State Counsellor visits boat race at Inle Lake

A ceremony held in Shan State (South) Nyaungshwe Town yesterday morning, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi paid homage to four Inle Phaungdaw Oo Buddha images that were on an annual ceremonial tour, attended an Intha traditional boat race and presented prizes at the prize awarding ceremony.

The State Counsellor and party arrived at the Nyaungshwe Town Intha traditional boat race prize awarding pandal and observed the ceremonial paying homage of Phaungdaw Oo Buddha image with poems and songs by Buddha image greeting boat, traditional ‘soon’ offering boat paddling demonstration and ethnic national cultural dances.

Next the State Counsellor and party arrived at the Barge Arrival Pandal and paid homage to four Inle Phaungdaw Oo Buddha images that were temporarily residing in Nyaungshwe Town after being carried by a Karaweik barge on a ceremonial tour according to Inle tradition and donated gold robes.

Afterwards, the State Counsellor and party returned to the traditional boat race prize awarding pandal and observed the traditional boat races. After the competition, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi presented prizes and shields to first prize winner Kay La Sate Ta village team and second prize winner Myaung Wa Gyi village team.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi observes the Intha traditional boat race at the Inle lake in Northern Shan State yesterday. PHOTO: MNA
The annual ceremonial tour of Inle Phaungdaw Oo Buddha Images is being conducted from 29 September to 18 October, touring 18 areas of Inle lake.

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Shan State Chief Minister Dr Lin Htut, Union Minister Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Thura U Aung Ko, Dr Aung Thu, U Soe Win, Dr Myint Htwe and U Ohn Maung also presented prizes to winners, runner up and consolation prizes for men traditional 46-oars boat competition, women traditional 26-oars boat competition, cultural boat competition and “soon” offering boat competition.

Later the State Counsellor and party went back to paid homage to the four Inle Phaungdaw Oo Buddha images, offered flower, oil lamp, fruit and soon and donate money to the trustee group.

The State Counsellor and party then paid homage to Sayadaws led by Township Sangha Nayaka (Swewkyin) Chair Kangyi Pariyati monastery Sayadaw, offered offertories and shared merits for the donations made.

The four Inle Phaungdaw Oo Buddha images will be residing in Nyaungshwe Town Ahta Ditha Dhamma Vihara monastery until 8 October.

The annual ceremonial tour of Inle Phaungdaw Oo Buddha images was conducted for 18 days from 29 September to 18 October touring 18 areas of Inle region. This is one of the significant ceremonies of Inle region that is being attended by local pilgrims as well as foreign visitors.

Later in the day, the State Counsellor and party left Shan State (South) Heho town by special flight and arrived back in Naypyidaw in the afternoon.

The prize awarding ceremony was attended by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Thura U Aung Ko, Dr Aung Thu, U Soe Win, Dr Myint Htwe, U Soe Win and U Ohn Maung, Shan State Chief Minister Dr Lin Htut, State Hluttaw Speaker U Sai Lone Khan, Chief Justice of Shan State High Court U Kyaw Kyaw, Deputy Ministers U Kyi Min and U Hla Maw Oo, state government ministers, Hluttaw representatives, departmental officials, town elders and local people. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)
State Counsellor visits Phaungdaw Oo Pagoda Festival, Intha traditional boat race at Inle Lake

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi visit conveyance of four Inle Phaungdaw Oo Buddha images that are temporarily residing in Nyaungshwe after being carried by a Kataweik barge on the ceremonial tour. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi donates cash for the Inle Phaungdaw Oo Pagoda. **PHOTO: THET AUNG**

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi greets local people at the Inle lake. **PHOTO: MNA**

Intha traditional boat race competitions being held at the Inle lake yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**
Yangon Weekend Book Street resumes with over 70 book stalls

THE Yangon Weekend Book Street resumed with over 70 book shops and stalls on Thein Phyu Road yesterday. “There are 77 book shops and stalls list. Literacy talks and literacy quiz programmes are being organized Sundays,” said the Book Street Committee secretary U Aung Kyaw Moe.

The literacy quiz programme organized by Popular Journal will also be conducted in the afternoon of Sunday for book lovers. Winning participants in the quiz will be awarded books.

The Yangon Weekend Book Street organized by the Ministry of Information and Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) has begun in 2017, and will continue till December-end.—Thant Zin Win

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

YRTA gets applications to de-register 76 old buses

By Nyein Nyein

THE Yangon Region Transport Authority has received applications from owners of 76 buses from the 1999-2003 model year to de-register the vehicles in exchange for import slips for importing family-use cars, said U Hla Aung, the managing director of the Power Eleven Motor Company.

“At present, de-registration of 75 city buses and one mini-bus has been sought. After screening the applications, we will allow those buses to be de-registered, under the recommendation of the Yangon Region government, as a special case. So, we will forward the cases to the regional government,” said U Hla Aung.

The Ministry of Transport and Communications has allowed the de-registration of buses from the 1999-2003 model year and YBS buses that report loss of engine efficiency, or whose bodies have become weak, and those buses which are not on par with the city specifications, as a special case, at the request of the regional government. “We are regarding this de-registration as a special case so owners can get back some of the vehicle’s value when the buses are deregistered as clunkers,” said U Hla Aung.

The owners of old vehicles, which are no longer allowed to run on Yangon roads, can make money off de-registration, said Ko Tayoke Lay, the managing director of the Power Eleven Public Bus Lines Committee.

The bus lines have been already notified of the de-registration. According to data from the transport authority, there are about 700 buses operating in Yangon Region. When the buses are deregistered, CNG tanks must be returned with the buses. “CNG is meant for only passenger buses. So, CNG tanks must be returned to the related department, if the vehicles are not being used for public transportation services,” said U Hla Aung.

