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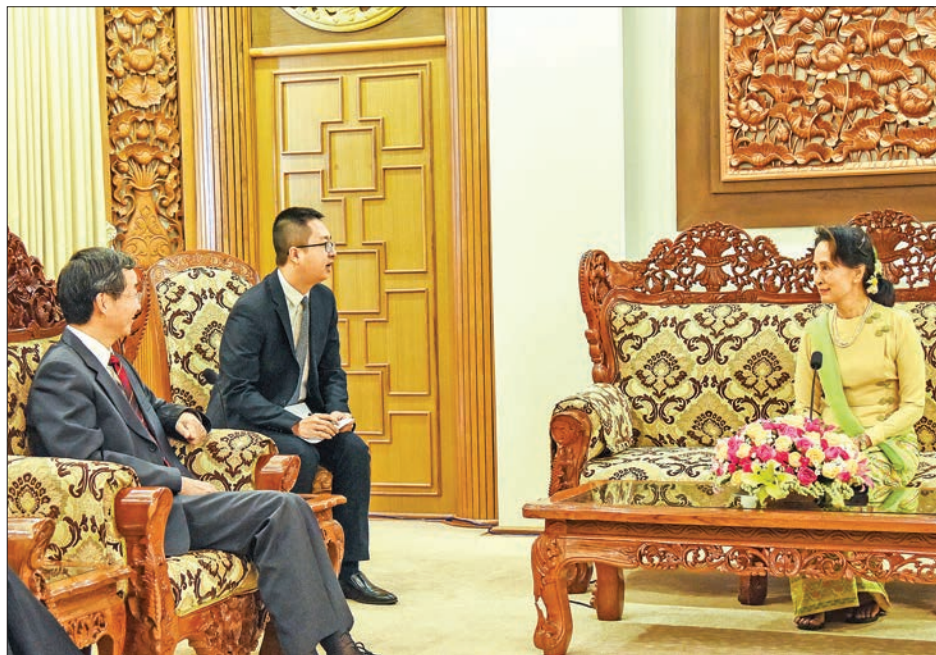
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President U Win Myint, centre, together with Chairman of KNU Saw Mutu Say Poe, responsible officials and local people attend the 64th anniversary ceremony of Kayin State Day in Hpa-an, Kayin State. **PHOTO: MNA**



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 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.

Kyain 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 Bogoyoke 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.

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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, 430 nautical miles south-southwest of Khepupara (Bangladesh), 340 nautical miles southwest of Patheingyi (Myanmar), and 350 nautical miles southwest of Gwa (Myanmar).—GNLM

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Pyithu Hluttaw

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 a Tatmadaw representative, replacement and cancellation of committee members, raising and answering of asterisk marked questions, approval of a bill and a motion discussed and rejected.

[Swearing in of a Tatmadaw Hluttaw representative](#)

The meeting started with swearing in and signing of the oath of office by a Tatmadaw Hluttaw representative in the presence of Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat.

[Replacement, appointment and cancellation of committee members](#)

Next, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat obtained the consensus of the Hluttaw and approved the replacement of Pyithu Hluttaw Judicial and Legal Affairs Committee member Daw Myint Myint Soe (a) Daw May Soe of Botahtaung constituency with Dr Daw Pyone of Indaw constituency, replacement of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee member Daw Pyone Kaythi Naing of Kalaw constituency with U Htay Win Aung (a) U Pyone Cho of Dawbon constituency, appointment of Daw Yin Min Hlaing of Gangaw constituency



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat. **PHOTO: MNA**

as Transport, Communication and Construction Committee secretary and cancellation as a member of Women and Children's Rights Committee.

[Asterisk marked questions and answers session](#)

In the asterisk marked questions and answers session questions raised by U Maung Maung of Htigyaing constituency on transport charges of Great Wall-Wilmar sugar factory sugar cane trucks, action against traffic and road rule violations of the sugar cane trucks, maintenance of Mandalay-Bhamo Union Road section between 108.28 km and 117 km; U Nay Lin Aung of Mindat constituency on department responsible to oversee and monitor the maintenance of inter-village roads constructed by tender winning construction companies;

and U Tun Tun Naing of Kani constituency on expanding and upgrading a road in Kani Township were answered by Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin.

