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State Counsellor attends launch of Labutta (Pinlal Lay) Bridge in Ayeyawady delta



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi formally opens the Labutta (Pinlal Lay) Bridge, which connects Myaungmya and Labutta townships in Ayeyawady Region yesterday.
PHOTO: MNA

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Chairperson of the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races, attended the opening ceremony of the Labutta (Pinlal Lay) Bridge, which connects Myaungmya and Labutta townships in Ayeyawady Region, and met with the locals yesterday morning.

The State Counsellor and her entourage, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Ye Aung, U Min Thu, Dr Aung Thu, U Ohn Win, Dr Myint Htwe,

and Dr Win Myat Aye, Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Lt-Gen Aung Win Oo and officials, left Yangon by special flight to Patheingyi, the capital of Ayeyawady Region.

They were welcomed by Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Hla Moe Aung and officials at the Patheingyi Airport before they proceeded to Labutta Township by helicopters.

At Labutta Township, they were welcomed by Union Minister for Construction U Han Zaw, the Regional Hluttaw Speaker,

ministers of regional government and locals.

At the opening ceremony of the Labutta (Pinlal Lay) Bridge, the State Counsellor said, "We have often highlighted the fact that the most important factors for the development of our country are the supply of drinking water, road transportation and electricity supply service because these factors will, I believe, certainly help consolidate the development of our country. As we all know, drinking water is essential for

our survival while it is only through efficient transportation that traveling from one place to another or trading will surely take place faster. Besides, it is important to get stable, regular power supply, which is necessary for our living standard and our production. It is only through the sufficient supply of all these services, that our people can make progress. I really wish we could build good road transportation everywhere in the whole Union, provide sufficient electricity supply and

sufficient supply of drinking water. Naturally, we have tried all means to materialize all these public services.

We are glad to have an opportunity to attend this opening ceremony of a new bridge, so our visit is something to do with road transportation. In fact, road transportation doesn't merely carry the literal meaning that you go from one place to another easily. It means more than that. Its implications are very serious.

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Equality of opportunity for all

To be a genuine democracy, it is not enough to be a "government of the people, by the people, for the people". The government must uplift the economic standard of our people to the point where there is equality of opportunity for all. Then only can we go forward towards genuine democracy.

(Extract from the speech given by
General Aung San at the Jubilee Hall First Preparatory Conference held on
19 May 1947)



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat meets with Mr Yamaguchi Natsuo, the Upper House MP and the Chief Representative of Komeito party of Japan, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Japanese delegation

PYITHU HLUTTAW Speaker U T Khun Myat received Mr Yamaguchi Natsuo, the Japan's Upper House MP and the Chief Representative of Komeito party which is a partner of current Japanese coalition government, at the Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they discussed promotion of friendship relation, close cooperation in democratic reform processes

of Myanmar, internal peace and reconciliation processes, human resources development, economic reforms and legislation process of the Hluttaw.

The meeting was also attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein, officials from Pyithu Hluttaw office and Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Ichiro Maruyama.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Union Minister U Thaung Tun receives Mr Yamaguchi Natsuo, Upper House MP and Chief Representative of Komeito party, Japan



Union Minister U Thaung Tun holds talks with Mr. Yamaguchi Natsuo, the Upper House MP and the Chief Representative of Komeito party of Japan, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

UNION MINISTER for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun received Mr Yamaguchi Natsuo, the Upper House MP and the Chief Representative of Komeito party of Japan, at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, the

Union Minister and the Japanese Upper House MP discussed matters relating to further promoting the trade and investment relations between the two countries. They expressed satisfaction on the significant progress achieved in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone (SEZ), a joint development undertaking between Myanmar

and Japan. They also discussed matters relating to promotion of bilateral relations, future socio-economic development programs and assistance for peace, national reconciliation and democratic transition.

Mr Yamaguchi Natsuo was accompanied by the Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar, Mr Ichiro Maruyama.—MNA

XTREME Media films documentary video of Chin ethnic people

SINGAPORE - BASED XTREME Media shot a documentary video of local farmers in cultivation fields and their daily activities in Shein Village of Mindat Township in Chin State yesterday.

On 23 December, the media crew also recorded gatherings of local families, their lifestyles,

customary practices, scenic views, hunting, its performance, dances and traditional instruments at Kyadoe, another village of the same township.

The documentary video will be aired in series on MediaCorp TV Channel of Singapore.—Tin San (FDC)

(Translated by Aung Khin)



XTREME Media team shooting a documentary video of ethnic people's daily activities in Mindat, Chin State. PHOTO: MNA

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivers the opening speech at the Launching Ceremony of the Labutta (Pinlal Lay) Bridge in Ayeyawaddy Region. PHOTO: MNA

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For example, if we have no good road transportation, this can affect the sectors of health and education because, you see, if the roads are so bad, the children will not be able to attend their school regularly. Besides, there occurred cases in which, because the road transportation was bad, the local people failed to make it to come to hospital to take medical treatment in a timely manner. So road transportation, as some of the people might think, is not just meant for the purpose of trading, not just for convenient travelling, but it is of crucial importance also for the sectors of health and education, which are the basic needs of the public.

Actually, I have prepared a draft for my opening speech to talk about a long list of what our government has accomplished these years. But I won't touch upon that because, as you all know, what we have done, and what we have accomplished will be meaningful only if the public realizes this. No matter what we do, if what we have done doesn't promote the lives of our people, it's nothing at all. Whatever we have accomplished in our country must be directed towards the interest of our people, for the people are the mainstay of a country. We build roads and bridges for the sake of our people, we provide the electricity supply for the sake of our people. But only if the progress and prosperity of our people have sustainability, our endeavours will be meaningful. On the other hand, if the development is just momentary, if the tide of progress ebbs, then our people will not be able to enjoy the benefits

in the long run.

I have repeatedly said that what is the most important thing for us is Peace. Only if there is peace can our country make progress. Only if we make progress, only if our country is well developed, we'll be able to keep peace intact. If you recall the past, there were times when the Ayeyawady Region had lacked peaceful times. Later, our young people who have grown up through the peaceful times might wonder what had happened to their regions. In those hard times, when the civil war was ravaging the Ayeyawady Region, our elderly people knew well about those dark days. I'd request our elderly people to share, to some extent, what you had suffered and how you had gone through. Only if we know where we had come from, our history, then we can decide on how we should build our future.

We learn history because we want to know what happened in the past, and what to avoid so that we don't repeat the same mistakes again the future. As far as I know, our children do not love learning history at school. If it is true, I'd point out that there's something wrong with our teaching methodology in teaching this subject. History is not just learning what happened in what year, and who ruled the country in so and so years, but we are taught History to seriously take into consideration and reflect over how a country was born, what issues arose in the country throughout its history and why. If we don't know the history of our country, it'd be very hard to decide over how the future of our country should be constructed.

Here, in this Ayeyawady Re-

gion, only if our young people are informed of how this Division had suffered in the absence of peace, how your grandparents had felt so insecure, running for life, then our young people could begin to think how they should mend their ways so that the tide of our peaceful times might not ebb. Though the Ayeyawady Region is now enjoying peace, yet there remain places in many parts of our country, where peace urgently needs to be restored - this we all know. And I'd request you not to ignore this situation going on in other areas, but pay attention as if the conflicts were still happening

Now those people have been suffering, and their suffering is also ours because we all are the offspring of this country, aren't we? So it's very important we should treat each other like our brothers and sisters.

in this region. How did you feel when bad things were going on here? Now those people have been suffering, and their suffering is also ours because we all are the offspring of this country, aren't we? So it's very important we should treat each other like our brothers and sisters.

