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A large number of people gather at Maha Bandoola Park in Yangon, showing their solidarity with State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. **PHOTO: ZAW GYI PANNITA (FULL STORY ON PAGE-3 >>)**



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Dead bodies found in the north-west of Yebawkya village, Maungtaw township , Northern Rakhine State

DEAD bodies were discovered buried in the earth pit, 1200 meter away in the north-west of Yebawkya village, Maungtaw township at 11:05 am on 24 September.

According to a villager of Hindu faith, a resident of Yebawkya village, who, neverthe-

less, was now in neighboring country made a contact by phone to U Ni Mal (a leader in helping Hindu people), a resident of 4 mile Maungtaw, now displaced to Sittway due to ARSA terrorist attacks, informing that about 300 ARSA terrorists had arrested and

took away about 100 men and women of Yebawkya village on 25 August and at about 1000 meter in the west of the village the ARSA terrorists killed the villagers except 8 women who were forced to covert to Islam and brought to Bangladesh.

He was currently staying

at the house of a Hindu in Kutupalong refugee camp in Bangladesh, it was informed.

To confirm the information, the responsible group including U Ni Mal, U Shwe Ni, 3 villagers from Khamoungseik village and 4 villagers from Tamanthar village set out to Yebawkya village

at 7 am on 24th September.

They were searching around the area in separate groups and found the suspicious ground condition and offensive smell at about 1200 meters sin the north-west of Yebawkya village.

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Sittway opposes ARSA extremist terrorists

Win Min Soe (IPRD)

PEOPLE staged a peaceful demonstration in Sittway yesterday for the Government to take action in accordance with the law against the ARSA for their terrorist attacks.

The protest was led by Daw Ma Kyaut Sein, Chairman of Rakhine Alin Takhar library getting the permission.

Holding vinyl signboards and slogans condemning the terrorist activities, the demonstrators walked peacefully along Kyaung Tet street, U Uttama street, main road, clock tower circle, merchant street, Setyonesu street in Sittway and dispersed at 2:30 pm after arriving back to the starting place. ■



People in Sittway opposing ARSA extremist terrorists through peaceful demonstration. **PHOTO: WIN MIN SOE (IPRD)**

Myanmar migrant workers working in Thailand return

TOTAL 29 people including 27 men and two women Myanmar migrant workers working in Thailand returned to Myanmar passing through Kawthoung Border Gate on Saturday.

Head and officials of Kawthoung Township Administration Department and social

organizations welcomed the workers at Kawthoung Myoma jetty and treated with foods.

Officials from the public health department gave health care service and Department of Social Welfare in Kawthoung Township under Ministry of Social Welfare,

Rescue and Resettlement gave the transportation charges to the workers to go back their native.

So far, total 2295 having no legal documents Myanmar migrant workers returned to Myanmar through Kawthoung Border Gate. —Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung) ■



Myanmar migrant workers arriving back home from Thailand. **PHOTO: KYAW SOE (KAWTHOUNG)** ■

To export herbal medicine and dietary supplements, Certificate of Free Sale issues

DEPARTMENT of Traditional Medicine issued Certificate of Free Sale to four traditional medicine production businesses to export herbal medicine and dietary supplements, according to the Department of Traditional Medicine.

“Our department is trying to export Myanmar traditional medicine and dietary supplements by issuing Certificate of Free Sale (CFS). Certificates of Free Sale were issued according to the types of traditional medicines exported. Since 2009-2010 FY, three CFS to Shan Maw Myay production of traditional medicines, two CFS to Aba Hta pro-

duction of traditional medicine, two CFS to Royal Ruby production of medicine and 53 CFS to FAME Pharmaceuticals Co.,Ltd. so far” said U Win Han Deputy Director General of Department of Traditional Medicine.

The department of Traditional Medicine issues the recommendation certificates for importing raw materials for traditional medicines and 275 recommendation certificates were already issued so far. Moreover, the department is doing registration and production licenses recommendation for traditional medicine production businesses. —Shin Min ■

Heroin and drugs seized in Myintkyina

AUTHORITIES seized 10 soap cups of heroin weight of 100 kilograms, 1970 stimulant pills, two mobile phones and a motorcycle from Thaung Htike who is sitting at a café shop in Pamati ward, Myintkyina, with Aung Myint Oo and Myo Tun on 23 September.

