Three sub-stations opened in Yangon Region to mark electricity milestone

Efforts will be continued towards increasing power supplies and distribution to 55 percent of the country in 2021-2022, and 75 percent of the country in 2025-2026. More than 19,600 miles of 230 KV, 132 KV, 66 KV, 33 KV, 11 KV, and 400 Volt power lines were laid, and 12,636 MVA of sub-stations were constructed since 2016. Additionally, the momentum for rural electrification was increased by expanding the power system, and today 368 towns and more than 16,941 villages are receiving electricity.

The Yangon Region Hmawby Township Tatkyigon sub-station, Okekan Town Kyuntawkon sub-station, and Aphyauk Town Aphyauk sub-station, built by the Ministry of Electricity and Energy, Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation (YESC), were opened in ceremonies held at the sub-stations yesterday. At the event, Union Minister U Win Khaing said the sub-stations were opened to honor the occasion of the national grid providing 50 percent of the entire country’s electricity. When the Ministry of Electricity and Energy was reformed during the current government’s term, the national grid was providing only 34 percent of the country’s electricity. Various energy resources, such as hydro, natural gas and solar, were used to increase power generation to 904 MW, while power transmission was also expanded from 230 to 500 KV. Furthermore, in the power transmission and distribution system, efforts will be continued towards increasing power supplies and distribution to 55 percent of the country in 2021-2022, and 75 percent of the country in 2025-2026. The aim is to supply and distribute power to the entire country by 2030.
Dry ration donation made to 5,000 Sanghas and nuns in Hpa-An

A DRY ration donation to 5,000 Sanghas and nuns jointly organized by Kayin State government, departments, town elders and donors was held at Hpa-An airfield yesterday morning.

At the event Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than’s wife Daw Nant Kyin Kyi, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko, Kayin State Chief Minister Nan Khin Htwe Myint, Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myint Maung, Kayin State Hluttaw Speaker U Saw Chit Khin and guests took the five precepts from State Sanghamahanayaka Vice Chairman Nyaungshwe Town Mongthaung monastery patron Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maharashtaguru Bhaddanta Thumingala and listened to parittas recitation by the Sanghas and nuns.

Next, Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko and Mon Ethnic Affairs Ministers U Min Tin Win deliver speeches on religious matters.

Afterwards, Amyotha Hlut- taw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than’s wife Daw Nant Kyin Kyi, Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko and donors donate dry ration and donations to State Sanghamahanayaka Sayadaws, 5,000 Sanghas and nuns from townships in Kayin State.

Later the Union Minister attended a ceremony to hoist golden umbrella (pagoda hti), vane, and diamond bud onto Kaung Mu Daw Pagoda in the compound of Mya Kyuang Taung Pagoda in Zote Thote Village, Bilin Township, Mon State.

Following the ceremony, the Union Minister inspected the construction of a cultural museum and fabrication of umbrellas for Kyaung Taw Yar pagodas in Magway Region, Pwintbyu Township. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Two motorcyclists arrive back Yangon after riding around the world

TWO motorcyclists Sai Zom Pha and Aung Kyaw Win finished their globetrotting trip yesterday after reaching the Yangon’s People’s Park where they set off their trip on 26 May.

They rode around the world in six months, crossing 45 countries. The duo took six months to travel over 35,000 miles stretching from Thailand in Asia to Britain in Europe. They entered Myanmar through the Tamu border of India on 27th November and celebrated their accomplishment at the People’s Park in Yangon yesterday afternoon together with motorcycle lovers.

They met with the press sponsored by MPRL E&P at the Yangon Yacht Association in the Inya Road in Yangon and shared their experiences on the trip.

During their trip, the duo participated in the BMW Motorrad Day in Spain.

They also posted their experiences during their trip on social media. Their six-months-long journey is mainly supported by MPRL E&P an energy company led by Myanmar nationals. — MNA
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The National Power Supply Project, with assistance from a World Bank loan, is being carried out by the Ministry of Electricity and Energy and, in addition to providing power to villages within 2 miles of the national grid as a first step, arrangements were made for all villages in Yangon Region to be electrified by the end of 2020. At the moment, power stations are providing about 3,789 MW to the national grid system. Yangon Region’s highest utilization was about 1,548 MW, or nearly half of the power supply.

In order to fulfil the increasing demand of Yangon Region, the Ahlon 151 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant project, Thanlyin 350 MW LNG power station project and Thakayta 400 MW LNG power station are being built, and expected to be completed by about May 2020.

Due to the opening of the three sub-stations of the 42,668 households in Hmawby Township, 14 more villages with 1,520 households will get access to stable power supply. Similarly, in Okekan Town with a total of 19,597 households, 51 more villages with 3,803 households will obtain stable power supply.

In Aphyauk Town with 8,871 households, 2 more villages with 254 households will obtain stable power supply.

Having more sub-stations allow the provision of stable power supply to nearby urban and rural areas as well as reducing line losses. Electricity was the basis for development of the people’s socio-economic lives and the State was prioritizing for the country to obtain and use more electricity. As this will result in all round development in the economy, education, health and social sectors, all are urged to cooperate and help toward achieving this end, said the Union Minister.

Next, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein remarked on the opening of the sub-stations to provide 50 percent of the entire country’s electricity.

Officials open the 33/11 kV, 5 MVA Tatkyigon-Hmawby sub-station yesterday.

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Union Minister U Win Khaing delivers the speech at the ceremony to honour the opening of the sub-stations to provide 50 percent of the entire country’s electricity.

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Officials open the Oakkan Kyuntawkon sub-station yesterday.

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(Translated by Zaw Min)
CTUM concludes second congress, issues eight-point declaration

THE Confederation of Trade Unions of Myanmar-CTUM—concluded its second congress yesterday and issued a declaration, along with approving changes to its charter.

In its declaration issued during the two-day congress, which attracted some 260 delegates from international and local labour organizations, political parties and lawmakers, the CTUM has committed itself to eight points, including seeking the freedom to form labour unions, seeking social security protection and health care for workers, along with guaranteed jobs and secure incomes.

CTUM has over 65,000 members nationwide.

“We managed to enrol 22,533 more members, assisted in over 1,000 cases of industrial disputes, helped with 109 cases of unsafe migration and, in the process, won US$360,000 for victims,” said U Maung Maung, President of the CTUM, in his opening remark at the congress.

Lawmakers from committees related to workers, and governmental representatives, also attended the congress.

In their remarks, lawmakers encouraged the representatives of the labour unions to cooperate more closely with parliamentary bodies.

U Myo Aung, Permanent Representative of the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, stressed the importance of good negotiating skills in solving labour disputes, while praising the past achievements in the country.

There are 22 million workers in Myanmar, with more than 48 per cent of the population employed in the agricultural sector. —GNLM

Construction of city hall to soon be completed in Indaw Town

CONSTRUCTION of the city hall will be completed very soon in Indaw town, Katha District, Sagaing region, according to officials.

The building for the city hall was built in the 2016-2017 fiscal year (FY) at a cost of Ks 50 million from the regional government’s supplementary budget, K 80.00 million from the regional minister’s fund and K 32.85 million from Indaw municipal’s supplementary budget. However, K 120.00 million is needed to complete the project, and officials have submitted a proposal to the government.

