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Swelling rivers threaten people in low-lying areas

Swelling Chindwin River forced 386 families from 34 villages to leave their homes and to close 30 schools in Kalewa Township while its bank erosion forced 26

houses in Yezagyo to be removed.

About 30 schools in Kalewa was closed due to the threat from the Chindwin River. Meanwhile, the water level of the Ayeyawady

River is increasing, forcing 130 schools in total in Magway, Yenangyoung, Yesagyo, Chauk, Pakokku and Salin to close.

Meteorology and Hydrology

Department has alerted the people who settle near the river and low-lying areas in several towns as rivers are swelling.

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Employees work on a production line at a garment factory in Hlinethaya, Yangon. **PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE**

K 690 mln in insurance disbursed to workers in June

By Khin Yadanar

About K 690 million in social security insurance were already disbursed to laborers in June who had paid insurance premiums, under their respective categories.

The statement released by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population which has been upgrading social lives of labourers and supplying people's needs, rights and opportunities also said other social security, job

opportunities and labour problems were also solved.

For working force helping the development of national production, on-job safety, acquisition of peace in working environment, getting benefits of social security

for workers from factories and mills, getting medical treatment and care according to the law are being carried out by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, it was learnt.

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Vice President U Henry Van Thio is seen off by diplomats, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe at Yangon International Airport. **PHOTO: MNA**

VP to attend Water& Disaster UN Session

Vice President U Henry Van Thio left for New York yesterday evening to attend the 3rd UN Special Thematic Session on Water and Disasters to be held in New York.

The Vice President was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe, officials

from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Mr. John R. Groch Deputy Chief of Mission of US Embassy in Myanmar and officials.

The Vice President was accompanied by Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye and officials. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Two more suspects arrested in connection with October Rakhine State attack

Myanmar security forces arrested two additional suspects on Sunday in connection with an alleged armed attack in Ngakhura village, Maungtau Township, Rakhine State in October.

While on patrol in U Shae Kyae village in Maungtau Township on security forces arrested Marmauk Yawshee, 42 and Aryoke, 33 on suspicion of participating in an armed

attack of Rakhine State in October.

The suspects were detained in Ngakhura police station for further investigation. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Deputy Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker receives Mr. Liam Laurence Smyth

Deputy Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aye Tha Aung received Mr. Liam Laurence Smyth, the Clerk of Legislation at the House of Commons of United Kingdom at the Amyotha Hluttaw Hall (J) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed experience of the two parliaments. — Myanmar News Agency ■



Deputy Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aye Tha Aung meets with Mr. Liam Laurence Smyth. **PHOTO: MNA**

UN delegation returns to Yangon from Hpa-an

Ms. Yanghee Lee, UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar returned to Yangon by air from Hpa-an yesterday. While the

UN delegation was in Hpa-an, they met with Kayin State Government and officials of State departments at the Pado David Taw guest room on 16 July.

The delegation also met with national and local civil society organizations at Thiri Hpa-an Hotel in Hpa-an. — Saw Myo Min Thein (IPRD) ■

18 Community Centres in the pipeline for States and Regions

Ministry of Information is planning to establish Community Centres with a children library, training hall, multi-purpose hall, meeting hall, gymnasiums and a youth centre at 18 locations in states and regions.

At the meeting held yesterday afternoon at a meeting hall of Printing and Publishing Department in Theinbyu Street, Yangon, Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint and officials from Yangon Region, district and township level officials of Information and Public Relations Department (IPRD), Ministry of Information and Hluttaw representatives discussed the joint implementation works for the plan for establishing community centres.

In his speech at the meeting, Union Minister Dr Pe Myint said successive governments had setup IPRD offices under various names and the term "Public Relations" had been in use and offices were setup in towns and regions to carry out public relations. However,

depending upon the nature of the government, there were differences in work conducted. In a democracy government, there is a need to inform the public and to listen to the voice of the public, he added.

Similarly, adjustment must be made to be in accord with the requirement of the changing time, changing system, situation, equipment and materials.

In the transition period to democracy, conduct on political matters will change towards a system inclusive of majority participation and decision. A country's executive and legislative mechanism will be practiced with a system that involves the pluralism

As such, people's participation need to increase in the political process. The more the people participate, the more democratic system takes shape. Community Centre can be said to be a ward and village centered place where people can gather there, said the Union Minister.

"This is a place where people

will discuss about their ward and village. It is the place that will increase and support the public participation in the political process and that is why this meeting with the people's representatives is being held," said the Union Minister.

The voices coming out of Community Centres need to be the voices and opinions of the people. The voices and opinion of the grass root level peoples need to reach the top in a democracy era, he added.

The Centre will be formed to support all – the children, youth, people of the community, elders and middle-aged.

The plan now is to setup as Community Centres that have IPRD library and office in coordination with other organisations. Together with Daw Khin Kyi Foundation, existing one (IPRD library and office) in Natmauk, Myaungmya, Insein and Pyinmana will be renovated into Community Centre while libraries will be transformed into Community Library. The effect



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint addresses at the coordination meeting on establishing community centres. **PHOTO: MNA**

of combining Community Centre and Community Library is for ward and village development. While working for youth development, discussion on ward and village matter is also being targeted.

Community Centres are not modernization and upgrading of IPRD libraries and offices but a place that supports the building of a democracy. If the place is used for ward, village and youth development rather than as a

display area, Community Centre will help and support the community as well while Myanmar society also becomes a society that supports the building of a democracy said the Union Minister. Afterward, Yangon Region Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Lin Naing Myint, IPRD Director General U Maung Pe and Hluttaw representatives discussed and suggested on setting up Community Centre.

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“...We want real freedom and not tinsel and sham of it. When we say real freedom, we mean the freedom not only to plan our political destiny but also the economy and defence of our country by ourselves ...”

(Excerpt from the address made at the 2nd session of the Supreme Council of AFPFL, 16th May, 1946)



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talks with Ambassador Joseph Y. Yun, United States Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Korea and Japan, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor receives US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State

State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received Ambassador Joseph Y. Yun, United States Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Korea and Japan, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Af-

fairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

During this meeting discussions on bilateral relations and matters relating to promoting cooperation were held in a frank and friendly manner.—Myanmar News Agency

Media attendance procedures for 54th Myanmar Gem Emporium

The 54th Gem Emporium will be held in Mani Yadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw from 2 to 11 August, according to the Myanmar News Agency.

Media will be allowed entry to the emporium between 2 and 5 August and on the evening of 11 August. A press release on emporium sales data will be made available at the Nawarat Ko Thwe Gate outside of Mani Yadana Jade Hall.

Foreign and local media personnel who wish to attend

must apply with to News and Periodical Enterprise, Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw by 27 July.

Application forms are available from the copyright and registration subsection and the Myanmar Foreign Correspondence Club. Inquiries can be made to News and Periodical Enterprise phone 067-412125, 067-412126 or at the 54th Gem Emporium Management Committee, phone 067-414497 and 067-414498.—Myanmar New Agency ■

Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint inspects Waingmaw Township IPRD

Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint and Kachin State Minister for Development Affairs U Nay Win visited the Information and Public Relations Department (IPRD) in Waingmaw Township, Kachin on 16 July to inspect the office and library. The Union Minister said the government is relying on librarians to increase literacy and library use. The Minister also said that librarians assist people to find useful references and encourage children to visit the reading room.—IPRD ■



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint visits the Information and Public Relations Department (IPRD) in Waingmaw Township, Kachin State. **PHOTO: IPRD**

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Ks1.6 billion agricultural loans disbursed to cooperative syndicates in Meiktila

THE Cooperative Department in Meiktila Township under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation started disbursing Ks1.680 billion agricultural loans to cooperative syndicates in 158 villages beginning this month for the purpose of cultivating monsoon crops.

