President U Win Myint accepts Letters of Credence of Ambassador of the Kingdom of Cambodia

Mr. Chhouk Bunna, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. Present on the occasion were U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation and Director-General U Min Thein of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to call for release of hostages arrested by AA armed group

THE 14th regular session of second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held its fourth day meeting yesterday, condemning AA armed group for the detention of Amyotha Hluttaw MP U Hwei Tin from Chin State Constituency 11, civil service staff and civilians.

The Hluttaw agreed to discuss the emergency motion tabled by Pyithu Hluttaw MP Dr Hla Moe from Aungmyethazan constituency for the unconditional and immediate release of these hostages.

Education bill was passed

Dr Myat Nyana Soe, the Secretary of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee, tabled motions over the controversial education bill between the two Hluttaw and the MPs discussed them before the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved it with the agreements of Ministry of Education and the Bill Committee.

The MP then discussed the 15/2019 Report on the findings and recommendations of the Joint Public Accounts Committee on in the implementation of construction projects with the fund of 2018-2019 fiscal year for the Basic Education Department under the Ministry of Education.

Anti-Corruption Law for blacklisted companies in construction projects

MP Dr Sein Mya Lay from Dala constituency tabled a motion to apply Anti-Corruption Law in taking legal actions against unethical quality control officers and construction companies that breached rules and regulations in the projects, in addition to putting them into the blacklist.

She also said to take actions against the school heads who ignored the quality of construction projects in conspiring with the contractors.

U Kyaw Thung, MP from Sagaing Region constituency 1 also discussed the systematic tender selection process for school construction companies as at least 2,881 projects failed to realize although the projects have been passed for 2018-2019 fiscal year.

The 15/2019 Report of JPAC was also discussed by MP U Kyaw Shwe from Yambye constituency, MP Daw Mar Mar Khaing from Thathon constituency, MP Daw Mar Mar Khaing from Thatmon constituency, MP Daw Mar Mar Khaing from Hlaingtha constituency, MP Dr Hla Moe from Aungmyethazan constituency for the unconditional and immediate release of these hostages.

Activity of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission from January to 24 September 2019

The MPs also discussed the report on activities of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission from January to 24 September this year.

The Government, the Hluttaw and the Tatmadaw are negotiating with the relevant organizations to end internal armed conflicts. However, Amyotha Hluttaw MP U Hwei Tin from Chin State Constituency 11, who was coming back to Nay Pyi Taw to attend the 14th regular session second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, was abducted by AA armed group on 3 November 2019, together with five Indian citizens who are working at Paletwa-Zorampu project, their two interpreters and two motorboat drivers on their way from Paletwa to Kyawkwath town along the Kalatan river.

MP Dr Hla Moe also said although other hostages had been released, U Hwei Tin has remained detained for 11 days on November 13. It was reportedly known that the AA group abducted other civilians and civil service staff. It is nonsense and unreason for AA armed group to insist the arrests were made due to security reasons.

He added that the illegal acts of armed group are undermining the effort of the government and the people, and that he urged the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to discuss the unconditional and immediate release of U Hwei Tin and other hostages.

MP U Maung Maung Law, the secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw and Hluttaw Rights Committee, from Sagaing Region constituency 9 expressed his support to the emergency motion and his condemnation on the detention of hostages.

Then, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced to discuss the emergency motion with the unanimous approval of MPs, and then to enlist the names of MPs who want to discuss the motion.

The fifth-day meeting of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will continue on 15 November.—— Aung Ye Thin, Aye Aye Thant

(Translated by Aung Khin)
President U Win Myint accepts Letters of Credence of the Ambassador of Czech Republic

MRS HANA MOTTLOVA, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, presented her Letters of Credence to U Win Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Present on the occasion were U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation and Director-General U Min Thein of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA

President U Win Myint (Left) accepts the Letters of Credence presented by Mrs. Hana Mottlova, the newly-accredited Ambassador of Czech Republic in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Union Minister U Win Khaing receives Norwegian ambassador

UNION MINISTER for Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing received Norwegian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Tone Tinnes at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they discussed Norwegian assistance to Myanmar in the areas of hydropower technologies, drawing grid code in power distribution, environmental and social management and English proficiency trainings under the Programme Phase (II) of Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate—NVE (2019-2023), development of oil and natural gas sector under the Oil for Development (OFD) Programme, training programmes for human resource development and cooperation in natural resources management.