The Union government has allowed de-registration of vehicles starting 2011. However, vehicles of only the 1999 model year can be swapped. While de-registering 20-year-old buses, owners get a bus import permit slip; truck import permits are issued in place of de-registered trucks; and, slips for family-use cars are given back, if they are de-registered.
Shan watermelons fetch higher price than Myanmar melons at Muse border fruit market

SHAN watermelons are being sold at higher prices than Myanmar melons at the Muse 105th Mile at the China-Myanmar border gate fruit market.

Last September, merchants stopped selling watermelons because of lower demand from China. In the first week of October, China again sought Myanmar watermelons, and now watermelons from across the country are entering in bulk at the Muse 105th Mile market.

Watermelons from Shan State are called Shan watermelons, while those from Mandalay, Sagaing, Tada-U and lower Myanmar are sold as Myanmar watermelons.

Shan watermelons are hard and fresh because they are grown in cold weather and not often damaged, since they are grown close to the Muse market. Also, Myanmar watermelons are grown in the nation’s outer regions, which have higher temperatures than Shan State.

Transporting Myanmar watermelons takes at least two days to arrive at the Muse market. Local oil fuel prices fall by K 30 per liter

LOCAL fuel prices have decreased by K 30 per liter in the past three days, according to local filling stations.

“On 4 October, the price of fuel oil was Ks 1,085 per liter for 92 Ron octane, Ks 915 per liter for diesel and Ks 930 per liter for premium diesel. When global oil prices decline, those of local fuel oil also decline. The price of world fuel oil was US$ 53 per barrel on 4 October, a decline by $1 in one week,” said a local filling station manager.

Last year, local fuel prices rose continuously from June to October; when global oil prices were high. At that time, one liter of 92 Ron octane was priced at Ks 1,065, one liter of 95 Ron octane was Ks 1,115, one liter of diesel was Ks 1,095 and one liter of premium diesel was Ks 1,105, said a local filling station manager.

Price of tomato jumps to K 2,200 per viss in Yenangyaung

TOMATO prices jumped from Ks 500 per viss to K 2,200 per viss in the past ten days in Yenangyaung and Chauk townships, Magway region, according to local growers.

Tomato growers are happy with the high price of tomatoes, which are grown annually in ten villages from Chauk and five villages in Yenangyaung.

This year, some 800 mono-soon tomato plants were cultivated. A plantation of tomatoes costs over K 600,000, including labour costs, tomato seeds and fertilizers. The tomato is sold for K 1,500 per viss in the village and K 1,800 per viss in the tomato commodity depot. The retail price of tomatoes is K 2,200 per viss, said Ko Tin Hla, a local tomato grower from Chauk.

The tomato is sold for K 2,200 per viss in Yenangyaung. Ten days ago, the tomato price ranged between K 500 and K 800 per viss.—Hsan Nyount (Translated by Hay Mar)

Demand from Bangladesh doubles price of onions

MYANMAR onion prices have doubled because of a sudden increase in demand from Bang-ladesh, according to onion merchants.

“Over 300 visses (1 viss equals 1.6 kilograms or 3.6 pounds) of onion are grown annually by local farmers in the Myanmar central region. Now, farmers are happy because the price of onions doubled,” said a local onion merchant from Taungtwinyi region.

Currently, the price of onions in the Yangon Bayintnaung Wholesale market is Ks 1,250 per viss. Last September, the price of onion was Ks 550 per viss.

The Indian government banned the export of onion, so Bangladesh merchants have turned to Myanmar, China and Asian countries to purchase onions. Bangladesh consumes 500,000 tons of onions annually. Onion prices, which have remained stable during the monsoon season, increased in the third week of September.

Onions grown in the central regions of Myitthar, Mandalay, Monywa and Taungtwinyi are not only consumed inside Myanmar, but are also exported.—Aye Cho (Translated by Hay Mar)
A delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat arrived back in Yangon at 10 pm yesterday after conclusion of their visit to the Republic of Korea.

At the invitation of Mr Moon Hee-sang, Speaker of the National Assembly of Korea, the delegation visited the Korea for five days. The delegation was welcomed at the Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun, Deputy Speaker U Lin Naing Myint and officials of the Hluttaw Office. — MNA

A ceremony commemorating 2019 World Teachers’ Day was held at the Ministry of Education office no. 20 meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The event starts with a song sung by teachers of No. 22 Basic Education High School, Nay Pyi Taw.

In addressing the event, Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Theing Gyi said 5th October was World Teachers Day when teachers all over the world were honored. The theme of 2019 World Teachers Day was “Young Teachers: The Future of the Profession” and efforts had to be made toward producing responsible young teachers that were competitive internationally.

At the moment when various challenges were being encountered, teachers’ duties and responsibilities had increased and it was with happiness, pride and honor to see valuable teachers providing teaching services without any prejudices and bias. World Teachers’ Day was a day of commemoration as well as to reflect and discuss successes achieved in the education sector and to discuss the work of producing and nurturing capable youngsters into a dependable teachers in the education sector.

More efforts were needed by the teacher to prepare for the different challenges faced and there was a requirement to produce more young teachers. In developed countries, innovative and creative young teachers with new outlooks that were in line with the rapidly advancing 21st century’s automation technology, AI, IoT, Big Data technologies were entering the education sector. The country will require a new generation young teachers. As per the theme “Young Teachers: The Future of the Profession” all are urged to raise the capacity of young teachers’ and the general level of education, said the Union Minister.

Next, a joint message of five United Nations organizations was read by Myanmar National Commission for UNESCO secretary-general Dr Kyi Shwin. A short history of honorable persons of World Teachers Day was then explained by Education Research, Planning and Training Department Director General Dr Win Tun.

Afterwards, Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi, Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin, Deputy Minister U Win Maw Tun and Hluttaw representatives presented awards to honorable persons of World Teachers Day, award-winning and outstanding teachers, teacher and student winners of World Teachers Day essay, poem and poster competitions.

