Preparations underway to celebrate 72nd Independence Day

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with Mr Sun Guoxiang, Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China, in Nay Pyi Taw on 7 November 2019. PHOTO: MNA

President U Win Myint, centre, together with Chairman of KNU Saw Mutu Say Poe, responsible officials and local people attend the 64th anniversary ceremony of Kayin State Day in Hpa-an, Kayin State. PHOTO: MNA

President U Win Myint hails 64th anniversary of Kayin State Day

PRESIDENT U WIN MYINT extended his greetings at the 64th anniversary of Kayin State Day which was celebrated on the lawn in front of the Kayin State Government office in Hpa-an Township yesterday morning. Kayin State Hluttaw Speaker Saw Chit Khin acted as the chairman of the panel of the ceremony and Kayin State Chief Justice Saw San Lin and State Election Commission Chairman Saw Kyaw Win Maung as the members panel.

First, all the attendees saluted the national flag and paid tribute to the fallen national heroes, including Bogyoke Aung San.

Then, Kayin State Hluttaw Speaker Saw Chit Khin made an opening remark.

In delivering his speech, President U Win Myint first extended greetings to all the attendees at the 64th anniversary of Kayin State Day.

He also said Kayin State is a place with significant features. Its frog drum is a symbol of victory, peace and stability. The signs of the sun’s brilliant rays in the middle of the drum surface represent for the rays of peace in the Union of Myanmar.

The President also expressed thanks to the Kayin traditional dance troupes, and praised their harmonious performances which needed a lot of energy. He also said that harmony and unity of the national brethren could create a massive strength for the Union.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi receives PRC Special Envoy

DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mr Sun Guoxiang, Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China, at 11:15 am on 7 November 2019 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters pertaining to the recent developments on peace and national reconciliation process as well as China’s continued constructive support for the Myanmar government’s endeavours.—MNA

Bulbul coded yellow; not moving towards Myanmar

According to observations recorded at 2:30 pm yesterday, cyclonic storm ‘Bulbul’ over the east-central Bay of Bengal is not moving towards Myanmar. At present, the storm has been coded yellow.

‘Bulbul’ is centered about 365 nautical miles south-southeast of Paradip (Odisha), India, 409 nautical miles south-southwest of Khepupara (Bangladesh), 340 nautical miles southwest of Pathein (Myanmar), and 350 nautical miles southwest of Gwa (Myanmar).—GNLM
Second Pyithu Hluttaw’s 14th regular session convenes third-day meeting

THE second Pyithu Hluttaw’s 14th regular session held its third-day meeting at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning. The day’s meeting covered a swearing in of Tatmadaw representatives, representation and cancellation of committee members, raising and answering of asterisk marked questions, approval of a bill and a motion and discussed and rejected.

Swearing in of Tatmadaw Hluttaw representative

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Replacement, appointment and cancellation of committee members

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Asterisk marked questions and answers session

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Questions raised by Dr Khin Maung Maung of Dagon Myothit (North) constituency on setting up a commercial farm in Unversity of Veterinary Science to support practical works of students; U Win Myint Aung of Dabayin constituency on changing Peasant Day in Myanmar from March 2 to December 22 when Saga San led peasant uprising starts; U Win Win of Mindbu constituency on allocation according to law for agricultural purpose the temporary sanitary islands that occurs near Minbu (Saku) Town every year; and U Kyaw Aung Lwin of Sedoktara constituency on properly conducting systemat CSR works for villagers and locals from 13 villages that were submerged by Mone Dam were answered by Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw.

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The active movements and enthusiasm in this dance should be imitated to achieve mutual understanding which is required for building a democratic federal union.

President U Win Myint added that the government has firmly determined to develop a democratic federal union, and that the government is striving for democratic rights, federal rights, basic rights, equality, and rights for self-administration and self-determination which are being expected by the national people for many years. He also spotlighted active and harmonious movements in Kayin traditional dance in trying to meet these expectations.

He also said a democratic federal union must be created on the basis of unity and common desires of the ethnic people as Myanmar is the Republic of the Union comprising many ethnic people and national races, and that Union spirit is required for it.

The President praised all the national people who are like colourful attractive flowers in a garden, and that they would have different concepts and ideologies. However, they need to have mutual understanding, trust, respect and cooperation for closer ties with each other to ensure a better union.

He also said that Kayin State has a lot of potential, and the Union ministers are also ready to provide assistance for the development of this state.

The President added that there are various prominent caves in Kayin State, such as Kawgun Cave, Saddan Cave, and Yathe Pyan Cave. He said the Beikthano Nat idols in Kawgun Cave predate the Bagan Dynasty and house tens of thousands of images of the Buddha. He said that the Mon language inscriptions in the cave were also more than a thousand years old.

The President said the destinations significantly attract income into the state budget. He said Kayin State has a lot of advantages and potential to develop further. He said the fruits of development after receiving the light of peace is plainly evident for everyone to see.

The President said that when the entire Union has achieved peace then all the states and regions would have coordinated development. He urged everyone to adopt Union spirit, to pledge on Kayin State’s prominent Zwekabin Mountain, to maintain ethnic solidarity to ensure the continued fruits of development and achieve national lasting peace.

Next, Kayin State Chief Minister Daw Nan Khin Htwe Myint read the President’s message of greetings on the 64th Kayin State Day anniversary. After the ceremony, the President met cordially with the invited guests.
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The 64th Kayin State Day exhibition booths and event archway were then officially opened by the Chief Minister Daw Nan Khin Htwe Myint, State Hluttaw Speaker Saw Chit Khin, Chief Justice Saw San Lin, KNU Chairman Saw Mutu Say Poe, and State Minister for Planning, Finance and Urban Development U Thein Naing as they cut ceremonial ribbons.

The President unveiled the archway by pressing a button, took a documentary photo with attendees and observed the arranged events.

