STEP UP EFFORTS TO FIGHT ILLEGAL BORDER TRADE PAGE-8 (OPINION)

NATIONAL
Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation visits World Multicultural Museum Park near Moscow
PAGE-3

NATIONAL
Health ministry signs MoU with Singapore foundations for training programmes
PAGE-11

THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Vol. VI, No. 125, 5th Waning of Wagaung 1381 ME | www.globalnewlightofmyanmar.com | Tuesday, 20 August 2019

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw records National Education Policy Commission Report

Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 13th regular session is being convened in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: HTIKE HTIKE**

THE 13th-day meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 13th regular session was held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning where Hluttaw put on record the six month report of National Education Policy Commission, discussed Joint Public Accounts Committee report 11/2019 and 12/2019.

National Education Policy Commission's six-month report

First National Education Policy Commission and Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi responded to discussions made by Hluttaw representatives on the National Education Policy Commission six month (10 October 2018 to 9 April 2019) report.

During a discussion between MPs on the National Education Policy Commission's report, Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi provided details on the ministry's efforts in the basic education sector, including the upgrade of schools, private schools, appointment of teachers, curriculum development for KG +12, fixing the imbalanced teacher-student ratio, teaching of ethnic literature, and running of vocational training schools.

He also explained the rules and regulations for the appointment and transfer of teachers, and measures being taken by the ministry.

SEE PAGE-2

Gote Twin Bridge likely to open today

A TEMPORARY Bailey bridge to replace the Gote Twin Bridge, which was blown up by armed groups on 15 August, is expected to be commissioned into service today.

Construction work on the temporary bridge was completed yesterday evening. Officials completed installing the steel frames for the bridge yesterday, and aim to finish paving the Bailey bridge's road and open it to the public today.

After a load test, trucks and vans weighing less than 36 tons will be allowed on the bridge from 20 August, according to the Ministry of Construction.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Linn inspected the construction of the triple truss, single story, two-laned, 210-feet Bailey bridge on 18 August.

The Ministry of Construction and Shan State government decided to construct the Bailey bridge after the Gote Twin Bridge was damaged in a recent explosion.

Twenty-eight engineers from the Department of Bridges and 105 skilled workers from Bridge Construction Special Teams 2, 4, 6, 9, and 12, and Construction Team 3 worked nonstop to finish the major bridge on the Mandalay-Muse-Lashio Road which is the main trade route to China.

SEE PAGE-10

INSIDE TODAY

NATIONAL
Education ministry launches digital literacy project
PAGE-2

NATIONAL
Joint Committee on amending 2008 Constitution holds meeting 27/2019
PAGE-4

NATIONAL
Workshop on various human rights affairs held in Nay Pyi Taw
PAGE-5

PYIDAUNGSU HLUTTAW

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw records National Education Policy Commission's Report

FROM PAGE-1

Next Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw putting on record the National Education Policy Commission's Six-month report, discussion of the Hluttaw representatives, explanation of National Education Policy Commission and the Union Minister for Education.

Discussion on Joint Public Accounts Committee report 11/2019

Afterwards, 10 MPs including U Bo Gyi of Chauk constituency and U Hla San of Magway Region constituency 1, discussed Joint Public Accounts Committee report 11/2019 about the committee's findings and comments on Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Union Budget Law.

In his discussion, MP U Bo Gyi proposed taking action against those who are found weak in implementing projects, or promoting cooperation between the Planning and Finance Ministry and other ministries to make sure budget allocations do not remain unutilized.

Following the discussion Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced that remaining programs regarding the findings and comments report 11/2019 will be conducted in the subsequent Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting.

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

MP U Bo Gyi. **PHOTO: MNA**

MP U Tun Tun. **PHOTO: MNA**

MP U Ohn Khin of Pulaw constituency. **PHOTO: MNA**

MP Daw Cho Cho Win. **PHOTO: MNA**

MP Daw Khin San Hlaing. **PHOTO: MNA**

Discussion on Joint Public Accounts Committee report 12/2019

Later, seven MPs discussed tax income list of Union Ministries and organizations during first six month of fiscal year 2018-2019 sent by the Union Government and the Joint Public Accounts Committee report 12/2019 about the committee's findings on it.

U Ohn Khin of Pulaw constituency said relevant authorities should help speed up the emergence of new businesses in order to garner new tax revenue.

He said they must also unite on exposing those who evade tax by either hiding their businesses or using unfair measures to reduce their tax rates.

He said there are many dutiful citizens ready to pay their taxes and urged authorities to ensure good businesses can pay their taxes. — Mawsi, Hmwe Kyu Zin

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Education ministry launches digital literacy project

UNION MINISTER for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi presided over a ceremony to launch a project on digital literacy for the online safety and resilience.

The ministry jointly initiated the project together with the Telenor Myanmar and the Plan International Myanmar at Mingalar Thiri Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The project will be implemented by the Department of Basic Education, with a view on future socio-economic development of the country through education sector.

The Union Minister said that while many students and people have widely used internet and social media, and that the trend is calling for teaching internet literacy at the basic education schools to help Myanmar students keep abreast with their international counterparts in various sectors.

Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi addresses the ceremony to launch a project on digital literacy for the online safety and resilience in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

He also affirmed that the ministry will assist in implementation of this project.

Ms Lisc Nordgaard, Minister Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission from Norwegian Embassy in Myanmar, made a speech.

The Union Minister, the Minister Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission and the officials inaugurated the project.

Telelor Group's Senior Vice President Sustainability Ms Elisabeth Biering, Chief Business Officer Daw Yin Yin Htay, National Director of Plan International (Norway) Ms Kari Helene Partapuoli and its Country Director Mr Kelland Stevenson made greeting speeches.

A panel discussion was also held on the title of 'Co-operation in Digital Myanmar and Building Foundation for Clever Use of Digital Literacy' with the participants from the Plan International, the Department of Basic Education, the Telenor Myanmar, the Telenor Youth Forum, the Myanmar ICT for Development Organization and the KMD Computer.

The project is a part of safety school project, and aimed for safety in collecting information and for reduction of disparity to benefit online users. —MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation visits World Multicultural Museum Park near Moscow

COMMANDER in Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation visited the World Multicultural Museum Park in Kaluga Oblast, west of Moscow, on 18th August afternoon.

At the museum park, the Senior General looked into the construction of Shwezigon replica pagoda that was organized by Sittagu Sayadaw before they looked around the pagoda compound.

The Senior General and party also viewed the exhibitions of Southeast Asia, Russia and the European countries where the statues of Tipitakadhara Dhamma Banda Garika Bhadanta Viccita Sara Bhivamsa, other religious leaders, scientists, philosophers and other renowned persons are displayed. In the evening, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing cordially met with officers from Myanmar Military Attaché Office, their families and trainees in Russian Federation, enjoyed dinner and presented gifts to them, according to the report from the Office of Commander in Chief of Defence Services.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views the construction of Shwezigon replica pagoda in compound of World Multicultural Museum Park in Moscow. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

ASEAN Food Festival 2019 continues into its third day

THE ASEAN Food Festival 2019 continued into its third day after it started on 17th August.

The event takes place at Mandalay Convention Center on Thaikpan Road in Mandalay city, and it is jointly organized by the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Mandalay Regional Government, Myanmar Restaurant Association and Myanmar Hotelier Association.

Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Ohn Maung and officials visited the festival yesterday.

The festival is aimed to introduce Myanmar people and tourists with the arrays of food items from ASEAN member countries and its partner countries of Japan, China, Republic of Korea and India under the plan to promote 'Food Tourism' in Myanmar.

The event also showcases the booths of Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, ASEAN countries, Japan, China, Republic of Korea and India, regions and states Restaurant Associations and Myanmar Hotelier Association.

The booths of traditional foods, products and souvenirs have also attracted the visitors.

A total of 14 countries from ASEAN and partner countries take part with over 130 booths in this festival that includes a special demonstration of having meals by 'daunglan', a circular tray made with lacquered bamboo, production of beverages and traditional dances of ethnic people.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Union Minister U Ohn Maung observes the exhibition at the ASEAN Food Festival 2019 in Mandalay yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Director-General of International Organizations and Economic Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs receives Deputy Representative of UNHCR

U Chan Aye, Director-General of the International Organizations and Economic Department, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar received Ms Cecile Fradot, Deputy Representative of UNHCR in Myanmar at 2 pm on 19 August 2019 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw. During the meeting, the Director-General explained the position of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the UNHCR's request to access the resettlement sites of 3,450 verified displaced persons who will be expected to repatriate to Myanmar on 22 August 2019 in accordance with the bilateral agreements between Myanmar and Bangladesh, and areas of cooperation between Myanmar and UNHCR.

The Director-General informed the UNHCR's Deputy Representative that the repatriation of 3,450 verified displaced persons will be conducted in accordance with the bilateral agreements between Myanmar and Bangladesh and the MoU signed between Myanmar and UNDP/UNHCR. The UNHCR could propose related assistance to provide for the resettlement of the returnees on their return to Myanmar. Myanmar will also inform the UNHCR should it have any need for assistance in its efforts to resettlement. The Government of Myanmar has provided relevant information of the resettlement and sites to the Bangladesh Government, in accordance with the bilateral agreements. If Bangladesh needs any further information, Myanmar stands ready to cooperate with Bangladesh constructively. Recently, a delegation of Myanmar led by the Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, together with the members of an Association of Southeast Asian Nations' (ASEAN) emergency response team, visited displaced persons' camps in Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar to explain the way forward for their repatriation. The Director–General also reiterated that Myanmar would continue to cooperate with UNHCR in accordance with the MoU signed between Myanmar and the UNDP/UNHCR and the UNHCR can render its assistance for the returnees at the Hla Phoe Khaung transit center in Maungtaw Township, the Rakhine State and at subsequent resettlement sites.

