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Upper: Fire in Ngasarkyu village, Maungtaw Township, on 22 September. Lower: Improvised explosive devices- IEDs found in Chein Khar Li Village, Yathedaung Township, Rakhine State, on 23 September. **PHOTO: INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

# Houses burnt, IEDs found in Maungtaw region

**Seven Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) suspected of being planted by Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) extremist terrorists were found yesterday in Chein Khar Li Village, Yathedaung Township.** SEE PAGE-2

# Cost of terrorist attacks compiled

According to the Maungtaw District General Administration Department, data collecting teams started conducting ground surveys yesterday to determine the losses and damages from last month's terrorist attacks and to collect information for administrative purposes.

The data collection is being conducted by five teams consisting of personnel from the Maungtaw District General Administration Department and five other related departments, said U Ye Htut, deputy commissioner of Maungtaw District General Administration Department.

"Ground surveys are being conducted to get the true losses and damages resulting from the terrorist attacks. While the attacks were unfolding, contact with village/ward administrators, heads of ten and hundred households were lost and detailed information were not obtainable. Data on ethnic nationals were obtained, but data on Muslims were not accurately obtained. In order to determine losses and damages accurately, the latest data needs to be compared with previous data and that is why five teams are collecting data now.

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# Union Minister Dr Pe Myint meets Myanmar Press Council, attends journalism diploma graduation

Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint met with officials from the Myanmar Press Council in Kyauktada Township, Yangon yesterday morning.

In the meeting, the Union Minister said the media was observed being used for political matters with fake news and views of international media on the northern Rakhine State terrorist events. The Union Minister added that the ministry will cooperate with the Myanmar Press Council's process on setting up a Media Monitoring Committee that observes and differentiates fake news, while news media organisations and private media should analyse their performance, progress and development. He urged all to discuss what ought to be done to develop the status of the news media.

The Union Minister and officials from Myanmar Press Council then discussed distribution of true news from Myanmar to the world. Also discussed were programmes to be drawn up for cooperation.

Union Minister Dr Pe Myint poses for a documentary photo with dignitaries following the graduation ceremony of Multimedia Journalism Diploma Programme in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

The meeting was attended by officials from Ministry of Information, two vice chairmen and members of the Myanmar Press Council.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister attended the certificate presenting ceremony of the third full-time and part-time Multimedia Journalism Diploma Programme Graduation Ceremony (2017) of the Myanmar Journalism Institute (MJI) held at the Sule Shangri La Hotel in Yangon.

At the ceremony, MJI executive director U Thiha Saw delivered an opening speech, followed by comments from the Union Minister, who said the country's media sector consists mostly of people who came over from the literature sector and learnt media work on the job, by observation and self-study. It is encouraging to see youths entering the media sector through systematic courses like this one, he said. Media personnel need to be well-versed in basic media principles as well as knowledgeable and observant of media ethic, the Union Minister said.

Afterwards, videos depicting news gathering, news writing, print, audio, video and online media activities conducted during the course were shown. The 32 trainees who attended the third multimedia journalism course (2017) were presented with certificates in the ceremony.

The Myanmar Journalism Institute was established in 2014 and has a full-time diploma course for untrained and inexperienced journalists, and a part-time and short-term diploma courses for working journalists. The MJI has so far presented diplomas to 700 trainees in the trainer course and 120 trainees in the multimedia news training course.—Myanmar News Agency ■

# Houses burnt, IEDs found in Maungtaw region

SEVEN Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) suspected of being planted by Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) extremist terrorists were found yesterday in Chein Khar Li Village, Yathedaung Township, according to authorities.

While on patrol, security forces found two IEDs made from automobile pistons with a diameter of 4.5 inches and a length of 9 inches and five IEDs made from 9-inch long iron pipe with a diameter of 4.5 inches hidden in a hole in the ground covered with straw. The bombs were deactivated and no injuries were reported. Police from Inndin are investigating. On Friday, security forces responding to reports of multiple fires in Ngasarkyu and Kyein Chaung villages, Maungtaw Township found six houses destroyed by fire. The cause of the fires is under investigation.

On the same day, eight Hindu houses were burnt down in Kyein Chaung, causing damage estimated at Ks800,000.

The fires were found to have started from a Muslim house and spread to nearby Hindu houses. The cause of the fire is being investigated and a case will be opened according to the law. —Myanmar News Agency ■

The outbreak of fire started at a Muslim house is seen before spread to Hindu houses in Maungtaw. **PHOTO: MNA**

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The main data will be collected first and other required data will also be collected. It is estimated to take about a month to collect the data and the data will assist in the redevelopment works", said U Ye Htut.

Teams 1 and 2 started data collection yesterday, it is learnt. Team 1 is conducting surveys in six wards of Maungtaw as well as Shwezar, Kappakaung, Paungzar, Kanyintaw, Zinpaingnya, Kyikanpyin, Nwayonetaung, Thihokyun, Myothugyi, Myo U, Kanyintan (Myoma), Pantawpyin, Padin, Nyaungchaung, Tatoochaung, Duchiatan, Dunyaungpingyi, Panyaungpingyi, Thayekontan, Gawduthaya and Aungzeya villages, while team 2 is conducting surveys in villages south of Maungtaw which include eight wards in Myinlut town, Kyaukpandu, Thinbawkwe, Inndin, Thawinchaung, Thabyetaw, Kyaungtaung, Alethankyaw, Kanpu, Udaung, Ohntaw, Wacha, Kanyintan, Thanda and Zawmatet villages.

The team includes staff from the General Administration Department and also from the land records department, agriculture department, border area ethnic national development department, and the education and immigration departments.—Tin Maung Lwin, Min Htat Aung ■

# Vice President U Myint Swe addresses the 10th regular meeting with Myanmar entrepreneurs

Vice President U Myint Swe delivers the speech at the 10th meeting with Myanmar entrepreneurs at UMFCCI in Yangon on 23 September 2017. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

VICE President U Myint Swe, Chairman of the Private Sector Development Committee, attended the 10th meeting between the Private Sector Development Committee and Myanmar entrepreneurs held at the UMFCCI in Yangon at 9 am yesterday morning, and delivered a speech.

Also, present at the meeting were Union Ministers Dr Pe Myint, U Khin Maung Cho, Dr Than Myint and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Deputy Ministers U Aung Htoo, U Win Maw Tun and U Maung Maung Win, Yangon Region Ministers, UMFCCI President and members, officials from Myanmar Industries Association, Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar Printers & Publishers Association, Myanmar Furniture Industry Association, Sagaing Region Merchants and Industry Association, and Shan State (North) Merchants and Industry Association.

In his speech to the meeting, the Vice President said these meetings had been held regularly monthly since 2016 December and had reached the tenth time. During the nine meetings from 2016 December to 2017 August, entrepreneurs had submitted 142 suggestions that were collected by UMFCCI and the Ministry of Commerce had relayed these suggestions to the relevant ministerial departments, states and regions work committees. 136 replies to the suggestions had been sent back to the entrepreneurs. Some of the remaining suggestions are related to laws and would need time to respond.

Private Sector Development Committee meetings were held every two months and four had been held so far. Five work committees responsible for five main components were holding their respective work committee meetings monthly and to date 46 work committee meetings have been held. Responsible persons from these work committees also went to states and regions to meet with entrepreneurs and resolve the problems the entrepreneurs were facing. Private sector development is being implemented to be successful in real life situations. As of end August foreign investment this year totaled about US$ 3.9 billion which is an increase of 2.9 billion over a similar period last year, said the Vice President.

Private sector development needs to be conducted not only in developed, stable and peaceful regions but also in less developed, unstable and less peaceful regions as well. Only through this will work opportunities and income increase in these regions. For example, the Government is supporting the development of Kanyinchaung Trade Zone in Maungtaw region, Rakhine State while respective entrepreneurs and businesses in the region were seen to be investing in it. All need to work together to bring in more local and foreign investment. This will support peace and stability in the region as well.

The Investment Law was amended for private sector development throughout the entire country without leaving any region.

Tax rates were also adjusted and tax exemptions of seven years for least developed regions, five years for mid-level developed regions and 3 years for developed regions were set. Cooperation between government and private sector is required for country wide private sector development.

In discussing problems during the meeting, entrepreneurs are urged to discuss problems faced by the business sector and industries instead of individual businesses added the Vice President.

Afterwards, Union Minister for Commerce Dr. Than Myint, Union Minister for Industry U Khin Maung Cho, Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein explained about work done by sectors on private sector development.

Next, UMFCCI President U Zaw Min Win gave suggestions on private sector development and officials from Myanmar Printers & Publishers Association, Myanmar Industries Association, Myanmar furniture Industry Association, Myanmar Rice Federation, Sagaing Region Merchants and Industry Association, Shan State (North) Merchants and Industry Association suggested and discussed about their respective sectors. The Vice President, Union Ministers, Deputy Ministers and officials responded and provided suggestions and discussed coordination matters.

The meeting then came to a close after Vice President U Myint Swe delivered a closing speech.—Myanmar News Agency ■

# Chinese media returns to Yangon after gathering information in Sittway and Maungtaw

Chinese news media representatives taking photos to displaced people at Thatkal Pyin IDP camp in Sittway on 23 Septermber 2017 morning. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

NEWS media representatives from the People's Republic of China gathered information in Sittway yesterday morning and returned to Yangon in evening.

In the morning, the media group visited to Thatkal Pyin rescue camp in Sittway where Islamic people stay and hold talks with displaced people and officials from IDP camp, gathering information freely about healthcare and living in camp.

Then, the media group visited the temporary rescue camp of Maha Zaya Theidhi Adeikhtan temple where Hindus displaced people stay and hold talks with displaced people, gathering information about the situation of looking after them by government and social organizations.

Finally, the group gathered information at the temporary rescue camp of Hindus Temple in Kyaung Tat Lan ward, Sittway where Hindus displaced people fled from Maungtaw and Buthidaung townships live. In the evening, the Chinese media group left for Yangon from Sittway by air.

The Chinese media group including journalists from People's Daily, China Radio International and Phoenix TV (Hong Kong) gathered information in Sittway and Maungtaw townships on 22 and 23 September. —Myanmar News Agency ■

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# Survey on Yangon Region SMEs in October

May Thet Hnin

SMALL and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the Yangon Region will be surveyed in October, said Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) meeting yesterday.

"In October, the survey will be started with a pilot project in South Dagon that has many industrial zones. The survey will include small-scale businesses," said U Phyo Min Thien.

Forms for the survey have been prepared and the survey data will be recorded in detail into a computer database. This SME database will be linked with the banks so that the SMEs can more easily obtain bank loans.

"A city bank called Yangon Myodaw Bank will be upgraded to be in accord with the Yangon City Development Committee Law that will be enacted in December. This bank will help the SMEs," said the Region Chief Minister.

A woman sorting out pottery after the burning process. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

"On recent surveys, it is planning to help SMEs in each township. With follow-up ground surveys, we will watch how the entrepreneurs can be successful with this help. Through this proposal we will decide to give loans to him. If not, the loan interest will become a burden for him," he added.

An insurance system will also be set up in providing loans for SMEs. According to the Central Statistical Organization (CSO), of the 120,000 registered enterprises, 98 per cent are SME businesses. Moreover, 83 per cent of the 21.9 million employees are working in non-registered SMEs.

To develop the SME sector in Myanmar, the Government and private entrepreneurs will have to conduct intense discussions to prioritise and implement long-term and short-term works, the chief minister said. ■

# Action to be taken against producers who used formalin in blood bean curd

May Thet Hnin

LEGAL action will be taken against those from unregistered firms producing formaldehyde-contaminated blood bean curds for commercial purposein Ward-1 and 7 in Yangon's Hlaingthaya Township, said DrKhin Saw Hla, director of Food and Drugs Administration Department (FDA).

She said; "The FDA filed lawsuitsagainst producers who used formalin as preservative in making blood curds after we found about 5,000 formaldehyde-contaminated blood bean curds during the inspection made on 21 September. Those 5,000 blood curds were destroyed by fire at Htainbin cemetery."

Although continuous effortsto inspect the contamination of formalin in the blood curds sold in local markets and educate public have been made by the FDA since May, the FDA found the use of formalin in the same product in the market. That is why the FDA takes action against the producers.

"The FDA announced blood bean curd as temporarily prohibited food in August after it found formalin in 95 % of blood bean curds in the markets," said Dr Khin Saw Hla who urged people not to consume blood curds during this period and to inform the FDA when they seefurther sale of this kind of food in the market. The FDA made concerted efforts to control of the production of formaldehyde-contaminated rice noodles and white bean curds in the past. Thanks to it, no formalin contamination can currently be found in those kinds of foods.

"The FDA providesrecommendationsto only firms which produce protein and zinc-rich blood bean curds with a clean and free from bacteria, but we do not see not too much producers who abide by this rules," said DrKhin Saw Hla.

For the time being, the majority of blood bean curd makersoperate their business without FDA certificate. There is only a firm which won operating license. Collaborative efforts for safety of food, medicine and cosmetic are being made by the Food and Drugs Administration Department in partnership with Yangon City Development Committee, Myanmar Police Force and Consumer Affairs Department. ■

Authorities inspects illegal woods from 16 containers at Thilawa Port. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

# Illegal wood seized before shipping

Authorities discovered illegal woods from 16 containers at Thilawa port on Friday, according to the Customs Department.

Acting on a tip-off, the customs officials inspected 20 containers, which were declared as maize export, at the Myanmar International Thilawa Terminal and found woods in 16 containers.

A file has been opened for attempting exporting woods illegally and action will be taken against those who involve in the smuggling under the export and import act, said an official of the department.

