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VP U Myint Swe to attend 16th China-ASEAN Expo, Business and Investment Summit



Vice President U Myint Swe is welcomed by China Communist Party Permanent Committee member, political and legal affairs committee secretary Mr Huang Shiyong and Myanmar senior officials at Nanning International Airport yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

VICE PRESIDENT U MYINT SWE left Yangon yesterday afternoon for the People's Republic of China to attend the 16th China-ASEAN Expo and the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit which will be held from 21 to 24 September in Nanning, capital city of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. The Vice President was

seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Security and Border Affairs Minister Colonel Aung Soe Moe, Charge d'affaires of the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar Ms Li Xiaoyan and officials. U Myint Swe was accompanied by Union Minister for Commerce Dr Than Myint, and

the officials from his ministry and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Myanmar delegation arrived in Nanning at 5 pm local time. They were welcomed by China Communist Party Permanent Committee member, political and legal affairs committee secretary Mr Huang Shiyong, the Myanmar Ambassador to China

U Myo Thant Pe, Myanmar Consul-General in Nanning U Soe Thet Naung and officials at the Nanning International Airport. The Vice President and party then arrived at the Liyuan State Guest House where they will be staying during the visit.—MNA (Translated by Aung Khin)

Pyithu Hluttaw calls for youth training schools, infrastructure development in remote areas

THE 22nd day meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw's 13th regular session was convened yesterday, raising asterisk questions about the establishment of training schools and infrastructure development in furflung areas. MP U Tin Aye from Metman constituency asked for the establishment of a youth training school for Wa (Lwel La), Lahu and Shan ethnics. Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun replied that the coordination meeting of Shan State government on 31 January 2019 discussed an allocation of 5-acre of land for the establishment of a youth training school in Metmung Township in Wa Self-Administered Division. If the land permit is received, the training school will be constructed with the budget from the Department of Social Welfare for 2020-2021 fiscal year. MP U Naing Naing Win from Tamu constituency asked for setting up a training school for domestic science. Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Major General Than Htut replied that the plan for establishment of this training school is not included in the All-round National Development Project (2011-2012 to 2030-2031) of the Department of Education and Training. SEE PAGE-2

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However, the girls who are interested in the subject of domestic science can attend the Domestic Training School with accommodation in Kalay Township that is 81 miles away from the Tamu Township.

MP U Pe Du from Prusho constituency asked about more enrollment of candidates for the University of the Development of the National Races of the Union. Major General Than Htut replied that it would be possible only after constructing addition buildings, repairing old buildings, expanding organizational structure and employment of more teachers depending on available budgets in each fiscal year.

MP U Nyunt Win from Kanpetlet constituency asked for construction of a 66/KV sub-power station in Kanpetlet Township. Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr Tun Naing replied that it has been scheduled for construction of a sub-power station with the capacity of 66/11 KV 5 MVA, including 9-mile 66 KV power line from Saw sub-power station to Kanpetlet Township, under the Union Budget for 2020-



MP U Tin Aye.
PHOTO: MNA

2021 fiscal year.

MP U Tun Tun from Pwintbyu constituency asked about the timing for repairing the tarred road between Minbu(Saku) and No4 Textile Factory. Deputy Minister for Defence Rear Admiral Myint Nwe replied it.

MP U Aung Soe Min from Ywangan constituency asked for upgrading the inter-village road between Lin Way and Thein Gone in Ywangan Township in 2020-20101 fiscal year; MP Daw Nang Htwe Thu from Phasaung constituency asked for construction of a 400-ft long bridge that links



Deputy Minister U Win Maw Tun.
PHOTO: MNA

Wan Oaung, Chee Twe and Saunglaw villages where the majority of residents are Kayah people. Deputy Minister Major General Than Htut replied the questions.

U Sai Okka from Laikha constituency asked for the return of 2.5 acre confiscated land in favour of township development programme although it was seized for construction of the township's sub-power station; MP U Nyunt Aung from Monywa constituency asked for 2 acre of land each to be able to upgrade traditional oil refineries in Kyaukka village in Monywa Township,



MP U Naing Naing Win.
PHOTO: MNA

Phankhakyin oil fields and those from other areas in Sagaing Region. MP U Khin Maung Thi from Loilem constituency asked for round-the-clock power supply to the village-tracts of Taungnaut, Panwoe, Koneyaw, Namthamo, East Pinlong and Naunglem.

The questions were answered by Deputy Minister Dr Tun Naing.

Bill to Protect from the Rise of Imported Goods

Then, Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein informed the Hluttaw about re-

ceiving the Bill to Protect from the Rise of Imported Goods sent by the Amyotha Hluttaw with amendments. It was read by Bill Committee Secretary U Kyaw Soe Lin.

The Deputy Speaker then announced to enlist the names of MPs who want to discuss the bill.

Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee Dr Tin Aung presented the committee's investigation report on the skills of basic education teachers and training for new generation.

The Deputy Speaker announced to enlist the names of MPs who want to discuss the bill.

The report was read out by U Win Htoo, the member of Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertaking Vetting Committee of the Pyithu Hluttaw.

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The 23rd meeting of second Pyithu Hluttaw's 13th regular session will be held on 19th September.— Aye Aye Thant, Kyaw Zin Hteik

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Second Amyotha Hluttaw convenes 22nd meeting for 13th Regular Session

THE Second Amyotha Hluttaw discussed asterisk questions, approved the Myanmar Medical Degree, Diploma and Certificates Bill and accepted a committee report on the questions and motions made in its 12th Regular Session, during the 22nd-day meeting of the 13th Regular Session yesterday.

Marble mining, bridge, road construction

During question time, the first asterisk question was raised by MP Dr Kyaw Than Tun (Ken Tong) of Mandalay Region constituency 3. He asked whether marble mining by Pacific Bold Paragon Co Ltd near Sakyin Village in Madaya Township, Mandalay Region, will be halted and re-administered by the Union Government.

Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Dr Ye Myint Swe replied that the Ministry of Industry signed a contract to share the benefits derived from production on the 135.96-acre quarry at Kamma Mountain near Sakyin Village.

He said it is that ministry's sole decision to construct a slab



MP Dr Kyaw Than Tun.
PHOTO: MNA

factory and lease it to Pacific Bold Paragon Group Co Ltd. He said his ministry will coordinate with the Ministry of Industry to handle the situation and possibly implement government administration over the process.

Next, MP Saw Yhar Paung Aua of Kayin State constituency 12 raised a question on whether the four bridges on the Thanbyuzayat-Phayathonzu Road in Kya-in-Seikkyi Township, Kawkaik District, Kayin State, will be completed in the 2019-2020 FY.

Deputy Construction Minister U Kyaw Lin replied that funds



Deputy Minister Dr Ye Myint Swe.
PHOTO: MNA

to construct the steel reinforced concrete bridges mentioned by the MP have been submitted in the budget proposal for 2020-2021 FY and work will follow accordingly if funds are allotted.

Next, MP U Hla Oo of Sagaing Region constituency 4 asked in which FY's budget proposal will a request for funds to expand the width of the earthen road connecting Chindwin Village and Wepote Village in Budalin Township, Sagaing Region, to 18 feet be included.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lin replied that the road in question is ranked as a Class B 1st priority



MP Saw Yhar Paung Aua.
PHOTO: MNA

and the request for funds will thus be included in the budget proposal for 2020-2021 FY from the Union fund.

Assembly approves medical qualification bill

Following this, Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee member U Kyaw Kyaw read the committee's report on the Myanmar Medical Degree, Diploma and Certificates Bill sent back with amendments and approval from the Pyithu Hluttaw. Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than then approved the bill after collecting the assembly's decision.

MP calls for serious answers from ministries

Afterwards, MPs discussed the report from the Amyotha Hluttaw Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee concerning the motions tabled and questions raised during the 12th Regular Session of the Second Amyotha Hluttaw.

MP U Myint Naing of Rakhine State constituency 5 said the ministries not answering questions raised by MPs seriously shows negligence to the needs of the people and weak respect towards the Hluttaw.

He said MPs only raise questions that concern the needs and proposals of their constituents. He requested the committee and the Hluttaw Speaker to urge the ministries to provide comprehensive answers.