They also held talks on data collections in electricity and energy sectors, data storage and sharing, exchange of analysis on environmental impacts and safety measures, ongoing and long-term and short-term plan for electricity generation in Myanmar, hydropower projects implemented by Norway and oil and natural gas sector.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Minister Dr Tun Naing, U Khin Maung Win and officials.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

National committee discusses draft action plan to address conflict-related sexual violence


Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye, the chairman of the committee, made an opening remark on the coordination meeting of the committee, saying that his committee developed the action plan, and it was updated with the recommendations of relevant departments and organizations before it was drafted in line with the suggestions of UN organizations.

The Director-General of Social Welfare Department explained the draft plan, and the attendees discussed it.

The National Level Action Plan (draft) was prepared based on three UN Security Council resolutions and the six priority areas for cooperation in the Joint Communiqué on Prevention and Response to Conflict-Related Sexual Violence which Myanmar signed with the United Nations on 7 December 2018.

The President’s Office formed the National Committee with the five assignments to draft the action plan for implementing the joint communiqué. The draft action plan will also be submitted to the President’s Office for its approval.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)
National Lit, Sarpy Beikman Manuscript Awards for 2018 announced

THE Union Election Commission (UEC) and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) jointly organized “Training to Enhance Electoral Capacity” for the 2020 General Election at the Grand Amarula Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the opening of the three-day training, UEC Chairman U Hla Thein said his commission was arranging for successfully holding the 2020 General Elections in accordance with the five norms: free, fair, transparent, credible and reflecting the will of the people.

He then spoke about the new electoral system. There are continuous tasks to be done. If the tasks are performed in a punctual manner, the whole process will be much smoother, he added.

He then spoke about the needs of unbiased fairness in implementing the works of the sub-commissions to be correct and accurate, and in accordance with election laws and bylaws.

U Hla Thein also urged the trainees to systematically learn the lessons as it is a teacher training house, and interestingly note their practical experiences and knowledge to redeliver the lessons they learned without difficulties to the election sub-commissions and members of polling stations in their local places.

Afterwards, Mr Mark McDowell, the Resident Representative of International IDEA’s Myanmar Office, made a remark.

The following day, the training event were Union Election Commission (UEC) members and officials from the UEC office, officials from the International IDEA — MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

UEC, IDEA jointly organize “Training to Enhance Electoral Capacity”
Local, foreign investments invited only after disclosing power supply status: DICA

By Nyein Nyein

WE are inviting local and foreign investments only after providing information about the current status of power supply in the country, said U Thant Sin Lwin, director-general of the Department of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

At present, about 20 local and foreign investors have come to DICA for discussing investment, and we have disclosed the status of electric supply prior to inviting them, he said.

“As per the State’s state-ment on the electricity sector, there will be adequate electric supply in 2023. For now, the government is doing its utmost to provide power to homes, public places, and businesses. However, we are not misleading in-vestors with wrong information. We have always notified them of the status of electric supply in the places where they wish to make investments,” said U Thant Sin Lwin.

Additionally, the Ministry of Electricity and Energy is also participating in discussions to provide information regarding power supply in the designated project areas.

“We always seek the opinion of the Ministry of Electricity and Energy regarding investment proposals. For example, if the ministry informs us that a particular place would get access to electricity in 2020, and if an investor is looking to invest in a business that relies on power in that particular area, we give them a timeframe so they know by when the area will get access to electricity. Companies are also considering all necessary matters regarding investment, depending on market conditions. Regarding electricity, we cannot give any guarantees. We can only provide information about the actual status of power supply,” added U Thant Sin Lwin.

Additionally, Myanmar has established a land bank to deal with land-use problems that can hinder investment, said U Thant Sin Lwin.

“Land bank is a tool that makes it easier to process data about land. Local and foreign entrepreneurs can select a location to make investments and process matters with the related ministries. The government has released the procedures for that,” he added.

“Myanmar is the largest na-
tion in South East Asia by area, and the country has many vacant lands for industrial businesses. However, I admit that land-use problems are obstacles to invest-ment. The Myanmar Investment Law also covers land types and land acquisition rules and reg-ulations for investors,” said Thaung Tun, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations.

At present, the ministry is endeavoring to promote invest-ments and liberalize time-con-suming processes.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Agro exports up $60 mn in 2019-2020FY

PHOTO: SOE LIN NAING

MYANMAR’S exports of ag-ricultural products between 1 October and 1 November in the current fiscal year crossed US$264.47 million from $204.7 million in the corresponding period of the 2018-2019FY, which is an increase of $59.749 million, according to trade fig-ures released by the Ministry of Commerce.

In the exports sector, the agriculture industry showed the best performance, along with the natural gas sector. The chief items of export in the agricultural sector were rice and broken rice, pulses, corn, and rubber. Fruits and vegetables, sesame, dried tea leaves, sugar; and other agro products were also exported to other countries.