After the ceremony, the Union Ministers and guests took a commemorative group photo and observed the exhibits displayed to commemorate World Teachers’ Day. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)
Committee on Myanmar-China BECZ establishment holds fourth meeting

The fourth coordination meeting on Myanmar-China Border Economic Cooperation Zone Establishment being held in Myitkyina on 4 October. PHOTO: MNA

SWRR Union Minister to attend 70th Executive Committee Session of UNHCR

A delegation led by Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye yesterday left Yangon for Switzerland to attend 70th Session of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner’s Programme.

The 70th Session of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner’s Programme and side events will be held from 7 to 11 October in Geneva, Switzerland.

During the visit to Geneva, the union minister and delegation will attend High-level segment on statelessness, general debate and 2019 Nansen Refugee Awarding ceremony, Statement General Debate and Consideration of reports on the work of the Standing Committee.

The delegation will also attend side events on predictable and decisive engagement on internal displacement, climate change and disaster displacement, the future of work: putting people first in a digital world and creating working cultures free from sexual misconduct.—MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Commerce Deputy Minister holds talks over Kanpaikti economic zone

DEPUTY Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo and officials held a meeting over the construction of Kanpaikti border economic cooperation zone at the meeting hall of the economic cooperation zone establishment in Waingmaw Township, Kachin State.

During the meeting, members of the committee on Kanpaikti border economic cooperation zone establishment explained the plans for rapid development of the economic zone, and then officials from Myanmar Hein Investment Company explained the developmental processes conducted in the region.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister U Aung Htoo coordinated the explained matters.

The deputy minister also visited the Myanmar-China friendship cave near Myanmar-China border.—MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)
Neglected tropical diseases: Lift the burden and leave no one behind

By Dr Poompan Khetrapal Singh, WHO Regional Director, South-East Asia Region

The WHO South-East Asia Region has made it a priority to eliminate neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) from its region. It is a quest to eliminate neglected tropical diseases. India is one of the countries, where malaria, filariasis, schistosomiasis, hookworm at the highest rank.

In the WHO South-East Asia Region, neglected tropical diseases are being tackled with firm resolve. Accelerated action will rout them altogether.

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Ngathaingchaung opens new Community Centre

A community centre was opened at the Ngathaingchaung Information and Public Relations Department yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint, Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Hla Moe Aung, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Kyaw Khaing, Region Chief Judge U Than Tun, Region ministers, representatives from Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Region Hluttaw, departmental officials, civil society organizations, town elders, local populace, Kayin traditional culture troupes and students.

First, the opening ceremony was held in front of the library and Yekyi Township Ngathaingchaung Town Information and Public Relations Department office and the new building was opened by Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint, Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Hla Moe Aung, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Kyaw Khaing, Region minister for development affairs U Kyaw Myint, Yekyi Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative Dr San Shwe Win, IPRD Director General U Ye Naing and building donor Daw Khin Win of Nano to Giga Steel Co., Ltd. cutting the ceremonial ribbon.

Next, the Union Minister, Region Chief Minister and party inspected the mini museum, computer training room and library inside the Community Centre and presented toys and books to children in the children's reading room.

The second part of the opening ceremony was then held where Union Minister Dr Pe Myint delivered an opening remark. The Union Minister said the ministry was publishing newspapers and conducting broadcasting works to inform the people. IPRD office and libraries were opened in every township to directly engage with the people. Now these were upgraded to Community Centres to interact with the people.

Community Centres were established for individuals to raise their personal matters as well as for the community to discuss community matters and other matters of interest. As Community Centres were being established all over the world in other countries, it was believed that every town and village in the country also needs to have one and thus was being opened. A democracy system requires a place where people can participate in and discuss the country's affairs.

The aim was for the Community Centre to become a place where this was conducted to instill this practice in the people. Furthermore, Public Talks were held all over the country and to date more than 2,000 events were held. Collective efforts must be made toward conducting ear-nest talk circles where people participate.

Arrangements were made for children to pick up the habit of reading by including a reading room for children in the Community Centre. The aim was for citizens to acquire the habit of reading, to distribute and have full knowledge. A small museum was also included to acquire the habit of collecting, maintaining and exhibiting matters of value.

In conclusion, the Union Minister thanked the donors who donated toward the establishment of Ngathaingchaung Town Community Centre and urges toward the long term existence of it.

Next, Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Hla Moe Aung said the day saw the establishment of a knowledge bank or a beautiful garden for the Region.

The government was working for the benefit of the people according to the slogan “together with the people.” The Region government established contacts with two local companies to donate for the establishment of the Community Centre while the Region government itself participated and donated. This was a historical milestone of the government and the people doing things in a balanced way for the benefit of the people. In other words, this was implementing toward creating good human resources.

The Region Minister added that the Region government conducted a children literary festival last year and arrangements were made to hold children literary festivals in all the 26 townships of the region starting from November. The Chief Minister concluded with a hope of using the Community Centre for the benefit of self, the people, Region and to create good sons and daughters who’ll benefit the region.

Afterwards, on behalf of the donors, Nano to Giga Steel Co., Ltd. director U Aung Zaw Oo explained about the reason for donating the two-story Ngathaingchaung Town Community Centre.

Next, Union Minister Dr Pe Myint and Region Chief Minister U Hla Moe Aung presented document of honor to the donors.

This was followed by Ngathaingchaung Town elder U Aung Soe Myint delivering a word of thanks for upgrading and opening of the Community Centre.

The ceremony came to a close after Union Minister Dr Pe Myint, Region Chief Minister U Hla Moe Aung, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Kyaw Khaing, Region ministers, donors, ceremony attendees and local traditional culture troupes took a commemorative group photo.

State fund K 5,395,300 was used in upgrading the Ayeyawady Region, Pathein District, Ngathaingchaung Town IPRD office/library. Nano to Giga Steel Co., Ltd. donated K 36,118,000 two-story building in the office compound. Books and other accessories for the children's reading room and two air conditioners at a total cost of K 2,500,000 were donated by U Soe Nyan Lin of Myanma Kyae Sin Lin Press, Yangon. 5 sets of computers, furniture and two air conditioners at a total cost of K 7,948,000 were donated by Aya Myanmar General Insurance Company Limited (AMD). 3 sets of computers and related accessories worth K 2,953,500 were donated by Max Energy Co., Ltd.