The report was further debated by MP U Maung Maung Ohn of Ayeyawady Region constituency 5, MP U Shay Yel Shu Maung of Kayah State constituency 2, MP Salai Myo Htike of Chin State constituency 12, and MP Daw Khin Swe Lwin of Chin State constituency 9.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Denmark Ambassador

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat received Denmark Ambassador to Myanmar Mr John Nielsen and party at the meeting hall of Pyithu Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters related to strengthening Denmark-Myanmar bilateral parliamentary relations, Myanmar's democratic transition processes

and cooperation, amendment of the 2008 Constitution and legislation.—MNA ■ (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat meets with Mr John Nielsen, Denmark Ambassador to Myanmar, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



UEC Chairman receives Chinese Ambassador

UNION Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein received Ambassador of People's Republic of China to Myanmar Mr Chen Hai at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Union Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein meets with Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar Mr Chen Hai in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters related to arrangement for holding the 2020 General Elections in accordance with the five norms, conducting of the process of commission's Strategic Plan (2019-2022), the compilation of nationwide voters lists, invitation of international organizations to observe the election, possible cooperation in holding the 2020 General Elections successfully. —MNA ■ (Translated by TTN)

Union Minister Dr Aung Thu receives Singaporean Ambassador

UNION Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu received Singaporean Ambassador Ms Vanessa Chan at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to advanced technology to be used and standard work equipment to be installed in animal health and

livestock businesses, the ministry's tender rules and producers, efforts for livestock sector development, arrangement for the use of microchip ear tag, and the possibility of Singapore tech companies to invest in Myanmar's agriculture and livestock sectors.—MNA ■ (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



2019 Mid-Year Gems Emporium continues on third day

THE third day of 2019 Mid-Year Gems Emporium was held at Mani Yadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Local and foreign merchants first observed the displayed raw jades, finished

jades, raw gem stones and finished gems, and then put bidding forms into tender boxes.

The gem lot number from 1 to 481 valued at 500 Euro and above will be put on sale through the open tender system

on 19 September.

The jade lot number 1 to 1311 on 20 September, jade lot from number from 1312 to 2611 on 21 September, jade lot number from 2612 to 3911 on 22 September, jade lot number from

3912 to 5211 on 23 September, jade lot number from 5212 to 6511 on 24 September and jade lot number from 6512 to 7811 on 25 September will also be sold through the open tender system at the event.

The third day of 2019 Mid-Year Gems Emporium was joined by Hluttaw representatives.—Myo Thu Hein ■ (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

IPRD hosts researcher talk on Brexit

THE Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information yesterday organized a talk on Brexit, an abbreviation for “British exit,” referring to the U.K.’s decision to leave the European Union (EU) after 2016 referendum.

The talk under the title of ‘Brexit or Inception of Grievous?’ was held at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw, and attended by Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint, the chairpersons and secretaries of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw affairs committees, the Permanent Secretary and departmental heads from the Information Ministry and the officers and staff members of other ministries.

Union Minister Dr Pe Myint made an opening remark on the event, with saying that the Brexit is a hot issue in the world and it is concerned with most of the global countries. There have been many stories of convergence and divergence among the counties in the world. Such cases happened in the Soviet Union, the United States, Yugoslavia and the European Union countries. Both the association and the dissociation have some root causes. But, these are just the lessons to be taken. Various reasons were found in different cases.

The Union Minister remarked the talk could share a



Senior Researcher U Aye Maung Kyaw of Center for Myanmar Affairs Studies gives talk on Brexit, an abbreviation for “British exit,” in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

lot knowledge, and he suggested the audience to take part in the talk with their comments.

In his discussion, Senior Researcher U Aye Maung Kyaw of the Center for Myanmar Affairs Studies talked about the relations between Brexit and the United States, between Brexit and London Stock exchange, split stories in the Brexit and other updated information in this topic.

He said that the UK decided the Brexit plan after holding a referendum in 2016, in which over 51 per cent of those voting supported withdrawal. It happened over three years ago. Two British prime ministers had resigned, and the incumbent premiere Boris Johnson has not solved this problem yet. Meanwhile, he fails to make

agreements with the remaining European countries for the plan. Although former Prime Minister Theresa May could reach some agreements, she finally resigned from her position amidst objections of the UK parliament. Boris Johnson insisted a no-deal withdrawal plan by 31 October if the EU is not flexible about his proposals. Some conservatives defected to the opposition party. If a new election took place in the UK, it is not sure for the conservatives to get majority votes. Similarly, the Labour Party cannot guarantee for the success of Brexit even if they won the election. The deadline is 31 October, just more than a month from now. It is also expected the Brexit plan would be postponed until January next year. At the time, the next UK government must negotiate with the EU. In the aftermath of Brexit, the world would suffer its consequences politically and economically.

The senior researcher concluded, “We are just learning

from them. We have acquired knowledge on their political trend and the parliamentary system. We can apply the information for the best of our country.”

Regarding the event, IPRD Director-General U Ye Naing said, “Our department has opened libraries in many areas of the country to disseminate knowledge for the public, while we are organizing public talks. The Research and Information Technology Division of our department is making analysis on both global and Myanmar affairs, and publishing books and publications. For this, we regularly hold small talks in the department, and then the public talk like this. Today’s topic reflects the current global issue. While the European Union is organized with European countries, our country is heading to a democratic federal union. And that the talk will be very beneficial to us. We will organize more talks with more interesting issues in the future in both Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw.”

Assistant Director Daw Myat Myint Moh from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs remarked, “The term Brexit is frequently seen in the internet, but I did not fully understand this issue. The talks have given a lot of information about Brexit to me. A salient point I knew was the realization of Brexit will have indirect impacts on Myanmar. I also raised a question about possible impacts of Brexit on the ASEAN countries.”

Deputy Director Daw Ohnmar Aye from the Ministry of Planning and Finance said, “The investment of UK has contributed 5 per cent of total FDI in Myanmar, while the export sector reached 0.03 per cent in 2017-2018 fiscal year. It is a considerable amount. So, I discussed the possible impacts on Myanmar among the global wave of Brexit. I understand the situation of Myanmar garment industry will be concerned with the success or failure of Brexit plan.”— MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

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

UNION Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin signed the book of condolences

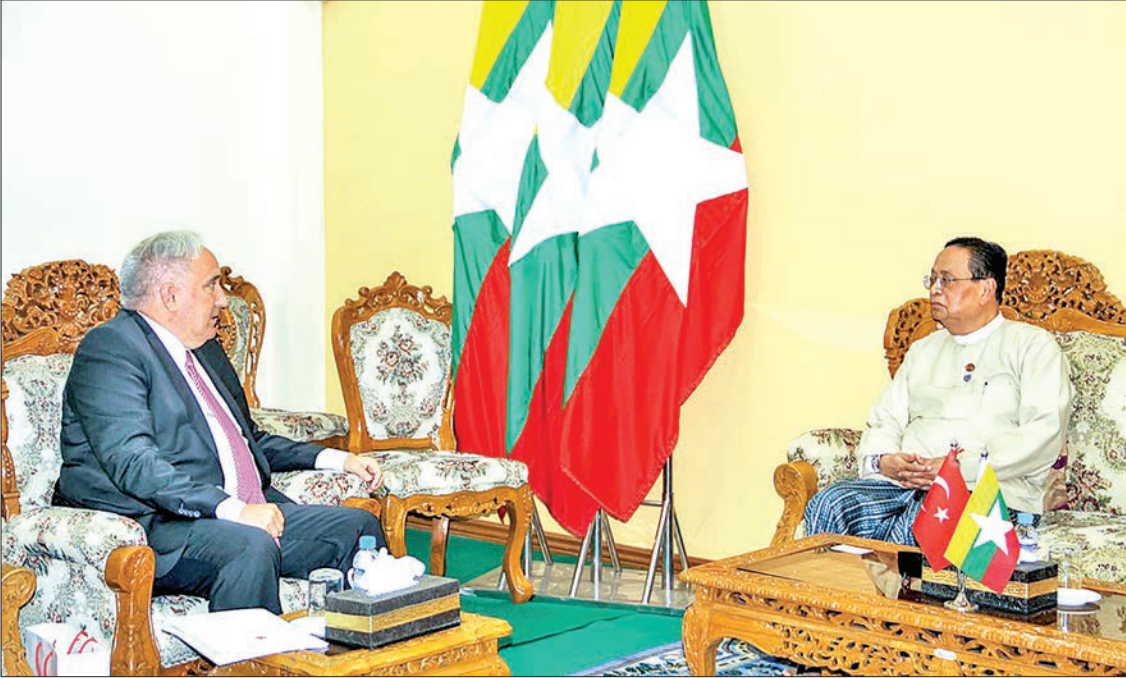
Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin signs book of condolences for late Prof Dr Ing Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie, former President of the Republic of Indonesia, at Indonesian Embassy in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

for late Prof Dr Ing Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie, former President of the Republic of Indonesia, at the Indonesia Embassy in Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Street, Dagon Township in Yangon yesterday.