Next, the President and entourage cheered the competitors in the fourth traditional boat race in Hpa-an's Kantharyar Lake, held to commemorate the 64th Kayin State Day.

Later in the afternoon, the President visited the Hpa-an Culture Museum and observed from a ship the coastal renovation and road expansion project administered by the local cabinet.

Next, the President visited Hpa-an’s hotel zone where he received briefings on the progress of implementing hotel and travel development by Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Ohn Maung and State Minister U Thein Naing at Zwe Kabin Hotel.

The President responded to the explanations with suggestions including the need for planning for long-term goals, benefiting the state and nation, ensuring the natural environment is unharmed when implementing projects, and preserving the traditions, customs, language and literature of the region.

The ceremony was also attended by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ye Aung, U Han Zaw, U Ohn Maung, Nai Thet Lwin, Chief Minister of Kayin State Nan Khin Htwe Myint, Mon State Chief Minister Dr Aye Zan, Commander of Southeast Command Maj-Gen Myo Moe Aung, Chairman of KNU Saw Mutu Say Poe, the State cabinet ministers, State parliamentarians, signatories of Ethnic Armed Organizations in Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, representatives of political parties, departmental officials, members of civil societies, Kayin cultural dance troupes, invited guests and the local people.— MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin + Zaw Htet Oo)
Preparations underway to celebrate 72nd Independence Day

VICE PRESIDENT U MYINT SWE presided over the second coordination meeting yesterday to organize the 72nd Independence Day on 4 January 2020. Vice President U Myint Swe said ten sub-committees have been formed for successfully organizing the 72nd Independence Day countrywide in line with the five national objectives. He and 37 senior government officials would be leading these sub-committees.

Out of 21 decisions made in the first coordination meeting on 10 October, three have been accomplished, and the 18 were in progress.

The Vice President also advised to complete the remaining works and to review the 29 decisions of the previous Independence Day for better performance than the events of previous years across the country.

In Union Territory Nay Pyi Taw, ceremonies to hoist and salute the national flag would be held in the morning of 4 January, and a state-level dinner party would be hosted in the evening of the same day to mark the Independence Day.

He also advised regarding the consistency of staff members to the number of guests, safety measures for fireworks at the ceremony, preparations for welcoming, seating plan, hosting and entertainment.

He also reminded to make back-up plans for possible changes in weather conditions, and advised for coordination in the works of respective committees.

Finally, the heads of these committees presented developments in their preparations for the event.

The Vice President then gave suggestions and comments to ensure coordination based on discussions made.

The meeting held at the Union Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw was also attended by Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr Myo Aung, Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Maung, Deputy Ministers Maj-Gen Aung Thu, Maj-Gen Than Htut and Dr Tun Naing, Vice Adjutant General Major General Zin Min Htet, Vice Quartermaster General Major General Aung Lin Tun, Director Major General Thant Zin from the Office of Director of Ordinance, the permanent Secretaries, the directors-general and officials—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

7th General Meeting of Myanmar-Japan Joint Initiative (Phase II) holds

192 apartments planned for government staff in eight townships of Mandalay Region

A TOTAL of 192 apartments will be constructed for government staff in eight townships of Mandalay Region, according to the Regional Urban and Housing Development Department.

In the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the department will construct a total of 192 apartments in eight townships for government staff using K3.7 billion in government funds, said U Thet Naing, the director of the Mandalay Region Urban and Housing Development Department.

“Tenders have been already invited and the project will be handed over to the tender winner in November.” The project will be completed no later than October, 2020. Using the budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal, the department has already constructed 25.36 per cent of housing estates for staff. Our department is trying its best to develop urban and staff housing. Our department plans to implement the housing project to sell flats under a bank loan system,” he added.

The department will construct 12 apartment buildings of four stories. There will be a total of 192 apartments and each apartment will measure 650 square feet. Out of those 12 buildings—one each in Mahlaing, Yamyethin, Madya, Natogyi, and Taungtha townships; two each in Mandalay, Myanmar, and Singu townships; and, three in NyaungU township.

Last year, a total of 580 apartments meant for staff housing were constructed at a cost of K088 billion, using funds allocated by the regional government, while 240 apartments for staff were constructed using K4.8 billion from the Union government’s budget.

The regional Urban and Housing Development Department is making arrangements to construct the flats. Currently, 2,199 people have opened saving books at the Construction and Housing Development Bank to purchase the apartments.—Min Htet Aung (Man Sub-printing house)

(Translated by Hay Mar)
Constitution amendment committee holds 56th meeting of the year

THE Joint Committee on Amend ing the 2008 Constitution held meeting No. 56/2019 at the second floor meeting room of Hall D, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by the joint committee’s Chairman U Tun Aung (a) U Tun Tun Hein, who is also Deputy Speaker of both Pyidaungsu and Pyithu Hluttaws, Vice Chairman and Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye Tha Aung, Secretary Dr Myat Nyama Soe, Joint Secretary U Hlay Win Aung (a) U Pyone Cho, and members of the joint committee consisting of Hluttaw representatives from various political parties, Tatmadaw Hluttaw representatives, and officials from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.

PHOTO: MNA
(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

GAD reform framework 2019 discussed in Nay Pyi Taw

CHIEF ministers of States/Regions and senior government officials discussed the 2019 Reform Framework of the General Administration Department under the Ministry of Union Government Office yesterday morning.

Union Minister U Min Thu presided over the meeting that took place at the Royal Palace Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

He said the GAD reform framework is linked with the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (2018-2030) in accordance with the advice of State Counsellor in building peace and prosperous democratic federal union comprised with union-level organizations and the state/region governments.

The Union Minister reaffirmed that the sectors of administration, economy, and land utilization are joined with the MSDP in favour of building a democratic federal union.

He also gave these linking examples in the establishment of Land and Property Bank with the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, while the OneMap Myanmar project of the National Land Use Council with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation.