An official from the Cooperative Department said these Ks1.680 billion loans from China Export Import Bank mainly go to local farmers at a current interest rate of Ks1.50 per month.

The cooperative syndicate can officially take out Ks0.2427 from Ks1.50 for funds for development of suitable kinds of businesses for its members in the



Women transplant seedlings into a rice paddy field in Meiktila. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

future.

The cooperative department plays a vital role in im-

proving socioeconomic status of rural people as well as grassroots in urban areas by

lending money to the target community. —Thein Myint Kyaw (Meiktila) ■

73 killed by lightning strikes this year: MSWRR

LIGHTNING strikes killed 73 people in the first quarter of this financial year, according to a Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement announcement in the Myawady Daily's Sunday edition.

U Win Shwe, Director of

Yangon Region Relief and Resettlement Department, said that the majority of cases occurred in Ayeyawady and Bago regions in early months of rainy season especially between noon and 6 p.m. "After Cyclone Nargis in 2008, the country expe-

rienced more fatal lightning strikes, often about 15 times per month in the wet season", he added. "June to October is the monsoon season, with high rainfalls, causing several lightning strikes, flooding, storms and other forms of natural

disasters in most parts of the country", said an official from the Department of Metrology and Hydrology, adding that the most frequent outdoor activity in which people are killed by lightning is fishing and sheltering under trees.—GNLM ■

Japan donates coastal and river vessel

A coastal and river cruising passenger vessel donated by Japan will arrive at the end of this month to operate along Myanmar's waterways and seashores under the management of the Inland Water Transport (IWT), according to a report in

the Myawady Daily yesterday.

Japan has donated three such passenger vessels to Myanmar. This vessel is the second, and will operate between Sittway and Myebon.

"These high-quality passenger vessels donated by Japan

are very useful. The last passenger vessel will be operated in the required waterway", said U Aung Than Myaing, the Marine superintendent of the Inland Water Transport.

The Kissapanadi-I is one of three passenger vessels donated

by Japan to Myanmar which is currently running between Sittway, Kyaukpyu, Taungup and Manaung.

Japan donated three water vessels which worth US\$12 million in 2014 for trips between Pansodan and Dala.— 200 ■

Health Department: Yangon Region to be malaria-free zone by 2020

Yangon Region Public Health Department has set a goal to turn Yangon into malaria-free region by 2020, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

The Public Health Department will work with the National Malaria Elimination Programme, and Japan International Cooperation Agency.

"We expect to eradicate malaria in Myanmar by 2020",

said Dr. Aye Mon Mon Kyaw, the Assistant Director of Yangon Region Public Health Department.

The Public Health Department will distribute medicated mosquito nests and launch awareness campaigns in eight townships in south district and 11 townships in north district and other townships in Yangon Region where malaria mainly occurs.— 200 ■



An official holds blood test slides taken from children. PHOTO: REUTERS



Fishmongers stand as they sell fish at the Sanpya Fish Market in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

Fisheries products worth US\$138 mln exported this FY

Fisheries exports were valued at US\$138 million between 1 April to 7 July, an increase of \$11 million over last year.

Last year, hilsa was the main export item in the fisheries sector. This year rohu and

carp were the most popular products. Fisheries exports were estimated at \$668 million in FY2011-2012, \$493 million in FY2012-2013 and \$341 million in FY2013-2014, \$469 million in FY2015-2016 and \$560 million in

FY 2016-2017.

Erratic ocean weather adversely impacts fisheries, thus Myanmar's fisheries industry has begun to invest more heavily in fish farming to boost exports.—Htet Myat ■

MOC unveils new agricultural export reform plan

The Myanmar government outlined an agricultural trade plan to improve the nation's struggling export trade sector, according to an article in yesterday's edition of Myanma Alin Daily newspaper.

The plan will address challenges including municipal container truck bans, paperwork hurdles and administrative ob-

stacles that complicate export logistics and result in higher and less competitive prices for Myanmar goods in international markets. Dr Myat Min, an agricultural product exporter, said a long-term plan should be developed to address high transportation costs and Myanmar ports' lack of capacity. He also expressed concerns about

Myanmar's inability to produce quality goods. Exporters say their transportation charges have rapidly increased in recent years, by as much as 30 per cent per annum. Meanwhile, agricultural exports increased by 26 per cent against other export products this past financial year, according to Commerce Ministry statistics.—Zar Lin Thu ■

KBZ Bank wins 5 banking awards

Singapore-based the Asian Banking and Finance (ABF) held its Retail Banking Awards 2017 at the Shangri-La Hotel in Singapore on 13 July. The Retail Banking Awards brought together more than 300 senior bankers from over a hundred Asian banks from 30 countries.

KBZ Bank Ltd. won the Best Myanmar Cash Management Bank 2017 and the Best Myanmar Foreign Exchange Bank 2017 in the international category and it won the Best Myanmar Retail Bank 2017, Best Myanmar

Credit Card Initiative 2017 and Best Myanmar SME Bank 2017 in the domestic category.

U Nyo Myint, Senior Managing Director of KBZ Group accepted the awards at the event.

ABF is an organisation that constantly reviews and evaluates international banking services and also facilitates choosing the recipients of the awards from the Big Four accounting firms: KMPG, Deloitte, Ernst and Young and PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC).—Thura Lwin-Eco ■



KBZ's Senior Managing Director U Nyo Myint and Asian Banking and Finance's CEO Tim Charlton.

Commerce Ministry seeks rice trade assistance from China

Myanmar's Commerce Ministry has asked for China to increase their Myanmar rice imports by 400,000 tonnes – half by sea and half by land – according to a report in Myanma Alin Daily newspaper, yesterday.

Commerce Ministry officials also requested that China refrain from levying customary tax rates on the special imports.

Myanmar's request is being made as a current 100,000-tonne Myanmar rice import deal has expired. If China agrees to the new rice trade proposal, the

Myanmar Rice Federation will make a new contract, said U Khin Maung Lwin, the assistant secretary of the Commerce Ministry. Myanmar is also seeking commodity trade assistance from China for corn. Under China's quota system, Myanmar merchants are eligible for tariff relief of 14 per cent. Merchants pay taxes as high as 50 to 65 per cent under normal Chinese import regulations, said U Han Thar Oo, a border merchant at Muse, Shan State.—Zar Lin Thu (AMIA) ■

Fuel pump prices decline upon news foreign investment in this sector

On the news of the entrance of more international players in the fuel retail market, Myanmar's pump prices declined in early July, according to a report in Myawady Daily newspaper, yesterday.

Octane 92 and diesel prices declined from Ks720 to Ks670 a liter. Fuel prices at the pump

correlated with lower prices at Myanmar's ports. Retail price decline in this sector will likely to continue if the foreign investment in the sector increases, said a local importer.

Currently, most of Myanmar's petroleum products are imported into the country through Singapore.—GNLM ■



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Thura U Shwe Mann holds talks with Mr. Michael Oomen, Policy and Legal Advisor of IMF in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Thura U Shwe Mann receives IMF's Policy and Legal Advisor

Thura U Shwe Mann, Chairman of the Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw received Mr. Michael Oomen, Policy and Legal Advisor of International Monetary

Fund (IMF) and his delegation at the Hluttaw Building Hall (I-1) in Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.

In the meeting, the two men exchanged views on matters relating to tax law.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Three new laws passed

The President has signed the following bills into law. The full-text of the laws in Burmese will be covered soon in the state-run dailies.

