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Pyithu Hluttaw accepts motion to reduce deaths from non-infectious diseases



The ninth-day meeting of Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 13th regular session convenes at Pyithu Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE 9th-day meeting of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 13th regular session was held at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Tender calls delayed in Naga

First, Deputy Construction Minister U Kyaw Lin replied to a question raised by U Kyaw Htay, MP for Leshi constituency, asking the reason for delays in scrutinizing and approving tender applications on development projects by the governments of Sagaing Region and Naga Self-Administered Zone.

The Deputy Minister replied that the long vetting process to ensure every process from the tender application to issuing directives to respective departments in order to ensure transparency only gives the successful tender company two summer months to complete their task.

He said the poor roads in Naga delayed work past summer and into the months of April and May where the rainy season begins. Thus, they could only effectively make progress during the month of February, said the Deputy Minister.

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31st anniversary pro-democracy movement observed in Yangon

A ceremony to mark the 31st anniversary of the 1988 pro-democracy movement was held yesterday in Yangon. The ceremony was attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe, Deputy Mayor U Soe Lwin the Deputy Speaker of the Yangon Region Hluttaw, member of the Yangon Region cabinet, students who participated in the movement, and the people.

The ceremony was held at 9 am in the Maha Bandoola Park in downtown Yangon, and the attendees observed an eight-second silence to pay tribute to those who fell in the democracy movements in Myanmar.

Afterwards, U Min Ko Naing from the 88 Peace and Open Society delivered the opening address, and U Mya Aye read out the six-point declaration of the 31st anniversary of 1988 pro-democracy movement.

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He said they are working to ensure they can hand over the projects to tender winning companies as soon as open season begins to prevent these delays from occurring again, starting from the next financial year.



Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lin . **PHOTO: HTAN PHON**



MP Dr San Shwe Win. **PHOTO: HTAN PHON**



MP U Aye Win **PHOTO: HTAN PHON**

Dy Construction Minister replies to road infrastructure questions

Next, MP U Sai Thiha Kyaw of Mongyai constituency raised a question asking what plans have the relevant state/regional governments and ministries drawn up for the road and bridge projects handled by the Mongyai Township Department of Rural Road Development.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lin replied that six-mile Monyai-Narkho-Helut earthen road will be upgraded to bitumen in the later part of the 2020-2021 FY, and the bridges and ducts along it will be maintained as well.

The 12-mile Mongyai-Narwa earthen road had two miles upgraded to gravel in the 2018-2019 FY and a budget petition to upgrade another 3.4 miles, with three box culverts, has been submitted for the 2019-2020 FY, said the Deputy Minister.

He said a budget petition for upgrading the temporary bamboo bridge for Nant Har Creek has been submitted for Union Maintenance Fund for 2019-2020 FY.

Following this, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lin and Deputy Minister U Soe Aung (Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement) answered to questions raised by other five MPs.

Motion urging greater collaboration on noncommunicable disease prevention

After this, MP Dr San Shwe Win of Yekyi constituency tabled a motion urging the Union government to arrange for active cooperation among the different ministries to effectively control noncommunicable diseases. MP U Aye Win of Ingapu constituency seconded the motion.

The motion states that ministry reports show there were 3 million inpatients, 12 million outpatients and 760,000 surgeries performed for kidney and liver transplants and heart surgeries during all three years the incumbent government has been in office.

The motion also states there has been annual increase in noncommunicable diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, cardiac-related complications and cancer, while communicable diseases have been spreading less and less. The motion states the number of deaths from noncommunicable diseases has risen from 48 per cent in 2014 to 52 per cent in 2017. It states aortic stenosis causes the most deaths while cancer comes in second.

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Amyotha Hluttaw

Amyotha Hluttaw convenes ninth-day meeting of 13th regular session

A ninth-day meeting of Second Amyotha Hluttaw's 13th regular session was held at the Amyotha Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning. At the meeting five questions raised were answered, three bills tabled and a motion discussed.



Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi. **PHOTO: MNA**



MP U Shar Aww. **PHOTO: MNA**



MP U Kyaw Toke. **PHOTO: MNA**

Question and answer session

In the question and answer session Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi responded to a question raised by U Shar Aww of Chin State constituency 2 on whether teachers required for basic education high schools in Chin State can be appointed. The Union Minister said that headmasters for middle schools upgraded in academic year 2019-2020 were appointed and vacant high school teacher positions will be filled through transfers, promotions and volunteers based on the applicants' work experiences. The transfers, promotions and proposals as high school teachers will also be according to guidelines set by the states and regions explained the Union Minister.

In responding to a question raised by U Whey Tin of Chin State constituency 11 on whether there was a plan to relax the requirement for students who matriculated in the 2019 matriculation examination to attend education colleges in order to fill up staff requirements of basic education schools in Chin State, Paletwa Township as a special region Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi said there is no such plan yet. However starting from 2018, applications for education colleges were to be made township wise only while 2019 university entrance guide book had stated that 5 per cent of the students accepted in each education colleges were reserved for applicants who are willing to serve in remote areas said the Union Minister.

In the same way a question raised by U Kyaw Toke of Mandalay Region constituency 7 on when a system of determining university entrance will be made through criteria and requirement set by the university rather than by marks obtained in the matriculation examination was answered by Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi. The Union Minister said that once the universities manage themselves after drawing up and approving a university charter according to the enacted National Education Law and university councils were formed, university entrance will be determined by the university council. By that time students who want to study at a university would be required to sit for an entry examination conducted by that university said the Union Minister.

Questions raised by U Kin Shein of Taninthayi Region constituency 9 on when the government will sign contract and tax income on breeding of Swiftlet bird in seven townships of Taninthayi Region and U Saw Moe Myint @ Samuel of Kayin State constituency 1 on frequent explosions in mines causing death were answered and explained by Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Dr Ye Myint Swe.

Tabling of bills and reading of reports

Following the question and answer session Union Election Commission member U Min Swe tabled a fifth bill amending the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law, a fifth bill amending the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law and a fifth bill amending the State/Region Hluttaws Election Law separately. After each bill was tabled Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee member U Thein Lwin, Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee member Dr Myo Aung and Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee member U Lal Min Htan read and explained a committee report for each bill. After each reading and explanation of the report Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the bills to register their names.

Hluttaw discuss motion on private school quality

Next a motion urging the government to review the quality of private schools opened in connection with a foreign university of education entity or with their own curriculum and to review and announce about the certificates issued by those schools tabled by U Kyaw Htway of Yangon Region constituency 8 was discussed by U Kyaw Thaung of Sagaing Region constituency 1, Daw Than Than Aye of Magway constituency 7, Daw Naw Chris Tun @ Dr Arrkar Moe of Kayin State constituency 7, U Aye Bo of Yangon Region constituency 11 and U Than Soe @ Than Soe (Economic) of Yangon Region constituency 4.

In conclusion, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than announced to convene the tenth-day meeting of Second Amyotha Hluttaw's 13th regular session on 14 August.—MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

State Counsellor sends condolences on demise of Sushma Swaraj

DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, sent a message of condolences to Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India, on the passing away of former External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj on 6 August 2019. —MNA

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The motion states that even though the Control of Tobacco law was enacted in 2016, there has been weak enforcement of it. It says that while production, sale and import of alcohol and opening of liquor stores are beyond the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Health and Sports, the ministry has to deal with the related diseases that occur because of alcohol. In addition, the taxation of tobacco and alcohol is also separate from MoHS.

The motion suggests ensuring all relevant ministries follow existing laws and ensure proper taxation of tobacco and alcohol products and other related measures, especially properly educating the public, to combat the rise of noncommunicable diseases.

The Speaker called for the deliberation of the Hluttaw on the motion, received no opposition, put the motion forward for further debate, and called on MPs interested in discussing to enrol their names.

Medical degree, diploma bill

Similarly, the Speaker called for the deliberation of the Hluttaw on the Bill Committee's report on the Myanmar Medical Degree & Diploma Bill put forward by the Health and Sports Development Committee. With no opposition raised, the Speaker announced that the amendments from the Bill Committee has been approved and will follow the procedures in the related bylaw. —Mawsi, Hmwe Kyu Zin ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker receives Sri Lankan Ambassador



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than meets with Ambassador of Sri Lanka Mr Nandimithra Ekanayake in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

AMYOTHA HLUTTAW Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than received the Ambassador of Sri Lanka Mr Nandimithra Ekanayake at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters relating to increasing bilateral friendship and cooperation, and parliamentary affairs of the two countries.

Also present at the meeting were Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung and officials from Amyotha Hluttaw office. —MNA

(Translated by TTN)

Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko receives Sri Lankan Ambassador Mr Nandimithra Ekanayake

UNION MINISTER of Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko received Sri Lankan Ambassador Mr Nandimithra Ekanayake and party at Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they discussed collaboration between two countries in the matters of religion and culture, donating 12 foot tall pagoda to Sri Lanka, assistance in securing for Sri Lankan monastery in Myanmar to accommodate pilgrims form Sri Lanka and future collaboration between the two countries. —MNA

(Translated by Alphonsus)



Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko shakes hands with Sri Lankan Ambassador Mr Nandimithra Ekanayake at Ministry of Religious affairs and Culture yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Re-opening of the Call for Nominations for the ASEAN Prize 2019

AS none of the candidates merits the ASEAN Prize to 2019 to be awarded at the 34th Summit, the ASEAN Secretariat has re-opened call for nominations for ASEAN Prize 2019 to recognise inspiring achievements and exemplary contributions of an individual or organization, inter alia, to the building of a rules-based, people-oriented, people-centered ASEAN Community, and intra ASEAN collaborative efforts.