According to the bilateral agreement between Myanmar and Bangladesh, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Government of Myanmar and UNDP/UNHCR on 6 June 2018 to provide the Government of Myanmar with the necessary assistance in repatriation process in consultation with the Government. The MoU was extended for the next 12 months with exchange of letters between the Government, the UNDP and the UNHCR on 28 May 2019.

In line with the provisions of the MoU, the Government of Myanmar has allowed UNDP and UNHCR to conduct independent field assessments in over 80 villages as of 13 July 2019 and to implement 34 Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) as of 5 September 2019 in order to benefit all communities and the potential returnees. It is learnt that the Government will grant UNDP and UNHCR necessary authorization for the remaining QIPs and assessments as and when security situation of Rakhine State allows. —MNA

Joint Committee on amending 2008 Constitution holds meeting 27/2019

MEETING 27/2019 of the Joint Committee on amending the 2008 Constitution was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the Joint Committee Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Aung @ U Tun Tun Hein, Deputy Chairman of the Joint Committee Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung, Joint Committee secretary Dr Myat Nyana Soe, joint secretary U Htay Win Aung (a) U Pyone Cho and members who were Hluttaw representatives from political parties and Tatmadaw Hluttaw representative and officials from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

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

Union LIP Minister meets ILO delegation

U THEIN SWE, Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population, received an ILO delegation led by its liaison officer Mr Donglin Li in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, both sides openly discussed child workers, eradicating forced labour, workers' rights, progress on the labour law, gathering the opinion of other relevant ministries to consider signing convention 138 of ILO, conducting legal workshops and awareness campaigns to eradicate forced labour, future tasks in the High Level Working Group, and continued close cooperation with ILO. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Union Minister U Thein Swe holds a meeting with ILO delegation led by its liaison officer Mr Donglin Li in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

The four objectives (of the 2019's Anti-trafficking in Persons Day):

1. To mobilize the participation of all citizens in combating human trafficking as a national duty;
2. To have the public instilled with awareness about and knowledge of trafficking in persons;
3. To protect and care trafficked victims with empathy; and
4. To strengthen cooperation and coordination among all counter trafficking stakeholders – government agencies, civil society organizations, UN agencies, international organizations and general public.

circulation@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
သတင်းစာဖာယူတော်ရုလိုပါတ ဆက်သွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။
Circulation order is in easier way.
HOTLINE
09-974424114

Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye gives condolence money for Nawnghkio, Gote Twin incidents

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye, together with his Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, met with the members of Natural Disaster Management Committee at the office of Shan State's Deputy Head Office of General Administration Department in Lashio yesterday morning.

The Union Minister explained the plans to comfort and provide humanitarian assistance to the locals who fled from the local armed conflicts, and sought the ideas to supply their needs.

The attendees then elaborated the tasks undertaken on the consequences of conflicts broke out from 15 to 18 August and the works of district disaster management committee. They also requested for the readiness of more rescue items, construction of multi-purpose resistant buildings and the formation of a specific disaster management committee for the northern Shan State. The Union Minster and officials attended to the discussions.

Dr Win Myat Aye and party visited Mansu Shan Buddhist Monastery and donated offertories to the leading monk of monastery before receiving advice from Sayadaw Dr Bhandata Punnya Nanda and comforting the IDPs at the monastery.

The Union Minister and party then provided the local displaced people with 65 rice bags, 268 boxes of canned fish, 67 viss of cooking oil, nutritious snacks and toys for the children and 322 blankets for 322 orphans.

The Union Minister also joined the distribution of foodstuff for the IDPs donated by local well-wishers, civil societies and the Kanbawza Foundation.

Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye and party then visited Lashio People's Hospital and comforted the injured persons in the armed conflicts.

The Union Minister and party later proceeded to the drug rehab center in Lashio and met with the trainees who have successfully given up narcotic drugs to encourage them.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister and party held talks with the members of Youth Affairs Committee for the northern Shan State about education, the risks of narcotic drugs, healthcare services, job opportunities, business sector, establishment of youth center, separate funds for the eastern, southern and northern areas of Shan State and the assistance of government ministries in dealing with the state departments.

Dr Win Myat Aye and party also presented condolence money at the Shweli Hall of Northeastern Command for 14 victims of Tatmadaw personnel, Myanmar Police Force and civilians who died in Nawnghkio and Gote Twin incidents. The total amount of K 7 million (K0.5 million each for 14 victims) was handed over to the officials concerned.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye presents blankets to children at the Mansu Monastery in Lashio yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Committees meet for organizing International Democracy Day 2019

THE leading committee and the working committees held a meeting yesterday afternoon for preparedness measures on organizing the International Democracy Day 2019 which will fall on 15 September.

The Coordination Meeting (2/2019) was held at the Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw, chaired by Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Tun Aung (a) U Tun Tun Hein. It was also attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung, who is also vice chairman of the committee, committee members and the departmental officials.

The Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw discussed preparations for the event, including security measures.

The Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker also suggested the collaboration among the working committees.

The chairmen and secretaries of the working committees presented their ongoing works for the event before the Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw made a conclusion remark.—MNA ■

(Translation by Aung Khin)

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein addresses the committee meeting for organizing International Democracy Day 2019 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Thai Lower House Dy Speaker arrives on goodwill visit

First Deputy Speaker of Thailand's House of Representatives Mr Suchart Tonjaroen welcomed by officials at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

A DELEGATION led by the First Deputy Speaker of Thailand's House of Representatives, Mr Suchart Tonjaroen, landed in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening. They arrived on a goodwill visit upon the invitation of U Tun Tun Hein, the Deputy Speaker of the Pyidaungsu and Pyithu Hluttaws.

They were greeted at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by the Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Zaw Thein and officials from the Pyithu Hluttaw office. — MNA *(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)* ■

Workshop on various human rights affairs held in Nay Pyi Taw

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Centre for Civil and Political Rights (CCPR) from Geneva jointly organized the 'Workshop on the reporting under ICESCR and the national system for protection and promotion of human rights' at Hilton Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The workshop was attended by Hluttaw representatives from the Pyithu and Amyotha Hluttaws and officials and experts from the Union Supreme Court, Union Election Commission, Union Ministries, Union Attorney-General's Office, Anti-Corruption Commission, Myanmar National Human Rights Commission and NGOs.

Myanmar is a party to international human rights treaties and the workshop aims to educate participants on procedures for reporting to the international covenant on economic, social and cultural rights, and grasp a better understanding on the national system for protection and promotion of human rights.

The workshop continues today. — MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

A workshop on the reporting under ICESCR and the national system for protection and promotion of human rights held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun delivers the opening speech at the ceremony of the media and information literacy course in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

MoI kicks off third media and information literacy course

The Ministry of Information conducted the third media and information literacy course for the officials of Information and Public Relations Department yesterday morning.

The opening ceremony of the course was held at the training school of IPRD headquarters in Nay Pyi Taw. Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun officiated at the event, with the remarks on the increasing trend of online and social media platforms in searching information.

He also said the data has shown that there are over 20 million social media users and 60 million mobile sim card users in the country with more than 51 million of population.

The deputy minister also concluded the trend of mainstream media seems to decline as the popularity of social media is increasing. He added that although many people are using social media, all the news stories on these platforms are not trustworthy in the view of common sense as rumours, false news, fake news, fabricated news with bad intention and hate speech have gone viral on social media.

He also remarked the information literacy can scrutinize and analyze sorts of information, their sources and related media groups on their reliability. He finally concluded that all the social media users need to learn media and information literacy, and the trainees were urged to disseminate the knowledge gained from this course which will be conducted from 19 to 24 August for 37 officers of district IPRD offices.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR
www.globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

ACTING CHIEF EDITOR
Aye Min Soe
dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

SENIOR EDITORIAL CONSULTANT
Kyaw Myaing

SENIOR TRANSLATORS
Zaw Min
Zaw Htet Oo
Win Ko Ko Aung

INTERNATIONAL NEWS EDITOR
Ye Htut Tin,
editor1@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

LOCAL NEWS EDITORS
Tun Tun Naing (Editor),
intlnews@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
Nwe Nwe Tun (Sub-editor),
nwenwe9131@gmail.com

TRANSLATORS
Hay Mar Tin Win,
Ei Myat Mon
Kyaw Zin Lin
Kyaw Zin Tun

REPORTER
Nyein Nyein Ei,
reporter1@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
Aye Yamon Oo

PHOTOGRAPHER
Kyaw Zeya Win @ Phoe Khwar

COMPUTER TEAM
Thein Ngwe,
Zaw Zaw Aung, Ye Naing Soe,
Hnin Pwint, Kay Khaing Win,
Sanda Hnin, Thein Htwe

EDITORIAL SECTION
(+95) (01)8604529,
Fax – (+95) (01) 8604305

CIRCULATION & DISTRIBUTION
San Lwin, (+95) (01) 8604532,
Hotline - 09 974424114

ADVERTISING & MARKETING
(+95) (01) 8604530,
Hotline - 09 974424848
marketing@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
subscription@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

Printed and published at the **Global New Light of Myanmar Printing Factory** at No.150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, by the **Global New Light of Myanmar Daily** under Printing Permit No. 00510 and Publishing Permit No. 00629.

gnlmdaily@gmail.com
www.globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
www.facebook.com/TheGNLM

THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR
www.globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

Write for us

We appreciate your feedback and contributions. If you have any comments or would like to submit editorials, analyses or reports please email **ce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com** with your name and title.