- (1) Inland Water Transport Law (The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No.13, 2017)
- (2) Myanmar Territorial Water and Maritime Zone Law (The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 14, 2017)
- (3) Hand Dug Wells Law (The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 15, 2017)—Myanmar News Agency ■

Fertilizers and paddy grains granting event held in Maungtaw

A fertilizer and paddy grain distribution event was held in Maungtaw, Rakhine State by the Rakhine State Department of Agriculture at the township's Department of Agriculture situated at four mile ward, Maungtaw Township yesterday.

A total 1,699 baskets of paddy

grains were distributed, including 900 baskets provided by the Pyay's Mill Owner Association, 296 bags of urea and 100 bags of compound fertilizers.

Maungtaw District Deputy Commissioner U Ye Htut and officials distributed the paddy grains and fertilizer.—Myint Maung Soe/ Aung Kyaw Oo ■

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Countrywide, there are 434 IPRD offices and Community Centres are planned to be opened in Myitkyina, Loikaw, Hpa-an, Haka, Sagaing, Dawei, Pyay, Magway, Mawlamyine, Sittway, Mandalay, Meiktila, Taunggyi, Lashio, Patheingyi,

Thingangyun, Bahan and Hline townships and one was already opened in Myintkyina on 16 July.

Plans are also underway to open Community Centres in other appropriate places in Yangon Region it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■

K 690 million in insurance disbursed to workers in June

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Over 10,000 employment bonds contracted

Directorate of Labour managed to contract agreements of employments—13014 in total, 2888 males and 10126 females, under the form of agreement of employment. In dealing with labour disputes between employers and employees, township arbitration committees are taking responsibilities to solve them. In March, out of 88 cases, 18 were appealed, 15 transferred to Region or State Tribunal and 2 cases were withdrawn. For the remaining 53 cases for 576 beneficiaries were helped to get K 141.724553 million and US \$ 3670 as benefits, it was learnt.

Enjoying Benefits as described by Labour Law

Department of Workshop and Labour Law Investigation, helped workers to get wages for working on public holidays, to enjoy earned leave with pay to

get casual leave, medical leave and maternity leave with pay, amounting to K 110 million and US \$ 1716200 altogether, it was learnt.

Township Workshop and Labour Law Investigation Department managed to hold 288 events of educative talks on on-job safety, health and legal knowledge to employers and employees from 640 factories and mills.

Labour Affairs Relation Department's arbitration council solved 8 cases, helping 41 laborers get benefits— K 1.6702 million with 17 other cases solved, helping 17 workers to get K 14.369 million as benefits, it was learnt.

Disbursing social security benefits

According to social security board, laborers who regularly paid insurance premiums were disbursed out K 690 million and medical expenses K 110 million for 6622 workers.

In May, 2017 laborers entitled for insurance were given med-

ical treatments—7489 outdoor patients and 738 indoor patients in 3 labour hospitals. There were up to 60661 patients to 96 social security clinics and 50 departmental clinics. Doctors from labour hospitals made round checks for 3 times, giving treatments to 811 patients. Doctors from social security clinics made 124 times round checks, giving 2510 patients treatment, giving 5170 patients by mobile medical teams.

With a view to improving per capita income of workable laborer and national development, and for increasing job opportunities, the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population is making plans for sending official workers and finding jobs for them in the country. Simultaneously, the task was being performed online through the labor exchange management system, it has been learnt.

In June, the ministry and private agencies helped them to find jobs—over 16000 were employed, it was learnt. ■

Swelling rivers threaten people in low-lying areas

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The water level of the Thanlwin River in Hpa-an and the Ngawun River at Thabaung are expected to reach its danger level today, said the weather bureau. The overflow water from the Thanlwin River inundated low-lying areas in Hpa-an yesterday.

Rain or thundershowers is expected over the whole country

these days as monsoon is strong to vigorous over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Likelihood of increase of rain in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and Rakhine State.

According to the observations yesterday, the low pressure area still persists over the Northwest Bay of Bengal and

adjoining West central Bay of Bengal and Odisha Coast (India).

It is forecast to further intensify into a depression during next (24)hrs.

Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) m.p.h. Wave height will be about (9 - 14) feet along Myanmar Coast.—GNLM ■



Low-lying areas in Hpa-an are inundated by overflow water from the Thanlwin River.

PHOTO: SAW MYO MIN THEIN

China's Xi says to accelerate market opening, expand imports — media

BEIJING — President Xi Jinping said on Monday China will accelerate market opening and clear administrative hurdles to boost foreign investment, while stepping up financial regulation to fend off risks.

China should quicken the pace to eliminate restrictions on foreign capital in areas such as baby products, elderly care, architecture design, accounting, auditing, logistics, and e-commerce, Xi told the

Communist Party's financial and economic leading group in a regular meeting, as reported by state radio.

"We need to continue to utilize foreign investment to push forward supply-side reform and elevate our economy to catch up with the global innovation pace," Xi said. "We must push forward market opening faster in areas that protects consumer rights, increase financial competition and fend off financial risks."

Foreign companies have long complained about a ban on them entering certain strategically important sectors and requirements to hold a minority share in the form of a joint venture with local firms even in sectors they are allowed to participate in.

Xi said China should create a new basic law governing foreign investment and set a deadline to get rid of existing rules that are against market-opening

principles. "Foreign firms should be treated fairly," Xi was reported as saying. He stressed excessive checks and penalties against foreign firms should be cleared and reduced.

China will also expand imports while keeping exports steady, Xi said. It would keep its yuan currency basically stable and its exchange rate within a "reasonable" range, he was reported as saying.

—Reuters ■



President Xi Jinping . PHOTO: REUTERS

South Korea proposes military talks with North Korea on Friday

SEOUL — South Korea on Monday proposed holding inter-Korean military talks on Friday to ease tensions along the border, South Korean Vice Defence Minister Suh Choo-suk said.

In the proposal, South Korea wants to have the meeting at Tongilgak, a North Korean building in the truce village of Panmunjeom, Suh said in a press briefing.

He said South Korea wants the meeting to help halt "all acts of hostility" near the Military Demarcation Line that bisects the two Koreas.

The South Korean government separately proposed reopening Red Cross talks to discuss ways to resume family reunions.

The South's Red Cross proposed holding the talks on 1 August at the Peace House, a Panmunjeom building controlled by the South. "We anticipate the North's side making a positive response" to the proposal, Suh said.

South Korea President Moon Jae In, who took office in May, has been advocating engagement with North Korea despite high tensions over Pyongyang's nuclear arms and missile programs, in stark contrast to his two predecessors, who maintained a harder-line policy toward the North.

If North Korea accepts the South's offer for the military talks, it would be the first official governmental talks between the two Koreas since vice ministerial talks were held in December 2015.

The temporary reunions of families that remain separated since the end of the Korean War were last held in October 2015.

Later Monday, South Korean Unification Minister Cho Myong-gyon urged North Korea to accept the South Korean offer for talks.

"If the South and the North sit down face to face, matters of mutual interest could be discussed in a candid manner," Cho told reporters.

Cho, whose office handles ties with the North, said South Korea does not have a hostile policy against North Korea and does not seek North Korea's collapse or unification through absorption. South Korea's policy is consistently centered on making the Korean Peninsula free from the threats of nuclear weapons and war, he said. "We want to cooperate with the international community in opening up a more bright future with North Korea if North Korea chooses to take a right path," Cho said. —Kyodo News ■

Australia opens way for faster military response to 'terrorist incidents'

SYDNEY — Australia's military will be more readily deployed to respond to "terrorist incidents" on home soil under proposed changes to laws announced by the government on Monday.

Australian Prime Minister

Malcolm Turnbull said state and territory police forces would remain as the first response to such incidents, but the military would offer support to enhance their capabilities.