Upon information, authori-

ties searched the house of Myo Tun lived in No 185, area no 3, Pamati ward, and found one soap cup of heroin (weight of 10 kilograms) hidden in fire wood under the house.

Action was taken against all suspects under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances law.—GNLM ■

Rally shows solidarity with State Counsellor

A LARGE number of people gathered at Maha Bandoola Park in Yangon at 4 pm yesterday, showing their solidarity with State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, declaring their support for her and her current endeavours.

The supports holding vinyl

portraying the large photos of the State Counsellor staged a rally in support of her efforts in solving the Rakhine crisis and her peace process to the accompaniment of the peace song performed by Pan Yae Lan (the way of the flower).

There were also talks by



A large number of people showing the solidarity with State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in Yangon. **PHOTO: ZAW GYI PANNITA**

PHOTO: ZAR NI



the men of letters, musicians and other artistes sharing wider public knowledge of the endeavours and work programs of the State Counsellor.

"We are gathering here as a show of our support for Mother Su (Mother Daw Aung San Suu Kyi) at this critical juncture. Our rally in support of her will help refute the baseless rumors while highlighting the truth on a brighter-scale. Time will stand witness to Our Mum's endeavours. And because of this really assistance for our country will come as truth shall prevail and misunderstanding

of some foreign countries and organizations shall be brushed off, said U Naing Lu, a movie actor.

Another supporter Ko Paing Ye Lu said, "We support the way the State Counsellor is doing things. We understand her and sympathize with her as she is taking extra care in handling the peace process and Rakhine crisis that put the country in a dilemma. We are holding this rally in support of the People's Leader to show that we always stand by her."

The four-point declaration of the civil societies of Myan-

mar citizen Muslims on their stance on the address made by the State Counsellor on 19 this month was also read out at the rally participated by the people together with the renowned persons of literature, music and political world and artists.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivered address at the Myanmar International Convention Centre 2 in Nay Pyi Taw at 10 am on 19 this month. A very large number of people watched the program on the mega LED Board erected in front of the City Hall in Yangon. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Extreme level of UV index to be reached in eastern Shan State

MYANMAR former weather expert has warned that the ultraviolet (UV) index in Shan State (East) can reach extreme level on Monday.

"The level of the UV index in eastern Shan State is extreme," Dr. Tun Lwin, the former director general of the Myanmar Meteorology and Hydrology Department posted on his Facebook yesterday.

Dr. Tun Lwin also stated on his post that the UV index in other parts of Myanmar is expected to reach a very high level. It means that the UV index can be high nearly in the whole country after monsoon withdrew.

According to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, monsoon is moderate to strong over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weak to moderate elsewhere over

the Bay of Bengal on 24 September.

Concerning the outlook for subsequent two days, there is likely to have increase of rain in southern Myanmar.

Flood condition of Ngawun River

According to the (12:30) hrs M.S.T observation today, the water level of Ngawun River has exceeded by about (3) inches at Ngathaing Chaung above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level during the next (3) days.

Advisory

It is especially advised to the people who settle near the river bank and low lying area at Ngathaing Chaung of Ngawun River, to take precaution measure. —GNLM ■

Over 40 Entrepreneurs from Thai Tourism Attend Travelling Festival, Mon State

Opening ceremony of travelling festival in Mon State was held in the morning on September 23, at the Mon State Auditorium, to be convened for two days, during which guests will be granted to lodge at any hotels at special half prices. The festival was opened by Dr Aye Zan, Mon State Chief Minister, Daw Tin Ei, Mon State Hluttaw Speaker and responsible officials by cutting the ribbon.

U Hau Kyin Mone, director of Mon State hotels and tourism directorate said, "Being the first-ever held festival, it was convened in co-operation with departments and organizations. In Thailand, such a festival is held every year. During the trip in Thailand, we made a contact with entrepreneurs of Thai Tourism Agencies and held this festival. Most of the visitors who came to Mon State are those from Thailand. There are many visiting places which attract most tourists. The festival was designed for business-persons from home and abroad to know about it.