Construction of the city hall is nearly 100 per cent complete.

Non-use of seat belts driving up death, injury rates: RTAD

DEATH and injury rates in road accidents have increased because people are not wearing seat belts, said U San Yu, director of the Road Transport Administration Department (RTAD), Sagaing Region.

“People should know that the death rates have increased because they are not using seat belts. So, they should wear seat belts wherever they go. We are not looking at the interest of our victims,” said U San Yu. For the safety of passengers, the traffic police are checking vehicles and conducting an awareness drive in Monywa Township. —Myo Win Tun (Monywa)

(Translated by Hay Mar)
Traffic resumes over Bayintnaung Bridge 1 over Hlaing River in Yangon

TRAFFIC has been allowed to cross the Bayintnaung Bridge 1, which was opened in 1994, after being upgraded, according to the Ministry of Construction.

After inspecting the condition of the bridge which has received maintenance and upgrade since 5 October, Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin gave the green light to the traffic yesterday morning to use the bridge.

The bridge’s four piers in the water and two piers on land were fixed with 12 new bearing plates and two approach infrastructures were upgraded.

The over 25-year-old bridge is the first of four bridges over the Hlaing River and can withstand 20 tons of load.—Than Htike

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lin and party inspect the Bayinntaung Bridge 1 in Yangon yesterday.

PHOTO: MNA

AIA Myanmar becomes first foreign life insurance company in Myanmar

AIA, recently announced that it has signed up its first life policy insurants, just after receiving its license from Ministry of Planning and Finance (MoPF).

AIA Myanmar achieved the license from Myanmar government to sell its life insurance policies through a 100% wholly-owned subsidiary. The first policy signings kick off AIA's efforts to offer Myanmar communities top life insurance services which feature extra benefits on top of its core products for customers. These include discounts for qualified insurants and convenient access to a wealth of expertise from its team of consultants on innovative coverage choices and health services.

Mr. Nhon Ly (Luc), CEO of AIA Myanmar said, “We are excited to inform the people of Myanmar that we have received the regulatory approval from the Ministry of Planning and Finance (MoPF) to commence operations and offer life insurance policies for the people of the country. This is a truly momentous moment for the insurance industry here. As we forge ahead to expand our operations throughout Myanmar, AIA aims to grow the local insurance industry, leveraging our company’s 100 years of experience, to deliver on our promise to ensure people enjoy Healthier, Longer, Better Lives. The company has now also announced that it has signed up its first health insurance policy holders, U Zaw Zaw, Chairman of Max Myanmar Group of Companies, U Aung Chit Khin, an entrepreneur, marketer and educator who actively promotes the role and responsibility of business organizations in the country’s development, U Zaw Zaw Aung, Associate Professor, Ko Htoo El Lynn, a popular vocalist in Myanmar, and Ko Htoo Char, a well-known actor.

The headquarters of AIA Myanmar is located at Office Tower of Junction City, integrated development strategically located at the junction of Bogyoke Aung San Road and Shwedagon Pagoda Road in the city’s central business district. —GNLM

PHOTO: PHOE KHW AR

Border trade value reaches over $1.4 bln this FY

MYANMAR has earned over US$1.4 billion from border trade between 1 October and 22 November, exceeding the $312 million collected during the same period last year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Total border trade included $989 million in exports and $436 million in imports. At this time last year, total border trade was valued at $1.1 billion.

Myanmar is conducting border trade with China, Thailand, Bangladesh and India through 17 border trade camps, including Muse, Lwejel, Chinhswehaw, Kanpaikti, Kengtung, Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthuang, Myeik, Nabule/Htikhee, Mawtaung, Mese, Sittway, Maungdaw, Tamu, Reed and Htantalan.

Among all gates, the Muse border gate sees the largest volume and value of border trade, with more than $765 million this FY, followed by Htikhee with $213 million and Myawady with $156 million.

It was also reported that the value of border trade at the Lwejel, Myeik, Htikhee, Tamu and Reed stations decreased this FY.

Myanmar mainly exports agricultural products, animal products, fisheries, minerals and forest products to foreign countries, while capital goods, intermediate goods and consumer goods are imported into the country.—GNLM

(Translated by Hay Mar)
Hindus celebrate Deepavali Festival in Yangon

WITH the cooperation from Embassy of India in Yangon, Myanmar India International Business Federation organized Deepavali festival in front of the Yangon City Hall in Yangon yesterday.

The celebration was attended by Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Kyi Min, Yangon Region Rakhine Ethnic Affairs Minister U Zaw Aye Maung, ambassadors from foreign embassies in Yangon, officials from Myanmar India International Business Federation and All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (Central) - AMTHF. Hindu people and invited guests. Union Minister U Thein Swe, Deputy Minister U Kyi Min, Rakhine Ethnic Affairs Minister U Zaw Aye Maung, Indian Ambassador, German Ambassador, Nepali Ambassador and Chair-

man of Myanmar India International Business Federation opened the event by cutting ceremonial ribbons and then posed for a group photo.

Afterwards, Union Minister U Thein Swe, Deputy Minister U Kyi Min, Rakhine Ethnic Affairs Minister U Zaw Aye Maung, ambassadors and officials from Myanmar India International Business Federation lighted oil lamps to mark the Deepavali celebration.

U Zaw Zaw Naing, the Chairman of Myanmar India International Business Federation, made greeting remark and Advisor of AMTHF U Kyaw Thu explained the Deepavali celebration.

Then, Union Minister U Thein Swe, Deputy Minister U Kyi Min, Rakhine Ethnic Affairs Minister U Zaw Aye Maung, ambassadors made remarks. Hindu traditional dances and modern dances were also performed at the event by the dance troupes including artists from the Embassy of India, Muth Tamil cultural troupe from Dala, Anitha Dance Group, Garet

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Union Minister attends concluding of sewing course, inspects vehicles and machineries

UNION Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Aung attended a completion ceremony of motorized sewing machine course no. 24 held at Yangon Region Dagon Myothit (North) Central Training School yesterday morning.

In his address to the event, the Union Minister said the course was conducted to create work opportunities for people from border and rural areas in order for the development of their socio-economic lives. The 100 trainees who attended the course were already tested by National Skill Standard Authority (NSSA) for the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population to present Sewing Machine Operation Level-1 certificates.

With the coordination of Labour Department and Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association, the trainees will be systematically employed in three garment factories said the Union Minister.

After delivering his speech, the Union Minister and party went to Yangon East District Development Management Office and inspected the vehicles and machineries stored and maintained in the warehouse of Yangon East District Development Management Office yesterday. — PHOTO: MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Yangon University’s Centenary celebrations to begin tomorrow

A ceremony to launch the centennial celebrations of the Yangon University will be held at the Convocation Hall of the university tomorrow (2 December).