Questions raised by Dr Khin Maung Maung of Dagon Myothit (North) constituency on setting up a commercial farm in University 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 Saya San led peasant uprising starts; U Win Win of Minbu constituency on allocation according to law for agriculture purpose the temporary sedimentary islands that occurs near Minbu (Saku) Town every year; and U Kyaw Aung Lwin of Sedoktara constituency on properly conducting system-

atic 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.

[Approval of draft law to prevent an Increased Quantity of Imports](#)

Next, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced the approval of a draft law to prevent an Increased Quantity of Imports approved and sent by Amyotha Hluttaw with amendments as approved with amendments submitted by a Bill Committee report after obtaining the consensus of the Hluttaw.

[Debate and rejection of motion on establishing Farmer Affairs Ministry](#)

Afterwards a motion submitted by U Thein Tun of Kyaunggon constituency to establish a Farmers Affairs Ministry was debated by U Aung Kyi Thein of Chaungzon constituency, Tatmadaw representative Maj Zaw Zaw Moe, U Yan Lin of Kyaiklat constituency, U Sai Ngaung Hsai Hein of Maukmai constituency, U Khin Maung Thi of Loilem constituency, U Nan Mon Htin of Machanbaw constituency, U Aye Maung of Bawlake constituency, U Sai Tun Sein of Mongpyin constituency, Tatmadaw representative Maj. San Win Khaing, U Tun Mya Aung (a) U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Papun constituency, U Tun Tun of Pwintbyu constituency, U Win Win of Minbu

constituency, U Myat Lay Oo of Htilin constituency and Daw Khin Than Nu of Mindon constituency.

In discussing the motion Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw said that the ministry was handling all matters related to peasants and farmers even though it was not named as Ministry of Farmers Affairs. In such situation, establishing a new farmers affairs ministry would complicate and put up unnecessary hindrance and limitations toward work implementation and management of Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation. Much consideration needs to be made in term of human resources, financial and physical material requirements. At the present situation the motion shouldn't be approved as there was no requirement to expanding and establishing a new ministry explained the Deputy Minister.

As U Thein Tun who tabled the motion want the motion to be approved, the matter was put up to vote. There were 127 for, 221 against and 7 abstaining and an announcement was made of the motion not being approved.

The fourth-day meeting of the second Pyithu Hluttaw's 14th regular session is scheduled to be held on 14 November it is learnt.—Aye Aye Thant (MNA)

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Amyotha Hluttaw

Second Amyotha Hluttaw's 14th regular session holds third-day meeting

THE second Amyotha Hluttaw's 14th regular session held its third-day meeting at the Amyotha Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning.

[Swearing in of Tatmadaw Amyotha Hluttaw representatives](#)

At the meeting, Tatmadaw Amyotha Hluttaw representatives sworn in and signed the oath of office in the presence of Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than.

[QNA session](#)

In the question and answer session that follows questions raised by Hluttaw representatives were answered by Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun and Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Dr Ye Myint Swe.

Questions raised by U Kyaw Than of Rakhine State constituency 10 on plan to construct a new



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than. **PHOTO: MNA**

2-storey building for Mipyin Village Basic Education High School in Rakhine State Kyaukpyu Township; U Naing Thiha of Mon State constituency 7 on plan to upgrade Thauangpyin Village Basic Education High School (branch) in Mon State Ye Township; and U Kyaw Toke of Mandalay Region constituency 7 on teachers arrangement

to teach arts, music and physical training subjects included in the new basic education curriculum was answered by Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun.

Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Dr Ye Myint Swe on the other hand responded to questions raised by U Han Win

Thein of Taninthayi Region constituency 4 on whether measuring and designating of mine sites were in accordance to Myanmar Gemstone Law and U Saw Moe Myint (a) Samuel of Kayin State constituency 1 on a plan to conduct review on remaining mine resources of Heinda Mine in Taninthayi Region.

[Hluttaw discusses Myanmar Geoscience Council Bill](#)

After the QNA session, Myanmar Geoscience Council Bill was discussed by U Saw Moe Myint (a) Samuel of Kayin State constituency 1, Dr Khun Win Thaung of Kachin State constituency 11, U Maung Maung Ohn of Ayeyawady Region constituency 5 and U Soe Thein (a) U Maung Soe of Taninthayi Region constituency 10.

[Motion urges Union Government to conduct development works based](#)

[on forest and trees](#)

Next, U Sa Khin Zaw Lin of Ayeyawady Region constituency 2 tabled and explained a motion urging the Union Government to conduct development works based on forest and trees. The motion was supported by U Khin Maung Win of Sagaing Region constituency 7.

