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Union Minister for International Cooperation arrives back after attending meetings on Human Rights and Disarmament in Geneva

THE Myanmar delegation led by U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation arrived back to Yangon on 3 March after attending the High-Level Segments of the 40th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council and the Conference on Disarmament held in Geneva, from 25 to 28 February 2019.

At the high-level segment meeting of the Human Rights Council, the Union Minister delivered a Statement on 26 February stressing the importance of guiding principles of the Council such as promoting human rights through constructive engagement and cooperation instead of confrontation and condemnation and the principles of independence, impartiality and integrity. He also apprised the meeting of the progress and challenges in the efforts of Myanmar Government for peace and national reconciliation, development, promotion and protection of human rights, resolving the issues in Rakhine State and cooperation with the United Nations in promoting



U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation, attends the Disarmament Meeting in Geneva. **PHOTO: MNA**

human rights.

On 27 February, the Union Minister delivered a Statement at the High-Level Segment of the Conference on Disarmament highlighting the current global security, issues on disarmament and non-proliferation, Myanmar's continued efforts and priorities on non-proliferation and national disarmament agenda as well as its works at the Conference on Disarmament.

While in Geneva, Union Minister U Kyaw Tin, accom-

panied by Ambassador U Kyaw Moe Tun, Permanent Representative to the United Nations, separately held bilateral meetings with H.E. Ms. Retno Lestari Priansari Marsudi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Pradeep Kumar Gyawali, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal, H.E. Mr. Kiyoto Tsuji, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, and H.E. Mr. Marcelino Medina Gonzalez, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba at the United Nations Building.

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During the respective meetings, the Union Minister discussed with those Ministers on strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation, and explained the Myanmar Government's efforts in striving for peace and national reconciliation process and promoting and protecting human rights in Myanmar, and resolving the issue of Rakhine State.

The Union Minister also received Ms. Arancha Gonzale, Executive Director of the International Trade Centre (ITC) at the Myanmar Permanent Mission in Geneva on 28 February and exchanged views on ongoing cooperation between Myanmar and ITC for promotion of trade, investment and private sector development. He also visited the Permanent Mission of Myanmar in the morning and attend the work coordination meeting with the Myanmar Permanent Representative and the members of the Myanmar Mission in Geneva, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA

YCDC upgrading two markets in Shwepyitha Tsp

THE Market Department of Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) is constructing the one-storey steel structure buildings at two markets in Shwepyitha Township for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Thandin market at 20-ward of Shwepyithar Township will have 40'x65' two buildings with 54 shops while Hlawga

Nilar market at 15-ward will get 35'x130' three buildings with 88 shops each. Those construction of two markets started in February and it is slated to end in May.

Thandin market ranked "D" level and it was YCDC market department transferred from the former DAC's and now there are 157 shopkeepers. The self-help stalls are installed at

market. The shopkeepers will have to draw lots to receive permit for buying the shops when the infrastructures completed.

Hlawga Nilar is a "C" level market which was governed by YCDC market department. After the construction, the shops will be returned to the original shopkeepers, said Daw Nyo Nyo Thin, in charge of market.

"Our market was also built in 1993 by YCDC and the shops were self-built and it was never upgraded before. Therefore, we hope to sell the goods at the upgrade market in dignity, said a shopkeeper from Ngamauk market.—Myint Than Kyi (Shwepyitha) ■

(Translated by La Wonn)

Police seize over 10 mln Yaba pills in durg searches in Ngaphe, Maungtaw

Local police have seized over 10 million Yaba pills in two separate searches in Ngaphe and Maungtaw on Saturday, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

At the Pyinwa check-point in Ngaphe on 2 March, a car driven by Thein Kyaw was searched by the police and over 1.4 million Yaba tablets, K9,189,000 in cash and five mobile phones were found.

Kyaw Min Oo (a) Ko Kyaw Gyi and Aung Sein were found on board.

Similarly, the local police

in Maungtaw, acting on a tip-off, searched a Nino parked on the Maungtaw-Agunmaw Road near Waitharli Village on the same day and found 8.775 million Yaba pills in the car.

Myint Soe, a suspect for the drug haul, was later arrested in Maungtaw.

Those who involved in the drug trafficking were charged for drug trafficking under the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—GNLM

Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun

