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The Myanmar Red Cross Society is helping evacuate internally displaced persons from conflict areas in northern Rakhine. MRCS has also provided aid and assistance to the people affected by armed attacks by ARSA extremists and administered first aid to them. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

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Order for rule of law in Maungtaw

Authorities warned locals in Maungtaw not to cooperate with or support terrorists, not to set fire to homes or properties and not to enter restricted areas as part of a new order

issued yesterday.

Order 3/2017, announced by the Maungtaw District General Administration Department yesterday, stated that those who violate the

rule of law and erode stability would be brought to justice.

To maintain the rule of law, security forces will fire warning shots at those who break the law.

People are obliged to cooperate with the authorities by following the instructions of the authorities, added the statement.

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Action to be taken against incitement to violence

THE information committee issued a statement yesterday to take action against those who carry out incitement to violence on 11 September.

The statement said that it

is found incitements to violence attacks on 11 September were spreading to the people via mobile phone messages and social media.

The statement has also

urged the people not to incite both communities, asking the citizens to inform acts on suspicions of inciting to violence to the authorities. "It can be assumed that both communities

carry out incitements to cause panic among the people and actions will be taken against those who carry out the incitements," said the statement. —Myanmar News Agency ■

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint returns from China



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint and party arrive back Yangon International Airport. **PHOTO: MNA**

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint and party, who paid a goodwill visit to China at the invitation of H.E. Mr. Zhang De-jiang, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, the People's Republic of China, returned to Myanmar from Beijing via Kunming yesterday morning.

The Myanmar Hluttaw delegation was seen off at the Beijing airport by Mr. Long

Zhuangwei, Vice Chair of the National People's Congress of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and responsible personnel, U Thit Lin Ohn, Myanmar Ambassador to China and officials.

While transiting through Kunming, the Hluttaw delegation was hosted to a luncheon by H.E. Mme. Dao Linyin, Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the People's Congress

of Yunnan Province at the Best Hotel in Kunming.

The Hluttaw delegation arrived in Myanmar at 2:30 pm and was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Lin Naing Myint, hluttaw representatives, the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Hong Liang and officials from the hluttaw office. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Union Attorney General receives Forum of Federation's vice chairman

UNION Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo received a delegation led by Forum of Federation's vice chairman Mr. Felix Knuepling on Thursday at the Union Attorney General's Office.

During the meeting, they discussed matters concerning democracy development, success of the peace process, cooperation activities for the development of federalism with the assistance of Forum of Federations of the Canadian Government, holding awareness seminars about feder-

alism's basic activities and practices for the hluttaw, the government, political parties and public, holding law-related courses in accordance with the principles of federalism in collaboration with the Union Attorney General's Office as well as the peace process and constitutional processes of the measurements with providence of the Forum of Federations.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Attorney General U Win Myint and permanent secretary Daw Nu Nu Yin.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Union Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo holds talks with Forum of Federations vice chairman Mr. Felix Knuepling. **PHOTO: MNA**



U Kyaw Myo, Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications, is welcomed by Ambassador of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr. Jong Ho Bom as he arrives at the reception to mark the 69th founding anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on 9th September 2017. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

Provision to displaced people, security staff in Maungtaw donated by women's affairs federation

THE Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation provided cash donations, food and utensils to displaced people, security forces and departmental staff yesterday in Maungtaw, northern Rakhine State.

On 8 September at the meeting hall of regional command headquarter in Sit-

taw, the chairman of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation donated Ks2 million and food for local people, departmental staff and security forces who served in Maungtaw region.

The regional commander accepted the donations.

Later, ethnic people who

are being sheltered at Mani Yadana monastery in Sittway were provided food, clothes and cash.

The party then went to temporary rescue camps in Buthidaung and donated cash and food to displaced ethnic people.—Min Htat Aung, Tin Maung Lwin ■

Suspected terrorist arrested in Buthidaung

A suspected extremist terrorist from the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) was found with a gunshot wound in Buthidaung Township on Thursday, according to the government information committee.

Acting on a tip off that a terrorist was hiding in Sinoyepyin Village, security forces inspected the village and arrested Abugawbu, 23, son of Miyarlauth, who was

allegedly involved in the terrorist attacks on 27 August. He was found at his house with a gunshot wound on Thursday evening.

The information committee stated that the terrorist allegedly involved in the terrorist attack on security forces on 27 August was wounded during the attack. He was hospitalised and charged in accordance with the law. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Abugawbu. **PHOTO: MNA**

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UCSB Chairman attends discussion on civil service reform at Oxford University

Upon the invitation of Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, London, Britain, Union Civil Service Board (UCSB) Chairman Dr. Win Thein attended a discussion on civil service personnel reform and a high level officials' meeting held in University of Oxford from 3-7 September and returned to Yangon via Malaysia on 8 September.