Led by Steering Committee on Holding Centenary of Yangon University, the hundredth anniversary of the Yangon University will be grandly celebrated the whole year, from December 2019 to December 2020. Anyone interested can join the event.—MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

The Secretary-General Message on World AIDS Day

1 December 2019

ENDING the AIDS epidemic by 2030, as we committed to in the Sustainable Development Goals, will require a continuous collaborative effort. The United Nations, Governments, civil society and other partners have been working together to scale up access to health services and to halt new HIV infections. More than 23 million people living with HIV were receiving treatment in 2018.

Communities around the world are at the heart of this response-helping people to claim their rights, promoting access to stigma-free health and social services, ensuring that services reach the most vulnerable and marginalized, and pressing to change laws that discriminate. As the theme of this year’s observance rightly highlights, communities make the difference.

Yet unmet needs remain. A record 38 million people are living with HIV, and resources for the response to the epidemic declined by $1 billion last year. More than ever we need to harness the role of community-led organizations that advocate for their peers, deliver HIV services, defend human rights and provide support.

Where communities are engaged, we see change happen. We see investment lead to results. And we see equality, respect and dignity.

With communities, we can end AIDS. — United Nations Information Centre, Yangon

Glittering 30th SEA Games opens at Philippines Arena

The Filipino athletes carry the SEA Games Federation flag during the opening ceremony of the 30th South East Asian Games at the Philippines Arena, Bulacan Province, northern Philippines on 30 November, 2019. PHOTO: SOE NYUNT

Dancers perform during the opening ceremony of the 30th South East Asian Games at the Philippines Arena, Bulacan Province, northern Philippines on 30 November, 2019. PHOTO: SOE NYUNT
Establishing copyright system key to encouraging innovations, development

WHILE enacting its market-oriented economic system, Myanmar has carried out reforms to support the system. As a country supported by international organisations and its economy, it is important for our country to establish a copyright law. After more than 10 years of efforts, four intellectual property laws, for patents, industrial designs, trademarks, and copyrights, have come into force in Myanmar this year. To compete with foreign products, local products should meet international standards. The responsible associations and experts should educate and raise awareness about the importance of copyright laws, which guarantee protection to local products.

Every year, World AIDS Day is celebrated on December 1. It is an important day for all the people in the world to disseminate information about the status of HIV epidemic in the world and to unite in the fight against HIV/AIDS to show support for people living with HIV. This year’s theme for World AIDS Day is “Communities Make the Difference.” To fight against HIV in order to make the best global impact and to recognise the essential role that communities have played and continue to play in the AIDS response at the international, national, and local levels.

HIV/AIDS Situation in Myanmar
Myanmar currently has the 4th highest number of People Living with HIV/PLHIV in WHO-ASIA after India, Indonesia & Thailand. In 2018, Myanmar has an estimated 11,000 people living with HIV, representing 0.17% prevalence in general population. Concentrated epidemic among key populations, primarily among people who inject drugs (PWID), who have sex with men (MSM)/Transgender women and urban Transmen.

A major global public health issue
According to WHO’s 2019 World AIDS Day Fact sheet, there were approximately 35 million people living with HIV at the end of 2018. As a result of concerted international efforts to respond to the HIV epidemic, the number of lives saved has been steadily increasing. In 2018, 427,000 adults and 47,000 children living with HIV in low and middle-income countries were receiving life-saving ARVs, compared to 377,000 in 2017. An estimated 532,000 pregnant and breastfeeding women living with HIV also received ARVs, which not only protects their health, but also ensures prevention of transmission to their newborns.

Transmission in Myanmar
In 2019, there were 27,000 new infections and 9,000 deaths. Of these, 75% were women and thus, the epidemic is highly feminised. The sub-national level is quite different from region to region. The sub-national estimates show that Yangon, Kayin, Shan (N) and Sapingon, HIV epidemics are not declining as the national one. At national level, all modes of transmission are important, but at sub-national level there are some key modes of transmission driving the epidemic. 70% of new infections occur in Shan, North, Yangon, Mandalay and Sapingon.

Myanmar’s Response to HIV
Myanmar has responded to HIV with full engagement of all stakeholders, multi-stakeholders, multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral. Under the government leadership, the current third National Strategic Plan (NSP-III: 2016-2020) is an ambitious plan to end the HIV epidemic in Myanmar, including reduction of new HIV infections by 75% and 95% of people living with HIV (PLHIV) having access to treatment by 2020. It is also the first NSP to have a specific goal of 65% increase in condom use among Key Population (KP) over 5 years.

World AIDS Day 2019
World AIDS Day 2019 will offer an opportunity to translate our commitments into action in order to reach the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals, to end the AIDS epidemic and to ensure that communities are at the centre of the national response to the epidemic.

World AIDS Day 2019: Communities Make the Difference
By Dr Aung Tun & Dr Htun Nyunt Oo (Ministry of Health and Sports)

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Zablit chosen as Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi secretary general

PARIS (France) — A French-Lebanese engineer has been chosen as secretary general of the Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi auto alliance, part of a new business framework announced a year after former boss Carlos Ghosn was arrested.

Hadi Zablit, 49, will oversee industrial cooperation projects to improve the efficiency and financial performance of the partnership, a source close to the matter told AFP Friday, confirming a report in French newspaper Le Figaro.

The operational revamp aims to mark a new start for the trio as they battle to emerge from the shadow cast by the legal woes of Ghosn, detained last November over allegations of financial impropriety.

Zablit is currently business development chief for the French-Japanese auto alliance, which sold 10.6 million vehicles worldwide in 2017.

The dual citizen, born in Lebanon, first joined Renault as an engineer and product manager in 1994. He left to work for the Boston Consulting Group in 2000 and returned to the French car giant nearly three years ago.

Ghosn’s sudden arrest last year at a Tokyo airport sent shockwaves through the business world.

The 65-year-old Brazil-born executive — one of the world’s best-known and respected tycoons — is now out on bail after 130 days in a Japanese detention centre.

He faces charges of defrauding ring part of his salary until after his retirement and concealing this from shareholders, as well as siphoning off millions in Nissan cash for his own purposes.

Ghosn says he is innocent and is seeking to have his case declared null and void — even if legal experts and his own defence deem his chances unlikely.

Opposition leader Keiko Fujimori leaves prison in Peru

BEIJING (China) — China has issued new rules banning online video and audio providers from using artificial intelligence (AI) and virtual reality technologies to produce “fake news.”

The regulation published Friday by China’s cyberspace authority stated that both providers and users of online video news and audio services are “not allowed” to use new technologies such as deep learning and virtual reality to create, distribute and broadcast “fake news.”

“Fake news” has been generalised to mean anything from a mistake to a parody or a deliberate misinterpretation of facts.

The rules come into effect on January 1, 2020.

Failure to follow them could be considered a criminal offence, the Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC) said, without offering details on punishments.

The rules require videos and audio tracks produced using AI or virtual reality technologies to carry clear labels warning users.

The regulations particularly stressed the dangers of “deepfakes,” or technology that manipulates videos to appear genuine but which depict events that never happened.

Deepfake technologies could “disrupt social order and violate people’s interests, creating political risks and bringing a negative impact to national security and social stability,” the cyberspace authority warned.

Concerns over deepfakes have grown since the 2016 US election campaign which saw wide use of online disinformation, according to US investigations.

China’s top legislative body said earlier this year it was considering making deepfake technology illegal.