Ministry of Information was transforming and upgrading IPRD district and township libraries into community centres with government fund, ROI system, state/region government fund, Hluttaw fund and donations of donors including Daw Khin Kyi Foundation it is learnt. — Regional IPRD

(Translated by Zaw Min)
Vatican to shine light on Amazon’s indigenous communities

VATICAN CITY (Holy See)—Pope Francis will gather Catholic bishops at the Vatican Sunday to champion the isolated and poverty-struck indigenous communities of the Amazon, whose way of life is under threat.

The eyes of the world have recently been on the world’s largest rainforest, which is vital for the planet but is suffering from its worst outbreak of fires in years, due in part to an acceleration in deforestation.

The working document for the “synod”, which mainly brings together bishops from nine Pan-Amazonian countries, denounces in scathing terms social injustices and crimes, including murders, as well as suggesting a Church action plan.

The run-up to the three-week synod, or assembly, saw some 260 events held in the Amazon region involving 80,000 people, in a bid to give the local populations a voice in the document.

It comes just as Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, a climate-change sceptic, told the United Nations that the world’s media were lying about the Amazon, and attacked indigenous leaders as tools of foreign governments. “Listen to the cry of ‘Mother Earth’, assaulted and seriously wounded by the economic model of predatory and ecocidal development... which kills and plunders, destroys and devastates, expels and discards,” the 88-page document says.

In his 2015 encyclical on ecology and climate change “Laudato Si”, Francis denounced the destruction of the Amazonian rainforest in the name of “enormous international economic interests”. Last year the world’s first Latin American pope visited Puerto Maldonado, a village in southeastern Peru surrounded by the Amazon jungle, to meet thousands of Indigenous Peruvians, Brazilians and Bolivians.

There he slammed in particular “illegal mining” of gold and the “slave labour or sexual abuse” it created.

That trip was the first step towards this synod, which opens Sunday with a mass in St. Peter’s Square.

Married men as priests?

Francis champions what he terms “integral ecology” — or the inextricable link between humans and nature.

“The to the aboriginal communities we owe their thousands of years of care and cultivation of the Amazon,” the working document reads. It also reflects the pope’s desire to protect the world’s poor, vulnerable and downtrodden, and his criticism of a socio-economic model that discards them as “waste”.

His hopes of bringing the Catholic faith to far-flung populations will see the bishops gathered in Rome debate a highly controversial proposal — allowing married men to become priests.

“We have a shortage of ordained priests to celebrate mass. Eighty percent of the communities in Brazil have a very poor sacramental life,” said Brazilian Cardinal Claudio Hummes, president of the Pan-Amazon Church Network (REPAM).

The issue deeply upsets some traditionalists, who argue that making an exception for the Amazon would open the door to the end of celibacy for priests, which is not a Church law and only dates back to the 11th century. The German Catholic Church in particular, which has an influential progressive wing, has been hotly debating the subject. The synod, which runs until October 27, will also reflect on making official roles for women, who already play a central part in the Amazonian Church.

“If women are excluded, half of the Church is excluded,” said Sister Laura, an Italian missionary who has worked in the Pan-Amazon region for 10 years.

Trump to block immigrants unable to pay for healthcare

WASHINGTON (United States) — The US will block the entry of immigrants without health insurance or the ability to pay for medical bills, President Donald Trump revealed Friday.

Consular officers will only be allowed to issue visas to prospective immigrants who can prove they “will not impose a substantial burden” on the US health care system.

“Lawful immigrants are about three times more likely than United States citizens to lack health insurance,” Trump said in the proclamation.

“Immigrants who enter this country should not further saddle our healthcare system, and subsequently American taxpayers, with higher costs.”

The measure will go into effect on November 3.

Trump made cracking down on immigration a key part of his 2016 presidential campaign platform.

He has pushed wide-ranging immigration law reforms, while tasking authorities with carrying out mass deportations of people in the US illegally.

Last week Washington also announced plans to dramatically lower its ceiling on a decades-old refugee resettlement program by 40 percent.

Australian travel-bloggers held in Iran return home after release

SYDNEY (Australia)—An Australian travel-blogging couple detained in Iran on spying charges have been released and returned home, Canberra said Saturday, amid reports that an Iranian student has been freed in Australia and flown back to Tehran.

Perth-based Jolie King and Mark Firkin had been documenting their journey from Australia to Britain on social media for the past two years, but went silent after posting updates from Kyrgyzstan and Pakistan about three months ago.

The pair, who have tens of thousands of followers on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, were alleged to have used a drone to take pictures of “military sites and forbidden areas”, an Iranian judiciary spokesman said last month.

“I am extremely happy and relieved to be home,” Firkin said Saturday, amid reports that an Iranian student who already play a central part in the Amazonian Church.

“It is a matter of the rights of women,” said Brazilian Cardinal Claudio Hummes, president of the Pan-Amazon Church Network (REPAM).

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Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne said they were released after “very sensitive negotiations” and had been reunited with their family in Australia.

“We are extremely happy and relieved to be safely back in Australia with those we love,” the couple said in a statement issued by the foreign ministry in Canberra.

“While the past few months have been very difficult, we know it has also been tough for those back home who have been worried for us.”

Hours later, state media in Tehran reported that an Iranian student held in Australia for 13 months on accusations of circumventing US sanctions on military equipment had also been released and returned home.

The pair had been travelling overland from Australia to Britain when they were detained in Iran.

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PayPal abandons Facebook-backed Libra cryptocurrency group

SAN FRANCISCO (Unit-
ed States)—Pioneering
digital payments firm
PayPal on Friday said it
is abandoning an alliance
intended to oversee the
Facebook-backed Libra
cryptocurrency, which
has come under attack by
regulators.

