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Parties are not essential. What is essential is that they be free from partisan bias that harms the national interest.

When it is in the national interest for them to do so, all parties should be ready to abandon partisan concerns and unite and cooperate with each other.

Excerpt from Bogyoke Aung San's Speech delivered at the 1st Congress of AFPFL

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Special Rapporteur Ms. Yanghee Lee holds talks with Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe. **PHOTO: MNA**

UN Rapporteur meets Union ministers

Ms. Yanghee Lee, Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar, spoke with Union ministers and officials yesterday in a series of meetings.

Ms. Yanghee Lee called on Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe at 9 a.m., Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Permanent Secretary U Soe Aung at 10 a.m., Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi at 11 a.m. and Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Aung at 2 p.m.

In the meeting with Union Minister U Thein Swe, matters relating to national verification work in Rakhine State, the status of eradicating child labour and forced labour and related education work were discussed. In the meeting with Permanent Secretary U Soe Aung, relief and rehabilitation work in areas affected by Cyclone Mora, preventive works on violence against women and assistance to internally displaced people in the Tanaing area were discussed. Increasing opportunities to acquire education, implemen-

tation of free basic education, education for all, basic education works, extra-curricular primary education, education for children of migrant workers, opportunities for university education and life-long education matters were discussed in the meeting with Union Minister Dr. Myo Thein Gyi. During the meeting with Union Minister Lt-Gen Ye Aung, education, health, transport, communication, basic infrastructure and human resources development processes in Rakhine State were discussed. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Vice President leaves for New York via Seoul, Korea

Vice President U Henry Van Thio yesterday morning arrived at Seoul, the Republic of Korea, while on his way to New York to attend the 3rd UN Special Thematic Session on Water and Disasters to be held in New York, on 17 July.

The Delegation headed by the Vice President was

welcomed at the Incheon International Airport by Thura U Thet Oo Maung, Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of Korea and officials. The Myanmar delegation continued their journey by air and left for New York at 10:00 am Local Standard Time. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Myanmar Gazette

Appointment of Heads of service organizations

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on the expiry of one-year probationary period from the date they assume charge of their duties.

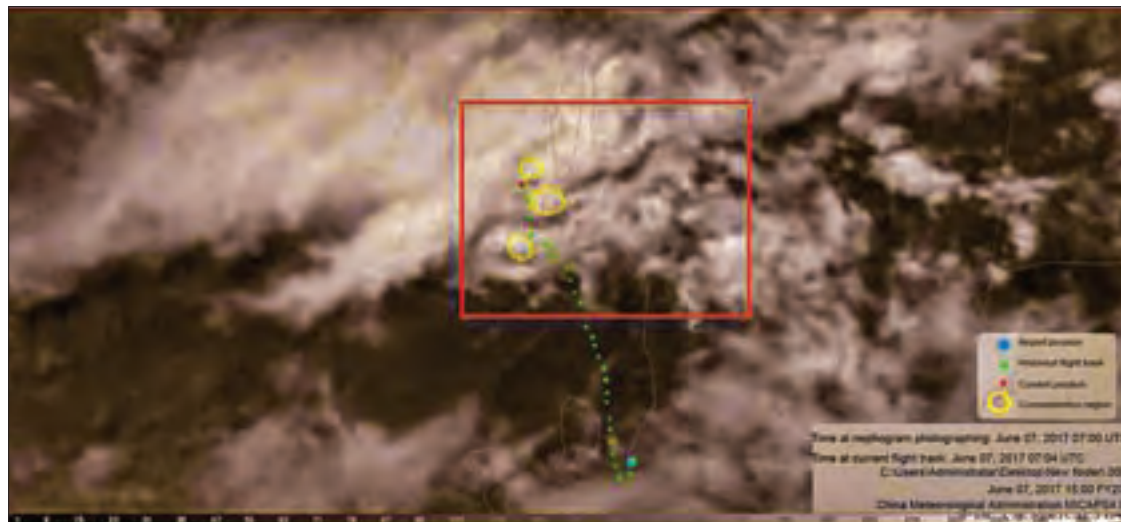
Name	Appointment
(1) U Zaw Win	Managing Director Inland Water Transport Ministry of Transport and Communications
(2) U Khin Maung Tun	Managing Director Myanma Posts and Telecommunications Ministry of Transport and Communications

Transport plane crashed due to adverse weather: investigators

The military transport plane that disappeared on 7 June with 122 on board crashed after losing control during adverse weather conditions, according to an investigation and analysis by the Tatmadaw of the flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder.

No survivors have been found, but scores of bodies were found in the weeks following the crash. The Y-8 model plane was flying from Myeik to Yangon on 7 June when contact was lost soon after takeoff from Dawei airport at 1:55 pm about 43 miles southwest of Dawei. By 2 pm military planes, naval vessels and ground forces together with privately owned fishing boats and civilians conducted daily search and rescue operations and found the tail section of the plane with the flight data recorder (FDR) and cockpit voice recorder (CVR), collectively referred to as the "black box", on 18 June.

A third-party joint investigative group was formed with Brigadier General (Air) Htin Lin, Lieutenant Colonel (Air) Zaw Lin Aung and experts from Tatmadaw (Air), Myanmar Accident/Incident Investigation Bureau



Visible Cloud Image With Flight Path.

(MAIB) of the Department of Civil Aviation (DCA) Deputy Director U Aung Maw, Maj. David Andrew Wade and Mr. David Hilton of Australia Directorate of Defence Aviation and Air Force Safety (DDAAFS). The joint investigation group met with representatives of the China National Aero-Technology Import & Export Corporation (CATIC) on 30 June in Yangon.

The joint investigation group then travelled in Xian, China on 5 July and downloaded the data from the FDR and CVR on 6 July. The downloaded data was

then converted into a readable format, officials said. The OEM company Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC) Qian-shan Avionics Co. then officially transferred the data to the joint investigation group on 7 July. This data as well as the CVR that shows voice communication of the air crew was reviewed thoroughly from 8 to 14 July.

Based on the FDR recordings, it was concluded that there was no equipment malfunction of any part of the plane up to 1:32 pm local time. According to FDR and CVR records, while

en route from Myeik airport to Yangon airport, the wind speed increased gradually from 9 nautical miles (16.7 km) per hour to 44 mile (81.5 km), at which time the heating system to heat both wings was activated in order to fly through the clouds. Within the short time span of flying time between 1 hour, 30 minutes, 18 seconds to 1 hour, 31 minutes, 22 seconds, an alarm was triggered indicating icing in the aircraft engine air intake.

Between the flying time of 1 hour, 31 minutes and 50 seconds and 1 hour, 32 minutes and 10

seconds, a cross wind from the left side of the aircraft increased from 9 miles (16.7 km) to 48 miles (88.9 km) per hour, causing the aircraft drift angle deviate 3 to 15.8 degrees from the flight path. The irregular weather conditions and the sudden increase in cross wind increased the still speed, the data indicated. This was found to be the main reason for loss of control, officials said. Based on the weather report and the FDR and CVR data, the accident occurred due to loss of control after experiencing adverse weather that caused the plane to stall, or lose the ability to attain lift, resulting in a spin, also known as a nose dive. The pilot was unable to recover control, according to investigators.

The third party including Australian technicians joint investigation group conducted the investigation according to International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 13 protocol and concluded that the aircraft had crashed from loss of control due to adverse weather condition, and not from any act of sabotage, explosion or engine failure. —Myanmar News Agency ■

UN in Rakhine “not constructive”: National Security Advisor

THE National Security Advisor told diplomats yesterday that a UN mission looking into allegations of abuses against the Tatmadaw would only “aggravate” troubles in the western part of Rakhine.

Myanmar has declined to grant visas to three experts appointed by the United Nations in May to look into allegations of abuses against the Tatmadaw.

Last week, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations in New York, Nikki Haley, called on Myanmar to accept the mission, which was mandated in a Human Rights Council resolution.

“We dissociated ourselves from the decision because we found that it was less than constructive,” National Security Advisor U Thaung Tun said yesterday, speaking to UN officials and diplomats, including

US Ambassador Scot Marciel.

The decision of other countries - including China and India - to join Myanmar in distancing themselves from the resolution was a “principled stand”, U Thaung Tun said.

“We feel that that mission can only aggravate the situation on the ground,” he said.

At the briefing of the diplomatic corps and representatives of the UN Specialized Agencies at the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre in Yangon yesterday by Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe and U Thaung Tun confirmed that since October 2016, 44 civilians have been murdered and 27 abducted in northern Rakhine. He said that there is evidence of increasing terrorist activities in the area. On 20 June, the military uncovered a tunnel, guns, and a training



National Security Advisor U Thaung Tun briefs on the status of implementation on the recommendations contained in the Interim Report of the Rakhine Advisory Commission at National Reconciliation and Peace Centre in Yangon. **PHOTO: GNLM/PHOE KHWAH**

camp in the Mayu mountain range.

U Thaung Tun said progress is being made by the government toward building durable peace and sustainable development in Rakhine State.

The progress includes humanitarian aid now reaching 95 per cent of the affected ar-

reas, development assistance reaching both Muslim and Buddhist communities, mobile clinics which have treated over 100,000 people, the upgrading of 300 schools across Rakhine, and the provision of jobs and career training for thousands of people.