Myanmar agro products are primarily exported to Chi-na, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Bangladesh, In-dia, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka. However, the export market remains uncertain due to un-steady global demand.

Myanmar faces slower access to market information, which sometimes poses obsta-cles in the market. Moreover, the country has poor logistics and warehouse infrastructure, which leads to degradation in the quality of fruits, said an of-ficial from the Myanmar Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Produc-er and Exporter Association (MFVP).

According to the Myan-mar Rice Federation, quality control and food safety are key to the promotion of exports. Therefore, improved agricul-tural practices need to be de-veloped.

Additionally, the country requires specific export plans for each agro product, as they are currently exported to ex-ternal markets based upon supply and demand. Contract farming systems, involvement of regional and state agricul-ture departments, exporters, traders, and some grower groups, are required in order to meet production targets, said an official from the Agriculture Department.

The Commerce Ministry, on its part, is working to help farm-ers deal with challenges, such as high input costs, procurement of pedigree seeds, high cultivation costs, and erratic weather con-ditions. — Ko Htet

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Sino-Myanmar trade regular despite China’s ban on some goods

IN spite of China restricting the importation of certain goods from Myanmar, the Muse 105th mile trade zone is seeing regular trade, accord-ing to trade officials.

Export items such as finished jade products, minerais, rice, corn, various seed-ame seeds, onion, ginger, dried chilli, rubber, peanut, eel, crab, watermelon, and muskmel-on are being supplied to the Muse market, with 300-400 trucks entering the market daily.

The goods are being ex-ported to China through the Muse border trade zone, while machinery, machines, automotive panels, steel, iron, zinc, tiles, bicycles, handsets, agricultur-al equipment and machines, fertilizers, pesticides, and food products are flowing into the Muse gate from China. About 200-300 trucks are transport-ing the imported goods across the country. About 600-700 im-port-export trucks are enter-ing the Muse gate every day, said officials.

The rent for 22-wheeled trucks is pegged at K1.7-1.8 million for taking goods from Muse to Mandalay and K2.7-2.8 million for transporting goods from Muse to Yangon, while 12-wheeled trucks are charg-ing over K1 million for carry-ing goods on the Muse-Manda-lay route and K1.8 million on the Muse-Yangon route. The transportation fee charged by six-wheeled apple trucks is K600,000.

“With the availability of transport officers, one can transport goods on both roads and other routes,” added an official.

The value of Sino-Myan-mar border trade through the Muse gate soared to US$421.23 million between 1 October and 1 November in the current fiscal year, registering an increase of $133.23 million compared to the corresponding period of the previous FY, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Both exports and imports climbed in the current fiscal year, with exports totaling $266.94 million and imports valued at $154.28 million.

Last month, border trade between Myanmar and Chi-na stood at $421.23 million at Muse, $4.278 million at Lweje, $57.3 million at Chinshwehaw, $29.35 million at Kanpiketee, and $1.2 million at Kengtung.

— Thant Zin, Ko Htet

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)
Union SWRR Minister receives UN Special Envoy

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Deputy Attorney-General attends China Forum on International Legal Cooperation

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Medical professionals honour fellow award-winning writers

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November
Everyday Treat @ The Central

Buy 1 Get 1
Free Ice-cream
@ Remicone

15
Friday

Wyne Su Khaing Thein
Album Signing

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Saturday

Buy 6 Get 1
Cupcakes
@ Dirty Little Secret

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“The event might be adjusted regarding daily program arrangement.”

Corner of Kabar Aye Pagoda Road and Kanbe Road, Yankin Township, Yangon, Myanmar.
Harnessing soft power of literary fiction to build democracy

Promoting literary fiction means promoting understanding among diversities, which is also a basic concept of democracy.

MANY laws have been enacted by the Burmese law-makers since their formation after the multiparty elections in accordance with the Union Constitution. Many of the laws are new; replacing the old ones from the times of the pre-democracy Government. Some are amendments of existing laws to make them more relevant to the changing political, economic and social situation. In the new laws, whether entirely new or new in the sense that they replace existing laws, the date of coming into force of the laws is either mentioned in the law itself or announced by the competent authority. If the new law is to replace an existing law then the new law takes over according to the stipulation in the new law and not in the old law or is no longer in force.

In the new laws enacted by the last Section usually carries two Sub-sections. The first Sub-section is the Ministry which administers the law to make necessary Rules and Regulations with the approval of the Government; an- other Sub-section empowering the Ministry, Department or Agency entering the law to issue Orders or Directives relating to implementation of the power conferred upon the law. These two sections have provisions by which new laws may replace the previous law which would still be in force as far as they do not go against any of the provisions of the new law.