A Chinese face-swapping app Zao, which allows users to convincingly superimpose their own likeness over characters in movies or TV shows, led to a heated debate on the abuses of deepfake technologies in September. —AFP

Germany’s far-right AfD elects new leaders as radicals rise

BRAUNSCHWEIG (Germany) — Germany’s far-right AfD party will elect new leaders on Saturday, with its increasingly influential radical wing seeking to tighten its grip on the group following a series of electoral victories.

The anti-migrant party’s extremists have the upper hand following a series of electoral gains in eastern regions in September and October that have caused widespread domestic and international consternation.

Underlining the polarising effect the party has on Germany, up to 12,000 protesters are expected to gather outside the congress hall in the city of Braunschweig to demonstrate against what they call a racist party.

On Friday night around a thousand protesters, all dressed in black, marched through the center of the city, heeding the call of an anti-fascist group.

Volkswagen, whose name is on the hall used by the AfD, has requested for its logo to be covered up.

Within the hall, tensions are also set to run high as 78-year-old Alexander Gauland is expected to step down from his co-chairman role, while 58-year-old Joerg Meuthen is set to defend his seat against a challenge from party radicals.

Bjoern Hoecke, the leader of the radical Fluegel (“Wing”), has not directly put forward his name for Gauland’s spot.

But anyone seeking the post would have to get the backing of his faction, which is known for its criticism of Germany’s culture of remembrance.

One likely candidate who might please all sides is Tino Chrupalla, a 44-year-old MP and former house-painter from the eastern state of Saxony.

Chrupalla, who met with former Donald Trump advisor Steve Bannon in Berlin earlier this year, can count on the support of Hoecke’s Fluegel.

At the same time, Gauland has also tacitly given him his backing by pledging to stand aside if Chrupalla went for his post.—AFP

China bans ‘fake news’ created with AI, bots

China has issued new rules banning online video and audio providers from using artificial intelligence (AI) and virtual reality technologies to produce “fake news.”

The regulation published Friday by China’s cyberspace authority stated that both providers and users of online video news and audio services are “not allowed” to use new technologies such as deep learning and virtual reality to create, distribute and broadcast “fake news.”

“Fake news” has been generalised to mean anything from a mistake to a parody or a deliberate misinterpretation of facts.

The rules come into effect on January 1, 2020.

Failure to follow them could be considered a criminal offence, the Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC) said, without offering details on punishments.

The rules require videos and audio tracks produced using AI or virtual reality technologies to carry clear labels warning users.

The regulations particularly stressed the dangers of “deepfakes,” or technology that manipulates videos to appear genuine but which depict events that never happened.

Deepfake technologies could “disrupt social order and violate people’s interests, creating political risks and bringing a negative impact to national security and social stability,” the cyberspace authority warned.

Concerns over deepfakes have grown since the 2016 US election campaign which saw wide use of online disinformation, according to US investigations.

China’s top legislative body said earlier this year it was considering making deepfake technology illegal.

A Chinese face-swapping app Zao, which allows users to convincingly superimpose their own likeness over characters in movies or TV shows, led to a heated debate on the abuses of deepfake technologies in September. —AFP

Opposition leader Keiko Fujimori leaves prison in Peru

BEIRUT (Lebanon) — A French-Lebanese engineer has been chosen as secretary general of the Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi auto alliance. PHOTO: AFP

Hadi Zablit has been chosen as the secretary general of the Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi auto alliance. PHOTO: AFP

Germany’s far-right AfD elects new leaders as radicals rise

Opposition leader Keiko Fujimori spent 13 months in pre-trial detention in a corruption case linked to Brazilian construction giant Odebrecht. PHOTO: AFP

LIMA (Peru) — Peru opposition leader Keiko Fujimori was released from prison Friday after spending 13 months in pre-trial detention in a corruption case linked to Brazilian construction giant Odebrecht.

Her release comes days after the country’s Constitutional Court ordered her freed in a ruling related only to her detention and which otherwise has no bearing on the corruption case against her.

“For me, it was the most painful event of my life,” Fujimori said as she left prison and hugged her husband in front of a large group of supporters and journalists.

The court, she said “has corrected damage that has been inflicted on us. I will continue to face the investigation, as I have always done.”

Supporters welcomed her release with applause and shouts of “Keiko liberty!” and “Keiko president!”

The 44-year-old eldest daughter of disgraced former president Alberto Fujimori had been held since October 31, 2018.

Her American husband, Mark Vito, had been on hunger strike outside his wife’s prison on the outskirts of Lima to press for her release.

“I’m going to take some time to reunite with my family,” she told journalists, when asked about her immediate political future.

Once Peru’s most popular politician, Fujimori theoretically now has time to campaign for presidential elections set for July 2021.

Fujimori is accused of accepting $12.2 million in illicit party funding for her 2011 election campaign as leader of the right-wing Popular Force party.

Odebrecht has admitted to paying at least $29 million to Peruvian officials since 2004, and bribing four former Peruvian presidents.—AFP

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UK vows review as convicted terrorist named in London attack

LONDON (United Kingdom) — The British government on Saturday vowed a “full review” after a convicted terrorist released early from prison was suspected of stabbing two people to death on London Bridge.

Police shot Usman Khan dead after his suspected assault that seriously injured three other people was broken up by bystanders — one armed with a five-foot narwhal tusk and another a fire extinguisher.

Video footage of the confrontation showed Khan, 28, being challenged by a man wielding the tusk — believed to have been taken from a nearby historic hall — and sprayed with the extinguisher.

He had been conditionally released from jail last December after serving less than half of a 16-year sentence for terrorism, and was wearing a suspected fake explosive device.

Moments later armed police officers arrived on the scene and shot him dead.

Investigators have said they are not actively seeking others in relation to the incident, which recalled a three-man terrorist assault two years ago on London Bridge that killed eight.

The latest attack came less than two weeks before Britain’s general election, and politicians temporarily suspended campaigning.

Security Minister Brandon Lewis said the government would check whether sentences were being dealt with “in a proper way” following Friday’s carnage.

“All over any incident like this, there has to be and always is, a full review and lessons-learned approach,” he told BBC Radio.

“We have to let the investigation complete itself first, but that will absolutely happen.”

‘Budge him to the ground’

Khan, from Stoke in central England, was handed an indefinite sentence for public protection in 2012, with at least eight years in prison, along with eight others inspired by Al-Qaeda who had plotted to bomb targets including the London Stock Exchange.

They were also found guilty of making longer-term plans including taking part in “terrorist training” in Pakistan.

But the sentences of Khan and two co-conspirators were quashed by the Court of Appeal in April 2013 and he received a new 21-year sentence, comprising a maximum custodial term of 16 years.

Police on Saturday were reportedly searching a property in Stafford, in central England, thought to be connected to Khan.

Police believe he began the attack at Fishmonger’s Hall, a historic building said to contain many ancient artefacts on the north side of the bridge.

It was hosting an event organised by the University of Cambridge’s criminology institute on prisoner rehabilitation, attended by Khan, who reportedly arrived with two knives and the fake suicide vest.

