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Modi wraps up trip

Indian PM visits religious and historic places

ON HIS FINAL day in Myanmar, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Shwedagon Pagoda, the Martyrs' Mausoleum and Kali Bari Temple in Pabedan Township.

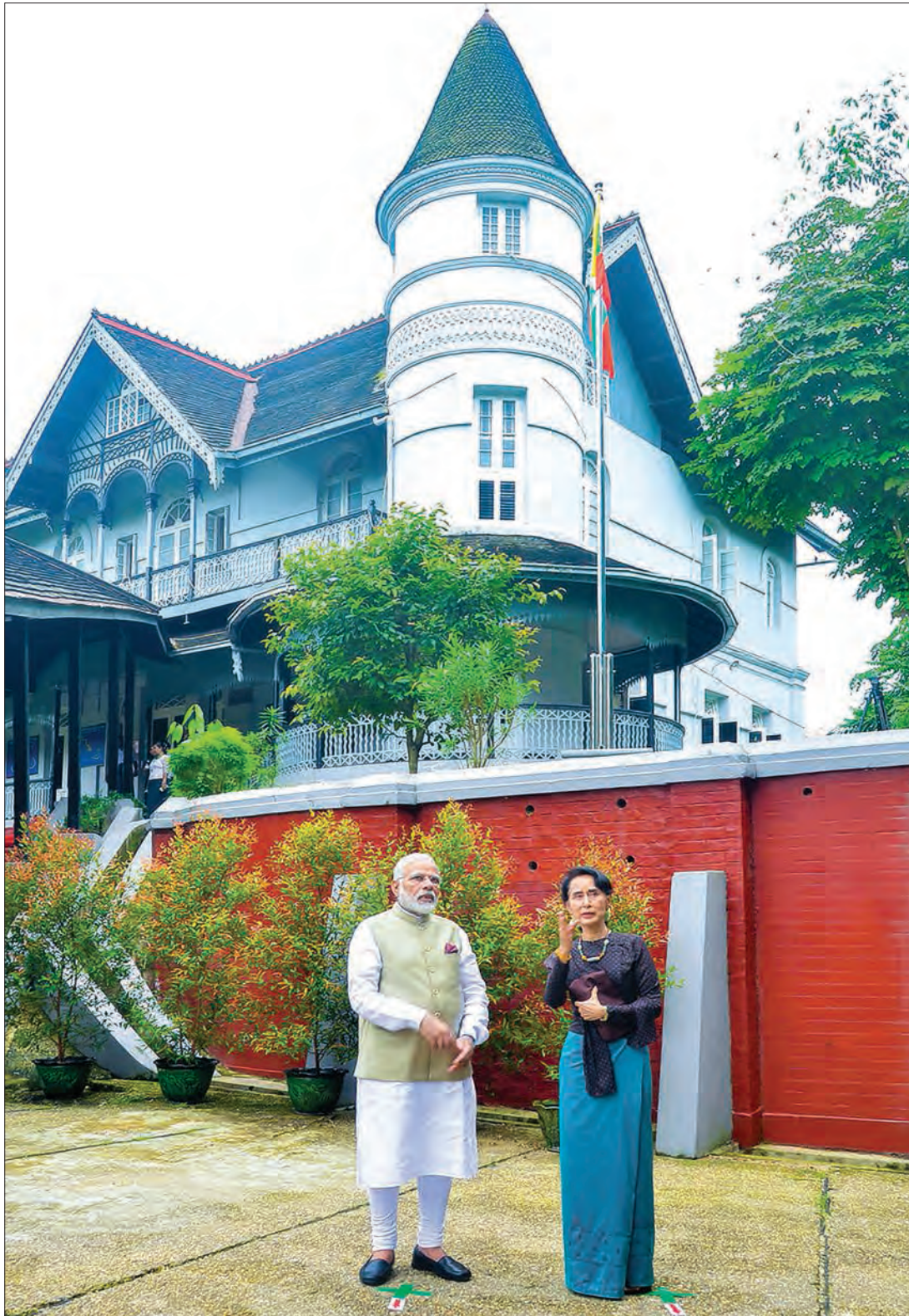
The prime minister visited Shwedagon in the morning and was greeted by Union Ministers for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko, for Construction U Win Khaing. The head of state also met Shwedagon Pagoda's board of trustees.

Mr. Modi, who is a Hindu, paid homage to the Shwedagon Pagoda, left flowers and candles and donated cash to the pagoda fund. The prime minister also planted a Bodhi tree in the Shwedagon compound's western garden.

At the Martyrs' Mausoleum, Mr. Modi laid a wreath for Bogyoke Aung San and other martyrs.