The seized will be transferred to the Forest Department, he added.—GNLM ■

# China-Myanmar border economic cooperation zone to be implemented

Ko Moe

CHINA and Myanmar will promote bilateral border trade by developing an economic cooperation zone, said U Toe Aung Myint, the permanent secretary of the Commerce Ministry.

"We have agreed to implement a bilateral border economic cooperation zone.

There are still matters we continue to discuss in detail. This zone will be built in Yunnan province, China", U Toe Aung Myint said. After developing a border economic cooperation zone, Myanmar will manufacture value-added products, he said.

Businessmen from the two countries will come to establish industrial production enterprises, he continued.

Last year, trade between Myanmar and Yunnan Province fetched US$6.1 billion, comprised of exports worth $3.6 billion and imports worth $2.5 billion, according to the Commerce Ministry.

Yunnan businessmen primarily invest in hydropower generation and the mining and agriculture sectors. They have invested $10 billion so far as of June.

Myanmar entrepreneurs have put investments of $100 million in the real estate sector, industrial enterprises and hotel businesses this year. ■

The border trade camp located at 105 Mile trading post on China-Myanmar border in Muse Township. **PHOTO: PHOE KWAR**

## Hong Kong in fourth place for foreign direct investment in Myanmar

HONG KONG placed fourth in the foreign direct investment sector in Myanmar with five Hong Kong enterprises in the hotel sector, according to a report in Tuesday's City News.

The statistic was revealed during a visit to Myanmar by a delegation led by Hong Kong Chief Executive Mrs. Carrie Lam on Friday following an invitation of Vice President U Myint Swe.

The delegation arrived at Ministry of Hotels and Tourism in Nay Pyi Taw on Friday and met with Union Minister U Ohn Maung, who said that Hong Kong has invested in five projects in Myanmar's hotel industry and welcomed further investment from Hong Kong. The Union Minister said the country also needs human resource development aid from Hong Kong.

Myanmar is rich in tourist sites, and so there are many chances to attract Hong Kong travellers. Hong Kong investors are expanding their businesses and are interested to invest in the hotel sector, the Union Minister said.

At the same meeting on Friday, Mrs. Carrie Lam said they are planning to make Hong Kong into training hub and offer scholarships to ASEAN countries for human resource development. The Hong Kong chief executive and the Union Minister also exchanged ideas to preserve historical buildings and come on with a plan to introduce cultural heritage and promote bilateral tourism, including ocean cruises.

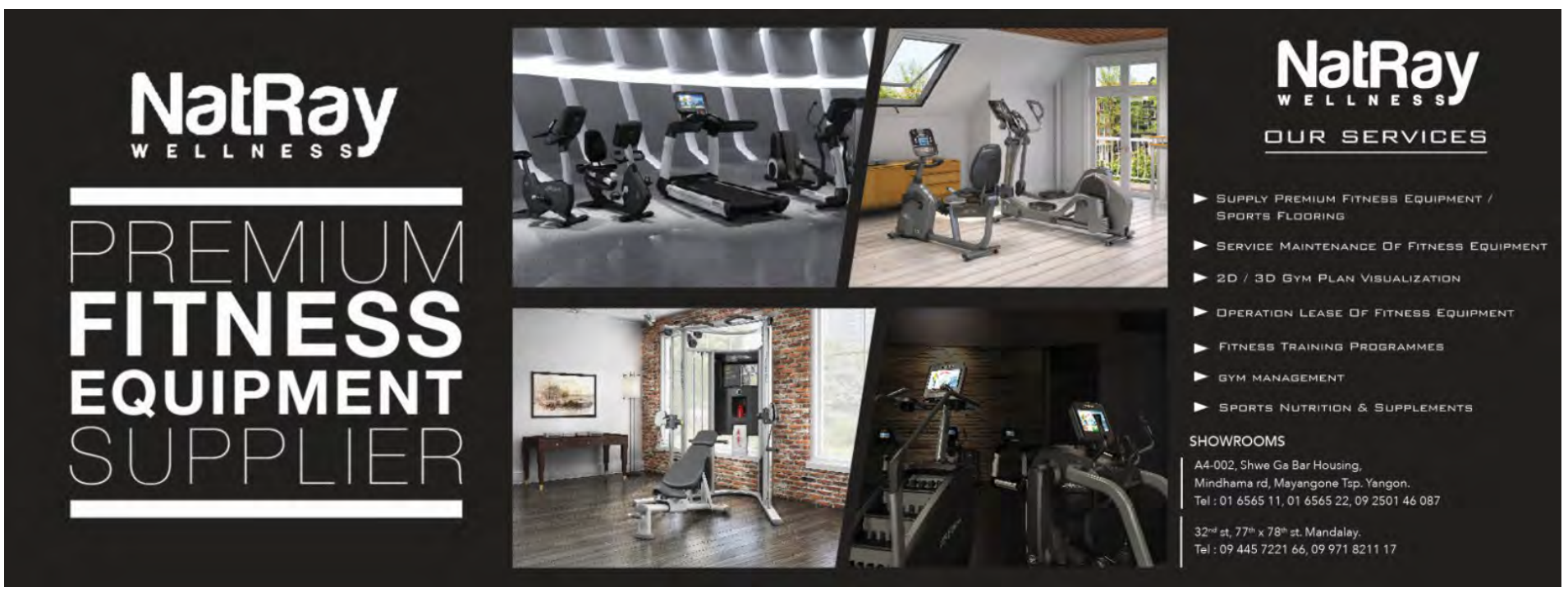
Since 1988, 156 Hong Kong enterprises with a total estimated investment of US$7.7 billion have been made in Myanmar, according to statistics of the Myanmar Investment Commission.—GNLM ■

## External trade value reaches US$14.3 billion, shows trade deficit of US$2.34 billion

VALUE of external trade as of middle of September in the current FY hit US$14.3 billion, comprised of exports worth $5.99 billion and imports worth of $8.34 billion, according to the Commerce Ministry.

Despite an increase of $765 million in exports, there is a trade deficit of $2.34 billion because imports surpassed exports. The country is conducting trade through both normal trade and border checkpoints. Between 1 April and 15 September in current FY, trade through sea routes was worth $11 billion, whereas border trade was estimated at $3.28 billion. There were trade deficits of US$91.9 million in 2012-2013, US$2.6 billion in 2013-2014, US$4.9 billion in 2014-2015 and US$5.4 billion in 2015-2016, according to the statistics by the Central Statistical Organization (CSO).

The main export items are products from the agriculture, forest, mineral, fisheries, livestock, industrial and other service sectors. In the import sector, capital goods, raw industrial goods and consumer goods flowed into the country. – Htet Myat ■



# China's bike-sharing company ofo to increase bikes in London

LONDON — China's bike-sharing company ofo decided to increase the number of its bikes in London's Hackney following its recent launch in the borough, the company announced on Friday.

The company said it will increase the number of its bikes to 750 from an initial 200 over the coming month in Hackney, hoping to provide a blueprint for ofo in the rest of the capital as it looks to address transport options for the "last mile" of travel.

Ofo offers an effective way to utilize shared urban space with dockless bike sharing and geo-fencing. Dockless bikes offer convenience to users, while geo-fencing ensures that riders use the bikes within the designated "Home Zone" which is clearly visible in the app.

The news comes after successful launches in Cambridge and Oxford by the brand, which is working closely with Hackney Council to ensure its service integrates with existing cycling infrastructure in the borough.

Staff members pose with ofo bikes in London's Hackney, Britain on 22 September, 2017. China's bike-sharing company ofo decided to increase the number of its bikes in London's Hackney following its recent launch in the borough, the company announced on Friday. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Joseph Seal-Driver, ofo's Britain Operations director, said:" As we celebrate our roll-out in the capital, we're excited to announce on World Car Free Day that we are upping our presence in Hackney to meet the increasing demand for ofo bikes in the borough."

"With the highest cycling rate in the capital, Hackney is leading the way on sustainable transport. Yet, London as a whole continues to be blighted by congestion and pollution problems. We need innovative solutions to meet these problems that go beyond the reach of Santander bikes," he added.

People pay 50p (0.67 US dollars) through a smartphone app for a 30-minute ride of ofo's yellow bikes which can be picked up and dropped off anywhere that bike parking is allowed.

With more than 25 million transactions daily, ofo connects over 10 million bikes to riders in more than 170 cities in nine countries, including China, Singapore, Britain, the United States, Khazakstan, Malaysia, Thailand, Austria and Japan. In total, more than 4 billion rides have been provided to over 200 million users globally.

By the end of 2017, ofo plans to deploy 20 million bikes in 20 countries.—Xinhua ■

# Major fire breaks out at commercial building in India's Mumbai

NEW DELHI — A major fire broke out at a three-storey commercial building in India's financial capital Mumbai on Saturday, police said.

The fire started on the second floor of the building at Ashok Nagar in suburban Kandivali and soon engulfed all the shops on that floor, a police official said.

"However, there have been no reports of any casualty in the incident as the fire brigade rushed to the spot and evacuated five people from the building using hydraulic cranes," he said.

Eight fire tenders have been pressed into service to contain the flames, the official said, adding that disaster management officials are also on the spot to look for anyone trapped there.

A probe has been ordered to ascertain the cause of the fire, he said. "We will also see if the building had the mandatory fire safety equipment," the official said.

The incident came just a day after another fire engulfed a five-storey residential building in Bhiwandi near Mumbai. However, there were no casualties in the incident. Last week, a fire gutted a garment godown in Mumbai's Dharavi, India's largest slum.—Xinhua ■

# China follows UN sanctions with bans, limits on fuel products to North Korea

SHANGHAI — China said on Saturday it will ban exports of some petroleum products to North Korea, as well as imports of textiles from the isolated North, in line with a United Nations Security Council resolution passed after Pyongyang's latest nuclear test.

The announcement from Beijing came at the end of a week that saw tensions ratchet up between the United States and North Korea, with the leaders of both countries trading insults.

The Ministry of Commerce said in a statement on its website that China would limit exports of refined petroleum products from 1 October and ban exports of condensates and liquefied natural gas immediately to comply with the latest UN sanctions.

Imports of textiles from North Korea would also be banned immediately, the statement said.

Textile trade contracts signed before 11 September would be respected if import formalities are completed before midnight on 10 December, the statement said.

The moves follow the adoption of a unanimous UN Security Council agreement on sanctions after the isolated North conducted its sixth and most powerful nuclear test on 3 September.

That resolution imposed a ban on condensates and natural gas liquids, a cap of 2 million barrels a year on refined petroleum products and a cap on crude oil exports to North Korea at current levels.

Russia urged calm on Friday after US President Donald Trump called North Korean leader Kim Jong Un a "madman". Kim had called Trump a "mentally deranged US dotard" a day earlier after Trump said Washington would "totally destroy" North Korea if it threatened the United States or its allies.

Trump announced new US sanctions on Thursday that he said allows the targeting of companies and institutions that finance and facilitate trade with North Korea. US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin also said banks doing business in North Korea would not be allowed to operate in the United States.

China has also urged calm, with Foreign Minister Wang Yi telling his Japanese counterpart that Tokyo should not abandon dialogue over North Korea.

North Korea has launched dozens of missiles this year, several of them flying over Japan, as it accelerates a weapons programme aimed at enabling it to target the United States with a nuclear-tipped missile.

The United States and South Korea are technically still at war with North Korea because the 1950-53 Korean conflict ended with a truce and not a peace treaty.

The North accuses the United States, which has 28,500 troops in South Korea, of planning to invade and regularly threatens to destroy it and its Asian allies.—Reuters ■

# Shanghai aims to push unmanned vehicle industry

SHANGHAI — Shanghai wants to build an industrial cluster for producers of unmanned vehicles.

Hu Weiguo, head of the Jinshan District Government in Shanghai, said on Saturday at the opening of the 2017 World Unmanned System Conference, that the district government had planned to push for the building of such a production base.

He said the government would encourage the research, production, testing and system integration of drones, self-driving vehicles and vessels, as well as intelligence robots in the industrial base.

China's unmanned system industry is still in an early stage of development, said Sun Baiyuan, secretary general of the Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems of China.

He said the industry needed strategic development, network safety protection and research on market application.

During the meeting, there were drone shows for fire fighting and automated delivery, unmanned vehicles for digging and demolition, as well as self-driving boats for testing water quality.

Industry representatives from the United States, Britain and Germany among others attended the meeting.—Xinhua ■

# High-speed passenger train derails in northern India

NEW DELHI — A high-speed passenger train derailed in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh on Saturday, railway officials said.

"A coach of Agra-Gwalior Express train got off the tracks near the Agra Cantonment railway station this afternoon. There are no casualties in the incident," a railway official said.

The passenger rain runs between the tourist town of Agra in Uttar Pradesh and Gwalior city in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh.

A probe has been ordered into the incident, the official added. This is the eight incident of train derailment in India and five in the state in the past 40 days.—Xinhua ■

# Brunei calls on examining root causes to address terrorism threat

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN — It is important to examine the root causes of terrorism comprehensively such as poverty, marginalization and alienation, notably among youth, to address the terrorism threats, Brunei's permanent mission to the United Nations said on Saturday.

According to a speech text obtained by Xinhua, Brunei reiterated that terrorism should not be linked to any particular race, religion, nationality or ethnicity at the General Debate of the 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

"Like many others, we are concerned with the constant threats of terrorism and violent extremism. Sadly, in various parts of the world, the casualties resulting from terrorist attacks continue to shock us all. We condemn such horrendous acts and convey our deepest sympathy as well as condolences to the families of the victims," Lim Jock Seng, Brunei's Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, said.