Under the guidance of Mon State Cabinet, the festival was co-sponsored by hotels and tourism department, State hotel and tourism federation, State Industrial and Merchant Federation and State Foodstuff Industry Entrepreneurs, attended by over 40 entrepreneurs from Thailand Tourism Industries, departmental heads and invited guests, over 600 altogether. Favorable transportation and weather, environment and landscape of great pleasure, Thanlwin River and beautiful beach of great attraction, abundance of cultural and religious edifices and Kyaikhthiyo Pagoda, a wonder of the world are inviting visitors increasingly year after year. In 2015, more than 0.15 million tourists visited Mon State, with 0.2 million in 2016 and over 0.13 million up to August 2017. Compared to the amount up to August 2016, it was found to have increased by 15 per cent, said U Hau Kyin Mone.

At the festival there are being over 20 showrooms opened.

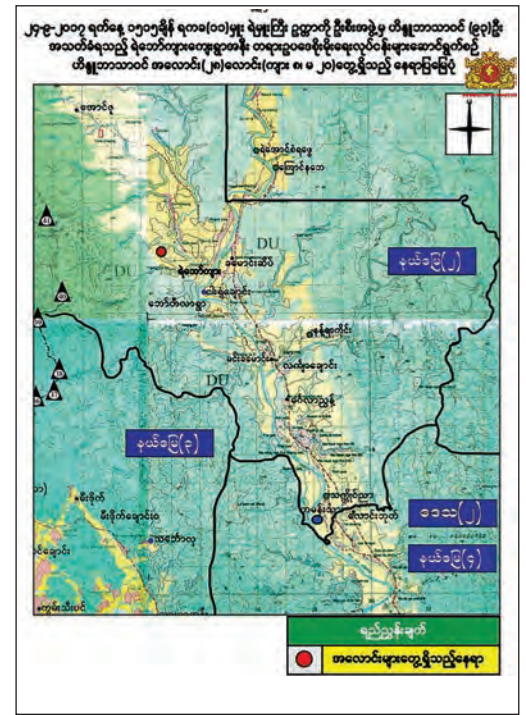
U Chan Tun, festival convention committee (Mawlamyine Zone) said, "It took us some two years to convene this festival. In comparison with advantages and disadvantages experienced by all Regions and States, it was held. Transport businesses, souvenir shops, traditional foodstuff shops, tour guides and hotel business-men are presently gaining profits. In raining season, there used to be small amounts of visitors, with now almost hotels nearly houseful. We are greatly pleased to know that there will be similar events held in future."

It has been learnt that there are in Mon State 28 licensed hotels, 21 lodging houses, 1600 rooms in the said 49 lodging places, 10 tourism industries, 7 tour guides and 90 regional tour guides. There is now one information center each opened at Kyaikhthiyo Pagoda and in Mawlamyine, with security forces positioned in Mawlamyine and Kyaikhtho, for security for globe trotters. —MNA ■

Remains of Hindus found



Remains of Hindus murdered by terrorists in Northern Rakhine State. **PHOTO: INFORMATION COMMITTEE**



Map showing where the remains are found.

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They dug up the earth to discover two pits, each having 13ft. x 13 ft. and 10 ft apart from each other.

When they dug up the first pit at 11.30am 3 corpses were disinterred and 8 more corpses at 2pm and another corpse at 2.20 pm, altogether 12 bodies in

total were discovered. Digging continued to 2nd pit at 2.30pm dead bodies of 6 boys under 10 years of age, 2 bodies of male under 16 years of age, 8 bod-

ies of women above 16 years of age, 16 corpses in total were disinterred.

In total 28 dead bodies — 8 males and 20 females — were

discovered yesterday. Necessary investigation will be done and more searches also will be continued.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Remote-controlled pipe bomb found in N Rakhine



Photo shows pipe bomb defused by Security personnel. **PHOTO: INFORMATION COMMITTEE**



Abandoned houses on fire at a village in Maungdaw Township. **PHOTO: INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

SECURITY forces while on their duty to ensure the rule of law in Tinmay village-tract searched an empty house of Abu Kalaung, 45, and its compound at Ward 2 of Tinmay village at 4:30 pm on 23 September. They were acting on information.

While searching the compound they found a white plastic package containing a 9-in long 2-in diameter remote-controlled

pipe bomb buried at the place south of the house.