Nominees should have exceptional merit in contributing to the following designated focus areas:

- Outstanding collaboration between ASEAN Member States (AMS);
- Outstanding collaboration between ASEAN and the world;
- Outstanding people-to-people engagement among AMS;
- Outstanding economic integration and promotion of standards between or among AMS; or
- Other outstanding contributions to ASEAN Community Building

The Judging Committee, consisting of eminent high-level members, including incumbent and former ASEAN Secretaries-General, will select a recipient who will be awarded the ASEAN Prize Trophy and a cash prize of US$ 20,000. This year's prize will be presented at the Opening Ceremony of the 35th ASEAN Summit in November 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The nomination form for ASEAN Prize 2019 can be downloaded at the ASEAN Secretariat Website http://www.asean.org/asean-prize. Nominee must submit the duly fill-in form to the ASEAN Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Office No.9, Nay Pyi Taw or dgasean@gmail.com and psaseanmmr@gmail.com no later than 6 September 2019.

Nominee must be an ASEAN citizen or an ASEAN-based organization. In the nomination form, the nominee need to elaborate within three or five pages highlighting the achievement the nominee has contributed to the building of a rule-based, people-oriented, people-centred ASEAN Community and intra-ASEAN collaborative efforts since the launch of the ASEAN Community on 31 December 2015. The nominee should also share future plans in continuing the work after winning the prize. For further information, please visit the ASEAN Secretariat Website.

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Union Supreme Court holds 17th coord meeting with lower courts



Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo delivers the opening address at the 17th coordination meeting of Union Supreme Court and State/Regional High Courts in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Union Supreme Court and State/Regional High Courts held their 17th coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

First, Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo delivered the opening address. He said that during the judicial reform process, the courts of law must ensure quality justice on every person.

He said there must be objectives to generate greater public trust on the courts, deliver effective rule of law, pass free and fair judgement, be punctual and other standards the courts must uphold.

The Chief Justice told the judges that they must be extremely careful of their conduct as they are the pinnacles the people look to for level-headed judgement and proper exercise of justice. He added that they are working hard to open a judicial college in Nay Pyi Taw.

Next, the Chief Justice gave an account of the status of criminal and civil cases and writ petitions from the Supreme Court down to the township courts and other special courts.

From 1 January to 30 June this year, the Supreme Court has accepted 1,152 criminal and 1,421 civil cases and 214 writ petitions of which 1,094 criminal, 1,712 (including 291 cases from the past year), and 167 writ petitions were fully examined.

Similarly, the State/Regional courts have accepted 4,232 criminal and 3,236 civil cases of which 3,782 criminal and 2,525 civil cases were fully examined.

District courts have accepted 11,294 criminal and 7,822 civil cases of which 10,906 criminal and 5,547 civil cases were fully examined.

Township courts have accepted 228,442 criminal and 17,058 civil cases of which 222,418 criminal and 12,517 civil cases were fully examined.

Juvenile courts of Yangon and Mandalay have accepted 121 cases and fully examined 117. Municipal courts of Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay have accepted 4,739 cases and fully decided on 4,746 (including 7 from previous year). Traffic courts of Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay have accepted and fully examined 54,746 cases.

The Chief Justice said they began implementing the case management system in 74 state/regional courts. He said statistics in June this year showed that while these courts had good rates of completing course examinations, other courts still had high rates of court delays.

The Chief Justice said they began the trial programme of letting courts take the lead of civil cases in two district courts and two township courts over a period of five months, starting from 1 March 2019. He said they had successfully resolved 76 civil cases during that time.

The Chief Justice said they have outfitted four district courts with special witness interrogation rooms and other necessary equipment to question juveniles and adults in need of protection.

Attending the coordination meeting were the judges of the Supreme Court, chief justices of region/state high courts and other officials related to the legal field. The meeting continues today.—MNA ■ *(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)*

Joint Committee on Amending 2008 Constitution holds meeting 26/2019

MEETING 26/2019 of the Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the Joint Committee Deputy Speaker of both the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw U Tun Aung (a) U Tun Tun Hein, Deputy Chairman of the Joint Committee Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye Tha Aung, Joint Committee Secretary Dr Myat Nyana Soe, Joint Secretary U Htay Win Aung (a) U Pyone Cho, committee members including Hluttaw representatives from political parties and Tatmadaw Hluttaw representatives, and officials from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw office.—MNA ■

(Translated by TTN)



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein delivers the speech at the meeting of the Joint Committee on amending the 2008 Constitution yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

SWRR Union Minister receives Sri Lankan Ambassador

UNION MINISTER for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye received Sri Lankan Ambassador Mr Nandimithra Ekanayake at Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief, and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they discussed Live Circle Approach in Social protection, planning to establish Social Work Institute so as to produce professionals, rehabilitation work for street children, drug addicts and victims of human trafficking, natural disaster management and resettlement, conflict management, social security programs and Social Worker Exchange Program. —MNA ■

(Translated by Alphonsus)



Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye holds a meeting with Sri Lankan Ambassador Mr Nandimithra Ekanayake in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Singapore Embassy commemorates 54th National Day

54th NATIONAL day of Singapore was held at M Gallery Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Prior to the reception, the attendees saluted the National flags of both countries while playing the National anthems.

Then, Singaporean Ambassador Ms Vanessa Chan and Union Minister U Thaung Tun delivered key note speeches which was followed by dinner.

The event was attended by U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor, and wife, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye and wife, Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin and Wife, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council and wife, deputy ministers, Hluttaw representatives, departmental heads, ambassadors to Myanmar, officials and invited guests. —MNA ■

(Translated by Alphonsus)



Union Ministers and deputy ministers, and Singaporean Ambassador Ms. Vanessa Chan pose for the documentary photo at the 54th National day of Singapore in Nay Pyi Taw on 8 August 2019. **PHOTO: MNA**

Forest Department holds High-Level Policy Dialogue on HKH Call to Action



Union Minister U Ohn Win delivers the speech at the high-level policy dialogue at the Forest Department. **PHOTO: MNA**

FOREST Department held High -Level Policy Dialogue on HKH Call to Action in coordination with International Center for Integrated Mountain Development(ICIMOD) yesterday morning.

At the event, Union Minister U Ohn Win said that mountain region makes up 42 per cent of Myanmar and that bio-diversity in those regions, culture, the existence of the diverse tribes and the fresh water sources have economic significance for the country.

The regions are natural habitats of both local and global plant species. For this reason, policy on eco-tourism, deforestation and carbon REDD plus mechanism are included in national-level strategy.

ICIMOD's help in drawing up policy on eco-tourism, management strategy and guidance concerning natural habitats has been of great assistance, not only in mountainous regions, but in maintaining and prolonging environment of other regions as well.

The HKH evaluation report was written by 350 researchers of 185 organizations from 22 countries and individuals doing field works in HKH, and experts on policy.

The report is important for achieving steady development goals, reducing climate change and making plans to bring about steady development. To reduce the global warming below 1.5 C, the countries in the region should make collective efforts to hold international forums concerning climate change and counter its effects.

The event was attended by permanent secretaries, directors-general, managing directors, professors, staff members of Ministry Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, the Director-General of ICIMOD, Dr David Molden representatives and officers from related departments.

Then, the dialogue was chaired by Director-General of Forest Department, Dr Nyi Nyi Kyaw, and Deputy Director-General of ICIMOD, Dr Eklabiya Shama, and other officials presented six call to action plans for HKH. Representatives of the ministry and other departments then discussed them in detail. —MNA ■ *(Translated by Alphonsus)*

Over 300 modified motor vehicles seized in Yangon

By Nyein Nyein

OVER 300 motor cars have been seized by the Road Transportation Administration Department (RTAD) so far on account of modifications such as installation of new parts and changes in the body coach, according to YRTA member U Lian Cin Mang (aka Ngam Khai Pa Pa), who is also the director of the RTAD.

Some unscrupulous people are modifying the body coach before seeking registration from the RTAD, and the department will not issue certificates to those modified vehicles, he said. So far, over 300 vehicles have been seized due to modifications in the body coach and their registration has been cancelled, according to the RTAD

Earlier, the RTAD collected fines for modifications detected on a vehicle's body coach during examination. Under Section 4 (18) (e) of the 2015 Motor Vehicles Law, the registration of a motor vehicle can be canceled if the type, year, structure, or body of the vehicle has been changed without permission. The RTAD has been confiscating modified vehicles since June, 2018. ■ *(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)*

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31st anniversary pro-democracy movement ...



People participate in the ceremony to mark the 31st anniversary of the 1988 pro-democracy movement in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: PE ZAW**

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At the ceremony, periodicals and cartoons published during the movement and photos of the movement from 31 years ago were displayed to the public.

Meanwhile, people laid wreaths outside the park to pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives in the pro-democracy movements in Myanmar.— Zaw Gyi ■

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Smart card security features upgraded to prevent fraud

By Nyein Nyein

IN a bid to curb counterfeiting of driving licenses, the Road Transporation Administration Department has upgraded its smart card technology, said U Lian Cin Mang (also known as Ngam Khai Pa Pa), YRTA member and Director of the Road Transportation Administration Department (RTAD).

"Earlier, we revealed the data embedded in smart cards to the public through official announcements in order to identify fake cards. Yet, it encouraged counterfeit producers to easily scam them. This being so, smart card specifications and security data will stay safe and will not be revealed to unauthorized persons in any way," he said.

The upgraded smart cards have been issued from 1 July. The card fee has not been changed, according to the (RTAD).

Last year, some people producing counterfeit smart driving licenses were captured, and lawsuits were filed in 17 counterfeit card fraud cases.

At present, the RTAD is issuing smart card licenses to drivers after screening their applications. It is also checking drivers' compliance with traffic laws and vehicle specifications, and instituting traffic law, rules, and regulations to ensure road safety.

In addition, traffic officers are also going on patrols every four months in their respective townships to ensure traffic safety. However, the department's workforce was remained unchanged in the past decade, while the number of vehicles has increased remarkably, putting burden on the staff, said U Lian Cin Mang.