Vice-Chancellor Stephen Toope said he was “devastated” that the university’s staff, students and alumni may have been targeted.

The Metropolitan Police appealed for witnesses from the event to come forward.

As the attack moved to London Bridge, a throng of people could be seen in videos grappling with Khan on a pedestrian walkway.

Terror guide Steve Hurst told BBC radio that “everyone was just on top of him trying to budge him to the ground.

“I saw that the knife was still in his hand so I just put a foot in to try and kick him in the head: we were trying to do as much as we could to try and dislodge the knife,” he said.

One man in a suit and tie — identified by media as a police officer — was later seen carrying a large knife away.

Pressure rises on Malta PM to resign over slain reporter case

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Malta’s Prime Minister Joseph Muscat has been heavily criticised over his government’s handling of the shock murder of a journalist. PHOTO:AFP

Iraqis keep up anti-regime demos despite PM’s vow to quit

NASIRIYAH (Iraq) — Iraqis kept up anti-government protests on Saturday, unsatisfied with the premier’s vowed resignation and insisting on the overhaul of a system they say is corrupt and beholden to foreign powers.

Protesters have hit the streets since early October in the largest grassroots movement Iraq has seen in decades, sparked by fury at poor public services, lack of jobs and endemic government graft.

The decentralised demonstrations were met with violence from security forces and armed groups, leaving more than 420 people dead and 15,000 wounded according to an AFP tally compiled from medics and an Iraqi rights commission.

The toll spiked dramatically this week, when a crackdown by security forces left dozens dead in Baghdad, the Shiite shrine city of Najaf and the southern hotspot of Nasiriyah — the birthplace of Prime Minister Adel Abdul Mahdi.

Facing pressure from the street and the country’s top Shiite cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani, Abdul Mahdi announced on Friday that he would submit his resignation to parliament, due to meet on Sunday.

But demonstrations have not subsided, with crowds in the capital and across the Shiite-majority south sticking to their weeks-long demand of complete regime change.

“We’ll keep up this movement,” said one protester in the southern hotspot of Diwaniyah, where thousands turned out early on Saturday.

“Abdel Mahdi’s resignation is only the first step, and now all corrupt figures must be removed and judged,” he said.

—AFP
Japan, India hold 1st security talks with China in sight

NEW DELHI — Japan and India held inaugural security talks Saturday at which they are expected to affirm coordination in building a free and open Indo-Pacific in a veiled counter to China's rising assertiveness and military buildup.

Meeting in New Delhi, the foreign and defense ministers of the two Asian democracies will speed up negotiations for an acquisition and cross-servicing agreement, or ACSA, which would allow the two sides to share defense capabilities and supplies including fuel and ammunition, according to Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi.

The two governments are planning to sign the ACSA when Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe visits India for talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in mid-December, the officials said.

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ALL round efforts were made for all round development of Yangon. In doing so, in addition to implementing new housing projects, old housing projects were also being upgraded or renovated. Gyo Gone Housing was one such old housing project that will be upgraded.

**Construction in 1952**

Gyo Gone Housing was first established in 1952 right beside Baho Road in Yangon Region Insein Township West Gyo Gone Ward. It was constructed as rental apartments just like U Wisara Housing, Hpa Sa Pa La Housing and Yankin 12 Building Housing.

As time goes by, the strength and appearance of such housings deteriorate. Now the time has come for Gyo Gone Housing to be upgraded.

Gyo Gone Housing Upgrade Project, a cooperation effort between Yangon Region government and Ministry of Construction, was one of Yangon Region government’s public housing upgrade projects.

**Relocation to new apartments by drawing lot**

Gyo Gone Housing was situated on about 16 acres of land. While the upgrade or reconstruction works were conducted, those living in the present Gyo Gone Housing apartments will have to move out. Once the Gyo Gone Housing Upgrade Project was completed, the tenants of the current apartments will be allocated to new apartments by drawing lots. Yangon Region government plan to help with relocation cost.

Yangon Metropolitan Development Public Co., Ltd. was assigned as tender coordinator for tender work process and inviting investment proposals.

**Interest to invest**

Starting from 5 November 2019, locals and foreign companies can make tender proposals. According to announcements made in state-owned media, the tender closing date was 20 December 2019. Some local and foreign companies had shown interest in it and were reportedly making enquiries and preparations.

Gyo Gone Housing Upgrade Project was included in Yangon Region Government’s Yangon Project Bank. It was one of the 80 projects that were posted in the Yangon Project Bank. It is a public housing upgrade project conducted under the guidance of Yangon Region government and the management and supervision of Department of Urban and Housing Development.

**Constructing housedings**

Gyo Gone Housing Upgrade Project is not simply upgrading the old housing with fair-value housing but will also include school, health care clinic, green area or park.

In Yangon, most public housings were old buildings built more than half a century ago and Yangon Region government was planning to upgrade and modernize them all. Modernizing and upgrading of old public housings like Pyi Ttaw Thit Housing in Pazundaung Township and Hpa Sa Pa La Housing had started.

Gyo Gone Housing Upgrade Project for which tenders were being issued was one of the eleven housing and industrial zone projects being constructed by Ministry of Construction in Yangon Region.

**Linked with transportation**

If housing projects in Yangon were developed together with transportation sector, living standards of urban dwellers in Yangon will soon be raised to another level. Success of a housing project was intertwined with ease of transport like bus and train links.

Gyo Gone Housing Upgrade Project had good bus and train links conveniently within a short walking distance and would certainly be a fair-value housing that would support Yangon’s development.
Development projects taking shape in Chin State

IN an attempt to reduce travel delays and carry out emergency rescue operations, a small airport is being built in Loilenpi Town, a far-flung area which is located 4,000 ft. above sea level and has an opportunity to become a tourist destination in Matupi District, Southern Chin State. The project has been about 25 percent finished and land reclamation for the project site is nearly 35 percent completed, according to a source from the local government.

The airport project is being developed by New Asia Star Khat Co., Ltd under the close supervision of Health & Hope, a Christian relief and development organization working in Myanmar with the financial assistance of the UK-based Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) International, an international non-governmental organization. The small airport is under construction with some US$ 2.2 million contributed by the MAF in cooperation with the local government, concerned departments, and an NGO named Health and Hope. The airport project has been about 25 percent finished and is scheduled to be operational by May 2020, according to the Chin State’s Ministry of Road and Transportation. Construction of the project which is part of a series of small airports to be built in Chin State was approved in July 2017.

The MAF embarked on conducting a feasibility study for the small airport in January 2018 and started construction work in November last year. The airport will be 3000 ft. in length and 150 ft. in width and it is slated to be open to the public in May 2020. Upon completion of the project, the MAF will conduct airport operations with three small aircrafts capable of holding a maximum of 18 passengers and can handle take-off and landing of the small airplanes with the approval of the Department of Civil Aviation under the Ministry of Transport and Communications. Air ticket prices will also be reduced to about two or three times than the normal ticket price, the ministry added. When the project is finished, it will help boost economic and tourism sector in Chin State, lifting the socio-economic status of local people living in over 100 villages around the town.