The GAD is also cooperating with INGOs such as the Myanmar Information Management Unit (MIMU) and One Map Myanmar for designing the National Coding System (NCS) to write the codes for the names of villages, village-tracts, wards, townships, districts and States/Regions.

The NCS will also connect with OneMap Myanmar to support the Land and Property Bank which can promote the country’s ranking for the Ease of Doing Business to attract foreign investment and help economic development of the country.

The GAD has completed collecting voter lists for the 2020 General Election, and the Ministry of Union Government Office has transferred them to the Union Election Commission. The department has planned to coordinate with Region/State governments for organizing the town hall meetings in respective areas in implementing the framework.

Finally, the Union Minister asked for suggestions of the chief ministers not only on their portion of the framework, but also the portion of GAD. He also sought their assistance in setting up the One State One Township Project, and in successful holding of town hall meetings.

Then, GAD Director General U Myint Than and GIS Programme Manager from One Map Myanmar explained the framework and the national coding system database respectively.

The meeting was concluded with the coordination of the Union Minister U Min Thu on the discussions of Region/State chief ministers, and officials from self-administration areas on the GAD reform work.

The meeting was attended by chief ministers Dr Khet Aung, U L’Phaung Sho, Sahai Lam Luai Dr Myint Naing, U Myint Maung, U Win Thein, Dr Aung Moe Nyo, U Nyi Pu, U Phyo Min Thein, Dr Lin Htut and U Hla Moe Aung; Deputy Minister U Tin Myint, Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Aung Myin Tan, Kayin State’s Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Minister U Saw Myint Oo, Mandalay Region’s Minister for Electricity, Energy and Construction U Zarni Aung, Mon State’s Minister for Planning and Finance U Wann Myaw, and the chairmen of Self-administrative division and Self-administrative zones, their secretaries and officials.

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Constitutional tribunal delegation returns from Indonesian symposium

THE Myanmar delegation led by U Tin Maung Myint, member of the Union Constitutional Tribunal, returned from Indonesia on Wednesday after attending the 3rd Indonesian Constitutional Court International Symposium in Bali from 2 to 6 November. They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by officials of the national tribunal.

PHOTO: MNA
(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

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Senior General receives China’s Special Envoy for Asian Affairs

COMMANDER-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Mr Sun Guoxiang, Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China at the Bayinnaung Guest Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

According to the Office of the C-in-C of Defence Services, the Senior General and Special Envoy discussed the strategic alliance between Myanmar and China and close historical relations between them.

They also talked about China’s financial and technical support for Myanmar’s peace process, how every nation should adopt a constitution that is best suited for them, the Tatmadaw’s patience in establishing lasting peace, increased development processes in stable regions without conflict, and continuing peace dialogues.—MNA (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Chinese delegation discusses conservation of Thatbyinnyu Temple

Deputy Minister U Kyi Min presents a gift to Chinese Vice Governor of Shaanxi Province Mr Fang Guang Hua at the meeting. PHOTO: MNA

The delegation also looked around the museum after the meeting.—MNA (Translated by Aung Khin)

Bagan restoration on steady track

Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Kyi Min delivers the speech at the Bagan International Coordinating Committee (BICC) meeting in Bagan yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

SCO representative for Yangon delivered separate addresses. This was followed by a handing over of books published by the Korea Cultural Heritage Foundation to the Department of Archaeological Research and National Museums.

Next, the Technical Expert Team and Technical Support Team of the aforementioned department and Myanmar Architecture Association explained the progress of restoring the Bagan pagodas to their state before the damage caused by the earthquake.

This was followed by various reports including NyaungU District GAD on received donations and progress report, the Ministry of Construction’s restoration progress, and the research and museum department’s reports on the restoration process and preserving the wall murals.

Next, officials from China, Germany’s Cologne Institute of Conservation Science and GEKE, South Korea’s KCHF, US-based Getty Conservation Institute and SEAMCO SPAFA read international reports on conserving Bagan.

Afterwards, Mr Rodolfo Lujan and Mr Aurn Menon of the Expert Technical Advisory Group explained the restoration progress and future processes based on current results. The research and museum department’s director-general gave feedback on the discussions and Deputy Minister U Kyi Min delivered the closing speech.—MNA (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Myanmar, China hold 3rd meeting on inspection of boundary

THE Third Meeting of Joint Preparation Committee relating to the Third Joint Inspection of Myanmar-China Boundary was held at Melia Yangon Hotel in Yangon from 5 to 7 November 2019.

The Myanmar delegation was led by U Aung Kyaw Zan, Director-General of Consular and Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar and the Chinese delegation was led by Mrs Wang Wenli, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Boundary and Ocean Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China.

During the meeting, both sides exchanged views based on the spirit of friendship and mutual understanding and reached a number of consensuses on Term of References (ToRs) to implement the works of the third joint inspection. The meeting mainly focused on the ToRs relating to the aerial photography of the whole stretch of Myanmar-China Boundary.—MNA

Third Meeting of Joint Preparation Committee relating to the Third Joint Inspection of Myanmar-China Boundary held in Yangon from 5 to 7 November 2019. PHOTO: MNA
Transparency key to prevent grievances in resolving land confiscation issues

The fifth Irrawaddy Literary Festival coming to Mandalay

By Dr Tin Aung Shwe (Researcher)

The fifth Irrawaddy Literary Festival, which will be held from 9 to 11 November, will be held at Mercure Hotel near the foot of Mandalay Hill. A press conference related to the event was held at Royal Garden Hotel on 30 October, where the patron of the organizing committee Gone Htwe Win Tho, National Assembly Chairman U Nyi Oak (SP, Paekt), media head Dr Tin Aung Shwe, and writer Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing answered to question from journalists. Just like the Irrawaddy Festivals of previous years, this year’s event will be attended by famous writers from home and abroad. There will still be roundtable discussions on different topics, paper reading sessions, seminars, rounds, and workshops. Each day of the festival will begin from 9 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. In addition, the event will display the works of the winners and runners-up of writing contests too. As always, there will be plenty for everyone and everyone is invited into all discussions.