Prof Dr Ing Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie served as the third President of the Republic of Indonesia from 20 May 1998 to 20 October 1999 and was 83 years old when he passed away. — MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Union Minister U Win Khaing receives Turkish Ambassador



Union Minister U Win Khaing meets Turkish Ambassador Mr Kerem Divanlioglu in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.
PHOTO: MNA

UNION Minister for Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing received Turkish Ambassador Mr Kerem Divanlioglu yesterday at his office in Nay Pyi Taw. During the meeting, they discussed matters related to bilateral cooperation for Myanmar’s electricity and energy sector development.—MNA ■ (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

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U Thein Swe, Chairman of the Amyotha Hluttaw Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee, then said he eagerly welcomes the discussions and suggestions made by the Hluttaw representatives. He said the committee will invite the MPs, ministries and officials to coordinate and discuss during the upcoming 14th Regular Session and invited MPs to debate and provide suggestions for the committee’s future reports as well. U Thein Swe then tabled a motion for the assembly to accept the report. The Speaker gathered the deliberation of the Hluttaw, received no opposition, and announced



MP Salai Myo Htike.
PHOTO: MNA

the Hluttaw’s acceptance of the report. The 23rd-day meeting of the Second Amyotha Hluttaw’s 13th Regular Session will be held today.—Aung Ye Twin ■ (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Labour affairs handled by Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population in August, 2019

THE Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population continually strives for workplace safety, tranquillity, social welfare and medical treatment for workers in factories and workshops, and full access to legal rights. This is all done in order to increase the production levels of factories and workshops which in turn supports national production. The Department of Labour has signed 16,160 employment agreement contracts with 4,709 men and 11,451 women. The ministry has formed township level groups for negotiating disputes between employers and workers. In August 2019 these groups received 80 cases, successfully pacified 28, referred 8 to arbitration, closed 9, and decided for financial compensation for 35. The 35 compensation cases collectively distributed K32,728,718 to 99 persons. The following table(s) show the ministry’s track in providing training for people to become experienced workers in their respective fields and to receive certificate of proof for their proficiency:

Proficiency classes conducted in August 2019

Sr	Class	Duration	Number of trainees		
			Male	Female	Total
1	Air-conditioner repair/maintenance (Yankin)	14-8-19 to 18-9-19	32	-	32
2	Welding (Yankin)	14-8-19 to 18-9-19	25	-	25
3	Electrician (Yankin)	27-8-19 to 1-10-19	31	1	32
4	Assessment Center Manager Training (Yankin)	1-8-19 to 7-8-19	21	13	34
5	Welding (Pathein)	1-8-19 to 31-8-19	20	-	20
6	Overseas Employment Guidance Training (North Dagon)	25-7-19 to 28-8-19	5879	797	6676
7	Overseas Employment Guidance Training (Mandalay)	5-8-19 to 28-8-19	3106	681	3787
Total			9114	1492	10606

Proficiency assessments conducted in August 2019

No.	Profession	Level	Applicants			Successful Candidates		
			Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1	Electrician	Level-1	111	1	112	109	-	109

2	Room Attendant	Level-1	7	5	12	7	5	12
3	Garment	Level-1	3	91	94	3	84	87
4	Brick Layer	Level-1	20	-	20	15	-	15
5	Machinists	Level-1	19	1	20	19	1	20
6	MMAW	Level-1	16	-	16	16	-	16
7	GMAW	Level-1	13	-	13	13	-	13
8	Forklift	Level-1	10	-	10	10	-	10
Total			199	98	297	192	90	282
9	Pneumatic	Level-2	21	-	21	21	-	21
Total			21	-	21	21	-	21
Total (Level-1 & Level-2)			220	98	318	213	90	303

The Department of Factories & General Labour Laws Inspection was able to verify K3000 million and US\$42,223 of compensation or remunerations for workers’ overtime fees, ensuring no delayed payments, paid leave, sick leave and maternal leave. Township level officials for the Department of Factories & General Labour Laws Inspection conducted 214 workshops in 308 factories/workshops to raise awareness on workplace safety and healthcare and legal education. The Department of Labour Relations resolved 6 labour disputes at the arbitration tribunal and 3 at the arbitration council. The Social Security Board ensured K1,200 million was distributed to insured workers and K120 million was used to cover medical costs for 1,169 insured workers. The following table shows the number of workers who received treatment at workers’ hospital, social security clinics and departmental clinics:

No.	Description	Number of persons treated
A	3 workers’ hospitals (8084 outpatients, 676 inpatients)	8760
B	96 social security clinics, 58 departmental clinics, 5 social security carewell clinics, and 7 PPS system clinics	100708
C	Doctors from 3 workers’ hospitals performing 3 field treatments	349
D	Doctors from social security clinics performing 72 field treatments	1557

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

UEC, IFES collaborate on proper social media usage in relation to elections

UNION Election Commission (UEC) and International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) jointly conducted the Training on Social Media: Usage, Strategies and Internal Guide at the UEC's meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the event, UEC Chairman U Hla Thein said that the training was a refresher course for UEC office's employees to effectively use news and information when conducting awareness campaigns on electoral education through Facebook.

He said social media plays an important role in the modern world and its pages are popularly used as a platform for sharing information. The use of social media has advantages but it has also disadvantages and challenges, said the UEC Chairman.

The challenges include pessimistic news reporting, false news, and unofficial and fake social media pages. They need to be handled cautiously and solutions for them also need to be consid-

ered, U Hla Thein added.

He then continued that his commission will work to ensure people from all sectors can access and effectively use information and documents related to electoral processes from the UEC's website and social media. He said this objective is included in Chapter 5 of their strategic plan for 2019-2022.

Therefore, the Facebook platform that can rapidly send information to people has to be used effectively during the election awareness activities, he added.

The UEC Chairman said an estimated five million youths will be voting for the first time in the upcoming 2020 General Elections. They have to be properly informed of the electoral processes, particularly via Facebook which is currently the most popular social media platform among youths. The Facebook platform has also to be used to promote youth participation in the election process, he added.



UEC Chairman U Hla Thein poses for a photo together with trainees at the Training on Social Media: Usage, Strategies and Internal Guide at the UEC's meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

The UEC chairman then said the training would teach the Dos and Don'ts for election awareness activities via Facebook. The social media usage manual (draft) will also include the dos and don'ts of the proper usage of Facebook to provide information.

The Chairman also urged the trainees to effectively use modern technologies in order to successfully implement the commission's works and 2020 general elections processes in accordance with the five norms.

Present at the training were

UEC Chairman U Hla Thein and members, officials from UEC office, officials from IFES, trainers, employees from the commission office and trainees. A group photo was also taken at the one-day training.—MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

World Bamboo Day 2019 held at Yangon University

DOMESTIC bamboo growers, bamboo entrepreneurs, and bamboo artisans jointly organized an event to mark the 4th World Bamboo Day 2019 at Yangon University on 18 September with the aim of promoting bamboo-based products through sharing knowledge.

Under the arrangement of the Myanmar Network for Bamboo and Rattan (MYANBAR), bamboo growers, business entrepreneurs, bamboo artisans, exporters, enthusiasts, and bamboo-related

associate businesses attended the event. Industrial products, housing materials, machines, handmade designs, and products related to bamboo were displayed in booths at the event.

World Bamboo Day was first held in Thailand in 1997. Nowadays, Korea, the US, Japan, Thailand, Viet Nam, and South American countries, including Panama and Columbia, host the event annually. Moreover, MYANBAR, along with associate businesses, plans to

forward a draft strategy to the government to formulate a policy on bamboo to help develop bamboo businesses.

U Khin Maung Yee, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, U Kyaw Thu, the chairman of the Myanmar Rattan and Bamboo Entrepreneurs Association, and officials from related departments and international bamboo organizations attended the event.—Pwint Thitsar

(Translated by La Wonn)



Visitors observe handmade bamboo products at the event to mark the 4th World Bamboo Day 2019 at Yangon University on 18 September. **PHOTO: PWINT THITSAR**

Construction of landing crafts at Dagon Seikkan Shipyard to be completed soon

THE Dagon Seikkan Shipyard, owned by Inland Water Transport (IWT), under the Ministry of Transport and Communications, has been building the nation's first four landing crafts for IWT, and they will be completed very soon, according to the IWT.

"Our shipyard was moved from Ahlone in March, 2013. The shipyard is currently called Dagon Seikkan Shipyard. Earlier, only IWT-owned vessels were renovated. The construction of four new landing crafts will be completed in the 2018-2019 fiscal year. This is the first time we are constructing IWT-owned vessels at the Dagon Seikkan Shipyard," said U Tin Soe, assistant chief engineer, Dagon Seikkan Shipyard.

"Three out of the four landing crafts are 160 feet long and 34 feet wide, with a draught of 7.5 feet. Currently, the construction of three crafts is 90 per cent complete. The estimated cost of one craft is K600 million. The vessels are expected to be complete in October. The crafts will be used for the construction of bridges," he added.

