warnings prior to flash floods.

In a bid to reduce losses for fish farmers and prevent harm to the fish and shrimp supply chains, harvesting marketable fish, upgrading banks of fishing ponds and blocking ponds with pipes, are required as measures to reduce the risks from possible flooding.

Since 2015, the government and MFF have been providing contributions and fingerlings to flood-stricken fish farmers.

"The fish farming sector might halt flooding. Also, it can reduce production and prices might climb. Therefore, prevention and precaution are a must for fish farmers", said U Win Kyaing, general secretary of MFF.

In 2015, some 34,700 acres of fish ponds in five regions, and over 58,000 acres of prawn farming lakes in Rakhine State, were flooded, causing losses of K50 billion. The flooding in 2016 was not as severe as in 2015. In 2017, the country did not face any floods.

Last year, 1,044 acres in Kungyangon Township and 64 acres in Kawhmu Township in Yangon Region, 1,291 acres in Bago Township and 35 acres in Nyaunglebin Township in Bago Region, along with over 800 acres in Kayin State, were drastically affected by floods, according to the MFF. ■ *(Translated by E'i Myat Mon)*

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Avoid fake news at election time

MEDIA plays an important role in all democratic elections because it can educate voters by providing a comparative analysis of relevant issues.

On the one hand, it keeps voters informed about the priorities and programs of different political parties and candidates. Unless voters know which candidate stands where on which issues, they will not be able to properly exercise their electoral rights.

That is why media plays an important role in holding a free and fair election. The Union Election Commission alone cannot carry out the tasks of civic education and voter education.

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A free and fair election is not only about the freedom to vote and the knowledge of how to cast a vote, but also about a participatory process in which voters engage in public debate and have adequate information about parties, policies, candidates and the election process, itself, in order to make informed choices. Therefore, the media acts a conduit, as well as a watchdog, to ensure democratic elections and transparency.

Local and foreign media, and international observers, have been invited since the 2015 general elections. With the cooperation of the Myanmar Press Council (formerly the Myanmar Media Council) election guides and media ethics for elections were published. This has provided a great help to the Union Election Commission because media coverage of elections was conducted without problems, due to the guidelines and ethics.

The Union Election Commission is committed to holding the 2020 general elections while meeting five standards: free and fair elections, transparency, acceptability and compatibility with the public's desire to reflect the results of election.

The UEC has released its performances and announcements through state-run print and broadcast media, and also posted relevant information on its website.

To encourage the right of access for information, a member of the commission has been appointed as a spokesperson of the UEC. The UEC also holds occasional press conferences.

The media, playing the role of a free and responsible media, must have adequate regard for facts and objectivity, and should avoid reporting biased news and fake news that spreads hate speech, as it can cause unnecessary consequences in the elections.

Media is urged to abide by the media ethics and election guidelines in its electoral coverage.

Employability Enhancing Courses

By Lokethar

IN Myanmar culture, one of the five primary "duties" of parents towards their children is "twwfoifap" which can be translated in the modern context as meaning "enable them to learn vocational knowledge and skills". Nowadays, however, most parents seem to interpret "twwfoifap" as "getting a degree". Perhaps they consider that their "duty" is fulfilled if their children acquire University/College degrees.

The area of Formal Education is generally categorized into Basic Education (which includes Primary and Secondary Education), Vocational and Technical Education and Higher (Tertiary) Education. Students, who after passing the Secondary Education Matriculation Examinations, if their marks are up to the required levels, seek to attend the "Public" Higher Education Universities /Institutes offering professional degree courses in Medicine, Dentistry, Nursery, Veterinary Science, Agriculture, Engineering, Information and Communications Technology, Earth Sciences, Economics, Education, Law, Languages, etc. if their parents can afford such an education. Many of the rest usually opt to attend the "Public" Arts and Science Universities/ Colleges to get "degrees" as their parents would like them to do, instead of attending the "Public" Technical and Vocational Institutions which can actually prepare them better to be employed in a specific "Occupation Group". This is probably why, according to the statistics, degree holders (Graduates) make up 4% of the workforce while Vocational Diploma/Certificate holders make up less than 1%.



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In Myanmar, most of the "general" Arts and Science courses are largely "academic" (as being different from professional and vocational courses) leading to Bachelor Degree in Arts or Science. Many of those who get their Bachelor degree but are not qualified to pursue Masters and Ph.D./Doctors Degrees in their specialized subjects are usually not interested in further pursuing "Formal Higher Education". Many of them, after getting their Bachelor degree also do not seek a salary/wage earning job, but take up their parent's businesses or go into "self employment" if they can.