Under the proposed law changes, state and

territory governments would be able to call for military help at any time after a "terror incident" has been declared. Previously, the military could only be called upon once police concluded they could no longer deal with an inci-

dent. Turnbull said future attacks would likely remain the responsibility of the police but the military could also assist in incidents such as a central Sydney cafe siege in December 2014 in which two hostages were killed.—Reuters ■

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Khin Maung Oo

THE global population is increasing tremendously year after year. Accordingly, each country is required to solve potential challenges with the increasing population collectively. Myanmar's national development was also found to have been out of proportion with population increase. Thus, sharing knowledge on family planning is being carried out across the nation. According to the 2014 Census, Myanmar's population is expected to reach 53.4 million in 2017. Among them, females in their puberty within the age group of 15 to 49 will amount to nearly 15 million, it was said. But, all of the 15 million are not going to become mothers, so it can

be said that the country's birth rate is not high.

In the neighboring countries in the West of the Region, births are high. Compared to countries with low birth rates in the Region, Myanmar's birth rate was said to have been moderate. On the average, female individuals in Myanmar have 2.5 birth rates each, with birth rate in Yangon Region being less than two and in Chin State reaching Five.

Low birth rate may lessen the growth of human resources in the future. On the other hand, high birth rates may increase poverty. Therefore, we need to adjust the birth rates so that we can avoid the two extremes. In the regions with high birth rate, family

planning is required to be implemented whereas in the regions with low birth rate educative sharing of knowledge must be essentially carried out so as to get the necessary amounts of babies.

Once in the past, Myanmar families used to have children under their careful plans, having 5 family members at least in a family. As a result, we have had enough family members, managing to set up a peaceful and happy family.

Few family members can reduce the burden for the time being, but we should note that we would find it difficult to retain our lineage when it comes to facing unexpected loss of lives or failure to survive as per our normal human life-span. Besides, inter-depend-

ency between parents and children will be out of alignment, causing loss of support and help among family members in a family.

Presently, the birth rate in Myanmar families is falling down. The causes for falling birth rates include abortion and miscarriage. This should be taken into consideration carefully for future generation. The growth of human resources in the future depends upon our care to undertake proper family planning, due to economic difficulties and new patterns of social life.

To sum it up, in Myanmar, the growth of human resources can be said to be moderate, so we should carry out family planning proportionately for future development. ■

Fundamental beliefs of General Aung San for Economic Recovery

By Saw Naing
(Applied Economics)

KNOWN as the father of Independence, national leader and father of the Tatmadaw, and etc., Bogyoke Aung San had different careers—a revolutionary soldier, a politician and other different types. For these reasons, his mind would have been occupied by thoughts and ideas about the revolutionary movement and Independence of the country. Accordingly, if someone may think that economic ideas and doctrines would never be formed in his mind, it would be completely wrong. Yet, I came to know that a national leader just in his early thirties was well acquainted with economic doctrines, never losing sight of the national economic situation, through the books I had read.

For farmers in the agricultural sector of great importance in fundamental production

“----- Poor people are now void of farming land. To fulfill the need of making them acquire the land for farming, firstly, how many people do not have farming lands. Secondly, if we do not have enough land to divide them or if ever we have, we must ascertain to which amount of land they will be provided. -----“ {Dagon Magazine, 1940 February issue}

“As for land ownership, fundamental principles must be laid down for farmers to actually get farming land. The system of possessing many acres of land must be restricted or cancelled according to law.

----- “It would be better if farming

lands are nationalized or otherwise if the ownership should be handed over to the government or cooperatives. But acquisition of farming land by each and every one of farmers must be done prior to the implementation of the above systems so that the government's action will be beneficial for middle and lowest level farmers.” {Excerpt from Bogyoke's speech at the preliminary AFPFL Conference held on May 19, 1947}.

“Rice is our country's major produce. First of all, we must introduce mechanized utilization in growing paddy and other crops. If necessary, system of collective implementation is to be developed.” {Excerpt from Bogyoke's speech at the Sorrento Villas, Pyay Road, in Yangon on 17th June 1947}

“As for the agriculture, fair amount of production should be managed. As for agricultural development, debt problems of farmers and lending money at a low interest rate are to be taken into consideration.” {Excerpt from Bogyoke's speech at the Sorrento Villa on Pyay Road, Yangon on 17th June}

For effective utilization of abundant natural resources

“Myanmar is a country rich in natural resources. ----- You should prioritize encouraging general education and industrial learning, so that all Myanmar nationals can apply their knowledge about those subjects in developing our natural resources. And, had spirit of the desire to work been indoctrinated, our natural resources will be developed.” {Speech addressed

at the ceremony of declaring Independence, in the reign of Japanese by General Aung San}

So as to be aware of the relationship between economy and politics

“Without economic freedom, political freedom would be ridiculous among people. And, it would be freedom just for show. There cannot be anything more than this. {Excerpt from Bogyoke's speech addressed on May 16, 1946, at 2nd meeting of central leading committee}

“Our political illness can be said to be nearly healed with rightful remedies, with economic disease to be cured further. So long as economic recovery cannot be implemented, peace and stability we greatly hoped for will be far from our desire. {Excerpt from Bogyoke's speech addressed on 1st March, 1947, at the annual meeting of Myanmar-English Merchants' Association}

“What we need first of all is to have drawn up a national resettlement programme with better economic fundamentals. ----- Economy and politics are dialectically related, so they cannot be separated from each other.” {Excerpt from Bogyoke's speech addressed on 17th June 1947 at the Sorrento Villa}

Importance of Co-operative Enterprises

It is time to launch cooperative enterprises across the nation. ----- The enterprises will indoctrinate us with the spirit of co-operating together, spirit of desire to live and work in unity, into our inner parts of our minds. ----- It will help us to bear the spirit of self-help ba-



sis, spirit of inventiveness. ----- At the time of scarcity of investment capital in the country, the system of setting up the co-operative enterprises is the best way to upgrade the national development. -----“ {Excerpt from Bogyoke's speech addressed at the AFPFL's 2nd meeting of central leading committee on May 16, 1946}

For important national causes

“We aim at nationalizing all the industrial enterprises, which plays an important role for the country, so that people will be pleased with it, reaching the status of satisfaction, we firmly believe so.” {Excerpt for Bogyoke's speech addressed at Myanmar-English Merchants' Association's annual meeting on 1st March 1947}

For People to take interest in Taxes

Refusing to pay tax and revenue by our citizens is tantamount to destroying national economy into pieces. If so, it will be none other than our people who would suffer its consequences, finally. {Excerpt from Bogyoke's speech addressed on air at 8:30 pm on March 21 1947}

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives US Deputy Assistant Secretary

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, received US Ambassador Joseph Y. Yun, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Korea and Japan in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs and party at Bayintnaung Guest House in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting the visiting Ambassador and party discussed matters relating to Korean Peninsula situation, stability and development of Asia Pacific region and increasing US-Myanmar military relations.

The Senior General expressed his wish that the Korean Peninsula become a de-nuclearized zone, that the



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with US Deputy Assistant Secretary in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Myanmar military will increase its relations with other international militaries and that armed hostility ceases and peace abides in Myanmar. —MNA ■

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Appointment of Rakhine State Security and Border Affairs Minister

In accordance with the provisions stated in article 262 (a) (2), (b) (e) (f), article 264 (c) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and section 19 (c), section 82 (c) of Union Government Law and Section 8 (a) sub-section (2), (b) (f) (g), Section 56 (a) of Region or State Government Law, Colonel Htein Lin, Rakhine State Security and Border Affairs Minister, has been returned to unit to perform the original military duties and replaced with Colonel Phone Tint, who has been submitted by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) are hereby appointed as Rakhine State Government Security and Border Affairs Minister.