As there was no objection from the Hluttaw toward discussion the motion, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw agreeing to discuss the motion and announced further for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the motion to register their names.

The fourth-day meeting Second Amyotha Hluttaw's 14th regular session will be held on 14 November.—Aung Ye Thwin, Gyaing Law

(Translated by Zaw Min)

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

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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 Kyain 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 houses tens of thousands of images of the Buddha. He said that the Mon language inscrip-



President U Win Myint greets with Chairman of KNU Saw Mutu Say Poe at the ceremony of 64th anniversary of Kayin State Day in Hpa-an, Kayin State yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

tions in the cave were also more than a thousand years old.

The President said these 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 Zweekabin 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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President U Win Myint presses a button to open the ceremony of 64th anniversary of Kayin State Day in Hpa-an, Kayin State yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



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President U Win Myint delivers the speech at the ceremony to mark the 64th anniversary of Kayin State Day in Hpa-an, Kayin State yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

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

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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.

From there, 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.

Later in the afternoon, the President and entourage left



President U Win Myint observes documentary photos displayed at the Hpa-an Culture Museum in Hpa-an, Kayin State yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Hpa-an by motorcade for Mawlamyine, Mon State, from where they flew by Tatmadaw special flight back to Nay Pyi Taw, landing in the evening.

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)



President U Win Myint, First lady Daw Cho Cho and officials enjoy the traditional Kayin Don Dance at the ceremony to mark the 64th Kayin State Day in Hpa-An, Kayin State yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

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



Vice President U Myint Swe addresses the second coordination meeting of the central committee for holding the 72nd Independence Day ceremony. PHOTO: MNA

to mark the Independence Day would be hosted in the evening.

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 Maw, 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 Linn 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



Union Ministers U Thaung Tun, U Soe Win, and Japanese Ambassador Mr Ichiro Maruyama attend the 7th General Meeting of the Myanmar-Japan Joint Initiative (MJJI) Phase II in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

THE 7th General Meeting of the Myanmar-Japan Joint Initiative (MJJI) Phase II co-chaired by U Thaung Tun, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, U Soe Win, Union Minister for Planning and Finance and Mr Ichiro Maruyama, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar was held at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, yesterday.

The meeting was attended by the senior officials from the relevant ministries, the representatives from the Japanese Embassy, the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Myanmar) (JCCM), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry

(UMFCCI).

At the meeting, the Japan side welcomed the facilitation and liberalization measures undertaken by the Myanmar Government, particularly with regard to the arrangement to promote and facilitate Japanese investment in Myanmar. The Myanmar side updated the meeting on the measures undertaken to address the issues raised by JCCM. —MNA

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 con-

struct 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—two each will be built in Chanmyathazi and Singu townships; one each in Mahlaing, Yamethin, Madaya, Natogyi, and Taungtha townships; and, three in NyaungU township.

Last year, a total of 590 apartments meant for staff housing were constructed at a cost of K808 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 Amending 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 Nyanna Soe, Joint Secretary U Htay 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.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



The meeting of Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

GAD reform framework 2019 discussed in Nay Pyi Taw



Union Minister U Min Thu attends the meeting for 2019 Reform Framework of General Administration Department in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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.

Union Minister U Min Thu also said the two portions of GAD reform framework has been linked with the MSDP. The first portion from areas 1 to 4 is concerned with the GAD and the second one of areas 5 and 6 is related with the supervision of Regions/States governments.

He emphasized the concept of 'Teamwork is key to Success' in designing the framework to be able to fully support State/Region governments and self-administrative zones.

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, Salai Lian 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 Tun, 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 Wanna Kyaw, and the chairmen of Self-administrative division and Self-administrative zones, their secretaries and officials.—MNA

(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 Constitution-

al Court International Symposium in Bali from 2 to 6 November. They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by officials of the national tribunal.—MNA