Construction of a new road financed by the World Bank will commence in October 2020, according to a high-ranking official from the Chin State government. The new road will link Kalay in Sagaing Region with Falam and Haka in Chin State. “The new road marks the first project funded by the World Bank in Chin State and the project will be implemented beginning October next year,” said the senior official. He continued that the Kalay-Falam-Haka road is vital to link Chin State with other regions and states in the country and once completed, it will contribute to the development of Chin State and Sagaing Region. The project will be undertaken with the use of a US$ 65 million loan from the World Bank and is part of US$ 200 million of financial aid provided to Myanmar after the country experienced floods in 2015, said an official from the World Bank.

The World Bank and the Ministry of Construction have rewarded Cardno Myanmar Co., Ltd to conduct environmental and social impacts of the road project with the aim of lessening negative effects on the environment and take grievances of local people into consideration to a certain extent. Poor infrastructure, transportation network and fewer investments have impeded Chin’s State development. Chin State remains the least developed regions in Myanmar. Located in western Myanmar along the border with India and Bangladesh, Chin State is a mountainous region that has hindered infrastructural development.

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Glittering 30th SEA Games opens at Philippines Arena

THE opening ceremony of the 30th South East Asian (SEA) Games saw glittering dances and performances of Philippines cultural troupes yesterday at the world's largest arena, the Philippines Arena, Bulacan province, northern Philippines, yesterday.

The ceremony began with athletes and coaches from eleven ASEAN nations, starting with Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste and Vietnam, and the host Philippines, marching into the Arena as part of the opening ceremony.

Also, President of the Philippines Rodrigo Duterte was in attendance as he opened the 30th SEA Games.

The ceremony saw the carrying of the SEA Games Federation flag by Filipino athletes, followed by modern and hip-hop performances by Filipino artistes.

There are 56 categories of sports being included in the 30th SEA Games in the Philippines, and Myanmar will participate in 31 sports competitions.

The Philippines also hosted the SEA Games in 2005.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

30th SEA Games: Myanmar U-22 team train for match against Cambodia

THE Myanmar U-22 national football team is currently training in Binan, the Philippines, prior to a crucial group A match in the men’s football competition for the 30th South East Asian Games, which will be held on 2 December.

Headed by chief coach Velizar Popov, Myanmar U-22 footballers who participated in the match against Timor Leste on 29 November trained at their hotel, while the remaining players underwent special training at the Binan Stadium yesterday.

The team Myanmar match against Cambodia will be played at Binan Stadium in the Philippines at 6:30pm Myanmar Standard Time.

Currently, Myanmar has played three of four matches in Group A, and Team Myanmar has won two matches and had one draw.

Myanmar played to a 1-1 draw against Malaysia on 25 November, having already defeated the Philippines team 2-1, and also were victorious over Timor Leste 3-1.

Team Myanmar is now at the peak of the standing table with 7 points, followed by Cambodia and the Philippines, who have each garnered 4 points, Malaysia one point and Timor Leste with no points.

Myanmar is now the strongest team in Group A to advance to the semifinal of the SEA Games men’s football tourney, as even a draw in the upcoming match against Cambodia is enough for Team Myanmar to proceed to the semifinal, according to football experts.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Myanmar Golf team leaves for Philippines SEA Games

FOUR members of the Myanmar Golf team, Hlaing Min Htet, Yar Zar Aung, Pyae Phyo Thu and Thiha Myo Sat, left for the Philippines yesterday to participate in the golf competition at the 30th South East Asian Games.

The athletes were seen off by officials from the Myanmar Golf Federation, led by Co-Secretary General U Aung Myint Oo.

The coaching staff for the Myanmar golf team also accompanied the players.

The coaches include administrator of the Myanmar Golf team U Soe Than, and team leader U Myo Thida from the Myanmar Golf Federation.

The golf competition will be held at the Lusita Golf and Country Club in San Miguel, Tarlac City, the Philippines from 4 to 8 December.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)
In his mind, the old man often searched the origin of stories whenever he was at his leisure. However, it was in vain for the solution. There was no definite history of the first and foremost story. There was also no definite record of the very first storyteller and that of the listener. He thought it might be the beginning of storytelling and listening which seemed to appear when people were able to live with society. It seemed to share the events such as the experience of hunting, traveling from place to place, bartering things, etc., by decorating and extending it.

The old man had ever noted that the earliest wall painting in the cave was discovered in French about 36,000 years ago. From the hints of the pictures, the movements of the images of humans of that time could be sourced. Later, the stories seemed to be more peculiar. From telling everyday movements, it seemed to become the telling in order to take lessons for the new generation. If not so, it intended to take control of the story listeners with the stories which overwhelmed with the frightening ones.

In stories, there might include Gods, otherwise, characters of animals, otherwise, the characters of the worldly world such as the sun, the moon, the stars, the earth, the plants, the flowers, etc., otherwise, the king, the ministers, the prince, the princess, the villain. In addition, there might also include the ghosts, the witch, the giant, the savior, etc. Then, they might compete with one another. And then, they might struggle. After that, they might lose and again they might obtain victory.

However, among the variety of episodes, the one that was the same thing in all stories was that they all started with the words ‘Once’, or ‘Once upon a time’. Though they started with such words, sometimes, they were not for the past but they tended to incline the future expecting with vague hopes to console the hungry mind.

Now, the old man was again starting the story with the words ‘Once upon a time, there was a king in a country…’ in line with his usual custom. Then, he makes a pause and took a sip of hot plain tea. His grandson was looking up him with wide eyes leaning its head upon his thigh. The old man already knew that the grandson’s wide eyes would weigh down and close soon.

The story of the grandpa and the grandson was often with no end. At the climax of the story, the grandson’s eyes got bright. However, the stories of every night were not strange for the grandson, they never seemed to become monotonous for it.

The old continued: “As there is a king, there must be the ministers, the people of the country, the crown prince, the queen, the sons, and the daughters. There must also be the rivers, the streams, the big trees, the bazaars, and the food.”

The grandson interrupted, “Grandpa, is our house included in it?”

“Yes, of course,” the old man agreed.

“Then, will our school, our teachers and the jungle of grass behind our school be included, Grandpa? And myself?”

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The grandson asks, “And then…?”

The old man says, “A very nice and pleasant country!” He again took a sip of hot plain tea. In fact, he had no episode to continue his story but he always took some time to consider it.

“Then...there is a battle,” the old man continued.

“But, you said yesterday it was a storm and heavy rain....” the grandson retorts.

“Yes, that was another story I said yesterday but now is a new one,” the old man confirmed his story.