“PayPal has made the
decision to forgo further
participation in the Libra
Association at this time,”
the California-based company
told AFP. “We remain
supportive of Libra’s aspira-
tions and look forward
to continued dialogue on
ways to work together in
the future.”

International out-
cry is mounting over Li-
bra – with central banks
and governments railing
against Facebook’sanagan
cryptocurrency and ques-
tions over how it would be
regulated.

“It requires a certain
boldness and fortitude to
take on an endeavor as
ambitious as Libra – a
generational opportunity
to get things right and im-
prove financial inclusion,”
association head of policy
Dante Disparte said in re-
response to an AFP inquiry.
“The journey will be long
and challenging. We’re
to better off knowing
about this lack of commitment
now, rather than later.”
Facebook unveiled plans
Libra as a new global cryp-
tocurrency, pleading to de-
 deliver a stable virtual money
that lives on smartphones
and could bring over a bil-
lion “unbanked” people
into the financial system.

“The type of change
that will reconfigure the
financial system to be tilt-
ted towards people, not the
institutions serving them,
will be hard,” Disparte
said. “Commitment to that
mission is more important
to us than anything else.”

Mastercard, Visa and
other financial partners
enlisted to oversee Libra
are reportedly having sec-
tend thoughts as regulators
unleash ire on the project’s leaders aimed
at “reassure” regulators
worried about the virtual
money. — AFP

Submission of EIA Study Report for Exploration Drilling Campaign in Offshore Block MD-7 by PTTEP SA

PTTEP South Asia Limited (PTTEP SA), successfully completed 2D and 3D Seismic Acquisition in 2014 and 2016, respectively, as such, PTTEP SA is planning to conduct a drilling campaign in order to explore the petroleum potential in Block MD-7, further.

The drilling campaign comprise one (1) exploration drilling well, located in Block MD-7 deep-water, Myanmar. The plan for the upcoming drilling campaign is tentatively end of 2019: An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the proposed activity has been prepared by PTTEP SA with the third party EIA/SIA consultants: Environmental Resources Management (ERM) and Sustainable Environment Myanmar (SEM). The EIA Study was submitted to Environmental Conservation Department (ECD) on 30th August 2019. The report is publically viewable at the following locations:

- PTTEP’s Temporary office in Yangon: Vantage Tower, 623 Pyay Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon, Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
- Dawei Township General Administrative Department Office, Taninthary Region
- Myeik Township General Administrative Department Office, Taninthary Region
- Kawthaung Township General Administrative Department Office, Taninthary Region
- On PTTEP’s website as follows: www.pttep.com

More information about the proposed activity can be found on PTTEP SA’s website as follows: www.pttep.com. Feedback on the report can be submitted to PTTEP SA in writing by contacting the following e-mail addresses: TinNilarSoe@pttep.com

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In the image, there are several advertisements and classified ads related to various businesses and services in Myanmar. The ads include details such as contact information, service offerings, and pricing. The classified ads are categorized under different sections and are formatted in a layout similar to a newspaper page. The text is in Burmese, and there are images of businesses' logos and branding. The page features a mix of text and visual elements, typical of a classified ad section in a local newspaper. The ads are promoting services such as web design, real estate, and general business services.
Assessment surveys along Ayeyawady River in Mandalay Region to begin next month

By Kyaw Htike Soe

An initial survey on construction of the riverbank protection tasks along the Ayeyawady River in Mandalay Region will be conducted and the project is slated for completion in October this year, said a senior official from the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (DWIR) under the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

“The water level of Ayeyawady River is expected to decrease in October. We’ll be conducting the assessment surveys along the Ayeyawady River,” said U Toe Aung Lin, Director of the DWIR.

Approximately Ks. 5.3 billion has been earmarked for implementation of the riverbank prevention tasks in 11 townships in Mandalay Region this fiscal year. Once the initial survey is completed, the process for drawing up the design for the riverbank protection task and inviting tender for construction of the project will follow, he added. “We will spend much amount of budget on construction of the riverbank protection projects depending on the budget allocation. The implementation of the project is expected to commence soon,” he added. The DWIR will build the riverbank protection walls in four villages in Thabeikkyin and Singu Townships, three villages in Madaya Township, two villages in Ngazun Township and one village each in Amarapura, Singaing, Myittha, TadaU, Taungtha, Patheingyi and NyaungU Townships. Approximately Ks. 5.3 billion would be spent on construction of the retaining walls in Mandalay Region to solve the problem with the riverbank erosion along the Ayeyawady River.

“The riverbank erosion prevention project will begin when the river is at its lowest point. The planned projects will be implemented with the regional gov-
The central government’s funds,” he said. The twenty two river bank protection projects will be implemented in the current fiscal year with the allotted funds from Mandalay Regional government. The DWIR chose five areas in Singu Township, four in Madaya, Nyaung and NyaungU Townships, one each in Myingyan, Pathein and Dala Townships and two in Singaing Township totaling 22 sites in the region to build the retaining walls. Riverbank erosion prevention works and waterway improvements will be carried out in Singu, Madaya, and Myingyan Townships in Mandalay Region.

An initial survey on construction of the riverbank protection tasks along the Ayeyawady River in Mandalay Region will be conducted by the DWIR.

“The river bank protection task is beneficial to the local people because it can prevent the farmlands, homes and pagodas from river bank erosion,” the director explained.

The DWIR carried out the riverbank prevention tasks and waterway clearance activities along the Ayeyawady River in Singu, Madaya, and Myingyan Townships in Mandalay Region in the financial year 2018-2019 by using Ks. 5.2 billion allotted by the local government. The DWIR built a retaining wall in Kanbi Village, Myingyan Township with 400 saplings and grass that can prevent from riverbank erosion along the Ayeyawady River. The department announced that Ks. 90 million allocated by the local government in the fiscal year 2018-2019. The riverbank protection project was completed as schedule, preventing rural roads and farmlands from eroding, flooding and relocating. Some villages along the Ayeyawady River in TadaU Township suffered from collapse and erosion of riverbank in the previous years. Recently, volunteers from local social organizations, staff from the Forest Department and villagers grew 300 saplings and grass that can prevent from riverbank erosion along the Ayeyawady River.