The security personnel defused the bomb and left the area as there was no unusual situation.

They filed a lawsuit against Abu Kalaung and cohorts.

The five remaining houses of Deelpara village in Maungdaw Township which was destroyed by fire caught fire on 23 Septem-

ber. The combined forces comprising security personnel while enforcing the rule of law in the surrounding areas of the village found the houses on fire. So they together with Township Fire Brigade put out the fire. About 150,000 worth of property was lost in the fire. The Maungdaw Township Police Force has filed a lawsuit against the suspects. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Illicit Trafficking of Wildlife and Animal Parts from 2006 to 2016

U Myint Thein, director of Forestry Department, Mandalay Region said that there were 210 seizures of illicit trafficking of wildlife and animal parts during the period 2006 to 2016 across the nation, according to the data collected by respective organizations.

Seizures were made mostly at check-points of border gates. The trafficking which went un-seized may have doubled the actually seized amount.

In that period Mandalay Region with 29 cases of seizure followed Shan State. Mandalay is the major transit camp for collecting the materials from upper, lower and central parts of Myanmar, the transporting them via Mandalay-Muse Road or Mandalay-Sagaing-Monywa-Gantgaw-Kalay-Tamu Road.

Being the economic hub for merchants and tourists from the neighboring country, Mandalay became a

dwelling place for them to purchase and collect wildlife and animal parts.

With the development of tourism, at eateries and restaurants in big cities including Mandalay and cities of bordering areas, sales of cuisines of the said wildlife have been found.

Similarly, at souvenir shops as well, sales of materials made of part of those animals can be seen.

In the chapter 5 of hunting law, the acquisition of license for hunting is included. Rules and regulations are described in detail in 2012 rules and regulations of hunting, it was learnt.

Yet, people failed to be well convinced of it and to abide by, till now. According to Daw Mya Thidar Aung, a responsible from WCS, animal parts are being still used in making commodities, cuisines and alternative medicines.—Myo Win Tun (Monywa) ■

Approach towards the acquisition of self-management

Khin Maung Oo

AT one time when Myanmar was ruled as a military dictatorship, we had a Top-Down System. After the advent of the democratic government, this system was replaced by a Bottom-Up System. A Top-Down System is the one starting from or involving the people who have higher positions in an organization, so it may be said to be dictatorial in nature.

Yet, a Bottom-Up System is the one which starts with gathering details and information at the bottom level and then later moving on to more general principles to authoritative bodies at the top step by step. So, we may say it is democratic in behavior. Authorities from the top supervise the performances of those at the bottom, giving necessary help. As performances are individually made by those involved, effective achievements

have been gained. In this system, those at the bottom levels take great care and work hard. They wish to make sure that their work is of the highest quality. In this way the bottom-up system can reduce the burden for those at the top levels. Trying to make the system work with efficiency by pointing out weak points and providing necessary help can bring about success.

At such a time when our country is striving hard to make the democratic transition process a success, Bottom-Up Systems cannot be exercised yet in every sector of the national planning process. Instead, Top-Down Systems are still being used in some sectors. In fact, a Bottom-Up System is the bottom-orientated, or rather, people-orientated system, so it must be implemented to achieve absolute success.

In Myanmar, the practice of follow-

ing a leader without making any critical appraisals or judgments and complaints; the practice of performing a task only when they are told to do has been deep-rooted until now. A Bottom-Up System, the one self-managed at the bottom level is greatly in need. As Top-Down Systems are still in existence, the practice or culture of grasping and clinging to old systems and habits is still being cherished by those who would like to revive the bureaucratic red tape system. We feel strongly that we should lay stress on system change in every sector in our movement towards a democratic system.

Take for example the Emerald Green Project, self-managed by the people. This project has been implemented in over 9900 villages across Myanmar. It can be said to be the implementation of introducing the Bottom-Up System. The said Emerald Green Project had been

launched since 5 years ago, but it was not widely known among our people due to poor management.

Now that this public-orientated rural development project is being revised at different levels—township, district, region and state and union level annually, necessary changes and plans for effective performances are being made, to our great happiness.