The discussion and meetings were attended by heads of civil service of internationally top 31 countries. Civil service personnel reform experiences of each country, result of the research project "International Civil



U Win Thein discusses civil service personnel reform at the University of Oxford. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

Service Effectiveness" (InCiSE) that was conducted by Blavatnik School of Government and affiliate organisations, method-

ology to measure the increase in the capacity of civil service personnel, process to develop the capacity of the heads of civ-

il services to the highest level, challenges expected to be faced in a decade by civil service personnel and preparation to overcome it, setting and implementing best policy for civil service system using InCiSE indicators and uncovering best methods to use for civil service personnel based on experiences and lessons learnt from civil service sector were discussed.

UCSB Chairman and Myanmar Ambassador U Kyaw Zwa Min also met with heads of Britain's Civil Service Commission, National School of Government International, Implementation Unit to discuss and exchange views on civil service matters. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Rakhine authorities, IDPs discuss resettlement plan

Rakhine State Government held a meeting with local people yesterday, exchanging views on future plan for the displaced people from the conflict areas in Maungdaw.

At the meeting, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu clarified current efforts of the state government, saying that the authorities are collecting data on IDPs and carrying out

restoring the rule of law and improving the transport and communication sector in Maungdaw.

Representatives of the IDPs suggested that men should be given priority when resettlement

is carried out by the authorities.

They also urged the government to build strong buildings for schools at the ethnic villagers in Maungdaw District. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Tourist arrivals increased five-fold in Mandalay in nearly a decade

U SAN YU, assistant director of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism (Mandalay), the international tourist arrivals have increased more than five-fold in Mandalay within the past nine years, according to the Myawady Daily issued on Saturday.

Tourist arrivals have been on increase in the region year after year.

According to the official statistics, Mandalay, the last royal capital of Myanmar, hosted 64,377 foreign visitors in 2009.

The number increased to 75,727 in 2010, 99,016 in 2011, 160,975 in 2012, 219,518 in 2013, 242,566 in 2014, 306,432 in 2015 and 385,031 in 2016.

Between January and July of this year, more than 260,000 tourists entered the region, said U San Yu.

Efforts have been



A couple of tourist seen at the Golden Palace also known as Mya Nan San Kyaw in Mandalay. **PHOTO: NYI ZAW MOE**

made by the region authorities to promote tourism market in Mandalay in collaboration

with local and international tourism bodies, extending new travel destinations and imple-

menting eco-tourism as well as community-based tourism. —GNLM ■

Domestic gold price on upward trend due to high global gold price

DOMESTIC gold price keeps rising due to high global gold price.

As global gold price jumped to US\$1,356 per ounce last Friday, domestic gold price reached a peak of Ks953,000 per tical (0.578 ounce).

In spite of the fact that global gold price slipped a bit yesterday against last Friday's price, domestic pure gold price still remained on the rise with a record high of Ks953,500 a tical in the evening of 9 September, according to Aung Thamardi Gold and Jewellery Shop and Gold Refinery.

"Record high gold price cools the market. The gold and jewellery shops do not rush to make transaction while observing the market price, said U Kyaw Win.



A salesman displays a tray of gold bangles at a jewellery shop. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

The global gold price is likely to remain on the upward trend due to political tension, he added.

The pure gold reached above Ks900,000 a tical in mid July and then, the price

soared to Ks945,000 in the end of August. And now, the price reached its new peak of Ks935,500 per tical in the evening of 9 September while global gold price is \$1,347 an ounce. — GNLM ■

Myanmar's regional trade hit US\$3.43 billion in first four months of this FY

REGIONAL trade of Myanmar with ASEAN countries amounted to about US\$3.43 billion in the first four month of this fiscal year, comprising \$1.2 million worth of export and \$2.2 billion worth of import, according to the statistics released by the Ministry of Commerce last Friday.

Since April, Thailand was ranked first among ASEAN countries having the largest trade value of \$1.47 billion with Myanmar, followed by Singapore at the second place with

about \$1 billion. Malaysia was listed at the third place with trade values of \$354 million while Indonesia stood at the fourth place with estimated \$285 million and Myanmar's trade with Viet Nam reached about \$260 million.

The value of bilateral trade with the Philippines reached \$13.5 million. The trade value with Cambodia and Laos was about \$1 million each. Value of Brunei's trade with Myanmar was less than \$1 million.