Bachelor Degree in Arts or Science, although "academic", does enable the motivated student to acquire "learning" in their subjects which are imparted by qualified "Teachers" and which he/she can find useful in a job he/she chooses to enter. For example, a B.Sc. graduate, if he/she chooses to work in a business or industry where knowledge of his/her degree subject is needed, he/she will be able to learn the "works" in a shorter time than others with an "Arts" degree. Similarly an "Arts" graduate may find his/her knowledge base useful if he/she is in a trading or service enterprise. Unfortunately this is not always the case. Hence the "Arts"/ "Science" graduate who, is seeking a job, has to prepare himself/herself to get into any job for which he/she applies and for which the employer/HR interviews him/her.



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The most basic requirement for getting a job is how to apply for it, how to write one's own CV. A well-written CV should bring out the "best" in terms of qualification/s acquired, experience if any (either as "interns" or in previous regular employment), participation in social and community activities and so on.

The next requirement for enhancing employability nowadays is basic computer skills. This includes the use of the related applications for basic matters such as "typing letters" "generating charts and tables" "making spreadsheets", "making video presentations" "sending and receiving e-mails" etc.

Besides these, it would be useful to learn the social skills of behaviour and working in teams. These are important, particularly for occupations where one has to meet people, like in hotel and tourism industry, retailing industry, health service industry, transportation services industries and so on. For those seeking Jobs in the manufacturing industry, subjects such as basic Occupational Safety and Health and Industrial Relations would be of help.

Employability Enhancing Courses of adequate duration to fill in the "employability requirements" mentioned above could perhaps be conducted by private and public TVET centres/schools in the Regions and States where they are located (that is if they are not already conducting such courses) so as to be accessible by a larger target group. It should be affordable by most including young graduates from the rural areas of the States and Regions.

Conducting Employability Enhancing Courses would require additional resources such as Computers and Training Aids as well as Instructors. Thus the courses could be conducted, where feasible, through formal Public-Private-Partnership arrangements by already established public and private training institutions/centres.

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Wednesday 24th July, 2019)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate to strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 25th July, 2019: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Lower Sagaing and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw and Southern -Shan and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfalls in Ayeyarwady Region,Nay Pyi Taw, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30-35) mph. Wave height will be about (7– 9)feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Continuation of increase of rain in Rakhine Costal areas.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25th July, 2019: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25th July, 2019: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25th July, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

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Fisheries Department sends 21 fish species to China's GACC to gain access to export channel

By Aye Yamone

WITH an aim to legally export Myanmar's fishery products to China, Myanmar Fisheries Department has sent 21 prioritized fish species, including farm-raised and wild caught species, to the General Administration of Custom of the People's Republic of China (GACC), U Thet Naing, deputy director in charge of the export quality control division under the Fisheries Department, said at the 13th regular meeting with fishery businessmen, held on 23 July at Myanmar Fisheries Federation (MFF) office.

"We have sent 21 fish species, including commercially farm-raised fish and wild-caught fish, in line with the prescribed rules of GACC. And, 15 of these have never been shipped to China, while the remaining six have been exported to China", said U Thet Naing.

Those 21 fish species include climbing perch, catla, striped snakehead, mrigal, catfish, carp, scorpion catfish, rohu, shrimp, lobster, clown featerback, whisker sheatfish, tilapia, river catfish, Basa catfish, striped catfish, sutchi catfish, saltwater prawn and other species.

The Fisheries Department has to link with China's GACC through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which also was contacted through Myanmar' Embassy to China in Beijing, thereby causing delays.

"There are more than 100 fishery species which are exported to China. China called on Myanmar's potential fish species as additional exports. This being so, Myanmar will continue sending more fish species to the GACC. We are waiting for GACC's response to those species. Naturally, wild caught fish are greatly exported to China, yet the current list includes more farm-raised fish species", said U Thet Naing, deputy director.

In order for Myanmar's fishery products to be exported to China through legal trade routes, Myanmar answered GACC's questions with 16 points based upon five-year export data to China, in cooperation with the MFF.

Furthermore, to tackle difficulties in exporting Myanmar's fishery products to China, Myanmar's trade mission is planning to meet with China's GACC. The trade mission will include high-ranking officials from the Fisheries Department, Myanmar's Customs Department and the Trade Department, accompanied by five representatives of MFF, according to the MFF.