By “Rules and Regulations” is meant the guidelines or in- structions, as the case may be, made under the power conferred upon the person or persons charged with drawing up the rules or Regulations may make beyond the scope of the particular sections of the law it believes, in legal parlance, it is termed ultra vires. Hence the “Rules” to be submitted to the Government for its approval have to be confirmed by a com- petent body. This may also take some time as there is bound to be a running of draft rules that need their attention.

The word “law” under the Law being not yet published has been interpreted by many that the law is not yet in force. As mentioned earlier, the law may, in fact, be in force. Hence, as I understand it (and I stand un- less taking the risk of being correct that the “law” and the imple- mentation of some relevant matters prescribed in the Law can be enabled to be under- taken by Orders and/or Directive issued by the competent authority in spite of the fact that the Rules have not as yet been published.

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By Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia

To tackle diabetes, strengthen primary health care and empower families

Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh

PROMOTE LITERARY FICTION MEANS PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AMONG DIVERSITIES, WHICH IS ALSO A BASIC CONCEPT OF DEMOCRACY.
Hpakant bus operators: Suffering losses due to unregistered vehicles

BUS operators running services from Hpakant to other towns in Kachin State said they are suffering losses due to unregistered vehicles providing the same services in the area.

“We pay taxes to the government, besides a license fee and other additional fees. Some cars are running the service illegally without a license. They are also not following traffic rules and procedures and taking away passengers from us,” said Ma Khin Hnin Wah Khaung, in charge of Sanyatee gate.

“Illegal transportation services are a big concern for us. The fare is set at K3,000 for particular trips, but illegal operators are charging lower fares to get passengers from us. They are hurting us financially,” she added.

“Aung Thu, chair of the Hpakant Township Private Vehicle Supervisory Committee, said: “We can control only those bus operators who are listed members under the committee. Only the authorities can regulate unregistered vehicles.”

On 27 September, the state government took action against two bus lines found offering services using unregistered vehicles. The businesses were suspended for three months.

There are 74 registered bus lines running small, medium, and large vehicles from Hpakant to Myitkyina, Moekang, Moeyin, Bhamo, and other towns in Kachin State.— Tar Lin Maung (IPRD)

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Myitsone crowded with holidaymakers during public holidays

MYITSONE, or the confluence of the Maykha and Malikha rivers, in Myitkyina, Kachin State, attracted crowds of holidaymakers during the Tazaungdaing holidays, which started last Saturday and ended on Tuesday.

The Myitsone region is located near Taungyi Village, 25 miles from Myitkyina Town on the Myitkyina-Putao highway. Visitors traveling to the region by road can enjoy scenic views of mountains all along the route. With bamboo forest recreation camp, suspension bridge, wine garden, blue lagoon, Kachin Chaungthaya, and Jawbum, Myitsone is crowded with holidaymakers during public holidays.

There is smooth transportation with concrete roads and visitors can reach the area using any vehicle. Mountain views, untouched waterfalls, and visitors are popular destinations among visitors during public holidays.

Kachin ethnic costumes, and restaurants along the rivers are popular destinations in Kachin State among visitors. —Win Naing (Kachin) (Translated by La Wonn)

Online Child Protection Incident Reporting System introduced in NyaungU

THE Online Child Protection Incident Reporting System was launched at a ceremony held at 9 p.m. on 13 November at the Umbra Hotel in Wetgyi Inn Village in NyaungU Town.

The NyaungU District Administration, U Soe Tin, chair of the District Child Rights and Child Protection Committee, Daw Khin San Vee, director and head of Mandalay Region Social Welfare Department, officials from related departments and Plan International Myanmar, members of Youth Policy, and village administrators were present at the event.

After the website was launched, U Salai Thura Aung, Child Rights and Protection Project Manager from Plan International Myanmar, explained how the online child protection incident reporting system works, and U Nay Lin Aung, Online Child Protection Incident Reporting Website and Mobile Application Engineer, provided information about the software.

Later, officials and attendees discussed child rights and protection affairs at the event. —Phay Lane (Bagan) (Translated by La Wonn)
Korean Climate Change Center presents vehicles, equipment to DOA

THE Climate Change Center of the Republic of Korea donated the vehicles and related equipment to the Department of Agriculture under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation to help its distribution project of efficient cookstoves. The donation ceremony was held at the Agriculture Extension and Rural Development Training Center in Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. Union Minister Dr Aung Thu, Deputy Chief of Mission Minister Counselor of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea (ROK) in Myanmar Mr. Jung Young Soo, and Executive Vice President Mr Ryuu Woon Hwan from the SK Telecom delivered speeches and the CCC Secretary General Ms So Hee Kim explained the donations of vehicles, laptops, projectors, portable power generators and mobile handsets.