Due to limitation of space we are only able to publish **"Letter to the Editor"** that do not exceed 500 words. Should you submit a text longer than 500 words please be aware that your letter will be edited.

Yangon-Bagan train service back to normal after repairs

A locomotive seen at Yangon Central Railway Station. **PHOTO: KHINE SET WAI**

THE train service between Yangon and Bagan returned to normal on Sunday after eight days of repairs on the BR-135 bridge, located between Bagan and Taungzin railway stations, according to the Myanma Railways (upper Myanmar).

Transport services on the 120-feet-long BR-135 bridge were halted in the afternoon of 10 August, after two (PR-3 and 4) of its five pillars were damaged by rainfall-related erosion. On account of the damage to the bridge, a Yangon-Bagan train was terminated at the Kyaukpadaung station that day.

After eight days of repairs on the bridge, the Nay Pyi Taw-Pakkokku trains resumed normal trips.

"The train service to Bagan was suspended and the train was terminated at the Kyaukpadaung station after damage was detected on the bridge. Now, the train will run the normal trip after the fixing of the Bailey bridge," said U Myo Win, the General Manager of Myanma Railways.

Meanwhile, the Mandalay-Bagan train service was forced to a halt due to soil erosion between Palin and Bagan along the Mandalay-Bagan railway on 10 August, and services were resumed from 3 pm on 11 August.

"The Bagan station was submerged and the roads were destroyed due to heavy rain. Work to mend and repair the road started after the report at 5:30 pm," said U Nyi Nyi Lwin, the Manager of the Division 3 of MR.

The Myanma Railways refunded 67 passengers for the cancellation of the Yangon-Bagan train service. It also arranged three buses to take them from Bagan to Kyaukpadaung as trains from Yangon station did not finish their trip to Bagan and terminated at the Kyakpadaung station.

—Khine Set Wai

(Translated by La Wonn)

Bears in Shwetaung Oo to be freed in Htamanthi Wildlife Reserve

PHOTO: MYO WIN TUN (MONYWA)

THE Shwetaung Oo Board of trustee is planning to hand over bears to the Forest Department so they can be released into the Htamanthi Wildlife Reserve, according to U Than Soe, the Director of the Sagaing Region Forest Department.

"We have not received an official request for the release of the Shwetaung Oo bears yet. Normally, we work with the Wildlife Conserve Sanctuary for the release of wild animals into the Htamanthi Wildlife Reserve. But, it is not easy to release bears into the wildlife reserve, and they are set free in the sanctuary only after they are trained to find food and protect themselves," he said.

"When old captive bears, that have become reliant on humans for food, are released into the sanctuary, they find it difficult to find food. Therefore, we are only training young bears and setting them free in the wildlife sanctuary. We will seek more information about the plans for the release of Shwetaung Oo bears," he said.

"We are creating lakes for conserving wild animals at the bat cave conservation area, under the supervision of the Sagaing Region Government. Moreover, there are plans to showcase bears in enclosures to draw visitors," he added.

—Myo Win Tun (Monywa)

(Translated by La Wonn)

Study tour for CBT pilot project under way in Yangon

By Aye Yamone

A study tour is being conducted in some townships of Yangon Region to explore their potential for community-based tourism (CBT), according to U Naing Win, the director of the Yangon Region Directorate of Hotels and Tourism.

The study tour is under way in some villages in Kawhmu, Hlegu, and Taikkyi townships, under the guidance of the Yangon Region Chief Minister, who is also the chair of the regional tourism committee.

"We are currently looking for potential places. We are exploring potential destinations on the basis of culture, handicraft business, and other attractions. The Yangon Region government is also assisting in technical work. Cooperation from local residents plays a major role in creating CBT sites. We are just doing a study tour, and it cannot be considered a feasibility study yet," said U Naing Win.

"Hlegu and Taikkyi have the potential for CBT as well as eco-tourism. However, there are drinking water lakes in those townships. We will decide to continue with our plan for these sites only after discussions with the Forest Department, municipal officials, and experts concerned," he said.

"Yangon's main attractions are its pagodas. Additionally, the concerned departments will also assist in the upgrade of the Hlawga National Park in Shwepyitha Township and the National Races Village in Thakayta Township in order to attract more visitors," U Naing Win added.

"Myanmar is rich in tourism sites which can be developed for CBT. There is one CBT site in Twantay Township. If we can create CBT sites in Hlegu, Taikkyi, and Hmawbi townships, Yangon Region will become a sought-after destination among tourists," said U Phyo Zaw Wai, the vice chair of the Union of Myanmar Travel Association.

The CBT site at Kyaikthale Village in Twantay Township of Yangon Region was set up in February, 2017.

Eco-tourism, cultural tourism, and community-based tourism sites are being implemented in Yangon, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Mandalay, Ayeyawady, Bago, and Magway regions and Kachin, Mon, Shan, and Chin states.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Border rice exports continue to plunge

Workers loading the truck with rice sacks at Botahtaung jetty in Yangon. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

MYANMAR'S RICE shipments through the border trade channel have shown a drastic decline in the current fiscal year, accounting for just over 29 per cent of the total rice exports, according to figures released by the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

Myanmar primarily exports rice to China through the border gates. However, trade in agricultural products has been halted on account of China clamping down on illegal trade in border gates.

At present, rice is being exported to China through government-to-government (G2G) agreements and under a barter system, in exchange for Chinese goods.

Earlier, border trade of rice was relatively high compared to maritime trade. However, in the current financial year, border trade has accounted for only 29.89 per cent of the total rice exports, while 70.11 per cent of rice has been shipped via maritime trade.

Between 1 October, 2018 and 2 August, 2019, rice exports through the border gates earned an estimated US$177.29 million, whereas sea trade generated an income of $420 million, as per data from the Commerce Ministry.

The total volume of rice and broken rice exports, as of 2 August, was estimated at 1.97 million metric tons, worth over $597.6 million, according to an announcement issued by the MRF.

China, which accounts for 33 per cent of the total rice exports, is the main buyer of Myanmar rice, followed by the Philippines and Côte d'Ivoire. Meanwhile, Cameroon is the fourth-largest and Madagascar the fifth-largest buyer of Myanmar rice. The European Union countries account for over 20.88 per cent of the export, while 25.4 per cent of Myanmar's rice is shipped to African countries.

Myanmar's broken rice is mostly exported to Belgium, followed by Indonesia, China, the Netherlands, and the UK. It is sent to 36 foreign markets.

Myanmar shipped 3.6 million tons of rice to foreign countries in the 2017-2018 financial year, which is its highest record in rice exports. —GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon))

Manufacturing exports up $1.48 bln in current financial year

EXPORTS of finished industrial goods touched a high of US$8.36 billion between 1 October and 9 August in the current financial year, registering an increase of $1.48 billion compared with the corresponding period of the previous fiscal, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

As per figures provided by the Ministry, the exports of finished industrial goods totalled $6.87 billion during the same period in the 2017-2018FY.

Myanmar's manufacturing sector is largely concentrated in garment and textiles produced on the Cutting, Making, and Packaging basis, and it contributes to the country's GDP to a certain extent.

The CMP industry has emerged as a very promising one in the export sector. The value of CMP exports was just $850 million in the 2015-2016 fiscal year, but it tripled within two years to reach $2.5 billion in the 2017-2018FY, as per figures provided during the Myanmar Global Investment Forum 2018, held on 12 September.

In the last mini-budget (April-September, 2018), exports of clothes made under the CMP system were valued at $2.27 billion.

Japan is the largest market for Myanmar apparel, followed by the European Union.

There are currently over 400 garment factories in Myanmar, which employ more than 300,000 workers. Investors prefer to invest in cheap-labour countries like Myanmar.

In the current FY, the manufacturing sector has ranked second in terms of FDI inflows, after the transport and communications sector. — GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Myanmar's bilateral trade with Germany exceeds $550 mln in Oct-June

TRADE value between Myanmar and Germany between 1 October, 2018 and end-June 2019 of current fiscal year reached US$551.74 million, according to data of the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar's export to Germany in first nine months of the current FY surpassed its import, with $407 million worth of export and $144 million valued import, according to the statistics released by the Ministry of Commerce.

Beyond regional trade regime, Myanmar has established trade links with EU members. Germany is the biggest trade partner in European Union, followed by the UK and France.

The main export items are rice, pulses, tea leaf, coffee, garments on Cut-Make-Pack basis and fisheries. Meanwhile, machinery, data-processing equipment, electrical and optical goods, chemical products, motor vehicles and parts and pharmaceutical products, cosmetic, food and beverages and consumer goods are imported into Myanmar.

Myanmar reinstated EU's Generalized Scheme of Preference starting from 19 July 2013. Myanmar can enjoy GSP for export of fisheries, rice, pulses, agro products, bamboo and rattan finished products, forestry products, apparels and finished industrial goods. Nevertheless, EU imposed three-year tariff on indica rice (long-grain rice) imported from Myanmar and Cambodia starting from 18 January.

Trade value with Germany was registered at $373 million in the past mini-budget period (April-September 2018), $584 million in 2017-2018 FY, $342 million in 2016-2017 FY and $153 million in FY 2015-16 respectively.

EU member countries put investments in petroleum and natural gas enterprises, manufacturing, transportation, hotels and tourism and livestock businesses.—GNLM ■

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

20 AUGUST 2019
THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Step up efforts to fight illegal border trade

ILLEGAL trade poses a threat to the economic growth of countries across the world, including Myanmar.

Illegal or illicit trade is the main obstacle to Myanmar's economic development. As long as illicit trade remains strong, legal businesses will continue to suffer.