There are 63 fish species, eight shrimp species and 68 other fishery species found in Myanmar.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Monywa-Homalin cruising vessel expected to recover from financial loss



A passenger vessel crusing on the Chindwin River.
PHOTO: MYO WIN TUN (MONYWA)

THE only motor vessel cruising Monywa and recoup earlier losses in operations, as it is now carrying more passengers and goods. So, the transport vessel is doing far better and is not suffering from losses, said U Lay Naing, Assistant General Manager of the Inland Water Transport's Chindwin Division.

"As we are now carrying more passengers and goods, we won't face losses any more. During the third quarter, we have not had any losses. The operation of a round-trip on the motor vessel costs IWT K 4 million. If the water level of the river is high enough, passengers can rely on water transport because they feel safe," said U Lay Naing.

The motor vessel was plying between Monywa and Homalin for four trips on 22 July. But there were only 12 passengers on the first and second trips. The third trip, however, saw some 50 passengers. Only 20 tons of goods were transported on the first trip. However, the third and fourth trips carried nearly 50 tons of goods each.

Although MV Pyigyi Dagun 4 planned to operate by the third week of July, it will not yet begin service as hoped for. Currently, only MV Chan Nyein is providing service on the Monywa-Homalin trip. "Running this route once a week is enough. Previously, we have planned to operate Monywa-Homalin trips with two motor vessels. But, our plan did not work out", he added.

The ship leaves Monywa and stops over at Minkin, Kalewa, Mawlaik, Phaungpyin and Thaungtut towns. Currently, the water transport service is conducted in cooperation with a private company. Months ago, the IWT Chindwin Division operated the Monywa-Kalewa trip at a loss of K 800,000 per route.

—Myo Win Tun (Monywa)

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Upgrading almost complete at Thakayta crocodile farm

THE Thakayta crocodile farm has undertaken to upgrade its facilities and conserve the endangered species, while the work is nearly finished.

"We have been upgrading the farm to ensure visitors' safety since 1 January, 2019. Now, 90 per cent of the repairs and renovations have been done, and it will be completely finished next month. We rebuilt the wood bridge with concrete", said U Kay Nan Li, an officer of Thakayta Crocodile Farm.

Previously, the farm had been opened to breed commercial crocodiles. But now, the farm has been converted for research activities and preservation. The public can also come to observe crocodiles.



Thakayta crocodile farm is upgraded near the Thakayta Industrial Zone. **PHOTO: MYINT MAUNG SOE**

Thakayta crocodile farm is located near the Thakayta industrial zone. It is not well-known, as there are some 20-30 visitors on normal days. The farm, however, is crowded with many visitors, especially on holidays, many of them being university students.

The crocodile farm opened in 1976-77. There are 500 crocodiles, with some species listed as being endangered. Those endangered species are only found in South and Southeast Asia. Among them, Myanmar has preserved the largest number of crocodiles, catching the attention of researchers and visitors.— Myint Maung Soe

(Translated by La Wonn)

Myeik inshore fishery businessmen call for increase in vessel size

INSHORE fishermen have asked for an increase in vessel size limits up to 50 ft in length with under 120 horsepower engines to improve the performance of boats, during the recent coordination meeting.

Regarding inshore fishing vessels exceeding engine and boat size limits, a coordination meeting was held, which included Myeik District General administration Department, Myeik District Fisheries Department and local fishery workers, at Myeik District Fisheries Federation in Myeik Township, Taninthayi Region on 23 July.

At the meeting, Dr Htoo Nay Aung, Region Hluttaw representative, explained the matters he discussed at the Region Hluttaw.

Moreover, U Aung Kyaw Oo, administrator of Myeik District General Administration Department and U Hlwan Moe Zaw, Head of Myeik District Fisheries Department, discussed the concerns of the inshore fishermen.

Over 150 fishermen attended the meeting and raised their concerns to officials. The suggestions of the fishermen will be submitted to the Union Government through the Regional Government.

Under the Myanmar Marine Fisheries Law, the area 10 miles from the coast is defined as the inshore fishing area, and boats of 30 ft in length with 25 horsepower vessels are limited for inshore fishing.

The Fisheries Department has issued licenses to 3,819 inshore vessels and 5,146 fishermen, under the Myanmar Marine Fisheries Law.

There are 9,409 registered vessels and 2,261 unregistered vessels operating in Taninthayi Region.

There are four townships in Myeik District. The Fisheries Department has issued licenses to 3,819 vessels from three townships, including 831 vessels in Myeik Township, 543 vessels in Palaw Township and 2,445 vessels in Kyunsu Township.