Today we all are marching towards the Goal of Peace, but we are still faced with all sorts of challenges. The root of the causes of all these challenges can be detected on the pages of history. It is the consequences of what had happened that we are now faced with, and are trying to overcome. Let by-gones be by-gones. And we must move on

to make the best of what we can do. In passing, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you, who gave full support and stood with us during the time when we were defending at the International Court of Justice because the support of our people serves as a strong impetus for us. With your support, we can face and overcome any challenge, any hardships for sure because we all stand united. We should always bear in mind that the strength of unity is an extraordinary thing, nothing can compare with.

When I say bear in mind, I mean we should really bear

in mind because genuine unity is the unity coming from our heart. Now, look, you all are sitting together. From the point of view of other people, you all are there sitting together in neat rows. But if your minds, your attitudes do not agree or make a good match, this audience could no more be the forces to work together for one single cause. Again, something happens, and you all make concerted efforts and we can all face any challenge. On the other hand, if one goes this way and another goes that way, think of yourself, and not others, and fail to make unanimous decisions, we cannot get real strength.

Therefore, when the subject of the bridge came to my mind, I began to think that a bridge helps us to cross easily from one side to the other. Many of us think a bridge is the structure spanning over a river or a creek. It helps us to travel more efficiently in the form of public service instead of crossing the current. In the same way, bridges that link our minds for communications among ourselves and for better communications, so that we can march onwards towards our goal together need to be built at the same time. Just like the physical bridge. This is very important.

It goes without saying that whenever a new bridge has been successfully built, or when an old bridge has been mended, all our local people feel so much elated. Now they could come and go happily and their life goes smooth. Similarly, if only we could build among ourselves the Bridge of Our Hearts, we would be able to come and go easily within our country and march towards our future goal more easily.

It is usually the government that takes the responsibility of constructing a bridge, but there are some bridges all over the country, which were built according to a joint-venture project in which the government and the private sector collaborate in the sector of road transportation, some projects done only by the private sector, others by the state government. Please keep in mind that the government has undertaken the least profit making projects because the government is a kind of non-profit organization.

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On the other hand, the private enterprises have to make profit to some degrees, and we won't blame them for that because the development of the private sector also means the development of the economy of our State.

There is one thing I'd like you to believe in. That is, everyone can do his or her bit for the good of our country. Every citizen can do good for our country. Please be confident in yourself. Please find out your strengths and value them so that you won't abuse your strengths As you all know, you never abuse an object that you value so much. So have value in your strengths. Your strengths should be utilized for the country, for all.

I'd like to draw your attention to the fact that ours is a country of promises. I have been to so many countries in the world. I've met so many people all over the world. But I know my citizens best. You've been so close to me. And I do wish you the best, I want you to outshine more than ever, achieve more than ever, outdo others spiritually, and intellectually - this is, of course, the nature of mankind. With this attitude towards my citizens, sometimes I somewhat felt frustrated. Is it all that you can do? Can you be more disciplined citizens?

I often come across the litterers thrown on the roads and streets. I'd request you, no littering, please. Value your country. Value your environment. I always fume up whenever I see someone has thrown the rubbish on the road. This is the litter that our citizens have thrown carelessly. I might not be so upset if those from another country have done so. This is what I dislike. Our people mess up things in our own country's affairs. This is what I dislike most. Everyone may adopt the right attitude: Our country should be valued more than our house, our home. We value our home, but we should value our country and our environment more.

So just like that, I want our people to be more qualified, get more progress. But if we look around in the world, I could not fail to realize that our people are kind hearted, warm and friendly, and stand united in trying times. I could see the



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi addresses at the meeting with local people in Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Region yesterday. PHOTO:MNA

good points and the strength. This makes me believe that our country has a very good prospect. Just by having a good prospect does not end there. To turn that good prospect into reality we need to have zeal, determination and perseverance. For this purpose, we should all strive harder. Whatever we do, whenever we build a bridge or a road or take measures for the power supply, we should adopt the attitude, and value that we are doing for the sake of the progress of our country, for the sake of a safe and secure life of our people, and for the sake of the greater unity of our people. I want you all to think big. I want you all to be broad minded and broaden your intellect for a broader outlook.

In our country, while we upgrade the lives of the individuals by utilizing the developing infrastructure beneficially, we must strive for boosting up the agro-based industries, as outlined in my speech. I said these words because the Ayeyawady Region has been a superpower in agriculture since olden times. In those days, we figuratively called this division the Granary of the World. From the bird's eye view aboard the plane, I could see so many rivulets down there. So this division is extremely rich in water resources, but we must utilize the rich resources correctly and effectively so that the value of

these resources would not get spoilt. This is what we should keep in mind. Shall we say that, here, in this division, we can combine the strengths of physical infrastructures with our spiritual strengths and make developments?

On our arrival here, we were greeted with various national races. I was so glad to receive greetings of ladies wearing the traditional Cheik costumes. I've been saying the word, Union, repeatedly because this word Union is a beautiful word embodying beautiful meanings. And I want my people to understand its rich meanings. I want you to believe in the concept of the Union. We must be proud of being the family members of one and single union. Only after that, you may consider that you are a Mon, a Kayin or a Bamar. So the very first thought that should come to your mind is that you are the national races of the union, the offspring of the union; that we must strive to the best of our abilities during our life span so that our younger generations could continue to safeguard our union. This is what we should be proud of ourselves, proud in a positive way. We could do our best - this sort of mindset should be with us.

Labutta, a town in the Ayeyawady Region, is also an invaluable part of the Union, an inseparable part. Believe

in your own values. Keep up your values. We should stand together peacefully, and united. I conclude by saying never let go of your belief that we can strive towards building a peaceful, developed country. May you all have good health and wellbeing.

Thank you." After the State Counsellor's speech, a representative of the local people expressed thanks for the bridge which will be beneficial for the social, economic, educational, health, transport and regional development of the local people.

Then, Town's Elder U Soe Myint and Dr Maung Maung Aung and outstanding students from Labutta BEHS (1) and Myaungmya BEHS (1) cut the ceremonial ribbon and opened the bridge.

After the documentary photo had been taken, the State Counsellor unveiled a plaque to mark the official opening of Labutta (Pinlal Lay) Bridge and sprayed scented water over it.

While walking across the bridge, the State counsellor greeted the locals.

Public Works Department under the Ministry of Construction constructed a suspension bridge of Pinlal Lay in 1996 and finished it in1998. Its load capacity 36 ton declined after 2008 Nargis cyclone, and only 20 tons of load were allowed for going over the bridge.

After the damage of Myaungmya suspension in April 2018, the strength of Labutta (Pinlal Lay) Bridge was tested with the help of Chinese engineers. Based on the results, its capacity was categorized as level 4 and the maximum load of 14 tons was permitted for passing over it.

In the 2018-2019 financial year, the old bridge was removed, and the Japanese technology steel box girder was used in constructing a new bridge with 1,340 ft length, 30.5 ft width, 29ft high from water level and 192 ft wide vessel passage, costing K7,100 million, for load capacity of 60 tons.

The Ministry of Construction is building 2,380ft No.2 Pathein Bridge, 551ft Makyizin Bridge, 1,900ft Shwe Laung Bridge, 3,020ft Wakema Bridge, 2,362ft Kyun Pyathard Bridge, 2,461ft Sawke Bridge and 788ft Kyungkone Bridge, which are scheduled to be completed in 2020.

Moreover, 870ft Daedalu Bridge, 160ft Htipale Bridge, 60ft Yoechaung Bridge, 100ft Kanyinchaung Bridge, 240ft Mayanchaung Bridge, 120ft Sityaykwin Bridge and 866ft Chaungwa Bridge are under construction.