Myanmar was listed near the bottom of the 2018 Global Illicit Trade Environment Index produced by The Economist Intelligence Unit. The index evaluates countries on their structural capability to protect against illicit trade, highlighting their specific strengths and weaknesses across 25 policy, legal, regulatory, economic, trade, institutional, and cultural indicators. The 2018 index evaluated 84 countries on the extent they enable or prevent illicit trade. Myanmar ranks 82nd, with an overall score of 23, out of 100, above Iraq and Libya.

> The situation demands that we work more closely with our neighbouring trade partners to resolve immediate cross-border illicit trade issues, while raising people's knowledge and awareness of the dangers of illegal trade.

Myanmar's annual trade totalled US$29.209 billion in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, $33.537 billion in the 2017-2018 fiscal year, and $26.223 billion in the 2018-2019 fiscal year (October to June).

The annual figures show that maritime trade rose, while border trade declined. The fall in border trade was found to be connected to an increase in illegal trade.

A look at the border trade figures of Myanmar and Thailand in June, 2019 reveals a gap of more than $150 million, which indicates the magnitude of illegal border trade. Furthermore, illegal timber exports are affecting the economy as well as damaging the environment. Fake products, especially medicines and liquor, are hurting the economy as well as endangering consumers.

Besides, illegal imports through the border are threatening the existence of small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

To overcome the challenges in fighting illegal trade, illegal trade control and prevention groups have been formed in the regions and states sharing a border with neighbouring countries.

The authorities in the concerned regions are urged to step up efforts for stamping out illegal trade as it hinders economic growth.

For this, the cooperation of the people and neighbouring countries is very important.

The situation demands that we work more closely with our neighbouring trade partners to resolve immediate cross-border illicit trade issues, while raising people's knowledge and awareness of the dangers of illegal trade.

Besides, strengthening the enforcement of intellectual property rights to stop counterfeiting, including measures such as increasing criminal penalties and the effectiveness of customs procedures, must also be made a priority for preventing illegal trade.

Abiding by Myanmar Companies Law through MyCO registration

By Maung Digar

WITH a view to facilitating the economic development of Myanmar economy in conjunction with the growth of the private sector expansion, the Myanmar Companies Law was enacted in line with the international norm and standard.

In the backdrop of perfect setting and situation embedded in the Myanmar Companies Law being combined with the stylish and smart new electronic registration system of MyCO (Myanmar Companies Online), which brings prompt and accuracy, has earned good reputation in easing business inside the country as well as abroad. The new system with electronic registration platform reduces red tape, saves time and cuts expenditures in a remarkable way.

Myanmar Companies Law

Company incorporation is carried out by Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) in accordance with the provisions of Myanmar Companies Law (2017) and investment proposal applications are subjected to Myanmar Investment Commission.

DICA has the responsibility of shouldering the task as registrar and also act as legal and juridical person. Moreover, the DICA has to oversee the irregularities of the companies and act as regulator.

The registrar will establish and maintain the electronic registry platform. Any registry transaction will be carried out using the electronic registry system.

Taking under its charge, the DICA is to entrust the MyCO for maintaining and up keeping of all the detailed information and statistics being provided by the companies.

Relevant information starting from the first registration of the company and all the subsequent updates of the company are to be informed to DICA.

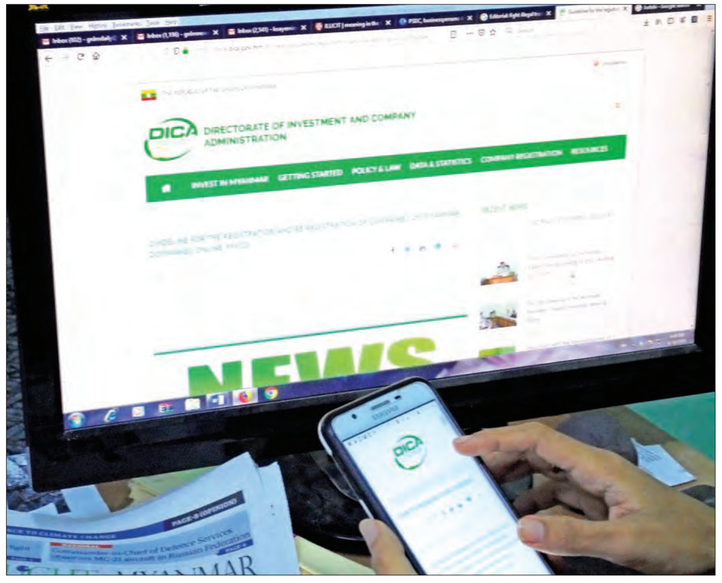
An application for the re-registration of an existing company must include: (i) the full name, date of birth, gender, nationality and address of every director and secretary of the company, (ii) the address of the registered office and (iii) the address of the principal place of business of the company.

In the case of an existing company, the application must include the full name and address of every member of the company, and the number and class of shares issued to each member; whether the company has an ultimate holding company, and whether the company will, on re-registration, be it a foreign company or domestic company.

All the companies are required to use the forms being prescribed by MyCO in filling up the relevant data and information of the company. It means to enable necessary check in the digital registration system when needed. Prescribe fees is to be levied for such services on the nature of subject. In the case of delay for timely submission of data and information, then the company is liable for late fees.

Evidently, it is quite clear that the digital registration system had been crafted and created systematically with the relevant forms within the framework of the stipulations outlined in the Myanmar Companies law with the intent to function properly and effectively.

For many years, the reforms over the smooth registration have been long awaited in great expectation to be realized as the previous system was very much messy and bonded with red tapes for doing business.



MyCO (Myanmar Companies Online), which has made the registration process swift and accurate, has received good reviews in terms of easing business inside the country as well as outside.
PHOTO: GNLM

Responsibility of the registrar

At this juncture, a question may arise on the responsibility of person over the authenticity and accuracy of the information and data of the company, and the legitimacy and legality of the figures being provided.

As some of the persons from the companies are not familiar with the scope and span of the digital registration platform of MyCO system, which is being formed with international norms, there exists incorrect interpretation and misunderstanding. Therefore, clarification of the responsibility of the registrar is needed to be unveiled.

Taking on the shoulder, the Director-General of DICA acts as the registrar holding the task for the legal registration of the companies and upkeep the data and information of the companies in the MyCO standardized digital computer system with safe and protected mode.

Working standard and procedure are in line with the international norm in accepting the data being provided by the company.

The relevant meeting minutes, the share holder certificates, the official documents, the evident papers, the necessary register books must be maintained in proper and legitimate manner in the hands of the company.

With regards to the legality of the information and data, the person that have signed and submitted the relevant entries must stand as witness over the facts mentioned.

In other words, it means that the company and the person who submitted the information and data to MyCO have to take the responsibility of its accuracy, legitimacy and comprehensiveness.

For example, if the submitted information is erratic such as that of missing name of a director; that of unclear and undecided responsibility of the secretary; that of uncertain shareholders list; that of bogus share amount; that of the willful breach of the company constitution might result with the dissatisfaction among the concerned persons. In such circumstances, legal prosecution could occur from the discontent person from the said company or other companies.

Responsibility in the context of law

The responsibilities of the directors include that of making decisions over the matters of the company and its implementation; that of the realization of annual general meeting of the shareholders; that of the organizing of normal general meeting; that of the submission of the accounts of the company to the DICA; that of communicating and interacting with other government departments as necessary; and that of up keeping the updated information of the members, the directors and the secretaries; the proper filing and up keeping of the meeting minutes and its decisions; the up keep of the company constitution; the up keep of the relevant mortgage of the company and its liabilities. All these related documents under referral are to be kept at the company's domain.

Looking into the salient points of the Myanmar Companies Law, it clearly defines the responsibilities of the directors and at the same time it protects the benefits of the shareholders.

> Any wrongdoing on part of a company would entail a breach of rules and regulations, and it would be tantamount to a violation of the law.

On the part of the shareholders, they are entitled and have the rights such as that of to check the relevant information of the persons working for the company; that of the rights to examine other registered books of the company; that of to inspect over the decisions of the shareholders and the meeting minutes; that of the rights to have the copy of the company constitution; that of receiving company financial statements; that of getting the profit thus gained from the company; that of the rights to ask the directors to call a general meeting by those who have ten percent shareholders. The entitlements and the rights of the shareholders are clearly defined in the law.

Need to abide the rules

According to the prescribed rules and regulations, the cases regarding the conflict of interests among the companies or among the shareholders, and the cases in the context of administrative nature, these matters are not under the purview and ambit of DICA. The relevant organizations or the legal courts have the authority to intervene and solve the matters.

Falsification of information being submitted to MyCO could be dealt by DICA in accordance with the Myanmar Companies Law, and make the ruling according to law.

Any wrongdoing on part of a company would entail a breach of rules and regulations, and it would be tantamount to a violation of the law. It also tarnishes the reputation of the company. It ruins the corporate morality and ethics. All these might lead to negative impact for the company and the shareholders. With a view to avoiding unnecessary consequences, it is advisable that the directors and the persons working for the company are required to abide by the stipulations as defines in the Myanmar Companies Law.

Translated by UMT (Ahlon)

President's Office continues announcement of illegal drug arrests, seizures acting on tip-offs

THE Office of the President issued Press Release No 31/2019 yesterday, publicly announcing the Ministry of Home Affairs' arrests and seizures in the fight against illicit drug trafficking up till 17 August.

The ministry made the arrests, acting on information, sent to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department of the Office of the President as of 17 August.