The department announced that Ks. 5.3 billion would be spent to construct retaining walls in Mandalay Region to solve problem with the riverbank erosion along the Ayeyawady River. PHOTO: DWIR.

HE Central, the luxury development of Marga Landmark, has introduced a new upmarket shopping mall project called ‘The Central Ginza’ and the launching ceremony was successfully held on 30 September, 2019 at The Central Gallery Showroom in Yankei Township, Yangon together with invited guests, partners and participants of the project. The construction of the project is now underway on Kanbi Road and is expected to be available to the public in end 2022.

“The world’s best cosmopolitan cities have their own style and modern malls, Yangon will have its own premier lifestyle hub soon, which is not just a shopping destination but more of a lifestyle experience every visitor will enjoy. ‘The Central Ginza’ is an indication of how the neighbourhood of the development will progress as the project continues to explore and execute its well-thought plans for the future,” said Mr John Barnes, Director, Marga Group.

An icon of contemporary luxury in Yangon

Inspired by Tokyo’s most famous upmarket shopping, dining and entertainment district, ‘The Central Ginza’ will be the tallest shopping mall in town including 12 floors of luxury lifestyle retail spaces, mega cinemas and dining areas. ‘The Central Ginza’ project is initiated by Marga Group, and will be created by the acclaimed team at LWK partners as an icon of contemporary luxury. Situated in the most prominent location in Yangon and comprising total Gross Floor Area of around 19,000 sq-m, ‘The Central Ginza’ will position itself as Yangon’s premier lifestyle hub that continues to evolve and grow as the ultimate place to shop, dine, work, relax and play.

The ultimate destination with carefully curated offerings attracting trendsetters from around Yangon

The ground floor to the second level up is filled with luxury retail shopping space where international and local brands are displayed. The luxury concepts not only provide customers with a higher standard and convenient shopping experience but also a rich aesthetics experience surrounding with the well-known international brands. Moreover, the 9th and 10th floor of the ‘The Central Ginza’ will house one of the largest cinemas in Myanmar.

‘The Central Ginza’ will also incorporate the gastronome’s epic journey with the biggest Food & Beverage variety spanning over 6 floors (3rd, 5th to 8th) featuring brand-new restaurants, bars and entertainment that define the city’s unmistakable spirit and energy, and also a rooftop establishment overlooking the panoramic view of the beautiful city itself.

“Maximizing usable retail space vertically by creating multi-tier retail experiences, ‘The Central Ginza’ allows consumers to enjoy a wide range of products and services in one single, beautifully designed building. As committed to bringing a world-class mixed-use development that showcases the beauty and urban vitality of Yangon, Marga Landmark is looking forward to introducing more state-of-the-art projects in the future,” added Mr John Barnes, Director, Marga Group.

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The Central Ginza Launch Event. PHOTO: MARGA GROUP

Lucky Draw Programme at The Central Ginza Launch Event. PHOTO: MARGA GROUP
IN the main event of the World Lethwei Championship (WLC), called the Fearless Tiger at Mandalay Thiri Indoor Stadium in Mandalay on 4 October, Myanmar’s Thway Thit Win Hlaing knocked out German Burutlek Petchyindee Academy in the second round of their match.

As the fight is a main event in the lethwei tourney, it was a thrilling match, starting with their fight. The two fighters began the match with high kicks. A right strong punch by Thway Thit Win Hlaing in the first round made the German fighter momentarily fall to the floor.

But in the second round, the fight heated up. A right punch followed by a very strong left punch by Thway Thit Win Hlaing knocked out Burutlek Petchyindee Academy at 2 minutes and 21 seconds.

In the co-main event, Myanmar born Nicola Barke defeated Hungary’s Bianka Balajti at 2 minutes and 24 seconds of the fourth round with his continuous punches and kicks.

**WLC in Mandalay: Thway Thit Win Hlaing defeats German Burutlek Petchyindee by knock out**

**Myanmar U-19 plays friendly match with Shan Old Stars team for We Are One Cup conclusion**

LONDON — Tottenham’s calamitous week went from bad to worse as Mauricio Pochettino’s men were outclassed in a 3-0 defeat at Brighton on Saturday.

Nineteen-year-old Aaron Connolly scored twice for the Seagulls on his first Premier League start after Neal Maupay had headed Brighton into an early lead.

Four days on from a 7-2 thrashing at the hands of Bayern Munich in the Champions League, Pochettino was looking for a reaction.

Instead, Spurs looked like a side devoid of confidence after getting off to the worst possible start when Hugo Lloris gifted Brighton the opener and injured himself in the process.

The French captain dropped to the back foot from the off when injury was added to insult for Lloris. Connolly took advantage of a mistake by Kasper Schmeichel and curled in his second of the match to double Tottenham pile pain on miserable Tottenham

The Grand Final was a scoreless draw until the 90 minute mark, as a penalty shot was played and Paung Laung FC scored to make the score 5-4 and won the championship title.

Yesterday’s tourney was alive with local fans at the Taunggyi Stadium, as the two ama-
ART is precious and generosity is priceless. People love arts and adore generosity. The two needed for the world to be a place of beauty are arts creators and generous people.

What is generosity? Most religions regarded Generosity as a virtue or moral excellence. In Buddhism, one of the Ten Perfections (Paramitas) is Generosity (Dana). It includes not only cash donation but also offering time, possessions, etc. to aid someone in need.

And then, it is also a kind of special power or special merit. The merit of generosity the Buddha had accumulated is much more than others. He perfected this to the most difficult and advanced level. He shared not only material things but also His limbs and life in His past lives. Therefore, the Buddha endowed with this special power.

Why should a human being be a generous person? Because a generous person, a master of giving, is dear and charming to people at large scale. Good people and people of integrity admire him/her. The fine reputation of him/her is spread far and wide. These are some fruits of generosity visible here and now.