The State Counsellor also held a public meeting with the locals at a religious communal building of Labutta Township.

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Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
2. With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offenses up to 21 December 2019 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

Sr	Nature of report	Details on seizure and legal action taken
1	Information received of Phoe Aye who lives in Shwechi Ward, Pyinmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Territory, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 16 December 2019, police searched the house of Phoe Aye (a) Aung Zeya, 31, son of U Kyaw Khine, who lives in Shwechi Ward, Pyinmana Township, and arrested him together with ‘88/1’ stimulant tablets and heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Pyinmana)MaYa(pa)18/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2	Information received of Tin San and his wife who live in Naungtarlaw Village, Waingmaw Township, Kachin State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 21 December 2019, police searched the house of Tin San, 55, son of U Thar Tun, who lives in Naungtarlaw Village, Waingmaw Township. Police found only his wife Daw Bawm Nam, 52, daughter of U Saung Bawm, and mother-in-law Daw Ma Roun, 78, daughter of U Swam Lwam La Rayl, and arrested them together with opium. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (Waingmaw)MaYa(pa)239/2019 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3	Information received of Kyaw Soe who lives in Kwantine Village, KhinU Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 18 December 2019, police searched a motorcycle driven by Kyaw Soe, 44, son of U Tin Oo, who lives in Kwantine Village, KhinU Township, on the street of the village and arrested him together with ‘WY’ stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (KhinU)MaYa(pa)9/2019 under Section 19(a) and 20(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4	Information received of Kan Win who lives in Nyaungthabyay Village, Mawleik Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 19 December 2019, police searched the house of Kan Win, 49, son of U Cho Pyone, who lives in Nyaungthabyay Village, Mawleik Township. Police found him and San Linn, 28, son of U Nyo Oo, Myo Hlaing Win, 24, son of U Maung Zaw, Hla Aung, 54, son of U Ba San and Win Ko, 43, son of U Ni Pon, who live in the Nyaungthabyay Village, and seized heroin and opium from them. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (Mawleik)MaYa(pa)53/2019 under Section 16(c), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5	Information received of some people distributing and selling illegal drugs in Anawyahta 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 streets in Aungthukha Ward, Kawthoung Tsp, Taninthayi Region.	On 16 December 2019, police arrested Kyaw Swa Oo (a) Rajar, 18, son of U Kyaw Kyaw Oo, who lives in Anawyahta 4 street, at the top of Anawyahta 3 street, Aungthukha Ward, Kawthoung Township, together with ‘WY’ stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Kawthoung)MaYa(pa)140/2019 under Section 19(a) and 20(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
6	Information received of Soe Htaik Oo who lives in No 1 Ward, Palauk Township, Taninthayi Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 17 December 2019, police arrested Soe Htaik Oo, 22, son of U Kyi Sein, who lives in No 1 Ward, Palauk Township, at the back of the Palauk creek, in the same ward, together with ‘WY’ stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with NaMaSa (Palauk)MaYa(pa)8/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
7	Information received of Sithu Myat Soe who lives in south Kayatpyin Ward, Dawei Township, Taninthayi Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 18 December 2019, police searched the house of Sithu Myat Soe (a) Poe Zuu, 27, son of U Myat Soe, who lives in south Kayatpyin Ward, Dawei Township, and arrested him together with ‘WY’ stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Dawei)MaYa(pa)68/2019 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
8	Information received of Nay Lin Oo who lives in Latpan Village, Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	Police have opened three cases and arrested five men and two women together with heroin and stimulant tablets in the previous weeks. Acting on a tip-off, police searched the house of Nay Lin Oo (a) Nay Lin Tun, 26, son of U Khin Maung Myint, who lives in Latpan Village, Kyaukse Township, on 18 December 2019. Police found him together with Bilar (a) Kyaw Khine, 18, son of U Mohammad Ali, who lives in No 10 Ward, and seized ‘88/1’ stimulant tablets from them. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (Kyaukse)MaYa(pa)49/2019 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
9	Information received of Aung Myint Oo who lives in No 1 Ward, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 18 December 2019, police arrested Pyae Phyo Thu Lwin, 29, son of U Ngway Thein, who lives in No 1 Ward, North Okkalapa Township, at the corner of Thumeiktar road and No 18 Thumeiktar street, in the same ward, together with ‘WY’ stimulant tablets. Acting on a tip-off, police searched Aung Myint Oo, 40, son of U Han Sein, who lives in the same ward. But police did not find anything related drugs from him. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (North Okkalapa)MaYa(pa)86/2019 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
10	Information received of Shwe Phyo Aung (a) Baw Lay who lives in Makyeetan south/west Ward, Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 20 December 2019, police arrested Shwe Phyo Aung (a) Baw Lay (a) Ko Phyo, 23, son of U Than Tun Aung, who lives in Makyeetan south/west Ward, Kyimyindine Township, at the corner of U Kywe Hoe street and Kan-nar Road, in the same ward, together with heroin. Police searched at the suspect’s house and seized marijuana. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Kyimyindine)MaYa(pa)24/2019 under section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
11	Information received of Sai Pe who lives in Wawkhote Village, Kengtung Township, eastern Shan State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 15 December 2019, police searched the house of Sai Pe, 54, son of U War Laine, who lives in Wawkhote Village, Kengtung Township, and arrested him together with ‘WY’ stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Kengtung)MaYa(pa)278/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
12	Information received of some people distributing and selling illegal drugs in Winmyintmor Co’s area, in Thekwin Thatala 1 Ward, Namtu Tsp, northern Shan State.	On 15 December 2019, police arrested Daw Aye Ai, 43, daughter of U Eik Hta, who lives in Panwaik Village, Namsang Township, in the Winmyintmor Co’s area, in Thekwin Thatala 1 Ward, Namtu Tsp, together with heroin. A case has been opened against her with MaMaSa(Namtu)MaYa(pa)15/2019 under section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
13	Information received of some people using, distributing and selling illegal drugs in Panhike 8 Ward, Namtu Tsp, northern Shan State.	Police has opened eight cases and arrested nine men and a woman together with heroin and stimulant tablets in the previous weeks. Acting on a tip-off, police searched the house of U Eik Aung, 60, son of U Eik Yan, who lives in Panhike 8 Ward, Namtu Township, on 15 December 2019, and arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Namtu)MaYa(pa)16/2019 under section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Similarly, police searched the house of Hla Maung Oo, 22, son of U Chit Swe, who lives in the same Ward, and arrested him together with ‘88/1’ stimulant tablets and heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Namtu)MaYa(pa)17/2019 under section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
14	Information received of Yan Naing Soe who lives in Sithmuhtanhong Ward, Lashio Township, northern Shan State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 16 December 2019, police searched the house of Naung Naung, 22, son of U Tin Thauang, who lives in Sithmuhtanhong Ward, Lashio Township, and found him together with Yan Naing Soe, 25, son of U Khin Maung Yi, and Ma Myat Thu Zar, 23, daughter of U Myat Soe, who live in the same ward and Zaw Lin Htet (a) Pyay Ti Oo, 31, son of U San Thauang, who lives in Shankon Ward. Police arrested them together with ‘88/1’ stimulant tablets and stimulant tablet crush powder. A case has been opened against them with NaMaSa (Lashio)MaYa(pa)41/2019 under Section 19(a), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
15	Information received of Sai Soe Myint who lives in Lwekyaine Village, Haipaw Township, northern Shan State, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 19 December 2019, police searched the house of Sai Soe Myint (a) Sai Aik Mann, 42, son of U Hsan Hla, who lives in Lwekyaine Village, Haipaw Township, and found him together with Sai Htwe (a) Naing Lin Htwe, 28, son of U Myint Aung Tun, who lives in Sanhlwan Village. Police arrested them together with ‘WY’ stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with NaMaSa (Hsipaw)MaYa(pa)62/2019 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

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State Counsellor attends launch of Labutta (Pinlal Lay) Bridge in Ayeyawady delta

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In her speech the State Counsellor said, “My visit to Labutta is to open the bridge and to keep my promise that I gave when I attended the opening ceremony of the Myaungmya Bridge.