The project is being implemented in six States/Regions of the country to be able to reduce the use of firewood in supporting environmental conservation while extending education on this issue to the rural people.

The efficient cookstoves could also reduce carbon emission from kitchens which traditionally use firewood and help for receiving carbon credit.

—MNA  
(Translated by Aung Khin)

Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung to attend ASEAN Transport Ministers’ Conf in Viet Nam

UNION Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung left Yangon for Viet Nam yesterday by air to attend the 25th ASEAN Transport Ministers’ Conference and related meetings in Hanoi. The meetings will be held from 14 to 15 November.—MNA  
(Translated by GNLM)

Union Minister Dr Aung Thu presents an appreciation letter to Korean Climate Change Center Secretary General Ms So Hee Kim in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung seen off by officials at Yangon International Airport before departs for Viet Nam. PHOTO: MNA

UEC Chair receives UN Special Envoy

UNION Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein meets with Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General Ms Christine Schraner Burgener in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

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INVITATION FOR PRICE QUOTATIONS

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of the National Community Driven Development Project (NCDDP). The NDA No. of the financing agreement is No. Credit No.: 56870. The Department of Rural Development (DRD) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, in its role as implementing agency of the NCDDP, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing towards eligible payments under the Contract W-3 for Construction of a Garage and under Contract W-4 for the construction of a Warehouse. DRD now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following construction works in Nay Pyi Taw and Pyinmana:

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The works are scheduled to start on 1 February 2020 with an estimated maximum duration of 90 days. Expressions of Interest must be submitted in a written form to the email address below and clearly indicate the reference number(s) above. Eligible bidders having expressed interest will receive a charge electronic INVITATION TO QUOTE (ITQ) which also includes the Conditions of Contract, Drawings, Bills of Quantity and Technical Specifications. No printed bidding documents will be made available or sent by DRD. Interested Bidders that obtained the bidding documents will be invited to attend a pre-bid meeting including an information session on the bidding documents and templates to be filled out on Tuesday 3 December 2019 10:00 am. The pre-bid meeting also includes the possibility for the bidders to visit the construction sites. Sealed quotations will be submitted to the address below at the latest at the deadline of Tuesday 10 December 2019 at 10:00 am Myanmar time, after which no Quotations will be accepted. Bids will be evaluated bid by bid, taking into account discounts offered, if any, for combined bids. The contract(s) will be awarded to the Bidder or Bidders offering the lowest evaluated cost to the Employer for each individual or combined bids, subject to the selected Bidder(s) meeting the required eligibility and qualification criteria for each bid or a combination of bids as the case may be.

Bidding will be conducted through the Bidding Method as specified in “the World Bank’s Guidelines for Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers dated January 2011” and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Department of Rural Development (DRD), Mr. Kyaw Swa Aung, DRD Director, Procurement and Logistics Section (procurement@ncddpmyanmar.org) and inspect the bidding documents during office hours Monday to Friday from 10.00 to 16.00 Hrs at the address given below.

The address referred to above is: Department of Rural Development (DRD) Attn: Mr. Kyaw Swa Aung, DRD Director, Procurement and Logistics Section Office No. (36) Nay Pyi Taw, Republic Union of the Republic of Myanmar Office telephone: +95(67)418637 e-mail: procurement@ncddpmyanmar.org

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(Translated by Aung Khin)
**Algerian energy law fuels anger on streets**

**ALGERIA** — A draft law on Algeria’s oil and gas sector has been met with hostility by an anti-regime protest movement that fears “the nation’s wealth” is being sold off to multinational companies.

But experts say the pushback from the streets is not entirely justified, seeing it rather as a symptom of the distrust that dogs any decision taken by authorities deemed “illegitimate” by opponents.

For nearly nine months Algeria — Africa’s third-largest oil producer and a top 10 global gas producer — has been swept by an unprecedented popular movement challenging a regime in place since independence from France in 1962. The draft energy law, which has not been officially published, was sent to Algeria’s cabinet on October 14.

Since then, it has been added to the protesters’ list of grievances with the ruling class, seen by demonstrators as “thieves” that have “plundered” the country’s wealth. “You sold the country, traitors,” demonstrators cried last week as lawmakers began discussing the draft law. The bill is expected to be put to a vote on Thursday, roughly a month ahead of presidential elections also widely rejected by the street.