"It is our hope that by focusing on education, youth development, creating job opportunities, advocating the responsible use of social media, and promoting dialogue among different faiths and civilizations will greatly help in our efforts to bring about positive changes," Lim said.

"Working closely with youth, religious leaders and local communities will be essential to help realize this. Hence, we welcome all efforts of the international community to prevent and eradicate terrorism and violent extremism in all their forms and manifestations," Lim concluded.—Xinhua ■

# Japan, S Korea vow to promote security cooperation over N Korea

NEW YORK — Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono and his South Korean counterpart Kang Kyung Wha agreed on Friday to promote security cooperation in response to the rising nuclear threat posed by North Korea.

In a meeting in New York, Kono and Kang concurred on the need to study "various ideas" for deeper security cooperation, but a Japanese official who briefed reporters about the meeting declined to specify the nature of such options.

They also agreed to ensure bilateral and trilateral coordination with the United States in applying maximum pressure on North Korea — in concert with other countries — so as to compel Pyongyang to give up its pursuit of nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles. Following the 3 September test of what Pyongyang said was a hydrogen bomb that can be mounted on an intercontinental ballistic missile, North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho suggested to reporters Thursday in New York that the North could detonate a hydrogen bomb over the Pacific Ocean.

There is growing speculation that North Korea may conduct yet another provocative act around the founding anniversary of its ruling Workers' Party of Korea on 10 October.

Despite differences between Tokyo and Seoul over issues such as Korean "comfort women" forced into wartime brothels for the Japanese military, Kono and Kang agreed to manage these issues well so as to build a future-oriented relationship, according to the official.

North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho arrives at a hotel in New York on 22 September, 2017. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

Aside from the matter of comfort women, the issue of South Koreans seeking compensation for forced labour during Japan's 1910-1945 colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula remains another thorny issue between the two neighbours. Kono said he looks forward to welcoming South Korean President Moon Jae In and Kang in Japan during a trilateral summit with China that the three governments are planning to hold by the end of the year. In a separate meeting with Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif on the fringes of the UN General Assembly, Kono said Japan wants to cooperate with Tehran and other countries in ensuring a rigorous enforcement of UN sanctions on North Korea, according to the Japanese Foreign Ministry. Zarif was quoted by the ministry as saying that Iran is opposed to the development of nuclear weapons, including nuclear tests. —Kyodo News ■

# Bangladesh grants bail to two detained Myanmar journalists

DHAKA — Two journalists from Myanmar, who had been detained in Bangladesh while reporting on the influx of thousands of Rohingya Muslims, have been released on bail, a police official said on Saturday. The journalists, Minzayar Oo and Hkun Lat, were detained in early September in the Cox's Bazar border region of Bangladesh, where refugees are arriving from Myanmar to escape a military offensive against insurgents.

"A court granted them bail, but they can't go back to their country now," police official Ranajit Kumar Barua, told Reuters by telephone, adding that the court would decide whether the two could leave the country at a separate hearing which may take place sometime in the next week.

The two were arrested for violating immigration laws, but no charge sheet against the two has been filed yet, said Barua, denying reports that the two had been charged with espionage activities. A lawyer for the two journalists also confirmed their release, but did not provide any further detail.

Bangladesh police had said that the pair were detained for engaging in journalistic work for a German magazine, while on tourist visas. Germany's GEO magazine, which had assigned Minzayar Oo to cover the Rohingya crisis, said he had travelled to Bangladesh on 6 September, and was detained the next day. Minzayar Oo is one of Myanmar's most prominent photographers and has worked for various media outlets, covering the country's emergence from military rule. He has previously worked as a contractor with Reuters.

Hkun Lat is also a well-known photographer in Myanmar and has won prizes for his coverage of conflict in frontier regions. —Reuters ■

# Myanmar affairs should be assessed objectively

Khin Maung Oo

DURING the general debate of the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly held on 20 September 2017 in New York, U Henry Van Thio, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar gave an address, in which he gave priority to the affairs in the Rakhine State as many countries were quite eager to know what the Myanmar government had to say about this matter.

In regard to the Rakhine State Affair, the State Counsellor herself clarified on 19th September in her nationwide broadcast on radio and TV for the benefit of the Diplomatic Corps, all Myanmar citizens as well as the global audience. Now, the Vice-President has taken great pains to apprise the United Nations General Assembly what has actually happened at the ground level and the Myanmar government's efforts to bring back stability in the region. At the same time he took this opportunity to explain in detail the position of the government regarding this matter.

The Rakhine State Affair was really attributed to the aggressive and violent attacks of ARSA extremist terrorists on border police outposts, ethnic Rakhine nationals, Hindus and Mro ethnic nationals, among others. The attacks were systematically timed to coincide with the oncoming UNGA, and just a few hours after issuing the final report of the advisory commission on Rakhine State led by Mr. Kofi Annan. Due to the terrorist attacks, security forces, governmental personnel, local minorities and Hindu residents suffered a lot and most were displaced. Here, we would like to claim that it was unfair of the international community to be inordinately worried and concerned about the exodus of Muslims to the neighboring country, without even noticing or having any concern whatsoever for the plight and suffering of others who died as a result of the violent attacks and inhumane slaughter of innocent civilians. Their silence and indifference in this matter speaks volumes about their inner feelings, as those who died at the hands of the ARSA terrorists were also human beings just like the people who fled to Bangladesh.

The State Counsellor on the other hand has expressed to the international community that the deep sorrow of the Myanmar Government for the sufferings of all members of the communities which suffered from the tragic events. She also assured that all violators of human rights would be punished in accordance with the law.

The Vice-President also stated clearly at the UN General Assembly that the government would provide humanitarian assistance without any discrimination based on race or religion. He also added that Myanmar stood with all countries of the world in denouncing terrorism.

Accordingly, the UN and its agencies, and all countries of the world should assess the Rakhine State Affair objectively leaving aside any pre-conceived ideas they might have. They would do well to listen carefully to both sides of the story instead of just focusing their attention on the barrage of hate speech and propaganda based on race and religion being disseminated daily by certain countries and organizations. Most of the time, a well-oiled and well-funded propaganda machine can successfully drown out the voice of truth, reason and logic quite easily. ■

# Food Industry Asia to drive Greater Mekong Subregion food safety agenda

*Food Industry Asia has pledged to support the six countries in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) in building capacity and strengthening food safety systems across the region.*

By Denice Cabel

FOOD Industry Asia (FIA) has pledged to support the six countries in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) in building capacity and strengthening food safety systems across the region. Representing the private sector, FIA will bring together governments, policymakers and industry leaders through high-level dialogue to drive the food safety agenda.

This commitment was made at a conference on the "GMS: Towards Inclusive, Safe, and Sustainable Agriculture Value Chains", held recently in Siem Reap, Cambodia, which culminated with The Second GMS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting (GMS AMM-2).

The GMS comprises the Kingdom of Cambodia; People's Republic of China, specifically Yunnan province and the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Republic of the Union of Myanmar; Kingdom of Thailand; and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The AMM-2 brought together the agriculture ministers from these countries, who each endorsed the GMS Strategy and Siem Reap Action Plan for Promoting Safe and Environment-Friendly Agro-Based Value Chains in the GMS for 2018-2022.

Working with the GMS Working Group on Agriculture (GMS WGA) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), FIA engaged in a series of discussions with senior officials of the GMS ministries of agriculture, including a formal public-private dialogue and roundtable. The food industry body also facilitated a policy forum on food safety and sustainable management of land and water for the production of a reliable supply of safe and quality agri-food products, which highlighted the role of agri-food value chains in the development of the subregion, particularly its potential for agritourism.

Matt Kovac, FIA's executive director, said, "Our ambition is to have strong collaboration between the private and public sectors in the GMS through sustainable multi-stakeholder partnerships designed to improve food safety standards through a range of capacity-building efforts."

In support of these efforts, representatives from FIA member companies Cargill, Nestlé, GS1 and Waters Corporation participated in the AMM-2 and related discussions.

Kim Keat Ng, chairman of FIA's Science and Technical Committee, delivered a statement at the AMM-2, detailing the commitment made by FIA. He highlighted a number of areas for collaboration that are expected to immediately yield positive results, including:

1. Traceability through the piloting of GS1 barcode-based systems for facilitation and monitoring of cross-border trade, as well as the establishment of Government-to-Government, Business-to-Government, and Government-to-Business data-sharing;

2. Establishment of mechanisms for laboratory capacity-building across leadership, management and technical levels;

3. Food safety risk communication through the collaborative development of the ICT platforms such as AINS 2.0 as a GMS food safety communication tool and knowledge repository unit;

4. Promotion of the harmonisation of food safety standards that will enhance trade through the facilitation of public-private dialogues; and

5. Enhancing national legislation and regulations on food safety through public-private forums.

FIA, according to the statement delivered by Mr Ng, "recognises that a regional approach to food policy, driven by private and public interests, will enhance protection of consumers and suppliers in the GMS, support scaling up of productivity and quality of products, and thus facilitate product marketing."

"Using the power of partnership, FIA and the GMS WGA have the opportunity to improve food safety in the region through multi-stakeholder efforts, with the adoption of a risk-based approach built on successful models that address the whole supply chain, while simultaneously promoting a climate for sustainable growth," the statement added.

Positive reaction from the GMS WGA was elicited for the suggestions provided by Mr Ng on FIA's behalf. In the coming months, the working group will make progress on how those suggestions can be pushed forward, as well as other initiatives that will ensure the production of safe and environment-friendly food, while forging closer links between the GMS's ministries of agriculture and FIA. ■

# Chinese media: 'There were no limitations on us'

REPRESENTATIVES of Chinese news media organisations who were allowed to gather first-hand news and information in northern Rakhine State said that after their reporting trip, they agreed that the situation in western Myanmar is complicated and will take a long time to resolve. The journalists also said there were no restrictions placed on them as far as what questions could be asked or who they could talk to.

Director of News Department-Phoenix TV, Hong Kong. **PHOTO: MNA**

Chief Correspondent - People´s Daily. **PHOTO: MNA**

The following are excerpts from interviews with members of the Chinese media who visited and reported on Thursday and Friday from the conflict areas in Maungtaw, Rakhine State, where terrorist attacks occurred on 25 August.

Alice Lau, Director of the News Department, Phoenix TV, Hong Kong: During the trip to Maungtaw, we met with the Islamic community, the local Rakhine ethnic community and the Hindu minority there. We also visited the areas which were destroyed in fire and IDP camps. At the camps, we found ethnic Rakhine and Hindu people. We found that the number of Buddhists are higher than others at the camps.

As a journalist, I will report what I saw and heard during the trip without bias.

Before the trip to Maungtaw, I observed the reports of western media, eastern media and local media in Myanmar on Rakhine issue. As State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said, the Rakhine issue is very complicated. I accepted that this issue needs space and time to be solved. I really want to see peace in northern Rakhine.

We welcomed the State Counsellor's decision to allow international media to visit the conflict areas in northern Rakhine because it would help all to distinguish right and wrong news.

During our trip, we could get access freely to information and local authorities also assisted us in collecting information.

To solve this issue, Myanmar needs to walk a long way, because the Rakhine issue is very complicated.

Sun Guangyong, Chief Correspondent, The Peoples Daily: We also visited Islamic villages living at peace and IDP camps where ethnic Rakhine villagers and Hindu villagers are being sheltered. We also visited nearly all places in conflict areas in Maungtaw.

There were no limitations on us regarding collecting information and that satisfied us. We also visited Nay Pyi Taw and collected information regarding the Rakhine issue. When we cover an issue, just focusing on one area is not acceptable, and we should approach an issue in a country from all corners. —Myanmar News Agency ■

# Senior General pay obeisance to remain of Kengtung Monastery Sayadaw

YESTERDAY morning, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla paid their respects to Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Arzeya of Kengtung Dhammawdaya Pariyatti Monastery, who died on 11 July. The remains of the Sayadaw was kept for public obeisance at the temporary structure on Phaya Kosu Hill, Kengtung, where the funeral service will be held.

After remarking on performing the necessary traditional funeral service, providing health care, drinking water and rest room facilities for public attending the funeral service, the Senior General took five precepts from Tuya Monastery Sayadaw Maha Gandavasaca Pandita Bhaddanta Pyinyatharmi and donated offerings to the monks and collective cash donations for the funeral service. The funeral service will be held on 15 October.

The Senior General then inspected the construction of the Abaya Mudra Buddha image near Pankwe Village, Kentung and the Buddha garden where the image is being constructed.

Afterwards the Senior General and party inspected agriculture and livestock breeding works conducted in Kentung military cantonment area. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife donate offerings cash to the monks. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

# Kidney cleansing machines installed in Pyay General Hospital

Five kidney cleansing machines have been installed for the first time in Pyay General Hospital in Bago region, according to a report in the City News Daily yesterday.

The machines were installed on 20 September using the donations of 150 well-wishers. The Ministry of Health and Sports also provided assistance.

The first patient who enjoyed the benefit of the kidney cleansing machine was a snake bite patient whose kidneys were adversely affected. For such patients, recovery is possible if they have their kidneys cleansed in time. Snake bite patients have to take anti-venom injected first. If their kidneys are affected, they had to be referred to Yangon General Hospital, said Dr Khin May Thwin, the Medical Superintendent of the Pyay General Hospital.

"In Yangon, kidney cleansing costs the patients between Ks60,000 and Ks70,000 per time. It does not include the transportation costs and accommodation costs. Now, it is very good to offer the kidney cleansing service in Pyay General Hospital", she added.