Additionally, over 1,000 vehicles are processed at the RTAD everyday, leading to long queues and worsening traffic congestion on the road near the department. Therefore, an online vehicle registration service was launched on 1 January, 2018.

Over 1,090,000 motor vehicles are registered at the RTAD across Myanmar, and half of them, or over 540,000 vehicles, are registered in the Yangon Region. ■ *(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)*

Over 500,000 fingerlings released to meet local demands in Pathein District

THE Pathein District Fisheries Department released over 500,000 fingerlings into Thayetchaung lake in Kangyidaung Township, Pathein District, Ayeyawady Region on 7 August.

The Head of District Fisheries Department, Township administrator and officials added a total of 503,500 fishes including 250,000 carps, 250,000 barbs, 1,500 catfishes, and 2,000 stinging catfishes with the aims to meet the local demand and enhance the aquatic resources. —Nan Htike (IPRD) ■ *(Translated by La Wonn)*



Pathein District Fisheries Department officials release fingerlings into Thayetchaung Lake in Kangyidaung Township, Pathein District. **PHOTO: NAN HTIKE (IPRD)**

50,000 fish relocated to another lake in Pyinmana



Pyinmana Fisheries Department staff relocate fish from Mingalar Shan Lake in Pyinmana Township to Zabuthiri Mingalar Lake on 5 August. **PHOTO: SOE MOE (IPRD)**

UNDER the supervision of Pyinmana Township Development Affairs Department and the arrangement of Township Fisheries Department, about 50,000 fish were relocated from Mingalar Shan lake in Pyinmana Township to Zabuthiri Mingalar lake on 5 August.

After a massive death of fishes including around 300-400 fish in Mingalar Shan lake from 13 to 14 May, 2018, the Township Fisheries Department carried out laboratory analysis. It found that the water quality degradation and insufficient oxygen in the lake caused the fishes to die. Therefore, the Township Fisheries Department and the locals relocated 50,000 fish, each weighing over 5 viss (1 viss=1.6 kg) to the 40 acres of lake in Zabuthiri Township.

It was over 30 years that the fish in the lake were not removed from it. Fish are added into the lake and the locals usually release the fishes as a good deed during festival and Sabbath days.

Therefore, some fish were moved to another lake to reduce the fish population in the lake according to the Head of Township Development Affairs Department.— Soe Moe (IPRD) ■*(Translated by La Wonn)*

24 houses, religious buildings damaged after tornado hits Paung

A tornado struck four villages in Paung Township of Mon State on the afternoon of 7 August, tearing the roofs of 24 houses and religious buildings, including a parasol atop a pagoda.

In Kyarbo village, the tornado destroyed the roofs of six houses, and left one person injured. In Kywalchan Village, five houses were damaged, and no injuries could be confirmed.

The roofs of houses in Ahauk Village, and nine houses and one religious building in Motetama Village were destroyed by strong winds. Currently, victims are being provided temporary shelters in their villages. Meanwhile, the parasol of the Dhammayarza Theikdhi pagoda in the monastery compound has fallen to the ground.

The recent tornado is the second one to strike in the first week of August. Earlier, a tornado in Thabyu village on 4 August had damaged 15 homes.— Zin Myo Thu (Paung) ■

(Translated by La Wonn)

Peanut oil fetching high price in central regions due to low crop yield

Peanut oil is being sold at a high price in the central regions — Kyaukpadaung and Yenangyoung townships — due to low production of peanut, according to some oil shops and peanut brokers.

Currently, only old peanuts are being sold in the market because the new crop has not been harvested yet. Additionally, peanut oil is also being exported to China, therefore, the price is not likely to fall, said Ko Kyi Khine, a broker.

The prevailing market price of peanuts is K3,000 per viss (1 viss is equivalent to 1.6 kg), while peanut oil is being sold for K6,600 per viss. The price has remained on the high side, while the supply has been low in the market.

Peanuts are mainly cultivated in the central regions of Myanmar. Last year, the price of peanuts had reached K14,000 per basket, while the wholesale price of peanut oil was in the range of K6,000 per viss. Last year's high price encouraged growers to cultivate peanuts this year, said U Tin Yun, a farmer from Yenangyoung Township. A total of 36,093 acres of monsoon peanut is planned to be cultivated during the rainy season in Yenangyoung Township, according to the Township Agriculture Department.—San Nyunt ■
(Translated by La Wonn)



A peanut plantation in Yenangyoung Township.
PHOTO: SAN NYUNT



A man negotiates the price of gold jewellery at a gold jewellery shop in Yangon. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

Gold price soars to K1.2 mln; high demand pushes market to close

By Nyein Nyein

THE price of gold in the domestic market has touched a high of K1.2 million per tical (0.578 ounce or, 0.016 kilogram), with a surge in demand and shortage in supply leading to closure of the market, said U Myo Myint, the Chair of the Yangon Gold Entrepreneurs Association (YGEA), during a discussion on ways to stabilize the gold price, which was held at the YGEA office.

"Gold price has been on the upward trend in recent days, and high demand has even pushed for market closure in the last two days, along with a shortage of gold bars. The price is likely to remain on the high side. Those holding gold stocks must not sell them off. Domestic gold is expected to continue rising depending on the global gold price," said U Myo Myint.

To stabilize the gold price and control the price level, fair trade is required, according to the YGEA. On 22 June, the price of pure gold crossed K1.1 million per tical, and it reached the newest peak of over K1.2 million on 8 August.

The domestic gold price is positively linked to global gold prices. Gold is likely to continue its strong gains in the global market on the back of an escalating trade war between China and the US. Gold price is currently pegged at US$1,489 per ounce in the global market.

The Kyat exchange rate against the dollar is K1,506-1,510, according to the local forex market.

The YGEA has already warned its members of legal action in any fraudulent case detected during the price hike. Furthermore, traders have been asked to make payments at once, according to the YGEA.

With global gold prices on the uptick, the domestic price has hit fresh highs this year.

According to gold traders, in the month of January, the domestic gold price reached its lowest level of K1,043,4000 on 1 January, and the highest level of K1,061,000 on 31 January. It touched a low of K1,058,400 on 2 February and a high of K1,087,300 on 20 February. In March, the lowest price recorded was K1,048,600 (30 March) and the highest was K1,069,000 (21 March). In April, gold prices registered a low of K1,037,200 on 24 April and a high of K1,054,700 on 11 April. The lowest price for gold in May was K1,035,200 (2 May) and the highest was K1,059,200 (14 May). Gold prices touched the lowest of K1,055,000 on 1 June and the highest of K1,125,500 on 25 June. Last month, the prices moved in the range of K1,099,000 (1 July) and 1,149,400 (31 July). ■ *(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)*

Rain-fed floods damage roads, delay flow of goods

By Aye Yamone

THE flow of commodities has been delayed, but not disrupted, in some states and regions on account of heavy rains, according to the Myanmar Highway Freight Transportation Service Association. However, the flow of goods on the highways has not been affected much as the main sections of the roads have not been damaged, the MHFTSA stated.

Although some states and regions have experienced flooding, the flow of freight on the highways has not been disrupted because only minor roads have been flooded.

"Currently, commodities which are being transported along the highways are flowing well, with delays in some areas only. There has been no disruption in the flow of freight like last year because the water has not encroached the highways. But, we have not been able to transport goods in some areas because the roads there have been flooded. In some places, the entrances into towns have been flooded and the roads damaged by the heavy rains. The transportation of freight has not been disrupted, but delayed," said U Ko Ko Naing, a patron of the MHFTSA.

In Kayin State, with the swelling of the Gyaing River because of torrential rains since 5 August, vehicles were temporarily prevented from crossing the Gyaing-Kawkareik pontoon bridge.

"Motor vehicles were prevented from running on the Yangon-Myawady Road because of flooding in the Gyaing River. But, the closure of the road lasted for a few hours only," said U Ko Ko Naing.

The Gyaing-Kawkareik pontoon bridge was flooded till 7 August.

"The transportation of freight has slightly cooled these days not because of the floods and the storms or because of the cutting down of road transportation.

This has happened because some regions have not demanded goods because they don't have enough space to store them," said U Myint Kyaw, who is engaged in highway freight transportation. ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

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Adapt to change to better manage extreme weather events

WITH the change in weather patterns, our people are experiencing the devastating impact of extreme weather events, including drought and floods.

These changes, which have not been seen before, will soon become the norm, and it will require the cooperation of the Union Government and state and regional governments to uncover the reasons behind them.

We must be aware that extreme weather patterns can lead to death and devastation, and they can also contribute to an increase in the spread of major killer diseases affecting children, such as malnutrition, malaria, and diarrhea.

> Disasters are expected to happen regularly and can impact all people, without discrimination, and the public is still obligated to respond to disasters.

Currently, the people and children of Bago Region, Kayin State, Mon State, Taninthayi Region, and Ayeyawady Region are sheltering at the temporary camps set up in their respective areas.

Floods have a direct impact on people's lives, as they often involve injury and drowning. Beyond these immediate risks, floods pose a hindrance to safe drinking water supply and damage sanitation facilities, increasing the risk of diarrhea and other disease outbreaks, besides impacting children's access to education.

The monsoons bring not only floods, but also landslides in the hilly areas of Myanmar. When torrential rain falls, people must remain on the alert for flash floods and landslides near hilly areas and also small rivers, according to the weather bureau.

To reduce losses, disaster preparedness must begin at the grassroots level, but ministries and regional authorities must take a leading role in the drive.

The monsoon floods in August have affected over 14,000 people in Bago Region, over 11,000 people in Kayin State, over 7,500 people in Mon State, over 200 people in Taninthayi Region, and 700 people in Ayeyawady Region, which brings the total to over 34,000.

The authorities and local social organizations are working together in flood-hit areas to provide assistance to flood victims.

So far, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement has provided over K290 million to flood victims in July and August.

We would like to urge people to take note of the weather reports issued by the Meteorology and Hydrology Department, and contact the hotline numbers 067-3404666 and 067-3404777.