We must welcome these rural development projects for the betterment of living standards and favorable income by implementing self-managed development plans after finding out actual necessities of villages. Likewise, provided that Bottom-Up Systems which can make the best use of people-oriented management styles becomes strong, prospects for Myanmar's development will be very good and we can be sure of success. ■

United we Stand

Khin Maung Myint

Our country have been in turmoils for nearly seven decades. I wonder how long we will have to endure all these hardships. Since our Independence, there never was a moment we can live without any worry and in absolute peace and harmony. With the advent of the much anticipated and coveted Independence, we had been faced with the threats of insurgencies, instabilities and above all, poverty, instead of the peace and prosperities that we had yearned for.

During my lifetime, I had been through the Second World War, which was a living hell with the constant bombings almost every night and day. On many occasions, we were caught between the two warring armies and it was a miracle that we survived. Though I was still young at that time, I can remember the hardships and dangers we were subjected to. Then after the war, we had thought that our future would be bright and peaceful, but that was not to be so.

Right after gaining Independence in 1948, we were faced with other dangers. There emerged the insurgencies, which are still present in the country today. Though at least unlike in the beginning,

they are now confined to the remote corners of the country. While most of the Regions are spared from the threats of the armed conflicts, most of our fellow citizens in almost every State are living in constant fear and are suffering from the consequences of the wars. I can realize and sympathize them for what they are subjected to, as I had been through such traumatic situations.

Although the successive governments had endeavored to convince all those armed groups to return to the legal folds and join hands with the authorities to work towards peace and harmony, there are still some obstacles hindering the attainment of absolute peace in the whole country.

Only when there is absolute peace and harmony, the country would be able to develop and prosper properly. The present government had embarked, whole heartedly on the peace process, which was begun by the previous administrations, with great determination and had made progress in the right direction to attaining peace and harmony. Some months ago there were encouraging signs of getting most of the stake holders in the process to sign the peace accord. In anticipation of that outcome, I wrote

an article, titled: "Peace is in Sight", in which, I had urged our compatriots, the national races, to discard our differences, grievances and misunderstandings, and to be united and work towards peace.

However, recently there popped up another trouble, though anticipated, but not expected to flare up so suddenly and turn rapidly into such a major crisis. It was instigated by some ARSA backed extremists.

As for the latest developments, the blame should be borne by the ARSA terrorists who mounted two major co-ordinated simultaneous attacks, within a short space of time, on the police outposts, and killed some police personnels and civilians in Northern Rakhine. The second offensive by the ARSA was more well coordinated, which in my opinion must be definitely masterminded by some outside collaborators, who are well experienced in such matters. A hastily recruited ragtag group of men would not be able to carry out such systematic attacks.

The most damaging of all is, the rebels managed to create a reign of terror in the Northern Rakhine area by massacring innocent people, including their own kind, who they suspected of collaborating with the authorities. They went on rampage, burning properties belonging to the ethnic races and also their own, to deceive the world at large, that it was the government troops doing them. Those atrocities led the people to flee from those areas.

I must say, they managed to achieve their objective. Most of the international communities and organizations fell for their deceptions. Thus they are making a big fuss out of those issues and blindly siding with the terrorists and so, they should also to be blamed. Last, but not

least are the fake and fabricated media reports, which are the root causes of all the misunderstandings, should be severely condemned.

The State Counsellor, on the 19th of September, gave a very comprehensive, clear and transparent, open and honest speech explaining the true situations. However, many international media and organizations turned deaf ears to the truths. They are still fueling the situations to make the matters worse by falsely accusing our government and the military of committing genocide, which was just absolute absurdity.

Even leaders from some Western countries ganged up with the supporters of the ARSA to call for the United Nations' intervention and took the case to the UN Security Council meeting. Thus the situations in the Rakhine State have become a National Cause. It's a wake-up call for every citizens of Myanmar to be united and rally behind the government.

At such a time, when our government is in the dire strait, with the international pressures, criticisms and threats mounting, every citizens, irrespective of race or religion and notwithstanding, which political party we belonged to, should be united and rally behind the government. As I had urged in my article mentioned above, I would like to again humbly request our compatriots to be devoid of all differences, grievances and misunderstandings based on the past histories and to be united and stand with the government to fend off all international pressures and threats. As the saying goes, "United we stand, divided we fall", let us be united like we did during our struggles for Independence, as our sovereignty is being threatened and our dignity is at stake. ■