Patients from six townships in Pyay District, from Tharyarwady District, and from AungLan, Thayet and Kamma townships in Magway Region are receiving medical treatment at the Pyay General Hospital.—GNLM ■

## 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

# France's far-left to take to the streets against Macron

Protesters attend a demonstration against the government's labour reforms in Nantes, France on 21 September, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

PARIS — French far-left opposition leader Jean-Luc Melenchon is rallying his supporters in Paris on Saturday against Emmanuel Macron's labour reforms, in a test for both men that could be key to the implementation of the centrist president's policies.

"We won't let them empty the poor's pockets to feed the rich!" Melenchon's 'France Unbowed' party said in leaflets distributed before the 2 pm (1300 British time) march against what the admirer of late Fidel Castro calls a "social coup d'etat."

Rallies organised by unions against the same labour reforms giving companies more power to set working conditions seem to be losing steam, but France Unbowed are hoping for a show of force to reinforce opinion polls showing Melenchon as Macron's strongest opponent.

"Emmanuel Macron has started an arms-wrestling contest with the French people ... but I think we can stop those (labour reform) decrees," France Unbowed lawmaker Adrien Quatennens told Reuters, saying their aim was to convince people who are not used to taking to the streets to join the protests.

Party officials said about 150 buses will bring protesters from all over France to take part in the Paris rally.

The new labour rules, discussed at length in advance with unions, will cap payouts on dismissals that are judged unfair, while also giving companies greater freedom to hire and fire employees and to agree working conditions.

A string of opinion polls showing Melenchon is seen as the strongest opponent to Macron highlight the weakness of mainstream opposition, with the Socialists, who ruled France over the past 5 years, in tatters, the conservative The Republicans divided over whether to back Macron, and the far-right National Front split by internal fighting.

Ironically, Melenchon's strength could be a good thing for Macron, because polls also show he is not seen as a credible alternative but rather a strong voice on the protest front.

An Odoxa survey carried out this week showed 66 percent of voters considered Melenchon would be a bad president.

That rating, however, improved by six percentage points over the past year and Melenchon is more popular among the youth.

Macron and his government have repeatedly said they would not bow down to pressure from the street, but they are likely to monitor closely how many people take to the streets on Saturday.

The centrist president formally signed the labour decrees on Friday. They are due to enter into force by the start of next year.

The measures are only the first step of a series of reforms that will also amend the unemployment benefits and pension systems, changes that could well provoke more protests than changes to the labour code.—Reuters ■

## WORLD BRIEFS

### Two seismic events in North Korea unlikely man-made – CTBTO

ZURICH – Nuclear proliferation watchdog CTBTO said on Saturday it had detected two seismic events in North Korea on Saturday but they were probably not deliberate explosions in the isolated country.

"Two #Seismic Events! 0829UTC & much smaller @ 0443UTC unlikely Man-made! Similar to "collapse" event 8.5 mins after DPRK6! Analysis ongoing," CTBTO Executive Secretary Lassina Zerbo said in a Twitter post.—Reuters ■

### UAE says Iran violates 'letter and spirit' of nuclear deal

UNITED NATIONS – The United Arab Emirates said on Friday it considers that Iran violates both the "letter and spirit" of the 2015 nuclear deal agreed between the Islamic Republic and world powers.

"Two years have passed since Iran's nuclear agreement with no sign of change in its hostile behavior; it continues to develop its nuclear program and violates the letter and spirit of that agreement," UAE foreign minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed al-Nahayan told the UN General Assembly.

"Therefore we support enhanced controls on Iran's nuclear program and continued assessment of the agreement and its provisions," he said.—Reuters ■

### Iraqi Kurdish referendum to trigger new crises, says Turkish official

ISTANBUL – The planned independence referendum in northern Iraq's Kurdish region is a "terrible mistake" that will trigger new crises in the region if it is not cancelled, Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan's spokesman said on Saturday.

"If the referendum is not cancelled there will be serious consequences. Erbil must immediately refrain from this terrible mistake which will trigger new crises in the region," spokesman Ibrahim Kalin wrote on Twitter. —Reuters ■

# Iran successfully tested new ballistic missile — state media

DUBAI — Iran has successfully tested a new ballistic missile with a range of 2,000 km (1,200 miles) which it displayed at a military parade on Friday, state media reported on Saturday.

The test-firing of the Khorramshahr missile, which Iran said could carry several warheads, is likely to raise concerns in Washington.

State broadcaster IRIB carried footage of the missile test without giving its time and location, including video from an on-board camera which it said showed the detachment of the cone that carries multiple warheads.

"You are seeing images of the successful test of the Khorramshahr ballistic missile with a range of 2,000 km, the latest missile of our country," state television said. "This is the third Iranian missile with a range of 2,000 km," it added. The Khorramshahr missile was first displayed at a military parade on Friday, where President Hassan Rouhani said Iran would strengthen its missile capabilities without seeking any country's permission.

Missiles are displayed as Iranian President Hassan Rouhani attends an armed forces parade in Tehran, Iran on 22 September, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

At the UN General Assembly on Tuesday, Trump said Iran was building its missile capability and accused it of exporting violence to Yemen, Syria and other parts of the Middle East. He also criticised the 2015 pact that the United States and other world powers struck with Iran under which Tehran agreed to restrict its nuclear programme in return for relief from economic sanctions. The United States has imposed unilateral sanctions against Iran, saying Tehran's ballistic missile tests violated a UN resolution that endorsed the nuclear deal and called on Tehran not to undertake activities related to ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons. Iran denies its missile development breaches the resolution, saying the missiles are not designed to carry nuclear weapons. — Reuters ■

# Uzbekistan drops use of students, teachers, nurses as cotton-pickers — PM

JARKUDUK (Uzbekistan) — Uzbekistan will no longer have thousands of students, teachers and healthcare workers pick the cotton harvest, Prime Minister Abdulla Aripov said on Saturday, confirming a halt to a practice condemned abroad as forced labour. Government officials and other sources told Reuters earlier this week the Central Asian nation, one of the world's leading cotton exporters, had abruptly withdrawn students, teachers and medical workers from the autumn harvest.

"It's forever," Aripov said when asked by reporters whether the government had pulled students and state employees from the fields only for the current harvest rather than for good. "Students should study, state employees should work," he said.

Officially, the harvest work has been voluntary and paid at about $0.005 per kilogram. In reality those who refuse risk expulsion or dismissal from their jobs unless they bribe an official or hire someone to work in their place, according to sources familiar with the matter.

The move dovetailed with reforms undertaken by President Shavkat Mirziyoyev in the tightly ruled, former Soviet republic since veteran strongman leader Islam Karimov's death a year ago. Mirziyoyev has moved to liberalise foreign exchange and travel regulations and had about 16,000 people struck off a blacklist of potential extremists, reforms that may help him rebuild ties with the West and attract foreign investment. Despite ending the use of child labour in 2015 under international pressure including boycott campaigns, Uzbekistan ranked among the top five worst offenders in the Global Slavery Index compiled last year by activist group Walk Free Foundation. The foundation estimated that almost 4 per cent of the Uzbek population — 31 million — lived in "modern slavery," placing he country second only to North Korea in that category.—Reuters ■

# Fault at Israel's Tamar gas field prompts use of dirtier fuels

JERUSALEM — A fault in the supply of natural gas from Israel's only commercial field has forced Energy Minister Yuval Steinitz to authorise the use of alternative fuel sources to produce electricity, the ministry said on Friday.

The Energy Ministry said supplies from the offshore Tamar field had been halted after the fault was discovered during routine maintenance on Thursday. It did not specify the nature of the fault.

"Following assessments carried out during the day, the supply of electricity to the market and gas to home clients will continue as normal, mainly because of the use of coal, auxiliary fuels and renewable energy supplies," the ministry said.

Coal, diesel and fuel-oil, which are far more polluting than natural gas, are kept in reserve for emergencies to generate electricity in Israel.

Tamar, which began production in 2013, is the primary natural gas supply for Israel and also exports to Jordan. So far it has produced more than 1 trillion cubic feet. — Reuters ■

# NATO mission pledges to fund new rehabilitation center in Kabul

KABUL — The Afghanistan based NATO Resolute Support (RS) mission has announced that it will fund a new rehabilitation center at Kabul National Military Hospital to treat both military and civilian patients, the mission said in a statement on Saturday.

The 54 million US dollars facility is expected to be completed in late 2019 and is designed to treat 100 patients and offer a full range of physiotherapy services to military and civilian patients, both male and female, the statement read.

"In close partnership with the Afghan government, we are working to build increasingly effective, sustainable and affordable Afghan security forces and institutions that are organized, equipped and capable of providing security for all Afghans," Cornelius Zimmermann, NATO senior civilian representative in Afghanistan, was quoted as saying in the statement.—Xinhua ■

The warheads reached the designated area at the Kura proving ground in the Kamchatka Peninsula, the Defence Ministry said. **PHOTO: TASS**

# Defence Ministry test-launches RS-24 missile towards Kura proving ground

MOSCOW — The Russian Defence Ministry has carried out a test launch of the intercontinental ballistic missile RS-24 Yars towards a proving ground in the Kamchatka Peninsula. All tasks have been coped with.

"At the experimental space site Plesetsk a combat crew of the Yoshkar-Ola missile unit carried out a test launch of the solid propellant mobile-based intercontinental missile (ICBM) RS-24 Yars with a multiple re-entry vehicle. The warheads reached the designated area at the Kura proving ground in the Kamchatka Peninsula," the Defence Ministry said. "All tasks have been coped with in full." The purpose of the launch was to reaffirm the reliability of a batch of missiles of this class.

"Strategic missile forces practiced the procedure of redeploying a battery of the mobile system Yars to a remote region, preparations for and the launch proper," the Defence Ministry said. On 12 September the Strategic Missile Force test-launched a silo-based RS-24 missile with a multiple warhead from Plesetsk. The experimental warheads reached the designated area at the Kura proving ground.

The RS-24 ICBM was designed by the All-Russia Thermal Engineering Institute. It is based on the same scientific and technological solutions as the Topol-M missile, which allowed for considerably reducing the research and design phase and costs. Currently this missile systems are on duty at five missile units located on a vast area from the Ivanovo region in the west to Irkutsk, in the east.—Tass ■

## Merkel's conservatives see slim chance of Brexit progress by October

BERLIN — British Prime Minister Theresa May's speech in Florence has failed to inject much-needed new momentum into talks on Britain's departure from the European Union, a top politician with German Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservatives said on Saturday.

May set out a plan on Friday to retain full access to the EU's single market for two years after Brexit to try to reassure business and reset the tone of stalled negotiations with Brussels. Michael Stuebgen, European spokesman for the conservatives in the German parliament, said it remained unclear how Britain would meet its financial obligations under the EU budget, and that London continued to refuse Britons living in Europe access to the European Court of Justice. "Theresa May's speech underscores the will of London to move ahead with Brexit negotiations, but unfortunately it will not provide a new dynamism in the talks that is so urgently needed," Stuebgen said in a statement. He said May also failed to address the issue of future borders, especially in Ireland. "On this basis, we can hardly expect the needed progress in the Brexit negotiations before the European Council meeting in October," he said.—Reuters ■

# US Senate's McCain opposes Obamacare repeal bill

WASHINGTON — US Senator John McCain said on Friday he opposes the latest Republican bill to dismantle Obamacare, dealing the measure a heavy blow, with several other Republicans still undecided on the measure.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has been planning to bring the bill to the Senate floor for a vote next week, setting up what would be another dramatic decision on a 2010 law that President Donald Trump and his fellow Republicans have vowed to dismantle.

But the announcement by McCain, a Republican who has often been at odds with Trump and who cast a crucial "no" vote in July that helped defeat a different Republican bill to repeal Obamacare, had the potential to up-end McConnell's plans. McConnell did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Republicans have only a slim Senate majority and cannot afford to lose many votes on the bill, their latest attempt to dismantle a law that brought health insurance to millions of Americans and became former Democratic President Barack Obama's signature domestic achievement.

McConnell has been trying to schedule a vote on the bill by 30 September, which is the last day it could pass with only a simple majority of 51 votes in the Senate. A vote taken any later than that would have to garner at least 60 votes for passage.

Republicans have long criticized Obamacare, known formally as the Affordable Care Act, as government overreach into America's healthcare system and have been trying to repeal it for seven years, but without success thus far.

The latest bill was introduced by Republican Senators Bill Cassidy and Lindsey Graham, who is a close friend of McCain's.

"I cannot in good conscience vote for the Graham-Cassidy proposal," McCain said in a public statement.

McCain, who cast his "no" vote in July just days after being diagnosed with an aggressive brain cancer, said he could not support the bill without knowing how much it would cost and how it would affect insurance coverage, adding that both parties would do better to work together on legislation.

The Graham-Cassidy bill would take money spent by the US government on the Medicaid programme for the poor and disabled, as well as subsidies to help Americans buy private insurance, and divvy it up among states in block grants. Advocates say that would give states more discretion to manage their own healthcare schemes. Under this plan, Alaska by 2026 would lose 38 per cent of its federal funding for insurance subsidies and Medicaid, while Arizona would lose 9 per cent, the Axios news website reported on Friday, citing the Centres for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), a unit of the Department of Health and Human Services that oversees Medicaid and the Obamacare programme.

The CMS had no immediate comment on the Axios report.

Alaska's two Republican senators, Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan, are both still on the fence over the bill.

McCain, of Arizona, is one of at least six Republican senators who either oppose the bill or whose positions are still not firm.

Rand Paul, of Kentucky, is the only other Republican senator who has publicly said he opposes the bill. Susan Collins, of Maine, said she was leaning against the bill, the Portland Press-Herald newspaper reported on Friday. —Reuters ■

# Cambodia's royalist party holds congress ahead of next year's general elections

PHNOM PENH — Cambodia's royalist Funcinpec Party held its congress on Saturday to discuss strategies to regain the party's declining popularity ahead of next year's general elections.