A 200-foot-long and 50-foot-wide landing craft with a draught of 10 feet is also being construct-

ed at a cost of K1,600 million at the shipyard. Currently, the construction of the craft is 70 per cent complete.

"This year, Dagon Seikkan Shipyard is constructing not only state-owned vessels, but also privately owned vessels. Our shipyard has constructed nine privately owned vessels within a year. Currently, the construction of four vessels has been completed, while the remaining five are being built. IWT is providing land and electricity for the construction of privately owned vessels. The private companies have to take the responsibility of the construction part," said U Tin Soe.

The Dagon Seikkan Shipyard has constructed new vessels as well as renovated eight vessels in the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Myanmar's state-owned shipyards are Dagon Seikkan Shipyard and Dala Shipyard in Yangon Region, Yadanabon shipyard in Mandalay Region, Chindwin shipyard in Monywa, and Sittway shipyard in Rakhine State. The Sinmalike shipyard has been set up as part of a joint venture with Viet Nam. —Myint Maung Soe (Translated by Hay Mar)

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Good preparation, management key to overcoming challenges in agro sector

WITH Myanmar experiencing the impact of climate change, the agricultural, livestock and irrigation sector, which is related to the climate, needs innovation and systematic management so it can adapt to the changing situation.

Only good preparation and management can help the country and the people overcome predictable and unpredictable disasters, and reduce their risk.

The Irrigation Department releases data on the water storage capacity in the dams and the volume of irrigation water it can provide to farmlands every year. Farmers, on their part, can choose suitable crops and plan farming methods and inputs to ensure a good harvest.

For instance, the Thaphanseik Dam in Kyunhla Township, Kantbalu District, Sagaing Region, has recorded the lowest water level in 18 years.

The dam, which has a storage capacity of 2.8 million acre feet and a catchment area of 491,687 acres, had about 518,000 acre feet of water as of 30 August this year. Since the end of June, the local Irrigation Department has announced that farmers in the catchment areas can use the irrigation water and supply water to their farmlands.

In this predictable situation, local farmers would also have to do their part to change their farming strategy quickly, climate wise. Market wise, they must all scrutinize which would be the most beneficial and profitable crop.

Meanwhile, this year, natural disasters such as floods and drought have affected more than 270,000 acres of groundnut farms and over 1.3 million acres of sesame farms in the early monsoon season in Magway Region, which mainly grows

oil crops. The region has over 1.3 million acres of land under peas and pulses cultivation.

A change in climate is being witnessed not year by year, but month by month. Crops that grew well in the past may no longer show good yields due to climate change.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation will educate and distribute as much news and information as possible to farmers. The government will help and assist them, but farmers and peasants themselves must have the will to study. Planting methods and crops need to be changed. Continuous study must be undertaken and appropriate and timely changes made.

Faced with changing weather patterns and a declining market for beans and pulses, local farmers in Meiktila Township profited by turning to long staple cotton to cope with the impact of climate change and market last year.

Farmers and fishermen are important for our country's economy as well as for the food sufficiency of our people.

Civil servants working in the farmland sector are also urged to go down to the grassroots level to encourage modern farming methods so that farmers can overcome predictable challenges.

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Myanma Motion Picture Museum to celebrate 100 years of Myanmar movies

By Maung Thinn Pyant, PHOTO : Zwe Man

THE most auspicious days for three promising events have been marked on the calendar for the year 2020.

Waiting eagerly to be celebrated in that single year are the days for the Centenary for National Day; the Centenary for Yangon University; and the Centenary for Myanmar Movies.

Grand and impressive preparations are already underway in Yangon as the three separate organizing groups are gearing up to host the highly anticipated centenaries in pomp, splendid and colorful occasions.

Especially, the stakeholders such as that of ministerial authorities, officials from businesses related to the film industry, representatives from theatre, music and film organizations, experts and

was erected in the "silent era", and later, the art of motion pictures grew into full maturity.

Silver Jubilee of Myanmar movies was scheduled to be celebrated in the year 1945 after the long journey of 25 years, however, it failed to realize due to various unforeseen circumstances.

Nevertheless, the Silver Jubilee of Myanmar movies was celebrated in the year 1947 in conjunction with the Industrial Exhibition at the Western Pavilion of the Great Shwedagon Pagoda.

Much to be remembered of the showcase was the fact that Bogoyoke Aung San, the architect of Independence of Myanmar, graced the event, which was being celebrated on the 27th year of movie history. Golden Jubilee of Myanmar movie was commemorated and celebrated in the year 1970



Myanmar Motion Picture's silver jubilee celebration was attended by Bogoyoke Aung San.



The Myanmar Motion Picture industry has passed its and the diamond jubilee in 1995.

interested persons in the Myanmar movie world are very much eager to celebrate the Centenary of Myanmar Movies with much more enjoyable and merrier mood compared to the past 75th anniversary of diamond jubilee in the country.

All the treasures of 100-year old Myanmar movies are methodically and meticulously kept at the Myanmar Motion Picture Museum, a film museum dedicated to the Cinema of Myanmar located in Yangon. It is housed in a building which was formerly the headquarters of the Myanmar Motion Picture Organization.

Back in the year 1920, the Myanmar movie named "Myittar and Thuyar" was presented to the public amidst the highest difficulties of endeavors in the movie production during the colonial era.

Milestone of Myanmar movie

during the Revolutionary Council administration in the country.

In the pomp of flaming colors, the Silver Jubilee, the Golden Jubilee, and the Diamond Jubilee were celebrated in grandeur scale at the National Theatre, the Tatmadaw Hall, and the Maiden Football Stadium on Myoma Kyaung Street.

Ideas and suggestions are being sought for celebrating the Centenary event on a grand scale through the formation of Temporary Committee for Organizing the Centenary of Myanmar Films, and then the month of October 2019 is being earmarked to step ahead with the formation of Main Organizing Committee.

Doors of the Myanmar Motion Picture Museum are to be opened for showcasing the preparatory, introductory and initial opening of Centenary Myanmar Movies presentation.



Myanmar Motion Picture Museum in Bahan Township.

At that cross road, Myanmar audience had the pleasure of enjoying only the foreign movies, and that the Myanmar movie was not up to their satisfaction on various aspects of movie production as the film makers had no modern expertise.

Facial images of all the actors and the characters in the movie were all brown, dark and murky as the movie makers had no ideas in supplementing the makeup and lightings. They were unaware of the necessity to do things such as that of adding facial makeup;

and then rushed in producing the second movie. Facial make-ups were applied, the red lipsticks were glossed on the lips, and the lighting was flooded.

With many drawbacks and loopholes in the film settings, the old movie gurus tried their best in producing Myanmar movies.

During the unsophisticated and unrefined olden days, there were no lipsticks and no makeup in Myanmar, which necessitate in creating such beauty items for movie production.

Centering the years of black and while cinematography, the forefathers of the movie world clambered, climbed and crawled with many personal creation in the production of Myanmar movies.

Recounting his experiences, U Aye Kyu Lay, Member of Myanmar Naing Ngan Motion Picture and Theatrical Asiayone said, "We could not celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Myanmar Movie event at the right time due to many unexpected circumstances. However, we successfully organized the show in conjunction with the Industrial Exhibition at the Western Pavilion of the Great Shwedagon Pagoda. It was an era under the colonial government. Bogoyoke Aung San so kindly graced the occasion. The Golden Jubilee was held in Yangon and in Mandalay. The Diamond Jubilee was held in Yangon and it was conducted in a broader scale as the state leaders had attended the event."

He continued that the upcoming 2020 Myanmar Movie Centenary is under the good care and cooperation of Yangon Region Government, and the renovation task of the Myanmar Motion Picture Museum is to be completed at the end of October.

Conceived, born and implemented at a difficult time, the founders of Myanmar movies have had to work hard under the colonial rule without the standard movie apparatuses. Purchasing a normal still camera and attached with a locally made crude box, they eventually produced a Myanmar movie.

Three feet film are glued to a long stretch to fifty feet film, and then to four hundred feet film. Lack of expertise, short of beauty items were the hurdles in the production of Myanmar movies.

To be continued

Translated by UMT (Ahlom)

In the absence of proper movie cameras and modern filming techniques, movie-makers in Myanmar turned to normal still cameras to make movies, as they harbored a desire to be on par with Western film-makers.

makers had finally created a Myanmar movie.

With dedicated determination, they processed over the 400 feet long glued and connected films and finally made the silent movie "Myittar and Thuyar" and presented to the public across the country.

There was loud applause as the young and the old in the country accorded to that movie.

that of applying lipsticks; that of hiding and shading the protruding tensed jaw with makeup; that of fine defining the nose outline for better and beautiful shape; that of feeding more heat to the thick film texture.