During this no-fishing season, the Myeik Fisheries Department filed a lawsuit against the owners of nine illegal vessels and 33 fishermen under Section 44 of Myanmar Marine Fisheries Law.—Myint Oo (Myeik) ■ *(Translated by La Wonn)*



Myeik District Fisheries Federation officials and local fishery workers hold coordination meeting in Myeik. **PHOTO: MYINT OO (MYEIK)**

Turmeric farms yield successful results

TURMERIC plants are being cultivated with irrigation water in the east regions of Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Region.

Turmeric is a plant that can be cultivated in hills and low lying lands. In Myanmar, turmeric plants are cultivated with irrigation water in April and May. An acre of turmeric plantings can produce between 50 and 60 baskets per acre and fresh turmeric branches can yield from 75 to 90 baskets per acre.

Turmeric crops are not difficult to grow, as the sesames need to spread over turmeric plantations. The plants start to emerge in July. The turmeric can be harvested when the leaves of the plant become yellow. The turmeric bulb can be kept for the next cultivation, and the branches of turmerics are boiled and dried for ten days, and sent to the market. An acre of turmeric can produce 1,000 viss (1viss=1.6kg), depending on the qualities.

The price of dried turmeric ranged from K2,000 per viss last year. Currently, dried turmeric brings in K1,800 per viss in Kyaukse Township, said Ko Toe Toe Aung, a turmeric grower.

Those regions can be cultivated with seasonal crops during any season using irrigation water. Moreover, paddy, sesame, chili, banana, betel and turmeric are mostly cultivated.—Than Zaw Min (IPRD) ■

(Translated by La Wonn)



Turmeric plants at a farm in Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Region. **PHOTO: THAN ZAW MIN (IPRD)**

YRIC approves $11.5 mln in foreign investment proposals

The Yangon Region Investment Committee gave the green light to six foreign projects with an estimated value of US$11.5 million, at a meeting held yesterday.

Those enterprises will be engaged in the manufacturing sector and are expected to create 4,868 jobs, according to a press release issued by the YRIC.

The manufacturing sector attracted the most foreign investments in the Yangon Region, from enterprises engaged in the manufacturing of pharmaceuticals, vehicles, container boxes, and Cutting, Making, and Packing (CMP) garments.

Since its establishment, the YRIC has approved 204 domestic and foreign projects in manufacturing, hotel services, and other services from China, Singapore, Japan, Hong Kong, the Republic of Korea, Viet Nam, India, China (Taipei), Malaysia, British Virgin Islands, and the Seychelles.

During the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the YRIC permitted 39 foreign and 9 domestic projects to invest in the Yangon Region, with capital of $56.6 million and K23 billion, creating 22,481 jobs.

From April to September, 2018, the YRIC approved 44 projects, including 34 foreign and 10 domestic enterprises, with a pledged amount of $72.5 million and K21.26 billion. Also, 21,173 jobs were created through those enterprises.

Between 1 October and 12 June in the current fiscal year, the YRIC approved 107 foreign and 15 domestic projects, creating 64,360 jobs.

Among the regions and states, Yangon Region received 60 per cent of investments, while Mandalay attracted 30 per cent. The other regions and states received only a small share of investments, according to statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

To simplify the verification process of investment projects, the Myanmar Investment Law allows the Regions and States Investment Committees to grant permission to local and foreign proposals, where the initial investment does not exceed K6 billion, or $5 million.—GNLM ■

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Both private, public sectors see imports plunge in capital goods, intermediate goods

THE depreciation of the Kyat against the US dollar, and a slowdown in the construction market, led imports in capital goods and intermediate goods to plummet, according to officials in the construction market.

Between 1 October, 2018 and 12 July, 2019, capital goods, such as auto parts, vehicles, machines and steel, with an estimated import values of $4.48 billion, were imported into the country. This figure was down by $5766.9 million, compared to the corresponding period in the last fiscal year.

Similarly, the import value of raw industrial goods, including petroleum products and raw plastic materials, stood at $5.3 billion, which plunged from $5.53 billion one year ago.

As the dollar value against the Kyat is gaining, construction costs have risen. Nevertheless, the value of apartments is slightly lower in the real estate market. As a result of this, developers are facing difficulties. The construction sector imports steel, cement, electronic appliances, machinery and others. —Ko Htet ■ *(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)*

Myanmar foreign trade reaches over $26 bln from October to June this financial year

Between October and June 2018-2019 financial year, Myanmar's exports registered at US$12.488 billion and imports stood at $13.633 billion. This period, Myanmar traded with foreign countries worth $26.121 billion. During the same period last FY, the total trade was $26.167 billion, with exports worth $11.566 billion and imports worth $14.601 billion.