The grandson listened to his grandpa’s story with vague and indecisive eyes. It never asked what would happen at the end of the story. It always got asleep gradually setting up images of weapons in the battle or the rain.
8. The more you deceive them, the more they love you. 
9. The more you love, the more you suffer.
10. Let there be peace on earth and goodwill among men.
11. My son is my son until he gets a wife.
12. The darker the night, the nearer the dawn.
13. The nearer to the church, the farther from God.
14. Reason is the highest form of feeling.
15. There are many things worse than death.
16. The tree that has most fruits is most stoned.
17. My thoughts are too deep to be expressed and too strong to be suppressed.
18. All the world loves a lover.
19. Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die.
21. All the world is a stage and we are players.
22. A dog never bites the hand that feeds it.
23. Heaven will not be heaven for me if I do not meet 
    my daughter.
24. Laugh when you can and weep when you must.
25. Laugh and the world laughs with you, Weep and you 
    weep alone.
26. Do one thing at a time.
27. You can serve yourself best by serving others.
28. To have loved and lost is better than never to have 
    loved at all.
29. Marry at all costs. If you get a good wife, you will 
    become a happy man. If you get a bad wife, you will 
    become a philosopher.
30. East or west, home is best.
31. Men make houses and women make homes.
32. Fools build houses and the wise buy them.
33. Thou hast made me known to friends whom I knew not,
    Thou hast given me shelter in houses not my own.
34. Early to bed.
35. Love is the dawn of marriage and marriage is the 
    sunset of love.
36. I killed Caesar not because I loved him less but 
    because I love Rome more.
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39. My head is bloody but unbowed.
40. My country is the world.
41. The enemy of my enemy is my friend.
42. A thing of beauty is a Joy for ever.
43. Without music life would be a mistake.
44. What is this life if full of care?
45. Sometimes the remedy is worse than the disease.
46. A banker is one who lends his umbrella when the 
    sun is shining and wants it back when it is raining.
47. Life is a comedy to those who feel and a tragedy to 
    those who think.
48. A day less or more at sea or ashore, we die. Does it 
    matter when?
49. He always runs with the hare and hunts with the 
    hounds.
50. A book of verse
51. Living is an art.
52. Greed is the source of all evils.
53. Reading makes a full man, writing, an exact man 
    and thinking, a perfect man.
54. Hope springs eternal in the human heart.
55. With words, we rule the world.
56. The pen is mightier than the sword.
57. All sorrows are bearable if there is bread.
58. I chatter, chatter all the way.
59. A loaf of bread
60. To join the brimming river
61. There is no sorrow greater than parting.
62. The future is something to which we are going at the 
    speed of 60 minutes an hour.
63. Longing comes from lacking.
64. I am glad that I am not a man, for then I would have 
    to marry a woman.
65. Old men go to death but death comes to young men.
66. You can deceive all people for some time and some 
    people for all time but you cannot deceive all people 
    for all time.
67. I say what I mean and I mean what I say.
68. Time and tide waits for no man.
69. One swallow does not make a summer.

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42. A thing of beauty is a Joy for ever.
43. Without music life would be a mistake.
44. What is this life if full of care?
45. Sometimes the remedy is worse than the disease.
46. A banker is one who lends his umbrella when the 
    sun is shining and wants it back when it is raining.
47. Life is a comedy to those who feel and a tragedy to 
    those who think.
48. A day less or more at sea or ashore, we die. Does it 
    matter when?
49. He always runs with the hare and hunts with the 
    hounds.
50. A book of verse
51. Living is an art.
52. Greed is the source of all evils.
53. Reading makes a full man, writing, an exact man 
    and thinking, a perfect man.
54. Hope springs eternal in the human heart.
55. With words, we rule the world.
56. The pen is mightier than the sword.
57. All sorrows are bearable if there is bread.
58. I chatter, chatter all the way.
59. A loaf of bread
60. To join the brimming river
61. There is no sorrow greater than parting.
62. The future is something to which we are going at the 
    speed of 60 minutes an hour.
63. Longing comes from lacking.
64. I am glad that I am not a man, for then I would have 
    to marry a woman.
65. Old men go to death but death comes to young men.
66. You can deceive all people for some time and some 
    people for all time but you cannot deceive all people 
    for all time.
67. I say what I mean and I mean what I say.
68. Time and tide waits for no man.
69. One swallow does not make a summer.

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)
Earthquake is a sudden, violent shaking of the earth's surface. When the large pieces of the earth's layers move against each other, an earthquake occurs.

Earthquake is one of the natural disasters that are capable of causing vast destruction and there is no way to stop it occurring. It is not always predictable as it can happen anytime — the moment we are sleeping, eating or working.

Our earth has been hit by a number of natural disasters like earthquakes, storms, floods. These disasters result in loss of life and property destruction.

Thus, we should know how to stay safe in an earthquake due to its high risk of destruction to our lives and our buildings. Natural disasters like earthquakes are impossible to avoid or prevent, but we can keep ourselves safe by following the guidelines recommended by earthquake experts.

There are three stages of measurement before, during and after an earthquake. There are some tips we need to follow in each stage. The first thing to do before an earthquake is to have a disaster plan. We must choose a safe place in every room. If we live in an earthquake-prone area, we need to bolt tall furniture to the wall and install strong latches to cupboards. Also, we are supposed to prepare a disaster supplies kit for our home. It should include a first aid kit, canned food and a can opener, bottled water, battery-operated radio, flashlight, protective clothing and written instruction on how to turn off electricity, gas and water.

There are also some few things we need to follow during an earthquake. The first thing to do is to stay calm. If we are inside a structure: all sound building or house, stay there. Then, do the ‘duck, cover and hold’. If possible, come out of the building or house, and gather in an open place. Don’t use elevators. Take the stairs to go down. Make sure we are at a safer place when we come out and not somewhere where there is a possibility of falling objects and collapsing building. If we cannot move out, get or stay beside the table, bed or some big objects. Stay calm and don’t indulge in negative thoughts. Stay away from glass windows, shelves, cabinets and heavy objects. Be aware of falling objects. Be alert and keep our eyes open. Help those caught inside or in need if we can.

There are also some tips we need to follow after an earthquake. Firstly, we need to be prepared for aftershocks. Once the shaking stops, take the fastest and safest way out of the building. It is not a good idea to stay inside a house after an earthquake because most buildings are likely to collapse due to the violent shake. Therefore, we have to leave the house carefully and go to an open space far from buildings. We should not stay near gas stations or fireplaces as an explosion or fire can break out. Then, we have to call for help without panicking if we have a cell phone with us.

In conclusion, it is important that we know and learn the tips on how to stay safe during an earthquake instead of living ignorantly. This is because we cannot know when we may face such a disaster.

Besides, just knowing the tips will not practically be able to help us in a real earthquake because we may not be ready to respond to it when the time comes.

For these reasons, we should work together with disaster experts in educating people by applying the tips and demonstrating them in pilot earthquake programmes. By following the above tips, we will be safe in an earthquake.

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and Eugenia sprigs, white and red scarves are arranged 
on them.

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were human beings from different walks of life: 
kings, queens, ministers, soldiers, heroes, hero-
ines, who served the country or who had 
done for public welfare.

Due to fatal accident assassination, execution pun-
ishment, disease, loss of life on the battlefield, died of 
violent deaths. Their spirits linger on, molesting living 
and relatives.

Because Buddhism is tolerant the above-mentioned belief systems 
gods and goddesses.

Buddhism in Myanmar was preceded by all above belief systems.

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cash or kind like silk or wood, fruits, drinks liqueur-eis 
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Nats may possess you if they love you, regardless of 
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ha ha

Ouch

I'll kick it out of the yard.

My ball’s been kicked out.

Gee, it’s a strong kick.