Meanwhile, the authorities are urged to share information as quickly as possible, and use social media effectively.

Disasters are expected to happen regularly and can impact all people, without discrimination, and the public is still obligated to respond to disasters.

It is the people who are paying the heaviest price when it comes to weather events, which are becoming more extreme, unpredictable, and erratic.

Flu or high fever?

> Technically, African swine flu is not flu. In Burmese, it's called severe fever. Flu viruses spread rapidly but this virus spreads slowly and is difficult to contract.
>
> Director-General Dr Ye Tun Win

Recently, large number of pigs have been dying in Tachilek and Mongla districts of Shan State. The following is an interview with Dr Ye Tun Win, Director-General of the Livestock Breeding & Veterinary Department, on his department's response to the situation and general questions on swine-related viruses.

Q: It is known that there has been mass death of pigs in Tachilek district and Mongla township. I would like to know what is being done about that.

A: we were informed that there was mass death of pigs in in Mongla. We have a sub office there. It was informed to us that the official in Mongla were given instruction to examine whether it is African swine flu. It has also been instructed not to import pig and pork products. The instruction has been given to dispose of the carcasses in case of death.

A special team from our department has been sent to that area to examine that. The team is working towards obtaining samples from pig sties in Mongla. We have not yet received the samples. On the arrival of the samples we will examine if it is African swine flu. It will be announced to the public if it happen to be ASF.

A team of experts was sent to the area this morning. They will conduct field observation on the condition of pig sties of the region and collect samples.

Only laboratory can determine whether it is ASF. We were informed it is occurring in Special Region 2 and 4. Experts has been send to the regions to examine.

We were also informed that some pigs are sick in Tachilek. Livestock breeding and veterinary department of Shan State is now leading the examination of suspected areas there.

There have been new stories about it. It was written 1,000 or 2,000 pigs died showing photos. They, in fact, wrote based on what they have heard. But the investigation into that showed they use photos of occurrence in China for news story. It was also found out that a photo of occurrence in Laos was used for news about Tachilek pig sickness.

Our teams are conducting field investigations. During those we were informed that they were about 100 sick pig in different places of the area. We have yet to see sick pig in flesh. With the result from examining sick pigs, we will confirm what disease it is.

It is not true that about 1000 of them died. Our field investigation suggested there has been about 100 death in three months' period.



Dr Ye Tun Win

Q. What are the symptoms of the disease?

A: There are some factors I want to explain about it. This is average number of death whatever disease happens. The cause of death can diarrhea, cold or immune deficiency. The symptoms are similar. Therefore, only the result of the laboratory test is reliable. We are making special effort to do so.

The symptom, which are red spot on the body, diarrhea, vomit and trembling, are similar to those of other diseases common to pigs.

There teams have been sent to Tachilek and Mongla so far. They are two teams of experts and a local team. We have plan to send more because these regions are border areas and close to China and Laos. This also increases the chance of disease occurrence. The sample form carcasses cannot be used to determine the disease. As carcasses may have been infected with multiple diseases, this cannot produce specific result. We need sample from live ones.

Even though it is non-contagious to human, it should not be eaten. The waste can transmit disease. The reason is that pigs are usually fed kitchen waste. We are now education public on how harmful to pigs it can be. In case of having no choice, It should be cook to be sterilized.

> We have conducted monitoring tasks in areas with high susceptibility to outbreaks. We have legally designated the virus from level B to level A. We have explained our procedures to local authorities and CSOs to ensure smooth operations.

What is different about this disease is that it can stay in frozen meat, bacons and sausages for a long time. This is the reason that frozen meat is not permitted to be imported from China. In case of death, the carcasses should be buried systematically. Even though the rate of infection if not high, once infected, there is strong chance of death. So far, there has been no vaccine or treatment.

As there is potential occurrence in border region, it is prevent at border gates and ports. This is an act of precaution. We have to be prepared and have plans in townships. The procedure for disease control and antiviral medications have been forwarded in case of outbreak.

Q: Has something similar to this occurred in Myanmar before?

A: The symptoms show similarities with other diseases so we'll only if it's occurred in Myanmar before after a lab test. That's why we request you to report suspicious symptoms to our department and local authorities. We respond with immediate protection procedures after reviewing these reports.

Other swine flu has vaccinations so that's why we vaccinate on pig farms. If a disease spreads even after taking these precautions then there is a higher chance it can be African swine flu. It has never occurred in Myanmar before though. We cannot verify if it is spreading here yet, but we must be vigilant all the same.

Q: People are also calling it swine flu now, so what is the difference?

A: Technically, African swine flu is not flu. In Burmese, it's called severe fever. Flu viruses spread rapidly but this virus spreads slowly and is difficult to contract. And it's not contagious to people. If it does spread, there's a higher chance of death for pigs and that can negatively affect the pork livestock market.

Q: What preparations have been implemented to combat this virus?

A: We've arranged preparations since the virus first surfaced in our close neighbor, China, in 2018. We conducted awareness programs at all respective border gates and immigration checkpoints. We also handed out pamphlets stuck up posters. In addition, we conducted awareness programs in the native language of the region receiving them.

We have trained all our staff in the 330 township sub-departments on what procedures to follow when this virus appears. We have even practiced role-plays with them for practical learning.

We have conducted monitoring tasks in areas with high susceptibility to outbreaks. We have legally designated the virus from level B to level A. We have explained our procedures to local authorities and CSOs to ensure smooth operations. We have provided adequate training to laboratory staff in Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw to run tests on the virus.

We have banned pork and related products at the airports, especially in Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw. We confiscate and destroy any that are found. We had issued these warnings in advance. We will publish our findings for Tachilek and Mongla publicly as well.

Just last week, we held a short course on emergency response in case of a African swine flu outbreak. There have been times when we receive news of an outbreak but it has gone by the time we get there. We will establish a news network to relay this information faster. We were a little late for Tachilek. We came as soon as we heard the news but we couldn't get a sample.

Q: Do you have anything else to tell the public?

A: African swine fever has been around for about 30 years now but it never spread very over there. Now it has spread to Asia which has a large livestock market so the chances of it spreading are higher. This virus doesn't have a vaccine yet so we need to be careful. We must also administer vaccines for other viruses. Although it can't spread to humans, we have restricted consumption of pork. It is important to establish a clean livestock rearing system to protect ourselves from this virus.

(Translated by Pen Dali)

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Thursday 8th August, 2019)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 9th August, 2019: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Lower Sagaing Region and (Northern and Eastern)Shan State, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Southern Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfalls in Taninthayi Region, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) m.p.h. Wave height will be about (9– 12)feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Moderate to strong monsoon.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9th August, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9th August, 2019: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9th August, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their work to the **Global New Light of Myanmar** at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, in person, or by email to **ce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com** with the following information: **(1)** Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), **(2)** Own name and (if different) your penname, **(3)** Your level of education, **(4)** Name of your School/College/University, **(5)** A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, **(6)** A color photo of the submitter, **(7)** Copy of your NRC card, **(8)** Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.).— **Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar**

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Public announcement for remonstration

PEOPLE POWER PARTY headquartered at No 143/a, Sittoung Road, Ward No (6) in Shwepyitha, Yangon Region, submitted an application for registration as a political party in accord with the Section 5 of the Political Parties Registration Law on 30-7-2019. In their application they mentioned that they will use the name, the flag and the emblem as described hereunder.

In accord with Section 14 (d) of the Political Parties Registration Rules, it is hereby announced that those who want to remonstrate with the UEC about the party's name, flag and emblem may submit a complaint along with the supporting evidence within seven days starting from issuance of this announcement.

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Security forces seize storehouse of drugs, weapons in AA supporter's house

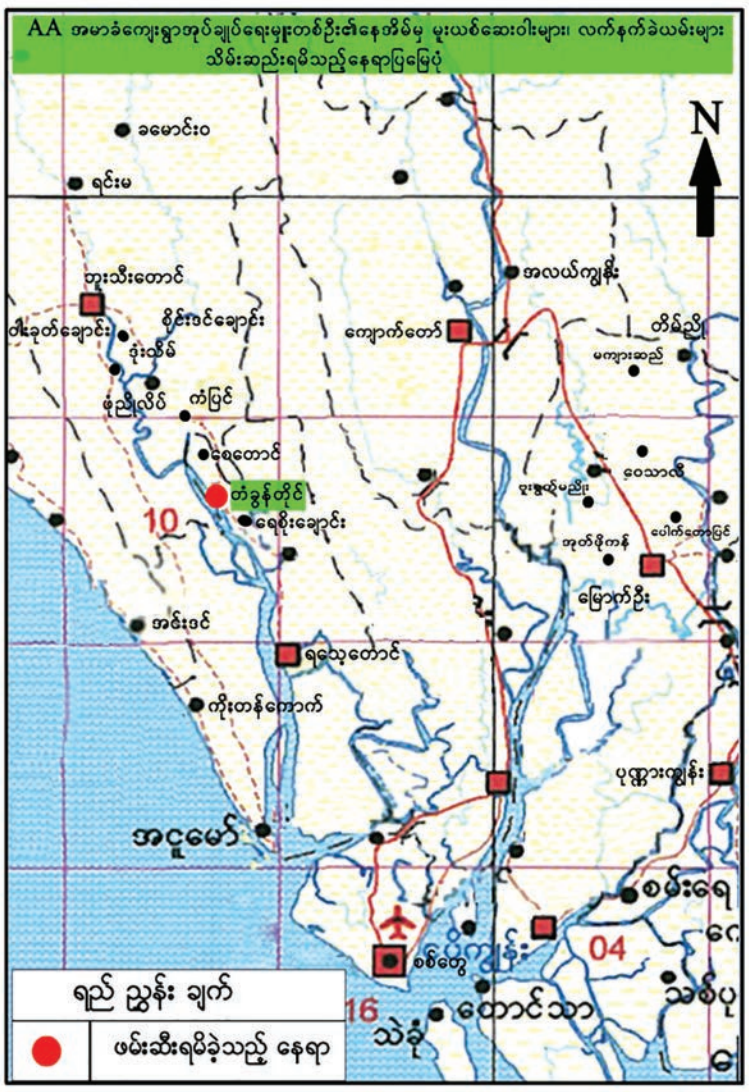
SECURITY forces conducting security operactions in Yathedaung Township, Rakhine State, yesterday performed a surprise inspection into the house of Thakontaing Village administrator U San Thar Kyaw.