I am always pleased to meet with the common people and I value it. I feel an intimate bond even though I could greet the people only for a few seconds who are awaiting us for some hours. During the meetings with the people, I tried to understand their concerns. Here, I want to remind you all to have discipline.

30 years have passed since I joined the democracy movement. Since 1988, I have always told the people to have discipline. Our people are enthusiastic and active. They fully devoted in their belief. However, all the people need to be disciplined in their actions. This is very important. That is why I keep reminding all the time.

Most people interpreted democracy as ‘rights’. I will remind them that rights always come in parallel with responsibility. Rights could be misused if it was not controlled by responsible attitudes. As a result it will pose dangers to individuals and the whole community. That is why I always stress the need to have discipline.

When people raised ques-

tions to me, most of them maintained discipline. We replied to the well-constructed questions ahead of the meeting. If we had extra time, we offered more questions by drawing lots among the locals as all the questions were not allowed due to time limit.

Some persons shouted furiously as they did not win the lots for questions. We never pampered them as this behavior is regarded as a breach of rules and principles. It also violates others’ rights. Instead, they could send their questions through complaint session at the event.

Before the questions and answers session, I want to inform that the Pinlal Lay Bridge has been built, and it will surely be beneficial to the people. All the public welfare works need their cooperation. People are responsible for maintaining the bridge to a certain extent, although the relevant state department will do its tasks for it. State property is also public property. Foreign investments have entered due to resources of the country. Human resources are more important than natural resources. I do not recommend imported flowers which may lose state revenue. I prefer home-grown flowers. Self-respect is as important as other’s impression. All must value themselves. Quality of any material will last if it is systematically used.

It is advised that we are not

the sole owner of ourselves. We are also owned by our country. We will have to consider about the welfare of our nationals in addition to self-interest.

Ayeyawady Region has the highest number of population in the country. The delta area was very well-known for its agricultural sector. However, it gradually decreased amidst the changing trend of global demand. Previous glory has proved its intrinsic value. There is no point getting upset it about this for the Ayeyawady locals. We must try to develop ourselves. We must exert new efforts. You don’t need to worry about the unexpected failures.

We need to understand human evolution from our origins to the present state of development. Never say ‘no’ without trying for it. Senior citizens need to realize they still have capacity regardless of their age.

I am very affectionate towards two Regions which are Magway and Ayeyawady regions. The former is the native of my father and the latter is that of my mother. Although Magway region has seen lesser development, I am always proud of strenuous efforts of local people in the dry zone. They are my relatives. I also want to see the Ayeyawady Region like this as they are also the relatives of my late mother. However, every corner of the country is our land. We are living on the

same land. We have common expectations. Both Shan people and Ayeyawady locals need to go hand in hand in the same direction in considering welfares of all.

I always recommend to avoid personal questions. Most of the questions are concerned with agriculture. The Union Ministers, about the half of cabinet ministers, will give answers responsibly and dutifully.

After the meeting, U Khin Maung Win from a civilian White Ayeyawady Rescue Group, who carried a placard that invited the State Counsellor to Labutta Township during his visit to Myaungmya Township in April this year, expressed thanks to her for the promise she had kept.

The local people raised issues of development programmes in the region. Union Minister Dr Aung Thu, the Chief Minister and his government ministers explained the long and short term plans for these matters, and the State Counsellor gave advice and suggestions to ensure coordination based on the discussions.

The State Counsellor then appraised the locals gave them her best wishes.

The State Counsellor and party left Labutta Township via Patheingyi Airport and arrived back in Yangon in the afternoon. —MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

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16	Information received of Khin Maung Tun (a) Phoe-lone who lives in Ottantar Ward, Yaksawk Township, southern Shan State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 18 December 2019, police searched the house of Khin Maung Tun (a) Phoe-lone, 46, son of U Maung Ohn, and his wife Daw Tin Moe Hlaing, 38, daughter of U Than Pe, who live in Ottantar Ward, Yaksawk Township, and arrested them together with opium. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (Yaksawk)MaYa(pa)72/2019 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
17	Information received of Daw Than Than Oo who lives in Hsisonongyi Village, Pinlaung Township, southern Shan State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 18 December 2019, police searched the house of Daw Than Than Oo, 35, daughter of U Tun Aung, who lives in Hsisonongyi Village, Pinlaung Township, and arrested her together with opium. A case has been opened against her with NaMaSa (Phogone)MaYa(pa)5/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
18	Information received of Sai Tit and Ma Nan Lan who live in No 7 Ward, Kengtaung Township, southern Shan State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 20 December 2019, police searched the house of Sai Tit (a) Sai Shount Tit, 29, son of U Kyaw Moe, and Ma Nan Lan, 29, daughter of U Lone Sei who lives in No 7 Ward, Kengtaung Township, and arrested them together with ‘WY’ stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with NaMaSa (Kengtaung)MaYa(pa)7/2019 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

3. Out of the information sent to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department, so far a total of 896 cases have been

opened files as of 21 December 2019. A total of 1,411 people, including 1,177 men and 234 women had been arrested with

7167.6194 g of heroin, 1,347.32 g of ICE, 40,338.82166 g of opium, 404.98 g of low-quality opium, 53230.76 g of speciosa powder, 12097.32 g of speciosa, 2.5 liters of liquid speciosa, 453,412 stimulant tablets, 8,760.42 g of marijuana, 0.1 liters of opium tincture, 520.28 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 55.45 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 0.001 g of crushed ecstasy powder, 19 firearms, different kinds of 257 cartridges and one grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the department will report on further exposed cases.

4. To seize further drugs and to arrest drugs dealers, people are urged to inform the Ministry of Home Affairs, region and state governments and to inform huge cases of drug trafficking and other suspicious cases directly to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department of the Office of the President via following contact numbers:

Contacts:
Landline No. — 067-590200
Fax Phone No. — 067-590233
Email Address — antinarcotics@presidentoffice.gov.mm

Over 67,000 companies register on MyCO in over one year

By Nyein Nyein

OVER 67,000 companies have registered through the online registry system MyCO in over one year since its launch, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

Registration and re-registration of companies on the MyCO website commenced on 1 August, 2018, in keeping with the Myanmar Companies Law 2017. More than 20,000 new companies and over 46,000 existing companies have registered and re-registered on MyCO as of 30 November, 2019, which brings the total number of registered companies to over 67,000 in more than one year. “MyCO is receiving more than 1,000 applications from new companies every month. The companies are filing applications for registration online. There are no compa-

nies making manual fillings anymore,” according to the DICA.

Over 60,000 companies were previously registered in Myanmar and all of them were notified to re-register on MyCO at the time of its launch. At the end of the deadline — 31 January, 2019 — 46,377 old companies had re-registered on MyCO, and more than 10,000 companies had failed to do so, prompting proceedings for their removal from their list.

Those companies which wanted to restore their corporate status were asked to pay a fine and provide sufficient reasons for failing to register, according to the DICA.