*Sd/ Htin Kyaw
President*

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Yangon government to survey squatters

YANGON Region Government will form a board to conduct a squatter survey and take measures to relocate and sanction them, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

Currently, the Yangon Re-

gion Government is seeking relocation areas for the squatters. The government is also calculating the estimated cost to construct low-cost housing for the squatters.

Yangon Region Government will take legal action

against those who have registered their names fraudulently.

Eight groups have conducted the squatter survey in 37 townships in Yangon Region. The survey was took place between 3 September 2016 to 10 July 2017.— 200 ■

Skilled workers need to receive recognition certificate in Yangon Region

MANY skilled workers working in Yangon Region's industry zones do not hold required certification to perform their jobs, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

The lack of certified workers

has slowed hiring by some companies, as they cannot candidates with requisite certification. Next year, Yangon Region government will open more vocational training schools to provide the recognition certificates.— 200 ■

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For potential dangers of monopolized economy

“Monopoly companies such as Cartel, Syndicate, Trust and etc., will be definitely restricted in our constitution.” {Excerpt the speech addressed at the preliminary meeting of AFPFL Conference, held at May 19, 1947}

“Arrangements are going to be made for our government to manage operating foreign commerce so that importance of international trading would be noticed. ----- Failing that, capitalists can manipulate the national economy according to their wishes, having the chances of exploiting our people as they wish.” {Excerpt from the speech made at the preliminary meeting of AFPFL held on May 19 1947}

Fortaking notice of economic statistics

“What we must take notice is that we easily tend to believe in whatever one says statistically. It may be a danger. We should take notice that statistics may be the ones prepared beforehand to match the facts imagined at first. {Excerpt from the speech at the Sorrento Villa on Pyay Road, in Yangon on 7th June 1947}

For the matter to be fundamentally solved out for rising cost of living

“Concerning the reduction of cost of living allowance, it may be attributed to the first fact that we are purchasing expensive and non-essential items. Accordingly, we need to reduce or stop imports of such commodities. Such a deed is like wasting revenues of the nation, without necessity. {Ex-

cerpt from the speech at the Sorrento Villas on June 7 1947}

“We spend a lot of our earnings on buying our daily commodities such as cooking oil, chilli, onion and etc. Though being agricultural produce in the country, we are buying these from abroad. It is a shame for us. ----- We need to consider whether it is necessary for us to control or not, how many tons of chilli, onion and cooking oil we should import.” {Excerpt from the speech at the Sorrento Villas, on June 7, 1947}

Foreign Exchange Outflows and Unemployment Problem

“In some countries, outflow of foreign exchange is protected as much as possible. Outflow of capital will lead to giving up our desire for imports. We must encourage saving so as to reduce lending foreign loans. {Excerpt from the speech at

the Sorrento Villa on June 7 1947}

“As regards unemployment problem, there is no reason for us to believe that unemployment problem will be solved under current situations. The country and the government will help to some extent. Unemployment problem will cast a gloomy shadow over the country, causing bad effects to the country and industrial enterprises. It will make skills and efficiencies of workers alleviate, and lead to poor living standard of the people. The unemployment problem is like a jinx for our national cause. We must find out ways for individuals or all family members to get a job each so that situations will improve Unemployment problem can be solved, only if we carefully carry out our resettlement process. In doing

so, redundancy must be done, if necessary. To become better, the government needs to have many employment projects in hand.” {Excerpt for the speech at the Sorrento Villas on June 7 1947.}

Bogyoke Aung San managed to think about ideas on national economy to liberate the country from the depth of grave poverty, while making efforts for anti-fascism and National Independence. On this 70th anniversary of Martyrs' Day, I humbly pay respect to Bogyoke Aung San and colleagues, by sharing excerpts from Bogyoke's speeches which reflects the recovery of national economy.

Reference: Bogyoke Aung San's military, economic, social and political outlooks written by Myat Maw

(Translated by
Khin Maung Oo)

Invitation to young writers for Sunday section

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their works to the **Global New Light of Myanmar** at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon or by email to dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Real name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.).— Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar news office

Lavrov calls US preconditions to return Russian property ‘robbery’ —RIA

MOSCOW — US attempts to set preconditions for the return of Russian diplomatic property seized in New York and Maryland are “daylight robbery”, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Monday, the RIA news agency reported.

Barack Obama, then US president, ordered the seizure of two Russian diplomatic compounds and the expulsion of 35 Russian diplomats in December over what he said was their involvement in hacking the 2016 US presidential election campaign, something Russia flatly denies.

Moscow has said a lot will depend on the outcome of a meeting in Washington later on Monday between Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov and US Undersecretary of State Thomas Shannon who will discuss the continued diplomatic row. Lavrov, on a visit to Belarus, was also cited as saying that “anti-Russian feeling” in the United States meant it was not certain that Moscow and Washington could agree on key global issues.

On a separate issue, RIA cited Lavrov as saying that



Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov. PHOTO: REUTERS

Russia and the United States would do all they could to address Israeli concerns about the creation of de-escalation zones in Syria.

He was responding to com-

ments by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu who told reporters in Paris late on Sunday that the arrangement perpetuated Iran’s presence in Syria and that Israel was there-

fore “utterly opposed” to it. The public objection was rare for Netanyahu, who has sought to avoid confrontation with Moscow and Washington over Syria. —Reuters ■

WORLD BRIEFS

Merkel says German government will further increase investment

BERLIN — German Chancellor Angela Merkel said on Sunday her government had already boosted investment and that a lack of money was not the problem, rejecting criticism from her SPD challenger on Sunday that she was neglecting the country’s infrastructure.

“We currently cannot spend the money that we have,” Merkel told ARD public broadcaster in an interview, pointing to planning and capacity bottlenecks in the construction industry as well as at the level of regional authorities.

Merkel said the federal government had already put aside additional money for more investment on roads, digitisation and education in its mid-term budget plans. “We still have a lot to do in this regard,” she added. —Reuters ■

UAE minister denies any hacking of Qatar

DUBAI — The United Arab Emirates was not responsible for an alleged hack of Qatari websites which helped spark a month-long diplomatic rift with Doha, the UAE’s minister of state for foreign affairs said on Monday.

Speaking at a forum in London, Anwar Gargash also said the UAE would not escalate its boycott by asking companies to choose between doing business with it or with Qatar. —Reuters ■

Floating cars motor past stately royal rowbarge on River Thames

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, England — Queen Elizabeth II’s stately royal barge “Gloriana” found itself sharing the River Thames with some quirky upstarts at the weekend — amphibious motor cars.

As the rowbarge — an ornate, gold-leaf and crest-bedecked vessel powered by 18 rowers — oared its way down river like something from a Canaletto painting, a flotilla of small floating automobiles putted by in the other direction.

The poles-apart meeting took place at the Thames Traditional Boat Festival in Fawley Meadows outside Henley-on-Thames in southern England.

The annual festival also attracted clinker-built rowing

boats, Edwardian steamboats, traditional slipper launches, wooden canoes and an armada of the “Little Ships” that braved the Channel in 1940 to rescue British and allied forces at Dunkirk. —Reuters ■

Dutch unveil memorial for victims of Ukraine airplane crash

VIJFHUIZEN — The Netherlands unveiled a national monument on Monday in memory of the 298 people killed in the downing of a Malaysia Airlines jetliner in 2014 above territory controlled by pro-Russian separatists in eastern Ukraine.

Victims came from 17 countries, and included 196 Dutch citizens. The Netherlands took the lead in investigating the

crash and intends to try those it considers responsible.

Authorities concluded the plane was shot down by a Russian-made ground-to-air rocket but have yet to formally identify suspects.

Moscow denies any of its rockets could have been used.