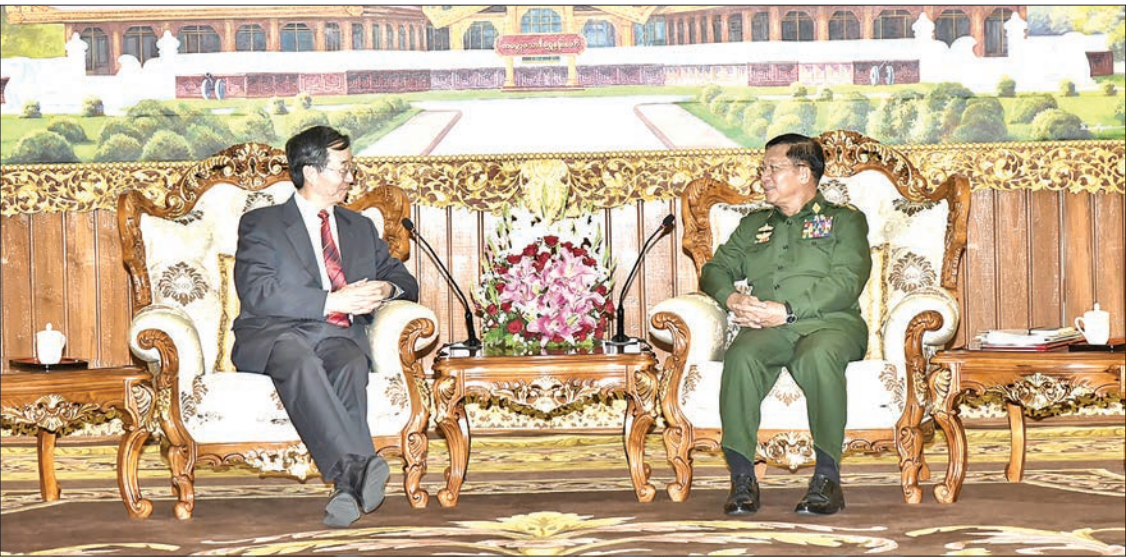
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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets with Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China Mr. Sun Guoxiang in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: C-IN-C'S OFFICE**

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)

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**

BAGAN International Coordinating Committee (BICC) held their second meeting at the Bagan Archaeological Museum yesterday. Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Kyi Min and Mandalay Region Minister for Planning and Finance U Myat Thu delivered separate opening addresses.

Likewise, the German Ambassador to Myanmar, Indian consulate-general, ROK chargé d'affaires, ROK Cultural Heritage Administration, and UNE-

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 SEAMEO 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)

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**

DEPUTY Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Kyi Min received a Chinese delegation including Vice Governor of Shaanxi Province Mr Fang Guang Hua, businesspersons, officials from Chinese Embassy in Myanmar, Chinese engineers involved in conservation of Thatbyinnyu Temple at the meeting hall of Bagan Archaeological Museum at 2 pm on 5

November. The meeting focused on the ongoing conservation works at the temple and future plans, assistance for Chinese engineers in this project and promotion of cultural ties between the two countries.

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

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 Depart-

ment 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 ToR 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 manner in which the land confiscation issue is resolved would reflect on the image of the country. Land management must be carried out properly, in accordance with the rules, regulations, and procedures laid down by law as this has a direct bearing on improving the socio-economic condition of the people.

Small farmers rely on agriculture and livestock breeding for their livelihood.

Therefore, committees at all levels for scrutinizing confiscated farmlands and other lands need to effectively handle complaints on land matters according to the policies and work processes.

Some states and regions did not follow the central committee's policy and work processes, and inadequate records were submitted, resulting in the central committee sending back the files for re-assessment.

... we need to use compassion, fairness, and avoid malpractice to ensure that those involved in the cases are satisfied with their resolution.

To speed up the resolution of land issues, members of the region and state committees must go to the grassroots level and closely supervise cases. Meanwhile, members of the central committee need to check if the cases from regions and states are handled in accordance with the 52-point list of procedures, which has been implemented to resolve complicated land confiscation issues, based on paper documentation, evidence, and legal matters.

The most important thing is to sit down and hold discussions with those who have sent complaints to the committee with the utmost degree of transparency and accountability.

Secondly, compensations given to the rightful owners should not lead to controversy.

Only then can we prevent unnecessary problems at the ground level.

According to statistics released in February, the Central Committee received 7,119 complaints, of which only 3,168 were resolved. More emphasis must be placed on resolving the remaining 3,951 complaints.

Excess and unused lands returned as state-owned lands need to be used for the benefit of the people, and if unutilized, they need to be kept on record and maintained. Some lands released by the ministerial departments have not been received by their former owners due to some delays or lack of clarity on who the former owners are.

Generally, resolving complicated issues correctly demands time and space to a certain extent.

At the same time, we need to use compassion, fairness, and avoid malpractice to ensure that those involved in the cases are satisfied with their resolution.