But while the government has achieved a great deal, U

Thaung Tun said, there are difficulties that can not be overcome in a short time, including subversive actions by insurgents.

U Thaung Tun said Myanmar had a “clear right to defend the country by lawful means” as it tackles “increasing terrorist activities”.— Reuters, Myanmar News Agency ■

Traders urge to upgrade Maungtaw- Angumaw Road

By Myint Maung Soe/
Aung Kyaw Oo

Local traders in Maungtaw Township have urged the authorities to upgrade Maungtaw-Angumaw Road in order to support the trade between Yangon and Bangladesh.

“If the road is upgraded to a concrete one, we can cut the travel time between Sittway and Maungtaw,” said Chairman of the Maungtaw Industrial Zone U Aung Myint Thein, “It would also help boosting trading and development in the region.” As the road is linking Sittway and Angumaw, fish from Yangon can be exported to Bangladesh via Sittway with the use of the road and sea crabs from Rakhine State can also be exported to China, according to traders.

There are two roads, Buthidaung route and Angumaw route between Sittway and Maungtaw townships.

Most people are using the Buthidaung road to go to

Maungtaw from Sittway. It takes nearly six hours by boat and car.

Angumaw road takes nearly three hours only in favorable season. During the rainy season, it can take more. Departmental officials and businessmen are using now the Angumaw road more than the Buthidaung road. If the Angumaw passage is upgraded to a concrete road, it would be better for the travellers”, said U Aung Myint Thein, chairman of Maungtaw Trade Zone.

Maungtaw-Angumaw road is a 49.3 furlong (9.83km) long and is concrete surfaced up to Udoung with the remaining being gravel surfaced.

Angumaw jetty was constructed by Bridges Asia Japan (BAJ) in 2005. Angumaw to Sittway is an hour trip on a boat.

At present, departmental officials and businessmen are mostly using the Maungtaw-Angumaw route. ■

Democracy film festival to commemorate World Democracy Day

A work committee meeting to organize a democracy film festival in commemoration of World Democracy Day was held yesterday in Myanmar Radio and Television meeting room on Pyay Road, Yangon.

In the meeting, Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint discussed on including five movies in the democracy film festival and to ensure that the movies are suitable for the current movie era, coordination and determining the show time of the movies in the cinema halls as well as including theatrical performances and entertainments.

Afterward, Myanmar Motion Picture Association patrons Bagyi (Art) Soe Moe and U Aung Lwin, movie show coordination committee chairman U Zaw Min, officials of Forever Group Co., Ltd and JCGV Movie Group (Shwe Taung Company Limited), Myanmar Radio and Television Director-General U Myint Htwe and attendees discussed on determining the location of the film festival, the movies to be shown,



Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint delivers speech at the meeting to organize a democracy film festival in commemoration of World Democracy Day in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

the theme song of the film festival and determining the logo.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks of the Union Minister.

The Democracy Film Festival will be held from 15 to 21 September and during the festival periods the five movies will be shown simultaneously at cine-

ma halls in Yangon, Mandalay, Myitkyina, Taunggyi, Mawlamyine and Patheingyi.

During the festival days, entertainment programs such as theatrical performances, traditional dances, plays and dramas will be performed at Yangon and Mandalay National Theatres.— Myanmar News Agency ■

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Vessel monitoring system to be installed on Myanmar's fishing fleet

MYANMAR's Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation will soon require all fishing boats to use Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS), electronic devices that can provide location, catch-size and other fishing surveillance data for closer fisheries regulation, according to a report in yesterday's City News Daily.

The Fisheries Department signed a consultation contract in March 2017 with F&S Marine, a French fisheries consultancy, to implement the systems and the so-called Myanmar Monitoring Control and Surveillance

Fishing vessels seen at Nyaung Tan Jetty, Yangon. **PHOTO: GNLM/PHOE KHWAR**

programme with assistance from the French Development Agency.

The monitoring and surveillance project was adopted to comply with international

standards and better export prospects and to respond to dwindling international fisheries.

Vessel monitoring systems have a variety of uses

including forecasting weather data, transmitting emergency information and preventing illegal fishing and other illicit maritime activities.—City News ■

US\$127 million in FDI at Thilawa SEZ

THILAWA Special Economic Zone (SEZ) received an estimated US\$127.48 million in foreign direct investment as of June, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

Industrial production attracted the most foreign investment, earning \$65.1million. Consumer goods was ranked

second at \$46.9 million, followed by real estate investments of \$8 million and transportation of \$7.48 million.

Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) authorized foreign investment in Myanmar based on projects' employment opportunities, their earning potential, their local and interna-

tional market contexts, local demand, technological transfer potential, environmental and social impacts and their compliance with Myanmar's laws and policies.

Between November 2014 and June 2017, MIC has recorded \$774 million in foreign direct investment in the SEZ for 60

industrial sector investments, \$101 million for five consumer goods sector investments, \$81 million for seven service sector investments, \$77.2 million for eight transportation sector investments and \$12 million for a hotel and tourism investment and \$30 million for a real estate sector investment.—GNLM ■

Five-year project to vaccinate cattle against foot-and-mouth disease

A five-year project to vaccinate against Foot and Mouth Diseases (FMD) is being implemented by the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in cooperation with World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), accord-

ing to a report in the Myawady Daily on 17 July.

Vaccination activities have been carried out in Mandalay and Sagaing regions which have the highest rate of the outbreak of the disease. The department will

also conduct the vaccination project in other regions and states. The department will conduct the survey of the population of the animals starting January 2018 with funding from the 2017-2018 Union budget.

Myanmar cows are mainly bred in Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions and buffalos are mainly bred in Ayeyawady Region, according to the statistics of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department.—200 ■

KBZ garners Best Bank in Myanmar-2017 four consecutive years

LONDON-based Euromoney held its Euromoney Awards for Excellence – 2017 at the Island Shangri-La Hotel in Hong Kong on 13 July. KBZ Bank Ltd. won the Euromoney Awards for Excellence – 2017: Best bank in Myanmar making it the fourth successive year. Over 200 senior executives from banking and finance enterprises attended the event. General Manager Daw Than Khin Sint and Deputy General Manager Daw Lay Lay Myint accepted the award on behalf of KBZ.

Euromoney connects with banking and finance enterprises across the globe, holds business forums and gives awards to the best banks in each region of the world.

KBZ won the award for providing ATM services, increasing customer loyalty raises the amount of deposits and income from its services, utilizing the latest IT technology, networking with international banks, issuing the most prepaid/debit and credit cards, good management.—Thura Lwin (Eco) ■

General Manager Daw Than Khin Sint and Deputy General Manager Daw Lay Lay Myint of KBZ Bank accept the Euromoney Awards for Excellence - 2017: Best bank in Myanmar. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**



A farmer walks past the harvester in a paddy field in Kangyidauk, Ayeyawady. **PHOTO: GNLM/PHOE KHWAR**

Agriculture sector attracts less than 1% of FDI

By May Thet Hnin

Myanmar's agriculture sector absorbed foreign direct investment (FDI) this financial year estimated at US\$15.21 million by mid-July, accounted for only 0.55 per cent of all FDI, said U Hsan Myint, the deputy director-general of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

“Agriculture is listed in ten prioritized sectors by Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC). However, it is time-consuming investment”, he added

Agriculture investments have been rare because they are usually seen as long-term investments. Myanmar also has onerous requirements for foreign investments in land.

Currently, there are three foreign companies authorized by MIC in the agriculture sector, a Chinese (Taipei) company and a company from the Netherlands are importing seeds, and an American company is involved in agarwood production.

Thus far, MIC has authorized foreign firms to participate in seed production, but not in fertilizer or agricultural machinery. MIC authorized 100 per cent foreign firms to invest in agriculture only since 2015, said U Hsan Myint.

Dr Soe Tun, the vice president of Myanmar Rice Federation, said foreigners are keen to invest in agriculture but are wary of regulatory obstacles and other risks including erratic weather and pests. Crop insur-

ance policy is largely unavailable in Myanmar. Inefficient land-use regulations, however, are the main obstacle to foreign investment in agriculture. Myanmar's manufacturing sector attracted the most foreign investment this financial year, receiving an estimated \$1.11 billion. Real estate sector ranked second with foreign investments of \$886 million.

MIC authorised 93 FDI projects by mid-July this financial year. Meanwhile, Thilawa Special Economic Zone (SEZ) recorded FDI worth \$3.1 billion, according to MIC statistics.

MIC's priority sectors for investment include: agriculture and fisheries, import-export, logistics, education and residential and commercial construction. ■

Agarwood is being produced for export to UAE and China (Taipei)

Agarwood, a protected tree in the wild, is currently being cultivated in Kachin State for export to UAE and China (Taipei), according to a report in yesterday's Myawady Daily newspaper.

The tropical tree species is used as a base for perfumes and incense.

Under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, agarwood growers are

required to secure a permit by the Forest Department to cultivate the tree for export.

Until recently, agarwood exports were solely a black market affair. Export permit fees benefit the state while businessmen earn high profits from the rare wood, said U Thaung Nyunt, the chairperson of Myanmar Agarwood Entrepreneurs Association.