The congress was attended by some 500 party members from across the kingdom. Speaking at the congress held in Phnom Penh, Funcinpec Party's president Prince Norodom Ranariddh encouraged the participants to work harder to restore the party's popularity before next year's elections. "We need to reunite the royalists, the Sihanoukists, and the nationalists for the prosperity of the monarchy regime," he said. The 73-year-old prince expressed his belief that the party would win parliamentary seats in the general elections, which are scheduled on 29 July, 2018. Ranariddh, a son of late Cambodian King Norodom Sihanouk, led Funcinpec Party to victory in the United Nations-run elections in 1993. He was former co-prime minister from 1993 to 1997, and ex-president of the National Assembly from 1998 to 2006. Currently, he is the head of the Supreme Privy Council to Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni, his half-brother. Founded in 1981 by Sihanouk, Funcinpec Party was once the country's largest political party, but its popularity has gradually diminished from one mandate to another due to internal rifts.

The party failed to win even a parliamentary seat in the 2013 general elections.—Xinhua ■

# 21 newlyweds take part in group wedding in Shanghai

Newlyweds attend a traditional Chinese wedding in the Fengjing ancient town in Shanghai, east China on 22 September, 2017. A total of 21 newlyweds took part in a group wedding here. **PHOTO: XINHUA**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# Social media star Kylie Jenner reported pregnant

LOS ANGELES — Kylie Jenner, the youngest member of the celebrity Kardashian family, was reported on Friday to be pregnant.

Celebrity news website TMZ, People magazine and Buzzfeed all quoted sources as saying that Jenner, 20, the half-sister of Kim Kardashian, is expecting a baby with her boyfriend, the rapper Travis Scott.

Jenner's representatives could not be reached for comment. Jenner, who has parlayed her family's reality TV show and a 97 million Instagram following into a lucrative cosmetics line, later posted a Snapchat photo in which she appeared to have a baby bump under an oversized black T-shirt. People magazine, quoting unidentified sources, said the baby was due in February.

"The family has known for quite some time. She is really excited and so is Travis!" the magazine quoted one source as saying.

Another source said to be close to the family told People: "It is an unexpected, but completely amazing turn of events that she could not be more excited or thrilled about." Jenner and Scott, 25, have been dating since April.—Reuters ■

Television personality Kylie Jenner poses at the second annual Diamond Ball fundraising event in Santa Monica, California on 10 December, 2015. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

# Rodarte sisters go deep into the woods for film debut 'Woodshock'

LOS ANGELES — When the sisters behind high-fashion label Rodarte decided to make their debut film "Woodshock," they looked for inspiration where they have always searched - in the redwood forests by their Northern California coastal home.

Laura Mulleavy, 38, and Kate Mulleavy, 37, took the majestic and ethereal wooded landscapes near their hometown of Aptos, California, to write and direct a dark poetic thriller of a young woman's psychological descent after the death of her mother.

"We were always very inspired by nature," Laura Mulleavy told Reuters.

"In writing our first film, we definitely were really looking at nature through a microscope, the idea that we're so connected to the natural world and yet we have completely, as human beings. In a lot of ways we've cut ourselves off from that connection."

"Woodshock," out in US movie theaters on Friday, follows Theresa (Kirsten Dunst), who works at a marijuana shop in a rural coastal California town and drifts like a wood nymph in a weed haze through the redwood trees that are slowly being cut down.

Made for around $5 million, the Mulleavys brought their years of running a successful independent fashion label to the business of independent filmmaking.

Cast member Kirsten Dunst (C) poses with directors Laura (L) and Kate Mulleavy at the premiere for "Woodshock" in Los Angeles, California, US on 18 September, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

"Having run (Rodarte) for 12 years, you really learn to be a creative protector of the ideas and the vision behind what you're doing and that is something we could very solidly bring into film," Kate Mulleavy said.

The striking visuals of the eerie forests, misty tree tops and vibrant flora of Humboldt County, California play a starring role in Theresa's journey, as well as echoing the bohemian California aesthetic that marks the Rodarte runway collections.

Rodarte's most recent Spring/Summer 2018 collection featured models in delicate lace dresses accented with baby's breath flowers draped through their hair, detailed flower embroidery and vibrant flora prints.

The film has received mixed reviews, with some praising the artistic visuals and dream-like sequences, while others found the plot to be slumberous.

"When you make anything that's not homogenous and not cookie-cutter and understandable in the typical straightforward way, that will be provocative and that's exciting," Kate Mulleavy said.

"We're two very intelligent women and that is not always taken in the right way in terms of creativity ... a woman's work and a man's work are very differently spoken of in the creative field," she said.—Reuters ■

# Canada's Trudeau sparks Star Wars/ Star Trek spat with Chewbacca socks

OTTAWA — Justin Trudeau's choice in socks sparked a light-hearted Twitter competition between the stars of Star Wars and Star Trek after the Canadian Prime Minister sported Chewbacca hosiery during high-profile appearances in New York City this week.

Star Wars actor Mark Hamill applauded the appearance of his Wookie comrade on Trudeau's socks, tweeting on Thursday it was "another reason" he loves the prime minister.

But Canadian actor William Shatner, who starred in the rival Star Trek franchise, suggested his feelings were hurt by the sock choice, tweeting a tearful emoji and message: "@JustinTrudeau I thought we were friends? Chewbacca socks?"

Trudeau is a well-known fan of Star Wars, having dressed as Han Solo — with his wife Sophie Gregoire Trudeau as Princess Leia — in 2015 to trick-or-treat on Halloween with his children.

Hamill joked that Trudeau also wears Star Wars-themed underclothes, tweeting that "Plus-I have it on good authority exactly what he was wearing UNDER his suit" along with a photo of Luke Skywalker children's underwear.

Trudeau tweeted a reply on Friday: "Thanks Mark. Sadly those haven't fit in a while..." along with a "may the force be with you" Star Wars hashtag.

The Prime Minister's office declined to comment on whether Trudeau's sock choice was causing friction between Star Wars and Star Trek fans.

Trudeau's penchant for wearing novelty socks to fit many occasions, including socks celebrating gay pride, NATO, and the Eid Islamic festival, has garnered both attention and disdain.

A New York Times story in June speculated the "sock diplomacy" symbolized Trudeau's refusal to be bound by antiquated mores. —Reuters ■

# Three selected for Peace Music Festival in Sittway

Union Minister Dr Pe Myint, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and MPs attend the event to select contestants from Sittway for Peace Music Festival 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

A contestant participates in the event to select contestants from Sittway for Peace Music Festival 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

AN event to select contestants from Sittway for Peace Music Festival 2017 was held at Thabin hall in Yangon Region hluttaw on 23 September and selected 3 contestants in the event.

In the contest, three singers namely Aung Myat Min, Latt Phyo and Phyu Hla were selected.

The contestant selection was previously slated to be held in Sittway on 27 August but due to terrorist attacks in Maungtaw on 25 August and with respect and sympathy to families affected by the attacks, it was postponed and held in Yangon instead.

Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thien, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun, Deputy Speaker U Lin Naing Myint, region ministers, the director general from Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) and officials and invited guests attended the event.

The level 1 contest was held in specified towns across the country and selected 3 contestants from each town. For Hpa-an, the level 1 music contest will be held in 1 October and broadcasted live on MRTV, www.facebook.com/mrtvwebmediaportal and www.facebook.com/peacemusicfestival.

More information about Peace Music Festival is available on Facebook page www.faceboom.com/peacemusicfestival.

Peace Music Festival is held in specified towns. Peace Music Festival families and donors provided assistances to charity organizations and IDP camps in the towns where held the contest. —Myanmar News Agency

# Suite with wifi and bars, sir? Dutch hotel offers hard cell

AMSTERDAM — A beaming Syrian refugee called Monjid welcomes guests to Amsterdam's newest hotel, offering them hummus and olives before walking them from the bright pink reception area to their cell.

The Movement Hotel, which opened this month in one tower of the Bijlmerbajes, once the Netherlands' most notorious prison, offers both a unique experience for its guests and a glimpse of a more hopeful future for its employees.

The hotel is staffed and run by asylum-seekers, selected from a group of 600, mostly Syrians, who are being temporarily housed by the Dutch government — not under lock and key — in other parts of the complex.

The staff know their residence status is uncertain, but all hope to gain experience and build up their resumés as they dream of future employment in a more normal life.

"We heard from the (Dutch) government that if the situation in Syria is safe, we must go back," said the hotel manager, Hachem, who like other staff asked that his surname not be used because of the potential danger to his family in Syria.

Once he has been in the Netherlands five years, however, he hopes to get permission to remain long-term.

Rob Hoogerwerf, the Dutchman who organized the project with donations and the help of various authorities, says the staff are working toward a certificate that would let them work in the hospitality industry in the Netherlands — or wherever they end up.

"We are helping them, or at least we would like to help them, to find their way."

For guests, the hotel offers an experience of a bit of Amsterdam history, complete with observation cameras in the elevators and barbed wire on some of the outer walls. The prison was shut in June 2016.

"We were looking for something different ... and at the last moment, we saw this place," said Andrea Legaspi, a Spanish law student attracted by the chance to get some kind of feel of prison life. Sure enough, she found a name carved into her cell, and had a view through the bars down into the prison exercise yard — as well as a comfortable bed and wifi.

The Bijlmerbajes once housed notorious criminals, including the group that kidnapped beer magnate Freddy Heineken in 1983 for a 17 million euro ransom.

The prison's name comes from the Bijlmer neighborhood to the southeast and "bajes", a Yiddish slang term for jail that entered Dutch via Amsterdam's Jewish population.

Last week the city announced that next year it will start redeveloping the whole area into a new "Bajes" neighbourhood designed by the architecture firm OMA. That means the hotel will probably have to close on 2 January, though Hoogerwerf is hoping for an extension. Rooms cost 99-140 euros ($119-$168) a night. Each is decorated with a single word on the wall intended to invoke the many contradictions of the place: "Freedom?" —Reuters ■

A visitor takes photos inside the former The Bijlmerbajes prison turned Movement Hotel.
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# Chairman, CEO and General Secretary of MFF attend AFF 12th Council Meeting

Kyaw Zin Tun

U Zaw Zaw, chairman of the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF), CEO U Phone Naing Zaw and General Secretary U Ko Ko Thein attended the 12th Council Meeting of the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) on Friday and Saturday at Sofitel Bali Nusa Dua Beach Resort in Bali, Indonesia.

At the meeting, MFF's delegation lobbied to hold the U-13 Football Championship several times annually and for Myanmar to host the U-17 and U-20 FIFA World Cup.

The new format for the AFF Suzuki Cup 2018, the latest issues in ASEAN football, both in terms of competition, finance, and marketing and other issues were discussed at the meeting.

While discussing the new format for the AFF Suzuki Cup 2018, nine or ten participating teams will be divided into two groups and will play in a home and away basis. In previous years, teams competed in two countries after being divided into two groups.

In other developments yesterday, the Deputy President of the FA of Indonesia (PSSI) Joko Driyono was appointed as the new vice president of the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF). The appointment follows the withdrawal of Dr. Tran Quoc Tuan, vice-president of the Viet Nam Football Federation (VFF), who has since assumed his position as an EXCO member at AFC. Joko is an experienced soccer professional, both in competition and in federation organisations.

In one of the last programmes of the weekend event, the best footballers from ASEAN countries were honoured at the ASEAN Awards Night yesterday. ■

# Final competition, awards ceremony for 2017 States and Regions men's hockey competition held

The awards ceremony and final competition of the States and Regions men's hockey competition was held Friday evening at Theinphyu Stadium in Yangon, with the Yangon team crowned the champion after defeating the team representing Bago region by a score of 2-1.

The ceremony was attended by U Myo Hlaing, secretary of the Myanmar Olympic Committee and Director General of the Sport and Physical Education Department, U Kyaw Oo, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Sports, chairman and executive officers of Myanmar Hockey Federation and invited guests. The sport of field hockey is a team sport with eleven players per side, including the goalie. Players use sticks made out of wood, carbon fibre, fibre glass or a combination of carbon fibre and fibre glass to hit a round, hard, plastic ball into a goal.

Seven teams — Kachin, Chin, Bago, Mandalay, Mon, Yangon and Shan — participated this year. Yangon, Bago, Chin and Kachin advanced to the knockout stage. The 2017 men hockey competition began on 8 September and ended on Friday. —Kyaw Zin Tun ■

# Wolfsburg earn comeback draw at Bayern to snap losing run

Bayern Munich's Franck Ribery in action with Wolfsburg's Maximilian Arnold. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

BERLIN — VfL Wolfsburg battled back from two goals down to snatch a 2-2 draw at Bayern Munich on Friday thanks to Daniel Didavi's late equaliser that ended their 19-match losing run in Munich.

Champions Bayern missed their chance to go back on top of the Bundesliga and are on 13 points, second on goal difference to Borussia Dortmund, who are in action against Borussia Moenchengladbach on Saturday.

"We did not play as we would have liked. Wolfsburg fully deserved the point," said Bayern coach Carlo Ancelotti. "We were too slow, without intensity and not compact enough. In Paris we will have to play differently."

The Bavarians, who travel to Paris St Germain in the Champions League next week, struggled for much of the first half before Robert Lewandowski, who two years ago had scored a league record five goals in nine minutes against Wolfsburg, put the hosts ahead with a 33rd-minute penalty.