To root out similar issues in the country, we need to enact the National Land Use Law, which can guarantee sustainable land management, uphold land rights, provide protection to rights of ethnic groups, settle land disputes, and encourage responsible investment.

Fifth Irrawaddy Literary Festival coming to Mandalay

By Dr Tin Aung Shwe (Researcher)

THE fifth Irrawaddy Literary Festival will be held from 9 to 11 November, 2019, 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 Htoo U Thein Naing, chairman U Nay Oak (St. Paul), media head Dr Tin Aung Shwe, and writer Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing answered to questions 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, poem recitals and workshops. Each day of the



A reader browsing inside of books while visiting bookstalls at the Irrawaddy Literary Festival on 4 November 2017.

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.

event will begin from 9 a.m. and close at 7 pm. In addition, the event will display the works of several cartoonists and have bookstalls too. As always, there will be no entry fee and everyone is invited into all discussions.

To give a brief description of the event came to be, it was

founded by Jane Heyn, wife of the former British Ambassador to Myanmar, in 2013. The couple are avid lovers of literature and maintain close relations with the international literary community.

They were also quite close with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

from around the world emerge. They urged her to follow through with the idea and it manifested into the Irrawaddy Literary Festival.

There are three main motives for organizing the festival; to create a ladder for Myanmar literature to climb onto the global stage, to open up communications between Myanmar's writers and their fellow authors worldwide, and to foster a culture of reading among the students and citizens of Myanmar.

The first festival in 2013 was supported by the British Government, their universities and colleges and its Patron Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. It was held in Yangon's Inya Lake Hotel and the Patron participated in the discussion under the topic 'The Benefits of Reading'.

The State Counsellor also

in a discussion on a piece of international aesthetic literature with Chinese author Jung Chang and British author Seragan Keane.

The third and fourth festivals were also in Mandalay where the State Counsellor send 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 Maung.

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Students from domestic universities and colleges will also be joining the festival as they promote their literary appreciation. There will also be programmes for students from the Ministry of Information, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, and the Ministry of Education to join in on the discussions. Interpreters for both English and Myanmar languages will be assisting comprehension for all attendees as well.

Unlike other festivals, all board members, organisers, staff and speakers are volunteers and receive no form of payment for their participation. Furthermore, photographers and cultural artists are invited to the event to expand all fields of humanities in Myanmar.

Translated by Zaw Htet Oo



Authors participate in International Panel discussion in the garden of Mandalay Hill Resort in 2015.

since before she became State Counsellor. They would meet up with her frequently and it was

in one of those meetings that while conversing on literature did the idea to invite authors

attended the second iteration of the festival at Mercure Hotel, Mandalay, where she engaged

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Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 4:00 pm Thursday 7th November, 2019)

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at (13:30) hrs M.S.T today, the Cyclonic Storm "BULBUL" over the Eastcentral Bay of Bengal moved Northwards. It is centered at about (365) nautical miles South-Southeast of Paradip (Odisha), India, (430) nautical miles South-Southwest of Khepupara (Bangladesh), (340) nautical miles Southwest of Patheingyi (Myanmar) and (350) nautical miles Southwest of Gwa (Myanmar). Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF THE 8th November, 2019: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Yangon Region, fairly widespread in Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine State, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay Region, Shan(South and East), Chin, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfalls in Magway, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40)m.p.h. Wave height will be about (8-12) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Continuation of increase of rain in Magway, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Chin and Rakhine States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8th November, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8th November, 2019: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8th November, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their work to the **Global New Light of Myanmar** at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, in person, or by email to ce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Own name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.). – Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar

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Maha Pathana Pali chanting ceremony held at Eternal Peace Pagoda

THE Maha Pathana Pali chanting ceremony was held at the Sasana Beikmandaw in the precinct 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 evince 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)



Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko and attendees took the Nine Precepts from Presiding Sayadaw of Maha Visudayama Zaygone Monastery in Pyinmana Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Dr Bhatanda Kavisara at the ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

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



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

THE Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and Yunnan Provincial Gen-

eral Chambers of Commerce (YPGCC) jointly held 8th meeting held and an Economy and Trade Cooperation Forum during the

8th meeting of two organizations at the former's office in Yangon on 6 November.