Experiencing the dark and murky faces occurred in the first movie, the renowned actor U Nyi Pu painstakingly read the movie production books from abroad,



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Wednesday 18th September, 2019)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 19th September, 2019: Weather has been partly cloudy in Northern Shan State. Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Region, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, scattered in Magway Region, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfalls in Nay Pyi Taw and Taninthayi Region. Degree of certainty is (80%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthy Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30-35)m.p.h. Sea will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (6-9) feet in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthy Coasts and about (3-5) feet in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Continuation of thundery activities in Central Myanmar areas.

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FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 19th September, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 19th September, 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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Anti-Corruption Commission Chairman receives Ambassador of Denmark

U AUNG KYI, Chairman of Anti-Corruption Commission, received Mr John Nielsen, Ambassador of Denmark to Myanmar, at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to technical assistance in the surveys conducted by the ACC, education programme on integrity promoting, establish-

ment of corruption prevention units (CPU) and starting status in CPUs' work.—MNA

(Translated by TTN)

Anti-Corruption Commission Chairman U Aung Kyi meets with Mr John Nielsen, Ambassador of Denmark, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.
PHOTO: MNA



Deputy Minister Information leaves for PRC



Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun seen off by officials from Ministry of Information at the Yangon International Airport yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE delegation led by Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun left Yangon for Nan-ning, the People's Republic of China, by air yesterday to attend China-ASEAN Radio and Television and New Media Forum and Television Fair during 16th Chi-na-ASEAN Expo held in Nan-ning, China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region from 18 to

21 September. The delegation was seen off by officials from Ministry of Information at the Yangon International Airport.

The deputy minister was accompanied by Director (music) of Myanma Radio and Television U Toe Kyaw and Assistant Director Daw Khaing Moe Naing.—MNA

(Translated by TTN)

Officials form MoTC, MoI, private media meet with Russian Deputy Minister

PERMANENT Secretary of the Ministry of Transport and Communications U Soe Thein, Director of Film Promotion Division, Information and Public Relations Department U Thein Naing and officials from private media organizations, Forever Group Co Ltd, Shwe Than Lwin Co Ltd, Mingalar Company Ltd and the Myanmar Times, met

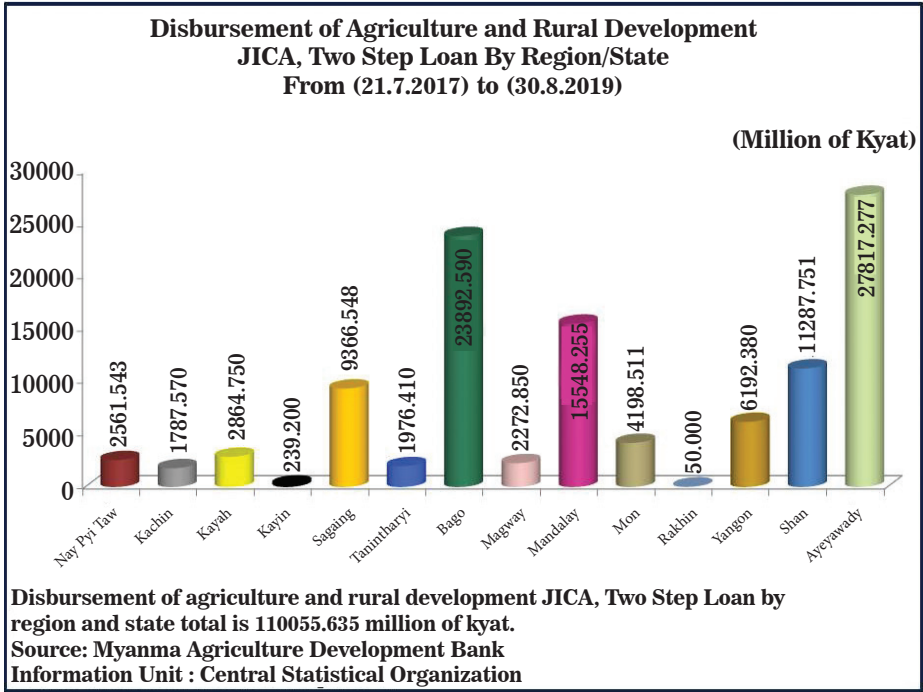
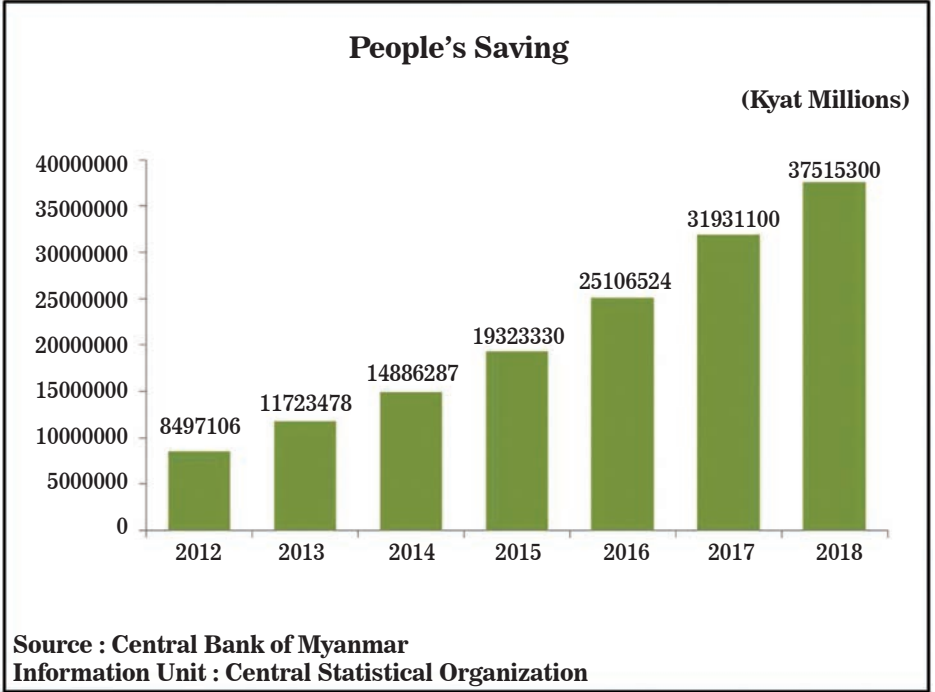
with Deputy Minister of Digital Development, Telecom and Mass Communications from the Russian Federation Mr Aleksey Volin at the meeting hall of Film Promotion Division, Information and Public Relations Department in Yangon yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed bilateral cooperation with cyber security, smart cities, investment in communications sector, shutdown of analogue TV system, issues related to film and television, new media, displaying film and transformation of digital TV system. — MNA

(Translated by TTN)



Officials from Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Information and private media organizations holds talk with Russian Federation Deputy Minister Mr Aleksey Volin in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



Thadukan zone’s electric cars to be launched in local market soon

THE Khaing Khaing Sangda Motorcar factory in the Thadukan industrial zone, Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Region, is

producing electric cars, which will be launched in the market soon, said Mr Yu Jian Chen, the managing director of the

factory.

Production at the factory started in March on new models of hybrid electric cars. The cars

are being jointly produced by China’s Yue Di and the Khaing Khaing Sangda Motorcar factory for Myanmar.

At present, more than 100 electric cars of the KSD-V1-NE1 variant have been manufactured. The model can seat five people, and reach an average speed of 50 kmph. It can travel 100 km (62 miles) without a break.

In September, the factory is producing two models — KSD-V1-NE2 and KSD-V1-NE3, which can reach a speed of 70-80 kmph. They can go up to 800 km (approximately 500 miles) on full battery and are priced at K13.9 million. The car battery comes with a 5-year warranty. The factory is also offering a warranty of five years on the cars.

“There are plans for a

hire-purchase system. Electric cars are being produced at the factory under the semi-knocked down system. The cars can run long trips as they have a gasoline engine for recharging the battery when the battery pack’s charge gets low. They can help save on the high cost of gasoline and are eco-friendly,” said Mr Yu Jian Chen.

“Electric cars can help reduce air pollution, oil consumption, and carbon emissions. People from the middle-income group can afford to buy the cars. The factory can also create job opportunities for locals and produce skilled labor,” he added.

This is the first time that electric cars are being produced in Myanmar. — Myo Min Thein (Mayangon) ■

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)



Electric cars, which will be launched to local market, park at motorcar factories in Thadukan industrial zone. PHOTO: MYO GYI

Annual inflation rate highest in July at 8.35%

THE annual rate of inflation in Myanmar, based on the Consumer Price Index, was the highest in July at 8.35 per cent, according to a report released recently by the Central Statistical Organization, under the Ministry of Planning and Finance.

The figure is up 0.27 per cent month-on-month. The rate was registered at 8.08 per cent in June.

