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## Message from President U Win Myint on 74<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of United Nations Day

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ON this occasion of the 74<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations, I wish to express, on behalf of the Republic of the

Union of Myanmar, our heartfelt congratulations to the United Nations on its achievements so far, and to extend our best wishes for greater success in

its discharge of the mandate vested by the United Nations Charter.

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## State Counsellor meets Princess Yoko, encourages Myanmar youths during Japan visit

**S**TATE COUNSELLOR Daw Aung San Suu Kyi talked about Myanmar-Japan relations, economic cooperation, development and other matters in interviews with Nikkei Asian Review and The Mainichi at The Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, yesterday.

The State Counsellor is currently in Japan after attending the enthronement ceremony for Emperor Naruhito on Tuesday. She also met Princess Yoko at the State Guest House yesterday.

In the afternoon, the State Counsellor visited the Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo and met with civil servants and students pursuing education in Japan.

She told them to utilize the skills they will acquire for their nation and its people, to help with Myanmar's development in any sector they can, to use their learning for personal and communal benefit, and urged them to read on the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan and other related projects set by the Union Government. She then took a documentary photo with the students.

Later in the evening, the



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with Princess Yoko at the State Guest House in Tokyo, Japan yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor attended a banquet for newly enthroned

Emperor Naruhito hosted by Japanese Prime Minister

Shinzo Abe and his wife at Hotel New Otani. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

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This United Nations Organization was established seventy-four years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> October 1945, by peace-loving nations around the world. Member countries were resolved to maintain international peace and security; to develop friendly relations among nations based on the principle of equal rights and to achieve international co-operation in solving international issues as stipulated explicitly in the Charter of the United Nations.

The annals of the organization reveal clearly that important goals have been achieved in the midst of imperfections and constraints. People are better-fed than they used to be, wars are no longer as frequent as they once were and many people have escaped from extreme poverty. Such achievements on a global scale would not have been possible without collective efforts by the member countries of the United Nations.

The World continues to face serious global challenges which cannot be addressed by a single nation alone. As such, the United Nations is playing an increasingly important role in solving common traditional and non-traditional challenges of global concern such as climate change, which necessitate members of the international community to work together. The onus is on the UN to support each UN member state to find pragmatic solutions for these challenges in ways their capacity and resources permit.

The theme of the General Assembly this year “Galvanizing multilateral efforts for poverty eradication, quality education, climate action and inclusion” aptly reflects the current global scenario. With strong support by the UN, the coordinated efforts of the international community are to be channeled into multilateral cooperation to tackle global challenges and achieve our shared Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The principles of sovereign equality, impartiality and objectivity are vividly enshrined in the UN Charter. It is therefore vital for the United Nations to ensure that it remains relevant to all nations regardless of their size and power. The United Nations should discharge its mandate and allocate its scarce resources in the most effective manner. Its activities should be driven by objective needs rather than by the desire to accommodate the wishes of particular member countries. Such polarization will lead to a trust deficit in the international system as is evidenced by the increase in nationalism and populism in recent years. To preserve the integrity of the organization, all of its members must play by the same rules under the UN umbrella. The values of the UN Charter must remain our guide.

Myanmar believes that the United Nations should remain at the heart of multilateralism. Cooperation with the United Nations has always ranked high in the tenets of our foreign policy. As an emerging democracy with numerous domestic challenges, Myanmar reaffirms its commitment to work together with the United Nations in our nation-building efforts.

The United Nations has, despite its limitations, yielded wide-ranging benefits to humankind and brought benefits to many people the world over. Although questions have been raised as to the capability of the United Nations, it has managed to tackle many global challenges and to forge ahead. The UN remains a beacon of hope for everyone. “We the peoples” should unite our strength in supporting the task of the UN to build a brighter future for all.

On this auspicious occasion of the 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations, I wish to reaffirm our belief in the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, and to state our determination to cooperate with the United Nations and other member countries in support of constructive efforts of the organization for peace, prosperity, people and the planet.

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## Remembrance of author Bhamo Tin Aung observed in Yangon

THE 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary for remembrance of deceased author Bhamo Tin Aung was held at the Young Men's Christian Association Hall in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, yesterday morning.

Literatures lovers attended the event with the celebrations of presenting words for remembrance, reciting memorial poems and contributing funds for organizing his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday next year.

U Ba Hein Aung, the son of Bhamo Tin Aung, said, “This is a pre-centennial event for my father, which will be held in June 2020. I donated some of the honoraria received for my father’s books to Hanthawaddy U Win Tin Foundation, Thakin Kodaw Hmaing Foundation and former prisoners of Cocogyun at the 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 39<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> anniversaries for remembrance.”

Author Ko Lin Myat also said, “Veteran author Bhamo Tin Aung wrote many books. He was a long-term prisoner of Cocogyun. He worked for internal



U Ba Hein Aung, the son of Bhamo Tin Aung, gives speeches at the event to mark the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary for remembrance of deceased author Bhamo Tin Aung in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: ZAW MIN LAT**

peace together with Sayargyi Thakin Kodaw Hmaing. One of his remarkable words was ‘the value of each person can be measured by his performance on historical duties assigned by his time.

Born on 9 June, 1920, in Bago, Bhamo Tin Aung passed

the matriculation exam from Yangon High School in 1938. He worked as an apprentice news reporter at the Myanmar Alin Newspaper in the same year.

He took part in the movements of the Students Union from 1936 to 1938. He entered literary profession in 1938, and

wrote 45 novels and other literature works. He passed away at 59 on 23 October 1978.

A memorial building is under construction in Bago to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Bhamo Tin Aung.—Moon Oo Nadi

(Translated by Aung Khin)

## Universities to start first semester in December

ALL universities under the Ministry of Education, Technology, computer science, economics, education, and foreign languages universities, art and science universities, degree colleges and collages, will begin their first semester for 2019-2020 academic year on 2 December.

The acceptance lists of 2019-2020 academic year will be announced by relevant universities, degree colleges and colleges on 25 October. The acceptance lists will also be announced on MOE website — <http://www.moe.gov.mm> and <http://www.dhe.gov.mm>.

Courses for second year and above undergraduate students will also be opened on 2 December. —MNA

(Translated by TTN)



State Counsellor attends dinner to mark enthronement, meets media in Tokyo



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi socializes with royal and high-ranking dignitaries during Emperor Naruhito's enthronement banquet in Hotel New Otani, Tokyo. **PHOTO: MNA**



Japanese actors perform a kabuki drama at Emperor Naruhito's enthronement banquet hosted by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Hotel New Otani, Tokyo. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi arrives for Emperor Naruhito's enthronement banquet at Hotel New Otani in Tokyo yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with Myanmar nationals studying in Japan at the local embassy. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, left, gives an interview to the Mainichi's correspondent at The Imperial Hotel in Tokyo, yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, left, interviewed by Nikkei Asian Review's correspondent at The Imperial Hotel in Tokyo, yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



# Joint Committee on Amending 2008 Constitution holds meeting 48/2019



Meeting 48/2019 of the Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution held in progress in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

MEETING 48/2019 of the Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

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

(Translated by TTN)

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## Public Announcement for remonstrance

1. United Nationalities Democracy Party headquartered at No.8, First Floor, Manawhara Street, Kyauk Myaung Ward, Tamway Township, Yangon Region, submitted an application for registration on 16-10-2019 as a political party in accord with the Section 5 of the Political Parties Registration Law. In their application they mention that they will use the name, flag and emblem as described hereunder.
2. In accord with Section 14 (d) of the Political Parties Registration Rules, it is hereby announced that those who want to remonstrate with the Union Election Commission about the party's name, flag and emblem may submit a complaint along with the supporting evidences within seven days starting from issuance of this announcement.