And at Kali Bari Temple in Pabedan Township, Mr. Modi offered prayers and left flowers, water and candles. After posing for photos with the temple's board of trustees and volunteers, he visited Bogyoke Aung San Museum in Bahan Township and the Tomb of Bahadur Shah Zafar on Zewaka Road, Dagon Township.

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Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits Bogyoke Aung San Museum, accompanied by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: YE HTUT

ARSA attacks displaced 30,200

THE terrorist group known as ARSA is to blame for the displacement of 30,200 residents of Maungtau Township, Rakhine, according to the information committee of the government.

Due to ARSA extremist terrorists' attacks between 25 August and 4 September on border police outposts, residents in Taungpyo Letwe, Kwuntheepin, Thechaung, Meetaik and Taungpyo Letwe villages fled to border areas to take shelter.

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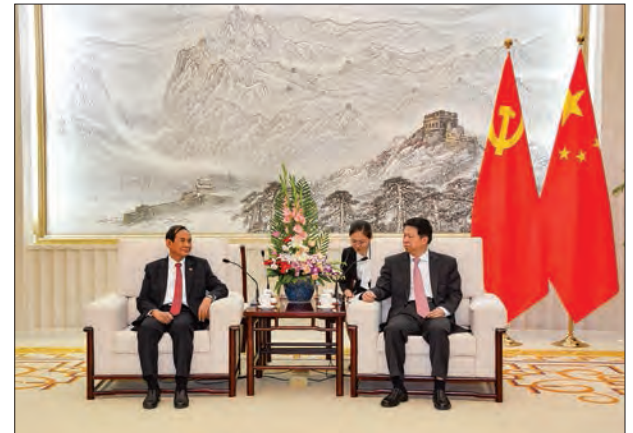
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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint presents offertories to the monk. **PHOTO: MNA**



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint is welcomed by H.E. Mr. Zhang Dejiang. **PHOTO: MNA**



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint holds talks with H.E. Mr. Song Tao. **PHOTO: MNA**

U Win Myint meets Chinese officials, visits Tooth Relic Temple

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint met H.E. Mr. Song Tao, Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Head of the International Liaison Department of the Communist Party of China at the office of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China yesterday morning.

The two officials discussed cooperative efforts between their two nations.

After their meeting, H.E. Mr. Song Tao hosted a lunch in honor of the Myanmar delegation.

Also present was Hluttaw affairs committee members Mahn Nyunt Thein, U Than Nyunt, U Khun Than Htoo, Daw Wint War Tun, U Tin Nu – also known as – U Tin Nu Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thit Lin Ohn and other Pyithu Hluttaw officials.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint meets Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress

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Win Myint met H.E. Mr. Zhang Dejiang, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, the People's Republic of China at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and Standing Committee Chairman then held a meeting in which they discussed cooperative efforts between Myanmar and China.

After their meeting, the two officials exchanged gifts.

H.E. Mr. Zhang Dejiang host-

ed a dinner in honor of Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint in the dining hall of the Great Hall of the People. Also in attendance at the dinner were Hluttaw affairs committee members Mahn Nyunt Thein, U Than Nyunt, U Khun Than Htoo, Daw Wint War Tun, U Tin Nu – also known as – U Tin Nu Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thit Lin Ohn and other Pyithu Hluttaw officials.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint and party pay

homage to Buddha tooth relic stupa

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint and party paid homage to Buddha tooth relic in Lingguang Temple, Beijing, People's Republic of China yesterday morning and donated offering to Venerable Shin Chan Zang.

Afterwards they visited the ancient palace and the Great Hall of the People where officials show them around. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Bridges destroyed by ARSA terrorists repaired

On Wednesday morning, a group comprised of state and regional road and transport officials formed by the Rakhine State government inspected roads and bridges along 44 miles of the Maungtaw-Kyikanpyin-Kyeinchaung-Aungthapay and Bandoola roads that were destroyed by the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) extremist terrorists and began emergency repairs.

“Roads and bridges destroyed by terrorists will be repaired by 10 September. Repair of the Arzanbaw bridge and Letyachaung bridges are underway. Roads damaged by rain will also be repaired urgently”, said Maungtaw District Assistant Director (Civil) U Zaw Min.

According to the state road department ARSA extremists destroyed the Wetkyein Bridge and the Padaka Dewanali bridges 1 and 2, the Laungbote Bridge, the Letyachaung Bridge



Workers repair the bridge destroyed by ARSA extremist terrorists. **PHOTO: MNA**

and the Arzanbaw Bridge on the Maungtaw-Kyikanpyin-Kyeinchaung-Aungthapay and Bandoola roads.