Agarwood is produced in

Kachin State. There were approximately 10,000 agarwood trees in 2016. Due to poaching, only a small number of agarwood trees remain in the wild.

Of the world's 28 known agarwood species, only two were found in Myanmar, according to the Myawady Daily report.

In Myanmar, agarwood is used in traditional medicine, as a magic charm and for its fragrance.—GNLM ■

Squid exports to China suspended, prices rise due to severe weather

SEVERE weather in the Andaman Sea has reduced squid catch sizes to the extent that exports to China have been suspended, according to yesterday's edition of the City News.

The low supply of squid in the market has also increased prices. Saltwater fish prices are Ks15,000 per viss (3.6 pounds).

Squid currently costs Ks20,000 a viss. Saltwater fish prices are expected to decline by Ks5,000 in September. During saltwater fish season in September, 20,000-30,000 viss of fish are sold at Sanpya fish market. Currently, freshwater fish like rohu, carp, river catfish are selling well in Yangon market.—GNLM

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GNLM interviews Telenor Myanmar CEO Mr. Lars Erik Tellmann

Mr. Tellmann responded to written GNLM questions via email

By May Thet Hnin

Q: Why did you want to invest into Myanmar's telecommunication sector?

A: Myanmar's telecommunications sector was one of the world's last frontier markets with so much potential and Telenor decided to invest when the market was opened up. Our mission in Myanmar is to deliver innovative and affordable mobile services to all the people of Myanmar, at the same time as we are building sustainable and responsible practices.

Q: May I know the market share? How many Telenor users have you attained?

A: It has been an amazing growth story, and Telenor today serves close to 19 million customers nationwide. Our journey started in September 2014 with just 68 towers and mere 1,000 points-of-sale. The first day when we introduced our services in Yangon we received more than half million subscribers in one single day. Today, Telenor serves our customers across Myanmar with quality voice and data services, at the most affordable rates in the country and we experience that data consumption in Myanmar is equal to any big city in the world. Our focus is now to roll out 4G services to provide our customers with high-speed data that provides a good customer experience when watching online videos or listening to music.

Q: May I know the biggest challenges you've been faced? How did you tackle with that problems?

A: One particular area is the lack of access to infrastructure sharing. Infrastructure sharing is a key driver of growth and efficiency in many mature telecoms markets, and we keep engaging with authority concerned for fair access to key infrastructure, namely towers and fiber owned by the incumbent operator. Success in deploying a healthy infrastructure sharing environment will significantly reduce operational obstacles, increase potential savings, accelerate rollout of services to rural areas, and promote healthy competition.

Q: How do you feel govern-

ment competition like Mectel and MPT?/ How is Telenor trying to compete market against MPT and Ooredoo?/Another operator is also preparing to come to Myanmar. Does Telenor have preparation for market competition?

A: We have always assumed the emergence of a fourth operator in our business plans. Competition is always healthy - Telenor welcomes all competition with the spirit that it makes us and our products better.

Q: I heard that Telenor target to cover about 90 per cent of Myanmar's telecommunication within 5 years? How is Telenor striving to reach target? How will you build the customer loyalty?

A: Today, our company operates the Myanmar's largest and fastest growing mobile data network with more than 7,600 sites and more than 100,000 points-of-sale. We have network footprint covering more than 90% of population in Myanmar. We have so far built more towers than our competitors providing Telenor with the largest mobile network in the country.

In addition to providing good coverage, we strive to earn our customers love by delivering a good experience. This means that we will be a driving force in Myanmar market by delivering innovative and affordable services to all people in Myanmar. When we entered, Telenor was the first to lead low, mass-market pricing in Myanmar and over time we have introduced several attractive products promotions and offerings, like our latest on-net promotion Kwet Ti. We will continue to introduce new voice and data services that appeal to all our customers in Myanmar.

Q: How about the international gateway or connections to Internet? Is this enough?

A: We anticipate that data demand will get higher and in light of this we will continue our investment as needed.

Q: Could you please explain about the educational co-operation with Technical University (Thanlyin) and National Management Degree College?

A: We believe young people



Telenor Myanmar CEO Mr. Lars Erik Tellmann.

One particular area is the lack of access to infrastructure sharing.

are the future leaders of the country and in support of empowering youths and young people in Myanmar we have introduced a series of programs. Our internship program, launched in 2016, aims to strengthen young people's career development and employability. The Technology Trainee Program, introduced in 2017, focuses to help prepare local young talents to be industry-ready for highly competitive workplaces.

Part of our efforts to youth empowerment we will also provide a series of career talks and arrange industry visits for college and university students. We have already made collaboration agreement with Thanlyin Technological University and National Management Degree College, and expect to provide similar

supports to students from more universities in the future.

Q: How do you response the customer's feedback? I heard that some users complained about phone bill? Is there any plan to offer better packages and plans?

A: We value customers' feedback and all of our services are always made better when we listen to what customers have to say. We have made a wide range of digital channels available for our customers to conveniently acquire our services, provide feedbacks or get help at no cost. For instance, before we launched our 4G/LTE services we piloted in Yangon to collect our customers' feedback. Based on their feedback we optimized our services and as a result our customers are now enjoying the best customer experience.

I as CEO also receive frequent direct calls and queries from customers. What I do is I try to help out solving the issues as timely as I can, as the goal in Telenor is to never leave a customer without solving his problem. Most of the time it's about explaining the products offerings.

With the new data services we see a need to provide customers with information about how to control their data costs. In the

new time of 4G, as network quality becomes excellent customers will consume more data at a higher speed. It is therefore important to understand easy steps that gives customers better overview. The best way to manage is to buy data packages as it provides more value and give full control of your spending. In addition it is important to restrict applications that are running in the background of the smartphone from draining data without our customers' awareness.

Q: How much Telenor investment has reached so far? Let me also know about the future investment plan?

A: We have to date invested over USD 1.8 billion, and been part of creating over 110,000 new jobs for Myanmar. We will continue to spend to further improve coverage and quality in the coming years as the rising demand for data in the Myanmar population needs to be supported by a national and modern network. I have not seen any market mature as fast as in Myanmar. In less than 1000 days we have moved from 2G to 3G and recently to 4G. Telenor Myanmar now operates the country's largest 4G network which we believe will further accelerate the adoption of multimedia-rich digital services for communications, commerce, education, and entertainment.

Q: What are Telenor's initiatives to support community in Myanmar?

A: Corporate Responsibility is at the core of our philosophy to develop business in a sustainable and transparent manner. We believe that mobile phones can transform human life by making information, as well as social, health and financial services much more accessible to everyone. Telenor's Corporate Responsibility initiatives includes Telenor's Light Houses for promoting digital literacy; Myanmar Mobile Education Project providing non-formal education to underprivileged children, humanitarian relief support for disaster-affected communities including response to the flooding in Myanmar, and Health for maternal and child health information app. ■

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Government
Ministry of Labour, Immigration
and Population
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Announcement of information for
Myanmar migrant workers desirous
of working in Thailand, who recently
returned home due to new law on foreign
employees and migrant workers newly
enacted in Thailand

1. As for Myanmar migrant workers desirous of working in Thailand, who recently returned home due to new law on foreign employees and migrant workers newly enacted in Thailand, the below-said process must be performed as follows:

(A) As for Myanmar migrant workers, they must

contact with their entrepreneurs they worked for in Thailand to re-enter the country under mutual agreement.

(B) On arrival at Thailand, they must go to the labour registration centers provisionally opened by the ministry of labour in Thailand to have their names registered from 24th July 2017, to 7th August 2017 (within 15 days without holidays), accompanied by entrepreneurs or representatives officially appointed by entrepreneurs. On completion of scrutiny work by responsible officials, they will be designated as employers and employees.

(C) On completion of scrutiny and approval as employers and employees, recommendation documents must be taken out to have Certificate of Identity made. {Services for performing the process will be done free of charge.}

(D) Employees must take out receipt of payment after paying Baht 300, for getting CIs at the nearest payment counters, opened by Counter Service Co., Ltd in Thailand, with recommendation documents approved by provisional registration centers attached.

(E) Certificate of Identity Cards must be taken out at the designated date described on the receipt, with the receipt attached.

(F) On receipt of CI Cards the workers must proceed to get Visa and Work Permit.

2. Acquisition of visa, work permit, health certificate and social security card must be performed in accord with the law of Thailand, at the designated places.

3. Provided that some difficulties are found, as to the said process anyone can get help at the following contacts—labour diplomats in Thailand and Labour Directorate’s migrant workers branch and Directorate of Labour Affairs (township office) Myawady, Tachileik, Kawthoung and the following phone numbers.