According to Section 97 of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017, the registration and re-registration of companies must be done within two months from their incorporation, and thereafter, once at least every year (but not later than one

month after the anniversary of their incorporation), and companies must file a return of their particulars with the registrar on the prescribed form.

According to Section 266(A) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017, overseas corporations need to file with the registrar, within 28 days of the end of their financial year, an annual return (AR) in the prescribed form.

Although companies have to submit their AR within the due date, 5,724 suspended companies have failed to submit their AR as of November, 2019.

Newly registered companies must submit their AR within 2 months from their incorporation. If they fail to submit, they will be

fined K100,000. If companies fail to submit the AR form within 13 months, they may receive form I-9(A) notifying their suspension. If they fail to submit their AR form within 28 days of receiving form I-9(A), the system may change the company status to suspended.

Companies with suspended status will have to pay AR form and late fees in advance. They will then have to submit form I-9(D) to revoke their suspension. To get their suspension withdrawn, companies will have to pay K50,000 as AR fee, K100,000 as late fee, and

K100,000 as I-9(D) company restoration fee.

If a company fails to submit the AR form within 6 months of receiving the suspended status, the system will strike off the company’s name, according to the DICA.

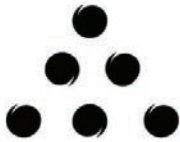
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Rising demand from China pushes up watermelon prices

THE price of watermelons, one of Myanmar’s main fruit export items, rose in the second week of December because of rising demand from China, according to the Muse Fruit Commodity Association (MFCA).

“Now, the watermelon price is at a record high. Trucks carrying watermelons did not reach the Muse fruit market like they did last year. So, the

demand has been higher. If local farmers grow more watermelons because of the price hike, the price could drop again,” said an official from the Muse Fruit Commodity Association.

The price of a 12-wheeled vehicle loaded with watermelons ranged from Yuan 8,000-10,000 in the months of October and November last year. Beginning from the last

week of December, the price has ranged between Yuan 30,000 and 46,000 (K6 million and K8 million), according to MFCA.

“If we can maintain the price of watermelons, it would benefit local fruit growers,” said the official from MFCA.

At present, around 160 watermelon trucks are arriving at the Muse fruit market from Taungoo, Meiktila, and Mandalay, he said.

Local farmers need to grow high-quality watermelons, which are among highly demanded fruits in China, he added.

Myanmar earned US\$76.874 million from the export of watermelons to China in the 2016-2017 financial year, \$77.46 million in the 2017-2018FY, and \$66.45 million in the 2018-2019FY, according to the Myanmar Melon Producers and Exporters Association. —Aye Cho

(Translated by Hay Mar)



Myanmar trucks laden with watermelons wait for inspection to enter China. PHOTO: HAN HTAY (LASHIO IPRD)

Putting timber initiative back on development track

THE Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation under U Ohn Win has distributed about 13 million plants nationwide ahead of the next rainy season as part of greening efforts.

We need to make efforts to nurture the plants we planted last year and to grow more trees in the 2020 rainy season.

Meanwhile, as the country progresses on the path to development, we would also need to extract timber. About 83 per cent of the country's population relies on forests, and if the country does not allow extraction of timber, it will be done illegally. Legal sales of timber would benefit the country.

Sagaing Region especially has a large forest cover, and so timber should be extracted in the region in accordance with the 2019-2020 plan. In the four years under the incumbent government, the size of forests in reserve areas is two times larger than seen in the past 28 years. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation has set a target of bringing 2.27 millions acres under community forests in 30 years, and so far 28 per cent, or 653,000 acres, of the target has been met. The number of community forest groups has increased from 2,065 before the incumbent government by 2,866 today, totaling 4,931.

The ministry is planning to borrow US\$200 million from the World Bank for afforestation.

To earn an income from the country's natural resources, mining should be allowed in accordance with Section 16 of the Forest Law while forest plantations are re-established.

As part of the crackdown against timber smuggling, the authorities seized

165,511.3 tons of timber and 11,045 pieces of machinery, and arrested 23,610 smugglers, including 59 foreigners, in the 45 months since the incumbent government took office in March, 2016.

From October to November in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, more than 4,434 tons of timber was seized along with 357 machines and over 560 smugglers were arrested.

The Myanma Timber Enterprise is a major contributor to the national economy. It owns saw mills and suitable assistance should be provided to them. But if we extract timber, we must take care to carry out afforestation. The afforestation in the country's arid regions has seen progress.

Over-extraction and illegal logging have resulted in deforestation and poor-quality timber, but new initiatives should be carried out in accordance with the law to get the industry back on track.

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More Work Learning than Book Learning

By Lokethar

LEARNING the "work" in the work environment is what "Apprenticeship" is about. It's a system of learning that is age old. The modern version of "Apprenticeship" has evolved with the advances in technology to combine learning at work with supportive "book learning" outside the work environment. But it remains more "work learning" than "book learning" which is the main reason why apprenticeship helps better develop practical work skills required for performance to quality standards. Modern day "Apprenticeship" is also a mode of learning that promotes earning while learning.

In the age old system of Apprenticeship a young man would bind himself to a "Master Craftsman" who was a practitioner of a particular "trade" or means of livelihood, to learn the "trade" by staying with the "Master", and serving him over a period of years while learning the "Trade". After the learning period, which depended on the apprentice himself, only with the permission of the "Master" would the apprentice set out on his own as a "Journeyman" to earn his living. Eventually after gaining much experience he would become a "Master Craftsman" in his own right and so would perpetuate "Apprenticeship" in his turn.

"Apprenticeship" is not alien to Myanmar culture. In fact the Artisan Trades well known in Myanmar as the "Pan Sai Myo" (literally the ten flowers) owe their survival and propagation to "Apprenticeship". The ten trades or crafts are Gold and Silver Smithy, Black Smithy, Bronze/Brass/Copper Casting, Wood Sculpting, Stone Sculpting, Painting, Carpentry, Turnery, Masonry and Lacquer were making. These craftsmen were the main source of skilled labour that enabled the ancient Kings and Noblemen of the Myanmar Kingdoms to build the Pagodas, Palaces, Monasteries, Houses of abode, and other structures many of which stands today as testimony to their skills.

After the British annexed the whole of Myanmar (then Burma) in 1886, they set up rail-

ways and large riverine crafts to transport crude oil and cotton from the midlands, minerals from the mines in the highlands, timber, especially Teak from the Bago Yomas and further up North, rice from the Ayeyawady delta and Rakhine and so on, to transport them to the sea-ports in Myanmar and export them, many of the products as supply chain to the industries at "Home". Thus they set up in

ship was not to exceed seven years.

During the British Colonial period "Apprenticeship" was extensively practised, especially in the larger Enterprises and Departments, both private and Government owned. To recall some of them, they were The Burma Oil Company, Burma Railways, The Burma Dockyards, The Burma Mines, The Irrawaddy Flotilla, Rangoon

Under the NVT project a draft Apprentice Law and Regulations were drawn up with the help of the Expert concerned, but did not see fruition presumably because of the lukewarm support of the Ministries concerned, even though it was the socialist era and almost all large scale industries were under one Ministry or the other.

Burma, a network of industries based on Agriculture, Forestry, Oil Drilling and Mining to process the products and ready them for export. They needed skilled workers to operate and maintain the infrastructures, machines and equipment of the industries they set up, including the large Grain Mills, Cement Mills, Mineral Processing Complexes, Saw Mills, Oil Refineries, Workshops, Shipyards and so on. To meet skilled workers requirements of the "Industrialization" they resorted mainly to "Apprenticeship", which was the least costly means of training local skilled workers.