Union Election Commission



Flag of United Nationalities Democracy Party



Emblem of United Nationalities Democracy Party

# 29 persons return to Taung Pyo Letwe Reception Centre in Maungtaw



Immigration officers issue national verification cards to returnees at Taung Pyo Letwe Reception Centre in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State. **PHOTO: TIN SOE**

A total of 29 persons comprising five families returned on their own volition to Taung Pyo Letwe Reception Centre in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State at 8: 15 am on 22 October morning.

Officials at the reception centre carried out review and acceptance procedures for 18 men and 11 women, totaling 29 persons, from the five families.

After completing security checkup and immigration procedures, nine men and eight women, totaling 17 persons, from five families, received National Verification Cards. The reaccepting procedure was completed at 12 noon after health services and humanitarian assistance have been given to them.

Deputy Director U Soe Tun, the in-charge of Taung Pyo Letwe Reception

Centre, handed over these returnees to Director U Soe Shwe Aung, the in-charge of Hla Pho Khaung Transit Centre who accepted the returnees at 3 pm and provided them with foodstuffs such as rice, beans, oil and salt as well as household utensils.

Before, they fled from Rakhine State, these returnees lived in Taung Pyo Yar, Myaw Chaung, Kyein Chaung, Kyaut Chaung (Ywa Thit), and Dotan villages in Taung Pyo Letwe Town of Maungtaw Township.

After handing them over to the respective village administrators they left the centre at 4 pm.—Zaw Zaw San (IPRD) (Translated by Aung Khin)



Immigration officers conduct procedures for scrutinizing the returnees at Taung Pyo Letwe Reception Centre in Maungtaw. **PHOTO: TIN SOE**



# Indonesian embassy celebrates anniversaries for Independence Day, diplomatic relations with Myanmar

THE Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Myanmar organized the 74<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence and the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Indonesia-Myanmar Diplomatic Relations yesterday at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Yangon.

Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe and wife attended the ceremony which began with the national anthems of both countries.

Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Iza Fadri and the Union Minister extended greetings, and had the photo taken together with the attendees before the dinner.

The ceremony was also at-

tended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and wife, Yangon Region Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Lin Naing Myint, ambassadors and Chargé d' Affaires of diplomatic missions in Myanmar, representatives from UN agencies and the invited guests.— MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe poses for a photo with ambassadors, attendees at the reception to mark 74<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence Day and 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Indonesia-Myanmar Diplomatic Relations in Yangon.

PHOTO: MNA



# Antimicrobial resistance: Union Health Minister calls for action



Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe attends the second meeting of National Committee for Combating Antimicrobial Resistance in Nay Pyi Taw.  
PHOTO: MNA

THE National Committee for Combating Antimicrobial Resistance held its second meeting at the Ministry of Health and Sports in Nay Pyi Taw on 22 October.

Committee Chairman and Union Minister for Health and Sports, Dr Myint Htwe, first gave some remarks. He said the rise of diseases with resistance to antibiotics is a public health concern that brings social and economic threats to Myanmar and the rest of the world. He said unsystematic use of antibiotics can result in viruses evolving better resilience, thus hampering recovery from illnesses and may even lead to

death. The Union Minister said they must include more coverage of antimicrobial resistance in the coursework of universities and centres under the ministry and those related to medicine. He said they are using mobile tablets to disseminate the importance of following medical prescriptions to the general public.

The Union Minister talked on the necessity of cooperating with relevant departments to tackle the issues of pharmaceuticals illegally imported through the border; the sales and distribution of medicine without the permission nor license of the Food and Drug

Administration Department, and combating antimicrobial resistance. He said private hospitals and clinics also take an important position in these endeavours and they must adhere to prescribed guidelines, standards and procedures.

Next, the secretary of the antimicrobial committee, Deputy Director-General (Lab) Prof Dr Htay Htay Tin, explained the committee's roadmap, processes, international cooperation, and the tri-sectoral antimicrobial resistance survey. The meeting then commenced.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

# Second test-tube baby born at Central Women's Hospital, Yangon

A BABY conceived using in vitro fertilization (IVF) was born at the Central Women's Hospital (Yangon) yesterday, making it the second birth the hospital has performed through assisted reproductive technology.

The labour and delivery



Prof Dr. Khin Pyone Kyi,  
PHOTO: YE HTUT

team led by Prof Dr Daw Khin Latt successfully performed the caesarean delivery of the baby girl at 8:36 am yesterday. She weighed 5 pounds, 2 ounces at birth.

Dr Daw Khin Pyone Kyi, the hospital's medical superintendent, explained couples who have trouble conceiving children normally try having a test-tube baby. The Fertility Centre of the Central Women's Hospital was established in 5 February 2016 and the first test tube baby was born on 12 June 2018 with the aid of Heinemann Medicine University.

There are many methods involved in performing IVF but they also carry numerous complications, such as multiple births, spread of infectious

diseases, and ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome.

For a successful IVF, we require not only the expertise of our obstetricians and gynecologists but also the high standard global medicine, said Daw Khin Pyone Kyi.

She added that the Fertility Centre still needs special equipment and modern laboratories, despite the Ministry of Health and Sports providing the best medical equipment it can afford.

U Maung Maung Thant, the father of the second test-tube baby, said: "We are from Insein. We had the baby after nine and half years in our marriage. We tried to have a baby at clinics. It didn't work. We then consulted the Fertility Centre of the Cen-



Second successful "test-tube baby," beside the hospital's superintendent, a midwife and surgeons at Central Women's Hospital, Yangon. PHOTO: YE HTUT

tral Women's Hospital. We are happy as our first baby girl was successfully born this morn-

ing". —Yi Yi Myint  
(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



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## MRCCI members, Indian ambassador discuss economic cooperation

OFFICIALS from the Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry (MRCCI) and H. E. Saurabh Kumar, the Indian ambassador to Myanmar, discussed matters related to economic cooperation and promotion of trade on Tuesday at the MRCCI office in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay.

The discussion highlighted the economic cooperation between India-Myanmar businesses and closer interaction among businessmen. The MRCCI officials also invited Indian entrepreneurs to invest in Mandalay's manufacturing businesses.

Mandalay Region is the main bean supplier in Indian markets. Therefore, the MRCCI asked the ambassador to forward their request to raise Indian imports of Myanmar beans and pulses.

Myanmar is importing raw materials for garments, textiles, and traditional loom businesses from India. Therefore, the MRCCI called for technical as-



Indian Ambassador and party observe pulses trade at the Mandalay wholesale market.  
**PHOTO: TIN MAUNG (MANDALAY SUB-PRINTING HOUSE)**

sistance and smooth and quick trade. This was followed by a friendly discussion with MRCCI associates engaged in garment and loom businesses.

Afterwards, the members

exchanged commemorative presents. Later, a delegation led by the Indian ambassador left for the Mandalay commodity depot and met with the president and vice president of the Man-

dalay Merchants Association and executive members, and observed the pulses trade. —Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House) *(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)*

## Requests for import slips against vehicle de-registration reach 130: YRTA

By Nyein Nyein

THE number of requests for import slips — which are issued for family-use cars — in return for de-registration of old buses, manufactured in the 1999-2003 model years, have crossed 130, said U Hla Aung, the joint secretary of the Yangon Region Transport Authority.

He made the remarks during a YRTA meeting held on 23 October. "At present, 126 city buses and seven mini-buses have applied for de-registration," said U Hla Aung.