Acting on a tipoff, authorities confiscated 2.5 million WY tablets (worth K5 billion at street value), 36 hand grenades, 52 handheld transceivers, 23 steel pipes used for making landmines, 2 gunpowder sacks and other related items in his house. U San Thar Kyaw and his five family members reportedly fled on 3 August at the same time Tatmadaw columns began taking over an AA training camp in the compound of Chay Ya Taw Pagoda in Yathedaung.

Myanmar Police Force reports that AA members habitually hide in civilian clothes in Thakontaing village and the administrator is a staunch AA supporter who conducts mine attacks on Tatmadaw columns. MPF says psychotropic tablets at his house were given by AA group to sell and procure funds while the other objects were stored in his house for easy retrieval when necessary.

Tatmadaw columns are searching the area for more hidden caches of weapons and other related items.—MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Compare of foreign tourist entry from international airports, sea ports and border gates

Sr	International airports and border gates	July 2018		July 2019		Remark
		Tourist	Business	Tourist	business	
1.	Yangon Airport/ Sea Port	24653	16406	44072	16705	
2.	Mandalay Airport	4290	3446	29231	4224	
3.	Nay Pyi Taw Airport	145	329	937	297	
4.	Myeik Airport	-	-	-	-	
5.	Tachilek	491	111	3273	88	
6.	Myawady	827	274	1079	1820	
7.	Kawthoung	59	78	49	70	
8.	Hteekhee	28	28	6	23	
9.	Tamu	3	1	182	18	
10.	Reedhorda	-	-	6	-	
Total		30496	20673	78835	23245	

Compare of foreign tourist entry from international airports, sea ports and border gates

Sr	Month	2017-2018 financial year			2018-2019 financial year		
		Tourist	Business	Total	Tourist	Business	Total
1	October	46693	21253	67946	52647	21005	73652
2	November	63529	21828	85357	77498	21482	98980
3	December	63522	19619	83141	82474	19538	102012
4	January	61123	20485	81608	93125	18689	111814
5	February	57450	18581	76031	100145	23949	124094
6	March	51461	25650	77111	95932	23693	119625
7	April	31198	20392	51590	71148	22848	93996
8	May	29096	21425	50521	67410	22123	89533
9	June	28844	18636	47480	65879	21714	87593
10	July	30496	20673	51169	78835	23245	102080
Total		463412	208542	671954	785093	218286	1003379

UNHCR that needs impartiality

By Min Thi Ha

BEFORE 2015, all the areas, except from Buthidaung and Maungtaw regions where ARSA terrorist insurgents were active, of Rakhine State were peaceful and stable areas. Beginning 2015, AA group entered Rakhine State, and peace and stability in the northern parts of the state started to deteriorate. Since then the AA group has been continuously attacking police outposts stationed in the regions for enforcing the rule of law and community security, intimidating or murdering village administrators or forcing them into leaving their job, and blowing up mines to cut off communication lines, mainly targeting the administrative and security machinery and the rule of law of the Government.

On 26 July 2019 at 4.15 am, AA group using a strong force attacked the Nyaungchaung area police station with heavy weapons and small arms. A police company led by a police major of the police border guards was posted at the police station to shoulder the duty of ensuring community peace, the rule of law and area security at Nyaungchaung Village in Buthidaung Township. The police station did not fall thanks to the police members who valiantly defended their station. However, the AA group indiscriminately fired shots at Muslim villages along their retreating route. Three Muslim women were wounded and one house caught fire due to the indiscriminate attack. The three wounded Muslim women were admitted at Buthidaung People's Hospital at 11.45 am the same day, and the Tatmadaw provided necessary assistance to repair the house that caught fire.

The abovementioned event is one of the most obvious instances of AA attacks. Although there are many instances of AA group's destructive acts against the rule of law and community peace, it is found that the UN, NGOs and the media never give faithful accounts of the events. As regards the current situation of Rakhine State, Ms. Ravina Shamdasani, the spokesperson of the United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights (UNHCR), released a Press Briefing Note "Myanmar Military Target Civilians in Deadly Helicopter Attack, UN Rights Office issues War Crimes Warning" on the news website of the UN on 5 April 2019.What the Note stated was that again the Myanmar Tatmadaw was committing an offense that might amount to war crimes against the civilians at the time when the international community was pressing forward with demands for accountability of the Myanmar Tatmadaw for its past crimes; and that the consequences of impunity would continue to be deadly.

The Note also condemned the armed clashes between the Myanmar Tatmadaw and the AA group in Rakhine State; that civilians including native Rakhine, Chin, Mro and Daingnet people of Rakhine and Chin states and people of Muslim community lost their homes, property and cultural heritage due to the armed conflicts; that at least seven Muslims were killed and another 18 wounded when two Tatmadaw helicopter launched an aerial strike against Phonnyoleik Village-Tract in the southern part of Buthidaung Township on 3 April 2019, that not long ago many Muslims had to leave their homes in the area; that according to news of UNHCR Office, about 4,000 Muslims of the villages along Buthidaung-Yathedaung road fled their homes during the period from 25 to 31 March; that it wanted to urge the Tatmadaw and AA to hold a ceasefire; and that early sending of humanitarian aid to all the places in northern Rakhine had become a requirement.

A study of the Note revealed that the Note constituted partiality, and was baseless and a compilation of wrong information and analysis; and that the Note was found to be a means of a mere propaganda for generating sympathy for the Muslims. An official news release of what really happened on 3 April was issued on 4 April. The Tatmadaw received information which said that about 150 AA members arrived at the surrounding areas of Saidin Creek in the east of Wakhotechaung Village on 3 April afternoon; and that they were going to attack, threaten and control Buthidaung Town and the surrounding villages including the Wakhotechaung Village. The Tatmadaw acted fast and struck first in crushing them. Thanks to the quick response of the Tatmadaw, the AA members could not disturb the town and villages. They could only fire heavy weapons rounds at a local battalion headquarters near Phonnyoleik Village in Buthidaung Township from afar in the evening.

In the afternoon shootout to crush the AA group, six Muslims who were together with the AA members at the time died and another nine were injured. The Muslims gave bamboo cutting as a reason for being found together with the AA members. They were killed or wounded in the clash. The UN Website stated that the people of the Muslim villages fled their homes because of the said armed clashes. But on the ground, Muslims have never left their homes till now, and they are living peacefully. If Ms. Ravina Shamdasani, the compiler of the Note, visits the place she can witness the true situation.

> If the OHCHR has the video documents as stated in the UN release, instead of conducting a bias campaign to disgrace the Tatmadaw, it should officially send the video clips to the Myanmar Government or the Tatmadaw, and the Tatmadaw will render cooperation if it does so.

In its armed engagements with armed groups, the Myanmar Tatmadaw rarely uses aerial supporting fire. It uses the least air power only at times when it is actually required. The Tatmadaw always act in accordance with the Principle of Distinction and Proportionality of the law of Armed Conflict. If the OHCHR has the video documents as stated in the UN release, instead of conducting a bias campaign to disgrace the Tatmadaw, it should officially send the video clips to the Myanmar Government or the Tatmadaw, and the Tatmadaw will render cooperation if it does so. The section 337 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (2008) states:

The main armed force of the Defence of the Union is the Defence Services (Tatmadaw). In accordance with the stipulation, the Tatmadaw is exposing the illegal armed groups and terrorists, and establishing checkpoints, conducting security checks in accordance with the guidance of the Government to take legal action against them. In doing so, the Tatmadaw is strictly observing the principles of Distinction, Proportionality, humanity, military necessity, of the law of Armed conflict, rules of engagement (ROE), Penal Code, anti-terrorism law and of the common Article 3 of the four Geneva Conventions of 1949, in which Republic of the Union of Myanmar is a State Party, and the domestic laws and procedures.

AA group is committing lawless cruelties with the aim of destroying the administrative machinery and functions to enforce the rule of law of the State and peace and stability of Rakhine State. So, the local people in the surrounding areas are living in fear and are subject to their forced labour. Taking advantage of the situation AA group is using wards and villages as cover in firing at and launching mine attacks against Tatmadaw security columns. And after the armed clashes that occurred near wards or villages the insurgents disguise themselves as villagers or force villagers to spread false information and those insurgents are also posting fabrications on the Websites to give public a wrong view.

> The act of releasing bias news against the Myanmar Tatmadaw while ignoring the authentic and firm news releases and the truth is against the international legal procedures and also causes doubts about impartiality of persons who compile or release the news.