The British Colonial Government introduced the 1850 Apprentice Act from British India into Burma. The preamble to the law says that the law is aimed at "better enabling children, and especially orphans and poor children brought up by public charity, to learn, trades, crafts and employments, by which, when they come of full age, they may gain a livelihood". The age specified for apprentices was "above the age of ten and under the age of eighteen" and the period of apprentice-

Electric Tramways, The Rangoon Port Authorities, The Rangoon Municipality, The State Timber Board, The Irrigation Department, The Highways Department, The Government Printing Press and so on and many were the skilled workers who were trained in the industries and workshops belonging to these Enterprises and Departments.

Many of the trained apprentices with their practical experience and further knowledge of their trades/professions gained through non formal means, eventually attained high positions in the Enterprises and Departments they served. Many, on the strength of their Apprenticeship Log Books could join the mercantile marine as Cadet Engineers. Some of them, after years of service on board ships, and passing the required examinations, rose through the successive ranks of ships' engineers to become Chief Engineers in the mercantile marine.

After gaining independence in 1948, the "Employment and Training Act" was enacted by the Parliament in 1950. The act was to facilitate employment

placement through establishment of "Labour Exchanges" by the Ministry of Labour as well as to conduct systematic training of workers to enhance their employability. It also promoted training of workers by employers in general.

The Ministry of Labour, in 1972 with the funding of the UNDP and the technical expertise provided by the ILO took the initiative to implement the "National Vocational Training Project" from 1972 to 1975. The modality adopted was promoting In-plant and Apprenticeship Training to train skilled work force for industry. The present Skills Centre under the MOLIP was set up in 1972 to train instructors, trainers and supervisors required for In-plant and Apprentice Training.

In-plant training took hold and there were many centres and schools including existing ones mostly under the various Ministries and the Departments under them. They sent their Training Administrators, Supervisors and Instructors to the training courses conducted by the Skills Training Centre of the MOL. There were altogether five experts sent by ILO to provide expertise for the NVTIP.

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The small private "industrial" establishments however, continued to take on young persons, especially from the rural areas as informal "apprentices" and trained them on the job for their own skilled worker needs. The practice is still prevalent. In many instances the apprentices are only given board and lodging and are not paid. The labour of the apprentices is exploited for years even after they become skilled as there is no assessment and certification of their skills. The Apprentice Act of 1850 was repealed in 1992.

With the advent of the Union Governments following the Multi-party Democratic Elec-

tions starting 2010, the Ministry of Labour (now reformed as Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population -MOLIP) like most other Ministries, worked to replace existing labour laws with updated ones reflecting the emerging needs of the various sectors of the economy. Thus the Ministry of Labour, submitted among other laws, the draft of the Employment and Skills Development Law of 2013 to the Hluttaw to replace the of timeexisting Employment and Training Act of 1950. The Hluttaw deliberated on the draft law over a long period and finally passed it in 2013. Among many other matters pertaining to employment and skills development of the workforce, the Employment and Skills Development Law (2013), enables employers to hire youths who have completed the age of sixteen years as apprentices and train them in accordance with the competency standards prescribed by the National Skills Standards Authority under the said law. In the ESD Law, the original of which is in the Myanmar language, the term "aloke-thin"- literally meaning

tice occupations or trades, the standards of competency to be achieved after the total period of apprenticeship, the duration of apprenticeship depending on the Competency Standards to be achieved in the occupation or trade, as well the percentage of wages of skilled workers that the apprentices could progressively be paid throughout the period of serving as an apprentice. The training could be conducted systematically entirely on-the-job or where possible, the apprentice could be sent to a training provider for the "book learning" part of the occupation or trade concerned.

Apprenticeship could enable many school dropouts, especially those from rural area families of limited means, and enable them to acquire a means of livelihood in the more common occupations of the small and medium enterprises. Apprenticeship in common occupations like bricklaying, bar-bending, concreting, electrical wiring, welding, pipe fitting, metal machining, small engine repairing and even garment making, shoe making and so on for which skilled

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"learner of the work" is used for "apprentice"- the traditional English usage.

The modern day apprentice training is practised in almost all countries of the world. It is a very cost effective way of training skilled workers. In fact with hi-tech making its way rapidly in to workplaces, in future all types of workplace based training, including modern apprenticeship will enable the work force to adapt rapidly to technological changes.

Myanmar will benefit much by introducing modern day Apprenticeship as practised around the world. The Rules could stipulate the appren-

workers are in demand could be undertaken by both private and public enterprises, operating in any State or Region of Myanmar. The State or Regional Governments could suggest the apprentice trades or occupations which would contribute to the development of the skilled workers most needed by their States or Regions. Committees set up by the State or Regional Governments could administer the Apprenticeship System in accordance with the Apprenticeship Rules and Regulations made under the Employment and Skills Development Law.

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2020, 72nd Anniversary Independence Day National Objectives

1. All National Ethnic Races to defend and protect with "collective strength" to ensure Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of the Unity of National Ethnic Races and Perpetuation of National Sovereignty.
2. To give priority and work for transformation of the rule of law and justice sector which is important for stability, peace and development of the State.
3. To work on amendment of the Constitution, which is the basic foundation for building a Democratic Federal Union.
4. To build and create conducive environments for Union citizens which can elevate their sense of duty and improve their capabilities while the Democratic Federal Union is being built.
5. Emergence of a peaceful and prosperous Democratic Federal Union by implementing the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan.

Public Announcement for remonstrance

THE Kachin National Party headquartered at No. 188, Aye-chanthayay street (2), Ward 1, Lashio in Northern Shan State, submitted an application for registration as a political party in accord with the Section 5 of the Political Parties Registration Law on 17-12-2019. In their application they mentioned that they will use the name, the flag and the emblem as described hereunder.

In accord with Section 14 (d) of the Political Parties Registration Rules, it is hereby announced that those who want to remonstrate with the Union Election Commission about the party's name, flag and emblem may submit a complaint along with the supporting evidence within seven days starting from issuance of this announcement.

Union Election Commission

Kachin National Party's Flag

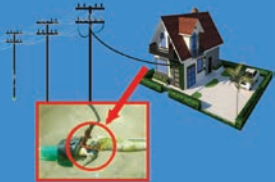


Kachin National Party's Emblem



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Tatmadaw (Navy) holds its 72nd Anniversary with commissioning ceremony of vessels

THE Tatmadaw (Navy) commissioned new vessels into service yesterday to mark its 72nd anniversary.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the ceremony held at the No 3 Naval Jetty in Yangon.

Chief of Staff (Navy) Vice-Admiral Moe Aung explained the salient points of the naval vessels. The Commander of Naval Dockyard Command Headquarters handed over the papers of the naval vessels to the commander of the Major War Vessel Group. Then, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) presented the scale model of the vessels to Senior General Min Aung Hlaing as gifts of honour in commemoration of the commissioning ceremony.

The phases of ceremonial procession were accordingly held in declaration of the commission-

ing of the naval vessels by the Chief of Staff (Navy), raising of the State Flag, the Navy Flag and commissioning flag, and ringing a bell for eight times.

The Senior General and party then inspected Vessel Mottama, Vessel Myitkyina, 27 meter patrol vessel, 26 meter sea-going tow/tug boats and 20 meter coastal patrol boats.

The Senior General took the salute of the Guard of Honour on the dais on board the Multi Purpose Vessel (MPSV), and inspected the Guard of Honour.