The upcoming 5th Irrawaddy Literary Festival has invited 30 international authors and over a hundred Myanmar writers to exchange all sorts of literary and cultural topics.

From around the world, they will come to attend the second iteration of the festival at Mercure Hotel, where they engaged in a discussion on a piece of international academic literature with Chinese author Jung Chang and British author Sagar Keane.

The third and fourth festivals were also held in Mandalay where the State Counsellor sent a handwritten message of greetings to the opening ceremony of the fourth Irrawaddy Literary Festival in 2017, during the incumbent government’s administration. It was also supported by the attendance of Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint and Mandalay Region Chief Minister Dr Zaw Myint Muna. The upcoming 5th Irrawaddy Literary Festival has invited 30 international authors and over a hundred Myanmar writers to exchange all sorts of literary and cultural topics.

The State Counsellor also responded to the event.

The event will finish with a roundtable discussion on the garden of Mandalay Hill Resort in 2015. Authors participate in an international panel discussion on the garden of Mandalay Hill Resort in 2015.

The State Counsellor also responded to the event.
Maha Pathana Pali chanting ceremony held at Eternal Peace Pagoda

THE Maha Pathana Pali chanting ceremony was held at the Sasana Beikmandaw in the presence of Eternal Peace Pagoda yesterday morning.

It was organized to mark enshrining religious objects into upper reliquary, hoisting tiers of golden umbrella, offering emerald bowl and golden lotus robe, and consecration of the pagoda.

At the ceremony, Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko and congregation took the Nine Precepts from the Presiding Sayadaw of Maha Visudayama Zaygone Monastery in Pyinmana Town Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Dr Bhatanda Kavisara and listened to Paritta verses recited by members of Sangha.

The Union Minister and congregation offered offertories, Maha Pathana Paritta pots and books printed in Maha Pathana Pali. They poured water to enliven the act of making donation.

Then, Presiding Sayadaw and Members of Sangha recited the Maha Pathana Pali. A total of 18 members of Sangha are participating in chanting the Maha Pathana Pali in turn till 9 November. —Hein Min Soe (Translated by TTN)

UMFCCI, YPGCC hold 8th meeting, Economy & Trade Cooperation Forum

The 8th Meeting of UMFCCI and YPGCC held in Yangon on 6 November.

Ye Min Aung said trade cooperation was going on for more than ten years after UMFCCI and YPGCC signed a MoU. Bilateral economy and trade developed with much effect on bilateral economy, trade and investments so it was a very beneficial meeting, he added.

YPGCC Vice Chair Mr Wang Wei said the forum was expected to become a platform for discussing policy matters for developing businesses between the two countries, exchange economic information and for economic cooperation. This was the 8th meeting where papers on border trade and transport sector, food and agriculture sector, transformation to digital economy and innovation in news and information technologies were read while discussions were held under a question and answer session. Later in the afternoon a Business Matching was held between business persons from Yunnan and Myanmar.

Present at the 8th forum was YPGCC Vice Chair Mr Wang Wei and representative members, Ministry of Commerce Department of Trade Deputy Director General U Ko Ko Lay, UMFCCI Vice President U Ye Min Aung and executive members, Chinese and Myanmar business persons.

The 7th forum was held in Kunming, Yunnan Province and was attended by UMFCCI President U Zaw Min Win.—UMFCCI (Translated by Zaw Min)

Einme’s Children Literary Festival concludes

THE closing ceremony of Einme Children Literary Festival and its accompanying book sales was held at Einme E.B.H.S. (1), Ayeyawady Region, yesterday.

The festival was a collaboration between the Ayeyawady Region Government, General Administration Department, Information and Public Relations Department, and Department of Basic Education.

Regional Hluttaw representative Daw Yi Yi Tun addressed the ceremony where she said similar festivals will be held in the coming years. She said they will reduce frivolities and provide suitable rewards to children competing in the festival’s competitions.

Regional Children Literature Festival Organizing Joint Secretary U Hla Myo Aung also delivered some remarks. He talked about the children literature festivals for 26 townships in Ayeyawady Region, the objectives behind them, and how the region is the only one hosting these festivals at the township level.

Next, Township Administrator U Hla Min Thu said they endeavoured to have the festival packed with revellers and thanked all the donors and co-operators for making the festival a success.

Township Education Officer U Thet Toe then expressed his gratitude for the festival on behalf of the local children and said the literary festival is part of the five-year education strategic plan.

Afterwards, officials conferred rewards on the 40 winners of eight oral and physical competitions. This was followed by two musical performances and conferring of certificates of honour to the donors.—Ayeyawady Region IPRD (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)
Rice. The European Union is the fourth-largest buyer of Myanmar rice, followed by Madagascar and Malaysia. Lith- er of Myanmar rice, followed by total rice exports, is the main buy- accounts for over 34 per cent of the foreign markets. China, which ac- Myanmar has shipped rice to 30

rubber produced in Myanmar goes to China. It is also shipped to Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Viet Nam, South Korea, India, Japan, and other countries. At present, Myanmar is exporting only rubber sheets owing to lack of machinery

Myanmar exports over 103,860 tons of rice worth $30.4 ml in 11 days

THE volume of rice and broken rice exported between 1 and 11 October in the current fiscal year was estimated at over 103,860 metric tons, worth $30.4 million, according to an announcement from the Myanmar Rice Federation.

In the current financial year, Myanmar has shipped rice to 30 foreign markets. China, which ac- counts for over 34 per cent of the total rice exports, is the main buy- er of Myanmar rice, followed by Madagascar and Malaysia. Lith- uania is the fourth-largest buyer and the Russian Federation the fifth-largest buyer of Myanmar rice. The European Union coun- tries account for 13.4 per cent of rice exports, while 37 per cent of rice grown in Myanmar goes to African countries.