The country mainly ex-

ported agricultural products, fishery products and minerals while food and beverages, electronic tools, motor vehicles and consumer goods were imported into Myanmar.

Regional trade value was about \$9.6 billion in 2016-2017 FY and FY 2015-16 saw \$10.4 billion. Myanmar's trade with ASEAN countries reached \$12.6 billion in 2014-2015 FY, \$11 billion in 2013-2014 FY, \$8.4 billion in 2012-2013 FY and \$8.69 billion in 2011-2012 FY. — Ko Htet ■

Ginger exports through Myanmar-Bangladesh border declines

GINGER export across the border between Myanmar and Bangladesh decreased by more than 50 tons in third week of August, according to border trade authorities.

From 19 to 25 August, Myanmar exported fresh ginger weighing nearly 185 tons to the People's Republic of Bangladesh via the Sittway and Maungtau land borders, earning a total of US\$50,530.

Neighbouring Bangladesh imported nearly 165 tons of fresh ginger from the Maungtau border trade camp and another 20 tons from the Sittway border point of entry.

The country exported al-

most 240 tons of the same kind of product to its neighbour in the previous week before 19 August, including 57 tons from the Sittway border gate and 182 tons from the Maungtau cross-border point.

Ginger, a common ingredient in Asian and Indian cuisine, is the main export item at Myanmar-Bangladesh borders. Bangladesh also imports peanuts, mung bean, dried plum, garlic, rice, dried fish and prawns, and bamboo.

In Sittway, the price of one ton of fresh ginger reached over Ks1 million. A ton of ginger was lower than Ks1 million in the same period of last year.—Shwe Khine ■

More than \$2.2 billion in trade deficit this FY

THE VALUE of international trade for the current fiscal year reached more than US\$13 billion since April, with a trade deficit of over \$2.2 billion, according to the Commerce Ministry's statistical report released on 8 September.

Between 1 April and 1 September of this year, the total external trade value rose by \$1.635 billion compared to the same period of last year.

Exports were \$5.412 billion and imports were \$7.673 billion.

Trade value included over \$1.778 billion from normal trade and over \$3.633 billion from cross-border trade. Eighty per cent of Myanmar's exports were accommodated by seaports.

This year's border exports decreased by over \$110 million from that of last year. However, exports by sea rose by \$544 million.

The country's trade deficit was \$91 million in FY2012-2013 and increased to \$2.555 billion in FY2013-2014, \$4.109 billion in FY2014-2015, \$5.441 billion in FY2015-2016 and \$5.5 billion in FY2016-2017, according to the ministry's yearly report.

The country chiefly exports agricultural products, marine and animal products, minerals and forest products while it imports capital goods, intermediate goods and consumer products.—Swe Nyein ■

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Every citizen needs to have security awareness

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National peace and stability is of great importance in every country. For doing so, security awareness and rule of law play an important role. Though the national security must be operated by its security forces and organizations, but it will be more effective and successful only if all the citizens help to participate energetically.

In regard to present events currently happening in Rakhine State, it can be said that anxieties for national security may occur in the country. At the time when the State is exerting its concerted efforts for the national security, we can find destructive elements from the outside world and aggressive behaviors that ignite up to leading to the breach of

the national security. This can be likened to the event of blowing wind while catching a fire, or the event of waiting for a chance while a wildfire is burning angrily. So, we are repeatedly to warn for the people to keep security awareness and to be alert about the possible dangers of those destructive elements.

Due to such and such situations, these days the State is calling for awareness over conspiracies of extremist terrorist attacks in the country, simultaneously issuing news releases occasionally, so as for unnecessary conflicts not to emerge.

It has been learnt that arrangements are under way to launch terrorist bomb blast attacks in the inner part of the country in a foreign country that encourages terrorism, which is designed

to make timely attacks at the time when ARSA extremist terrorists are making terrorist attacks and during this month when the meetings of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) will be held, with a view to attracting supports over ARSA extremist Terrorists.

According to these news and information, the State has issued instructions to take awareness on security across the nation. Based on potential attacks, riots, religious and racial conflicts can be created, so it is of great importance to take special awareness on risks of the breach of national peace and stability.

As security awareness, the people are required to report to the nearest authorities if found suspicious persons and their deeds, accumulation of explosives and actions of abnormality. It is

necessary for the whole populace to take notices of political agitations to create riots and conflicts, by exploiting threat on terrorist attacks.

As the State is making preparations to protect the country from the danger of potential terrorist attacks, we need not be worried about it. But we need to keep constant alertness on national security.