The value of Myanmar Kyat against the US dollar remained on the high side in July. The price of imported oil continued to rise, thereby hiking up fuel oil prices in the domestic market.

There was a remarkable increase in CPI in the food, household goods and maintenance, transportation, other commodities, clothing, health, education services, recreation, culture, non-

food and tobacco and beverages groups, except telecommunications. The year-on-year inflation rate touched 8.18 per cent in August, 2018 and rose to 8.85 per cent in October, 2018. It began to decline gradually in November and December, 2018 when the transportation became smooth in the open season, and registered a sharp drop to 6.14 per cent in January, this year. The rate

rose gradually from February and reached its highest level in July this year at 10.87 per cent.

In July, Magway Region recorded the highest inflation rate at 12.43 per cent, followed by Mandalay City at 9.96 per cent, and Mon State at 9.91 per cent.

Earlier, the inflation rate was calculated based on a 2006 survey. The base year was later changed to 2012. The Central Statistical

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

Myanmar exports 500 tons of coffee this year

THE export of Myanmar coffee has been increasing annually, with the volume of shipments touching 500 tons this year, which is much higher than in the previous years, according to U Ye Myint, the chairman of the Myanmar Coffee Association.

Two years ago, Myanmar produced around 8,000 tons of coffee. The country exported 200 tons of coffee in 2017, 300 tons in 2018, and 500 tons this year.

“Coffee is a kind of high-value industrial crop. The Arabica coffee produced by the Ywangan region in Shan State is recognized as a specialty coffee globally. In addition, it is an organic product. Now, Arabica coffee is being demanded by foreign countries and it is being offered a fair price,” he added.

Myanmar coffee is mainly grown in PyinOoLwin Township and Mogok Township in Mandalay, Ywangan Township, Nawngkhio Township and Hopong Township in Shan State. Myanmar is exporting coffee to Russia, China, the US, Germany, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore. To expand the coffee market, investors need support in the form of loans and assistance by the relevant departments.

“Coffee earns Myanmar foreign currency. We need to promote the development of the coffee sector, which has a high potential in the country to replace instant coffee mixes imported from abroad. We need more cooperation between coffee growers and the related departments to gain a strong



Workers dry coffee beans under the sun in Mandalay. PHOTO: KHINE SATT WAI

market and to promote Myanmar coffee exports,” he added.

Myanmar has a total of 48,578 acres of coffee plantations in Mandalay Region, and Shan, Kachin, and Kayin states. There

are 5,832 acres of coffee plantations in Mandalay Region.

Currently, Myanmar coffee has low access in the international market because of the lack of proper production technology.

The country also lacks exchange of information compared to South East Asian countries such as Indonesia, Thailand and Viet Nam.—Khine Satt Wai (Translated by Hay Mar)

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Scania buses to provide Yangon circular service from 23 Sept; round-trip fare set at K1,000



Scania buses park at YRTA's head office in Tamwe Township, Yangon. PHOTO: YRTA

By Nyein Nyein

SCANIA buses will be commissioned into the Yangon circular service from 23 September, with one round trip set to cost K1,000, said U Hla Aung, the Joint Secretary of the Yangon Region Transport Authority (YRTA).

He announced the new service at a press conference held yesterday at the YRTA head office, located at No65, Manhaung Ward, Laydaunykan Road, Tam-way Township.

“The service will run with a fleet of 20 Scania buses from the Aungmingala Highway Bus Terminal. There will be two routes for the circular services. We are also observing the route to fulfill the public’s needs. We will run the service with full capacity

using 39 buses in October,” said U Hla Aung.

“The circular route will run from Aungmingala to Thanthumar-Botahtaung-Kyimyindine and end at the Aungmingala terminal. The bus fare is pegged at K500 for a single trip from Aungmingala to ThakhinMya Park, and so, the return trip will also cost the same. The fare for a round trip has been fixed at K1,000,” said U Hla Aung.

The City Transit Company had inspected the routes in August. They are also trying to install a bus-stop announcement system, which would be helpful for the commuters, on the Scania buses. The company has also installed telematics and GPS to help the buses provide smooth transportation to the public. The buses are also

wheel-chair accessible.

The City Transit Company had planned to launch Scania buses on the Yangon circular service last month. However, the project took time as the company had to construct a terminal.

The YRTA is supervising the Yangon Bus Service in the region. As commuters in the commercial hub of Yangon depend on bus services, the YRTA is endeavoring to offer better services to the public than the All Private Bus Lines Control Committee.

The YBS was launched on 16 January, 2017, during the incumbent government’s term. At present, over 100 bus lines are operating 4,500 buses on about 130 routes, along with the Airport Shuttle. The number

of daily commuters has been estimated at 1.8 million.

The YRTA was formed to improve the transport facilities in Yangon for the convenience of the public. Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein was appointed as the Patron of the transport authority, while Daw Nilar Kyaw, the Yangon Region Minister for Electricity, Industry, and Transportation, was made the Chairwoman.

In April this year, the number of members was increased to 22 from 16, with the YRTA appointing the Security and Border Affairs Minister as Vice Chairwoman 1 and the Yangon Mayor as Vice Chairwoman 2, besides officials from related departments and organizations.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Over 3,000 taxis register with YRTA under new deadline

By Nyein Nyein

OVER 3,000 taxis which had failed to register or renew their registrations earlier have applied for registrations and renewals under the extended deadline, said U Hla Aung, the Joint-Secretary of the Yangon Region Transport Authority (YRTA).

The deadline has been extended to 30 September. Taxis which fail to register or get their registration renewed within the extended deadline will face action under the existing rules and laws, according to the YRTA.

“We are reviewing the data of registered vehicles. Some are no longer seeking renewals,

while some cars have been de-registered as old scrapped cars. Some cars were sold to other regions without the authority being informed. We will renew the data and the deadline has been set at 30 September,” said U Hla Aung.

Following the notification of the extended deadline, 874 taxis were registered and 2,132 taxi owners renewed their registration between 12 July and 17 September, making a total of 3,006 vehicles, said U Hla Aung.

City taxi registrations were started in 2002 to bring transport services on par with Yangon’s image as a commercial hub and for regulating the taxi service.

The systematic registration of city taxis for greater regulation has helped law enforcement agencies investigate 2,900 traffic cases as of 20 August, including hit-and-runs and other crimes.

The YRTA was formed on 8 July, 2016 to improve transport facilities in Yangon for the convenience of the public.

In a bid to ensure traffic discipline, the YRTA, through an announcement in state-owned newspapers, had asked city taxis to register with the authority by 31 December, 2017.

However, for some reason, the registration period was extended to 31 January, 2018. Some taxis tried to reg-

ister on the last day, but their registration could not be completed, and they were allowed to complete the process by 6 April, 2018.

The YRTA extended the deadline to 30 September after it was found that more than 5,000 taxis remained to be registered or needed to get their registration renewed.

Those taxis which fail to register within the new deadline will have their licenses revoked according to rules and regulations, the YRTA stated.

There were 67,438 registered city taxis in Yangon Region as of end-August, according to data from the YRTA.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Saudi Arabia says oil output to be restored by end of September

JEDDAH—Saudi Arabia said Tuesday its oil output will return to normal by the end of September, seeking to soothe rattled energy markets after attacks on two installations that slashed its production by half.

The weekend strikes on Abqaiq — the world’s largest oil processing facility — and the Khurais oil field in eastern Saudi Arabia roiled energy markets and revived fears of a conflict in the tinderbox Gulf region. Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman, who was only appointed to the role earlier this month, said that the world’s top energy exporter had dipped into its strategic reserves to maintain supply to clients.

“I have good news for you... the oil output to international markets is back



Saudi Arabia’s Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman gives a press conference in the Red Sea city of Jeddah on September 17, 2019. PHOTO: AFP

to what it was before the attack,” he told reporters in the western Red Sea city of Jeddah.

“During the past two days the damage was contained and 50 percent of the production has been recovered,” he added. “Produc-

tion will be back to normal by the end of September.” Prince Abdulaziz said the kingdom would achieve 11 million barrels per day (bpd) capacity by the end of September and 12 million bpd by the end of November. “Restoring sustainable

production capacity to 11 million bpd by the end of the month is an ambitious target, given the amount of repairs required” at the sites, Alex Schindelar, president of the Energy Intelligence group, told AFP. —AFP ■

Japan mulls adding economic division to national security unit



File photo taken on Feb. 21, 2019, shows the Japanese prime minister’s office in Tokyo. PHOTO: KYODO

TOKYO—Japan is considering adding an economic division to the National Security Secretariat, government sources said Wednesday, as part of efforts to enhance the functions of

the policy-coordination unit until now primarily focused on foreign affairs.