The full text of the press release will be reported in the 21 August issue of *The Global New Light of Myanmar*. — GNLM

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Monday 19th August, 2019)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 20th August, 2019: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, scattered in Upper Sagaing and Magway Regions, Shan and Chin States, fairly widespread in Kayah State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfalls in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago Region, Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4 – 7) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20th August, 2019: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20th August, 2019: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20th August, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR
Trade Mark Ads
Call
Thin Thin May,
09251022355
09974424848

Gote Twin Bridge likely to open today

FROM PAGE-1

Over 5,000 vehicles passed through the Gote Twin Bridge, carrying commodities worth US$15 million every day between Myanmar and China. — MNA/ Kayan Soe Myint

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Linn inspects the construction of Bailey bridge to replace the damaged Gote Twin bridge on 18 August. **PHOTO: MNA**

Drugs seized in Hlaingbwe, Mongmit, Taunggyi Tsps

MILITARY personnel and police of Htilong arrested two people identified as A Khee (a) A Kyaw and Ma Ngwe near Htilong Baung road, Danyin Gone gillave, Hlaingbwe Township, on 17 August after discovering 20,000 psychotropic tablets, K845,600, a carbine, an improvised gas gun, a wooden gunstock, 3 grenades, numerous bullets and a handphone in their possession.

On 18 August, military personnel and police of Mongmit arrested two men named Tin Aung Lin and Maung Sein after pulling over their motorbikes at the Shwe Zarli village junction in Mongmit Township after discovering 59,600 psychotropic tablets in their possession.

Around 2 pm on the same day, anti-narcotics squad 25 of Taunggyi arrested two people identified as Aung Naing Win and Cho Cho Mar (a) Cho Mar after pulling over their motorbike on the Shwe Nyaung Yek Sawk road near Ye Pu village in Taunggyi Township, and discovering 4,000 psychotropic tablets and two handphones in their possession.

All suspects have been charged with the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, according to the Myanmar Police Force.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

A Khee (a) A Kyaw and Ma Ngwe seen together with seized psychotropic tablets. **PHOTO: MPF**

OSH Training Centre under Japanese grant assistance in Yangon completed

Union Minister U Thein Swe and attendees pose for a documentary photo at the handing over ceremony in Yangon. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

NATIONAL Occupation Safety and Health-OSH Training Centre built with grant assistance of the Japanese government of Japan in Hlinethaya Township was handed over to the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population on 16 August.

The Government of Japan, under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Scheme, has granted US $90,312 for the Project for Construction of the training center.

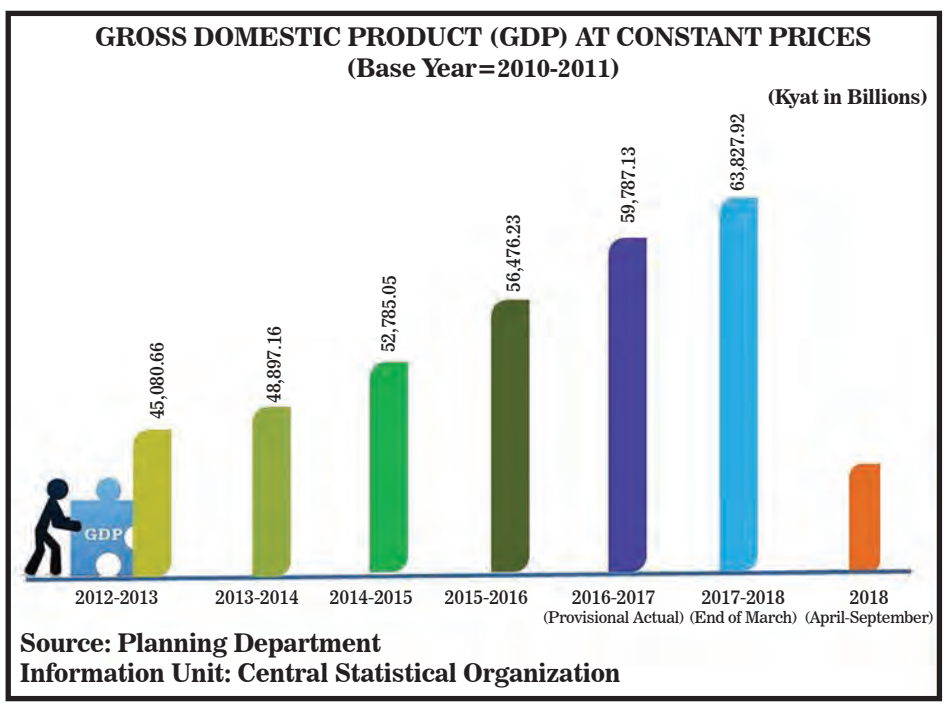
The handing over ceremony at the centre was attended by U Thein Swe, Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population, Daw Moe Moe Su Kyi, Minister for Immigration and Human Resources of Yangon Region, Mr Ichiro Maruyama, Ambassador of Japan to Myanmar and officials of the Embassy of Japan and members of the construction project committee.

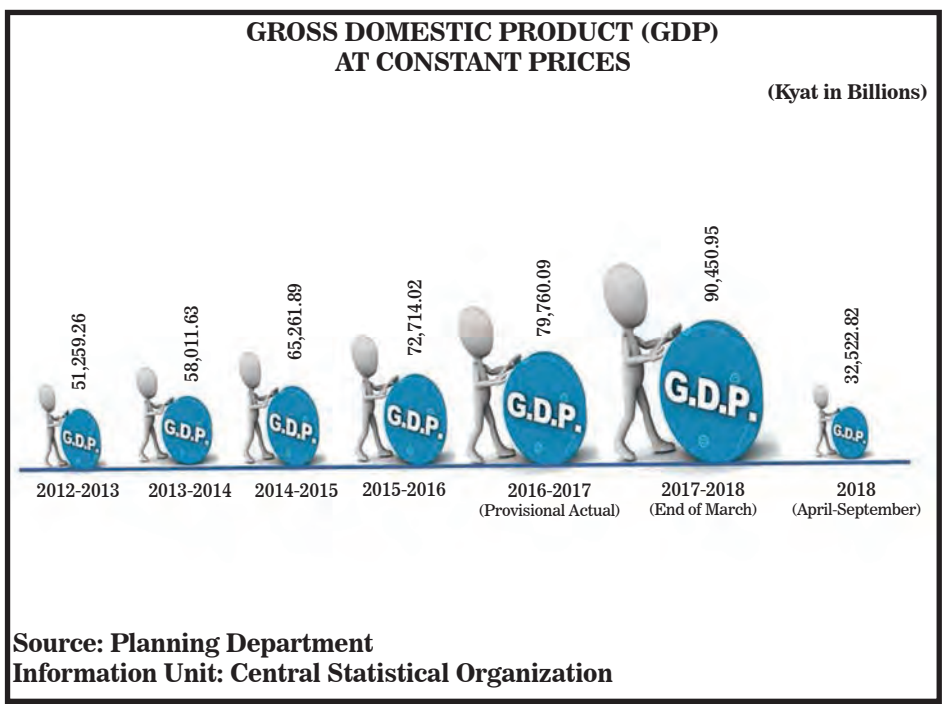
The project will benefit around 3,600 labourers per year who are expected to attend training courses and seminars conducted by the center.

Along with the industrial development, Hlinethaya experienced occupational hazards and environmental pollution due to lack of sufficient understanding of standards on occupational safety and health among employers and workers.

Although the Factories and General Laws Inspection Department under the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population has been conducting training courses in Hlinethaya OSH, it has been facing difficulties to widely spread the necessary information due to lack of training facilities.

The Japanese Government of Japan provided assistance for the construction of a three-story reinforced concrete building dedicated for OSH training to help settle the difficulties.—GNLM





Health ministry signs MoU with Singapore foundations for training programmes

Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe and Singaporean Ambassador Ms Vanessa Chan witness the signing of the MoU by Director- General (Department of Public Health and Medical Services) Dr Soe Oo and Professor Fond Kok Yong in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Ministry of Health and Sports signed an MoU with the two Singapore-based foundation for training programmes on better healthcare services and patient safety in Myanmar.

The Singapore International Foundation (SignHealth) and the Temasek Foundation International signed agreements with the ministry to launch of Quality and Patient Safety Management programme. The ceremony was held at the Park Royal Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe officiated at the ceremony and delivered an opening remark with emphasis on the importance of this programme to care for the patients not to infected with the bacteria at the hospitals, for the immediate recovery from the diseases and for other safety measures for them.

The Union Minister suggested to put the patient safety measures into the courses of graduates and post-graduates and the needs for quality research in healthcare sector.

The ministry will soon get the assistance of three experts from the World Health Organization for quality survey through medical audits.

According to the MoU, the Health Ministry will get the rules and guidelines for patient safety measures which are being used in Singapore.

Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Vanessa Chan made a speech. Chief Executive of Temasek Foundation International Mr Benedict Cheong and Deputy Group CEO of Singapore International Foundation presented their greeting words and explained about the working plans in the MoU.

In the presence of Union Minister and Singaporean Ambassador, Director- General (Department of Public Health and Medical Services) Dr Soe Oo and Professor Fond Kok Yong signed the MoU.

In accordance with MoU, the Ministry of Health and Sports, together with the SignHealth and the Temasek Foundation, will provide the three-year training programmes until 2022 to over 700 health workers from more than 40 hospitals in the country on better healthcare services, patient safety and the capacity-building for the leadership and management role in preventive measures against infections.—MNA ■

(Translated by Aung Khin)

WORLD NEWS

Ban on sending wild elephants to zoos a step closer

GENEVA (Switzerland) —The regulator of global wildlife trade will likely ban sending African elephants captured from the wild to zoos after countries supported the move Sunday, in what conservationists hailed as a "historic win".