Many Algerians suspect those in power of handing over natural resources to foreign companies with the new law, having already “squandered” oil revenues, said El Mouhoub Mouhoud, economics professor at Paris-Dauphine University. —AP

**SAINT-GERMAIN (France) —** There is little that farmers in the Sahel need to know about the art of survival.

They nurture scrappy cows on the edge of the Sahara, scratching a living in the shadow of jihadist threats and of crushing competition from European imports. Their lives are very different from the dairy farmers of the emerald-green meadows of central France. The two unlikely groups came together when farmers and ministers from the arid Sahel visited the lush Auvergne region last month. The meeting brought a sense of camaraderie and the opportunity to share experiences, despite problems sharply at variance in type and scale. —AP

**Sahel gold boom boosting jihadist coffers: ICG**

**DAKAR (Senegal) —** Sahel gold mines are providing a new source of funding for jihadists and other armed groups and attracting recruits for them in a region where state power is weak, according to a new International Crisis Group (ICG) report published Wednesday.

In Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger, “armed groups have seized gold mining sites since 2016 in areas where states are weak or absent. Artisanal gold mining has boomed since the 2012 discovery of a Saharan vein stretching from Sudan to Mauritania,” the ICG said.

Artisanal production currently accounts for almost half of overall regional output, reaching between 20 and 50 tonnes a year in Mali, between 10 and 30 in Burkina Faso and 10 to 15 tonnes in Niger, for an overall annual value of between $1.9 and $4.5 billion.

With clandestine mining offering armed groups a source of substantial cash which could attract potential recruits, the ICG warned that “if left unregulated it risks fuelling violence and reinforcing transnational crime.”

Despite the presence of international peacekeepers, the region has been wracked by jihadist violence which spread from northern Mali since 2012 to other countries.

The jihadist groups use various forms of trafficking to finance their activities while their mining activities can help train their members, notably in the handling of explosives. —AP

**Under-pressure West African dairy farmers swap ideas in France**

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**CLAIM’S DAY NOTICE M. V. ALS SUMIRE VOY. NO. (1019W/E)***

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Chinese-invested auto powertrain test center opens in UK despite Brexit uncertainty

BIRMINGHAM — A world-class auto powertrain test center, invested by China’s Changan Automobile, was unveiled Tuesday in the British industrial city of Birmingham despite continuing uncertainty caused by Brexit.

Zhang Xiaoyu, director of Changan’s Blue Core NE Powertrain Platform, said Birmingham was chosen as the start of the company’s global powertrain research and development journey because the United Kingdom is the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution with an innovative spirit and an abundance of talent resources.

The test center is designed to test automotive powertrains, including engine and transmission. The center can be used to test Changan’s engine products for conventional cars as well as power systems for hybrid electric vehicles and pure electric vehicles.

Tim Pile, chair of Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership, said Chinese investment has helped the region grow and created jobs needed for the renaissance of the region.

Invitation for Bids

Date: 15 November 2019

The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received a loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for Yangon Mandalay Railway Improvement Project Phase I. The Bid is invited by Myanmar Railways as follows:

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Bidding will be conducted through procedures in accordance with the applicable Guidelines for Procurement under Japanese ODA Loans, and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries, as defined in the Loan Agreement.

(1) The Eligible Nationality of the contractor(s) shall be Japan in case of the prime contractor.

(2) In case where the prime contractor is a joint venture, such joint venture will be eligible provided that the nationality of the lead partner is Japan, that the nationality of the other partners is Japan and that the nationality of the Union of Myanmar and that the total share of work of Japanese partners in the joint venture is more than fifty percent (50%) of the contract amount.

(3) The Myanmar Railways, Ministry of Transport and Communications now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Train Monitoring System (TMS) Works as described above. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the Standard Bidding Documents under Japanese ODA Loans for Procurement of Small Works. (4) A complete set of the Bidding Documents may be purchased and inspected by interested Bidders upon submission of a written application to the address below during office hours from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday to Friday (except public holidays)

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MV TOVE MAERSK VOY. NO. (945W) Consignees of cargo carried on MV TOVE MAERSK VOY. NO. (945W) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13-11-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T.MLP 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 11:20 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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China retail giant Alibaba given OK for huge Hong Kong listing

BEIJING — Chinese online retail titan Alibaba has been given the go-ahead to list shares in Hong Kong, reports said Wednesday, in what could be the city’s biggest IPO in almost a decade.

Approval for the sale will also give the city’s financial authorities a huge boost as Hong Kong is battered by months of pro-democracy protests that have tarnished its image for security and hammered the Hang Seng Index.

Asia’s biggest company will kick off a weeklong roadshow from Wednesday as it looks to garner interest from institutional and retail investors, said Hong Kong’s South China Morning Post, which is owned by Alibaba.

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Abe cancels gov’t-funded cherry-blossom event next year amid criticism

TOKYO — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has decided to cancel a controversial publicly funded cherry-blossom viewing event next year amid mounting criticism that he has previously used it to entertain his supporters, the top government spokesman said Wednesday.