(A) U Moe Aung Khaing	- 0066-633141992, 0066-948845484, 0066-820718727
(B) U Aung Ko Than	- 0066-634426204
(C) U Myo Htet Thu	- 0066-652206951
(D) U Naing Min Thu	- 0066-652206952
(E) U Aung Khin Myint	- 0066-652206953
(F) Directorate of Labour Affairs, migrant worker branch	- 067-430185 067-430285
(G) Directorate of Labour Affairs, (township office) Myawady	- 058-50223
(H) Directorate of Labour Affairs (township office) Tachileik	- 084-51954
(I) Directorate of Labour Affairs (township office) Kawthoung	- 059-51982

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July 18, 2017
Announcement of Information for
Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand

1. As for Myanmar workers working for different entrepreneurs at different places, not as described in their original certificates of work permits and the workers with true evidences whose visa were no longer valid, though they are presently working for entrepreneurs in Thailand , they are required as follows:

(A) As for the above-said Myanmar migrant workers, they must go to the registration centers provisionally opened by the ministry of labour in Thailand, from 24th July 2017 to 7th August, 2017 (15 days without holidays), together with their entrepreneurs or representatives officially appointed by their owners, to have their names registered. On completion of checking by responsible officials, they will be designated as employers and employees.

(B) On completion of scrutiny and approval as employers and employees by the registration centers provisionally opened in Thailand, necessary documents must be taken out, so that employees can be given out Certificates of Identity—CI) {Services for performing the process will be done free of charge.}

(C) Employees must take out receipt of payment after paying Baht 300, for getting CIs at the nearest payment counters, opened by Counter Service Co., Ltd in Thailand, with recommendation documents approved by provisional registration centers attached.

(D) Certificate of Identity Cards must be taken out at the designated date described on the receipt, with the receipt attached.

(E) On receipt of CI Cards the workers must proceed to get Visa and Work Permit.

2. Acquisition of visa, work permit, health certificate and social security card must be performed in accord with the law of Thailand, at the designated places.

3. Provided that some difficulties are found, as to the said process anyone can get help at the following contacts—labour diplomats in Thailand and Labour Directorate’s migrant workers branch.

(A) U Moe Aung Khaing	- 0066-633141992, 0066-948845484, 0066-820718727
(B) U Aung Ko Than	- 0066-634426204
(C) U MyoHtet Thu	- 0066-652206951
(D) U Naing Min Thu	- 0066-652206952
(E) U Aung Khin Myint	- 0066-652206953
(F) Directorate of Labour Affairs, migrant worker branch	- 067-430185 067-430285

Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population



Police officers and rescue workers work to clean up after the landslides in Thandaunggyi, Hpa-an District yesterday. **PHOTO: HPA-AN IPRD**

Heavy rain causes landslides in Thandaunggyi in Hpa-an District

Landslides happened in Thandaunggyi, Hpa-an District yesterday due to torrential, destroying several houses and block a road, but no casualty was reported in the incident. The landslide on the Thandaunggyi-Toungoo Road caused hindrance to the traffic flow on the road. The traffic returned to normal following local firemen cleared the blockage.—Hpa-an IPRD

Depression in Bay of Bengal to cross Odisha coast

ACCORDING to the observations at (18:30)hrs M.S.T yesterday, the depression over north-west and adjoining west central Bay of Bengal, now lies over northwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining areas of coastal Odisha and north Andhra Pradesh.

“It is centered at about (25)miles southwest of Puri and (40)miles east-northeast of Gopalpur (India). It is likely to move west-northwestwards and will cross Odisha coast between Gopalpur and Puri during,” said the Meteorology and Hydrology Department yesterday.

Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kachin State, fairly widespread in Northern

Shan State and widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bagon, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Shan (East and South), Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States with likelihood of regionally heavy falls in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Chin, Rakhine and Mon States and isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Kayin State. Degree of certainly is (100%). Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) m.p.h.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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Apologies

On 18 July, due to a malfunction of the computer server which normally edits and transmits news and data at 8 pm when local and international news are being broadcast by MRTV, news-related information and sounds were not able to be transmitted. We humbly offer our sincere apologies to MRTV’s audience for this unexpected failure.

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An urgent necessity to be done for Myanmar students

Khin Maung Oo

THOUGH being a sexagenarian, I was born six years after our national leader and architect of Myanmar's Independence Bogoyoke Aung San and martyrs were assassinated. To put it simply, as primary school students although we have heard the name of Bogoyoke Aung San, it did not impress itself on our minds. But later the wailing of sirens which was broadcast on radio, hoisting of national flags at half-mast in front of almost all houses in our small town on July 19 and listening to lectures given by our teachers and town elders a week just prior to Martyrs' Day made us more aware of our fallen leaders. Somehow,

we felt very sad and tears would well up in our eyes whenever songs about martyrs were heard from the radio. This might have been attributed to the well-known female singer May Hla Myaing's voice full of pathos. Thus, we learnt to love, admire and emulate Bogoyoke Aung San and martyrs. It is not an exaggeration to claim that talks, debates, essay competitions and poem reciting contests on martyrs' day strengthened our patriotism. Bogoyoke's spirit—love of truth blossomed in our hearts.

Yet a bad system blackened people's minds, causing the country to plunge abruptly into poverty, destroying our education system and ruining people's morality. Being overwhelmed by fear

of suppression by successive military dictators, the spirit of love of truth disappeared from our minds. According to the saying that people get a government they deserve, we had lived nearly half a decade in fear. Why did it happen to us in such a way? Had our spirit of love of truth been systematically developed in schools at different levels, we would have had freedom from fear, throughout our lives.

Now we have accepted that we must start by changing the education sector firstly in transforming our nation into a developed and modern Federal Democratic Union. To make love of truth, patriotism, freedom from fear and political knowledge deep-root-

ed in the minds of our youths, we should make arrangements to cultivate Bogoyoke Aung San's spirit in the minds of our younger generation. Bogoyoke's words of simplicity, frankness, straightforwardness and virtue are the ones for us to imitate and simultaneously they will be guidance for us to live in our society. If possible, a collection of excerpts or full text of Bogoyoke's speeches should be published and distributed nationwide. Procrastination is the thief of time. If we delay, our youths will grow older and their pure minds can be adulterated. Keeping this concept as our national cause, let us join hands with our government in building up our nation! ■

By Maw Lin

AS it was rainy season Yangon had rains in the morning. The whole sky was dark and gloomy with rains, sometimes in drizzles and sometimes in fairly heavy showers, but with no time of complete cessation. On that very day Myanmar had a fate as gloomy as the cloudy sky.

On that very morning General Aung San left the house in fresh and joyous mood. He did not know the bad luck for him and for the country was imminent. He was unusual in dress that day as he was not in Khaki Uniform (army uniform) but he was dressed in light yellow Bangkok silk longyi and Mandalay silk Myanmar traditional coat and aeroplane brand white sandal. He looked smart and graceful. Just before leaving the house he hugged his young daughter and gave a tender kiss and left for the Secretariat.

It was the time Myanmar was ensured of Independence through the relentless effort of General Aung San and other national leaders. It was the time when the bright future of Myanmar was imminent.

British Government also had already formed Executive Council (Cabinet) of British Governor that mainly comprised Myanmar political leaders.

General Aung San was made the Deputy Chairman of Executive Council which was formed on 27th September 1946 by Governor of Myanmar, Sir Hubert E. Rance. Although General Aung San was Deputy Chairman he had to take the responsibility of Chairman of the government (EC) in the meetings as the Chairman, Sir Hubert Rance used to fail to attend the meeting. The absence of Sir Hubert Rance in the Executive Council meeting manifested the fact that British government had no longer wanted to meddle with the affairs of Myanmar which in near future would have



the power of their own determination and execution. The meetings of ministers (cabinet meetings) were usually held at Governor's Residence. However, the later cabinet meetings took place at General Aung San's office in the Secretariat after Aung San-Atlee Treaty was signed by General Aung San and British Prime Minister Mr. Clement Attlee in January 1947.

Cabinet meetings were usually held every Wednesday. However, cabinet meeting coincided with the parliamentary session and it was shifted to Saturday,

19 July 1947. It became a treachery of fate for Myanmar people.

When General Aung San arrived at the Secretariat all the cabinet ministers had been waiting in the office.

There were three entrances to the large meeting room. General Aung San was seated at the top of the table which were arranged in a U shape form. Seated closely on the left was Ministers U Ba Gyan, U Aung Zan Wai, Pyawbwe U Mya and Mongpaw Sawbwa Sao San Tun. On the right of General Aung San seat were Thakhin Mya, Deedok U Ba Cho, U

Razak, U Ba Win and Mahn Ba Khaing serially. U Kyaw Nyein, U Vum Ko Haw, Saw San Pho Thin, Sama Duwa Sinwa Nawng were then abroad and could not attend the meeting.

Although the Minister for Road, Building and Rehabilitation U Ba Gyan and Minister for Industry and Labour Affairs Mahn Ba Khaing, were not feeling well, they attended the meeting as it is an important meeting for the independence. U Ohn Maung, secretary of Road and Transportation Ministry took place near Thakhin Mya to explain about road and transportation to the cabinet.

In that moment under the incessant rain of Saturday a jeep with No. Plate AC 1814 entered the secretariat and reached the southwestern hall of the secretariat. Four men wearing army uniforms with No. 12 army badge and white canvasses got off the car and quickly went upstairs by side stairway. It seemed that the army soldiers came to secretariat on emergency. Then, they immediately entered the meeting room removing the security guard of the meeting room by force and raked the room with three Tommy Guns and one Sten Gun. Immediately after shooting till the bullets ran out, they left the room. They also shot Yebaw Ko Htwe, a body guard of U Razak whom they met direct on the corridor and ran downstairs and drove away.