Compared with last FY, Myanmar's exports exceeded $921 million and decreased in import worth $967 million. Myanmar's total trade slightly decreased $46 million this FY compared with last FY.

Comparison table for export group items of this FY and last FY:

US$ Million

Sr	Subject	from Oct to Jun 2018-2019 FY (temporary)	From Oct to Jun 2017-2018 FY	Difference
1.	Agriculture products	2566.685	2307.392	259.293
2.	Animals products	310.997	124.270	186.727
3.	Marine products	604.602	563.747	40.855
4.	Mineral products	1200.912	1444.922	-244.010
5.	Forest products	128.637	147.456	-18.819
6.	Manufacture products	7016.782	5874.251	1142.531
7.	Other	659.378	1104.534	-445.156
Total		12487.993	11566.572	921.421

Comparison table for import group items of this FY and last FY:

Sr	Subject	from Oct to Jun 2018-2019 FY (temporary)	From Oct to Jun 2017-2018 FY	Difference
1.	Investment products	4272.572	5065.060	-792.488
2.	Raw material	5106.609	5358.115	-251.506
3.	Article of use	2474.836	2683.615	-208.779
4.	CMP	1779.216	1493.954	285.262
Total		13633.233	14600.744	-967.511

—MNA

Nissan to cut over 10,000 jobs worldwide: reports

TOKYO — Japanese car giant Nissan plans to cut more than 10,000 jobs worldwide, reports said Wednesday, as it works to turn its fortunes around after its former chief was arrested over financial misconduct.

The cuts come after Nissan announced in May it would trim 4,800 posts from its global workforce of around 139,000. The decision reflects the firm's struggles in the wake of the arrest of Carlos Ghosn and a fall in sales in the United States and Europe.

In May, it reported net profit fell to a near-decade low and warned of "a difficult business environment" for the next 12 months.

A Nissan spokesman had no comment on the job cuts reports, which came before the firm announces its first-quarter results on Thursday. "We've not decided yet what we'll announce (at the Thursday earnings news conference), and we don't comment on (media) speculation," Nissan spokesman Koji Okuda told AFP. The Nikkei business daily said Wednesday that the firm would announce a 90 percent drop in operating profit for the first quarter owing to declining US sales.

The company has struggled in the US and Europe as it works through the aftermath of Ghosn's shock arrest.—AFP ■

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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.

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China eyes high-tech military, says US undermines global stability

BEIJING — China outlined plans to build a modern, high-tech army in a national defence plan published Wednesday, as it accused Washington of undermining global strategic stability and warned against Taiwanese independence.

The first comprehensive white paper since 2012 offers insight into the world's largest army as it scrambles to catch up to America's formidable firepower as tensions deepen between the two powers.

"International strategic competition is on the rise," the document says, adding that the United States has adjusted its national security and defence strategies and adopted "unilateral policies".

The US "has provoked and intensified competition among major countries, significantly increased its defence expenditure, pushed for additional capacity in nuclear, outer space, cyber and missile defence, and undermined global strategic stability".

The plan calls for more cutting-edge technology in the People's Liberation Army (PLA) arsenal, admitting it "still lags far behind the world's leading militaries".



The first white paper since 2012 gives rare insight into the world's largest army and Beijing's military ambitions. **PHOTO: AFP**

War is evolving towards "intelligent" combat, the paper says, citing a growing use of AI, big data, cloud computing and "new and high-tech military technologies based on IT".

China's defence spending is second only to the United States, and it said earlier this year it planned to raise it by 7.5 per cent in 2019, though the increase in expenditure has slowed as the economy has cooled in recent years.

The PLA has been focused on catching up with technology used by armed forces in the US and western Europe, and is reportedly building a third aircraft carrier as well as developing a new generation of destroyer vessels, stealth fighter jets and ballistic missiles.

The US-China trade war is pushing Beijing to ramp up efforts to develop its own technological innovations, which would benefit the PLA, said Lyle Morris, senior policy analyst at the RAND Corporation think tank.

"The PLA still lags behind the US military in most indicators of technological superiority, but is closing the gap fast," Morris said.—AFP ■

Pakistan's Imran Khan says to meet Taliban in peace push

WASHINGTON — Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan said Tuesday he would meet with the Taliban after returning to his country, as part of efforts to end 18 years of war in Afghanistan.