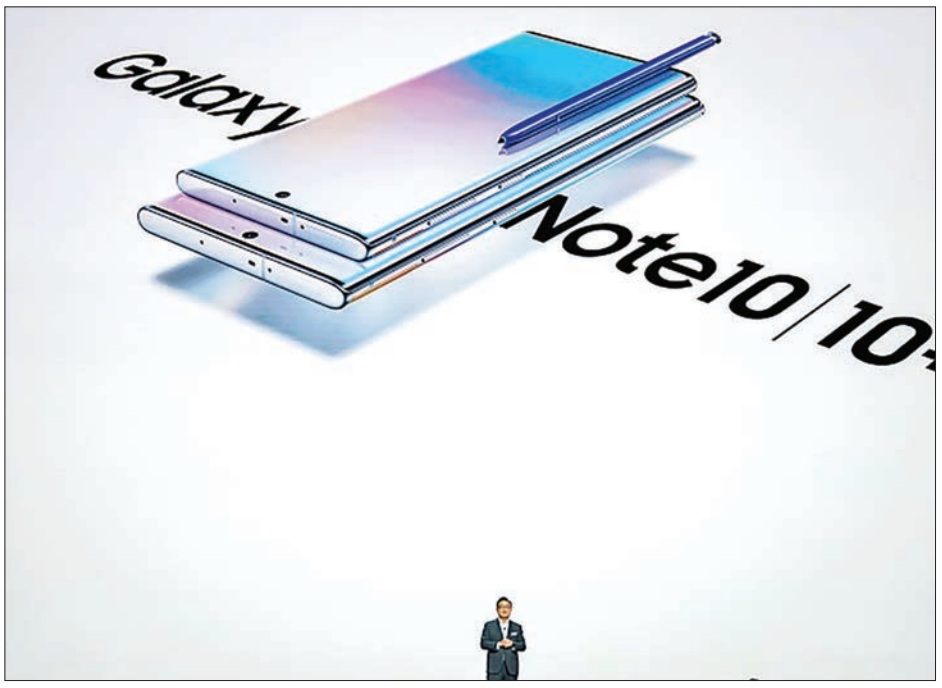
In one of the obvious instances, woman known as writer Nwe Thaki posed a fabricated live broadcast on the social media about the gun attack against police superintendent of Teinnyo Police post in Mrauk-U Township at about 7.30 pm on 23 March 2019 to give people a wrong impression of the Tatmadaw. When an investigation was made, it was found that she was a Rakhine woman who lived in Lashio and not in Rakhine State; and that she had already fled.

A lawsuit has been filed to take legal action against her. Moreover, when a battle broke out at Teinnyo-Aukthakan Village on 29 March 2019, there were fabrications saying that many residents including two women were died or wounded when the Tatmadaw schemed a plot and indiscriminately opened fire at them. The administrator of Aukthakan Village disclosed the truth about the situation and the Tatmadaw released news about it in time on 29 and 30 March 2019. Lawsuit was filed against her. She is still at large.

The Note does not mention any of the terrorist acts and cruelties of AA group as if the UN has never heard of them. Instead, it acknowledged only the projected rumors spread by the AA members under the guise of natives or by the residents who were forced to do so by the insurgents. So, it is clear that the UN disregarding its neutral status is making intentional accusations against the Tatmadaw.

It is a common knowledge that "Unum Quiten Exant Accusationes" (One Sided Accusations) are not legal internally or internationally. The act of releasing bias news against the Myanmar Tatmadaw while ignoring the authentic and firm news releases and the truth is against the international legal procedures and also causes doubts about impartiality of persons who compile or release the news. Stop gross distortion or misrepresentation of the facts or the truth!

Samsung unveils new Galaxy Note l0 smartphones



DJ Koh, president and CEO of Samsung Electronics, presents the Samsung Galaxy Note 10 smartphone during a launch event at Barclays Center on 7 August, 2019 in the Brooklyn borough of New York City. Samsung announced the Galaxy Note 10 and Galaxy Note 10 Plus smartphones. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

NEW YORK — Samsung Electronics Co. unveiled its new Galaxy Note 10 and Note 10 Plus smartphones on Wednesday at an event in New York.

The Note 10 will feature a 6.3-inch (16 centimeters) display while the Note 10 Plus will have a 6.8-inch screen. Both will be equipped with an upgraded S Pen stylus and the capability to convert handwriting to digital text.

The new models will also feature improved camera technology including "Live Focus Video," allowing the user to blur out the background while filming, and a "Zoom-In Mic" that can amplify specific audio during video capture. Both smartphones will also have 5G capabilities.

"For everyone who demands the best, I am proud to introduce the newest version of the world's most powerful mobile device," DJ Koh, the president and CEO of Samsung's IT & mobile communications division, said at the launch.

Samsung, the world's largest smartphone maker, suffered a decline in operating profit in the April-June period compared to a year earlier as the US-China trade war has slowed global economic growth.

The trade policy dispute between Japan and South Korea is also threatening the company's semiconductor business.

Consumer trends such as keeping devices longer before upgrading and choosing less expensive options have put a dent in sales for Samsung's flagship devices as well. Nevertheless, Samsung remained at the top for smartphone shipments with a market share of 22.7 per cent in the second quarter of 2019, according to US market research firm IDC. The same firm noted a 2.3 per cent drop in smartphone shipments worldwide.

The new Galaxy phones will be available for sale on August 23 in the United States and South Korea.—Kyodo News ■

Shanghai eyes boosting nighttime cultural and tourism activities

SHANGHAI — Shanghai unveiled a list of cultural activities and tour routes to boost its nighttime economy on Thursday.

A total of 105 scenic spots, art galleries, museums and memorials across the city have taken special measures to meet the growing demand for nighttime leisure from both Shanghai residents and tourists from around the world, according to the municipal culture and tourism bureau. Parks and spots including Shanghai Ocean Aquarium and Shanghai Jinjiang Action Park have extended their business hours, while destinations such as Shanghai Oriental Pearl Tower, Shanghai Wildlife Park and Shanghai Happy Valley have presented special late shows or night-tour programs.



Parks and spots including Shanghai Ocean Aquarium and Shanghai Jinjiang Action Park have extended their business hours. **PHOTO : XINHUA**

Museums including the Shanghai Museum and the Shanghai Natural History Museum have launched special nighttime exhibitions, lectures and exploration activities.

Most of the nighttime tours and activities should be booked online so as to monitor and control the flow of visitors and ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all. The municipality rolled out a guideline to boost the nighttime economy earlier this year.

Shanghai will encourage more cultural and tourism sites to launch nighttime activities and upgrade the overall service capacity for the nighttime economy, said the city's authorities.—Xinhua ■

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The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation
Central Committee for Holding Myanma Gems Emporium
The Information on Mid-Year 2019 Myanma Gems Emporium

1. The significant **Mid-Year** 2019Myanma Gems Emporium, under the supervision of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, will be held on September 16 to 25, 2019 at Maniradana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw.
2. Rough jade, rough gems, cut and polished gemstones, jewelries, jade carvings , gold and silver wares and gemstone pictures will be sold in Euro currency at the Emporium.
3. Gems lots and jade lots will be put up for sale through open tender system and specifying reserve prices as follows;

Sr.	Kind of Gem	Reserve Price (Euro) for Open Tender
(a)	Gems	500 and above
(b)	Jade	5,000 and above
(c)	Finished product and Jade Carving	1,000 and above

4. Foreign visitors eligible for the following qualifications will be granted admission to the **Mid-Year** 2019Myanma Gems Emporium, excluding those blacklisted for their default on payment in the previous emporiums;
(a) The person who was invited by the Emporium Central Committee with invitation card.
(b) The person who requested the invitation card via the Foreign Jade Associations.
(c) The person who requested to receive the invitation card through the respective Embassies and Consulate - General.
(d) Foreign visitors are permissible to make bids for the lots up to the value of the **10-fold** of the minimum deposit paid by the types of gemstones. The minimum amount of deposit to be paid and the amount permitted to bid are as follows;

Sr.	Kind of Gem	Deposit to be paid	Permitted limit to bid
(1)	Gems	€ 2,000	€ 20,000
(2)	Jade	€ 20,000	€ 200,000

(e) Making bids for lots priced more than the permitted limit is required to make additional deposit **(10% of its value)** to the Account No. EEM 400034 opened with the Myanma Economic Bank (Nay Pyi Taw) by the name of The Central Committee of Emporium (Deposit). Deposit must be made by the preview deadline as below;

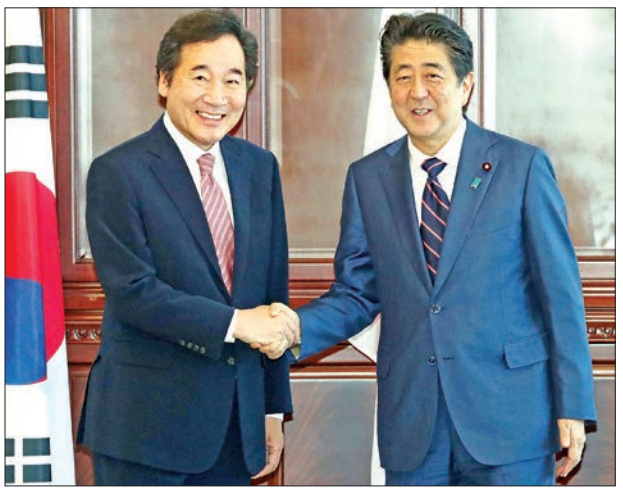
Sr.	Kind of Gem	Kind of selling system	Deposit Payment Date
(1)	Gems	Open Tender	September 18, 2019
(2)	Jade	Open Tender	September 19, 2019

5. Starting from September 2, 2019, admission card will be issued at the Maniradana Jade Hall, Registration Office to the foreign merchants who have already paid the deposit ahead.
6. Application Forms for admission to Emporium can be downloaded from provided websites (www.mining.gov.mm or www.mge.gov.mm), starting from August 19, 2019. Application can also be submitted via On-Line Pre-Registration System from www.mge.gov.mm. The requirements to make the admission card are as follow;
(a) Name, Passport and National Scrutiny Card No. (Passport Issuing Country)
(b) Clear Photocopy of Passport.
(c) Clear Two passport photos taken within one month.
(d) Complete contact information, (to state Phone No., Fax No. and E-mail if applicable)
(e) Admission fee – K 150,000 (MMK).
7. Buyers shall settle payment for the purchases within deadline as prescribed by the Sales Agreement. The necessary arrangements will be made if the buyer desires to bring his/ her fully paid purchase along with them.
8. Shipment of fully paid purchase to the buyer is made under the EXW(EX Works)System. Purchase will be timely despatched once the buyer has made full payment for the purchase. Emporium Central Committee will be responsible for loading the merchandise onto the Transportation Vehicles from the Emporium Hall while the buyer himself or his authorized representative company will be held liable for the remaining processes.