The planned reform comes as the NSS sees the importance of incorporating economic perspectives

more into policy making to address global challenges such as the U.S.-China trade dispute and next-generation 5G network technology, according to the sources.

Although details have yet to be worked out, the envisaged economic division will likely include officials from the Finance Ministry, the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry as well as the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, the sources said.

The NSS serves as a body to support the National Security Council, a framework launched

in December 2013 as the command center for Japan’s foreign and security policies.

The ruling Liberal Democratic Party has called for an expanded NSS, which has been led by new chief Shigeru Kitamura, a veteran intelligence officer, since last week.

In March, a group of LDP lawmakers proposed that the government set up an entity modeled after the U.S. National Economic Council, so Japan can better cope with the high-tech rivalry between the United States and China, as well as cyber issues.—Kyodo ■

French customs, Eurotunnel confident of ‘smooth’ post-Brexit traffic

COQUELLES (France)—French customs officials and Eurotunnel said Tuesday that they were confident of maintaining a smooth flow of traffic through the Channel Tunnel at Calais after Britain leaves the EU, as they conducted a joint dress rehearsal for Brexit. During the rehearsal, trucks crossing into France from the British side had the bar codes of their

customs declarations scanned by a Eurotunnel agent, a formality that will become systematic once Brexit takes place.

“We are confident of our capacity to assure the smooth flow (of traffic) through the terminal, just like today,” Eurotunnel spokeswoman Anne-Laure Descleves told AFP in Calais, the transport hub on the French side of

the tunnel. Eurotunnel runs the shuttle trains that take vehicles through the Channel Tunnel between Calais and the English port of Folkestone.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has pledged his country will leave the EU on October 31—with or without a divorce deal with the bloc—though many analysts regard this as far from certain.—AFP ■

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Abe, Rouhani to hold talks next Tuesday in New York

TOKYO—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will hold talks with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani next week in New York, a Japanese government official said Wednesday, amid rising tensions between Iran and the United States.

During the meeting, to be held next Tuesday on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly, Abe is expected to persuade Rouhani to engage in dialogue with the United States.

Abe will leave for the United States on Monday and is expected to hold talks also with U.S. President Donald Trump on Sept. 25.

On Wednesday, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said at a press conference that Japan will “take advantage of its security alliance with the United States and its traditional friendly



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (L) and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani hold talks in Tehran on June 12, 2019. **PHOTO: KYODO**

ties with Iran” for the stabilization of the Middle East.

A senior Foreign Ministry official said Japan will seek “rec-

onciliation through dialogue” in the meetings with the two presidents.

But Iranian Supreme Lead-

er Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said Tuesday that the Islamic country will not negotiate with the United States “at any level.”—Kyodo ■

Filipino coastguards convicted of killing Taiwanese fisherman

MANILA—Coastguard sailors who opened fire on a Taiwanese fisherman in Philippine waters were convicted Wednesday of his 2013 killing, which strained ties between the historically friendly neighbours. The eight Filipino crewmen said they had shot in self-defence after the fisherman's vessel sailed directly at them in

the seas just north of the main Philippine island of Luzon. A Manila court convicted the men of homicide and sentenced them to a minimum of eight years in prison, though they will be allowed to remain free while they appeal.

“We are filing a notice of appeal so that what we perceived as errors of the trial court will

be thrashed out,” Paul Jomar Alcutia, one of the lawyers of the officers, told AFP. Taipei meanwhile welcomed the court verdict.

“Justice has been served,” Taiwan foreign ministry spokeswoman Joanne Ou said in a statement Wednesday. The killing caused a deep rift between the Asian neighbours, with then

Taiwan president Ma Ying-jeou describing it as “cold-blooded murder”.

After the fatal shooting, Taiwan ordered a freeze on the hiring of Filipino workers, warned its tourists against travelling to the Philippines and staged naval drills near its sea border with Manila.—AFP ■

Post-typhoon blackout raises disaster prep questions in Japan

TOKYO—A lengthy post-typhoon blackout outside Tokyo that has left tens of thousands of people without power for more than a week is raising questions about preparedness in disaster-prone

Japan.

“It's worse than we thought,” an official from Tokyo Electric Power (TEPCO) told AFP, as authorities confirmed 45,000 homes were still without electricity 12

days after the powerful Typhoon Faxai barrelled through the Tokyo region.

The storm hit the capital with record-setting winds and brought travel chaos to Narita airport, but the effects have been felt worst in the Chiba region, east of Tokyo.

Temperatures soared after the storm, and two people died of heatstroke in the days following when nearly one million homes were without power and more than 80,000 without water.

TEPCO dispatched 12,000 workers to the region, along with 4,000 staff from other regional companies, but admitted it initially underestimated the scale of the problem.

“We weren't able to imme-

diately assess the extent of the situation,” a TEPCO spokesman said.

“As we've been able to access various places, we've found break points where cables are severed and poles have been toppled.”

Part of the problem lies in the fact that power lines in Japan are largely above ground.

But experts also accuse the government and utility companies of being unprepared.

“If companies were better prepared, the situation wouldn't have been this serious,” said Hirotada Hirose, a retired professor who has written several books on disaster management.

“There is a failure to anticipate. They didn't envisage the worst,” he told AFP.—AFP ■



Experts accuse the Japanese government and utility companies of being unprepared as tens of thousands of homes were still without power nearly two weeks after Typhoon Faxai hit. **PHOTO: AFP**

NEWS In BRIEF

Thai police order for intel on Muslim students sparks outrage

BANGKOK—A Thai Muslim student group Wednesday called for police to drop an order requesting universities to provide “intelligence” on Muslim students and their activities in the Buddhist-majority state. Muslims make up Thailand's second largest religious group, with the majority residing in its three southernmost states, which since 2004 have been in the grip of a conflict between Malay-Muslim separatist rebels and Thai authorities. Rights groups have long accused the state of heavy-handed sweeps of the majority Malay-Muslim population in that region—which is under martial law.—AFP ■

Suicide bomber, gunmen attack Afghan government building

JALALABAD—At least 12 people were injured when gunmen stormed a crowded government building in eastern Afghanistan Wednesday after a suicide bomber attack, with desperate survivors leaping from windows to escape the fighting, witnesses and officials said.

Security forces rushed to the scene after armed men attacked the office in Jalalabad, capital of eastern Nangarhar province, in the latest violence to hit the war-torn country as it gears up for a presidential election on September 28.

Terrified children at a nearby school climbed over walls to get further away from the fighting.

A provincial spokesman, Ataullah Khogyani, said the blast had been carried out by a suicide bomber, and that security forces had rushed to the scene to rescue staff still inside the building. Witnesses and an AFP reporter could hear gunshots immediately after the initial blast. One of the centre's employees, Haji Qudrat, told AFP of the moment one of the gunmen entered his office.—AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

EU warns no-deal Brexit imminent if UK doesn't get serious

STRASBOURG—The European Union's two top officials handling troublesome Brexit talks warned Wednesday the risk of a no-deal exit looms large unless Prime Minister Boris Johnson's government swiftly offers concrete proposals. "The risk of a no deal remains very real. That will maybe be the choice of the United Kingdom but never the choice of the European Union," European Commission chief Jean-Claude Juncker told the European Parliament in Strasbourg. If that happens, "the consequences are much more serious, much more numerous than you want to say," added EU chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier in remarks directed at pro-Brexit MEPs.

"After Brexit, you will be accountable to the citizens," he told them. The warnings came two days after Juncker and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson met in Luxembourg for talks and just six weeks before Britain is set to exit the bloc.—AFP ■

Israeli army kills Palestinian woman on checkpoint

RAMALLAH—Palestinian Health Ministry on Wednesday declared that a Palestinian woman was shot dead at Qalandia military checkpoint between Ramallah and Jerusalem cities for allegedly attempting to stab an Israeli soldier.

The ministry said the 50-year-old woman, whose name was not revealed, died of bleeding wounds early in the morning.

Israeli army said that the woman was shot after being discovered with a knife, attempting to stab an Israeli soldier.

Palestinian sources said that the army forces were seen deploying quickly at the checkpoint after a woman took a wrong lane at the checkpoint and shot her in the leg.

No witnesses confirmed that she received medical aid immediately after being shot.

No other injuries were reported.

Qalandia military checkpoint is considered a border crossing that determines the access of Palestinians from the West Bank into East Jerusalem.—XINHUA ■

Netanyahu, Gantz deadlocked after Israeli polls

JERUSALEM—Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his main challenger Benny Gantz were deadlocked Wednesday after an Israeli general election, reports said, raising the possibility of a unity government or even the end of the premier's long rule.

Various Israeli media reported that Netanyahu's right-wing Likud and Gantz's Blue and White had 32 seats each of parliament's 120 with more than 90 percent of the vote counted.