"After screening the applications, we will allow those buses to be de-registered, at the recommendation of the Yangon Region government, as special cases. 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 1999-2003 model year buses and those YBS buses that have poor engine efficiency, or if the stiffness of their structure or strength has deteriorated, or is not on par with the city stand-

ards. The permission for de-registration is granted on a special basis, at the recommendation of the regional government.

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 de-registered, the CNG tanks must be returned with the buses. "CNG is only meant for passenger buses. So, CNG tanks must be returned to the related department if the vehicles

are not being used for public transportation services," U Hla Aung noted.

The Union government has allowed de-registration of vehicles since 2011. However, only vehicles from the 1999 model year can be swapped. After de-registering 20-year-old buses, the owners receive a slip for bus import permit. Truck import permits are issued upon de-registration of trucks, and slips for family-use cars are given once they are de-registered.

*(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)*

## CarsDB Auto Show Yangon 2019 to be held in November

AN auto show will be organized by CarsDB for buyers, dealers, automobile businesses, and enthusiasts from 15 to 17 November at the One Entertainment Park in Yangon. The show will be open from 10 am to 8 pm daily.

Touted as the largest show in Myanmar, the three-day event is aimed at developing Myanmar auto industry by creating a single platform for buying, selling, and learning about automobiles from auto-

makers, distributors, car-related businesses, and exploring financing opportunities with banks, automobile insurance products, and other auto related parts and services.

AYA bank will participate as an exhibitor to showcase banking businesses concerned with the automobile industry. The show will feature new automobiles and brands in Myanmar, including BAIC, Borgward, Chevrolet, Ford, GAC, Gold AYA, Hyundai, Isu-

zu, Jaguar, Land Rover, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Suzuki, and Toyota, and test drives will be offered for the vehicles. Along with leading brands, the show will feature services of prominent used car dealerships and automotive after-market businesses.

In addition, new cars will be launched at special discounts at the auto show and lucky draws will be organized for car buyers to help them get good deals.—GNLM

## Correction

Please read "K69 bln" instead of "\$69 bln," in the news story "Over \$69 bln invested in Sagaing-Monywa, Ohn Taw-Shwebo roads: Firm" on page-7 of October 23 Issue of the Global New Light of Myanmar. The GNLM regrets it.—GNLM

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# Better access to legal aid is crucial

LEGAL aid ensures people's access to justice, and is, therefore, a noble undertaking. It is one of the tools to establish rule of law as it completes the judiciary pillar of a democracy. To preserve human rights and ensure a people-friendly judiciary and to protect the judiciary pillar so it does not collapse or tilt, providing legal aid is an obligatory duty of a democratic government elected by the people, and it must be responsible to the people. The authorities and legal aid committees in regions and states must do their best for the country and the people. They must all have 'cetana' or goodwill and honesty towards the country and the people. If the government, people, and government personnel work in unity, have 'cetana' and capability, there would not be any concerns over lack of access to justice for those involved in civil cases who cannot afford a lawyer.

Those on low incomes should not be excluded from the judicial process, and access to a fair hearing for all citizens should be a top priority.

Only then can all the people, citizens, government, and public servants live a safe and secure life. All are responsible for this sort of security. For the security of the inner self, correct conduct is needed. If things are done correctly, they help build a sense of security. Our outer, physical safety is the responsibility of the government under rule of law. Keeping this in mind, the authorities are requested to support the legal aid boards in regions and states so that the boards can carry out their duties in accordance with the rules and regulations. To get legal aid at government expense is the right of the poor and destitute people in the country. According to the legal principle, 'ignorance of the law is no excuse', it is therefore very important to promote legal awareness among the public.

Those on low incomes should not be excluded from the judicial process, and access to a fair hearing for all citizens should be a top priority. Poverty does not just mean lack of money, but exclusion from those processes that bind us together as citizens. We need to consider these separate challenges as the same issue. Everybody has the right to free access to court proceedings, in accordance with due process. Whether a suspect is guilty or not is up to the judiciary, and it is for the judiciary to decide. Access to justice and a fair hearing for all citizens should be a government priority and enshrined in law.

# Myanmar strongly rejects the allegations made by Special Rapporteur Yanghee Lee and rejects the validation of the work of FFM and its reports

PERMANENT Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations, Ambassador U Hau Do Suan made his rebuttal statements during the interactive dialogues with Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar Ms. Yanghee Lee and the Chair of the former Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar Mr. Marzuki Darusman.

At its 74<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly, the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural) continued its debate on the promotion and protection of human rights in the afternoon session on 22 October 2019. Under the agenda item related to the human rights situation and reports of Special Rapporteurs and Representatives, Ms. Yanghee Lee and Mr. Marzuki Darusman made their oral presentations respectively.

In his rebuttal to the statement of Ms. Yanghee Lee, the Permanent Representative stressed that all independent mandate holders or mechanisms created under the Human Rights Council should strictly adhere to the principles of independence, impartiality, and professional integrity. He also pointed out that the application of double standards, selectivity, and politicisation of human rights issues would never serve the noble objectives of protection and promotion of human rights.

In addressing cooperation with the United Nations, he said that Myanmar is disappointed and disheartened because the country's goodwill and spirit of cooperation with the UN Human Rights body throughout the past nearly three decades gave noth-



Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations Ambassador U Hau Do Suan. PHOTO: MNA

ing but more international scrutiny with numerous country-specific resolutions; more and more invented and unprecedented politically motivated mechanisms to exert political pressures upon Myanmar under the name of human rights.

Moreover, the Permanent Representative raised his concern that comments made by the Special Rapporteur on several occasions during her tenure, lack objectivity and disregard the sentiments of the people of Myanmar which usually cause misunderstanding; generate mistrust and further polarization among diverse communities of Myanmar.

He also mentioned that Myanmar dismayed at Ms. Yanghee Lee's overall appraisal of the sit-

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uation in the concluding remarks as she stated: "The situation of human rights in Myanmar continues to deteriorate in many areas."

Moreover, the Permanent Representative also informed the

Committee of the government's efforts in the areas of democratic transition, socio-economic development, and promotion and protection of human rights.

In the Statement responding to the presentation made by Mr.

Marzuki Darusman, the Permanent Representative reiterated Myanmar's rejection of the FFM and its entire work, as well as its reports. He also reaffirmed Myanmar's rejection of the establishment of the Independent Investigative Mechanism (IIM) on Myanmar. He pointed out that IIM is yet another form of unprecedented discriminatory scrutinization on a member country. It was set up beyond the mandate of the UN General Assembly and the Human Rights Council.

He pointed out that FFM reports are one-sided nature based on the narratives but not on the facts. He further stated that the reports portrayed the Myanmar security forces as perpetrators of mass atrocity crimes while

deliberately ignoring or discounting the provocative and premeditated armed attacks of ARSA terrorists on various security posts in October 2016 and August 2017 which were the undeniable causes of the present humanitarian situation. He further stated that the FFM never condemn the well-documented atrocity crimes committed by ARSA that resulted in the death of security personnel as well as hundreds of innocent people in Rakhine, including a hundred Hindu villagers, in August 2017.

While talking about the security concern in the camps in Cox's Bazar, Permanent Representative stressed that there is an urgent need to address the security threat of ARSA in the refugee camps to create a conducive condition for the speedy implementation of the repatriation process.

In conclusion, the Permanent Representative stated that Myanmar's cooperation with the international community is based on the country's faith in the principles and purposes of the UN Charter and multilateralism. However, there has been a growing sentiment among the people of Myanmar that they are being treated unfairly by the international community about the situation in Rakhine State. Nevertheless, he thanked friends near and far who have been steadfastly standing with Myanmar as the country face the challenges. He stated that Myanmar is confident and determined to overcome all the challenges with the spirit of national unity and the collective strength of its people, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA

Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
Union Election Commission  
Notification 199/2019  
10<sup>th</sup> Waning of Thadingyut, 1381 ME  
23 October, 2019

Permission to register as a political party

THE People's Pioneer Party headquartered at No. (10/B), Kanbawza Tower, Myaynigone, Sangyaung Township, Yangon Region, has been permitted to register as a political party in accordance with Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law on 23 October 2019.  
The registration number of People's Pioneer Party is 122.