In the 11-days of trading, Myanmar exported broken rice mostly to Senegal, followed by Indonesia, Belgium, the UK, and Côte d’Ivoire. Broken rice was placed in 19 foreign markets.

Earlier, border trade was relatively high compared to sea trade in terms of rice exports. Since the previous financial year, border trade has dropped, and currently, it accounts for just 11.7 per cent of the total rice export, while maritime trade constitutes 88 per cent.

Rice exports through the bor- der gates earned an estimated $3.3 million, whereas maritime trade generated an income of $1.1 million in the 11-days of trading, data from the Commerce Ministry showed.

Myanmar primarily exports rice to China through the border gates. However, trade in agricul- tural products has been halted on account of China clamping down on illegal trade. As a result, stocks of rice piled up at the Muse border gate in Q1 of this year, bringing down the price of rice in the ex- port market.

Additionally, the prices of low-quality rice varieties Ngasein and Aemahta were lower com- pared to the corresponding period of the previous year, according to the local market.

At present, rice is being ex- ported to China through a gov- ernment-to-government (G2G) agreement and a barter system, in exchange for Chinese goods. Myanmar shipped 1.6 million tons of rice in the 2017-2018 fiscal year, which was an all-time re- cord in rice exports. The export volume plunged to 2.29 million metric tons, worth $801 million, in the 2018-2019 FY. – GNLM

Myanmar rubber exports will be

rubber and quality raw mate- rials at the 13th regular meeting with private entrepreneurs led by Vice President U Myint Swe, which was held on 15 March. About 150,000 tons of rubber was exported in the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Myanmar shipped over 150,000 tons of rubber, with an estimated value of $250 mil- lion, to external markets in the 2018-2019 fiscal year, an increase of 41,000 tons which helped boost earning $1 million compared to the year-ago peri- od, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce.

18th Myanmar-China Trade Fair to be held in Shweli next month

THE 18th Myanmar-China Trade Fair will be held from 10 to 12 December in the border town of Shweli (Ruili).

“About 510 stalls will be set up at the fair. Those wish- ing to exhibit their products may join at the set rate,” ac- cording to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Group.

Micro, small, and medi- um entrepreneurs will need to submit their applications to the respective SME Depart- ments by 12 November; and provide details regarding the number of stalls, list of goods, exhibitor profile, copy of passport, and NIC.

Senior officials from both Myanmar and China will discuss trade matters at the event. The 14th Myanmar- China Joint Border Trade Cooperating and Coordinating Committee (JBTCCC) meet- ing and cross-border e-com- merce forum will also be held simultaneously. Furthermore, the event will include the Belt and Road Science and Technology Exchange, ethnic fashion show, China-Myanmar traders’ business matching event, and China-Myanmar Trade Cooperation negotia- tions.

The Myanmar Trade Pro- motion Group can be reached at 067-430447,430446 for en- quiries regarding the event.

Gems and jewellery com- panies will need to present their license, membership of the Myanmar Gems and Jew- ellery Entrepreneurs Asso- ciation, location of jewellery shop, contact number, cash memo, and foreign currency bank book copy to register.

They will have to submit their applications through the My- annmar Gems and Jewellery Entrepreneurs Association (Yangon and Mandalay) within the set date. – Myo Win Tan
Shareholders to weigh in on YUPT dividend, re-election of board of directors: YRTA

By Nyein Nyein

THE Yangon Urban Public Transport Public Company’s shareholders will have the final say on the dividend payout and the re-election of the board of directors, said U Hla Aung, joint secretary of the Yangon Region Transport Authority (YRTA).

“We respect the rights of shareholders and have sought their advice and decision. We will do as they wish,” said U Hla Aung.

Some shareholders had asked for a dividend payment and removal of some directors from the board appointed by the regional government at the YUPT’s second annual general meeting on 30 October, held at the Gandamuar Grand Ballroom.

Commenting on the dispute between the shareholders and the company, U Hla Aung said: “I have reached the conclusion that an open discussion among them is required. All the stakeholders in the company have been running bus services before the previous All Private Bus Lines Control Committee. Therefore, they all know their businesses well. According to the shareholders who lodged the complaint at the meeting, the responsible persons had earlier spoken to them about the annual dividends the company would pay them. However, the figures cited turned out to be misleading. So, the shareholders are upset. I think the responsible persons should have explained the dividend payout to the shareholders clearly.”

Following the friction at the 2nd annual meeting of the YUPT, regional minister Daw Nilar Kyaw, chair of the YRTA, and its members met with seven owners of bus services. She asked them whether all shareholders agreed with the complaints and reports.

The YRTA said it will take a decision based on the report of the shareholders for better results. Additionally, to reelect the board of directors for YUPT, a group which includes YRTA secretary Dr Maung Aung has been formed, said officials.

At present, the YUPT is the biggest service provider in the Yangon Bus Service, providing services to many bus lines. The Yangon Region government has also bought shares in the company. Therefore, the YRTA said, it will ask the company to provide better services. The YUPT has more than 300 shareholders.

SRI trial a success in Mandalay Region

A paddy plantation trial under the System of Rice Intensification, known as SRI, has been successfully concluded in Mandalay Region, according to local growers.

Aye Aye Min paddy was successfully grown over 7 acres using the SRI method as part of a trial which ended in July, said U Kyaw Win, a local farmer from Ayeyawady Township, Myittha Township, Myaukyu Township, Mandalay Region.

The SRI is a methodology aimed at increasing rice yields.

“Earlier, we planted paddy normally. But, this year, we planted the paddy using the SRI method because we were interested in SRI and the weather conditions were favorable. We want to urge local farmers to grow paddy using SRI,” he added.

Growing paddy with SRI can help farmers save on seeds, fertilizers, and water, he said. “Earlier, paddy production cost over K150,000 per acre,” he added.