As the opposition forces have taken issue with what they see as murky criteria for selecting guests to the annual event, held every April since 1952, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said at a press conference Wednesday that the government-funded event next April was Abe’s own decision. Held at a Tokyo park famous for its cherry blossoms, the event is intended to honor people such as athletes and celebrities for their accomplishments. It came under the spotlight after revelations that Abe’s supporters were among those invited, raising questions about the use of taxpayers’ money.

Under his administration, the number of guests and the amount of money spent by the government on the gathering have been on the rise.

The cancellation of the annual event, as well as the method of selecting guests, may be seen as murky criteria for selecting guests, raising questions about the use of taxpayers’ money.

Under customary international law, a country cannot be sued in the courts of another country without its consent. The representing lawyers should be fully prepared to persuade regarding the issue, a district court judge said in Wednesday’s hearing.

Surprise bombing of Indonesian police station

JAKARTA — A suicide bomber blew himself up at a police station in Indonesia on Wednesday, killing himself and wounding six others, according to authorities who described the 24-year-old attacker as a “lone wolf”.

The motive for the attack was not immediately known, but police said they had been frequent targets for radicals in the world’s biggest Muslim majority nation, which has long struggled with Islamist militancy.

The blast happened around 8:45 am local time (0145 GMT) at the police compound in Medan on Sumatra island during morning roll call. “For now, we believe he was a lone wolf,” national police spokesman Dedi Prasetyo told reporters in Jakarta.

“The anti-terror squad and forensics unit are still examining the crime scene,” he added.

At least six people were wounded in the blast, including four officers and two civilians, but their injuries were not severe, he added. The attacker — whose identification listed him as a student — wore an explosive device on his body, but Prasetyo did not say what kind of bomb was used.

A bloody corpse lying in the compound’s parking lot appeared to have been blown apart.

Police said the attacker was active on social media, while CCTV footage showed him entering the compound wearing a uniform worn by drivers of a popular ride-hailing service.

Rights group condemns Seoul for deporting ‘killers’ to North

SEOUL — An international human rights group on Wednesday condemned Seoul for deporting two alleged North Korean mass murderers, saying they were being handed back to Pyongyang’s “extremely brutal” legal system in breach of international law.

Seoul expelled the pair last week after investigators determined they had murdered 16 crewmates on their fishing boat before dumping the bodies at sea and fleeing to the South on the vessel.

It was the first-ever deportation from South to North since the end of the Korean War. Under Seoul’s constitution, all North Koreans are automatically considered citizens of the Republic of Korea, as the South is officially known, and those who reach its territory and express a desire to defect are routinely able to stay.

According to South Korean media reports, the two fishermen were blindfolded on their journey to the truce village of Panmunjom in the Demilitarized Zone and only became aware of their fate when their masks were removed to reveal two alleged North Korean soldiers ready to take them into custody.

S Korean court holds 1st hearing on “comfort women” lawsuit

SEOUL — The Seoul Central District Court on Wednesday held its first hearing regarding a lawsuit filed by South Korean former “comfort women” demanding compensation from the Japanese government, deciding not to immediately make a judgement on the validity of the case.

The case involving South Korean women forced to work at wartime Japanese military brothels was originally filed in December 2016, but no trial had been held as Japan kept dismissing a petition sent by the plaintiffs on grounds of “sovereign immunity.”

Under customary international law, a country cannot be sued in the courts of another country without its consent. The district court, therefore, publicly announced the case so that it could have the same effect as delivering a petition, enabling the trial to be held.

“For this case to proceed, you would well know that the state immunity issue should be settled. The representing lawyers should be fully prepared to persuade regarding the issue,” a district court judge said in Wednesday’s hearing.

Indonesian police at their headquarters in Medan after the suspected suicide attack. PHOTO: AFP

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**Netanyahu tells Islamic Jihad ‘stop these attacks or absorb more blows’**

**JERUSALEM** — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Wednesday that Islamic Jihad militants in Gaza must stop rocket attacks or “absorb more and more blows” as an escalation of violence raged for a second day.

“Netanyahu told Islamic Jihad that ‘this could take time’ and ‘stop these attacks or absorb more and more blows’ as an escalation of violence raged for a second day.”

They have one choice: to stop these attacks or absorb more and more blows. Their choice,” Netanyahu said at the start of a cabinet meeting, adding that Israel was not seeking a further escalation.

He reiterated his warning that “this could take time” and said Israel would respond to attacks “without mercy!”

The exchange of fire between Israel and Palestinian militants in Gaza began on Tuesday with an Israeli targeted strike against what it said were Islamic Jihad sites and rocket-launching squads.