A large majority of countries voted in Geneva to prohibit the transfer of elephants caught in the wild to so-called captive facilities — a practice animal protection groups have long described as "cruel".

The vote was the first rendered during a 12-day meeting of the parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, which kicked off on Saturday with thousands of conservationists and policymakers from more than 180 countries in attendance.

With 46 in favour, 18 against and 19 abstaining, the vote cast in one of two committees secured the two-thirds majority needed to pass, but will still needs to be approved by the full conference before the meeting concludes on 28 August.

"This decision will save countless elephants from being ripped away from their families in the wild and forced to spend their lifetimes imprisoned in substandard conditions at zoos," Iris Ho, a senior wildlife specialist with Humane Society International (HSI), said in a statement.

A large majority of countries voted in Geneva to ban the transfer of elephants caught in the wild to zoos. **PHOTO: AFP**

Specifically, the countries voted to limit trade in live wild African elephants only to conservation in their natural habitats, effectively ending the practice of capturing elephants and sending them to zoos and entertainment venus around the world.

While elephants in western, central and eastern Africa have long been listed among the species in need of most protection under CITES, and thus banned from all trade, some trade has been permitted in southern Africa, where elephant populations are healthier.

Zimbabwe has for instance captured and exported more than 100 baby elephants to Chinese zoos since 2012, according to HSI.—AFP ■

Indonesians hit the beach in mass trash pick-up

JAKARTA (Indonesia) — Thousands of Indonesians combed trash-strewn beaches at the weekend in a nationwide bid to tackle the Southeast Asian nation's mammoth marine waste problem.

As the country celebrated its 74th independence day anniversary, volunteers and civil servants scoured for plastic rubbish and other debris, collecting truckloads of trash across the 17,000 island archipelago.

Numbers were still being tabulated, but it was estimated that tens of thousands of people took part in the initiative — with hundreds of tonnes of rubbish collected, according to Pandu Laut Nasional, the event's coordinator.

Indonesia is the world's second biggest contributor to marine debris after China, and pledged to reduce marine plastic waste by 70 per cent by 2025.

A string of initiatives have been rolled out to fight the scourge of plastic waste.

Bus passengers in Indonesia's second-biggest city Surabaya can now swap recyclable plastics for free local travel, while holiday hotspot Bali is rolling out a single-use plastics ban.—AFP ■

Indonesian volunteers and civil servants scoured beaches for plastic rubbish and other debris. **PHOTO: AFP**

US gives Huawei 90 day reprieve on ban: Ross

WASHINGTON (United States) — The United States gave Huawei a 90-day reprieve Monday on a ban against buying US technology, but added nearly four dozen subsidiaries of the Chinese telecoms giant to the prohibition.

"As we continue to urge consumers to transition away from Huawei's products, we recognize that more time is necessary to prevent any disruption," Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said in a statement.

The ban is part of a sweeping effort by President Donald Trump's administration to restrict Huawei, which officials claim has links to Chinese intelligence that makes it a security threat.

Ross announced that another 46 Huawei affiliates are being added to the list of banned companies, meaning over 100 are now subject to the restrictions.

But the Commerce Department has extended a temporary license for US companies to work with the Chinese firm and its subsidiaries for another 90 days.

"We are giving them more time to wean themselves off," Ross said on Fox Business Network, noting that the new deadline for implementing the ban is 19 November. "Technically Huawei says they're privately-owned company, but under Chinese law, even private companies are required to cooperate with the military and with the Chinese intelligence agencies and they're also required not to disclose that they are doing so," Ross said.

Huawei is the number two global smartphone vendor and is considered the world leader in fast fifth-generation or 5G equipment, but is hampered by lack of access to key hardware and software, including smartphone chips. Trump on Sunday repeated that "we don't want to do business with Huawei for national security reasons. —AFP ■

File photo shows a Huawei logo is displayed at a retail store in Beijing. **PHOTO: AFP**

Three killed in east DR Congo protest after militia attack

BENI (DR Congo) — Three people were killed in a town in eastern DR Congo on Monday when police opened fire at a protest over poor security, a local official told AFP.

"There was a demonstration in which three people have just died -- a young man of about 25 who was shot in the abdomen and died in the hospital, a Pygmy who was shot and died immediately, and another child who was shot and also died," said Donat Kibwana, chief administrator for the Beni region.

The incident happened in Oicha, a town about 30 kilometres (18 miles) north of the city of Beni.

Beni is the capital of North Kivu province, where murder, extortion and other crimes are rampant.

The region, which is also struggling with an epidemic of Ebola, is in the grip of militias who have killed hundreds of people over the last five years.

The Oicha protest came a day after an attack attributed to a Ugandan Muslim militia called the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) in which two people were killed.

Noella Katongerwaki, a representative of grassroots groups in the Beni region, said: "The police dispersed the protesters with live rounds and teargas.

"Right now, the toll is three dead, including a Pygmy woman." Another activist, Janvier Kasairio, said ordinary life in Oicha on Monday had "stopped".—AFP ■

19 killed in Uganda fuel truck blast: police

KAMPALA (Uganda)— Nineteen people died when a fuel truck barrelled into other vehicles in a busy town in western Uganda and exploded, police said Monday.

The blast occurred Sunday evening in the Kyambura trading centre, a mountainous area near the Queen Elizabeth National Park.

"Ten people died instantly when the fuel truck lost control and hit three other vehicles, leading to multiple explosions that also burned 25 small shops," said regional police spokesman Martial Tumusiime.

"Of the people that were rushed to the hospital, nine of them have also died as a result of wounds," he added.

In 2002, 70 people were killed when an oil truck rammed into a bus in Rutoto, less than 50 kilometres (30 miles) from Kyambura.

And in 2013, 33 people died in an explosion after a fuel truck overturned — many having rushed to the scene to siphon fuel.

The accident in Uganda came eight days after a fuel truck exploded in Tanzania. The fireball engulfed a crowd thronging to collect petrol from the wrecked vehicle, leaving 95 dead.—AFP ■

Zimbabwe deploys security forces over banned march

BULAWAYO (Zimbabwe) — Troops and police were out in force in Zimbabwe's second city of Bulawayo on Monday in a bid to block a planned opposition march, three days after brutally dispersing a banned protest in the capital Harare.

Soldiers and armed police on horseback and in trucks patrolled the central business district and most of the high density suburbs.

Using loudhailers, police warned people against joining the demonstration, which was called to protest at deteriorating economic conditions.

One of the city's usually busy areas, the precincts of Tredgold Magistrate Courts, where illegal forex changers ply their trade, was cordoned off.

Police also set up checkpoints on most roads leading to the city centre.

The authorities banned the protests, organised by the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC), after police routed protesters who had defied a similar order in Harare on Friday.

"The move by the government to ban the demonstration shows they are running scared," Mbuso Fuzwayo, of the rights pressure group Ibhetshu Likazulu, told AFP as military helicopters hovered over the city, an opposition stronghold.

"They don't have confidence in themselves. This is like Rhodesia. This is primitive," he said referring to the British colonial rule era.

The MDC is challenging the ban in court, which is expected to issue a ruling at 1400 GMT.

The protesters are angry over the country's floundering economy and the jailing of a well-known government critic, tribal chief Felix Ndiweni.

The chief, who is revered in the western region of Matabeleland, was last week jailed for 18 months for allegedly destroying a villager's property.

Police fired teargas and beat up several demonstrators in Harare on Friday after they gathered in a square.

Those protests were the first since President Emmerson Mnangagwa's decision to double fuel prices sparked nationwide demonstrations in January that were crushed by police with the loss of at least 17 lives.

UN concern

Mnangagwa took over from long-time ruler Robert Mugabe in November 2017.

He won disputed elections in July last year on a platform of change.

But many Zimbabweans say the economy has gone from bad to worse with rocketing inflation, shortages of bread, fuel, medicines and other basics.

According to the UN, about five million Zimbabweans, or a third of the population, are in need of food aid.—AFP ■

Police officers patrol near Tredgold Magistrates courts on 12 August 2019, in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. **PHOTO: AFP**

US economists expect recession in 2020 or 2021: survey

WASHINGTON (United States) — A majority of economists expect a US recession in the next two years, but have pushed back the onset amid Federal Reserve actions, according to a survey released Monday.

The survey came out after President Donald Trump pushed back against talk of a looming recession as a raft of US data reports last week showed a mixed picture on the economy.

"I'm prepared for everything. I don't think we're having a recession. We're doing tremendously well. Our consumers are rich," Trump told reporters Sunday.

"I gave a tremendous tax cut, and they're loaded up with money. They're buying. I saw the Wal-Mart numbers, they were through the roof," he said.

"And most economists actually say that we're not going to have a recession. But the rest of the world is not doing well like we're doing."

His chief economic advisor Larry Kudlow also downplayed talk of a recession.

"I sure don't see a recession," he told NBC's Meet the Press.

"Consumers are working at higher wages. They are spending at a rapid pace. They're actually saving also while they're spending... So I think actually the second half, the economy's going to be very good in 2019," he said.

"We're doing pretty darn well in my judgment. Let's not be afraid of optimism."

Economists are skeptical about a resolution to Trump's trade wars. **PHOTO: AFP**

The National Association for Business Economists (NABE) found far fewer experts now think the next recession will start this year compared to a survey in February.

NABE conducted its policy poll as Trump put the Fed under constant attack, demanding more stimulus, but before the central bank cut the benchmark lending rate on 31 July.