“Growing paddy with SRI can increase yields. Normal paddy plantations can produce around 60 or 80 baskets (one basket weighs 46 lbs) per acre, while SRI paddy plantations can produce around 80 or 100 baskets per acre,” said U Sein Shwe, a local farmer. According to a Myanmar Climate Change Alliance (MCCA) report, temperature has increased to 0.7 from 0.4 from 2001 to 2020 across the country.

The Mandalay Region Agriculture Department is raising awareness about SRI, while the post-harvest technical school in Htone Bo is providing training to local farmers.

Myanmar Agritech and Construction Machinery Expo 2019 to be held in Yangon

YANGON will host the Myanmar Agritech and Construction Machinery Expo 2019 from 22 to 24 November at the Tatmadaw Exhibition Hall.

Over 50 companies from Yunnan, Hanzhong, and Jiangsu provinces of China and local companies will display their products at the exhibition, which is aimed at upgrading Myanmar’s agricultural businesses.

“Farmers would be able to observe quality agricultural machinery products, farm products, and other agricultural chemical mixtures. Myanmar’s agriculture sector can improve if farmers use the necessary chemical mixtures in the right way,” said Mr Chen, who is in charge of the exhibition.

Agricultural and construction machinery, pesticides, fertilizers, fertilizer equipment, drones, packaging machines, organic fertilizers, grinding machines, and other related products will be exhibited at the expo, which will be open for all visitors. —Sein Khet

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

A paddy plantation trial under the System of Rice Intensification in Mandalay Region. PHOTO: HADIL HAIKING (Translated by Hay Mar)
**Stock markets climb, as London awaits economic forecasts**

LONDON — Stock markets rose on Thursday, boosted on hopes of a China-US trade deal, while the pound steadied as the Bank of England prepared to give its latest forecasts for the UK economy ahead of the country’s general election.

The Bank of England is expected to announce that its main interest rate will remain at 0.75 per cent following a regular monetary policy meeting, its final vote on borrowing costs before Britain’s national poll on 12 December approaches its final fortnight.

Alongside the announcement, due at 1200 GMT, the BoE will give its latest UK economic growth and inflation forecasts. Earlier Thursday, the Conservative government cancelled a planned release of its own updated economic forecasts just one hour before publication had been due. The “This will no longer go ahead as the Cabinet Secretary has concluded that this would not be consistent with the Cabinet Office’s general election guidance,” the Office for Budget Responsibility said in a statement.

Later, around 1115 GMT, London’s benchmark FTSE 100 stocks index grew 0.8 per cent and stood at 7,366.17 pence from its level. The pound was up at 1.2842 against the dollar.

**Danish production company details lives of nuns in Mingun**

COPENHAGEN-based film production company Toolbox documented the life of nuns in Sagaing Region’s Zeya Theini Nunnery, classroom operations in No. 27 Monastic Education School of Chaungmagyi Village, Mingun District, and preparations for two sixth-grade girls to ordain as nuns yesterday.

They interviewed the two girls the reasons for ordaining, their feelings towards it and their visions for the future, and recorded them playing with some friends by the Ayeyawady River. On 5 November, the film crew recorded the lifestyle of the two girls at their home, students gathering to pay homage to the pagoda within the school grounds before taking lessons, and receiving sermons from the presiding monk. From 8 to 14 November, the film crew documented the girls’ journey to nunhood at Dhammazedi Monastic School near Mingun Pahtodawgyi. They also filmed the Mya Thein Tan Pagoda, Mingun Bell and the natural beauty of Mingun District.

Toolbox Film will release their filming as a documentary named “Kids On The Silk Road” on their channel (www.toolboxfilm.do). They have made similar documentaries in 15 countries.—Myo El Win (FDIC) (Translated by Zau Htet Oo)

**Labour officer, two conspirators sued for corruption**

MYANMAR Labour Attache Office’s officer U San Maung Oo and two co-conspirators identified as U Than Htike Soe (a) Ko Soe and U Saw Pyae Nyein (a) Saw Jack, are facing corruption charges by the Anti-Corruption Commission.

After interviewing witnesses from overseas employment agencies and gathering evidence from the Central Bank of Myanmar and a Thai bank, the ACC discovered that U San Maung Oo abused his position by demanding employment agencies payment to acquire signed demand letters. U San Maung Oo reportedly racked up 574,300 baht from 12 agencies in this way during his term of service from 16 December, 2017 to 16 August, 2019.

In addition, he solicited bribes from 16 agencies to verify their worker name into a rate of 100 baht per worker, receiving 5,872,000 baht in total. U San Maung Oo was aided by a few local staff members, including U Than Htike Soe and U Saw Pyae Nyein, to collect the bribed payments from the agencies.

If convicted, U San Maung Oo faces imprisonment of not more than 10 years with fine under Article 56 of the Anti-Corruption Law. His two co-conspirators also face charges under Article 56 and Article 63. The ACC has opened cases against the three suspects at Dagon Myothit (North) Police Station, Yangon East District, on 6 November.—MNA (Translated by Zau Htet Oo)

**Claim’s Day Notice**

MV PULANG TALA VOY. NO. (25) Consignees of cargo carried on MV PULANG TALA VOY. NO. (25) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 5-11-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.-5 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.30 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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The crab will be sold to a restaurant in Tokyo's Ginza shopping district, the company said. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

N Korea slams Abe for criticizing missile launches

**BEIJING** — North Korea's top negotiator on normalizing ties with Japan heaped scorn on Prime Minister Shinzo Abe for saying Pyongyang has test-fired ballistic missiles.

Abe “is an idiot and villain as he is making fuss as if a nuclear bomb was dropped on the land of Japan, taking issue with the DPRK’s test-fire of super-large multiple rocket launchers,” Ambassador Song Il Ho was quoted as saying by state-run media.

DPRK is the acronym for North Korea’s official name, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

On 31 October the country launched two projectiles considered to be ballistic missiles in spite of UN Security Council resolutions banning its development of nuclear and missile technologies.