(HlaThein)  
Chairman  
Union Election Commission

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of Ms Raushan Yesbulatova as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, with residence in Bangkok.

Ms Raushan Yesbulatova was born in April 1963 in Taldikorgan, Kazakhstan. In 1988, she studied at the Institute of National Economy and at the Institute of Management and Tourism in 1995. She joined as an Attaché at the Protocol-Political Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan in 1998. From 1998 to 2006, she has served in various capacities at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan. From 2006 to 2009, she was the Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations, New York. From 2009 to 2017, she served as Consul -General of the Republic of Kazakhstan in New York. Since 2017, she has been serving as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Kazakhstan to the Kingdom of Thailand. She is married and blessed with one child.—MNA

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Message on United Nations Day (24 October 2019)

Secretary-General Antonio Guterres

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# First jade, jewelry sales expo opened in Mandalay

A SALES exhibition for raw jade stones, jade carvings, and jewelry opened on 23 October at the Mandalay Convention Centre on Theik Pan Street, Mandalay. All sales at the expo are being made in the local currency.

This is the first jade and jewelry sales exhibition organized by the Mandalay Regional government.

At the opening ceremony of the exhibition, held on 23 October, Mandalay Region Chief Minister Dr Zaw Myint Maung, Mandalay Mayor Dr Ye Lwin, Mandalay Security and Border Affairs Minister Colonel Kyaw Kyaw Min, Planning and Finance Minister U Myat Thu, Myanmar Gems Enterprise Managing Director U Aung Nyunt Thein, Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Federation vice chairman U Hla Soe Oo, Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association (Mandalay) chairman U Than Win, and the exhibition organizing committee chairman and Mandalay City Development Committee member U Kyaw Zaw Aung formally cut the ribbon to launch

the expo.

Speaking at the event, the Mandalay Region Chief Minister said Myanmar is rich in mineral resources and gemstones, and the mineral producers are accountable to the mineral resources.

Permissions for the mining are to be properly managed so that future generations also can use the resources. Although gem mines are systematically allowed, local people are suffering from environmental degradation due to illegal mining, the Chief Minister said.

He then said Mandalay Region doesn't produce jades, but the jade market was located in Mandalay. Therefore, the first jade sales expo was held in Mandalay to continue it in coming years.

The Chief Minister then said to also organize the expos selling the jades with other currencies.

Afterwards, Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association (Mandalay) chairman U Than Win said the jade sales expo was held in Mandalay as



Officials cut the ribbon to launch the first jade and jewelry sales exhibition in Mandalay.

PHOTO: AUNG PHYO KYAW

it was the place where many jades businesses are situated.

With the development of jade industry, other businesses can also be better, he added, urging the related ministries and jade merchants to cooperate on developing the jade industry. Then, the chairman of the organizing committee of the

exhibition spoke about the expo. Afterwards, the Mandalay Chief Minister and officials toured the stalls in the expo hall.

The exhibition is being held from 23 to 29 October. It will be open daily from 7 am to 5 pm. A total of 2,950 jade lots will be sold at the expo under the open tender system. Over 40

jade stalls are displaying their products at the exhibition. An admission fee of a per person to the sales expo is K 20,000 for local merchants and K 100,000 for foreign merchants.—Min Htet Aung (Man Sub-printing house)

(Translated by Hay Mar/ Kyaw Zin Tun)

## Onions prices in up K350 per viss Kyaukpadaung

THE price of onions from Kyaukpadaung Township climbed by K350 per viss (1.6 kilograms) during the Thadingyut festival, said U Myint Cho, the owner of Chogyi onion depot.

"Nearly all local farmers from villages near Kyat Mauk Taung dam, Kyaukpadaung Township grow onions. The main produce of the year is onion in Kyaukpadaung Township. Local farmers from the villages make several donations and hold ceremonies as they earn handsome profits from onions," said U Nay Myo Tun, a local onion farmer from Moak Gone village.

Onions take about one year to grow. They are usually plant-

ed in November and harvested in April. Local farmers prefer to sell the onions as soon as they are harvested, if the price is high enough to earn them a handsome profit. Although the price of onions usually increases in September and October, it is often higher in the month of October. So, onion sellers store onions and sell them in October.

At present, new onions are selling for just K600 per viss. The price of onions increased to K700 per viss in September and K1,000 in October; an increase of K300 within a month, according to the Chogyi onion depot.—Ko Htein (Ngathayout) (Translated by Hay Mar)



Workers unload bags of onions from a truck at the depot in Kyaukpadaung. PHOTO: KO HTEIN (NGATHAYOUT)

## Labour issues biggest challenge for foreign investors: UMFCCI president

By Nyein Nyein

LOCAL labour issues pose the biggest challenge to foreign investment in the country, said U Zaw Min Win, the President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI).

"The amount of foreign investment entering Myanmar was not as much as we expected. Foreign direct investment of only US\$4.5 billion flowed into the country. It did not reach the target of \$5.8 billion. We have found several obstacles to investment, including lack of basic infrastructure, certain impediments to growth of existing businesses, and restrictions on land acquisition by foreigners, in spite of relief measures to boost investment. The issue of labour poses the biggest challenge to investment," said U Zaw Min Win.

"To tackle labour issues, we would like to suggest the

formation of a special unit that would include officials from the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, and regional and state governments, and entrepreneurs," he said.

"Hopefully, this group can deal with the current labour issues, especially in CMP enterprises. Labour issues in garment and footwear factories lead to shutdown of business operations. When we met with China's Economic Counsellor, the Counsellor mentioned that some buyers from EU countries are hesitant due to labour issues and closure of factories and asked us to handle this in an effective way," added U Zaw Min Win.

Foreign investors have shown a keen interest in investing in Myanmar, and they have pointed out that the en-

forcement of the labour law is important, he said.

Of late, there have been a series of conflicts between employees and employers in Myanmar.

Therefore, foreign countries are signing bilateral investment treaties with trade partners in order to strengthen mutual trust and promote and protect investments. Myanmar has signed bilateral investment treaties (BITs) with 13 countries, including the Philippines, Viet Nam, China, Laos, Kuwait, Thailand, India, Japan, Indonesia, the US, the Republic of Korea, Israel, and Singapore.

Myanmar is also negotiating a Promotion and Protection of Investment Agreement with Hong Kong, and it is expected to be signed soon, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)



# UAGO accomplishes law information system project

THE Union Attorney-General's Office has introduced the accomplishment of Myanmar Law Information System (MLIS) project which was jointly set up with the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

The MLIS is a website providing service of the Myanmar law information in supporting the improvement of rule of law included in priority sectors of the reform process of the country.

At the ceremony, Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo said that MLIS was first launched on the website of UAGO on 24 May last year. The UAGO and the KOICA signed a record of discussion in October 2015 to create a separate website for the MLIS.

Officials and experts from the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Government Legislation, the KOICA, and the National Law

Information Center of Republic of Korea (KLIS) coordinated with the officials of UAGO for implementing this project.

The Union Attorney-General also said the website <https://www.mlis.gov.mm> is a hub for law information which is very useful for law researchers, law students, lawmakers, and business investors, while it will also contribute a lot in the e-Government process of the country.