The reports were citing sources with the elections committee, as that level of results had not been officially posted yet and were not expected before Wednesday afternoon.

The results gave no obvious path for either to form a majority coalition, raising the possibility of negotiations towards a unity government. If the results hold, it will be a major setback for Netanyahu, who hoped to form a right-wing coalition similar to his current one as he faces the possibility of corruption charges in the weeks ahead.

With a hoarse voice and appearing haggard after days of intense campaigning, Netanyahu spoke before supporters in the early hours of Wednesday



Netanyahu's challenger, former armed forces chief Benny Gantz, has called for a "broad unity government" after unofficial results gave neither man any obvious path to form a majority coalition. **PHOTO: AFP**

and said he was prepared for negotiations to form a "strong Zionist government."

He seemed to hint at openness to forming a national unity government, but did not specifically say so. In his speech to supporters in Tel Aviv, Gantz called for a "broad unity government" but cautioned that he was waiting for final results.

"We will act to form a broad unity government that will express the will of the people," the former armed forces chief said.

"We will begin negotiations and I will speak with everyone."

On Wednesday morning when journalists approached him as he was on his way for a run, Gantz said "we'll wait for the final results ... and wish Israel a good unity government."

Netanyahu had not spoken in public since his early morning speech.

Arab turnout

Ex-defence minister Avigdor Lieberman could prove to be kingmaker, with the reported results showing his nationalist Yisrael Beiteinu with nine seats.—AFP ■

Bloody Sunday ex-soldier murder case reaches court

LONDONDERRY—Almost 50 years after British troops opened fire on protesters on Bloody Sunday, killing 14 people, the only murder case brought against one of the soldiers reached a Northern Irish court for the first time on Wednesday.

The unnamed veteran, accused of murdering two civilians in Londonderry in January 30, 1972, did not attend the hearing in the city and the case was swiftly adjourned.

But relatives of the Bloody Sunday victims, who gathered together to walk to the courthouse, hailed the very fact it was taking place. Liam Wray, whose brother was killed, said it was a "historic day".

"We are glad and relieved that his day has arrived, it's been 47 and a half years," he said.

Thirteen people died that day when British troops opened fire on a civil rights demonstration in a majority Catholic area of Lon-

donderry, while a 14th victim later died of his wounds.

In addition to two murder charges, the ex-paratrooper, identified only as "Soldier F", faces charges of the attempted murder

of four others.

His case was adjourned until December 4, with the lawyer for the veteran stating his intention to challenge the bid to bring the case to trial.

Bloody Sunday has become one of the most symbolic events in the grim history of the Troubles, the conflict which gripped Northern Ireland for three decades.—AFP ■



The Bloody Sunday mural depicting the body of Jackie Duddy being carried away after his shooting alongside Bishop Edward Daly is seen in the Rossville Street area where soldiers opened fire on civil rights marchers. **PHOTO: AFP**

Iran's Rouhani says Yemenis attacked Saudi oil sites as 'warning'

TEHRAN—Iran's President Hassan Rouhani said Wednesday Yemenis targeted Saudi oil facilities as a "warning" about a possible wider war in response to the kingdom's US-backed intervention in their conflict-ravaged country.

"The Yemenis... haven't hit a hospital, they haven't hit a school, they haven't hit Sanaa bazaar. They just hit an industrial centre... to warn you," Rouhani said after a cabinet meeting.

"Learn lessons from this warning and consider that there could be a war in the region," he said, in a likely address to the rulers of Saudi Arabia which has spent billions of dollars on US weapons.—AFP ■

AFC U-16 Championship Qualifiers: Myanmar lose to Thailand in opening match

MYANMAR lost to Thailand by 0-4 in the opening match of Group K for the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) U-16 Championship 2020 Qualifiers yesterday at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon.

Led by head coach U Min Thu, team Myanmar lined up with goalkeeper Han Thar Lin, Htoo Myat Khant, Kaung Htet Paing, Yan Naing Tun, Min Khant Thu, Kaung Khant Kyaw, Wai Yan Lin Thu, Kaung Zaw Lin, Zin Myo Aung, Aung Thiha Paing, and Captain Kyaw Min Khant.

Both teams played energetically from the start, but the Thai strikers were too strong for Myanmar defenders to effectively block the ball.

Even in the early minutes of the first half, Thailand made counter attacks and Myanmar lost some possessions. At the 6-minute mark, Thailand got

the opening goal, which was scored by striker Wongpanya over an assist from his teammates.

The Myanmar strikers tried to make early minute goals, but Thailand's defense line and keeper were too strong and were able to clear the ball and make several saves.

Thailand landed their second goal at 11 minutes. It was scored by striker Wongpanya, who converted a slow pass, which Myanmar defenders weren't quick enough to stop.

Thailand netted their third goal at 27 minutes. It was scored by midfielder Khanyok off a long pass, with the support of his teammate. The first half ended with a score of 3-0 in favor of team Thailand.

In the second half, Myanmar changed tactics, but at the 62-minute mark, Thailand got a corner kick, with captain



Myanmar's Min Khant Thu (white) vies for the ball against Thailand's Saipetch (dark blue) during the AFC U-16 Championship 2020 Qualifiers on 18 September at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon. PHOTO: MFF

Kaeeroj scoring the fourth goal for Thailand, with an assist from midfielder Boonlha. After the tally reached, 4-0 Myanmar opened their attack, but due to lack of coordination between midfielders and strikers, the team failed to score consolation goals. Thailand defenders held strong till the match ended to maintain their four-goal lead.

Myanmar will next play South Korea at the same venue on 20 September.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Second place is additional reward: head coach Myo Hlaing Win



Ayeyawady United head coach Myo Hlaing Win seen at an earlier national league match. PHOTO: MNL

AFTER the Ayeyawady United secured the second place in the 2019 edition of the Myanmar National League, former Myanmar football star and the head coach of the team, Myo Hlaing Win, said that the position was an additional reward for the team.

"We were aiming to secure at least the third place in the national league before starting the 2019 season. The second place could be said to be an additional reward.

I am pleased with the result, although we fell short of our goal of maintaining the championship position," said Ayeyawady United head coach Myo Hlaing Win.

Ayeyawady United faced just two losses in the tourney, and the team was nominated as

the second-best striking team, scoring 44 goals, after Shan United, which scored 45 goals.

"It is sure that the efforts of all my boys helped us get this result in this season. All the coaching teams and players had good understanding and stayed united.

I want to say thank you to the owner of the team and fans for giving us support. The second place is really our reward," added Myo Hlaing Win.

This is the first time Myo Hlaing Win coached Ayeyawady United, and he helped the team get the second place in the tourney. Myo Hlaing Win has signed a long-term contract with Ayeyawady United for getting better opportunities for the team, said officials. —Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Hampshire's Kyle Abbott takes 17 wickets to send records tumbling

LONDON (United Kingdom) —Former South Africa Test player Kyle Abbott took 17 wickets in Hampshire's County Championship win over title-chasing Somerset — the best figures in first-class cricket for 63 years.

The paceman's match return of 17-86 is the best ever for Hampshire and the best overall since England spinner Jim Laker took 19-90 against Australia in 1956.

Abbott, 32, had taken 9-40 in the first innings and replicated his incredible fast bowling with a remarkable 8-46, the Championship's first 17-wicket haul for 80 years.

Somerset, who needed 281 to win, were skittled for just 144 in their second innings on Wednesday.

The 136-run defeat, Somerset's third loss of the season, means they will need to beat their title rivals Essex at Taunton next week if they are to win the Championship for the first time. Essex are on the brink of victory against Surrey. —AFP ■

Lindelof extends Man Utd deal to 2024

LONDON (United Kingdom) — Manchester United tied down defender Victor Lindelof to a new five-year deal on Wednesday.

"Victor Lindelof has signed a new long-term contract with Manchester United, keeping him at the club until at least June 2024. There is an option to extend for a further year," United said in a statement.

The Swedish international

has established himself as a regular under Ole Gunnar Solskjaer over the past 10 months after a difficult first season following a £31 million (\$39 million) move from Benfica in 2017. "Since the day I arrived at United, it has felt like home," said Lindelof. "I have grown significantly both as a player and as a person in the last two years and for that I am grateful to everyone at the club for their

help and support. "I love playing football and my aim now is to help the team to win trophies and repay the fans for their unrivalled support." Lindelof has made 74 appearances for the Red Devils, but is yet to win any silverware. However, having started as Harry Maguire's partner at the heart of the United defence in all five Premier League games so far this season, he is confident of get-

ting United back to competing for trophies "I know that everyone at the club shares this vision and will give everything to get Manchester United back to where it belongs," added Lindelof.

"I'm still young and know I can improve further but with the help of the boss and his coaching staff, I believe that only good things are ahead for this great club." —AFP ■