Frigate Aung Zeya headed the fleet of Frigate Kyan Sit Tha, Frigate Sinbyu Shin, corvettes Tabin Shwe Hti and Bayint Naung and fast attack crafts saluted the Senior General in Single Line Formation. The Senior General then presented gifts of honour to the officers and other ranks of the ships that took part in the na-



A commissioning ceremony of new naval vessels to mark the Myanmar Navy's 72nd anniversary held at the No. 3 Jetty of the Navy in Yangon. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

val show and the commissioned ships through the officials before delivering a speech.

In the evening, the Senior General and party left No 3 Naval Jetty for Ayeyawady Naval Regional Command Headquarters by war vessel Yadanabon.

The Senior General and party unveiled the booths to mark the 72nd Anniversary of the Tatmadaw (Navy) at Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Headquarters, and looked around the booths, according to the report of the Office of Commander in Chief of Defence Services.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Cardinal Charles Bo sends Christmas message

“I pray that each and every one of my Myanmar Brothers and Sisters become the ambassadors of peace and reconciliation,” said Christmas Message of Charles Cardinal Bo., SDB, Archbishop of Yangon in his Christmas prayer on 21 December.

“God is so indulgent to Myanmar. The graceful people from every tribe, the plentiful natural resources, the spiritual wealth of Myanmar: all these are the envy of others. This is indeed a golden land, God’s own favorite country,” he said.

Despite all these great blessings, Myanmar is today known in the world for the wrong reasons. Myanmar is dragged to an international court. Big words are used against this country, the Cardinal said.

“Myanmar needs to understand the world’s concern about the suffering of people from Myanmar. At the same time, the world needs a greater understanding of Myanmar. Myanmar as a nation has its own legitimate reasons for security. Countries all over the world take security precautions,” he said, “The world needs to understand the struggle democracy faces in this country. The international community needs to accompany this nation of a fledgling democracy. All stakeholders are trying to recast in the new Myanmar. Any sanctions will adversely impact our simple people.”

“The international events involving Myanmar today can force a relapse. Another relapse would be a shattering journey through a slippery rock. The people of Myanmar need understanding, advising, accompanying by the international community, not condemnation. Any sanction without consideration for the welfare of ordinary people will be a sad commentary on the world’s concern for our people. That is the message of Christmas,” said Charles Bo.—Taryar

Union Minister U Thein Swe attends launch of Population Estimates: 1983-2014 Report



Union Minister U Thein Swe delivers the speech at the ceremony to launch the Population Estimates: 1983-2014 Report in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

A ceremony to launch the Population Estimates: 1983-2014 Report was held at the Park Royal Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Union Minister U Thein Swe, the Chairman of Central Census Commission, made an opening remark, saying that the figure of population in 2014 Census was much higher than the estimated numbers of 30 years ago. And that the Department of Population prepared the Population Estimates: 1983-2014 Report with technical assistance of UNFPA and World Bank and participations of local and international population experts.

The report was based on the population figure of 1983 and survey results on birth rate, mortality rate, immigrant rate and UN figures.

The Union Minister added the report is very close to the number of population in 2014 Census and the UN figures, and that the report would be very beneficial to the country and users of these statistics by reviewing population and socio-economic status of the nation.

UNFPA’s Country Representative Mr Ramanathan Balakrishnan talked about supports of their agency in producing the report, followed by explanation of Acting Director-General of Department of Population U Win Zaw Aung and officials about the report and its finding.—MNA

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At least 25 dead in Indonesia bus plunge

JAKARTA (Indonesia) — At least 25 people died and 14 others were injured after a bus plunged into a ravine in Indonesia, a rescuer said on Tuesday.

The bus carrying dozens of passengers careered into a 150-metre (500-foot) ravine in South Sumatra province just before midnight (1600 GMT) on Monday and ended up in a river, police said earlier.

Originally the death toll given by police was 24, but the head of the local search and rescue team Berty Kowas said another body was found, taking the number to 25.

“Currently the evacuation is ongoing and some divers are searching (for victims) around the bus,” Kowas told Metro TV on Tuesday.

Footage shared by the rescue team showed bodies being taken out of the water on to stretchers.

Police and rescuers were scouring the river and the nearby slopes to look for victims and several passengers were feared missing.

“It crashed into the concrete road barrier before plunging into the ravine. Some people are still trapped inside the bus,” local police spokesman Dolly

Deadly South Sumatra bus crash



Deadly South Sumatra bus crash. PHOTO: AFP

Gumara told AFP on Tuesday, adding no other vehicle was involved.

Search and rescue teams have been deployed to look for victims, Gumara said, adding injured survivors were taken to hospital.

The accident happened in a remote and steep area near the town of Pagar Alam, hampering the efforts to rescue the victims.

According to a passenger manifest, the regional bus left Bengkulu province for Pagar Alam with 27 on board but some survivors told police there were around 50 people inside when the accident happened.

“Some passengers were probably added along the way so there’s a possibility some more

people are still missing in the river,” Gumara said, adding the cause was being investigated.

Traffic accidents are common in the Southeast Asian archipelago, where vehicles are often old and poorly maintained and road rules regularly flouted.

In September, at least 21 people died when a bus plunged into a ravine in West Java’s Sukabumi region.

Several months earlier, 12 people were killed and dozens more injured when a passenger tried to wrest control of a bus steering wheel following an argument with the driver on the same toll road in West Java as Thursday’s accident. The bus smashed into two cars, causing a truck to roll.— AFP ■

Brazil’s Bolsonaro hospitalized for domestic accident

SAO PAULO (Brazil) — Brazilian leader Jair Bolsonaro was hospitalized Monday after an accident at his home in Brasilia, the latest health scare for the 64-year-old, his office said.

“President Jair Bolsonaro fell at the Alvorada Palace. He was treated by the medical team of the Presidency of the Republic and taken to the Armed Forces Hospital,” a presidential spokesman said in a statement published by the G1 news portal.

The Planalto Palace has yet to respond to AFP’s request for comment.

According to the statement,

Bolsonaro was given a cranial CT scan, “which did not detect any changes.”

Institutional Security Minister Augusto Heleno arrived at the hospital shortly after the presidential convoy and told Globo television that Bolsonaro “is fine,” but must remain under observation.

The right-wing leader will remain at the hospital for observation for between six and 12 hours, the statement added.

Bolsonaro took office as Brazil’s president on January 1. He was seriously injured in a knife attack while campaigning for election last year.— AFP ■



Brazil’s President Jair Bolsonaro was seriously injured in a knife attack while campaigning for election last year and his health has been a subject of concern ever since. PHOTO: AFP

Argentina approves economic measures aimed at ending crisis

BUENOS AIRES (Argentina) — Argentina’s center-left government approved on Monday a package of emergency measures aimed at lifting the South American country out of its worst economic crisis in years.

Argentina is in a recession caused by a currency collapse that struck 18 months ago.

Poverty levels in the country of 44 million still top 40 per cent — in a country that was among the world’s wealthiest in the early 20th century.

The emergency economic package was announced by new President Alberto Fernandez, who took office two weeks ago with a vow to put Argentina back on its feet.

The emergency measures were announced just after 5:00 pm in the government’s Official Bulletin — several hours after it was expected due to some last-minute changes.

Fernandez’s plan involves tax hikes on foreign currency purchases, agricultural exports and car sales.

The government says the tax hikes will only affect the upper and middle classes.

The bill passed the lower house of Congress on Friday and the Senate on Saturday.

Fernandez has described this crisis as almost as bad as that of 2001 — when Argentina defaulted on a \$100 billion debt.

Its current foreign debt stands at around 90 per cent of GDP.

“It is not the same as 2001. But it is similar. At that time, poverty was at 57 per cent, today we have 41 per cent poor people; then we had a debt default, today we are in virtual default,” Fernandez said in an interview with TV program La Cornice on Sunday.