However, the Fed was already sending strong signals that it intended to pull back on the rate increases made in 2018 due to concerns starting to dog the economic outlook, including the trade war with China.—AFP ■

Tokyo stocks rise on hopes for overseas stimulus measures

TOKYO — Tokyo stocks rose Monday as hopes for stimulus measures signaled by China and Germany eased fears of a global economic slowdown.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average ended up 144.35 points, or 0.71 per cent, from Friday at 20,563.16. The broader Topix index of all First Section issues on the Tokyo Stock Exchange finished 9.04 points, or 0.61 percent, higher at 1,494.33.

Major gainers included oil and coal product, securities house and bank issues. Shares were firm from the outset, with the Nikkei briefly gaining more than 200 points after hitting a six-month low late last week.

Along with other Asian stocks, the Tokyo market was driven by optimism for new stimulus measures announced Friday by China, which it is hoped will restore growth that has been hurt by the U.S.-China trade dispute, dealers said.

China said it would introduce programs aimed at increasing disposable income for 2019-2020 as part of efforts to strengthen consumption.—Kyodo News ■

Trade Mark Ads
Call
Thin Thin May,
09251022355,
09974424848.

CHANGING THE NAME OF DISTRIBUTOR

Close Friend Co., Ltd was distributor of **Beijing Multigrass Formulation Co., Ltd** the following products registered in Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board . Now , Close Friend Co., Ltd transfer the following products to Baigreen Crop Science Co., Ltd .

Sr.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration Type	Registration Number
1.	Multi Ngwe Toe 25 WDG (ROCKET 25 WDG)	Thiamethoxam 25% WDG	Provisional Reg:	P2018-4316
2.	Multi Lucky 250 SC (AMAZING 250 SC)	Azoxystrobin 250 g/l SC	Provisional Reg:	P2018-4389

It is therefore announced to come and reject within two weeks to joint Secretary , Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board , Plant Protection Division ,West of Gyogone Insein in wishing to make any objection in respect of the distributor changing .

Address -Close Friend Co., Ltd No.827/A , Thu Mingalar Road , 7th ward , South Okkalapa Township, Yangon. Ph. 01 8500424 , 09 421032105

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V TOVE MAERSK VOY. NO. (932S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V TOVE MAERSK VOY. NO. (932S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20-8-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P/M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S MCC TRANSPORT (S'PORE) PTE LTD

Phone No: 2301185

The Global New Light of Myanmar

CLASSIFIED ADS

3.2 inches

20,000 MMK per unit

1.5 inches

PER UNIT SIZE
W 3.2 inches x H 1.5 inches

DEADLINES
Wednesday - 4 p.m.

Published Every Sunday

BOOK NOW! +95 9 974424848

The Global New Light of Myanmar
#150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road,
Bahan Township, Yangon, Myanmar.
Ph - 01 8604530, Fax - 01 8604533
maketing@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

Sudan's Bashir got $90 in from Saudi, investigator tells court

KHARTOUM (Sudan) — Sudan's deposed military ruler Omar al-Bashir has admitted to receiving $90 million in cash from Saudi royals, an investigator told a Khartoum court on Monday.

Police Brigadier Ahmed Ali said at the opening of Bashir's corruption trial, which an AFP correspondent attended, that the former president told him that the latest payment was "delivered by some of Mohammed bin Salman's envoys".

Bashir, whose military Islamist regime ruled Sudan for 30 years, arrived at the Judicial and Legal Science Institute where the trial is taking place in a huge military convoy.

Inside the courtroom, he was sitting in a metal cage, unshaven and wearing a white traditional gown. His relatives in the courtroom chanted "Allahu Akbar" (God is greatest), to which he responded with the same words.

The former strongman was forced from power on 11 April after months of protests. A transitional constitution meant to guide Sudan towards civilian rule was officially signed on Saturday.

Bashir faces a raft of charges of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide from the International Criminal Court over his role in the war in Sudan's western Darfur region.

Former Sudanese president Omar al-Bashir, who was forced from power in April, appears in a Khartoum court Monday on charges of receiving and possessing foreign funds illegally. **PHOTO: AFP**

However, the jailed leader appeared in court Monday on charges of receiving and possessing foreign funds illegally.

The police investigator told the court that nearly seven million euros ($7.8 million) were found at Bashir's residence, as well as smaller amounts in US dollars and Sudanese pounds.

"The accused told us that the money was part of a sum of $25 million sent to him by Prince Mohammed bin Salman to be used outside of the state budget," Ahmed Ali said.

The investigator said Bashir had said he also received two previous payments of $35 million and $30 million from Saudi's King Abdullah, who died in 2015.

The investigator said Bashir had said the Saudi money was exchanged and spent and that he could not remember how nor did he have documents providing further details. —AFP ■

Britain's Prince Andrew 'appalled' by Epstein abuse claims

LONDON (United Kingdom) — Britain's Prince Andrew has said he was "appalled" by allegations of sexual abuse surrounding Jeffrey Epstein after a video was released purporting to show him at the home of the convicted paedophile in 2010.

"The Duke of York has been appalled by the recent reports of Jeffrey Epstein's alleged crimes," Buckingham Palace said in a statement on Monday.

"His Royal Highness deplores the exploitation of any human being and the suggestion he would condone, participate in or encourage any such behaviour is abhorrent," the statement said.

The grainy video published by the Mail on Sunday claims to show the prince waving goodbye to a woman as she leaves Epstein's New York mansion in 2010.

Epstein had pleaded guilty in 2008 to procuring for prostitution a girl under the age of 18 and served 13 months in prison before being released on probation.

The video was the latest in a string of revelations about Prince Andrew's friendship with Epstein in British tabloids.

The Mail on Monday said the prince had hosted Epstein at Balmoral, Queen Elizabeth II's home in Scotland, in 1999 at a time when the monarch may have been in residence. He also reportedly hosted Epstein at Sandringham, another royal residence in eastern England, a year later.

'Lurid details'

Epstein was found dead on August 10 in a federal jail in Manhattan as he awaited trial charged with one count of sex trafficking of minors and one count of conspiracy to commit sex trafficking of minors. A coroner ruled that he committed suicide by hanging.

Over the years, the financier hobnobbed with politicians, socialites and celebrities, including Donald Trump before he was president, and Bill Clinton. Virginia Giuffre — previously Virginia Roberts — one of Epstein's alleged victims, has testified that she was forced to have sex with Prince Andrew in London when she was 17. She said she had sex with him again in New York and on Epstein's private island in the Caribbean.—AFP ■

Iran warns US against seizing tanker

TEHRAN (Iran) — Tehran said Monday it has warned its arch-foe Washington against attempting to seize an Iranian tanker that has set sail from waters off Gibraltar after being impounded for six weeks.

Iran had been locked in a standoff with US ally Britain since Royal Marines seized the tanker off the coast of the British overseas territory Gibraltar on July 4 on suspicion it was shipping oil to Syria in breach of EU sanctions.

Little more than two weeks later, Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps impounded the British-flagged Stena Impero tanker in strategic Gulf waters in what Britain called a tit-for-tat move. A court in Gibraltar on Thursday ordered the release of the Grace 1, since renamed the Adrian Darya.

That was in spite of a last-minute US bid to detain the ship on allegations of involvement in supporting illicit shipments to Syria by the Guards, listed as a terrorist group by Washington.

Gibraltar's government rejected the request, saying it could not seek a court order to detain the supertanker because US sanctions against Iran were not applicable in the European Union. The tanker, flying the Iranian flag, departed on Sunday evening for the Greek port of Kalamata, according to shipping data.

But the final destination of the supertanker and its 2.1 million barrels of oil remains unclear, with authorities in Greece yet to confirm that it is expected to dock there.

'Bullying and unilateralism'

As it finally sailed eastward on Monday, Iran said it had warned the United States through the Swiss embassy in Tehran, which represents US interests, against trying to seize it again. "Iran has given necessary warnings to American officials through its official channels... not to make such a mistake because it would have grave consequences," said foreign ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi.

Speaking to reporters at a news conference, he dismissed the notion that there was a link between the seizure of the Iranian tanker off Gibraltar and the British-flagged tanker in the Gulf.

"There is no connection whatsoever between these two vessels," said Mousavi.

"There have been two or three maritime violations made by that ship," he said, referring to the British-flagged Stena Impero held off the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas. "The court is looking into it. We hope the (investigation) is completed as soon as possible and the verdict is issued."

The Iranian spokesman said the Gibraltar court order for the release of the tanker was a blow to US "unilateralism".

"The Americans have not been very successful with their unilateral sanctions that have no legal basis. "They should come to their senses that bullying and unilateralism cannot get anywhere in the world today."

Mousavi urged other countries not to accept sanctions the United States has imposed on Iran "because they're not legitimate and have no legal basis".

An Iranian flag flutters on board the Adrian Darya oil tanker, formerly known as Grace 1, off the coast of Gibraltar on 18 August, before it set sail. **PHOTO: AFP**

Iran to seek damages?

Iran's judiciary chief Ebrahim Raisi called for legal action to be taken against Britain over the ship's detention.

"Now following the release of the ship, the Islamic Republic of Iran should seek damages," he told state television. But despite the tanker's release, Iran still faced a dilemma over its ultimate destination and that of its oil, said Commerzbank analyst Carsten Fritsch. "The tanker was renamed... but the problem with US sanctions remains," he told AFP. "I don't see any buyer in the Mediterranean apart from the sanctioned regime in Syria.

"Returning to Iran will be difficult since it would need to make the whole trip around Africa."

In its decision ordering the release of the tanker, Gibraltar said it had received written assurances from Iran that the ship would not be headed for countries "subject to European Union sanctions".—AFP ■

Samsung unveils Galaxy Note10 in Yangon

SAMSUNG yesterday unveiled its Galaxy Note 10, a new line of premium smartphones that combines elegant design with powerful performance and productivity tools in Yangon.

