

Myanmar Studies Group's Book on Global Affairs launches

The launching of the book on global affairs, compiled by the Myanmar Studies Group, was held at the office of the News and Periodicals Enterprise on Theinbyu Road in Yangon yesterday. Union Minister for Information, Dr. Pe Myint, addressed the ceremony.

In his address, the Union Minister said the development of a country depends on its intellectual development. He added that intellectual development requires researchers to employ subject-wise research made with coordinated efforts, and the findings must be modified through criticisms, suggestions and supplementations.

Also, intellectual development must be supportive of national progress, as it might well produce visions and views that are more realistic, he added.

The Myanmar studies group compiles papers on the affairs of Myanmar and ethnic peoples, and serves as a venue for exchanging ideas about Myanmar's intellectuals, contacting international researchers, meeting international demands for references on Myanmar and acting as a medium between My-



Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint addresses the book launching in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

anmar's researchers and global researchers.

The Union Minister requested the attendees to provide input on ways the intellectual sector can supplement Myanmar's national development. He invited them to voice the requirements, shortcomings and other aspects of the periodicals and to add in any ideas that will achieve a measure of success.

Next, senior researcher of

the group, U Aye Maung Kyaw, gave a brief account of the book, saying that the book came about as a result of MoI's drive and contribution. He said they received assistance from Singaporeans interested in Myanmar's affairs and the book includes translations of articles from the US, UK, Asian countries and from around the world.

Fellow senior researcher U Zeya then explained the func-

tions of the group and was followed by a question and answer session.

Global Affairs No 1 features translated versions of internationally renowned articles. It contains information on current global schools of thought, interesting national, economic, political and military affairs, predictions for 2019, and other noteworthy articles.

Afterwards, Monywa Aung

Shin, Secretary of NLD (Central) Information Committee, said the book included a large amount of knowledge about the world including global perspectives on Myanmar and articles on China and European affairs.

The ceremony was attended by officials from the Ministry of Information, Hluttaw representatives, literary experts, writers, literature enthusiasts and invited guests.— MNA

AA insurgents attack police outpost in Ponnagyun, killing nine personnel

AA insurgents attacked the Yotayoke Police Outpost in Ponnagyun Township, Rakhine State, on 9 March, killing 9 personnel, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

One policeman was reported missing after the attack, they added.

The attack on the police outpost by the insurgents lasted from 11.20 p.m. to 11.50 p.m. The outpost is responsible for security in the area, and maintaining communal peace and the rule of law. The police outpost in Yotakoke Village, headed by Police Inspector Saw Thein Tun, has also been tasked with storing question and answer papers of the ongoing matriculation exams from test centers in the area. The men who died in the attack



are ethnic Rakhine locals from Ponnagyun Township and Yotakoke Village,

said the Myanmar Police Force.—MNA ■
(Translated by KZL)

AA insurgents attack border fence construction site

AA insurgents reportedly attacked a border fence construction site in Buthidaung Township, Rakhine State, on 9 March, according to a statement released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

On Saturday afternoon, about 200 AA insurgents launched an attack from three directions, from the neighboring Bangladeshi territory, on the construction site, which is located between BP-67 and BP-68, according to the statement.

Following the fight between the AA insurgents and the security forces, workers at the site were moved to safety.

Construction work on the fence along the Bangladesh and Myanmar border began in 2010. The work has been divided into four stages, and so far, more



The map shows the site where attack occurred.

than 120 miles of border fencing has been completed.

According to the statement from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, security forces will carry out appro-

priate security operations against AA insurgents, as they are threatening the territory and the sovereignty of the State, and the property and lives of the local people.— MNA ■
(Translated by KZL)

Union Minister visits Daewoo Bus assembling project in Yangon



Union Minister U Khin Maung Cho visits the Daewoo Bus Myanmar assembling project in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION MINISTER for Industry U Khin Maung Cho visited the Daewoo Bus Myanmar assembling project, a mutually beneficial joint-venture with No 1 Heavy Industries, in Htauntkyant, Yangon, yesterday, and heard a report on erection of buildings and equipment for producing

Daewoo buses and mini buses. In response, the Union Minister looked into the requirements in installing chassis assembly line, coach assembly line and engine assembly line in accord with the designated design, and inspected the erection of the shower test. As all the required machinery had already been arrived at the site, efforts are being made to finish the project soonest. Korean trained Myanmar engineers and technicians trained in Korea will join hands with the engineers from South Korea to carrying out the whole production process.