Khan spoke in Washington on his first official trip to the United States, where President Donald Trump hosted him at the White House a day earlier.

He said he had also spoken with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, and now, when he goes back, "I will meet the Taliban and I will try my best to get them to talk to the Afghan government."

Speaking at the US Institute for Peace, a bipartisan federal body, Khan said he had been contacted by the Islamist extremist Afghan Taliban "a few months back", after his election win in July 2018, but did not take a meeting at that time because Kabul was not in favor of it.



The US peace envoy to Afghanistan, Zalmay Khalilzad, left for Kabul Monday for the latest round of talks. Taliban militants in Afghanistan. **PHOTO: AFP**

The militants reached out to him "because I always maintained there was no military solution" to the war in Afghanistan, he said.

"So because of that, I had a certain amount of credibility amongst them," added Khan.

Khan earlier Tuesday met with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who emphasized the importance of working together and "Pakistan's significant role in supporting the Afghan peace process and counterterrorism," according to a US statement.

'Won't be easy'

The US peace envoy to Afghanistan, Zalmay Khalilzad, left for Kabul Monday for the latest round of talks. From there he is to head to Doha, Qatar.

Khalilzad has had several meetings with the Taliban in the past year, the most recent being on July 9 in Doha.

But the major hurdle has so far been the Taliban's refusal to negotiate directly with the Afghan government.

"It's not going to be easy because there's no centralized command, it's a devolved movement," Khan cautioned about the insurgent group.

"But we feel that if we all work together, we feel this is the best chance of there to be peace in Afghanistan."

Khan also stressed that Afghanistan's presidential election in September "must be an inclusive election where the Taliban also participate".—AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Abe to meet kin of former leprosy patients Wed. after apology issued

TOKYO – Prime Minister Shinzo Abe plans to meet Wednesday with family members of former leprosy patients, the top government spokesman said Tuesday, after the government decided not to appeal a compensation order by a court and issued an apology.

"We hope to make all-out efforts to resolve this issue by listening to the voices of the family members," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said at a press conference.

Health, Labor and Welfare Minister Takumi Nemoto is also expected to hold a separate meeting after Abe, a government official said. Abe has offered a "heartfelt apology" to relatives of leprosy patients who suffered under the government's segregation policy. He said in a statement issued July 12 that the government should deeply reflect on their pain and suffering and that he hopes to meet with family members.–AFP ■

'Truly outstanding' - Tokyo marks one year till 2020 Olympics

TOKYO – Tokyo promised a high-tech Olympics complete with robots as it marked a year to go until the 2020 Games on Wednesday, hoping to leave behind some bumps in the road including an ongoing corruption investigation.

Organisers have battled everything from fears over deadly heat to persistent questions about the cost of the Games and how Tokyo won its bid. But as the one-year countdown began, they touted speedy progress on venue construction and pledged a historic Games. "I can truly say I have never seen an Olympic city as prepared as Tokyo, with one year to go before the Olympic games," said International Olympic Committee chief Thomas Bach at a ceremony Wednesday. "All the elements that make a truly outstanding Olympic Games are in place," he added, predicting "an amazing experience" for athletes.–AFP ■

Johnson gets blanket coverage in Iran as 'Britain's Trump'

TEHRAN — Iranian newspapers gave blanket coverage to news that Boris Johnson would become British prime minister on Wednesday, with many comparing him to US President Donald Trump.

The former foreign secretary takes power amid a tense standoff with Tehran over British authorities' seizure of an Iranian tanker in early July and Iran's detention of a UK-flagged ship in the Gulf last week.

Dailies across Iran's political spectrum splashed his election to lead the Conservative Party — propelling him to the office of prime minister — across their front covers.

"British Trump," read the banner of reformist Sazandegi, over a full-page picture of Johnson celebrating his win.

The conservative Jaam-e Jam published a picture edited to show Johnson casting a shadow in the shape of Trump's profile on a wall behind him, with the title "Mimicking Trump".

The reformist Etemaad's headline read "Elected by hardliners", with an editorial predicting Johnson's tenure would be short-lived. The ultra-conservative Resaalat published a cartoon of Johnson in the guise of a British butler, being patted on the head by Trump at his desk in the Oval Office.

"B team now has five members," it said, echoing a term Foreign Minister Javad Zarif regularly uses for senior officials in the US and its allies who share a hard line on Iran.