On the third anniversary of the disaster, King Willem-Alexander, Queen Maxima and

caretaker Prime Minister Mark Rutte unveiled the 25-metre-long monument in a park in the village of Vijfhuizen, near Amsterdam’s Schiphol airport.

Dutch politicians and around 2,000 relatives also attended.

A glistening steel structure shaped like an eye and set before a dark wall bears the names of the victims.

“If you look into it, you will see yourself and the name of your loved one,” Ronald Westerhuis, the sculptor who designed the memorial, was cited as saying in the Trouw newspaper on Monday.

“The steel is so polished it will reflect the sunlight onto the dark wall, in the hope that this will ease the sadness.” —Reuters ■

Jordan hands life sentence to soldier who killed US trainers

BEIRUT — A Jordanian military court sentenced a soldier to life imprisonment with hard labour on Monday for killing three US military trainers at the gate of a major air base last year, a judicial source said.

The soldier had been charged with premeditated murder and had pleaded not guilty, the source said. —Reuters ■

UK's May to warn cabinet ministers over top-level leaks —PM's spokesman

LONDON — British Prime Minister Theresa May will remind her cabinet that top level government discussions must remain private, her spokesman said on Monday, responding to a series of reported leaks after recent meetings.

May's grip on control of her cabinet, which is divided over Brexit, has been severely weakened by last month's election result when May lost her parliamentary majority, reopening the debate about the nature of Britain's EU exit.

Finance minister Philip Hammond, who has championed a softer form of Brexit, bore the brunt of a series of critical newspaper stories over the weekend

about what was said at private government meetings. He said he was being attacked because of his views on Brexit.

"Of course cabinet must be able to hold discussions on government policy in private and the prime minister will be reminding her colleagues of that at the cabinet meeting tomorrow," the spokesman told reporters.

He said he was not aware of any plans for a formal inquiry into the leaks.

"She'll just be reminding them of their responsibilities and making the point that ministers across government need to be focused on getting on with delivering for the British public," the spokesman said.—Reuters ■



British Prime Minister Theresa May. PHOTO: REUTERS

Mazda recalls additional 19,000 vehicles in South Africa over airbag scare

CAPE TOWN — Mazda Motor Corp is recalling 19,000 cars in South Africa due to airbag safety concerns as the Japanese car-maker extends a global recall to cover a wider manufacturing period, its local unit said on Monday.

The recall was prompted by investigations in Japan and North America for three different types of Takata Corp manufactured airbags over safety concerns that inflators were defective.

The US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said in July that new testing was prompting Takata Corp to declare 2.7 million air bag inflators defective in Ford Motor Co, Nissan Motor Co and Mazda vehicles.

Takata air bag inflators have been linked to 17 deaths and more than 180 injuries worldwide, and the recalls will eventually cover about 125 million inflators.—Reuters ■

Cambodia arrests Chinese nationals suspected of telecoms extortion

PHNOM PENH — Twenty-nine Chinese nationals were arrested in Cambodia on Monday on suspicion of operating a telecoms scam to defraud victims in China, police said, and will be deported next week.

Cambodia has deported 500 Chinese and Taiwanese nationals in recent years in a crackdown on internet and telecoms scams orchestrated from Cambodia, according to police.

Uk Heisela, investigation chief at Cambodia's immigration department, said on Mon-

day China would send a plane to pick up the suspects next week.

"They will be deported once all documents are done. China will pick them up within a week, at the latest," Uk Heisela told Reuters.

Cambodia sent home 74 Chinese nationals on 6 June who were wanted on suspicion of extorting money from people in China, the first such expulsion this year.

The Chinese nationals who were arrested in the capital Phnom Penh on Monday had

no lawyers because their cases would be handled in China, Uk Heisela said.

Cambodia is one of China's closest allies in Southeast Asia.

The Southeast Asian nation also deported 13 Taiwanese nationals wanted on the same charges to mainland China last year despite opposition from Taipei, which has accused Beijing of "abducting" its citizens from countries, such as Cambodia, that do not recognise the island's government.—Reuters ■

Indonesia rejects return of citizens joining IS in Syria

JAKARTA — The Indonesian government has rejected the return or repatriation of the country's nationals nabbed in Syria who were involved in activities of the IS terrorist group.

Indonesian Defence Minister Ryamizard Ryacudu made the statement on Monday following the arrests of Indonesian citizens in Syria for their participation in the IS group.

He stressed that the captured citizens had to keep stay-

ing in Syria.

"Do not return home, keep staying there. Fight there until dead," he said at the State Palace. Indonesia has witnessed a spate of suicide bombings linked with the IS group in recent months that killed dozens of people.

The security authorities in Indonesia have stepped up their alertness against militants as the country has been included in the IS global target.—Xinhua ■

Afghan forces retake district in southern province of Helmand

KABUL — Afghan security forces have retaken a southern district from the Taliban as part of a drive to weaken the insurgents' hold on Helmand province and push them back from around its capital, Lashkar Gah, officials said on Monday.

A two-day offensive launched on Saturday saw security forces take the district centre of Nawa, to the south of Lashkar Gah, killing more than 50 fighters and destroying

vehicles and equipment, said defence ministry spokesman, General Dawlat Waziri.

The operation would continue with security forces moving further south along the main road to the town of Garmsir, officials said. The recapture of Nawa district, from where the insurgents threatened Lashkar Gah, reflects renewed focus by Afghan forces and their US advisers on Helmand, an insurgent heartland that is source of much

of the world's illegal opium.

The Taliban, fighting to re-establish strict Islamic rule in Afghanistan and drive out international forces backing the government in Kabul, control large stretches of the province and have targeted Lashkar Gah.

It was not possible to independently verify the defence ministry's casualty figure and no comment on insurgent losses was immediately available from the Taliban.—Reuters ■

Russia designs helicopter for fighting terrorists based on Syrian experience

MOSCOW — Russian Helicopters (part of Rostec) will present the Mi-171Sh-VN advanced military transport helicopter that will serve to support special operation forces while performing anti-terrorism tasks at the MAKS-2017 airshow, the company's press service reported on Thursday.

"The Mi-171Sh-VN is the new version of the Mi-8/17 military transport helicopter. The updated rotorcraft, produced at the Ulan-Ude Aviation Plant, is ready to be supplied to potential buyers," the company said.

According to the company's CEO Andrey Boginsky, the technical design of the Mi-171Sh-VN helicopter was formed with regard to the combat employment of helicopters, including in Syria.

"The helicopter has a whole number of design



PHOTO: TASS

features that enhance its combat effectiveness and tolerance to battle damage," the press service quoted him as saying.

The new helicopter

The Mi-171Sh-VN helicopter is equipped with powerful engines with improved altitude and climate performances

and a new carrier system. The helicopter has composite main rotor blades with a new form and an X-shaped anti-torque propeller. Thanks to these developments, the cruise and maximum speeds of the helicopter increased to 260 km/h and 280 km/h respectively, and its maximum takeoff weight to

13,500 kg. New flight and navigation equipment was incorporated into the helicopter. In particular, the glass cockpit was combined with analogue devices to enhance tolerance to battle damage. Besides, the rotorcraft was equipped with the President-S defence system that automatically

identifies missile launchers aimed at the helicopter, jams missile heads and creates false heat targets.

The cockpit and cargo compartment have the Kevlar flooring to protect the crew. The left and right side panels up to portholes were also armored with Kevlar. There are energy-absorbing landing seats to increase survival ability for crews in case of hard landing. A new mix of armaments was incorporated into the Mi-171Sh-VN. The main feature is that, apart from aircraft gun armaments, unguided missiles and bombs of various caliber, it is also equipped with guided missile armaments with a target sight system. Two 12.7mm guns were installed in the right and left doorways. Two bow machine guns of the same caliber were installed on the truss structure. —Tass ■

Telenor, Weir Group lead European shares higher

LONDON — European shares nudged higher in early deals on Monday, though trading was characterized by thin volumes as a busy few weeks of earnings reports from top regional and US firms gets underway.