Ms Lee Youn Soo, the Chief Representative of KOICA Myanmar Office, said the MLIS can be viewed by the civil service staff and the general public, and that it will be supportive for rule of law and democratic reform process. She added the government needs to support development of this system, and it is expected their agency could work together in public service projects.

At the ceremony, Mr Lee



Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo addresses the ceremony for accomplishment of Myanmar Law Information System (MLIS) project in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Sang Su, the Director General of MOLEG presented three sets of law books for 2,788 Subordinate Legislation of Union Laws.

The ceremony was attended by 35 persons from UAGO, MOLEG, KOICA, KLIS and Beintech Co Ltd. , and they also

discussed the operation, maintenance and continuing support for MLIS system. —MNA

## Elephant carcasses found in Pathein Township

THE carcasses of two wild elephants were found yesterday in separate places in Pathein District, Ayeyawady Region, but no poachers have been arrested yet, according to local authorities.

The carcass of a female elephant, about 20 years old, was found yesterday in Myitaya Line, Tin Chaung Village tract, Ngapudaw Township. Meanwhile, two guns and equipment used for poaching were also found at the Hsinma Forest Reserve located in the township.

According to local authorities, another skinned elephant was found in Ngwehsaung. Local elephant conservationists said poachers are targeting not only adult wild elephants, but also younger ones as their skins are highly valued in market.

Between 2017 and 2019, 54 suspected elephant poachers

were arrested. Eight elephants were killed in 2018 and 16 elephants were killed between 2016 and 2018.

According to an official from Myanma Timber Enterprise, the population of Myanmar's wild elephants was about 10,000 in 1940 and declined by half in 1980, reached 4,000 in 2006, 2,500 in 2010, and is likely to touch 2,000 this year.—Pathein Hla Kyi

### Wild elephants damage paddy field in Ngwehsaung

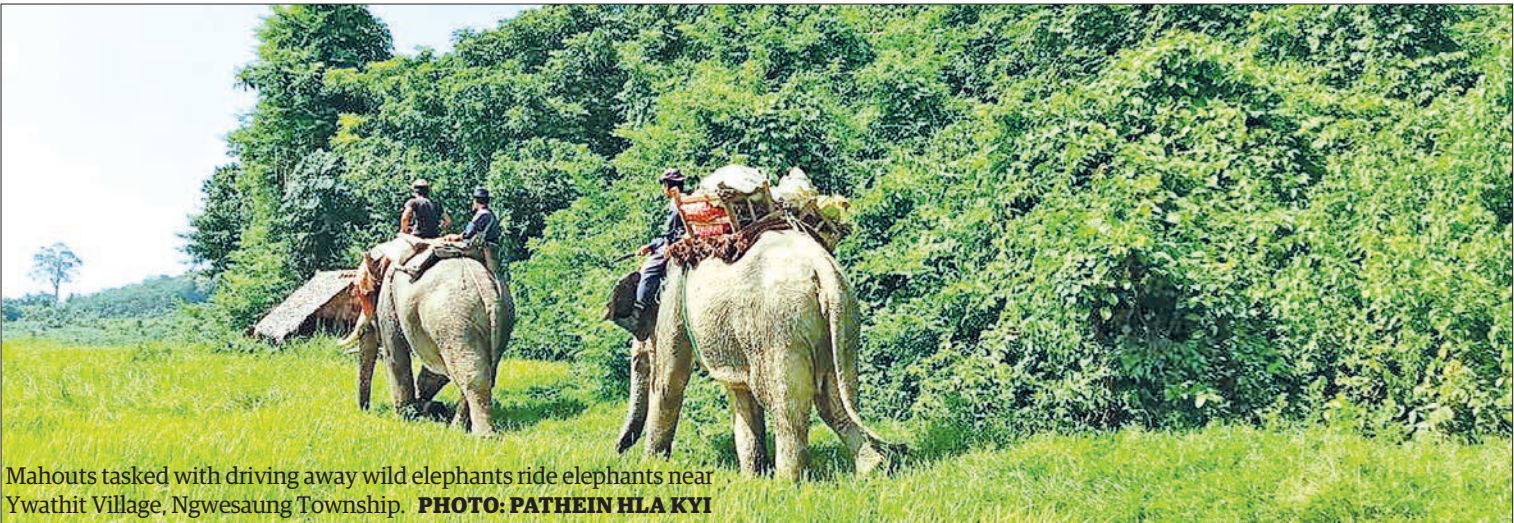
Wild elephants damaged about six acres of paddy fields yesterday at Ywathit Village in Ngwehsaung Township.

Around six wild elephants entered the paddy fields of five farmers in search of food, and destroyed six acres of crops. —Mu Mu (IPRD)

(Translated by Ba Htoo Kyaw)



An elephant carcass is found completely skinned in Ngapudaw Township, Ayeyawady Region. PHOTO: PATHEIN HLA KYI



Mahouts tasked with driving away wild elephants ride elephants near Ywathit Village, Ngwehsaung Township. PHOTO: PATHEIN HLA KYI

## Low pressure area persists over Bay of Bengal

ACCORDING to the observations at (18:30) hrs MST yesterday, the low pressure area over West-central Bay of Bengal off Andhra Pradesh coast (India) still persists, said the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

Weather is cloudy over the South Bay and Westcentral Bay of Bengal and partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin, Northern Shan and Chin states and isolated in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi regions, Eastern Shan and Rakhine states today, with 80 per cent degree of certainty.

Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states.

Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4–6) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts, according to the weather bureau.—GNLM



Small Texas city hopes trip to China for CIIE will boost job creation

HOUSTON — Representatives of the small Texas city of Sealy preparing to attend the upcoming China International Import Expo (CIIE) 2019 early November have said job creation is on the top of their mind.

Lloyd Merrell, city manager of Sealy, a city west of Houston, told Xinhua in a recent interview they hope the first trip to China will bring more job opportunities for the city.

“We want to see as many as Chinese companies as we can when we are there and see if they

have an interest in coming to Houston area. We want to try to make it easy for them to do that,” he said,

“We are thrilled to be part of this. What we hope to bring back from China is more manufacturing jobs,” he added.

This year, Sealy has secured an investment worth 165 million US dollars from China Hailiang Group, which manufactures copper, copper alloy and brass products. This is the first Chinese investment in the city. “They have started construction

on the 165-million-US-dollar project, it will employ minimum 200 people. We want more of that. We want Chinese people to come to live in Sealy,” said Merrell.

Besides attending CIIE, the Sealy delegation also plans to visit Hailiang Group headquarters in east China’s Zhejiang province.

Organized by Greater Houston Partnership, a delegation of more than 20 business leaders in Greater Houston will go to China attending the second CIIE early next month.

—Xinhua ■



FILE PHOTO: The first China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai. PHOTO: XINHUA

Caterpillar slashes profit forecast, citing economic uncertainty

NEW YORK — Caterpillar shares came under pressure early Wednesday after the company slashed its profit forecast, citing global economic uncertainty.

The company, which manufactures machinery for energy, construction and resource companies, now projects 2019 earnings of \$10.90 to \$11.40 per share, down from the prior forecast at the low end of a range between \$12.06 and \$13.06 per share.

“In the fourth quarter, we now expect end-user demand to be flat and dealers to make further inventory reductions due to global economic uncertainty,” said Chief Execu-



Caterpillar shares were under pressure after it slashed its profit forecast, citing global economic uncertainty.

PHOTO: AFP

tive Jim Umpleby. Revenues were \$12.8 billion, a decline of 5.6 per cent.

The company reported third-quarter profits of \$1.5 billion, down 13.5 per cent from the year-ago period.