Our national leader, an architect of the nation's independence had succumbed to death by the 13 bullet shots on the body at 10.45 am.

General Aung San, six other leaders of the pre-independence interim government and one bodyguard — Thakhin Mya, U Ba Cho, U Razak, U Ba Win, Mahn Ba Khaing, Sao San Tun, U Ohn Maung and Yebaw Ko Htwe — were assassinated on 19 July, 1947. Sao San Tun died the next day on 20 July at Yangon General Hospital. **SEE PAGE 9**

Six men arrested on suspicion Maungtaw Township killing

MYANMAR security forces arrested six men on Sunday in connection with an alleged murder in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State in June. The suspects were found in Gaung Nyar village and arrested in connection with the death of Abdul Nasir. The men are being held at Pyin Phyu police station for further investigation.—Myanmar News Agency ■

50,000 Yaba pills seized in Maungtaw

Security forces discovered about 50,000 amphetamine pills in Maungtaw on 17th July and arrested six suspects on suspicion of drug trafficking. The forces found the drug hidden in a rice storage during the search of a house owned by Sirazu Ramok in Myinlut Ward, Maungtaw Township, seizing the drug worth Ks99 million, four motorcycles, six mobile phones and Ks105,200. Five people including Harzi Darkhartu, 40, wife of Sirazu Ramok and Karlma, 46, from Thawunchaung Village were also found in the house. The six have been charged with the drug trafficking.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Martyrs' Day Martyr's Spirit

FROM PAGE 8

Ministers U Ba Gyan, U Aung Zan Wai and Pyawbwe U Mya survived the attack. On the same day, Galon U Saw's home was searched on suspicion of involvement in the killings by a squad led by Company Commander Lieutenant Thein Han. During the search, U Saw's perpetrators fought back, but finally U Saw and 20 men were arrested. After interrogations, U Saw, who masterminded the assassinations, and his accomplices Maung Soe, Thet Hnin, Maung Sein, Yan Gyi Aung, Thu Kha, Khin Maung Yin, Maung Ni, Hmon Gyi and Ba Nyunt were brought to the court. Later Ba Nyunt became the government witness during the trial. The tribunal sentenced U Saw and his perpetrators to death. Later, the death sentence of Thu Kha, Khin Maung Yin and Maung Ni were commuted to life imprisonment. In accordance with the judgment passed by the Supreme Court, U Saw, Hmon Gyi, Maung Soe and Thet Hnin were hanged inside Rangoon's Insein Prison on 8 May 1948.

Not only Myanmar, but also international communities mourned the assassinations of General Aung San and other leaders. The assassination of General Aung San and other leaders was one of the ugliest incidents in Myanmar's history and a big loss for the country and its people.

“Dullabho purisājañño – na so sabbattha jāyati; Yattha so jāyati dhīro – tam kulam sukhamedhati.”

“The birth of the best of men, the martyr, is very rare; such a person is not born every day. When such a wise hero is born, the entire clan flourishes in happiness.” Assuming that kind of martyr, endowed with broad-minded, worldly vision is born to a country, a region or a race, the place or the race into which the martyr comes into existence will be blessed and prosperous, for certain. General Aung San and the national leaders who died with him are the Martyrs of Myanmar. Such kinds of heroes emerged in Myanmar. Due to terrorist attack that accomplished only death

without any attempt to seize political power through people's support, we lost some of Myanmar's great leaders. It is an event that should be mourned, because it can never be erased from our memories. The spirit of a martyr is endowed with the virtues of physical and mental strength, broad-minded, worldly vision, purity of mind and character, and firm resolution to sacrifice one's life for the sake of the people. Let us try our best for the myriad of youths with the martyr's spirit to emerge in Myanmar!

9th July 2017

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Aye Min Soe)

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Defence Services Personnel representative
from Amyotha Hluttaw substituted

According to a request made in accordance with Section 33 of the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law to substitute a representative of the Armed forces who was a parliamentarian, nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in the second multi-party general election held on 8 November 2015, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following Amyotha Hluttaw representative shown on the left column under the Notification 2/2016 of the commission dated 18-1-2016 with the person shown on the right column.

(1) Air 1791 BC 19490
Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe Oo Brig-Gen Tint Lwin

By order,
(Tin Tun)
Secretary
Union Election Commission

PRESS RELEASE

U Maung Maung Lynn presents Credentials to the President of Cyprus

U Maung Maung Lynn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Cyprus, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr. Nicos Anastasiades, President of the Republic of Cyprus on 13 July 2017, in Nicosia.— Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Political party permitted to register

It is hereby announced that the Rakhine League for Democracy headquartered at No. 304/332, Bayintnaung Road, Ward No.2 in Hlaing Township, Yangon Region, has been permitted to register as a political party in accordance with Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law on 18 July 2017. The registration number of the Rakhine League for Democracy Party is 103.

By order,
(Tin Tun)
Secretary
Union Election Commission

U Zaw Myint Pe the secretary of Maungtaw Investigation Commission receives UN Special Rapporteur

U Zaw Myint Pe, the secretary of Maungtaw Investigation Commission received Ms. Yanghee Lee, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar at the Hall of President Office, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. U Zaw Myint Pe and Ms. Lee discussed the commission's activities. Also present at the meeting were commission members U Zaw Win, Dr. Daw Thet Thet Zin and Daw Kyein Ngai Man.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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

WORLD
BRIEFS

Britain's Prime Minister, Theresa May, waits on the doorstep of no 10 to greet the Prime Minister of Estonia, in Downing Street, central London, Britain on 18 July, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Show “strength and unity”, British PM May tells ministers

LONDON — Prime Minister Theresa May told her ministers on Tuesday to show the “strength and unity” Britain needs, and to keep discussions private, blaming hostile briefings to journalists on colleagues who are “not taking their responsibilities seriously”.

Since losing the Conservatives’ majority in parliament at an election she did not need to call, May has been increasingly unable to dictate to her ministers, who have begun to air their disagreements in public.

Much of the criticism, briefed by anonymous sources

in the British media, has centred on finance minister Philip Hammond, who has been attacked on his stance on government spending and his approach to Britain’s departure from the European Union.

“There is a need to show strength and unity as a country and that starts around the cabinet table,” May told her top team of ministers, according to her spokesman.

“She said the government would make better decisions if colleagues were able to hold open discussions but it was vital that discussions in cabinet

must remain private,” he told reporters.

“The PM said the briefings and counter-briefings over the weekend had been a case of colleagues not taking their responsibilities seriously.”

Hammond was quoted as saying he believed public sector workers were overpaid last week, a statement at odds with many in the cabinet who want to increase pay to try to win back voters and seized upon by the opposition Labour Party.

Described as “an enfeebled chancellor” in parliament by a Labour lawmaker, Hammond

said: “I don’t know which planet he lives on but I have to tell you I don’t feel particularly enfeebled.”

Earlier Sky News said May, whose authority was shattered by last month’s ill-judged election, had taken the floor at a summer party for Conservative lawmakers to tell them there should be “no backbiting, no carping”.

“The choice is me or Jeremy Corbyn – and nobody wants him,” May told her lawmakers, according to the Daily Mail newspaper. “Go away, have a proper summer break and come back ready for serious business.” — Reuters ■

Britain’s cyber security centre says has never certified Kaspersky products

LONDON — Britain’s National Cyber Security Centre said on Tuesday it had never certified products from Russian cyber security firm Kaspersky Lab.

“The NCSC certifies products through a range of initiatives, and vendors apply to have their products certified via one of our accredited lab partners,” the NCSC, which is part of Britain’s GCHQ eavesdropping security agency, said. — Reuters ■

Suicide bomber kills four in Kurdish-held Syrian northeast

BEIRUT — A suicide car bomber killed four people at a checkpoint in a Kurdish-controlled area of northeastern Syria on Tuesday, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

Observatory Director Rami Abdulrahman said the attack took place near the village of Tel Tamr, some 30 km (19 miles) from the Syrian-Turkish border. Syrian state TV also reported the deaths of four people in a car bomb attack in the area, but said it had taken place in the nearby town of Ras al-Ayn. — Reuters ■

Lebanese PM says army to carry out operation at Syrian border

BEIRUT — Lebanese Prime Minister Saad al-Hariri said on Tuesday the army would carry out an operation in the Juroud Aarsal area of northeastern Lebanon at the Syrian border, the National News Agency reported.

Speaking in parliament, Hariri described the planned operation as carefully studied.

Juroud Aarsal, a barren area in the mountains between Syria and Lebanon, has been a base of operations for insurgents fighting in the Syrian civil war, including the Nusra Front and Islamic State. — Reuters ■

Russia, after US meeting on diplomatic row, says ready to retaliate

MOSCOW—Russia’s Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday Moscow reserved the right to take retaliatory measures against the United States after a meeting in Washington ended without a deal on returning seized Russian diplomatic property.

Barack Obama, then US president, ordered the seizure of two Russian diplomatic com-

pounds 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 would depend on the outcome of a meeting in Washington on Monday between Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ry-

abkov and US Undersecretary of State Thomas Shannon who discussed the diplomatic row. But the Foreign Ministry said in a statement on Tuesday a resolution to the problem had not yet been found. “The Russian side stressed (in the meeting) that if Washington does not remove this and other irritants, including continued obstacles to

the work of our diplomatic institutions, we reserve the right to take retaliatory measures based on the principle of reciprocity,” the statement said.