“Security is important in rebuilding the destroyed bridges. It is dangerous with terrorists still active. Only with tight security near the workers can the bridge rebuilding work be done” added U Zaw Min.

Departmental officials of the Maungtaw region road transport improvement implementation committee inspected the 49 mile-long Muangtaw-Kanyintan-Alethan-kyaw-Thawinchaung and Angumaw roads on 5 September and found the road to be in good condition. — Myanmar News Agency ■

ASEM Senior Officials' Meeting and related Meetings continue

THE Opening Ceremony of the Asia-Europe Meeting Senior Official's Meeting (ASEM SOM) was held yesterday morning at MICC-1 in Nay Pyi Taw.

Myanmar ASEM SOM Leader, U Kyaw Zayya, Permanent Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar delivered welcome remarks at the Opening Ceremony of ASEM SOM.

In his opening remarks, Myanmar ASEM SOM leader highlighted the fact that last year remarked the 20 years of cooperation among ASEM partners and expressed pleasure as ASEM partners continues to maintain the ASEM fine tradition of close partnership well into the third decade.

He said “Strengthening Partnership for Peace and Sustainable Development” as peace and sustainable development are not only pertinent to Myanmar but they are also of

crucial important to nations all over the world. Peace and development can only be achieved with collective efforts and enhanced partnerships.

The Sub-group Meetings of the ASEM Senior Officials' Meeting were held at MICC-1 Nay Pyi Taw, in the morning. Myanmar ASEM SOM Leader, U Kyaw Zeya charied ASEAN and Asian Sub-group meetings.

U Kyaw Tin, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs attended the Officials Dinner as guest of honour given by Myanmar ASEM SOM Leader at the Thinhaha Hotel.

Delegations from the ASEM Member States comprising 51 Asian and European countries, ASEAN secretariat, European Union and Asia-Europe Union and Asia-Europe Foundation are attending the ASEM SOM meetings and related Meetings held in Nay Pyi Taw.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Indian PM visits religious and historic places

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The prime minister departed Myanmar from Yangon International Airport, where he was seen off by Union Minister U Win Khaing, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, the Indian ambassador to Myanmar and other officials.

State Counsellor welcomes Indian PM at Bogyoke Aung San Museum

On the last day of a two-day visit to Myanmar, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was met at the Bogyoke Aung San

Museum, yesterday, by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

"I thank Daw Aung San Suu Kyi for the special gesture of showing me around the Bogyoke Aung San Museum. Paid tributes to General Aung San," Modi tweeted.

At the visit, he signed the museum guest book and posed for a photo with the State Counsellor. Bogyoke Aung San Museum is the former residence of Bogyoke Aung San, architect of Myanmar Independence.— Myanmar News Agency ■



Indian PM Narendra Modi visits Bogyoke Aung San Museum, accompanied by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. PHOTO: YE HTUT



Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon on 7, September 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

Gov't officials meet locals in Maungtaw

U Nyi Pu, Rakhine State Chief Minister, U KhinMaung Tin, Deputy Minister for the Ministry of the State Counsellor's Office and responsible officials from the Multi-Religions Friendship Association went to Maungtaw region yesterday, near where extremists from the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) committed attacks, which has been described as a terrorist group, and met with local people.

The officials arrived at the office of Yathedaung township general administration, meeting local nationals and followers of Hinduism and Islam to ask their opinion of the terrorist attacks.

Following that, the officials went to Maungtaw, meeting Colonel Phone Tint, State Security and Border Affairs Minister, U

Ye Htut, district administrator, departmental heads, town-elders, local nationals as well as Christian, Hindu and Islamic residents.

In the meeting, Chief Minister said, "Union Government and State Cabinet are dealing with many difficulties and challenges during just over a one-year period. As known by all, the affair of the Maungtaw region is not only the affair of Rakhine State, but also a national affair, so it is being deeply and soberly dealt with. Now is the time for us to build peace and stability in the nation. It is firmly believed that the Union Government, State Cabinet and all the responsible officials are essential to cooperate in unity so that the future will become the best."

U Khin Maung Tin, Deputy

Minister for the Ministry of the State Counsellor's Office, said that the officials came here for the multi-religions friendship association to be well convinced of the actual situations on the ground and to make people from home and abroad know more about the situation.

The officials then went to Buthidaung, meeting with local nationals and followers from different religions at the office of the township general administration department.