Shares fell 1.6 per cent to \$131.56 in pre-market trading.—AFP ■

Malaysia's international reserves stand at 103.3 bln USD

KUALA LUMPUR — Malaysia's central bank, Bank Negara, said Tuesday that its international reserves stood at 103.3 billion US dollars as of 15 October this year. The reserves were slightly higher when compared with 103 billion US dollars as of 30 September. The central bank said in a statement, the reserves position is sufficient to finance 7.6 months of retained imports and is 1.1 time total short-term external debt. The international reserves consist of 96.7 billion US dollars in foreign currency reserves, 1.1 billion US dollars in International Monetary Fund Reserves Position, 1.1 billion US dollars in Special Drawing Rights, 1.9 billion US dollars in gold and 2.5 billion US dollars in other reserves assets.— Xinhua ■

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR  
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MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE  
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)  
(13 / 2019-2020)

| 1. Open tenders for 2019-2020 fiscal year are invited for supply of the following respective items in Myanmar Kyats.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                   |                                                                    |         |
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| (b)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | DMP/L-130(19-20)  | Insert Pumps and Accessories (5) Groups                            | Ks      |
| (c)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | DMP/L-131(19-20)  | Spares for H 2475 G Waukesha Engine & KB-2 Compressor (19) Items   | Ks      |
| (d)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | DMP/L-132(19-20)  | Mechanical Accessories (3) Groups                                  | Ks      |
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| (h)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | DMP/L-136(19-20)  | Spares for HT 400 Pump (2) Groups                                  | Ks      |
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| 2. The Open Tender forms including Description of Materials / Qty with details specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available during office hours commencing from <b>23 October 2019</b> at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No. (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.                                                               |                   |                                                                    |         |
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# North Korea's Kim orders demolitions at South-built resort

SEOUL—North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has condemned a flagship tourist development with the South as an eyesore and ordered buildings there demolished, state media reported Wednesday, in a stark illustration of dire relations between Pyongyang and Seoul.

The Mount Kumgang tourist complex was built by Southern company Hyundai Asan in the North on one of the penin-

sula's most scenic mountains, drawing hundreds of thousands of Southern visitors.

But tours came to an abrupt end in 2008 after a North Korean soldier shot dead a Southern tourist who strayed off the approved path and Seoul suspended travel.

Pyongyang has long wanted to resume the lucrative visits, but they would now violate international sanctions



Mount Kumgang tours came to an abrupt end in 2008 after a North Korean soldier shot dead a Southern tourist who strayed off the approved path. PHOTO: AFP

imposed on North Korea over its nuclear and ballistic programmes.

Kim visited the site and lambasted the “shabby” buildings as “just a hotchpotch with no national character at all”, the North’s official KCNA news agency reported, adding “they were built like makeshift tents in a disaster-stricken area or isolation wards” and “very backward in terms of architecture”.—AFP ■

## EVs, short-range cars take spotlight at Tokyo Motor Show

TOKYO—Electric vehicles and cars designed for short trips are in the spotlight at the Tokyo Motor Show as automakers face growing pressure to address vehicle emissions and develop a growth strategy that will help them to overcome Japan’s shrinking market.

The show opens to the public from Friday, running until Nov. 4 at Tokyo Big Sight, with more than 180 companies and organizations showcasing products and services. The participation of fewer foreign manufactures, however, reflects the changing role of auto shows.

Carmakers are turning to new ways to market to consumers, such as social

media, while they continue to invest aggressively in research and development to keep up with evolving mobility trends.

While connectivity, autonomous driving, car-sharing and electric powertrains continue to be the major trends across the industry, battery-powered cars designed for short trips are being showcased by Japanese manufacturers.

Toyota Motor Corp. is featuring an ultracompact electric two-seater car mainly targeted at elderly drivers and an indoor mobility device in which the user is transported in a standing position, both expected to go on sale in late 2020.—AFP ■

## Samsung heir's corruption retrial hangs over phonemaker

SEOUL—The heir to the Samsung empire returns to court this week for a retrial over a sprawling corruption scandal that could see him return to prison and deprive the world’s largest smartphone and chip manufacturer of its top decision-maker. Lee Jae-yong is vice chairman of Samsung Electronics -- where profits have been falling for months -- and was jailed for five years in 2017 for bribery, embezzlement and other offences in connection with the scandal that brought down South Korean president Park Geun-hye. The 51-year-old was freed a year later after an appeals court dismissed most of his bribery convictions, but that decision was set aside by the Supreme Court in August, which ordered a retrial.

The new proceedings begin Friday and are like-



Samsung Group heir Lee Jae-yong arrives at Seoul Central District Court in handcuffs during his trial in 2017. PHOTO: AFP

ly to last for months. At the same time, Samsung Electronics is battling challenges from the US-China trade war and tough export restrictions imposed by Tokyo on key supplies amid a dispute with Seoul over wartime history. While the firm’s daily business is managed by a board of directors, a leadership vacuum would greatly hamper its ability to make major decisions, KB Securities

said in a report.

The retrial added to uncertainty for the company, said a source with direct knowledge, adding: “There are things that only Lee Jae-yong can do.” Samsung Electronics is the flagship subsidiary of the Samsung group, by far the biggest of the family-controlled conglomerates, or chaebols, that dominate business in the world’s 11th-largest economy.—AFP ■

### MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION ADB Loan 3724 and GAFSP Grant 0671 CLIMATE FRIENDLY AGRIBUSINESS VALUE CHAINS SECTOR PROJECT

#### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI) Recruitment of ADFS Specialist (International Individual Consultant) Package No. CS-05

1. The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for Climate Friendly Agribusiness Value Chains Sector Project (CFAVC) and intends to recruit an International Agriculture Digital Finance Service (ADFS) Specialist who has to support the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MOALI), Department of Rural Development (DRD) to contract a qualified financial service provider (FSP) for the development and implementation of an Agricultural Digital Finance Service and assist DRD to establish and implement a community-based beneficiary identification system and supporting monitoring program.
2. The Executing Agency now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services for the Agricultural Digital Finance Service Specialist. Interested Consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. An individual consultant will be selected in accordance with procedures set out in Guidelines on the Use of the Consultants by the Asian Development Bank and Its Borrowers (March 2013, as amended from time to time).
3. Consultant must meet the following Minimum Qualification Requirements:  
(i) Master’s degree in finance, commerce, economics or equivalent with at least 10 years of relevant working experience in emerging economies;  
(ii) Familiarity with: (a) rural financial service delivery in emerging economies; (b) digital financial services; and (c) financial services monitoring and evaluation; and  
(iii) At least 5 years of professional experience in digital finance, banking, micro finance, and telecom, preferably in Asia.
4. For the more detailed information, consultant can contact the address below during office hours 09:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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# Indonesian President Jokowi unveils Cabinet as 2<sup>nd</sup> term begins

JAKARTA — Indonesian President Joko “Jokowi” Widodo on Wednesday unveiled a new Cabinet for his second term that includes a former general whom he defeated in the April presidential election.

The president said his “Developed Indonesia Cabinet,” which consists largely of professionals rather than politicians from the parties that supported his re-election bid, will focus over his next five-year term on “developing human resources, creating employment and empowering small-and-medium enterprises.”

The Cabinet lineup was unveiled following his own oath-taking on Sunday.

The president’s defeated rival Prabowo Subianto, a former army general with a checkered past, was named defense minister, while Mahfud MD, a former chief justice of the Constitutional Court of Indonesia, was appointed as coordinating minister for political, legal and security affairs.

Prabowo’s appointment is likely to be the most controversial as he once led the army’s Kopassus special forces group, which kidnapped and tortured political opponents and student activists in the late 1990s under then President Suharto.