Russia wanted to resume regular dialogue with the United States about strategic stability too, it said, saying it was up to Washington to make a move on the issue. — Reuters ■

Flowers shrivel in Italian beauty spot as drought follows quakes

CASTELLUCIO (Italy) — The plain of Castelluccio in central Italy usually rolls out a carpet of red, yellow and blue flowers for tourists, but this summer drought is shrivelling the blooms in a valley already ravaged by a series of earthquakes.

Some poppies, gentians and narcissus have emerged, but the scorching heat has taken its toll. The colours are muted and wilted plants sprout from bare earth.

“Seeing it in this shape has

really affected us because we remember it being very different here,” Italian holidaymaker Andrea Nulli said.

The “Fiorita” natural flower show coincides with the area’s famous lentil crop, which was sown later than usual this year after the quakes ripped up access roads.

Barricades still surround parts of the medieval town of Castelluccio di Norcia, where a particularly powerful shock in October lowered the land by up

to 70 cm (28 inches) and opened huge scars in the surrounding mountains.

Farmers were allowed back onto the roads in April. Now authorities have let sightseers follow in their wake.

Visitor numbers are way down on last year. But locals are grateful for any sign of new life. “It’s a beautiful thing because we can see some movement and people again. The economy is picking up,” farmer Diego Pignatelli said. —Reuters ■

Hitachi to boost cash-recycling ATM production in India

NEW DELHI — An Indian local arm of the Hitachi Ltd group plans to ramp up production of cash-recycling automated teller machines to meet growing demand from banks which are considering replacing their traditional machines to optimize operational costs.

Hitachi Terminal Solutions India Pvt Ltd, which last October started producing cash-recycling ATMs, has seized the largest share in the Indian cash-recycling ATM market and plans to increase the production in a phased manner, officials say.

“Recycling ATMs is the next stage of evolution for ATMs in India given that 25 per cent of ATMs in the country are more than eight years old and may come up for replacement,” said

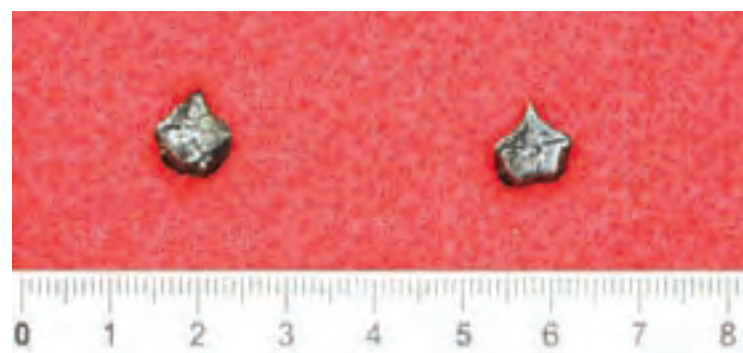
Loney Antony, managing director of Hitachi Payment Services Pvt Ltd, another group firm to install and maintain ATMs produced by Hitachi Terminal Solutions. Antony said that the cash-recycling ATMs can offer “multiple benefits — operational and cost efficiency, 24X7 availability, better utilization of teller time, fraud note detection — to the customers.”

The Bangalore-based ATM manufacturer under Japan’s Hitachi-Omron Terminal Solutions Corp. has produced over 600 machines to date. According to Hitachi Payment Services, the industry is likely to deploy around 15,000 new cash-recycling ATMs by the end of the current fiscal year to next March. Hitachi says it is looking to tap the growing

demand to retain its leading position in the cash-recycling ATM market in the country.

The Hitachi group has been supplying cash-recycling ATMs to its customers in India for the last six to seven years. Last year, it set up Hitachi Terminal Solutions India with capital of 1 billion rupees (\$15.5 million) to start local production to enhance “cost competitiveness and shortening the production lead time from order entry to shipment.”

Hitachi Payment has already deployed 9,500 cash-recycling ATMs in the South Asian country, accounting for about 47 per cent of the total network of around 20,000 ATMs. It aims to deploy another 500 to reach the 10,000 mark soon. —Kyodo News



Fossil teeth of a plant-eating dinosaur are shown at Fukui Prefectural Dinosaur Museum in Japan on July 10, 2017. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

Dinosaur fossil teeth unearthed in southwestern Japan

FUKUI (Japan) — Fossil teeth of a plant-eating dinosaur have been discovered in southwestern Japan, offering fresh clues about the reptile and the ecological system some 81 million years ago, a local museum said on Tuesday.

Thirty-five fossil teeth have been unearthed from a geological layer of the late Cretaceous period on the west bank of Nagasaki Peninsula, according to the Fukui Prefectural Dinosaur Museum and the city of Nagasaki.

The teeth are believed to be of a herbivore similar to the hadrosaur, or duck-billed dinosaur, which is known to have had a dense array of flat teeth for chewing.

Of the 35 teeth, 34 were found within a radius of several meters, the museum said.

“We can assume there were a number of dinosaurs in the area. If fossils of plants and animals are found nearby, we can replicate the ecosystem of that time,” an official of the museum said.

The height of the biggest tooth found was about 1.7 centimetres and it had a width and thickness of around 1 cm.

As the surface of each tooth was either flat or dented, and the roots were not dichotomous, the museum judges the fossils to belong to an ornithomimid grazing dinosaur.

When an ornithomimid’s teeth wore down, they are believed to have fallen out naturally and been replaced by new teeth.

The fossils will be showcased at the Gunkanjima Museum in the city of Nagasaki for four days from Thursday and at the Nagasaki Science Museum from 25 July to 18 September. Six replicas will be displayed at the Fukui museum from Wednesday.

In Japan, fossils of similar dinosaurs have been excavated in six other prefectures including Iwate and Fukushima prefectures and the complete skeleton of a Hadrosaurid was unearthed in Mukawa, Hokkaido. —Kyodo News ■

Driverless EV developed in France completes 1st test run in Japan



A driverless bus developed by a French manufacturer is put through its paces at a park in central Tokyo on 18 July, 2017. The bus uses a camera to detect any obstacles in its way. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

TOKYO — A self-driving electric vehicle developed by a French company completed its first demonstration test in Japan on Tuesday at a park in Tokyo, amid efforts to realize fully automated public transportation services.

The Navya Arma vehicle developed by Navya SAS is designed to navigate fixed routes for shuttle bus services while avoiding obstacles. It can carry up to 15 passengers and has a maximum speed of 45 kilometers per hour.

The test, conducted by a

group of researchers, bus organizations and companies, including the University of Tokyo’s Institute of Industrial Science, was open to the media.

The group will continue to conduct tests until Sunday, with pre-registered applicants and onlookers able to ride on the vehicle in the park free of charge.

SB Drive Corp, a subsidiary of Japanese information technology giant SoftBank Group Corp, which owns the vehicle being used in the test, said a Swiss city has already introduced Na-

vya Arma vehicles to its public transportation system. The vehicle has also been tested in the United States, the company said.

The Japanese government has been pushing autonomous driving technologies ahead of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics through public and private sector cooperation.

DeNA Co, another major IT company in Japan, has also been conducting driverless vehicle tests at commercial and university facilities using a different vehicle. —Kyodo News ■



Russian President Vladimir Putin. PHOTO: TASS

Putin highlights Russia’s willingness to cooperate in aviation and aerospace

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin has forwarded his greetings to the participants and guests of the 13th MAKS International Air Show opening in Zhukovsky, the Moscow Region, on Tuesday, the Kremlin press service reported.

“The history of MAKS began 25 years ago with MosAeroShow held in the city of Zhukovsky. Over the years, the forum has transformed into an exhibition venue for outstanding premieres, advanced achievements in design concepts, rightfully becoming a global-scale event,” the president noted. “It is gratifying that Russian and foreign experts, industrialists and businesspeople analyze the processes taking place in the industry and present their views on its future,” Putin stressed.

“The contracts signed during the MAKS air show, the joint promising projects vividly demonstrate foreign partners’ interest in cooperating with Russia, including tin implementing ambitious ideas that require pooling efforts, resources and intellectual potential.”

“I have in mind the programmes to create a series of long-range aircraft and space exploration. Our country is open to such mutually advantageous and effective work,” the Russian president added.

The MAKS International Air Show is opening in Zhukovsky, the Moscow Region, on Tuesday. More than 650 Russian and foreign companies will display their products there. The exhibition will run from 18 July to 23 July, Putin is scheduled to visit it on opening day.

“A total of 700 exhibits of military products will be presented.

The achievements of the national defense industry will be demonstrated by 99 enterprises,” the Russian Federal Service for Military-Technical Cooperation said.

This year’s show will bring together about 180 foreign corporations and companies from 36 countries, which is more than last year’s when representatives of about 150 foreign companies from 30 countries visited the air show.

—Tass ■

Swiss glacier yields bodies of couple missing 75 years

GENEVA — The frozen bodies of a Swiss couple who went missing 75 years ago in the Alps have been found on a shrinking glacier, Swiss media said on Tuesday.