Dutchman Arjen Robben then struck three minutes from halftime to double their lead with his shot deflected by team mate Rafinha which wrongfooted the Wolfsburg keeper. But Wolfsburg were thrown a lifeline when Bayern keeper Sven Ulreich, replacing injured Manuel Neuer, failed to block a Maximilian Arnold free kick from 30 metres out.

"We let them back into the game. We conceded a silly goal and then we missed our chances to finish it off," said Mats Hummels.—Reuters ■

# Morata will fill Costa void for Chelsea, says Shevchenko

LONDON — Diego Costa's departure will have no lasting impact on Chelsea's title ambitions because in Alvaro Morata they have signed the perfect striker to fill his boots, the club's former frontman Andriy Shevchenko said on Friday.

Premier League champions Chelsea agreed to sell Spain international Costa back to Atletico Madrid on Thursday — ending a standoff between the 28-year-old and the club for whom he was top scorer in his three seasons at Stamford Bridge.

Morata signed from Real Madrid in July for a reported fee of 58 million pounds ($78.45 million) and has quickly picked up the pace of English football, even if his style is less combative than Costa's. The 24-year-old has scored three league goals already and Shevchenko, who never replicated his superb goalscoring record for AC Milan in three subsequent years at Chelsea, believes there is much more to come from the Spaniard.

"They have found a very good player in Morata," Shevchenko told reporters at the Best FIFA Football Award ceremony in London on Friday when Cristiano Ronaldo, Lionel Messi and Neymar were the three players shortlisted.

"He has adapted very well. They are two very different players. Costa wasn't happy so you couldn't keep him. You have to replace him and I think the club were very patient in the market and found the right player that they were looking for."

While Costa is a bulldozing centre forward never slow to go to war with central defenders, Morata goes about his business in a more refined manner, relying on stealthy movement and an ability to find space in the opposition penalty area.

A quiet game against Arsenal in the 0-0 draw last weekend led to suggestions that Morata lacked the physical presence required for the weekly Premier League combat. Shevchenko disagrees with that assessment.

"I've been surprised that Morata has found the right chemistry with his team mates so quickly," he said.

"Of course he knows Pedro very well and (Eden) Hazard's type of game suits him very well. Morata is very good in the box and scores a lot of goals with his head.

"Chelsea create so many chances around the box, always crosses coming in from left and right and he has been clinical so far and this is a good sign for him to be successful."

Shevchenko, who is now focussed on trying to lead Ukraine to the World Cup finals as coach, acknowledged that Costa would be missed, but said a move back to Madrid was right for him. —Reuters ■

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# Change Your Feeling

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WE sometimes need to change the way we look at things and think differently with everyone else. It is true we cannot consider everything positively. But changing the way on what we seeing can give us a unique perception and can make us someone unique. To get the positive result of thinking process and to absorb the habit of optimist , what we need is to train our mind by making up our thoughts different with format thinker. Mostly we explore the parts of our perceptions very directly to the feeling we got from what we experienced. For instant, you will start to dislike somebody if this somebody is looking to deal with something that make you incredibly angry. You don't like him because he get you angry. This is very normal. But what we need to do sometimes for us is to grab something benefits by changing our feelings and thinking forms reaching back to the positive side.

I met two persons in life. Both are my bosses. Since the first day I joined work, I was scolded by my first boss, Japanese. The reason why I got scolded is about cleaning. I don't think this is strange to cleaning our own desk for those who are working together with Japanese who are very disciplined and organized. That person who took good care of small things very detailed even in cleaning is also taking a position of a higher level at his organization. Truly saying, I experienced of feeling uncomfort under the discipline of detail style. When I remember at some words Mr.Linda Ray wrote; "Being detail oriented is a vital component of success", I could change my feeling and turn it to the good side. It helps me got relief too. Later on, I tried to take advantage of my each day exploring & learning good new things and copying good habits from my boss.

The next one too, is a top level person. He used to give a conversation directly to the employees including cleaners and drivers sometimes for the purpose of taking responsibilities and having accountability to our work product, having confidence on the things we did, taking good care of our workplace and cleaning. People may get wrong him like why very top most level involve in very small things. Some may think him fussy. Some may like him. Some, may get wrong about him. But after some words I had listened to him, I tried to take this opportunities of copying good thinking form. What he said was; "Drivers do not need to be driver the whole life. Cleaners do not need to be cleaners forever. If anyone who made a good taking care of his jobs, work hard and had accountability, he will get the opportunity for improvement someday. Not only working hard but also having accuracy are required for you all. Work hard and climb up the ladder of success. But have an accuracy and discipline on your each every work whatever big or small." He actually like to see people developed and promoted. And he wants people changed and better than their ordinary life. Not only he shows his care about the small things people do but also he takes seriously about his relevant matters and acts out the finest result.

In finding the resources to help us successful and peaceful, I have two things to suggest you.

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# Be unique, be yourself

Nann Htet Hnin Htwe
Public speaking course of JC

ONE day, I was in the classroom. Although I was in this class for several months, I didn't have many friends. The class was full of noise. The students were talking, making jokes and sharing their lives. In spite of noise and laughter, I felt loneliness because no one talked to me. I told to myself, "Didn't they see me? Maybe I am not good at making friends. But I am very fond of having many friends." Suddenly, I remembered what my mom said "You can have a friend only when you start greeting." So, I greeted a girl who was sitting behind me. I said, "Hi, how do you do?". She said nothing and just turned around. I was shy because it was like I was a fool. Later, my friend (she was my only friend in this class) entered the class and sat beside me. She seemed to know that I was alone and said "If you want to have friends, you have to do what today's youths do and if you want the other students to make friend with you, you must look beautiful and you have to be rich to buy things and foods." I didn't agree that. When we were children, we didn't care who was rich, poor, pretty and ugly. We just made friends easily and played with them without knowing the standards. Maybe that is the reason why people called children 'innocent'. When we became older, we began to distinguish high standards and low standards according to their prosperity and physical appearance. My thoughts were interrupted by my friend because she said "Your physical appearance doesn't look great. And that is one of the reasons that you don't have friends. Now, you are one of the teenagers. Try to dress something nicer and stay up to date." I didn't say anything because I agreed that I was not good looking like the others in my class. For example, when I looked at the Queen of my class, she was always beautiful and everyone loved her. Besides, when she entered the class, she was greeted by both boys and girls. When she asked for help, everyone helped her. She was also rich so she could always do what she wanted to. I was quite different from her.

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## 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

# Basic English Grammar for Basic Students

## Lesson 20: Verbs — Tenses(3)

**Hello dear students,**

Concerning Tenses, we have studied Simple Tenses (Present, Past, Future) and Continuous Tenses (Present, Past, Future) .

Among these all Simple Tenses show simple activities and events in the Present, Past and Future; and Continuous Tenses show the continuation of activities and events in the Present, Past and Future.

Today, we are going to study "Perfect Tenses"; the Present Perfect, the Past Perfect and the Future Perfect.

As the name shows Perfect Tenses show the finished or completed activities and events in the Present, Past, and Future.

**Some example sentences: -**

**(a) Present Perfect Tense**

(1) I have written the letter.
(2) The child has eaten his cakes.
(3) They have done their homework.

**(b) Past Perfect Tense**

(1) I had written the letter.
(2) The child had eaten his cakes.
(3) They had done their homework.

**(c) Future Perfect Tense**

(1) I shall have written the letter.
(2) The child will have eaten his cakes.
(3) They will have done their homework.

Let's see these example sentences.

To form the Present Perfect Tense, we use the helping verb "has and have" + Past Participle of the Verb.

(Here, we use "has" for the 3rd person Singular Nouns and "have" for others (i.e. for 1st person Singular and Plural, 2nd person Singular and Plural and 3rd person Plural.)

So, we need to know the "Past Participle of the Verbs" to form Perfect Tense.

For the Past Perfect we use "had" + "Past Participle of the Verbs" for all 1st, 2nd and 3rd persons and for both Singular and Plural.

And for the Future Perfect Tense, we use "shall" or "will" + have + Past Participle of the Verbs.

Here "shall" is used for the 1st person both Singular and Plural. But sometimes if we want to show the "willingness" of the Subject, we use "will" instead of "shall" for both "I" and "We" .

For all other persons,(2nd persons both Singular and Plural and 3rd persons both Singular and Plural), we use the word "will" .

To form all these Perfect Tenses, we need to know the "Past Participle" form of the Verbs.

Here come the Exercises.

## Exercise 20.

**I .** Write down 5 sentences of your own in the Present Perfect Tense.

**II.** Change these sentences into Past Perfect Tense.

(a) He …….slept the whole night.
(b) I ……. studied my lessons.
(c) The Lady …… delivered an important speech.
(d) They have …….. their football match.
(e) We have …….. all day.
(f) The bell …….. already rung.
(g) Have you …… your painting?
(h) Ma Ma …… cooked the lunch.
(i) He …….. told the truth.
(j) The dog …… found its bone.
(k) Nyi Nyi ……..phoned to his friend.
(l) Mg Mg has already ……. his sister.

**V.** Fill in the following blank spaces with suitable words to form Past Perfect Tenses.

(a) I ……. stayed for the night at my Aunt's home.
(b) We …….. done our English Exercises yesterday.
(c) They had ……. their football match against Team A.
(d) The servants had …… the room for the guests.
(e) Hla Hla had …… her clothes last Sunday.
(f) We had …… tennis with the foreigners.
(g) The birds had …… away to the South.
(h) Babies had …….. for about an hour.
(i) Ko Ko had …..... the meaning of this word.
(j) He had ……around everywhere for his book.

**III.** Change these sentences into Future Perfect Tense.

**VI .** Fill in the following blank spaces with suitable words to form Future Perfect Tenses.

(a) She will have …….. her work tomorrow morning.
(b) We will have ……down the street this evening.
(c) You …… have helped your mother by noon.
(d) They will …….. finished studying by Friday.
(e) Will you ……. finished sewing the jackets by this evening?
(f) Mon Mon will have ……. her essay on Saturday.
(g) Mi Mi will have …….. up all these broken pieces of the vase in two hours.
(h) Myo Myo will have …….birth her baby in November.
(i) My son will have …….. to US this Friday.
(j) I will have …….. the first prize this year.

**IV.** Fill in the following blank spaces with suitable words to form Present Perfect Tenses.

Hope that you can do your exercises well!
That's all for today.

Bye Bye Class! See you next week!

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**Here are the answers of the last week's exercises .**
**Exercise 19.**

I. Five sentences with Present Continuous Tense.

(a) I am reading a novel.
(b) She is writing her letter .
(c) Mg Mg is playing his game.
(d) The children are flying their kites.
(e) We are having our dinner.

II. Fill in the following blank spaces.

(a) is, (b)am, (c)is, (d)are, (e)are, (f)is (g)are (h)Are, (i)is (j)is

III. Five sentences with Past Continuous Tense.

(a) We were singing in the Church.
(b) Ma Ma was making her new dress.
(c) The boys were studying their lessons.
(d) I was walking on the country road.
(e) They were swimming in the pool.

**IV.** Fill in the blank spaces.

(a) was, (b)was, (c)were,(d) was,(e)was,(f)were,(g) was,(h)were,(i)were, (j)were

**V.** Five sentences with Future Continuous Tense.

(a) She will be flying from New York tomorrow.
(b) He will be helping his father in his office next month.
(c) Babies will be crying if mothers are away.
(d) Mya Mya will be studying in the University next year.
(e) I shall be staying with my aunt in Japan next week.

**VI.** (a) shall be,(b) will be,(c) will be,(d)will be,(e)will be,(f)will be,(g)will be,(h) staying ,(i) taking ,(j) driving .

*I'm sure you all have done well .*
*Bye Bye Class ! See you next week !*

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**Here are the answers of the last week's exercises.**
**Exercise 18 (II).**

**(1) Write**

| | |
|---|---|
| *Present* | |
| I write . | We write. |
| You write. | You write. |
| He writes/ She writes. | They write. |
| *Past* | |
| I wrote. | We wrote. |
| You wrote. | You wrote. |
| He wrote / She wrote. | They wrote. |
| *Future* | |
| I shall write. | We shall write. |
| You will write. | You will write. |
| He will write/ She will write | They will write. |

**(2) Sing**

| | |
|---|---|
| *Present* | |
| I sing. | We sing. |
| You sing. | You sing. |
| He sings/ She sings. | They sing. |
| *Past* | |
| I sang. | We sang. |
| You sang. | You sang. |
| He sang/She sang. | They sang. |
| *Future* | |
| I shall sing. | We shall sing. |
| You will sing. | You will sing. |
| He will sing/ She will sing | They will sing. |

**(3) tell**

| | |
|---|---|
| *Present* | |
| I tell. | We tell. |
| You tell. | You tell. |
| He tells/ She tells. | They tell. |
| *Past* | |
| I told. | We told. |
| You told. | You told. |
| He told / She told. | They told. |
| *Future* | |
| I shall tell. | We shall tell. |
| You will tell. | You will tell. |
| He will tell/ She will tell. | They will tell. |

# Some Different Attitudes and Opinions by Different Stakeholders on the Present Education System(2)

Dr. Nu Nu Win
(Retired Professor and Head of Department)

TODAY the writer wants to share some important finding from her Education Research.

In the First Part , the writer had pointed out that the most annoying matter in the Present Education System answered by students, parents and teachers are the Chapter-end Tests. And the writer had given the solution to that issue by pointing out other different ways and means to do these Chapter-end Tests apart from the paper and pencil tests so that the children will enjoy more in responding to the tests without any burden. Some of the tests are like play-way method and they can gain the main objectives of these Chapter-end Tests which are to get feedback from the tests for the teachers and as these tests are in the type of Formative Tests which can make formation in the students' learning.