The pan-European STOXX 600 index rose 0.2 per cent, while the blue chips struggled to hold slim gains. Last week, European indices enjoyed their strongest week in more than two months as investors quickly bought the dip spurred by central banks turning slightly hawkish. Second-quarter results season kicked off in the US last Friday with numbers from Citigroup and JPMorgan.

Analysts are expecting earnings to grow 9 per cent year-on-year for European firms, compared with 8 percent for the US, according to Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.

Updates from some Nordic firms spurred some sizeable moves, however, with shares in Norway's Telenor jumping more than 7 per cent. The telecoms firm raised its outlook for 2017 earnings margins after its operating results beat expectations.

Likewise shares in British engineer Weir Group rose 6.4 per cent after it increased forecasts for its oil and gas units. — Reuters ■

EU agrees to allow in more Ukraine exports for three years

BRUSSELS — EU foreign ministers approved on Monday measures to allow Ukraine to export more industrial and agricultural products free of tariffs to the bloc in recognition of reforms undertaken by Kiev and the country's fragile economy.

By the end of September, Ukraine will be able to

export greater tonnage of farm products, including grains, honey and processed tomatoes for three years.

The EU will also remove for the same period import duties on fertilisers, dyes, footwear, copper, aluminium, televisions and sound recording equipment.

The measures add to a free-trade agreement provisionally in place since January 2016 that has opened both markets for goods and services.

"It is our duty to support Ukraine and strengthen our economic and political ties, also in the face of the ongoing conflict on its soil," said Estonia For-

eign Minister Sven Mikser, whose country holds the six-month rotating presidency of the European Union.

Trade has been at the heart of a dispute between Russia and the European Union over relations with Ukraine, with Moscow and Brussels both competing to bring Kiev closer to

their side through offers of greater economic integration.

While Kiev has moved westward, Russia has sought to destabilise Ukraine, EU governments and NATO say, by annexing Crimea and providing separatists with weapons and troops in Ukraine's industrial east. —Reuters ■

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

MV SPRING SHINE VOY. NO (103)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SPRING SHINE VOY. NO (103) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17.7.2017 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of AIPT-3 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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BBC names first female 'Doctor Who'

LONDON — The lead role in British sci-fi television series "Doctor Who" will be played by a woman for the first time in its more than 50-year history, the BBC said on Sunday.

After much speculation over the role, Britain's public broadcaster said 35-year-old British actress Jodie Whittaker, who starred in the award-winning television crime drama series "Broadchurch", will play the 13th Doctor.

The news was announced in a one-minute video clip broadcast on television after the Wimbledon tennis

men's final match, showing the actress walking through a forest wearing a long coat and hiding her face with a hood until the final moment.

"I always knew I wanted the Thirteenth Doctor to be a woman and we're thrilled to have secured our number one choice. Her

audition for The Doctor simply blew us all away. Jodie is an in-demand, funny, inspiring, super-smart force of nature and will bring loads of wit, strength and warmth to the role," said Chris Chibnall, the show's new Head Writer and Executive Producer.

Actress Jodie Whittaker star of the new series "Broadchurch" on the BBC America cable channel takes part in a panel discussion at the Television Critics Association Cable TV Summer press tour in Beverly Hills, California on 25 July, 2013.

The Doctor, who travels through time in what from the outside appears to be a blue police telephone box, has the ability to regenerate, allowing a

number of actors to play the role since the series was first broadcast in 1963.

Whittaker will replace Peter Capaldi, who took on the role in 2013 amid an increasing clamor that it should go to a woman. His final episode will be the 2017 Christmas special. Previous "Time Lords" include Tom Baker, Christopher Eccleston and David Tennant.

Whittaker said it was "completely overwhelming" to be taking on the role and she wanted to tell fans of the series "not to be scared" by her gender.

"As an actor, as a human, as someone who wants to continually push themselves and challenge themselves, and not be boxed in by what you're told you can and can't be. It feels incredible," she said.

"This is a really exciting time, and Doctor Who represents everything that's exciting about change. The fans have lived through so many changes, and this is only a new, different one, not a fearful one." —Reuters ■



Actress Jodie Whittaker.
PHOTO: REUTERS

DiCaprio seen walking with a device that looked like heart

LOS ANGELES — Actor Leonardo DiCaprio appeared to be wearing a heart monitor as he walked through the streets of New York City.

In the photos obtained by TMZ, the 42-year-old Oscar-

winner was seen wearing a round suction cup on his left chest. The actor was spotted the other day with the same suction cup, which seems to be attached to his skin.

Meanwhile, DiCaprio is

reuniting with Martin Scorsese in an upcoming true-crime thriller, based on the best-selling book by David Grann, "Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI". —PTI ■



Hollywood A-lister Leonardo DiCaprio. PHOTO: REUTERS

George Lucas has some harsh advice for autograph seekers

LOS ANGELES — "Star Wars" creator George Lucas lost his cool when an autograph hunter approached him in New York City.

The 73-year-old filmmaker refused to give his autograph to the person, saying he doesn't like those people who seek out celebrity signings to sell on websites, reported TMZ.

"You know why I do have money and you don't have money?" he asked the autograph seeker. "Because instead of spending my time doing autographs I spent my time making movies..."

"I'm not going to keep doing that, guys. This is USD 200 a sig-



nature so why don't you just go out and get a job."

Lucas knows who his true fans are as he added, "These people are here to make money. They're not fans. They don't care. They just want to make money." —PTI ■

Brit Morgan joins 'Riverdale' cast

LOS ANGELES — "True Blood" star Brit Morgan has been tapped for a recurring role on the second season of "Riverdale".

Morgan will play Penny Peabody, a wily backroom attorney on retainer with the Southside Serpents, reported Deadline.

The 29-year-old actress joined series stars Cole Sprouse, KJ Apa, Lili Reinhart, Camila Mendes, Madelaine Petsch, Ashleigh Murray and Luke Perry.

Mark Consuelos will be another new addition on season 2 as Mendes' character's father Hiram Lodge. —PTI ■



Artist exhibition to raise funds in honor of U Ba Nyan

Myanmar artists plan to organize an art exhibition to raise funds to create two new statues in honor of Myanmar's late master painter, U Ba Nyan.

Art will be displayed from 26 to 30 July at the National Museum. Half of the art sale proceeds from the exhibition will be used to fund statues of U Ba Nyan.

The project is being undertaken in honor of the 120th birthday of U Ba Nyan who was born in 1897 and died on 12th October 1945.

"We found the tomb of U Ba Nyan at Katoe Village in Mawlamyine last year and there dedicated ourselves to perform meritorious deeds in honor U Ba Nyan" said U Kyaw Than (also known as Ko Maung Kyaw Than), secretary of the committee which will organize the art exhibition and make the statues. The two statues will be housed at the National Museum in Yangon and at the Katoe Village in Mawlamyine in memory of the artist.

U Ba Nyan played a key role in introducing western techniques to Myanmar artists. He also had a significant influence on teaching methods in Burma. He championed the master-apprentice form of instruction, which had always been a feature of older traditional schools of painting in Burma.

U Ba Nyan learned western oil painting techniques at art schools in London in the 1920s and returned to his country to help train a number of well-known painters, including U Ngwe Gaing, U Ba Kyi, U Aung Khin, Bogalay Kyaw Hlaing and U Aung Soe.