Marcelin and Francine Dumoulin, the parents of seven children, had gone to milk their cows in a meadow above Chandolin in the Valais canton on 15 August, 1942.

“We spent our whole lives looking for them, without stopping. We thought that we could give them the funeral they deserved one day,” their youngest daughter Marceline Udry-Dumoulin told the Lausanne daily Le Matin.

“I can say that after 75 years of waiting this news gives me a deep sense of calm,” added the 79-year-old.

In an overnight statement, Valais cantonal police said that two bodies bearing identity papers had been discovered last week by a worker on Tsanfleuron glacier near a ski lift above Les Diablerets resort at an altitude of 2,615 metres (8,600 feet).

DNA testing would be carried out to confirm the identities of the couple. “The bodies were lying near each other. It was a man and a woman wearing clothing dating from the period of World War Two,” Bernhard Tschannen, director of Glacier 3000, told the paper.

“They were perfectly preserved in the glacier and their belongings were intact.”

“We think they may have fallen into a crevasse where they stayed for decades. As the glacier receded, it gave up their bodies,” he told the daily Tribune de Geneve.

Marcelin Dumoulin, 40, was a shoemaker, while Francine, 37, was a teacher. They left five sons and two daughters.

“It was the first time my mother went with him on such an excursion. She was always pregnant and couldn’t climb in the difficult conditions of a glacier,” Udry-Dumoulin said. “After a while, we children were separated and placed in families. I was lucky to stay with my aunt,” she said. “We all lived in the region but became strangers.”

“For the funeral, I won’t wear black. I think that white would be more appropriate. It represents hope, which I never lost.”

—Reuters ■

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Japan still far from envisioned FY 2020 primary budget surplus

TOKYO — The Japanese government's stated goal of achieving a primary balance surplus by fiscal 2020 remains elusive, though the deficit that year is now forecast to be slightly less, according to Cabinet Office projections released on Tuesday.

The office expects a primary balance deficit of around 8.2 trillion yen (\$72 billion) in fiscal 2020, down slightly from the 8.3 trillion yen projected in January.

The revision factored in efforts to rein in spending, but tax revenue is expected to be lower than previously thought as growth projections for the years to fiscal 2020 were downgraded.

A primary balance deficit means even after excluding debt-servicing costs, the government cannot finance its annual budget without issuing



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (L) addresses a meeting of the Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy at the prime minister's office in Tokyo on 18 July, 2017. **PHOTO: KYODO**

new debt.

The Cabinet Office projected the percentage of the primary budget deficit to nominal gross domestic product at 1.3 per cent in fiscal 2020, little changed from the 1.4 per cent projected in January.

The estimates were presented to a meeting of

the Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy, whose members are drawing a rough picture of the budget for fiscal 2018, which starts next April.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said fiscal rehabilitation cannot be achieved without sustainable economic growth.

fixing its tattered finances is important as its rapidly aging population inevitably increases already ballooning social security expenses.

In recent years, Abe has touted growth in tax revenue as one of the achievements of his "Abenomics" policy mix. But tax revenue fell in fiscal 2016, due largely to a stronger yen that dented exporters' profits and therefore corporate tax revenue.

Economic and Fiscal Policy Minister Nobuteru Ishihara told reporters that increasing tax revenue is critical in guiding Japan toward fiscal restoration.

Japan "should never change its stance to achieve a primary balance surplus by fiscal 2020 and reduce the debt-to-GDP ratio in a stable manner,"

the minister said.

Abe, who has put off until 2019 raising the consumption tax from 8 per cent to 10 per cent, is looking for money to finance his policy goal of making children's day care and preschool education free.

Based on the latest projections, Japan will also miss its medium-term goal of reducing the primary deficit as a percentage of nominal GDP to around 1 per cent in fiscal 2018. The Cabinet Office puts the figure at 2.4 per cent for that year.

Those projections are based on the scenario that the Japanese economy will grow 3 per cent or more in nominal terms, and by at least 2 per cent in real terms. Japan's economy registered an annualized real 1.0 per cent expansion in the January-March quarter.—Kyodo News

India's BJP picks cabinet minister Naidu for vice-president

NEW DELHI — India's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has named Cabinet minister M Venkaiah Naidu as its candidate for vice president, senior officials have said, choosing a southerner to boost its political standing in a region where it lacks a base.

Naidu, a former BJP president, will face opposition nominee Gopal Krishna Gandhi, a grandson of independence hero Mahatma Gandhi, in an 5 August parliamentary vote.

The position of the vice president, like that of the president, is largely ceremonial under India's constitution, in which the prime minister and his Cabinet colleagues wield executive power.

However, the vice

president runs the Rajya Sabha, or the upper house of parliament, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government lacks a majority and has faced problems getting its legislative agenda through.

Modi said in a Twitter post late on Monday that Naidu, who ran the urban development ministry, would be a fitting candidate for the vice presidency. Lawmakers from the two houses of parliament take part in the 5 August vote.

Naidu is considered a certainty to win because of the commanding majority the BJP and its allies enjoy in the 545-member lower house, which more than makes up for its weakness in the upper house.

Lawmakers voted on Monday to choose a new president, with the BJP's Ram Nath Kovind a clear favourite.

Kovind and Naidu have both been associated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, or the National Volunteer Corps, the ideological fountainhead of Hindu groups, early on in their political careers.

Naidu is from southern Andhra Pradesh state and political experts said his candidature was an attempt by the Modi government to ensure adequate representation in top public offices dominated by northerners.

The BJP is also aiming to expand its political base in the south from the Hindi heartland. —Reuters

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Emilia Clarke doesn't Google herself

LONDON — Emilia Clarke says she has a rule to not read what people post about her online as she does not want to see the negative comments.

The “Game of Thrones” actress, who plays Daenerys Targaryen on the HBO fantasy drama series, says the negative remarks would “mess” her up and hence she prefers to avoid reading them, reported Femalefirst.

“I never look at the Internet. I have a rule: I just don't Google myself. I'm on social media but I don't look at the stuff that other people tag me in because it messes me up.

If you hate me, I don't need to know.

“I can barely even look at myself on the screen, so I keep a very big distance from it, and if anyone ever says anything really lovely, or something wonderful happens, someone will tell me. And then if it's something bad, my mum will probably tell me,” Clarke says.—PTI ■

Haim won't split for solo careers

LONDON — Haim said they would never disband to pursue their solo music careers.

The trio, comprising of sisters Este, Danielle, and Alana Haim, said they have been working together before they got famous and would continue to play together, reported ContactMusic.

“People ask us all the time: ‘Do you think you could do this solo.’ But I don't think we've ever known anything any different. We grew up being really close and, honestly, doing everything together.

“I always wanted to play music and do something creative, and I knew that if I could, I wanted to do it with Danielle and Alana because they're the closest people in my life and we had the most fun playing music together,” Este told Q magazine.—PTI ■

The Crown season 2 is different: Claire Foy

LOS ANGELES — Actress Claire Foy says the season two of “The Crown” feels like a “completely different show”.

“The Crown” first season arrived on Netflix last year and received rave reviews.

The Queen Elizabeth de-pictor says filming of the next season, which moves into a different part of the monarchs

reign, between 1957 and 1964, is over, reported Entertainment Weekly.

“It was amazing. It was completely different, like a completely different show in a way,” she says. Peter Morgan's epic “The Crown” traces the life of Queen Elizabeth II from her wedding in 1947 to the present day.—PTI ■



Actress Naomi Watts poses on the red carpet as she arrives for the screening of the film “Money Monster” out of competition during the 69th Cannes Film Festival in Cannes, France, on 12 May 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Pink Floyd helped Naomi Watts post her father's demise

LOS ANGELES — English rock band Pink Floyd gave Naomi Watts' mother “a few thousand dollars” to help them rebuild their lives following the tragic death of her father.

The 48-year-old actress was just seven years old when her dad Peter Watts — a sound

engineer for the English rock band — passed away and she says she owes a lot to the group because they helped them in getting her family back on track, reported The Guardian. “When he died, my dad hadn't saved money, and I guess my mum didn't have any.

So they, the band, very kindly ... ‘Trust fund’ doesn't sound right at all.

“I think they gave my mum a few thousand dollars to help get things under way. A lump sum, to help. It was kind that they did that,” Watts says.—PTI ■

Liam Payne teases Charlie Puth collaboration

LONDON — Former One Direction star Liam Payne has recorded a song with Charlie Puth.

The “Attention” hitmaker, who has been hinting that the pair will release a song together after they spent time in the studio, has finally confirmed the track exists and would be out soon, reported Femalefirst.

“Does anybody like Charlie Puth? Hes a very good friend of mine and he may have a song coming at some point, so well see what happens,” Payne said.—PTI ■



Tourists eye Cambodia's new world heritage site

HNOM PENH — Tourists flocked to Cambodia's newest world heritage site on the weekend, the 16th and 17th century forest temple of Sambor Prei Kuk after it was recently added to the UN cultural organization's heritage list.

With its inspiring and tumultuous history, Cambodia attracts tourists from around the world who often make a beeline for the Angkor Wat temple complex, another world heritage site.