And only some weeks ago , when the writer attended an Education Talk by some experts, a Child Specialist told that during these days, children come to the clinic not only because they suffer from some seasonal diseases but also because of stresses they suffer during the time of Chapter-end Tests.

All these tests can spread stresses on children in general, especially for the Basic Education School Children.

Another finding is about the stresses by the University students these days .

As for the professional Universities, it is sure for them to get one job or another after finishing their studies in the Universities . For example, our students from the Universities of Education, are so sure that they will get a job of Senior Assistant Teachers after they gain their B.Ed. degree, so they have no stress at all while they are studying in their Universities. But for others as students from the Arts and Science Universities, nearer to finish their University days as they gain their first degree, the more stress they have for they are not sure to get a decent job after they finish their University life.The higher their class to the First degree, the more stress they have. It is glaringly found in the Ph.D. dissertation of a student from the Educational Psychology Department. She had done her researches in 10 different Universities throughout the country.

It shows that most of our University students have their own stress for their own lives.

And in consequences, these stresses will flow to their parents from their children.

That shows if we cannot reduce the stresses of the students , these stresses can influence the parents and teachers and it can lead to a society with mentally-unhealthy people in our country.

Can a Nation with so many mentally-unhealthy people lead to develop and fulfill the needs of a Democracy State?

For these reasons , we should reduce down the stresses of children and University students as soon as we can.

The other findings will be continued in the coming weeks.

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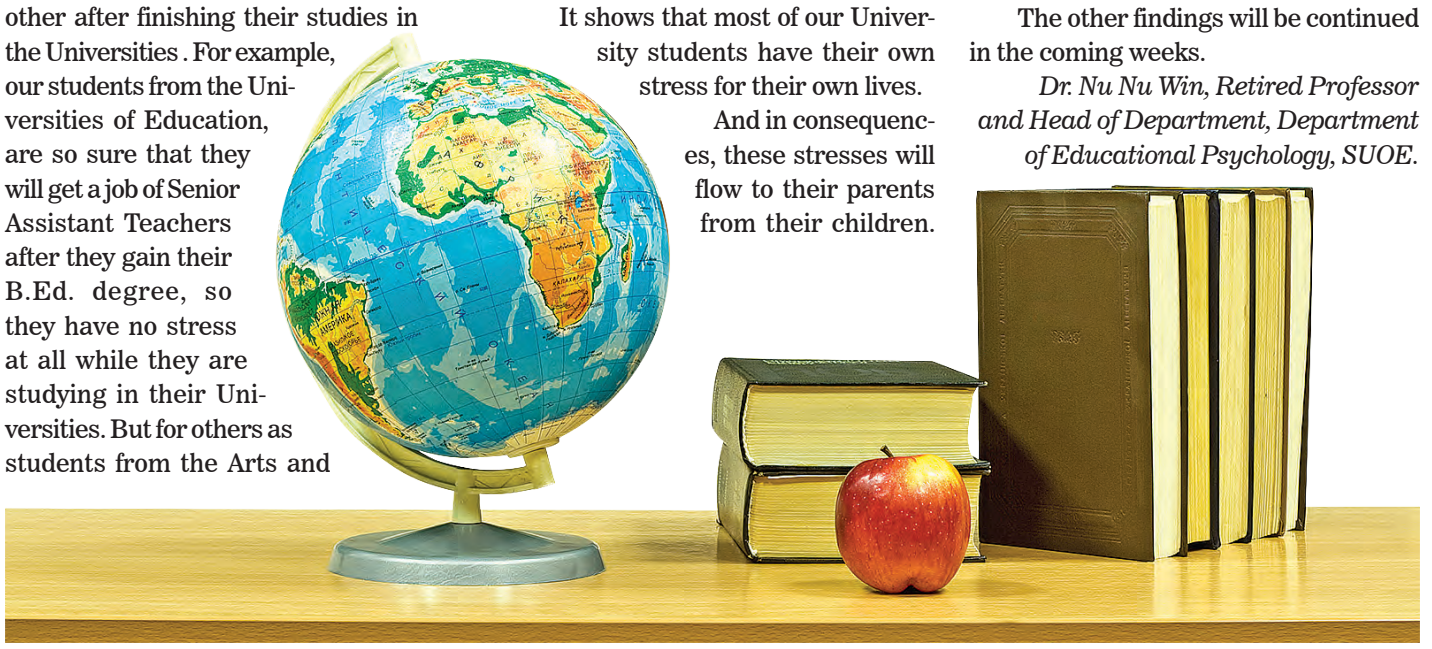

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# MYANMAR CULTURAL ARTIFACTS IN U.S.

By Nat Ye Hla
Photo by Tin Win (Beikthano)

**Buddha statue of Pyu era exhibited at the Metropolitan Museum in New York**

Two bronze Buddha statues of the Pyu-era can be seen at the Metropolitan Museum in New York. The three Pyu-era stone seals with cow, bee and scorpion figures can be seen at the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco. Stone seals from the Pyu-era have so far not been exhibited in Myanmar.

The ornaments and utensils made of stone, bronze, iron, gold and earth excavated from the ancient cities show that the Pyu people possessed high professional artistic skills that are now extinct.

Different designs of cornelian, rock crystal, agate and chalcedony beads with white lines were used as ornaments and the designs are related to Buddhism and its customs.

**Seated Buddha, approx. 1000**
Burma; former kingdom of Bagan
Lead alloy
Gift of Jeffrey Novick, 1989.45

**Buddha Shakyamuni with Kneeling Worshipers**
14th-15th century, Myanmar
Gilt copper alloy
Asia Society, New York
Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller 3rd Collection
1979.91a-c

**The Kingdom of Bagan, approx. 1000-1300**

Several of the objects in this case were made in the powerful Burmese kingdom of Bagan. The Buddhist rules of Bagan built, in their capital, hundreds of large temples of brick and stucco, many of which survive today. Inside the temples, the walls were often painted with brilliantly colored scenes from the life of the Buddha and other Buddhis Subjects, and lined with sculptures.

Bagan had cultural and artistic ties with the home land of Buddhism in eastern India. (The art of eastern India in highlighted in Gallery 2.) Few ancient Buddhist temples have survived in eastern India. So the beautiful temples of Bagan are the best remaining suggestion of the architecture of the center of the Buddhist world.

**Reliquary, perhaps, 800-900**
Burma
Lacquered and gilded bronze
Gift of Jane R.Lurie, 1989.28

Portable reliquaries such as this were commonly used throughout the Buddhist world as containers for relics of the Buddha, monks or high-ranking persons, as well as for sacred objects such as religious texts. This reliquary is in the shape of a stupa, and may well have been deposited within a stupa. (Other stupashaped reliquaries are on view in Gallery 1, South Asia to 600.)

**Large Terracotta Glazed Tile Depicting Two of Mara's Warriors from Shwegugyi Pagoda, Bago, Myanmar**
circa 1472
height: 46cm, width: 31cm

This large, terracotta tile glazed in green and brown shows two bear-headed warriors from the monstrous army of king Mara who attempted to disturb the Buddha from his Meditation. It formed part of a famous series of tiles or plaques placed in niches around the enclosure wall of Shwegugyi Pagoda, just south of Bago. This Pagoda was built by Dhammaceti in imitation of the Bodhgaya Temple in India. It is the largest and most important pagoda in the area. Some of the tiles in the series are dated with a date that accords with 1472 AD, hence the ability to date the tile here to circa 1472.

Each tile in the series showed a pair of warriors from Mara's army. Each tile is unique and distinguished from the others by the heads of animals surmounting the human bodies of the warriors and by the weapons held in their hands.

The tiles were cut from clay slabs. The figures in high relief were then boldly moulded and luted on. The plaques then would have been dried, slipped, glazed with both lead and ash glazes, and then fired.

Tiles from this series are known in public and private collections. Overall, it is an extraordinary and rare item. It is unique, because, as mentioned, each tile for the Shwegugyi Pagoda was made with particular, identifying characteristics, and rarely is it possible to be so precise in the dating of such an item.

# SUNDAY COMICS

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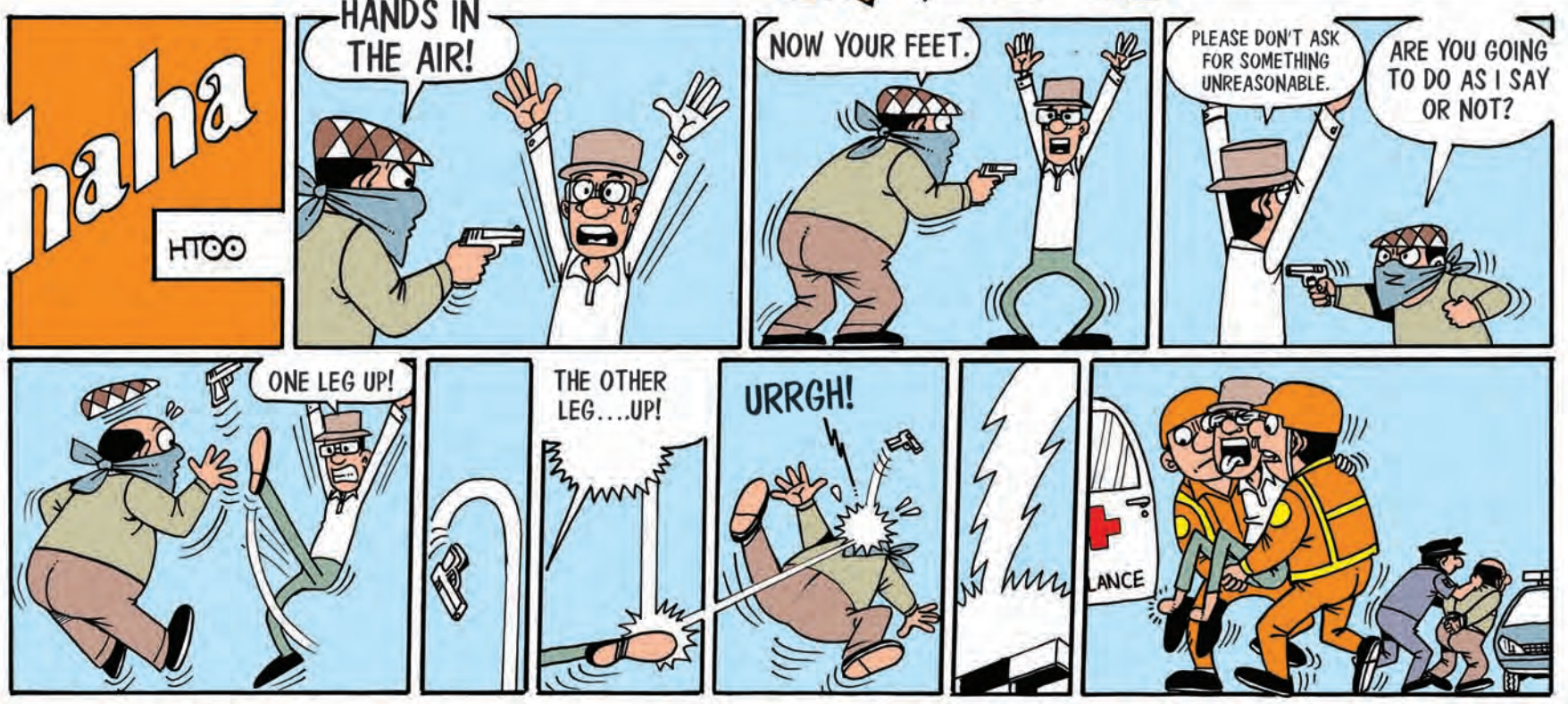


## PEOPLE WILL BE PEOPLE

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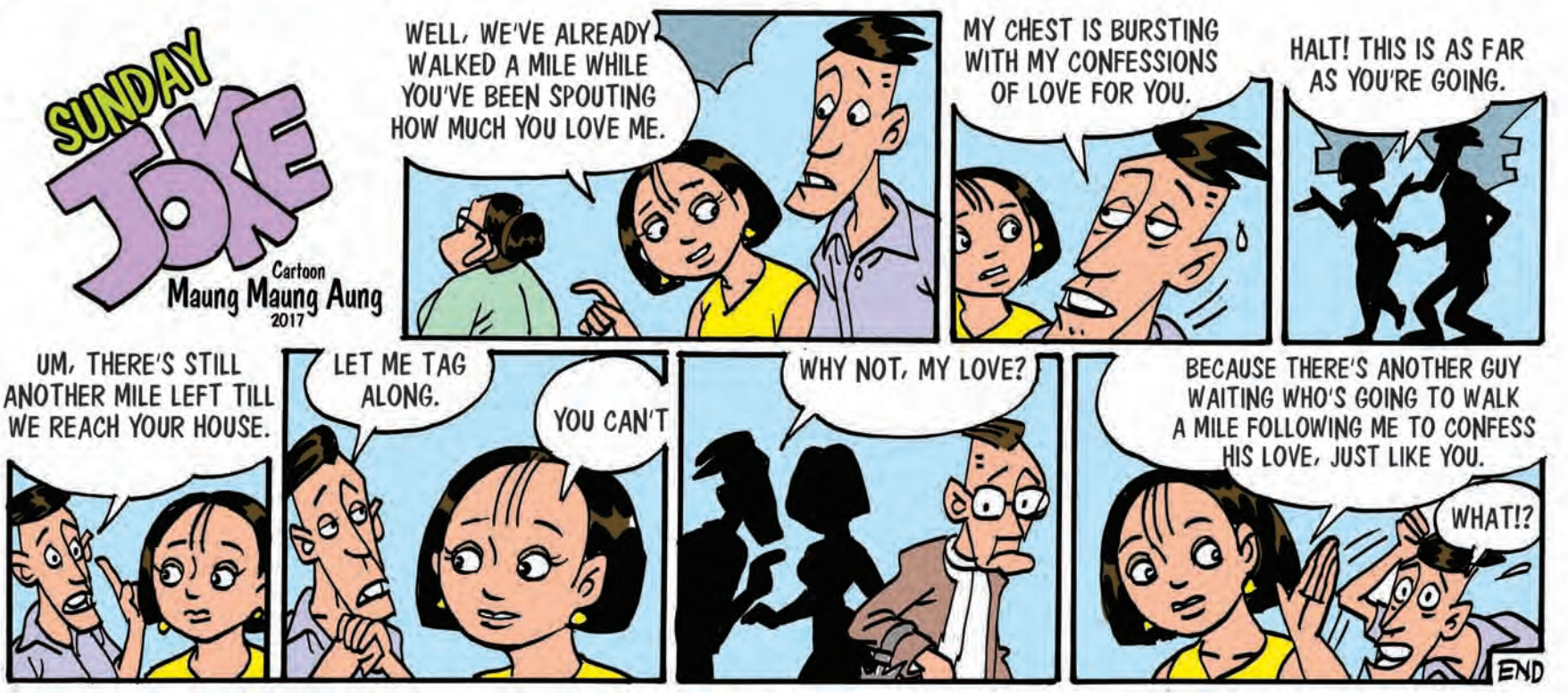