UMFCCI Vice President U

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 infor-

mation 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 B.E.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 festi-

val'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 honor to the donors.—Ayeyawady Region IPRD (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Prize winning student accepting award at the Children's Literary Festival in Einme, Ayeyawady Region. PHOTO: WIN KHYAING, HLWAN THIHA (IPRD)



Rubber export income drops \$4 mln in Oct

MYANMAR exported rubber worth US\$6.3 million from 1 to 25 October in the current financial year, a sharp drop of \$4 million compared with the corresponding period of the previous fiscal, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

An improvement in Myanmar rubber exports will be directly related to the price offered, said U Khaing Myint, secretary of the Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association (MRPPA).

Additionally, the volatile rubber price is related to global climate change and government subsidy will be required for growers in need, he said.

Rubber is primarily produced in Mon and Kayin states and Taninthayi, Bago, and Yangon regions in Myanmar. There are over 1.6 million acres of rubber plantations in Myanmar, with Mon State accounting for about 500,000 acres, followed by Kayin State (270,000 acres),



A worker loading smoked rubber sheets to a truck at a rubber market. PHOTO: KHUN (WIN PA)

according to the MRPPA.

About 300,000 tons of rubber is produced annually across the country. Seventy per cent of rub-

ber 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

and technology. Export rubber varieties include synthetic rubber, ribbed smoked sheet RSS 1,3,5, Myanmar Standard Rubber MSR-20, Technically Specified Rubber TSR-20, and Crepe Rubber.

The MRPPA had sought special rubber zones in regions and states to produce value-added rubber and quality raw materials at the 15th 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 190,000 tons of rubber, with an estimated value of \$250 million, to external markets in the 2018-2019 fiscal year, an increase of 41,000 tons which helped boost earnings by \$60 million compared to the year-ago period, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce.

—GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Myanmar exports over 103,860 tons of rice worth \$30.4 mln 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 103,868 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 accounts for over 34 per cent of the total rice exports, is the main buyer of Myanmar rice, followed by Madagascar and Malaysia. Lithuania 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 border gates earned an estimated \$3.3 million, whereas maritime trade generated an income of \$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 agricultural 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 export market.

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

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

Myanmar shipped 3.6 million tons of rice in the 2017-2018 fiscal year, which was an all-time record in rice exports. The export volume plunged to 2.29 million metric tons, worth \$691 million, in the 2018-2019 FY. —GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)



Workers unloading sacks of rice from a vessel at a jetty in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAIR

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 wishing to exhibit their products may join at the set rate," according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Group.

Micro, small, and medium entrepreneurs will need to submit their applications to the respective SME Departments by 12 November, and provide details regarding the number of stalls, list of goods, exhibitor profile, copy of passport, and NRC.

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 (JBTC) meeting and cross-border e-commerce 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 negotiations.

The Myanmar Trade Promotion Group can be reached at 067-430447, 430446 for enquiries regarding the event.

Gems and jewellery companies will need to present their license, membership of the Myanmar Gems and Jewellery Entrepreneurs Association, 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 Myanmar Gems and Jewellery Entrepreneurs Association (Yangon and Mandalay) within the set date. —Myo Win Tun

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Shareholders to weigh in on YUPT dividend, reelection 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 Gandamar 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 after 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 support the company to provide better services. The YUPT has more than 300 shareholders.
(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

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.
Ayeya 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 Ahyaemasoe Village, Myittha Township, Kyaukse District, 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 K200,000 per acre. Using SRI, it will cost just 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.
Paddy is being grown on 60 acres of farms using the SRI method in 12 townships of Mandalay region. There are a total of 5,066,132 acres of paddy, bamboo, sugarcane, beans, and edible oil crops in Mandalay Region.—Nadi Hlaing
(Translated by Hay Mar)

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. My-

anmar’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 La Wonn)

Stock markets climb, as London awaits economic forecasts

LONDON — Stock markets rose on Thursday, boosted once more by 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 aimed at unlocking Brexit. 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.

"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 was up 0.2 per cent compared with Wednesday's closing level. The pound was up at \$1.2864 from \$1.2855 late in New York on Wednesday.