The project will manufacture standard Daewoo buses soon. Moreover a Daewoo Service Center and Product Showroom will also be opened. In the second phase the project will assemble 29-seater mini buses.

The Union Minister instructed the systematic assembling of buses in accord with the set standard for public safety, the realization of the goal and the environmental conservation measures. He looked around the assembly lines and inspected the Korean-made ambulance cars and passenger buses.

The project includes the erection of charging stations and CNG-used vehicles.

Afterwards, the Union Minister visited the training room and office of the electrician training school of the Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection on Kyaukwaing Pagoda Road. He spoke of the need to make cooperate efforts, keep training equipment systematically and the place clean and tidy and to conduct the courses well. —MNA ■

(Translated by TMT)

State-run newspapers to increase in basic price

THE News and Periodicals Enterprise has announced that the basic price for the *Myanma Alinn* daily, the *Kyemon* daily and the joint-venture English daily *The Global New Light of Myanmar* will increase from K50 to K100 starting 1 April 2019. —MNA ■ (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

One policeman missing after AA attack boat in Yathedaung creek

AA insurgents attacked policemen on board a boat in Kardi Creek in Yathedaung Township, Rakhine State, yesterday evening, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

One policeman was reported missing after the attack.

About 6.20 p.m. yesterday, a large boat carrying AA insurgents came across a boat with 14 policemen on board, following which the insurgents opened fire. The police officials were on their way to the Nyaungchaung regional office.

The police boat sank, along with three pieces of arms, after being crashed against by the insurgents' boat.

One policeman was reported injured and missing after the attack. The remaining officials were not injured in the attack.



Afterwards, the AA insurgents drove away towards Gwazon along the creek, according to the police. — MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

Ethnic entrepreneurs hold meeting



Honorary Patron Dr. Aung Tun Thet addresses the ethnic entrepreneurs meeting in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

“Ethnic entrepreneurs should exchange visits with their counterparts to have understanding of the businesses, traditions and cultures of other ethnic races,” said Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Naing Thet Lwin at the meeting Myanmar Ethnic Entrepreneurs Association-MEEA in Yangon yesterday.

Speaking there as the Honorary Patron of MEEA, the Union Minister said, “Such visits will enhance amity through the understanding of the cultural diversity,” adding, “national unity is of vital importance as it is the only force that will clear all doubts and build a Federal Union”

The Union Minister said, “Ethnic handicraft

industries must be encouraged. As the country lies between the two most populous countries of the world, it has two large markets. But only quality products can penetrate markets.

“Apart from individual efforts, ethnic entrepreneurs should also make group-wise efforts.

The Ministry of Ethnic Affairs is rendering assistance to form associations in accord with the rules and regulations. Aside from micro industries, they should form joint-ventures with foreign counterparts.”

“As the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs is striving for the development of ethnic regions in cooperation with relevant ministries, ethnic entrepreneurs

should also join hands in the task,” he said.

Honorary Patron Dr. Aung Tun Thet also gave a speech. Rakhin Ethnic Affairs Minister U Zaw Aye Maung and Kayin Ethnic Affairs Minister Naw Pan Thinda Myo of Yangon Region discussed matters relating to the ethnic businesses of the region.

Chairman of MEEA U Yaw Hset and General Secretary U Mahn Banya San explained the history of MEEA and its functions.

Ethnic entrepreneurs and representatives of self-administered division and areas presented difficulties. The Union Minister and honorary patrons took coordinate measures to solve their problems. —MNA

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