They include US National Security Adviser John Bolton, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and Saudi and Abu Dhabi crown princes Mohammed bin Salman and Mohammed bin Zayed. The unfolding crisis with Iran will be, along with Brexit, one of the most pressing tasks facing Johnson as he takes power.

The flare-up comes amid rising hostilities between Iran and the United States, after Trump withdrew from the 2015 deal aimed at limiting Tehran's nuclear programme and began reimposing sanctions.—AFP ■



An assortment of Iranian newspapers devoted their front pages to Johnson winning the race to become Britain's next prime minister. **PHOTO: AFP**



Johnson's promise of leaving the European Union with or without a deal puts him on collision course with high-profile MPs in his own party. **PHOTO: AFP**

Johnson to become Britain's new PM with Brexit mission

LONDON — Boris Johnson takes charge as Britain's prime minister on Wednesday, on a mission to deliver Brexit by October 31 with or without a deal.

A politician with celebrity status best known for his gaffes and rhetorical flourishes, Johnson will be appointed by Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace.

The 55-year-old will then deliver a speech outside his new Downing Street home, setting out the tone for his premiership.

The former foreign secretary became the new leader of the governing, centre-right Conservative Party on Tuesday.

Johnson's predecessor Theresa May was forced out after failing to get parliament to support a Brexit deal she struck with EU leaders.

Johnson has promised to overhaul the divorce deal, despite Brussels insisting no changes are possible. He has tried to inject some vibrancy and optimism in the Brexit endgame.

But his promise of leaving the European Union, with or without a deal, puts him on a collision course with high-profile MPs in his own party who are utterly opposed to a no-deal Brexit, threatening his wafer-thin majority and raising the prospect of an early general election.

Cabinet shake-up

Johnson has never hidden his ambition for power, using his trademark jokes and bluster to pull off unlikely electoral victories, but he takes over at a time of immense upheaval.

Besides Brexit, he will also have to handle the stand-off with Iran in the Gulf, after Tehran seized a UK-flagged tanker.

During his victory speech, Johnson urged Britain to "ping off the guy ropes of self-doubt and negativity" and pledged to unite a badly divided country.—AFP ■

US Senate approves bill to ensure funding for 9/11 responders

NEW YORK — US Senate on Tuesday approved a bill to ensure lifetime funding for 9/11 victims, and President Donald Trump is expected to sign it later this week.

In a vote of 97 to 2, the Senate passed the bill that would provide financial support through 2090 for medical claims of thousands of first responders of the terrorist attacks on 11 September, 2001, who worked under hazardous conditions to rescue people and have been suffering from all kinds of health issues.

Citing a source familiar with the situation, CBS News said President Trump is expected to sign the bill on Friday and 9/11 first responders have also been invited to attend the signing ceremony at the White House.

On 12 July, the House overwhelmingly passed the bill to extend funding for the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund through 2090, weeks after a powerful and emotional speech made by comedian Jon Stewart brought nationwide attention to the issue.

However, the bill failed to pass the Senate in a unanimous vote last week after Senator Rand Paul (R-Kentucky) and Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah) voted against it. Paul cited budget concerns, saying any new spending should be offset by corresponding cuts.

The bill will ensure the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund is funded for the next seven decades at a cost of 10.2 billion US dollars over the next 10 years, according to a report of The New York Times.

"Today is not a celebration. It's a deep sigh of relief," said New York Senator and Democratic presidential candidate Kirsten Gillibrand on Tuesday's passage of the bill. —Xinhua ■



Former "The Daily Show" host Jon Stewart (c) speaks with US Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (2nd r), US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (r) and 9/11 first responders, survivors and their families, during a press conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, the United States on 25 February, 2019. **PHOTO: XINHUA**



Players from Yangon United U-21 celebrate their 1-0 victory over Hantharwady United U-21 at Padonmar Stadium in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: YUFC**

Yangon beat Hantharwady 1-0 in MNL U-21 tourney

YANGON United U-21 team defeated Hantharwady U-21 1-0 in Week-18 of the Myanmar National League 2019 at Padonmar Stadium in Yangon yesterday.

The win depended upon the single goal scored by Nyein Chan Soe in the first half play.

Although Hantharwady is a good team, in terms of playing and talent, as well as using experienced local youth footballers, they were unable to make quick decisions on the attack line in yesterday's match.

Yangon United launched their attack from the kick-off, scoring the opening goal, which was the winning goal, at 21 minutes when the team was awarded a corner kick by Thein Kyaw Htay in front of the goal area, and Yangon's Nyein Chan Soe kicked the ball directly into the net.