Israel since Tuesday morning, 220 rockets have been fired into shelters. The army says some 220 rockets have been fired into Israel since Tuesday morning, with dozens intercepted by air defences.—AFP

**Venezuela ex-intel chief missing in Spain ahead of US extradition: police**

**MADRID** — Venezuela’s former military intelligence chief has gone missing in Spain just days after a court approved a request for his extradition to the United States on drug trafficking charges, police said Wednesday.

“They are currently looking for him,” said a spokeswoman for Spain’s national police, referring to General Hugo Armando Carvajal. Carvajal has long been sought by US Treasury officials for Spain’s national police, referred to as his “El Pollo” (the chicken), was stripped of his rank by the administration of President Nicolas Maduro after coming out in support of Juan Guaido as Venezuela’s acting president in February. He then fled by boat to the Dominican Republic before relocating to Spain.

Carvajal has long been sought by US Treasury officials who suspect him of providing support to drug trafficking by the FARC guerrilla group in Colombia. In an indictment filed in New York in 2011, Carvajal was accused of coordinating the transport of more than 5.6 tonnes of cocaine from Venezuela to Mexico in 2006 that was ultimately destined for the United States.

As second deputy speaker of the Senate, Anez was sworn in by her allies after all the other officials in line to act as interim president had fled. Fresh from being sworn in, she posed with a purple Bible in her hand and the green, yellow and red presidential sash across her shoulder, waving to supporters with a broad smile. Anez vowed to ‘pacify’ Bolivia after weeks of protest.

Jeanine Anez: standing in president vowing to ‘pacify’ Bolivia

**LAPAZ** — Conservative senator Jeanine Anez was unknown to many Bolivians before she stepped out beaming and waving a Bible on the balcony of the government palace.

A longtime critic of her leftist predecessor Evo Morales, she stepped into the power vacuum left when he suddenly fled the country to escape a violent crisis.

Now all eyes in the country are on Anez, a 52-year-old lawyer from the northeastern region of Beni, bordering Brazil. As second deputy speaker of the Senate, Anez was sworn in by her allies after all the other officials in line to act as interim president had fled.

“Don’t move!” Greek coastguards rescue migrants in Aegean

**SAMOS (Greece)** — “Sit down! Don’t move! Be quiet!” The crew of the Greek coastguard patrol boat jumps to life as they pull nearly 50 migrants from a rubber dinghy close to the island of Samos.

They spotted the migrant dinghy about 90 minutes into their run from the island of Samos, their 18-metre patrol boat aided by the radar of a larger Greek coastguard vessel nearby. For about an hour, the Greeks repeatedly hailed the Turkish coastguard to intercept the dinghy. “Please react!”

There is no response, so the Greeks move in. From a distance, just a handful of people can be seen sitting on the sides of the dinghy, but it soon becomes clear that it is packed with dozens of people huddled back-to-back. The time the patrol reaches the migrants — just inside Greek territorial waters — armed coastguards from the larger vessel are already there, barring instructions: “Stay calm!”

There are men, women and nearly a dozen children, some of them toddlers, among the 48 on board. Though the sea is calm and a full moon affords good visibility, the crew know to be wary.

“The wind somehow always picks up when we are about to make a rescue,” says the boat’s veteran engineer Evangelos, who goes through about 10 cigarettes during the mission.—AFP
THE Myanmar national football team will play against the Tajikistan national team today in a crucial Group F match of the 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifiers at the Mandalay Thiri Stadium in Mandalay.

The press conference for the match was held yesterday at the Pull Man Mingalar Mandalay Hotel in Mandalay. The head coaches and key players of both teams attended the ceremony. Speaking about the upcoming match, Myanmar national football team head coach Antoine Huy said that he was happy to meet team Tajikistan again. He said he trained team Myanmar three weeks ago, not for only the match against Tajikistan, but for the next world cup qualifiers group match.

The coach has selected 23 players out of 35 for the national squad. The head coach said that team Myanmar has been well-trained physically and tactically. He said he believed that Myanmar players now have more confidence to destroy the previous bad results in the qualifiers.

Hey also asked Myanmar fans to encourage the team and said the players would do their best for the crucial match. Head coach of the Tajikistan national football team, Usmon Toshkov, said that the match against Myanmar would be really interesting, and he claimed that he would try for a good result. The head coach added that the team which played better would get more chances. He also said that the match would be a difficult one as team Myanmar is a fast and strong team.

Usmon also said that his team had prepared their best. Team Tajikistan has come to Myanmar not just for football, but for learning about Myanmar’s lovely culture and living standards, and they are feeling happy in Myanmar; he added. The match between Myanmar and Tajikistan will start at 5 p.m. (Myanmar Standard Time) today.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)