“I don’t think I have to tell you his duties. He knows better than me,” Jokowi said in introducing Prabowo from the veran-



New Indonesian Defense Minister Prabowo Subianto stands up when President Joko “Jokowi” Widodo introduced him to the public at the verandah of the Merdeka (Freedom) Palace in Jakarta on 23 October, 2019. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

dah of the Merdeka Presidential Palace during the nationally televised event.

Mahfud is the first civilian to hold the position of top security minister, which is usually held by retired generals.

“All issues related to corruption, legal certainties, terrorist deradicalization and terrorism will be under his authority,” Jokowi said of Mahfud’s duties.

In an apparent effort to deal with extremism and radicalism, particularly in Islamic boarding schools, Jokowi appointed Fachrul Razi, a former army gen-

eral, as religious affairs minister.

Jokowi also expanded the authority of his closest aide, Luhut Pandjaitan, also a former army general, by giving him a new portfolio. Formerly coordinating minister for maritime affairs, he becomes coordinating minister for maritime affairs and investment.

“Breakthroughs to bring Indonesia to be the global maritime axis, to deal with investment obstacles and to realize major investment commitments will be in his hands,” Jokowi said of Pandjaitan’s job. Finance Minister Sri

Mulyani Indrawati and Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi have been retained. Also among the 38 ministers named and sworn in Wednesday were former Ambassador to Japan Arifin Tasrif, who was given the job of energy and mineral resources minister.

Prabowo’s appointment as defense minister is likely to disappoint supporters of his unsuccessful presidential bid as his Gerindra Party had previously said it would be in opposition.

The appointment has also raised concern among human rights activists.—AFP ■

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Defence urge court to acquit Malaysia’s ex-PM Najib

KUALA LUMPUR — Lawyers for former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak argued on Wednesday for his acquittal of corruption charges as the court is set to rule on 11 November. on the prosecution’s case.

In his closing arguments after the prosecution has wrapped up their case, lead defense counsel Muhammad Shafee Abdullah urged Kuala Lumpur High Court Judge Mohamad Nazlan Ghazali not to call Najib, 66, to answer the charges, claiming that the latter has no knowledge of the source of the alleged illicit funds. Najib is facing seven charges, consisting of three counts of money laundering, three counts of criminal breach of trust and one count of abuse of power, to all of which he had pleaded not guilty. They are related to three deposits totaling 42 million ringgit (\$10 million) made into his private bank accounts between December 2014 and February 2015.

Each time, the money allegedly came from SRC International Sdn. Bhd., a former unit of scandal-plagued state investment fund, 1Malaysia Development Berhad.—Kyodo News ■

### Pompeo, Japanese FM hold phone talks over Iran

WASHINGTON — US State Department said on Tuesday that Secretary of State Mike Pompeo held phone talks with Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi over Iran.

Pompeo and his Japanese counterpart discussed coordination on Iran, a state department spokesperson said in a statement, without providing more details. The statement said the two pledged to continue to work closely across a broad agenda of regional and global security issues. Japan’s top government spokesperson Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga last Friday indicated that Japan had decided not to join the US-led maritime coalition to protect commercial vessels in the Middle East, saying “we have decided to pursue our own measures separately.”—Xinhua ■

## Beijing to host ‘intra-Afghan’ conference: Taliban

KABUL — China has invited a Taliban delegation to attend an “intra-Afghan” con-

ference in Beijing, a militant spokesman said Wednesday, after a prospective deal be-

tween the United States and the insurgents collapsed last month.

Suhail Shaheen, a Taliban political spokesman, said on Twitter that Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, the group’s co-founder, had met with Chinese diplomats in Doha, where the militants have a political office.

“Both sides discussed the upcoming intra-Afghan conference in Beijing and issues related to the solution of Afghan problem,” Shaheen wrote.

He later told AFP the conference would take place 29-30 October.

It would be separate from talks between the US and the Taliban, which spent the past year negotiating a deal that would have seen the Pentagon

pull thousands of troops from Afghanistan in return for various security guarantees.

President Donald Trump scrapped those talks last month amid continued Taliban violence in Afghanistan, including a bombing that killed an American soldier.

The deal would have paved the way for separate talks between the Taliban and the Afghan government to search for an end to the conflict.

### ‘Personal capacity’

The Taliban have steadfastly refused to talk to the Afghan government, and Shaheen said any attendance by Afghan officials in Beijing would be on the understanding they were representing only themselves.—AFP ■



The conference in China is the latest in a number of negotiations seeking to end the conflict in Afghanistan. **PHOTO: AFP**



# New Tunisia president sworn in after upstart poll win

TUNIS — Tunisia's new President Kais Saied took the oath of office on Wednesday after his surprise election victory over champions of the political establishment.

Saied, a conservative academic with no previous political experience who won the overwhelming support of younger voters in an 13 October runoff, was sworn in before members of the constituent assembly and other top state bodies.

The poll followed the death in July of Beji Caid Essebsi, Tunisia's first president freely elected by universal suffrage.

After sweeping 72.71 per cent of the vote in this month's runoff, Saied has won a clear mandate to fight corruption and promote social justice, even though his role focuses on security and diplomacy.

A constitutional law professor whose rigid and austere demeanour earned him the nickname "Robocop", Saied has no



Tunisia's new President Kais Saied, an academic nicknamed "Robocop" for his rigid and austere manner, takes the oath of office after his upstart election victory earlier this month. PHOTO: AFP

real experience in foreign policy.

Tunis, which currently chairs the Arab League, could renew diplomatic ties with Syria, severed since 2012, and play a role in the return of the war-torn country to the bloc.

Saied has made strong statements against Israel, considering any ties with the Jewish state

to be "high treason" — an Arab nationalist position that earned him praise among supporters.

While the security situation has significantly improved since a series of high-profile attacks on tourists in 2015, Tunisia has maintained a state of emergency for four years, with assaults against security forces persisting.—AFP

# Russia-Turkey deal shatters Syria Kurd dreams of self-rule

BEIRUT — A Turkish-Russian deal signed in the Black Sea resort of Sochi that carves up northeastern Syria sounds the death knell for Kurdish autonomy, analysts say.

Syria's Kurds had hoped that the sacrifices made in the name of the international community to help crush the Islamic State group's "caliphate" would pay off. But instead of supporting their political project, the United

States is pulling out of Syria altogether, ruining the minority's aspirations for more autonomy.

The Sochi agreement defines the contours of the debacle for the Kurdish forces, who still controlled close to a third of Syria two weeks ago and have now lost almost everything. "For the Kurds, this is the end of Rojava, of their dreams of autonomy," is how Fabrice Balanche, a geographer specialised in Syrian affairs,

summed it up.

The fate of Rojava — the name Kurds give to their region — was sealed in a handshake late Tuesday between Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin. Turkey was granted the right to remain fully deployed in an Arab-majority area it has dubbed a "safe zone" that was the main target of an offensive it launched on 9 October.

It stretches along 120 kilometres (75 miles) and is 32 kilometres deep, forming a zone into which Erdogan wants to send back some of the 3.6 million Syrian refugees his country hosts.

## Massacre averted

The Turkish assault was made possible by a pullback of US troops deployed along the border as a buffer force between their NATO ally Turkey and the Kurdish fighters of the Syrian Democratic Forces.

The withdrawal by their erstwhile ally left the Kurds completely in the lurch, forcing them to turn to the Damascus regime for protection from an expanded Turkish assault.—AFP ■



Syrian Kurdish fighters raise their flag in March after overrunning the last vestige of the Islamic State group's "caliphate" in a US-backed offensive they had hoped would earn them Western support for their dreams of self-rule. PHOTO: AFP

# Bolivian opposition stages general strike over poll results

LA PAZ — A general strike began on Wednesday in Bolivia to protest election results signaling long-time President Evo Morales will likely secure another term.