Leading with one goal, Yangon did not slow their speedy play and sought another opportunity for a goal just before the end of the first half. The chance was also found by Nyein Chan Soe, but his kick was blocked by Hantarwady's goal keeper.

The second half was as exciting as the first, with frequent attacks by Yangon United.

Yangon made substitutions at 79 minutes, as Kyaw Min Htay was substituted for Nay Ye. At 80 minutes, Nay Ye Han tried to drive to the net from 18 yards, though his shot missed the right post. Neither team could score a goal in the remaining minute of the match, and the win went to Yangon United at the final whistle.

As for the win, Yangon United (U-21) could manage at second place with 36 points from 17 plays, 11 wins, 3 draws and 3 losses.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

X factor: Japan's teen skateboard queen wary of Olympic jinx

TOKYO — Whisper it, but tiny Japanese schoolgirl Misugu Okamoto looks to have become the host country's best hope to win skateboarding gold at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

A year from the start of the Games, the bashful 13-year-old screws her nose up at talk of making history when the hipster sport makes its Olympic debut — for fear of jinxing a sizzling run of form.

"If I listen to all that, I worry it will go to my head," Okamoto told AFP after practising.

"I don't want to get carried away — that's happened to me before and I'm scared it could happen again so I just try to block it out."

Good luck with that. Having just topped qualifying for this summer's X Games, the teenager is hot property.

At a shade under 1.42 metres tall (4ft 6in), Okamoto makes skateboarding look ridiculously easy with her smooth-flowing technique, ice-cool temperament and the ability to bust out hair-raising aerial spins with an effortless grace.

Less than a week before her 13th birthday, she won the Dew Tour park final at Long Beach, a qualifier for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, forcing people to sit up and take notice.

'I get obsessed'

Okamoto followed that by storming to victory at the X Games qualifier in Idaho to book her first appearance at the extreme sports event, to be held in Minneapolis from August 1-4.

"It didn't really sink in that I'd won," the Aichi-born skater said at a skate park in rural Ama, near Nagoya in central Japan. "It gave me a little more confidence," added Okamoto, who took up skateboarding in primary school. "But I really didn't come away thinking it was that big a deal." Despite her modesty, the way Okamoto nonchalantly pulled off successive "McTwists" — a spectacular front flip with a 540-degree rotation — stunned commentators in Idaho.

"It took me over a year to be able to do that 540 in practice," revealed the Japan Open champion, who has her sights on success at prestigious international events such as the X Games and Vans Park Series. "I love the challenge of trying new techniques — I get obsessed with that." With half-Japanese sensation Sky Brown opting to skate for Britain, the pressure is on the likes of Okamoto and Sakura Yosozumi, who holds the world and Asian park titles, to nail down Japan's two Olympic spots.—AFP ■

Indaw team wins U-14 Football Tournament 2019

INDAW team won the U-14 Football Tournament 2019 by defeating Htigyaing (Wontho) team 2-0 at Yan Gyi Aung Stadium in Shwebo yesterday.

In the third place match, Bamauk secured third place by defeating Kawlin team 3-2.

The awards ceremony was held after the final match. The champion of the tourney, the Indaw team, received a trophy plus K 1 million, along with individual medals.

In the meantime, first-runners up Htigyaing (Wontho) team took K 500,000 plus individual medals, and third-place team Bamauk received K 300,000 and individual medals.

The cleanest award was garnered by Kawlin team, as the team received K 200,000 plus a medal. Likewise, the best striker award was earned by Striker Moe Lwin Hein from Kawlin team, the best Defender Award was grabbed by Aung Myo Htet from Banmauk team, the best Goal Keeper Award was given to Nyan Myint Tun from Indaw team, the Most Goals Scored Award was taken by Phoe Chit from Kawlin team and the Best Player award went to Han Min Soe from Indaw team.

The tourney is in the Sagain Region level, and was sponsored by Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications. The U-14 football tourney is popular in Myanmar, with the aim of encouraging new talented youth footballers.

Similar types of U-14 football tourneys will also be held in Yangon, Magway, Pa-An, Taunggyi, Bago, Mawlamyaing, Pathein and Sittway, according to the Myanmar National League. — Lynn Thi (Tgi)



The champion Indaw team celebrate their victory while receiving the MPT U-14 football tourney's trophy at Yan Gyi Aung Stadium in Shwebo yesterday. **PHOTO: MNL**