‘Tackle hunger’

The new law will allow the executive extra powers over finance, tax, administration, pensions, tariffs, energy, health and social issues.

The government’s aim is to “attend to the needs of the most vulnerable sectors and to ... spark



Argentina’s new President Alberto Fernandez speaks during his inauguration ceremony in Buenos Aires on 10 December 2019. PHOTO: AFP

growth,” Social Security Administration chief Alejandro Vanoli said.

The government has vowed to “tackle hunger” and has announced a 10,000 (\$160) peso bonus for pensioners and a six-month freeze on public utility prices.

“It’s a difficult situation, it’s a country that has had to restructure its debt, with a deep fiscal and financial deficit, in a situation of recession and inflation,” said

Vanoli.

“The state is putting all its efforts into those suffering the most from the social situation.”

Market-friendly liberal ex-president Mauricio Macri had planned in September to negotiate a restructuring of debt repayments with the International Monetary Fund, with which he’d agreed a \$57 billion bailout loan last year.

Argentina has already re-

ceived \$44 billion of that loan but Fernandez has said that he will refuse the remaining disbursements.

He told reporters on Monday an IMF delegation is due in Argentina “in the next few days.”

‘Huge freefall’

Argentina’s economy is expected to shrink by 3.1 per cent in 2019, inflation is hovering around 55 per cent and unemployment is rising to 10.5 per cent.

“That’s what we inherited. We can’t face up to it and pay the obligations that we’ve been landed with,” Fernandez said on Sunday, as he made comparisons with the 2001 crisis.

“We had massive unemployment, we also have that now. What we didn’t have (then) is inflation (but) now we have it.”

Economist Claudio Loser of the Washington-based Centennial Group says Fernandez wants to “make it clear to creditors that they’re going to have to negotiate a restructuring with Argentina.”— AFP ■

MNL holds evaluation meeting for 2020 season

WITH the aim of developing the Myanmar National League and the Myanmar football community, the 2019 MNL Evaluation Meeting for 2020 Season was held yesterday at the meeting hall of the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon.

The meeting was attended by general secretary of Myanmar Football Federation U Ko Ko Thein, CEO of MNL U Soe Moe Kyaw, director of MFF Referee Department U Tun Hla Aung, director U Kyaw Lin Htwe, AFC match commissioner U Tun Tun Aung, MFF disciplinary committee member U Soe Myint, MNL operation and security director U Aung Thu Myint, officials from the MFF and MNL, MNL match commissioners, referees, chief executive officers of clubs, team managers, coaches, media personnel, and officials.

First, MNL CEO U Soe Moe Kyaw greeted and thanked attendees for joining the meeting.

He said there were strengths as well as weaknesses in the 2019 Myanmar National League and that the 2020 season needs to be made better by overcoming the



THE 2019 MNL Evaluation Meeting for 2020 Season in progress at the meeting hall of the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon. **PHOTO: MFF**

weaknesses seen in the previous season.

“Though there were some weaknesses, the competition was intense. The championships could not be predicted until the tourney concluded. The teams that failed to advance another level could

also not be predicted,” he added.

U Soe Moe Kyaw also expressed thanks to the participating teams and sponsors who, he said, were important supporters of the tourney, especially the title sponsor MPT and broadcasting sponsor MySports.

The club teams are also expected to get more assistance as the AIA and AYA financial groups are providing some sponsorship, he said.

U Soe Moe Kyaw also urged the clubs to try their best to improve the league and said the

executive members are trying to make the clubs stronger.

Then, MFF general secretary U Ko Ko Thein detailed the international competitions in which team Myanmar participated last year, financial matters of the MFF, and youth football leagues planned for the coming year.

Thereafter, director of the Referee Department, U Tun Hla Aung, explained plans for training better referees and new football rules, and MFF medical chief Dr. Aung Kyaw Oo explained the medical check-ups for players and shared medical knowledge with clubs.

Later, AFC match commissioner U Tun Tun Aung explained the strengths and weaknesses of the last season. He was followed by MFF disciplinary committee member U Soe Myint, who outlined the actions taken by the committee and the discussions held with the clubs.

The meeting ended after MNL CEO U Soe Moe Kyaw made the concluding remarks. — Kyaw Khin

Week-9 of MFF Myanmar Futsal League to be held today

THE Week-9 matches of the MFF Myanmar Futsal League 2019-2020 will be held today at the National Indoor Stadium (2) in Hline Township, according to the Myanmar Football Federation's Facebook page.

The opening match of Week-9 will feature On Doctor vs Winner F.C. and will start at 8.30 a.m. Then, Do Do Ko Ko F.C. will take on Dream Team F.C. at 10 a.m., MFF U19 Team F.C. will play AMM Brothers F.C. at 11.30 a.m., Futsal Chit Thu F.C. will be pitted against Let Wel Thone Nara at 1 p.m., VUC F.C. will face GV F.C. at 2:30 pm, and MIU F.C. will clash with Myoma JY F.C. at

4 pm.

After Week-8, VUC FC is at the top of the standing table with 24 points, followed by MIU FC with 24 points, GV FC with 24 points, and Winner FC with 18 points.

On Doctor F.C. is standing in the fifth place with 13 points, followed by Myoma JY F.C. (12 points), MFF U19 team (10 points), and Dream Team F.C. (6 points).

The last four teams on the standing table are Futsal Chit Thu F.C. with 4 points, Do Do Ko Ko F.C. with 3 points, Let Wel Thone Nara F.C. with 3 points, and AMM Brothers F.C. with 1 point. — Kyaw Khin

Liverpool's Klopp turns cricket's Du Plessis into fan

CENTURION (South Africa) — South African cricket captain Faf du Plessis said on Tuesday that a chance meeting with Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp had turned him into a fan.

Du Plessis was having dinner with Springbok rugby captain Siya Kolisi in a Cape Town restaurant in November when Klopp, on a private visit to South Africa, walked in.

Kolisi has been a long-time Liverpool fan and Du Plessis posted a picture on both Instagram and Twitter showing the two captains and Klopp, commenting that Kolisi had a “man-crush moment”.

Klopp recognised Kolisi after watching the Springboks win the Rugby World Cup final in Japan



South Africa's cricket captain Faf Du Plessis. **PHOTO: AFP**

some 10 days earlier and came across to congratulate him.

“Did he recognise you?” asked a journalist at Du Plessis’ press conference ahead of the first Test against England, start-

ing on Thursday. “No,” admitted the cricket captain to laughter. “But he said he watches cricket. The Liverpool guys watched the Cricket World Cup and saw how well England did.” — AFP ■

Pogba hailed as ‘best midfielder in the world’ by Solskjaer

LONDON (United Kingdom) — Paul Pogba has been hailed as the “best midfielder in the world” by Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer after the Frenchman returned from a long injury lay-off.

The World Cup winner was

in action for United for the first time since late September as a substitute in their chastening 2-0 defeat at Watford on Sunday.

He could be in the starting team against Newcastle on Thursday as Solskjaer desperately seeks the creativity

the team needs to break down stubborn opposition defences.

“Let’s see how he reacts to this, how he feels,” said Solskjaer. “He did really well when he came on. Big, big plus and it might be that we do get him in from the start.”

Pogba, who had only played twice since the end of August due to an ankle injury, was introduced on Sunday with United already trailing by two goals and went close to scoring during a late attacking flurry from the visitors.

“He can play anywhere, he can play the whole midfield,” said Solskjaer.

“He’s a box-to-box midfielder. He can drop deep, get it, play long passes. He can get it higher up and combine like he did today.” — AFP ■