His paintings have been exhibited in Myanmar's National Museum.—Aye Min Soe ■

Mar Lar's "Shades of Arts, Colours of Inspiration" shines at Chatrium



Artist Mar Lar's paintings. PHOTO: U MAR LAR'S FB



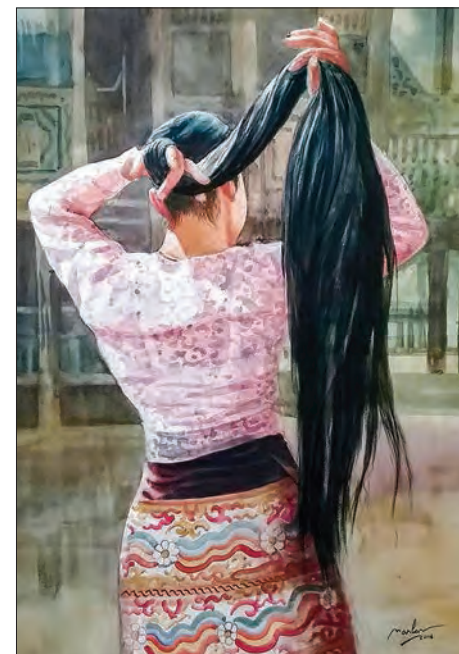
"Khit Sone Ahla Sone 2" (Shades of Arts, Colours of Inspiration) Art Exhibition of famous local artist Mar Lar is being held at the Chatrium Hotel Royal Lake Yangon.

The art exhibition featuring his stunning watercolour and pastel pieces depicting the landscape, historical monuments, everyday lifestyle and innate, natural beauty of Myanmar women from days gone by.

"We need to show the world the hidden culture and heritage of our beautiful country and the place I am proud to call home. As a virgin destination in terms of tourism I hope that through my art travellers gain an insight into all that Myanmar has to offer and wish to experience the wonder of our land for themselves" said 64-year old Artist U Mar Lar.

Artist Mar Lar's work has hung in many prestigious places including a number of the country's luxury hotels, the National Museum in Yangon.

Born to farmers from the Mandalay Region in 1953, the artist gained his love of art from observing the glorious surroundings of his birthplace. He then honed his talent at the State School of Fine Arts in Mandalay which he later returned to after many years, not as a student but as an instructor in art and design.—Thu Thu Aung ■



Benefits from 4th special numbers auction handed over in support of HIV positive orphans

MMK 37.8 million profits channeled to Happy Haven Humanitarian Project (Thukha Yeik Myone)

Telenor Myanmar ("Telenor") handed over a total of Kyat 37.8 million profits, raised at the company's fourth special numbers auction, to Happy Haven Humanitarian Project (Thukha Yeik Myone) in support of HIV positive orphans on Sunday. The handover event was joined by special numbers bidders, Thukha Yeik Myone administrator, and Telenor officials.

"Orphans and children living with HIV need special education, care and

psychosocial support, and we aim to assist them with parental love and care in a familiar environment. Our center is genuinely functioning with donations and thus well-wishers are also donating us in pure trust. On behalf of the center and the children I like to thank special numbers bidders and Telenor for their kind contributions and assistance," said Daw Than Myint Aung, founder of Thukha Yeik Myone.

Thukha Yeik Myone is assisting HIV positive orphans with parental love and care in a familiar environment. The project has about 120 children between the age of one and a half year and 12 years.



The children comes from families where both parents are deceased or were one or both parents are still living but in no position to provide necessary care and attention.—GNLM ■

Hart deserves more respect, says West Ham's Noble

LONDON — England and Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Hart has been “hard done by” and deserves more respect, West Ham United captain Mark Noble said amid media reports linking the shot-stopper with a loan move to the London club. In a career spanning more than a decade, Hart has made 348 appearances for the Premier League club and has 71 caps for England but is not City manager Pep Guardiola's first choice keeper and spent last season on loan at Italy's Torino.

Noble says the competition for a starting spot among the keepers at West Ham will increase if Hart arrives as he contends with Adrian and Darren Randolph, and called for the 30-year-old to be given more

respect. “I've known Joe for a long time, we played for England U21s together years ago,” Noble told Sky Sports.

“He is obviously a fantastic goalie but at the minute he is not our player. We have got two really good goalies here so it would be more competition for them.

“In my opinion, he (Hart) has been a little bit hard done by in recent years. He has been fantastic for England and for his club for the last 10 years, and he probably deserves a little bit more respect.” British media reports claim Hart will undergo a medical at West Ham on Monday and is close to completing a deal ahead of the team's pre-season fixtures, which begin on Thursday against Championship side Fulham. —Reuters ■



England's goalkeeper Joe Hart. **PHOTO: REUTERS**



Myanmar futsal team's goalkeeper under training. **PHOTO: SOE NYUNT**

Myanmar national women's futsal team in Thailand

Shine Htet Zaw

In preparation for the 29th SEA Games, Myanmar national women's futsal team departed for Thailand yesterday to have test matches and trainings from 18 to 26 July.

Since there were no other women's futsal clubs, Myanmar

team left home to train in Thailand where 4 national futsal teams including Iran national futsal team will also play against Myanmar.

The matches were planned for 19th, 21st, 23rd and 25th July. Myanmar will play two matches with Thailand, one match with Iran and the remaining match

is under discussion. Head Coach U Htay Myint will handle Myanmar futsal team and 22 players were included in the training trip.

When they arrive back home after abilities of each player is tested in the training matches, the final players will be chosen for the SEA Games. ■

Tickets for AFC U-23 Group (F) qualifiers

TICKETS for AFC U-23 qualifiers Group (F) were sold at Hledan Center, Aung San Stadium and Thuwanna Stadium in Yangon from 10am to 5pm yesterday. Tickets will

also be sold today and will be available at the same place and time.

Tickets are priced at 1000 Ks and 2000Ks for ordinary stands and 3000 Ks for grand

stands and a ticket is for two matches per day.

Myanmar will play against Singapore on 19 July and Brunei on 21 July respectively. —Kyaw Zin Lin ■

Klopp determined to land Liverpool's top transfer targets

LONDON — Liverpool manager Juergen Klopp is determined to sign their top targets ahead of the new season, saying he has 100 per cent backing from the club owners in a complicated transfer window. The Merseyside club have already recruited winger Mohamed Salah from AS Roma and striker Dominic Solanke, whose contract expired at Chelsea.

British media have reported that Klopp is interested in signing RB Leipzig midfielder Naby Keita but a 57 million pound (\$74.52 million) offer was rejected by the Bundesliga side.

“We pretty much have all you need. But at the end it is still business,” Klopp told the British

media.

“You go out and see the car that you have been dreaming about your whole life... you say ‘here is the money’ but they say to you ‘I don't want to sell the car’. You say ‘but I have got the money’ but they say ‘I don't want to sell’.

“They say ‘go for another car in another colour’ but you say ‘that's okay but I want this’. Things like this happen in life, not only football.”

Liverpool were forced to end their pursuit of Southampton defender Virgil van Dijk after the local media reported that the Saints made a complaint to the Premier League over an alleged illegal approach. Despite the frustration of having to negotiate the transfer

business, Klopp is keen on adding players that would improve his side ahead of the new season.

When asked if he had the support from the club owners, Klopp replied: “One hundred per cent. Ok, I didn't ask if I could buy Ronaldo or the other guys from Barcelona but I am absolutely fine with this.

“It is not about a number (of players). It is about how it fits together. I felt we already had a pretty good side last year, especially when everyone is fit and that gives me a good feeling.”

Liverpool, who finished fourth in the league last season, visit Watford in their opening game of the season on 12 August. —Reuters



Liverpool manager Juergen Klopp. **PHOTO: REUTERS**