Emporium Central Committee

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S Korea confirms 1st export permit under Japan's tougher rules



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (r) and his South Korean counterpart Lee Nak Yeon shake hands in Vladivostok, Russia, on 11 September, 2018. **PHOTO:KYODO NEWS**

SEOUL — South Korean Prime Minister Lee Nak Yeon confirmed Thursday that Japan has issued its first permit for exporting to South Korea one of three chemicals that have come under tougher export controls since last month.

Lee told a government meeting that the chemical is photoresist, a light-sensitive material used to coat semiconductor circuit boards. Yonhap News Agency reported that the chemical's export had been requested by South Korea's biggest chipmaker Samsung Electronics Co.

The Japanese government announced the first issuance of the export permit earlier in the day, a little over a month after it began requiring exporters to obtain a license prior to each shipment to South Korea of photoresist, fluorinated polyimide and hydrogen fluoride.

Exporters had previously been granted bulk licenses for shipping the three chemicals, which are used by South Korean companies to make semiconductors and display panels.

Thursday's Yonhap report said both Samsung and SK Hynix Inc., South Korea's second-biggest chip manufacturer, applied for shipments of the materials early last month.

Once the photoresist arrives, Samsung intends to use it at its extreme ultraviolet technology line in Hwaseong, a city south of Seoul, Yonhap said, citing an industry source familiar with the matter.

Citing observers, the report also said that by approving the export, Japan may be trying to "give an impression that it's not banning trade with South Korea itself."

South Korean President Moon Jae In on Thursday held a separate meeting with top economic officials to discuss measures to minimize the effects of Japan's export controls.—Kyodo News ■

US crude oil production continues to increase: EIA

HOUSTON — US crude oil production increased slightly during the week ending 2 August, US Energy Information Administration (EIA) said Wednesday.

According to the EIA, US crude oil production averaged 12.3 million barrels per day (b/d) last week, up by 100,000 b/d from the previous week and up by about 1.5 million b/d year on year. This was the second week that the US crude oil production increased after decreasing for two consecutive weeks.

US crude oil production will reach record level in 2019 and 2020, according to the EIA on Tuesday.

In its latest Short-Term Energy Outlook (STEO), EIA forecast US crude oil production will average 12.3 million barrels b/d in 2019 and 13.3 million b/d in 2020, both of which would be record levels. EIA also estimated that US crude oil production will average 11.7 million b/d in July 2019, down by 0.3 million b/d from the June level. Enditem. —Xinhua ■

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

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1. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Department of Mines invites to submit the tender quotation sale open tender of (2000) Metric Tons, (15) Lot of Cathode Copper by United States Dollar as follow,
   (a) (100) Metric Tons each, (10) Lot Monywa, Mine Site
   (b) (200) Metric Tons each, (5) Lot Monywa, Mine Site
2. Base price of Cathode Copper shall be based on the London Metal Exchange Copper price on the date of tender opening. The highest proposal amount (Premium amount added to the LME price and deduction of transportation and handling expenses) shall be winning tender.
3. Tender Closing Date and Time is 2nd September, 2019 (14:00) hrs and Opening Tender is (15:00) hrs.
4. Tender documents are available from the Mineral Development Division, Department of Mines, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Office Building No.(19), Nay Pyi Taw and details can be asked to (+ 95) 067 3 409378 and 3 409372 within the Office hours.

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Indonesian President Joko Widodo (3rd-r) hands over a symbolic key to The Secretary-General of ASEAN Dato Lim Jock Hoi (2nd-r) as witnessed by Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi (3rd-l), Foreign Minister of Thailand Don Pramudwinai (2nd-l) during the inauguration of the new ASEAN building at ASEAN Secretariat building in Jakarta, Indonesia on 8 August, 2019. This event held for the inauguration of the new ASEAN Secretariat Building and the Celebration of the 52nd Anniversary of ASEAN with the theme ASEAN: New Chapter, Striving Together. **PHOTO:KYODO NEWS**

New ASEAN Secretariat building inaugurated by Jokowi in Jakarta

JAKARTA — Indonesian President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo on Thursday inaugurated the new ASEAN Secretariat building in his nation's capital.

The new building, located adjacent to the old Secretariat building in South Jakarta, features two 16-story towers connected by a skybridge.

In remarks he made before the opening ceremony, the president said the much-larger building, which can host more ASEAN activities than before, will allow the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to work more effectively and efficiently.

"This will drastically reduce travel cost that must be spent... and the travel cost currently spent can be used for more beneficial activities," Jokowi said.

ASEAN Secretary General Lim Jok Hoi said the new building will provide "a sound foundation" to deepen the body's community-building efforts "by creating more opportunities of physical meetings, face-to-face interactions."

The sixth round of talks of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, the world's largest free-trade agreement being negotiated by 16 mostly Asian countries including ASEAN, will be the first meeting in the new building, taking place from 19 to 25 August.

The ASEAN Secretariat was set up in 1976 by ASEAN foreign ministers, being initially housed at the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs before being moved to the current location in 1981.

The construction of the new building started in early 2018. Three years earlier, Jokowi, then the governor of Jakarta, handed over the former office of the South Jakarta mayor to the ASEAN Secretariat for its expansion.

ASEAN comprises Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam.—Kyodo News ■

40-odd countries including China sign Singapore Convention on Mediation

SINGAPORE — Some 46 countries including China and the United States signed here Wednesday a United Nations' convention on mediation, which is named after Singapore and designed to boost mediation as another means of solving the international commercial disputes.

The United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation, also known as the Singapore Convention on Mediation, was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2018 and open for signature on Wednesday.

Li Chenggang, assistant minister of Commerce of China, signed the convention together with representatives from other 45 countries at the Singapore Convention Signing Ceremony and Conference. Over 1,500 delegates from around the world attended the historic event, co-organized by the Singapore Ministry of Law and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), including Stephen Mathias, assistant secretary-general for Legal Affairs of the United Nations.

Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said in his opening address that the Singapore convention is a powerful statement in support of multilateralism.

Multilateralism is under pressure but the solution is not to abandon it but to improve it, Lee said, adding that the alternative of a world without multilateral institutions and widely accepted international rules disadvantages all countries, big and small.

Mathias said in his speech that the convention has brought what was missing in the international framework on dispute settlement — "an effective mechanism to enforce international settlement agreements."
—Xinhua ■



Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong speaks at the Singapore Convention Signing Ceremony and Conference held in Singapore, 7 August, 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**

Olympics: Games organizers open 2nd-chance lottery for Japan residents

TOKYO — Those who were not among the lucky 960,000 who were allocated tickets to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics in the first domestic lottery in May will get another shot in the second-chance draw which opened early Thursday.

The registration period runs until 11:59 a.m. on Aug. 19, and winners will be announced on Sept. 11, the organizers said. The second-chance lottery is only open to the approximately 4.16 million residents of Japan who were unsuccessful in the initial draw.

Applicants can sign in using the same ID, but those who did not enter the first draw or who won at least one ticket will be automatically disqualified.

About 7.5 million residents of Japan registered online for the official IDs required to make a ticket application and 5.12 million took part in the first-round lottery, but millions were left disappointed when results were announced 20 June. There will be about 680,000 tickets made available for the supplementary lottery, and these include 170 sessions in 20 of the 33 sports such as soccer, baseball, basketball and hockey.

Lottery participants can only apply for one session, with a maximum four tickets for a medal session and up to six tickets for other sessions. The second phase lottery, for those who did not enter the first or second-chance rounds, will be held this fall. People outside of Japan will be able to buy tickets through Authorized Ticket Resellers, the official sales channels appointed by the respective National Olympic Committees.—Kyodo News ■



2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics mascots Miraitowa (l) and Someity. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

Acting Spanish PM still looking for way to form gov't

MADRID — Acting Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez assured on Wednesday that he will continue working to form a viable government despite his defeat in two investiture votes on 23 and 25 July.

Sanchez has now been acting prime minister for 100 days since his Socialist (PSOE) Party won the April 28 general election with 123 of the 350 seats in the Spanish Congress of Deputies.

Talks with the left wing party Unidos Podemos to form a coalition government broke down between mutual recriminations and on Wednesday



Spanish caretaker prime minister Pedro Sánchez in parliament on Thursday. "There were never policy problems stopping an agreement," he said. **PHOTO: AFP**

Sanchez said the lack of trust between the two parties was "reciprocal," although he added he would "not throw in the towel" in his efforts to return to power.

He spoke after meeting King Felipe VI on the island of Mallorca, only days after the King had commented that "a solution" to the political stalemate was preferable to "holding another general election.

In declaration broadcast on Spanish state TV network RTVE, Sanchez again asked for the support of Unidos Podemos and for the right wing parties Ciudadanos and the People's Party (PP) to abstain to allow his investiture.

"The Spanish people don't deserve to have to go back to the polls," he said, adding that the King was "correct" in stating that it was desirable to form a government.—Xinhua ■

Body of stabbed Israel soldier found in West Bank

JERUSALEM — The body of an Israeli soldier was found with multiple stab wounds near a Jewish settlement in the occupied West Bank on Thursday, the army said.

"Today in the early morning hours, a soldier's body was found with stabbing marks on it adjacent to a (Jewish) community north of Hebron," an English-language army statement said.

It did not elaborate on the circumstances but said that troops, police and members of the Shin Bet intelligence agency were searching the area.

The newly drafted 18-year-old soldier was a student at a Yeshiva — or Jewish seminary — in the settlement of Migdal Oz, near where the body was found.

He was in a programme that combined military service with religious study, the seminary head told Israeli public radio.