Abe afterward told reporters that he “strongly condemned” the launch.

“Abe is letting out a string of ill-intended remarks that the DPRK’s test-fire of super-large multiple rocket launchers is the ballistic missile launch and a threat to Japan,” Song added in a statement carried by the official Korean Central News Agency.

“If the dwarf persists in provoking the DPRK, longing for the uneasiness and horror with which they trembled when something flew over Japan, the DPRK will do what it wishes to do, indifferent to the island nation,” Song added in a veiled threat.

In recent months, Abe has expressed eagerness to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un “without conditions” in hopes of making a breakthrough over the issue of Pyongyang’s abductions of Japanese nationals in the 1970s and 1980s.

—Kyodo News

Cambodian opposition leader not allowed to board flight to Bangkok

**PHNOM PENH** — Cambodia’s banned opposition party leader Sam Rainsy, wanted by authorities in his country, was refused permission to board a Thai Airways flight from Paris to Bangkok on Thursday, ahead of his planned return home, local media reported.

A pro-opposition television outlet broadcasting live from Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport said Sam Rainsy, acting president of the forcibly dissolved Cambodian National Rescue Party, was refused boarding by the airline and would be holding a press conference later in the day after meeting with his supporters.

On Wednesday, Thai Prime Minister Prayut Chan-ocha said he had ordered that Sam Rainsy not be allowed to enter Thailand, from where he planned to cross over by land into Cambodia on Saturday along with other party members who have been living in self-exile abroad.

Cambodian authorities have vowed to arrest them if they return to the country.

Sam Rainsy, 70, a former finance minister, faces more than 10 cases of lawsuits filed against him by members of the Cambodian People’s Party of Prime Minister Hun Sen.

In September, he used social media to appeal to the Cambodian armed forces to support the people in overthrowing Hun Sen on 9 November, the date of his scheduled return that coincides with independence day.

“Toppling the illegal Hun Sen regime is a legal and legitimate act because Hun Sen is an usurper who has stolen power from the people through a fake election in 2018,” the appeal stated.

A Cambodian court subsequently charged Sam Rainsy and other party figures with plotting a coup. Prior to the court-ordered dissolution in November 2017, the CNRP was the sole opposition party in the National Assembly, with 55 seats compared with 68 held by the CPP.

Its removal ahead of the July 2018 election enabled Hun Sen’s party to win all 125 seats and him to extend his 33-year rule for another five years.—Kyodo

Japan snow crab fetches record ¥46,000 at auction

**TOTT ORI** — A snow crab caught in the western Japan prefecture of Tottori attracted the highest-ever bid for a crab at auction of 5 million yen ($46,000), the prefecture said Thursday.

The Itsukiboshi high-end crab weighing 1.24 kilograms with a 14.6-centimeter shell was caught after the fishing season began in the region at midnight Tuesday. It was sold at the season’s first auction in the port of Tottori city.

The successful bidder was the local crab seller Kanemuasa Hamashita Shoten. It paid 2 million yen at last year’s first auction for an Itsukiboshi crab.

The bid price at the time was recognized by the Guinness World Records as the highest ever for a crab.

“We came to this year’s first auction hoping that we would bid the world’s highest price again,” a company official said. “I believe it is a good crab filled with meat.”

The crab will be sold to a restaurant in Tokyo’s Ginza shopping district, the company said.

The prefecture adopted stricter rules on the size and the amount of the crabs that can be caught from 10 December last year after the catch nearly surpassed the total allowable amount allocated for the prefecture last fishing season due to fair weather.

To prevent overfishing, fishing operators will have more holidays this season and avoid catching small crabs, the prefecture said.—Kyodo News
Iran resumes uranium enrichment at Fordow plant in new stepback from deal

TEHRAN — Iran resumed uranium enrichment at its underground Fordow plant south of Tehran on Thursday in a new step back from its commitments under a landmark 2015 nuclear deal.

Engineers began feeding uranium hexafluoride gas into the plant’s mothballed enrichment centrifuges in “the first minutes of Thursday”, the Iranian Atomic Energy Organisation said.

The suspension of uranium enrichment at the long secret plant was one of the restrictions Iran had agreed to on its nuclear programme in return for the lifting of UN sanctions.

Iran’s announcement that it would resume enrichment at the Fordow plant from midnight (0300 GMT Wednesday) had drawn a chorus of concern from the remaining parties to the troubled agreement.

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They say Iran’s phased suspension of its obligations under the deal since May makes that more difficult. The resumption of enrichment at Fordow is Iran’s fourth move away from the deal.

Iran’s suspension of uranium enrichment at its underground Fordow plant is the fourth step in a phased suspension of its commitments to a 2015 nuclear deal in response to US President Donald Trump’s abandonment of the agreement last year / © Atomic Energy Organization of Iran.

French police clear hundreds of migrants from Paris camps

PARIS — French police evacuated hundreds of migrants from two camps in northern Paris on Thursday, a day after the government unveiled a series of measures to “take back control” of immigration.

Around 600 police officers escorted the migrants from tents where coaches transported them to reception centres, in an operation that began under steady rain at around 6:00 am (0500 GMT), an AFP reporter said.

The two camps near the Porte de la Chapelle, sheltered under the ring road that surrounds the capital, were believed to hold between 600 and 1,200 migrants.

Many of the occupants, which included families with children, said they were from Afghanistan or sub-Saharan Africa.

“I cannot allow a dangerous situation like this... all this cannot remain,” Paris police chief Didier Lallement told reporters at the scene.

He said the operation, one of the largest in Paris since camps regularly began springing up in 2015, “was decided in the framework of the implementation of the (government) plan, it did not happen by chance.”

The government of President Emmanuel Macron has vowed to crack down on immigration, a move widely seen as an attempt to keep right-wing parties from siphoning off voters ahead of municipal elections next year.