With more than 95 per cent of the vote counted, Morales had 46.4 per cent compared to 37 per cent for his main rival, centrist Carlos Mesa, just shy of the 10 point lead necessary to avoid a runoff. Opposition supporters reacted with fury on Monday to delayed results that showed Morales, Latin America's longest-serving president, edging towards the 10 percentage-point margin. That flew in the face of preliminary results released earlier that showed Mesa coming in

a close second in Sunday's polls and forcing a run-off.

Monitors from the Organization of American States said the delayed results showed a "drastic and hard-to-explain change in the trend of the preliminary results" that "clearly indicated a second round."

Mesa, a 66-year-old former president, said he would reject the result.

## Vote count ongoing

The slow official vote count continued overnight from Tuesday to Wednesday.

The government on Tuesday asked the OAS to conduct an audit of the vote counting process as soon as possible.—AFP ■



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# British PM could target election as EU mulls Brexit extension

LONDON — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson could pivot towards a general election as the EU mulls granting a Brexit deadline extension on Wednesday, after a fresh twist to the divorce saga cast doubt over his hopes of leaving on 31 October.

In tense parliamentary votes on Tuesday, Johnson won initial backing for the divorce deal he agreed with the EU — but MPs then rejected his timetable to rush it through parliament in a matter of days.

Following that setback, Johnson said he would halt the ratification process while European Union leaders consult on a delay — which MPs had forced him to ask for on Saturday by law.

European Council President Donald Tusk has recommended that EU's 27 other member states grant the extension as requested, which would be until January 31, 2020 unless the deal is ratified before then.

As it stands, without that unanimous agreement, Britain is due to crash out of the EU in eight days' time.

Though MPs voted positively on a EU divorce proposal for the first time in the tortuous three-year saga, Johnson runs a minority Conservative government and has had enough of opposition MPs blocking Brexit.

He told MPs before Tuesday's votes that if parliament decided to "delay everything until January or possibly longer, in no circumstances can the government continue with this.

"We will have to go forward to a general election. I will argue at that election: let's get Brexit done." A three-month delay would give time to hold a general election before the New Year — though it would require the support of two-thirds of MPs.

The Labour main opposition has spurned two previous chances to face an election.—AFP ■



## Myanma Lethwei event in Taiwan concludes with thrilling fights

AN event titled 'Lethwei in Taiwan' was held on 20 October in Taipei City, Taiwan, to showcase Myanmar lethwei. The tourney concluded with many thrilling fights between Myanmar and foreign fighters.

The lethwei event was held in Taiwan for the very first time, with five fighters representing Myanmar. The Myanmar fighters bagged two wins, two draws, and one loss. There were a variety of bouts pitting Myanmar lethwei fighters against foreign martial artists from the United States and Japan. The fighters obeyed Myanmar lethwei rules, including the clinching techniques, and fought bareknuckled, without gloves, with only tape and gauze covering their hands.

In the 71-kg event, Phyo Thiha (Myanmar) beat Deng Ding Yuan (Taiwan) with a knockout in the second round.

In the 77-kg event, Will Chope (USA) beat Chen Ching Shun (Taiwan) with a knockout result.

In the 62-kg event of the tourney, Nishizawa Takuya (Japan) beat Boy Kar (Myanmar) with a fourth round knockout.

In the 90-kg event, Phoe Thar Gyi (Myanmar) managed a win over Wu Dong Xin (Taiwan) in a first round knockout result.

In the 56-kg women's event, Shwe Ko Lay (Myanmar) fought to a draw against Nann A Mwe Hom (Myanmar).

The Myanmar Orchestra (Saing Waing) provided entertainment at the event, and fans, including fighters from Taipei, came down to watch the thrilling lethwei matches. The second lethwei event in Taipei is being planned for 2020, according to the event's organizers.—Min Khit (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



Myanmar's Phoe Thar Gyi (left) fights Taiwan's Wu Dong Xin (right) in the 90-kg weight class at the first Myanmar lethwei event in Taiwan.

## AFF Futsal Championship: Myanmar lose to Thailand, but gain entry into semifinals

THE Thailand futsal team dominated the 2019 AFF Futsal Championship group phase with a big win over Myanmar yesterday at the Phu Tho Indoor Stadium, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. With Myanmar ending the group stage as the runner-up, it has secured a place in the semifinals.

Both Myanmar and Thailand were placed in Group A for the tourney. Interestingly, in the first round, Thailand were overwhelmed by Myanmar's defense. Several times, Kritsada Wongkaeo and his teammates failed to convert their goal chances. Myanmar goalkeeper Kyaw Htet Aung put up a tough fight and made a

difference in the team's chances.

But, Thailand's Warut Wangsama-aeo managed to score the first goal for the team at the 16<sup>th</sup> minute, and the score remained 1-0 till the end of the first half.

In the second half, Myanmar players displayed some loss of concentration, helping Thailand secure a solid 9-0 win. In the second half, Thailand quickly chalked up goals, with Jirawat Sornwichian scoring at 21 minutes, Suphawut Thueanklang at 23 minutes, Warut Wangsama-aeo at 25 minutes, and Jetsada Chudech at 27 minutes. Myanmar tried to use power play, but it failed to produce results and instead

helped the opposing team gain four more goals. The goals for Thailand were scored by Kritsada Wongkaeo at 32 minutes, Nat-tawut Madyalan at 34 minutes, Pornmongkol Srisubseang at 39 minutes, and Watchara Laisri at 40 minutes. The match ended with a landslide score of 9-0 for Thailand, which put them on top of Group A. Myanmar ended the group stage as runner-up. Thailand will next face the Group B runner-up, while Myanmar will face the Group B winner. The winner and runner-up for Group B will be decided in the upcoming match between host Viet Nam and Indonesia.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)



Myanmar futsal star Pyae Phyo Aung (red) tries to take the ball past Thailand players during yesterday's Group A match of the AFF Futsal Championship 2019 at the Phu Tho Indoor Stadium in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. **PHOTO: MFF FUTSAL**

## University Football Tournament 2019 to begin on 25 Oct

The University Football Tournament 2019 (lower Myanmar zone) will start on 25 October, according to a coordination meeting held yesterday by the football authorities in Yangon.

The tourney will be sponsored by Myanma Posts and Telecommunications (MPT) and will be supervised by the Department of Higher Myanmar Education along with the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) and the Myanmar National League (MNL).

Yesterday's meeting was attended by officials from the MFF, MNL, the Department of Higher Myanmar Education, and administrators and instructors from participating teams.

The tourney will include both men's and women's events.

The men's football event will be held from 25 October to 20 November at the University Stadium and Padonmar Stadium.

The women's football event will be held from 26 October to 20 November at the same

venues at different play times, according to the meeting.

In the men's event, there are nine teams divided into two groups: Group A and B.

Group A comprises Dagon Zone team, Pyay Zone team, Sittway Zone team, Yangon (West) Zone team, and Taunggoo Zone team.

Meanwhile, Pathein Zone, Mawlamyaing Zone, Yangon (East) Zone, and Yangon Zone have been placed in Group B.

In the women's event, nine teams have been divided into Group A and B.

Dagon Zone, Pyay Zone, Yangon (East) Zone, Mawlamyaing Zone, and Yangon Zone have been placed in Group A, while Pathein Zone, Yangon (West) Zone, Taunggoo Zone, and Sittway Zone are in Group B.

With the aim of improving Myanmar football standards, the same tourney was conducted for the upper Myanmar zone and it concluded in Mandalay on 22 October. Host Mandalay Zone team won the tourney.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)