As security awareness and rule of law is important for the national peace and stability, all the national people and all those living in the country are required to express their love and loyalty toward the country by co-operating campaigns for national peace and stability, being implemented by the government. ■

(Translated Khin Maung Oo)

Asia-Pacific Region: Gearing Up for the Next Transformation



Christine Lagarde
IMF Managing Director
International Conference,
Seoul

Following is the discussion of Ms Christine Lagarde at the conference in Seoul on 6th September focusing on how to **promote sustained and inclusive growth** in the world's most dynamic region.

Introduction: Asia Today and Tomorrow

When we think about Asia's economic future, we know that this future is being built on strong foundations—on the richness and diversity of its cultures, on the incredible energy and ingenuity of the people who have changed the world by transforming their own economies.

China and India have been driving the greatest poverty reduction in human history by creating the world's largest middle classes. In a single generation, Vietnam has moved from being one of the world's poorest nations to being a middle-income country.

And Korea has transformed itself into a thriving advanced economy—inspiring those who are working hard to avoid the so-called “middle income trap”. These are only some of the many Asian success stories that have captured the imagination of policymakers and economists around the world.

Why? Because this region is not just about sound macroeconomic policies and embracing global economic integration. It is also about resourcefulness and immense determination.

Twenty years ago, so many communities and companies were deeply hurt by the Asian financial crisis. So many countries in this region suffered a lot. But they also learned a lot—as did the IMF—and they are much stronger today. As the famous Korean proverb puts it: “*After rain, the ground becomes firmer.*”

This resilience was earned through bold, post-crisis reforms. Many countries adopted more flexible exchange rates and reduced external vulnerabilities. They also strengthened their financial sector regulation and supervision, and developed domestic capital markets.

With these reforms, Asia was able to weather the global financial crisis, and has since emerged as a key engine of global growth. Over the past decade, the Asia-Pacific region has contributed two thirds of global growth, and now accounts for about 44 percent of global GDP.

Today we see the beginning of another economic transformation across Asia. What does that mean? It means that countries can build on the progress made so far, while addressing *new vulnerabilities*.

These include immediate challenges such as high corporate debt and the risk of protectionism—but also *longer-term* challenges such as population ageing and lower productivity growth.

There is a huge opportunity for policymakers to take the best of today's Asia to build the best possible tomorrow for Asia. How? Through bold policy actions and strong international cooperation.

Here the Korean government has provided leadership—and not just by hosting international economic conferences. Next year, for example, Korea will

host the **Winter Olympics in Pyeong Chang**, bringing together the world's top athletes.

I believe that policymakers can take inspiration from these athletes—because that is what the next transformation requires: a *relentless focus on training*, on the nitty-gritty of economic reform.

Let me briefly discuss this from three perspectives:

- First, how can Asia seize its demographic opportunities?
- Second, what can governments do to boost productivity?
- And third, how can the IMF best serve its member countries in managing the next transformation?

1. Seizing the Demographic Opportunities

Let us start with demographics. Reforms in this area can lift potential growth and help societies share the benefits of growth more widely. Consider the immense potential of young and growing populations in countries such as India, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

By lifting productivity and creating more, higher-quality jobs for a growing workforce, these economies can reap this demographic dividend. IMF analysis shows that a growing workforce can add one full percentage point to their annual GDP growth over the next three decades.

There are also rapidly ageing populations in countries such as China, Japan, Korea, and Thailand. They will have *smaller* workforces in the future and potentially lower productivity growth.

We estimate that these countries could face lower annual GDP growth, again by up to a percentage point—although some of the negative effects of

ageing remain subject to debate.

So what can Asia do to step up its demographic “training”?

One avenue that has worked in all countries around the world is to boost the proportion of women in the workforce. Korea and Japan, for example, could further increase their focus on reforming secondary earner taxation and boosting childcare benefits and tax incentives for part-time work.

Emerging and developing countries, such as Cambodia and India, can benefit from expanding girls' access to high-quality education and promoting women's access to finance.

Taken together, these initiatives could become an economic game changer. By some estimates, closing the gender gap in the labor market could boost GDP by 9 percent in Japan, 10 percent in Korea, and 27 percent in India.

We have also seen benefits from fostering more inclusive growth—especially in countries where income and wealth inequality are high and rising. To put it simply, when the benefits of growth are shared more broadly, growth is stronger, more durable, and more resilient.

Here in Korea, the Parliament recently approved a budget that includes transfers to the elderly, subsidies for job-seeking youth, and higher unemployment benefits. A stronger social safety net—including a more reliable pension system—is also crucial for China, because it facilitates the transition to consumption-led growth.

In other words, increasing the economic “fitness level” can help ensure that the next generation will be better off.

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