# "Terrorism is a very difficult problem and we have to take into consideration the security and normal lives of the people": Mr. Miroslaw ZASADA

**A wide-ranging interview with Charge d'affaires of Poland's representative office in Myanmar Mr Miroslaw Zasada by the Global New Light of Myanmar and MRTV touched upon democratic and economic reform, peace process and bilateral relations between Poland and Myanmar.**

Charge d'affaires of Poland's representative office in Myanmar Mr Miroslaw Zasada. speaks during the interview with GNLM and MRTV at the Residence in Yangon. **PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE**

**Q: Please share some of Poland's history with democracy and peace.**

A: Poland has a long history of difficulties like Myanmar. Last year we celebrated the 1050th anniversary of the founding of the Polish State. During the Second World War people, in spite of the difficulties from the war, became enthusiastic about new times and the possibility of the reconstruction of new life. Decisions of the higher-ups without any consultation with our nation, we were suggested to join the so-called Socialist Camp guided by the Soviet Union of Stalin. So the enthusiasm we had was destroyed in the next years. Finally in the year 1989, thanks to the activity of solidarity, Poland regained full sovereignty, democracy and possibility to decide about our future. The big value of this period was that it was without violence. It was based on agreement between the socialist government and the opposition who were guided by solidarity and who wanted a real democratic state.

In the beginning the agreement was called "Our Parliament, Your President". Later in the first democratic elections the majority was gained by the opposition. We started out reforms in 1990 and they were quite profound. We had to change everything; the structure of the government, the structure of the economy, moving from a central control economy to a market economy.

In socialist times we did have private companies but they were small. Big companies belonged to the State but people were enthusiastic because they thought "finally we have democracy." True, we started to live like people in the West but the beginning was very difficult because people had discovered something we had not known before. One was unemployment and our shops began to be filled with many different products but many people did not have the money to buy it. So the people were surprised that we had freedom and a market economy but they had no money and no job to do.

The government's policies decided to make short but painful reforms to get quick results. It worked because soon after in the mid-1990s Poland could say it had a good economy to move forward and we could join the EU in 2004. But,

> We have to make painstaking and long reforms to get good results and unfortunately when you make a reform at home where there are four or five people you can get results quickly in a short time but if it's in a big country with 38 million people, it needs patience and people will suffer in the beginning. . .

and this is an important message for Myanmar, when we started our reforms people had to wait at least 5-6 years to see the positive results. We have to make painstaking and long reforms to get good results and unfortunately when you make a reform at home where there are four or five people you can get results quickly in a short time but if it's in a big country with 38 million people, it needs patience and people will suffer in the beginning but it worked because we joined all these important organizations that we aspired and dreamt about.

We joined NATO and EU, which is an extremely important and successful organization that helps people live normally in Europe. EU is a bit bureaucratic but it has one success and that is the opening of borders which leads to free flow of products, services and people.

**Q: What is your opinion on the Myanmar's government's reform and democratization process?**

A: I am not in a position to give my opinion or give suggestions on what the government should do because it's your country and your own decision but I must say at this point we understand Myanmar very well because we were in a similar situation. We had a nondemocratic government and Myanmar had a similar history so even though we are in different parts of the world, certain economic and political processes are similar because we are humans and we make more or less the same decisions. We admire that you also made a transition peacefully without war or fighting. I'm lucky to have been in Myanmar during its important part of history. I came here in August 2015 and I formed part of the EU monitoring mission with my colleague from Spain during your November elections.

We were surprised that a country that had no democratic experience was behaving in such a well-organized way. The elections were organized well and even people who did not how to vote were being advised and instructed. The institution of the new government and the State Counsellor was peaceful but the difference between Poland and Myanmar is that you have ethnic regions that are still waiting for the peace and stability. Poland doesn't have this problem because our minorities are very small and we were integrated. I admire Madam Daw Aung San Suu Kyi that she says peace is important and her work for the second panglong peace conference.

**Q: The State Counsellor mentioned terrorist attacks by Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army and that unbalanced reporting are fueling the flames in Rakhine State. She pointed out that despite the exodus of Muslim people; fifty Muslim villages chose to remain intact so she invited diplomats to visit Rakhine State. So what is your opinion on her statement and will you join the trip to Rakhine?**

A: First of all it was a great statement and it summarized the present situation and desire of the government and the desire for peace. Terrorism is a very difficult problem and we have to take into consideration the security and normal lives of the people. I would like to join to see how it is, not because I don't believe Madam Daw Aung San Suu Kyi but because I want to see what it is like in that area. I was in Sittway to visit an IDP camp but I hadn't left the municipality of Sittway but I like to talk to the normal people because this is the way to discover the country.

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# Interview with Charge d'affaires of Poland

FROM PAGE-G

**Q: Poland developed a market economy so Myanmar is trying to do that too so what will be the priorities between Myanmar and Poland for economic co-operation?**

A: Economic cooperation is important and in the case of Myanmar we started with assistance in 2012 by holding seminars with the ministries, especially the Ministry of Planning, to share our problems and experiences with transformation and to teach you how to avoid the mistakes we made in the 1990s. Polish businessmen from seven different companies came to talk to UMFCCI when the memorandum of understanding was signed with the Polish Ministry of Commerce. They talked to different foreign chambers and different business communities to discover what can we do and how can we cooperate.

Of course we have to take into consideration that Polish companies are not as big or important as those in Western Europe because we had no big private companies until the 1990s. Our desire is to exchange goods because we are from different climate areas and our products may be interesting for the Myanmar people and vice versa.

**Q: Lastly could you tell us future plans for strengthening ties between Myanmar and Poland?**

A: We opened our representative office in 2014 with the strong desire to open co-operation on all levels including political ones. Exchange of visits is important but the number of visits is not so big now. Our foreign affairs minister and the Speaker of the Upper Chamber of Parliament visited Myanmar in 2012 and we've had the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw to Poland in 2015 and now we expect important visits in the near future because it will be a big step forward in our political cooperation. The climate is very good on both sides of the country but it will be more efficient if you do what we did and open your embassy in Warsaw because now the ambassador of Myanmar to Poland is in Berlin. Berlin is not far from Poland but it is still outside the country so opening your embassy in Warsaw will be a great step forward.

# Be unique, be yourself

FROM SUPPLEMENT-A

I didn't mean that I was not rich. My parents never let me to do unnecessary things. Sometimes, I wanted to be like her. So I tried to be like her by doing everything she did until I knew that it was wasting my precious time and giving me depression. Buying cosmetics and skin care products, going to the cinemas or to the supermarkets with friends and buying everything that is popular didn't suit me. So I tried to be being me again. Sometimes I told my mom about that. She said, "You don't have to be beautiful and rich to have friends. That kind of friends are fake friends. Try to find a true friend instead of having many friends. Also, beauty on the face never lasts long. Instead, beauty comes from your deepest heart. Don't focus on unimportant things. Just focus on your studies. Do not let your surrounding influences you, my daughter." Thank to my mother, I remembered my ambition and kept on studying my lessons. We had tutorials very often and I always got good marks in every tutorial and exam. The thing that I didn't understand was that no one, except my family, complimented me. Instead, they praised the ones who was wearing a nice dress or a branded watch or an expensive handbag. Of course, it is good to have such expensive and branded things but I think they are focusing on the wrong sides. My friend sometimes called me 'a strange girl'. Maybe it was strange to them because I was quite different from other girls.

I wore simple clothes while the others wore attractive clothes with fashionable designs. Sometimes, my clothes were the same design with different colors because I didn't want to spend a minute to think what to wear. I was praying, brushing my teeth, tiding my bed and helping my mother in the morning while the other girls were thinking what to wear and making themselves beautiful. I usually stayed at home and read books while the others went to the cinema or supermarket with friends. I usually talked to my family while the others chatted with friends. I didn't go to the canteen because my mom always said that homemade foods are more delicious and healthy. I was watching TV channels which are knowledgeable while the others go to beauty salon. Maybe these are the reasons that everyone hated me. I am not in that kind of society. In fact, my parents were very conservative and they rarely let me go outside. So, I was usually lonely in my school. However, I had a lot of friends when I was needed. I mean I was used when they needed me. For example, I always went to school without absence and I paid great attention to my teachers and made note every day. So I caught up with my lessons. Some students did not attend class regularly. So they missed lessons. When the exam was drawing near, they borrowed my books. They talked to me with very good words only when they wanted to borrow my books. Of course, I lent my notebook because I believed that helping a person who needs help is one of the good virtues. Actually, I didn't want to propagate hatred between them and me. Some friends are good but most of my friends are fair-weather friends but I didn't blame them because I understood that life is full of both bad things and good things I always told to myself "The world is fair for everyone and it has place for everyone who is trying in his or her own ways. Sometimes, you need to forgive people so that you can forget your pains and your past. Forgiveness can give you mind-peace. In fact, it is the pains that make you strong and mature. And never try to take a revenge because it has no good on both sides. Open your heart and give love to your rivals, enemies and people who hurt you. It is your love and kindness which are the best weapons to kill them. Never proud of yourself because of your standard, your money and your beauty because it is your nearest enemies that will destroy your beautiful life. Always humble yourself and give your genuine smile. Never stop trying to become what you want to be. Never be depressed because of other peoples' words because people criticizes those who work so hard. Besides, everything has its result. So, never think that all your hard work and payments are not precious and meaningless. Try to be a good friend instead of finding true friends. Also, you can find your best friends in library." Of course, I wanted to be beautiful and popular as I was one of the teenagers. But I never lose control of myself. So, books became my best friend. As I read books, I understand the nature of different kinds of people. I began to enjoy being lonely and doing everything I wanted to. And I began to understand that silence is one kind of peace. I stayed in my own life styles ignoring the disdainful eyes. I kept on trying doing the things that I needed to do and neglecting the things that I wanted to do.

Although I was not a beautiful girl and not famous in my class, I believed that one day I would be beautiful, well-known and be loved by everyone because of my qualities, wisdom and virtues (courage, honesty, kindness, patience and endurance). Now, I am a young business lady. I can earn my own money and give it to my family. I have my own house to live with my family. My parents are proud of me. My relatives are also proud of me. Of course, life is not always comfortable. Sometimes I have difficulties and problems but I can overcome my hard times with maturity. In conclusion, I would like to say that fame, success, people's love and care can be gained not only by physical appearance and prosperity. So, don't be too depressed because you can't do exactly what the others do like travelling with friends, going to an expensive restaurant, going to beauty salon, buying the branded things and so on. If you just do what makes you happy, time will cure you. So, never let your surroundings influence you. When I was young, I, too, think that I would never have friends or someone to share my life and I would never be a successful person. But in my real life, it is quite different. In reality, people prefer a person's unique quality and ability more than physical appearance and ownership. They are not very impressive even if a person can do what the others can also do. Furthermore, in my opinion, everyone has his or her beauty. It depends on a person's eyes and conception. So, don't put too much effort to make yourself beautiful or make yourself to look like your beautiful friend or an actor or an actress. Instead, focus on your studies and learn as much as you can while you are young so that you can get everything you want by your wisdom. Think that you are perfect. In fact, perfect doesn't mean you get everything you want. It doesn't mean that you are rich.

Perfect means you are satisfied with what you have. So, stay in your own styles and do your own ways. So, be unique and be yourself.

# Change Your Feeling and Make a Good Copy

FROM SUPPLEMENT-A

First is "Changing your feeling for the positive." We need to train ourselves and be focus to be able to see the good things. Even if our environment or situation cannot support us had a pleasant feeling, just try it and find it for any goodness. And change our perception to the good side. Seeing to the good instead of bad can bring a peace to our mind definitely.

Second is "Copying the good habits to your routines."

To lead to a certain success, a good way is to copy the good habits and thinking form from those who are already successful in our eyes. Listen to & learn from the successful so that we can recognize how successful people talk, think, and behave then apply them as the learning tools in us.

But "Remember this" In adopting the habits from the other ones. You need to adopt and copy only good things which are actually required to be changed for your growth.

Definitely, changing your feeling to the positive could bring you somewhere peace exists and copying the good habits to your routine would help you reach somewhere the success exists.

Good Luck.