Ahh! Bang

You’re to blame for running into a parked car.

Get some people.

PEOPLE WILL BE PEOPLE

People

Cartoon
Maung Shwe Win

Hey, friend. Long time no see.

We haven’t met for about 40 years.

You seem fine.

Good.

Yes. But I’m getting forgetful.

Don’t know where or what I’m doing.

Go back home then.

I forgot where my house is.

Hmm!

By the way, who are you?

Gee. Now you also forgot me.

At a mental hospital

I want to die.

You keep on saying that. Do you really want to?

Yes.

I can help you.

How?

I’ll hammer a 4 inch nail into your head.

Ha, that’s not good.

I have no problem dying but my hat will be holed.

Yeah, that’s right.

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asked Khin where she wanted to visit during the two hours when we were waiting for a bus. She had no idea where to go.

"Excuse me."

I called a boy selling water bottles and tissue packs. He smiled at me and handed me a bottle of purified water when I paid for it.

"Where can we go in two hours around here," I asked. A woman, perhaps, the boy’s mother or aunt, told us that we could go to the waterfall and climb up Mt Hermit (Yathe Taung) where there were pagodas on its top.

We chose to climb up Mt Hermit as no bus or motorcycle to the waterfall was available.

It was easy for me to climb up while Khin repeatedly asked me to stop climbing it. She was very tired.

On the cement stairs to the top of the mountain, there were many rest places with roofed benches. I don’t remember the exact number of benches but it is more than five and less than ten.

Beside the stairway, there were few houses. Some houses were playing radio loudly, while some were talking loudly. I also saw a schoolgirl reading her lessons loudly at a house beside the stairway.

Their loudness made the surroundings meaningful. I thought. Without their loudness, the whole area will be completely silent.

Khin said to me, "Let’s stop climbing up. My muscle felt pain." while we were sitting on a bench and chatting. We saw a woman carrying a big pack climbing up along the stairway.

I showed Khin and encouraged her that even the old woman carrying a big pack was climbing up. Why she can’t. She stood up and continued climbing up.

We finally arrived at the top of the mountain after resting at every bench and seeing the dogs that previously warned us to stop. My muscle felt pain. "while we were climbing.

When we closed our eyes to meditate, the howling of the dogs around it was suddenly filled with the barks of the dogs that saw us.

I made a continuous voice to show the dogs the signs that we’re dear to them. My attempt to make friends with them was not successful. But they moved away barking when we arrived near them.

We finally reached a glass building where a big Buddha Image is housed. We entered the building, and bowed down to the Buddha, put our bags at a corner of the building and set the alarm clock 20 minutes to meditate.

When we closed our eyes to meditate, the howling of the dogs around it collectively appeared and continued for about three minutes. After the twenty minutes, we walked out the building and saw the dogs that previously barked at us were friendly treating us.

They didn’t bark us like the first time. That was a mystery for us.

Thinking about the changed behaviours of the dogs, we climbed down. We know that the down-way wouldn’t be hard like the climb-up. We arrived at the first roofed bench, and then talked about to take rest at every second bench.

We happily chatting climbed down the stair and noticed a roofed bench we passed-by. After taking some steps, I was amazed at my view that I saw the foot of the mountain. I asked Khin if she noticed many benches we passed-by. I surprisingly replied, "No." That was the second mystery for us.

I called the two ‘mystery’ as I can’t explain and understand reasonably. In today’s science world, if someone had told me like that, I, as a youth, will reply ‘just coincide.” But now it happened to me. Though I’m still hard to believe, it was real.

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and the wind that shake the earth thoroughly which were told by its grandpa as it likes. Then, another daybreak started. Then, another darkness came again. Like this way, the old man and his grandson’s story restarted again with the words “Once upon a time, there was a great kingdom…”

The little grandson always thought about what it wanted to think.

The old man, his grandpa, also told what he wanted to tell.

After countless nights were over, the grandson becomes a grandpa. He will surely tell a story with the starting words which are “Once upon a time, there was a great kingdom…”

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In fact, parents are the initial teachers for every human being. Therefore, parents are also ideal persons for one’s manners, one’s speech and one’s way of living. Being good or being bad of respective children is the inheritance relayed by their parents. If the parents admonish their children very well when they were in their childhood, it will be deprived of being blamed by the pointing of index finger of the others. Being good at the initial moment is to be good in the conclusion. These are the words in my mind, which I would like to address to the Sayardaw silently but I did not.
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I am a Junior Assistant Teacher. I was appointed in a Middle school of a small village which is 9 miles away from my town two years ago. There is a significant thing in the village. It is nothing but the whole village obey the admonition of the residing monk of the monastery situated at the head of the village. One day, Sayadaw sent us a message of verbal words to our school. In his message, our students cannot be able to teach the students until they can be able to do so as soon as possible. Our headmaster was silent. However, I had a complaint in which being poor in the religious order of the children does not entirely depend upon the teachers. This is just my personal opinion.

Such responsibility is strictly associated with their parents. That is why a child is under the nurture of parents for about five years before they are sent to school. That period is long enough to train a child to become a religious kid. Some parents teach their children all words such as ‘Phay Phay’, ‘May May’, ‘Television’, ‘Ba Ba’, ‘Ko Gyi’ etc. in order to speak them loud and clear. However, they happen to forget to teach them to recite the Holy Words of Worship. Some parents regularly go to the monastery to talk with the monks, but they forget to make their children come along with them to the monastery. I remember my childhood days. My father was a government servant. Before I went to bed, dad often told me the stories. Sometimes, he told me the life of Embryo-Buddha. Although he could not be able to complete his graduation due to the various reasons, he rectified me some English words he had noted. He also taught English language within his reach. He also nurtured my habit of reading while he was reading some books by making me sit beside him and read a certain suitable book or journal. Those measures my dad did were in line with Myanmar old saying “Parents are worthy to be called initial teachers”. I think.

It should not be to reprove the children not to curse to the others after the parents have cursed the others in front of their children. It should not be to prevent the children to quarrel with the teachers after their dad and mom have made a quarrel before the children. It should not be to tell the children the bad effects of drinking alcohol, being a guy who regularly goes to the pub. It should not also be to prevent the children the smoking habit while the cigar is being held in the parents’ hands. All of the parents should avoid such above miscellaneous behaviors.

Instead, parents can teach and train their children to practise the good habits while they are under their nurture at home. For instance, parents can teach how to collect the residue of the food they have eaten and throw it into the garbage bin, how to gather the plastic packing and place it in the place for the garbage truck; etc. There is also a Myanmar saying, “If the children are bad, the parents are blamed, if the pupils are bad, the teachers are blamed”. Therefore, the children can be trained and taught to be polite, to follow the disciplines, to keep the sympathy upon the others even when they are in their childhood days.

In recent weeks, while I was using internet access, a message from my ex-pupil came to me. It was just a single word “Hi”. I was so annoyed that I could not respond to any word. Why he could not say his teacher “Mingalarba”? I thought it was a rudely impolite word in teacher-student’s relationship. I confess we, the teachers, as well as the parents have a deep responsibility to admonish our children. I agree that the impoliteness of our children is due to the parents as well as teachers.