The launching was held with pre-order programme for Galaxy Note lovers from 9th to 27th August.

To do pre-order, the can go the nearest Samsung brand shops and retail shopts in all big cities including Yangon and Mandalay making a deposit of 100,000 Kyats.

The Galaxy Note10+ and Note10 will be available in the market on 3rd September in Myanmar.— GNLM

PHOTO: KYAW ZAYA

Thousands riot in Papua, parliament building torched

MANOKWARI (Indonesia) _ Riots broke out and a local parliament building was torched in Indonesia's restive Papua region on Monday, as thousands protested against the weekend detention of dozens of Papuan students.

Demonstrators took to the streets of Manokwari, the capital of West Papua province, bringing the city of some 130,000 to a standstill as its civic building was nearly reduced to ashes.

Some protesters set fire to shops and vehicles, knocked down street signs, and threw rocks at government buildings, according to an AFP reporter at the scene, who estimated several thousand demonstrators were present.

Protesters in Manokwari, Papua, have set fire to shops and vehicles, knocked down street signs, and thrown rocks at government buildings. **PHOTO: AFP**

Indonesia's security minister Wiranto, who goes by one name, appealed for calm and said there would be an investigation of the incident that triggered the unrest in Manokwari as well as protests in several other Papuan cities on Monday. "This has clearly disrupted our unity as a nation," he said. The riots marked the latest flashpoint in a region hit by a decades-old insurgency against Indonesian rule and allegations that its security forces committed widespread rights abuses against its ethnic Melanesian population.

Papua shares a border with independent Papua New Guinea (PNG), just north of Australia.

A former Dutch colony, it declared itself independent in the early Sixties, but neighbouring Indonesia took control of the resource-rich region following a UN-sponsored independence referendum that was widely viewed as a sham. In Manokwari, three police officers were injured by rock-throwing protesters, authorities said. It was not immediately clear if any demonstrators were injured. Local schools were shut for the day.

Anger boiled over at reports that authorities tear-gassed and detained some 43 Papuan university students in the Southeast Asian nation's second-biggest city Surabaya on Saturday — Indonesia's independence day.—AFP ■

Singapore to bolster coastal defences against rising sea levels: PM

SINGAPORE — Singapore needs at least $72 billion to build defences against rising sea levels, its leader said Sunday as the low-lying city-state gears up against the impact of climate change.

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong described climate change as "one of the gravest challenges facing humankind" and said the Southeast Asian country is already feeling the impact through a hotter weather and heavier rainstorms.

He devoted a large portion of a major policy speech late Sunday — which included initiatives on the economy and social issues — on how the city-state will tackle global warming.

"Because we are a low-lying island, Singapore is especially vulnerable to one grave threat, and that is rising sea levels," he warned.

City planners previously required buildings to be constructed at least three metres (9.9 feet) above the mean sea level, leaving a one-meter buffer against flooding after high tide.

But if sea levels rise by one metre due to global warming, the buffer could be breached when heavy rains coincide with high tide, prompting the government to require new developments to be built four metres above sea level. Critical infrastructure like the Changi Airport's new Terminal 5 must be built five metres above sea level.

Lee cited findings by Singapore's Centre for Climate Research that the city-state, "is more vulnerable to climate change than the global model suggests" because it is near the equator. A key measure will be to build the island's coastal defences, he said.

One option is to learn from the experience of the Netherlands which reclaimed from the sea by building a seawall and then draining the water within it to create dry land called "polders", he said.

Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. **PHOTO: AFP**

"Polders are a serious option for us," the prime minister said, adding that Singapore will trial the process on a small scale.

Another option is to reclaim "a series of islands offshore" and connect them with barrages to create a freshwater reservoir that can serve as a drainage for rainwater, he said.

The coastal defence infrastructure could cost the country at least Sg$100 billion ($72 billion) over the next 100 years, he said. "Because this is a 50 to 100-year problem, we can implement a 50 to 100-year solution," he said.

"We should treat climate change defence like we treat the Singapore Armed Forces — with utmost seriousness... These are life and death matters."—AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Empty classrooms as some schools re-open in Indian Kashmir

NEW DELHI (India) – Some Kashmir schools re-opened on Monday but were largely empty following weekend clashes in Srinagar, two-weeks after India removed the restive region's autonomy and imposed a lockdown.

The authorities said that they were re-opening 190 primary schools in the city yet few children could be seen at half a dozen places visited by AFP. –AFP ■

Bangladesh cabinet approves policy to feed 15 mln school children

DHAKA – Bangladesh's cabinet approved a proposal on Monday to feed 15 million children under a countrywide primary school meal program.

After the cabinet meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair, spokesman Mohammad Shafiul Alam told reporters that the cabinet gave its approval to the "National School Meal Policy 2019."

Under the program, students will get balanced meal five days a week and fortified biscuits every day.He said the meal program was aimed at boosting the nutritional needs of the children to improve attendance rates in rural areas.–Xinhua ■

17 injured as series of blasts rock Afghan eastern Jalalabad city

JALALABAD – At least 17 people have been injured as six explosive devices placed by militants went off in parts of Jalalabad city, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province, on Monday, provincial governor's spokesman Attaullah Khogiani said.

All the victims, some in critical conditions, are civilians, the official added. The blasts took place as the people of Afghanistan were celebrating 100th anniversary of their country's Independence Day amid tight security. –Xinhua ■

Shan United wins MPT U-19 Myanmar National League 2019

THE Shan United F.C. have claimed their third MPT U-19 Myanmar National League championship title with 53 points from 16 wins, five draws, and one loss, according to the Myanmar National League website.

The team suffered their sole loss this season in the closing match against the Ayeyawady F.C. yesterday, when they were defeated by 1-0.

While the Yadanarbon F.C. and Yangon United F.C. tied with 49 points from 15 wins, 4 draws, and 3 losses, Yadanarbon was adjudged the first runner-up with 41 goal differences, and Yangon United was the second runner-up with 28 goal differences.

A ceremony to present the awards was held in conjunction with the season-closing match of the league yesterday at the Padonmar Stadium in Yangon.

Shan United FC celebrates during the presentation of trophy after winning the MPT U-19 Myanmar National League 2019 at the Padonmar Stadium in Yangon on 19 August. **PHOTO: MNL**

After the season-closing match between Shan United and Ayeyawady, U Soe Moe Kyaw, the Chief Executive Officer of the Myanmar National League, presented individual medals to Yangon United players, and Mr Clint, the Managing Director of MySports, presented a K2.5-million cash prize to the team.

U Kun Naung Myint, a member of the Myanmar National League Committee and the president of the Shan United F.C., presented individual medals to Yadanarbon players, and U Lin Naing Myint, the Yangon Region Hluttaw Deputy Speaker, gave K5 million in cash prize to the team.

U Min Hlaing, a Myanmar National League Committee member and the owner of the Ayeyawady F.C., presented individual medals to the players of Shan United, and U Lin Naing Myint, the Yangon Region Hluttaw Deputy Speaker, presented a cash prize of K10 million to the winning team.

Then, Sai Sam Htun, the vice president of the Myanmar Football Federation and the Myanmar National League Committee, presented the championship trophy to Shan United.— Kyaw Khin

Myanmar police, firefighters win four gold medals at Chengdu Games

MYANMAR police and firefighter players won four gold medals, four silver medals and three bronze medals at 2019 Police & Fire Games (Chengdu) that took place from 8 to 18 August in Chengdu, Sichuan Province of China.

U Tun Tun, President of the Myanmar Judo Federation, hosted a dinner in honor of the players at the Golden Butterfly Hotel on Kabar Aye Road in Yangon yesterday evening.

Present at the event were Myanmar Police Force's Police Brig-Gen Win Tun and officials, Myanmar Taekwondo Federation's President U Mya Han and officials, Ministry of Health and Sports' officials, a Police Captain from Ministry of Home Affairs and players who took part in the competition.

Speaking at the event, Police Brig-Gen Win Tun said a total of 18 players from Myanmar took part in the competition and gained 11 medals including one gold medal in Judo competition and two gold medals in Taekwondo competition, expressing thanks to the athletes for bringing pride to the country by winning the medals.

President of the Myanmar Judo Federation U Tun Tun and Myanmar Taekwondo Federation's President U Mya Han also delivered appreciation speeches. —Kyaw Khin

Officials and athletes pose for a group photo at the dinner. **PHOTO: MJF**

Dutch rider Tom Dumoulin and his Sunweb team part ways after eight years. **PHOTO: AFP**

Former world cycling champion Dumoulin joins Jumbo-Visma

PARIS (France) — Former world champion Tom Dumoulin, second to Geraint Thomas in the 2018 Tour de France, joined Team Jumbo Visma on Monday, quitting Sunweb after eight years.

The 28-year-old Dutchman, who was forced to sit out this year's Tour de France with a knee injury, had two years to run on his Sunweb contract.

Jumbo-Visma said its goal was to win a Grand Tour with Dumoulin, a former Giro winner, in its ranks for the next three years.

"I'm looking forward to contributing to that goal, winning a Grand Tour", Dumoulin said on his new team's website.

Earlier, Sunweb announced the 2017 world champion was quitting the team "after an incredible eight-year journey filled with countless successes..."

Dumoulin was forced to sit out this year's Tour de France due to an injury that cut short his Giro challenge. While away from the action he began to think about his future and the "great" offers coming his way.

"After the disappointment of missing the Tour and finding myself sitting at home, I started to consider that a new environment could be refreshing," he said.

"There were great offers and this phase of my career felt like the right time to take it."— AFP ■