The euro climbed 86.17 pence from 86.09 pence

In the eurozone, Frankfurt's DAX 30 stocks index grew 0.8 per cent and the Paris CAC 40 won 0.2 per cent. "All eyes will be on the Bank of England today," said Joshua Mahony, senior market analyst at IG trading group. "The political and economic uncertainty of the upcoming weeks will continue to hold back the possibility of any shift in policy, with the committee expected to hold off until they know what direction the UK is heading."—AFP ■

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 Theingi 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 Dhammazedhi 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



Danish film crew shoot children learning Buddha's guidance from Sayadaw in Mahathala monastery in Chaungmagyi village, yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

their filming as a documentary named "Kids On The Silk Road" on their chan-

nel (www.toolboxfilm.dk). They have made similar documentaries in 15 coun-

tries.—Myo Ei Win (FDC) (Translated by Zaw 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 re-

portedly 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 lists at a rate of 100 baht per worker, receiving 3,873,000 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 Ar-

ticle 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 Zaw Htet Oo)

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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



FILE PHOTO: Song Il Ho, North Korean ambassador. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

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 dwarfs persist 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 ■

China slams British MP university report as 'fictitious'

BEIJING — Beijing on Thursday criticised as "fictitious" a report by British politicians claiming there was "alarming evidence" of Chinese interference on university campuses.

The report, which was released Tuesday, cited examples where Beijing-linked organisations appeared to suppress freedom of speech at institutions of higher education.

One academic told lawmakers he saw Confucius Institute officials confiscating papers which mentioned Taiwan — which Beijing considers a rebel province

awaiting reunification — at an academic conference.

Likened to France's Alliance Francaise, Spain's Instituto Cervantes and the British Council, the Confucius Institute teaches students about Chinese language and culture at hundreds of universities around the world.

Christopher Hughes, a professor at the London School of Economics, said he had seen Chinese students in the British capital engaged in activities to "undermine Hong Kong protesters". "China has always adhered to a principle of non-interference

in internal affairs," said Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang at a press briefing.

The UK lawmakers should "do more to... advance China-UK relations, instead of making fictitious remarks and sowing discord," Geng added.

The report comes as pro-democracy demonstrations in semi-autonomous Hong Kong have sparked tensions across universities in countries such as Australia and New Zealand, as students organise rallies both in support of — and against — the protest movement.—AFP ■

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 Cambodia 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 O-cha 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 fi-

nance 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 ■



Cambodian strongman Hun Sen has vowed to prevent the return of exiled opposition leader Sam Rainsy, and has sought help from neighbouring countries. PHOTO: AFP

Japan snow crab fetches record \$46,000 at auction



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

TOTTORI — 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

local crab seller Kanemasa 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 shop-

ping 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 (2030 GMT Wednesday) had drawn a chorus of concern from the remaining parties to the troubled agreement.

Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia have been trying to salvage the hard-won deal since Washington abandoned it in May last year and reimposed



Iran's resumption 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. **PHOTO: AFP**

crippling unilateral sanctions.

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.

Uranium enrichment is the sensitive process that produces fuel for nuclear power plants but also, in highly extended form, the

fissile core for a warhead. Iran is now enriching uranium to 4.5 per cent, exceeding the 3.67 per cent limit set by the 2015 deal but less than the 20 per cent level it had previously operated to and far less than the 90 per cent level required for a warhead. Iran has always denied any military dimension to its nuclear programme.

It has been at pains to emphasise that all of the steps it has taken are transparent and swiftly reversible if the remaining parties to the agreement find a way to get round US sanctions. "All these activities have been carried out under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency," the Iranian nuclear organisation said.—AFP ■

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.—AFP ■

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 a "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 round 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 y chance."

The government of President Emmanuel Macron has

vowed to crack down on immigration, a move widely seen as an attempt to keep rightwing 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".—AFP ■

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 spilt into neighbouring countries. The troops came under attack while returning to their base in Damboa, 88 kilometres (55 miles) from

the state capital Maiduguri, said a second 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 militants burnt five military vehicles and took away a pickup truck along with six machine guns.—AFP ■



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



Myanmar's David Htan (white) vies for the ball against a player from Nepal (blue) during an international friendly match yesterday at the Mandalay Thiri Stadium in Mandalay. **PHOTO: MFF**

THE Myanmar men's national football team beat the Nepal team by 3-0 in an international football friendly match held yesterday at the Mandalay Thiri Stadium in Mandalay.

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 at the 2-minute mark over 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 organ-

ized 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) ■



Trainees and officials from the Myanmar Football Federation pose for a group photo at the opening ceremony of the AFC-MFF Match Commissioner Course 2019, held yesterday in Yangon. **PHOTO: MFF**



Tottenham Hotspur's goalkeeper Hugo Lloris lies injured after Brighton's Neal Maupay scores his team's first goal during their English Premier League match at the American Express Community Stadium in Brighton on October 5, 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**

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 3-0 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 ■