“How should I be generous?” One of my friends has ever asked in the class to a teacher. Our teacher answered that there were three factors to be a good generous person - (1) before giving is glad; (2) while giving, is bright and clear; and (3) after giving is gratified.

When I recollected the words of our teacher after many years, I thought how thoughtful he is. He didn’t mention the material factors about a generous person. He only answered the mental factors. I also believe that our mental state was more important than material things while we are giving. In the world, many people have many things that can be donated, but what the scared are the generous minds.

What are the fruits of being generous? The basic and common result of being generous is wealthy or rich.

There are also five bonus results in accordance with the modes of giving.

First, if a person gives gifts with a sense of conviction that generosity is good, the receivers of my donation will be happy and so on, he or she will get the fruits of being well-built and handsome.

A generous person who gives gifts attentively will get the second bonus that his children, wives, slaves, servants, and workers listen carefully to him, lend him their ears, and serve him with understanding hearts.

The third bonus fruit is that his or her goals will be fulfilled in season, if she or she gives a gift in season.

The mind of the donor will incline to the enjoyment of the five kinds of sensual pleasures in the fifth bonus if he or she gives with empathetic heart.

The fifth one is that his or her properties will be freed from the enemies of fire, water, kings, thieves, or hateful heirs if she or she gives without expecting in return.

Therefore, let’s now perform the acts of generosity to create the world of beauty and to enjoy the fruits of generosity – wealth, peace, success and happiness.

(In Chinese literature, The Art of War written by Sun Tzu is famous. Currently, The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F*ck authored by Mark Manson is popular among the youths. A successful news agency titled a news story that The Art of Protest in Hong Kong.

Then, the phrase “The Arts of…” itself marked a success and popularity. So the writer put the priceless core of his article “Generosity” inside the cover of popular and successful precious phrase “The Art of…”.

May all readers be well and happy.

By Kyaw Khin
2. My native town is Pyinma. It is a small town. It is on the left bank of the Irrawaddy near Pagan. It has about 2,000 houses and 9,000 people. It is quiet and peaceful. Most of the people are peasants, fishermen and factory workers. There is a cement factory in our town and it has about 400 workers. Farmers grow all kinds of crops, but their main product is cotton. There is only one market in our town. It is in the centre of the town. It is open the whole day. The people of our town are simple and honest. They are hardworking. They are religious. There are five big pagodas in our town. It is only two miles from Pagan, the capital of the Pagan Dynasty. There is only one school in our town. It is a high school. It has over 1,400 boys and girls. Most are from our town but some are from neighbouring villages. I was in the fifth standard in this school about five years ago.

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Let’s speak in English without being afraid

By Khin Moh Moh Aung
Yadanabon University

Nowadays, English is really important and popular among the people living in the 21st century. It is because English is one of the most-used languages and the diplomatic language in the world. It is needed in different fields like in education, business, and even in politics. By using the English language, most of the people in the fields above are communicating with each other. In Myanmar, most of the people, especially young people, are trying to learn foreign languages for different purposes. Some learn it to apply for jobs, some learn it to explore their education in foreign countries and so on. Among the foreign languages they are learning, English is one of the most popular languages.

Some people learn English by attending English language proficiency classes. Attending language proficiency classes is one of the ways to improve our spoken English. However, we can improve our English speaking without going out and without paying money. We can improve our spoken English by just giving our enthusiasm, efforts, and perseverance. One of these ways is watching videos on YouTube. These days, there are so many videos which are helping people who would like to explore different subjects. Likewise, there are different videos about how to speak English. We can practice after watching videos on YouTube.

Another way is to watch English movies and to repeat after the dialogues which are produced by the characters. Watching English movies can entertain the people but it also gives much knowledge if we can take from it. Not only can we improve our English speaking but we can also improve our spoken English. Actually, we do not need to be afraid to articulate in English. We just need to speak out. Some people are really afraid to face mistakes in their speech. Mistakes will occur if we do not practice and if we do not try to fix them. Via mistakes, we can know how to correct mistakes, we can know how to correct them and how not to do them again. Therefore, what we need to do is to just speak English without being afraid.

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Traditional wooden pipes, walking sticks from Ywalut on verge of extinction

Ywalut Village on Hla Kyun Island in Chaungzon Township, Mon State, is famous for producing wooden handicrafts. The wooden products vary from smoking pipes to business card holders, chopsticks, combs and more. Due to this, the village is widely known as the island of artisans. Among the products, pipes and walking sticks are considered charming and of high quality. The pipes are made of hardwood.

Today, the products, especially smoking pipes from the village, are not in high demand, as the number of pipe smokers is dramatically decreasing, compared with previous years. Meanwhile, handmade walking sticks are also facing the same fate, with low demand on the market, as they cannot compete with imported walking sticks from neighbouring countries.

“We are mainly supplying over 50 items, including pipes and walking sticks to local souvenir markets in Mandalay, Sagaing, Bago, Mawlamyine and other countries,” said Mahn Ngwe Win, owner of a cottage industry in Ywalut Village, where he has produced such products for 50 years. With lower incomes from the industry, most small and medium enterprises are leaving the traditional business and opening other businesses. Therefore, the traditional handicraft business with the famous brand of “Made in Ywa Lut” is on the verge of extinction.

Slab-boards for school children developing into products with new designs

Slab-boards produced in Mudon Village in Chaungzon Township, Mon State, were used by school children throughout the country in the past, and are now being redeveloped, thanks to new designs.

The slate in the boards is mined by hand in a quarry on the island, physically carried to the surface and then made into wooden framed slate boards at the house we visited. The slab-boards and pencils were on the edge of extinction. The production figures showed that the industry produced about 30,000 slab-boards some three years ago, but the production decreased to 3,000 this year. Only seven companies are still producing the products today.

The producers are producing new products with contemporary designs to bring new life to the industry. The artisans of the village are creating slab-boards displaying art, slab-board invitation cards, decorations, teaching aids and souvenirs with new designs. The small enterprises are working hard to make the products attractive to the public.