On 8 July UNESCO added Sambor Prei Kuk or "temple in the richness of the forest" in the Khmer

language to its heritage list. Located 206 km (128 miles) north of the capital Phnom Penh, it is home to numerous temples, 10 of which are octagonal.

UNESCO said Sambor Prei Kuk had been identified as Ishanapura, the capital of the ancient Chenla Empire, a Khmer civilization that flourished in the late 6th and 7th centuries and preceded the Khmer Empire.

It joins the Angkor Archaeological Park and the Preah Vihear temple, located on the Thai-Cambodia border, as world heritage sites.

Cambodian tourists visited Sambo Prei Kuk on Saturday. One couple took wedding photos at the site.

"Now that it is listed as the world heritage site, I hope that our people will benefit a lot from this and I say many thanks to our ancestors who built this and kept it for us until this generation," said Sem Norm, a temple guard, adding that he has been taking care of the temples since 1994.

Others hope tourism will help to boost the local economy.

"When we have more tourists then the people here can get more income



Sambor Prei Kuk, or "the temple in the richness of the forest" an archaeological site of ancient Ishanapura, is seen after being listed as a UNESCO world heritage site, in Kampong Thom province, Cambodia on 15 July, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

by selling the souvenirs and our kids can even learn English language easily," said tourist Uch Srey Leak-hena.

Thousands are expected to celebrate the listing of Sambo Prei Kuk as a world heritage site on Monday.

Tourist arrivals in Cambodia rose 5 per cent to five million last year. About 5.5 million tourists are expected to visit the country this year. —Reuters ■

Israeli "counter-terrorism boot camp" a tourist attraction in occupied West Bank

GUSH ETZION SETTLEMENT (West Bank) — Taking in the scene of a simulated fruit market in an Israeli settlement in the occupied West Bank, a group of tourists ponders whether a poster-size figure of an Arab man holding a cellphone is a threat and should be shot.

The aim of the mock scenario is to teach rapt foreign visitors how to deal with an attack on a market. It is part of a counter-terrorism "boot camp" organised

by Caliber 3, a company set up by a colonel in the Israeli army reserves. Entrance to the gated compound in the Gush Etzion settlement bloc — built on land the Palestinians want for their own state — costs \$115 for adults and \$85 for children.

Admission includes watching former Israeli commandos take down an "attacker" and other means to thwart assaults, including the use of an attack dog. Adults can shoot live rounds at a firing range.

While most of those signing up are American visitors, there have also been tourists from China, Japan, India and South America, keen to experience Israeli-style security training in an attraction condemned by the Palestinian mayor of the nearby town and an anti-settlement group. The facility opened in 2003, running courses for security guards during a Palestinian uprising that included suicide bombings and shooting attacks and

which was met by Israeli military operations across the West Bank. After the intifada subsided, tourist visits began in 2009.

The man in charge, Colonel Sharon Gat, said staff stressed the importance of vigilance and caution. The Arab man depicted on his cellphone was deemed innocent by the instructors, so the target did not end up being shot.

"In two hours you can't become a professional, but we give visitors some

awareness of what it means to secure yourself, your community and your family," said Gat. "Many (visitors) have heard from their friends (about us), that this was the highlight of their trip to Israel and that is why they come. They know it's an attraction they can't see anywhere else," he said.

Yasser Sobih, mayor of the nearby Palestinian town of al-Khader, condemned the Israeli venture.

"The participation of tourists in training in these

camps built on occupied Palestinian land means that they support the occupation and we ask them to stop it," he told Reuters. One of the visitors, Rabbi Moshe Bryski of Agoura Hills in California, said that if he was ever caught in an attack, he would run and hide since he does not carry a weapon.

But he said the training had given him "an understanding and an appreciation of what those in the security industry face". —Reuters ■



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10:39	Am	Myanmar Invites You
10:54	Am	Cosplayer
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03:03	Pm	News
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An Israeli instructor guides a tourist as she fires a rifle during a two hour "boot camp" experience, at "Caliber 3 Israeli Counter Terror and Security Academy" in the Gush Etzion settlement bloc south of Jerusalem in the occupied West Bank on 13 July, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Myanmar under-22 national team players lists for 2018 AFC U23 championship qualifiers confirmed

Nyi Nyi Soe Nyunt

The Myanmar U-23 team player list for 2018 Asian Football Confederation (AFC) U-23 Championship qualifiers has been confirmed.

Myanmar will host the 2018 AFC U-23 Championship qualification. Myanmar U-23 is included in the Group (F) in the qualifier of the AFC U-23 Championship 2016 and will play against Singapore U-23 on 19 July, Brunei U-23 on 21 July and Australia U-23 on 23 July at the Thuwunna Stadium, Yangon. Under the supervision of manager U Than Toe Aung and head coach Mr Gerd Zeise, the coach team was formed with assistant coaches U Kyi Lwin, U Zaw Win Tun and U Myint Ko, together with Fitness Coach Popot Ski and goalkeeping coach U Aung Kyaw Kyaw.

The football team is formed with goalkeepers Phone Thitsar Min (Shan United U-21), San Sat Naing (Yangon United) and Wai Lin Aung (Nay Pyi Taw), defenders Htike Htike Aung (Shan United), Tlaunghup Thang (Chin United), Thiha Htet Aung (Chin United), Hein Thiha Zaw (Shan United), Nanda Kyaw (Magwe), Naing Lin Tun (Magwe), midfielders, Ye Yint Tun (Yadanarbon), Hlaing Bo Bo (Yadanarbon), Myo Ko Tun (Yadanarbon), Sithu Aung (Yadanarbon), Shine Thura, Yan Pai Soe (Ayeawady United), Yan Naing Oo (Shan United), Zayar Naing (Magwe), Maung Maung Lwin (Hantharwady United) and Nyein Chan Aung (Yangon United) and forwards, Aung Thu (Yadanarbon), Aung Kaung Mann (Ayeawady United), Shwe Ko (Shan United) and Than Paing (Yangon United). ■



Myanmar Forward player Aung Thu is seen during a match in Yangon. **PHOTO: NYI NYI SOE NYUNT**

Myanmar women's national futsal team to play four friendly matches in Thailand

Myanmar women's national futsal team is being made training at National Football Center in Thailand, according to the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF).

During the training period, they will play four friendly matches against Thailand women's national team on 19 July, Kasem Bundit University team on 21 July and Thailand women's national team on 23 July as a second round and Iran team on 25 July in Thailand. Myanmar will play three matches in the playground of Kasem Bundit University team and the second round match against Thailand women's national team on 23 July will play in another playground. —Kyaw Zin Tun ■



Spain's Football Federation President Angel Maria Villar talks to journalists after signing a cooperation agreement for a joint bid for the 2018 World Cup with Portugal's Football Federation in Lisbon on 19 January, 2009. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Spanish soccer federation's Villar arrested in graft investigation

MADRID — The head of Spain's soccer federation (RFEF) Angel Maria Villar was arrested on Tuesday after a raid on several offices in Madrid linked to the group as part of an anti-corruption investigation, police said.

Villar's son, named by Spanish media as Gorka, as well as several other soccer executives were arrested on allegations of collusion, fraud

and embezzlement, the police said in a statement.

Spain's High Court also confirmed that one of its investigating magistrates and anti-corruption prosecutors were leading the probe. The RFEF could not be reached for comment. Villar, a member of FIFA's executive committee, has been at the head of the RFEF for nearly 30 years. — Reuters ■

Pre-match press-meet for AFC U-23 Group F Qualifier

Shine Htet Zaw

A pre-match press-meet for AFC U-23 Group F Qualifier matches from 19 to 23 July in Thuwunna Stadium was held yesterday afternoon in Inya Lake Hotel, Yangon and coaches and team leaders from Myanmar, Australia, Singapore and Brunei were in attendance. AFC U-23 Qualifier Group F includes Australia, Myanmar, Singapore and Brunei teams. On the first day, today, Australia and Brunei will play at 3 p.m. and host Myanmar and Sin-

gapore will play at 6 p.m. Before the Myanmar-Singapore match, a one minute silence will be observed in commemoration of the Myanmar martyred leaders. Chief coach of Myanmar team Gerd Friedrich said "The AFC U-23 qualifier match is as important as the SEA Game match. The team is ready for the match and will play with the best lineup. The opening match with Singapore is important and so are the other matches. There is no pressure to qualify and the players had

experienced pressure during the test matches and there wouldn't be any extra-ordinary effect. The ground can be a problem due to the continuous rain but it is alright if there is no rain during the match. I am fully confident to qualify." Singapore team chief coach Richard said "It is exciting to be in the same group with Myanmar and Brunei as in the SEA Game. We will prepare and play well in all matches starting from the first match with Myanmar. There may be some difficulties to face the host country but there is no pressure. Compared to our team, Myanmar team will have more pressure. All will see our capability in the match with Myanmar."

"For us all competitors will be taken on with care. Our players are well experienced. I am confident of qualifying and the team will play to win every match" said the Australian head coach Joseph. Brunei head coach Kwon Oh-son said we will strive for the best result and is competing after preparing well for it. ■



Coaches and team leaders from Myanmar, Australia, Singapore and Brunei at the Press Conference. **PHOTO: PHO THAW ZIN**