“We want to take back control of our migration policy,” Prime Minister Edouard Philippe told a press conference Wednesday, unveiling a series of measures which he said aimed to strengthen France’s “sovereignty”.

Students swell Lebanon protest movement

BEIRUT — Thousands of students took to the streets across Lebanon Thursday to demand a better future as an unprecedented anti-government protest movement entered its fourth week and continued to spread.

Waving Lebanese flags, students and high school pupils massed in front of the education ministry in Beirut to voice their grievances against a political class seen as corrupt and incompetent.

“I challenge any politician or official to send their children to state schools,” one pupil told a local television channel.

“The economy is in trouble, there is no work, how will we survive in the future?”

Groups of students gathered elsewhere in Beirut and in other cities, the latest boost to a mobilisation that has been relentless since the protests erupted on 17 October. Students in the coastal towns of Jounieh and Chekka gathered in front of the gates of the national telecommunications operator to block access, the state-run National News Agency reported.

The rallies have created a rare moment of national unity in a country often characterised by its divisions. People of all ages and sects have gathered daily to demand better services, a crackdown on corruption and the wholesale removal of an elite they say has been ruling Lebanon like a cartel for decades. What started as a spontaneous, apolitical and leaderless popular movement, is becoming increasingly organised, with activists coming together to synchronise marches and stunts across the country.

Ten Nigerian troops killed in jihadist ambush: military sources

KANO — At least 10 Nigerian soldiers have been killed and nine severely injured in an ambush by suspected Boko Haram fighters in restive northeast Nigeria, military sources said Thursday.

Another 12 soldiers were missing after a column of troops on patrol was ambushed by the jihadists on Wednesday in Damboa district of Borno state, a military officer told AFP on condition of anonymity.

“We lost 10 troops in the intense fighting with the terrorists who ambushed our soldiers conducting a clearance operation in the area,” said the officer, who asked not to be identified because he was not authorised to speak about the incident.

“Nine soldiers were injured and 12 are still missing.”

The decade-long jihadist insurgency in northeast Nigeria has killed 35,000 people, displaced two million others and split into neighbouring countries. The troops came under attack while returning to their base in Damboa, 88 kilometres (55 miles) from the state capital Maiduguri, and attacked a military officer who gave the same casualty toll.

The area of the attack is on the edge of the Sambisa Forest which is a stronghold of the Boko Haram faction led by long-time leader Abubakar Shekau. Soldiers were forced to withdraw after an hour-long battle in which nine jihadists were also killed, said the second source. The militiamen burnt five military vehicles and took away a pickup truck along with six machine guns.

Nigerian soldiers have been caught up in a jihadist insurgency for more than a decade. PHOTO: AFP
Myanmar beat Nepal 3-0 in friendly match

Host team Myanmar wore white jerseys and the visiting Nepal team wore blue jerseys.
Both teams played well, doing their utmost and showing off their dribbling skills from the start.
Led by head coach Antoine Hey, team Myanmar lined up with goalkeeper Kyaw Zin Htet, Nyein Chan, Captain Zaw Min Tun, David Htan, Yan Naing Oo, Nanda Kyaw, Hlaing Bo Bo, Myo Ko Tun, Suan Lam Mang, Maung Maung Lwin, and Aung Thu.
Team Myanmar played a stable, controlling game in the first half, and were able to disrupt Nepal’s defense line frequently.
Myanmar’s Suan La Mang scored the first goal of the match 2 minutes after a free-kick from striker Aung Thu. After the first goal, team Myanmar were eager for more.
At 45 minutes, Myanmar defense star David Htan scored the second goal with a strong kick that landed the ball straight into the net.
The first half ended with Myanmar leading by two goals.
The Nepal team played better in the second half, but Myanmar put up a strong defense.
New tactics and a more dominant playing style resulted in more scoring opportunities for Myanmar, but the team’s strikers failed to convert.
Finally, Myanmar got the third goal in the middle of the second half. The goal was scored by Hlaing Bo Bo.
The later minutes saw team Myanmar easing on their power play, and the match ended with a 3-0 win for the team.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

AFC-MFF match commissioner course opens in Yangon

Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) officials opened the AFC-MFF Match Commissioner Course 2019 with a ceremony yesterday at the press conference hall of Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon.
MFF counsellor U Bunny Tin Aung, Chief Operating Officer of the Myanmar National League, U Sue Aung, and AFC Match Commissioner Instructor Mr. P Siv Arkuma, concerned officials from the MFF, and trainees attended the opening ceremony.
The course has been organized through the collaboration of the AFC and MFF.
The course will be attended by 46 trainees and Mr. P Siv Arkuma will serve as their instructor, according to the MFF.
During the ceremony, U Bunny Tin Aung delivered the opening speech. This was followed by a welcoming speech from Mr. P Siv Arkuma.
After the speeches, the trainees took group photos with officials from the football federation and trainers.
The AFC-MFF Match Commissioner Course 2019 will be held from 7 to 9 November.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Spurs goalkeeper Lloris has elbow surgery

LONDON — Tottenham Hotspur captain Hugo Lloris has had surgery on his elbow injury and remains on course to return early in the New Year. The club announced on Thursday.
The 32-year-old goalkeeper, who captained France to World Cup glory last year, suffered a dislocation to the joint when he landed awkwardly on his left arm early in the 0-0 defeat at Brighton on October 5.
The club were monitoring the problem but after specialists said his elbow remained “unstable”, Lloris was put under the knife.
The surgery is not expected to lengthen his recovery time, with the club saying he is due to return to training early next year.
“Following further clinical testing and examination, Hugo Lloris has now undergone surgery on his left elbow,” Spurs said in a statement on their website.
“The France goalkeeper dislocated his elbow and sustained ligament damage during our Premier League match against Brighton and Hove Albion last month. Surgery was advised after further reviews by specialists found the elbow remained unstable.
“Our club captain remains on course to return to training in the early part of next year.”—AFP ■