Translated by Nat Ye Hla

PHOTO: KO KO LAY

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**Sunday Comics**

**Ha ha**

Ahh!

Someone save me!

Are you just gonna leave me like this?

**People Will Be People**

Created:

Maung Shwe Win

Son: it’s time to go pay homage to your grandparents!

Just a minute dad. Haa! It dropped!

What’s going on?

I dropped my money bank!

Are you bringing it to your grandpa’s pocket money in it?

No dad. You paid homage at your office with a large basket.

But you’re only giving a small watch box to grandpa.

I’m going to offer them my safe in addition to yours.

**Sunday Joke**

Created:

Maung Maung Aung

2013

Your heart and mind need to be in sync if you’re going to marry.

If you prioritize the heart, then your life will be unstable.

I prioritize the rational brain more than the heart.

That’s wonderful! What kind of woman will you marry?

One without any parents or relatives left, and with a large inheritance to boost!

Haar!

**End**
Life is a struggle; everyone, rich or poor, makes a living to make sure there is a regular meal on the table notwithstanding the difference in the extent of hardships. This shows no exception to me. A lot of work has busied me most of the days, hardly leaving time to spend with my family. In this way, I have been unable to take care of my own children, let alone involved in social affairs.

A proverb goes, ‘All work and no play make Jack a dull boy’. Therefore, like everybody, it is necessary for me to seek an outlet or a place of escape from the tiring daily routines. So I thought of a nice place to keep myself from the humdrum chores and ended up deciding to visit the Yangon Zoo with my family.

Those who felt happiest with the idea were none other than my son and daughter. We were in our car driving to the zoo. The children were completely lost in a conversation and very often burst into laughter in unison while I was driving with hefty care. It took us thirty minutes or so to get to the zoo. On seeing its gate, my children shouted with joy and got out of the car and rushed to the entry ticket booth. There was a board that read, ‘Don’t feed the animals any outside food or drink.’ To get tickets, we had to queue up in a long line with other holiday-makers for fifteen minutes.

As soon as we stepped into the zoo, what came in sight was the green lush environment which is totally different from the concrete world we are living in. In addition, the noises coming from afar sounded so much like a choir song to our ears. The noises and the scene made a perfect match indeed, seemingly providing something interesting had captured all its attention. It was fun to see the peacock dancing with its tail which was kept upright, spread, and often shaken – very similar to waving a fan.

Later, we got some fishy smell as we approached the sanctuaries for seals, hippopotamus and crocodiles. They belong to the amphibians, or live both in water and on land. We saw people feeding the seals some small fish. The most noticeable characteristic of hippos was that they have very big, wide mouth for a watermelon to get in as a whole and very long, strong teeth to chew food into pieces. As usual, the crocodiles were lying with their mouths open. I had to warn my children not to take a chance.

From there, we proceeded to the snakes’ house. Again, I told the children not to go too close to the creatures. In the hollow trunk, a python, which seemed female, was coiling itself around the eggs. There were also cobras, green snakes, and other unknown species placed inside tall glass boxes. Apart from the snakes, the same place offered a colourful display of fish of various descriptions.

We arrived at the elephant camp after a few minutes’ walks from the snakes’ house. To me, the way their long legs take one step after another is very elegant and quite similar to dance moves. Their trunks reached us and we understood that they were hungry. So we fed them a few logs of sugarcane and bananas. We also rode an elephant and it was very exciting being on the back of the elephant.

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At twelve noon, we took a photo of my son feeding the baby monkey in a cage.

Then, we moved on to the cage of birds. It was found that each cage holds a different species of bird. Some seemed to be tamed and some hostile. Some were perching on the branches while others were asleep, crouching in the nests. The hornbills have big yellowish beaks. One of the vultures was seen gazing at something with its great wings spread and its neck craned as if some-
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break for lunch on the lawn by a lake so that we can enjoy our lunch as well as the romantic sight of a couple of canes swimming in the lake. There were these three kayas carrying young couples having a great time too. My children did not fail to ask me for a kayak ride. But I had to refuse because I did not know how to row a kayak properly. We returned strolling around the zoo at 2 p.m. when we felt refreshed.

A few yards from the elephants stand the tigers’ cage, the lions’ cage, the wildcats’ cage and the black bears’ cage. The lion was roaming around within the cage, and it looked too thin and hungry. Suddenly, it shook its head and it looked too thin and hungry. Meanwhile, the white tiger was already taking a nap, and the wildcats were also lying calm-

ly licking each other, as if to say, “So far, so good.” We did not forget to visit the black bears, either. There, we saw that a mother bear breastfeeding her cubs. Next, we walked down to the place where such animals as deer, horses, zebras, donkeys, giraffes, camels and rhinoceros could be seen. I paid for my children’s hoseback ridings, not a swift one. They found it very much to their liking as they happened to be gen-

try rocked by every gait the horse took. They said it was considered luxurious. Subsequent to it, they fed the giraffes. To our surprise, one of the giraffes lowered its head and licked my daughter’s face. She was frightened and immediately restored to calmness when she noticed that the animal did not mean to attack her. She was even more in love with it. Moreover, it was really funny to interact with apes. They were very clever because they could in-

stantly imitate what humans did within their sight. They were not only smart but also entertaining. When one of them turned three somersaults, there was noisy applause from the onlookers. Surprisingly, another ape grinned to them. Some of them had something. Some of them had

in the minds of my children.

Maps of the zoo are erected in many places to help the zoo-goers locate the animals, or choose the right path. Therefore, we could take the right way out with the help of the maps. It was about 4:15 p.m. when we all got in the car. On the way back home, we happily recollected what we did and what happened to us. Soon, both of them fell asleep hugging the toy rabbits tightly. Perhaps they were dreaming about playing with the rabbits. That day was so filled with wonderful emotions that I believe it would mark a memorable event in the minds of my children.