"The soldier left for Jerusalem during the afternoon to buy a gift for his teachers," rabbi Shlomo Wilk said.



Israeli soldiers stand guard next to the site where the body of an Israeli soldier was found with multiple stab wounds. **PHOTO: AFP**

"He was in contact half an hour before he was murdered. He was on the bus to the yeshiva" Wilk said. "About 100 metres (yards) from the bus stop, before he entered the settlement, he was murdered."—AFP ■

Missing British scientist found dead in Greece: TV

THEN — The body of a missing British scientist has been found in a ravine on the Greek island of Ikaria two days after she disappeared, Greek public television reported on Wednesday.

The cause of death of Nicosia-based astrophysicist Natalie Christopher, who had been on holiday with her partner, was not yet determined, the ERT channel said. Greek police had been searching for the 35-year-old after she reportedly failed to return from a run on Monday.

A Greek police spokeswoman earlier told AFP that police had late Tuesday joined Ikaria port patrols, firefighters and volunteers already looking for the scientist.

According to Greek and Cypriot media, Christopher and her 38-year-old Cypriot partner had arrived on the Aegean island on Saturday and stayed near the port of Agios Kirykos. She left their hotel for a jog on Monday morning but never returned, her partner told media. "The couple talked by phone around 10am and she said she had gone for a run in the neighbourhood," a police spokesman told Cypriot television. The Cyprus Mail website said Christopher's companion notified the police that she had not returned at around 12.40pm, while other press reports said her phone has been traced to the island of Fournoi, about 10 kilometres away, without saying how it might have got there.

Greek media reports also said traces of blood had been found in the couple's hotel room and were being examined.

Christopher, well known in Cyprus as an active sportswoman, was involved in several social media projects, including one - "Cyprus Girls Can" - which aims to break down barriers between Greek and Turkish youngsters on the divided island.

The incident comes three weeks after the murder of US molecular biologist Suzanne Eaton on the Greek island of Crete.

The 59-year-old had been attending a conference near the city of Chania and gone out on July 2 without taking her mobile phone, the police said.—AFP ■

WORLD BRIEFS

Madagascar says remains of UK student who fell from plane now found

ANTANANARIVO – Police in Madagascar on Wednesday said villagers had found the remains of a British student who apparently jumped from a plane after opening the aircraft door in mid-air.

Nineteen-year-old Cambridge University student Alana Cutland, who was on a research trip, fell from a light aircraft shortly after it took off from an airport in remote northwestern Madagascar. Her body was found on Tuesday in the Mahadrodroka forest, police said. "Villagers have finally found Alana Cutland's body after a fortnight of searching," chief investigator Spinola Edvin Nomenjanahary said. Police said she apparently jumped from the plane just a few minutes after it took off from a small airport at Anjajavy on a flight to the capital Antananarivo on 25 July. The pilot and another passenger, named as Ruth Johnson, say they tried in vain to stop her, investigators report. –AFP ■

Two bodies found in Canada, believed to be teen murder suspects: police

MANITOBA – Canadian police said Wednesday they had discovered the bodies of two men believed to be a pair of fugitive teens who had been on the run after allegedly murdering three people last month.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police in the central province of Manitoba said they had found the bodies near the shores of the Nelson River, not far from where they had found items linked to the suspects. Kam McLeod, 19, and Bryer Schmegelsky, 18, were wanted over the murders of an Australian man and his American girlfriend in their 20s, as well as of a Canadian biology professor. "At this time, we believe these are the bodies of the two suspects wanted in connection with the homicides in British Columbia," RCMP spokeswoman Jane MacLatchy said.– AFP

AFF U-18 Next Media Cup 2019: Myanmar beat Philippines 4-1

Myanmar trounced the Philippines by 4-1 in the Group A match of the ASEAN Football Federation's U-18 Next Media Cup 2019 yesterday at the Binh Duong Stadium in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam.

Myanmar lined up with goalkeeper Pyae Phyo Thu, Captain Sithu Moe Khant, Nyan Lin Htet, Yan Kyaw Soe, La Min Htwe, Ye Min Kyaw, Nyi Nyi, Khun Kyaw Zin Hein, Naung Naung Soe, Kaung Khant Kyaw, and Hein Htet Aung.

The win was a team effort, with all the goals scored by Myanmar youth players Kaung Khant Kyaw, La Min Htwe, Moe Swe, and Hein Htet Aung.

Yesterday's match was a tough game for both teams due to wet conditions on the field on account of an earlier spell of rain.

The Myanmar boys played well enough to score goals out of virtually every golden opportunity.



Myanmar's Kaung Khant Kyaw (No 21 jersey) celebrates his goal over the Philippino team during the Group A match of the AFF U-18 Next Media Cup 2019 yesterday at the Binh Duong Stadium in Ho Chi Minh City.
PHOTO: MFF

Team Myanmar earned their first goal at the 9th-minute, with a brilliant score by Kaung Khant Kyaw. Myanmar kept up the attack and made their second goal at 45 minutes, with a neat and tidy score by La Min Htwe.

The first half ended with Myanmar leading by two goals.

In the second half, Myanmar's Moe Swe scored again at 53 minutes as the Philippines felt mounting pressure to get back into the game.

Both teams changed tactics in the second half, with the Philippines speeding up in wing field play and creating some chances, but Myanmar's defensive line was too clever and blocked every ball.

Myanmar made sure that the game was well and beyond the reach of the opposing team, with Hein Htet Aung scoring their fourth goal at 70 minutes.

The Philippines averted a shutout by scoring just before the game ended, with Nicolai San Jose landing the goal.

Upon their victory, Myanmar's head coach Soe Myat Min said that the team is maintaining its target of making it to the semifinals of the championship. "Therefore, winning full points today was very important," he said.

"Under wet and slippery conditions, both teams struggled to gain a firm footing as Myanmar set the early offensive play," he added.

With yesterday's results, Myanmar is now standing in the second place in Group A with the same points, but a goal difference with the first-placed team — Indonesia.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

MFF Youth leads U-21 Myanmar National League

THE youth team of the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF Youth FC) is taking the first position of the standing table of the U-21 competition of Myanmar National League 2019 after completion of the Week-21 of the tourney.

The MFF Youth team has already played 20 matches and they had won 16 matches, drawn two matches and lost two matches, garnering 50 points in total.

Also, after playing 19 matches, Shan United U-21 team is also following the MFF Youth team with earning 42 points in total with twelve wins, six draws and one loss.

Meanwhile, Yangon United is standing in the third position with eleven wins, three draws and six losses.

Furthermore, Southern Myanmar FC is sitting in the fourth after nineteen matches played with nine wins, six draws and four losses of getting 33 points in total. In the meantime, Zwekapin United FC stands in the fifth place after 19 matches played and they have won eight matches, drawn six matches with five losses respectively.

There are 13 teams competing for the U-21 national league and Rakhine United FC is sitting in the bottom most place with two wins no draw and 17 lost earning six points.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Lukaku in Milan ahead of probable Inter move

ROME — Manchester United's Belgian forward Romelu Lukaku arrived in Milan early Thursday to undergo medical tests ahead of his likely transfer to Inter, Italian media reported.

"Lukaku is ours" chanted Inter Milan ecstatic fans who turned out at the airport to welcome him on his arrival during the night. The 26-year-old has not played a single minute of United's pre-season campaign as talk of a transfer to the Serie A intensified, with Inter Milan the hot favourites.

Italian newspapers have said the fee could be 65 million euros ($73 million), plus bonuses of around 10 to 13 million euros.

Sports newspaper Gazzetta Dello Sport said Lukaku travelled to Milan with his agent and friend Federico Pastorello and was to undergo stringent medical tests on Thursday.

Inter coach Antonio Conte said on Sunday he was "very hopeful" of finalising a deal to bring the former Everton star to the San Siro. "Lukaku is a good player, a striker who I had tried to buy when I was coach at Chelsea" from 2016 to 2018, Conte said.

According to Gazzetta Dello Sport, Manchester United initially refused a deal and frenzied contacts between the two sides have taken place in recent days.

The player was in Brussels on Monday and Tuesday training with his boyhood club Anderlecht. Local papers showed pictures of him in the Belgian club's colours.

Inter have been in the market for a centre forward since the start of the transfer window.

But the club has been competing for his services with fellow Serie A side Juventus, who Italian media said had offered Manchester United an exchange with Paulo Dybala.—AFP ■

Liverpool bank on stability over signings to end title wait

LIVERPOOL — Missing out on the Premier League title despite a record-breaking campaign was eased by winning a sixth European Cup for Liverpool last season, but ending a 30-year wait to be crowned English champions is now more important than ever on Merseyside.

Jurgen Klopp's men are expected to strike first blood in the title race when they kick off the Premier League season against newly-promoted Norwich under the Friday night lights of Anfield.

However, unlike most of their competitors who have delved into the arms race for talent in another transfer window where Premier League clubs have spent over £1 billion ($1.2 billion), the European champions have been conspicuously quiet in the transfer market.

Teenage talents Sepp van den Berg and Harvey Elliott have been snapped up with an eye to the future, while Spanish goalkeeper Adrian will replace Simon Mignolet as back-up to Alisson Becker in three low-key arrivals. Klopp, though, believes the foundations are already in place for another tilt at the title after spending over £230 million in the past two years on the likes of Alisson, Virgil van Dijk and Mohamed Salah.

"You should never do transfers because other clubs are doing transfers," Klopp told Sky Sports. "That makes no sense, it's not about that. And if you sit back for a second and have a look at the squad, do we need more players?"

On the evidence of last season, there is precious little for Liverpool to improve on.

Man City set the bar

A Premier League points tally of 97 would have won the title in any season bar the last two as Manchester City have set a new bar under Pep Guardiola.

City have further strengthened the squad that won a first ever domestic treble of trophies in England last season with the club record signing of Spanish midfielder Rodri and will be the benchmark for Liverpool to beat.—AFP ■