According to the statistics collected as of 4 September, 59 villages and 6,842 houses were burnt down, an estimated loss of Ks600 million. It is learnt that 6,158 families consisting of 26,747 people were displaced.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Meeting to support and assist Rakhine State

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye led officials from the Red Cross in a coordination meeting at the ministry office yesterday afternoon to support and assist people affected by the terrorist actions of the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA).

The Union Minister said the government will lead and cooperate with the Red Cross for support and assistance to quickly reach people who were displaced by the recent events in Maungtaw. Currently required aid, social, health and education requirements will be discerned and fulfilled

quickly. The meeting was held to explore and cooperate the best way to do this, said the union minister.

The Myanmar Red Cross Society chairman explained and discussed the current works and programmes to continue cooperating with Red Cross Movement.

In the meeting, matters relating to providing security for Red Cross volunteers, non-duplication of cash transfers & relief assistance beneficiaries, setting up time frames for daily programmes, and cooperating in psychological social support work processes were discussed.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Local, foreign independent journalists report from Maungtaw

A group of independent journalists including local and foreign media yesterday talked to people of the Islamic faith at a Bengali Market, Ka Nyin Tan Ward in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State yesterday morning to gather the information regarding the activities of the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) extremist terrorists.

The media group then went to Maw Ya Wati Village, where they interviewed village elder U San Hla Phyu and other residents.

The journalists also took photos of damage by fires in Maung Tu Lar and Zay Gone Tan villages of Alae Than Kyaw village tract, Maungtaw Township and interviewed officials of border security police outposts, which defended



Independent journalists interview security members. Photo: MNA

against the ARSA extremist terrorist attacks on 25 August that killed over 70 people and forced thousands to flee.

Photos of the damages due to fire in upper Kan Paing Gyi and Kan Bu villages and Gaw Du Thar Ya village were also

taken. While media group was gathering information in Gaw Du Thar Ya village, around four or five ethnic people were found and media group reported to officials of Maungtaw District General Administration Department and the security forces after being

informed of the news made a search for the suspicion men. Then, the media group took photos of constructed fence near No.1 inspection gate at Myoma west ward of Maungtaw between Myanmar and Bangladesh border.—Myanmar News Agency ■

New coaches for circular train to arrive in 2020

By Ko Moe

According to Myanmar Railways and the Ministry of Transport and Communication, 18 Diesel-Electric Multiple Units (DEMU) train coaches ordered from Japan will arrive in Yangon in September 2020.

The new coaches — 66 units in all, were bought using a loan from the Japanese government, to be used in the Yangon circular train line and other places in need. Japanese loans amounting to US\$206.53 million will be used for the purchase of the 66 coaches and for installing advanced signal systems at 25 level crossings along the circular train route, according to Myanmar Railway.

“Trains ordered from Japan will arrive here in two batches. Eighteen

coaches will arrive in the first batch in September 2020, with the remaining units to arrive in 2021. Moreover, works for upgrading level crossings along the circular railways will be implemented using the loan from the Japanese government, with the aid of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)”, said U Ba Myint, Senior General Manager of Myanmar Railways.

Myanmar Railways will carry out the project of upgrading the Yangon Circular Train Rails by investing \$300 million in order to provide a more convenient, safer and better traveling experience very soon, it was learnt. The Yangon Circular Train route is over 46 kilometers, with 38 railway stations. Myanmar Railways runs trains in 25 shifts daily. ■

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Currently, a total of 30,200 people are camped along the Myanmar side of the border, including 1,200 people are camped along the border between milestones 31 and 32, 11,000

between milestones 32 and 33 and 18,000 between milestones 34 and 35, according to the information office. On Wednesday, a homemade gun and an improvised explosive manufactured by ARSA

was discovered by villagers, who were crossing a sugar-cane field in Aung Mingalar Village, Maungtaw. Upon learning of the discovery, police secured the weapons.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Home-made mines found in Taunggyi

Acting on a tip-off, police from Taunggyi, accompanied by the ward administrator, searched Nul Armin, also known as Aung Min, 44, at about 10:30 am yesterday and discovered equipment that appeared to be three home-made mines of varying sizes made of a mini-gas boxes. One of the home-made bombs had a bamboo stick fastened to it, police said. In addition, one decapitated Buddha statue measuring one-inch in height, along with pieces of lead and iron were found.

Under investigation, it was learnt that the man seized with the weapons suffered a head injury in a motorcycle accident over two years ago. The accident caused him to suffer from



mental episodes, authorities said. Nul Armin, the son of Nul Din, also known as U Maung Maung of Kone Thar Kyaung Lane, Myoma Ward, in Taunggyi

township, remains hospitalised at the Sao San Tun hospital in Taunggyi and is being kept under the close watch.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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