

VP U Myint Swe receives Viet Nam delegation

VICE President U Myint Swe received a delegation led by H.E. Mr. Truong Minh Tuan, Minister for the Ministry of Information and Communications of Viet Nam at the diplomatic hall of the Presidential Palace, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, matters relating to implementation of the improvement of the information and communications sector of Myanmar- Viet Nam, cooperation for exchange-

ing news and getting right news and development on investments between the two countries were discussed. Also present at the meeting were Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo, Ambassador of Viet Nam to Myanmar H.E. Dr Luan Thuy Duong and officials. —Myanmar News Agency



Vice President U Myint Swe holds talks with Mr. Truong Minh Tuan, Minister for Information and Communications of Viet Nam in Nay Pyi Taw on 30 October 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

Efforts stepped up for Kanyinchaung Economic Zone in Maungtau Tsp

Kanyinchaung Trade Zone situated in Maungtau township, Rakhine State is being upgraded into Kanyinchaung Economic Zone, by extending more 100 acres from 49.6 acres of original area.

Kanyinchaung trade zone started to have been built in October 2015, and it was closely situated with Bangladesh which had a great demand for foodstuff. Out of all border trade zones in the country, it has 90 percent of exports and 10 percent of imports.

Maungtau border trade was started in 1991. Until now, dollar alone was used in trading commodities there, it was learnt.

As for tax, it was the type of LCCT (Low Cost Carrier Terminal), resulting in tidy benefits, according to Maungtau Region Merchant Association. But volume of trade plunged down up to 60 percent, after the 2012 riot, it was learnt.

Presently, the State will implement the Kanyinchaung Economic Zone in cooperation with private sector. Now, Union Ministers and responsible persons led by UMFCCI general secretary made a survey on the ground for further arrangements.

Kanyinchaung Economic Zone Campus is targeted to be included

factories including freezing and refrigerated storage in fisheries and sewing factories. Currently a cargo ship carrying construction commodities and rice bags on board under the programme of Red Cross Movement Group was found calling at the Kanyinchaung Port.

There is only one mile concrete road left to be built on the road from Kanyinchaung Economic Zone to Maungtau. Upon completion of the road, commodities and goods can be transported more quickly by motor vehicles from the economic zone to Maungtau. —Aung Kyaw Oo ■



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The green-eyed monsters

By Khin Maung Oo

VERY recently, there was a news item that the US State Department was considering formally declaring that “Ethnic Cleansing” of Bengalis was being committed in Myanmar. It could be defined as ethnic cleansing only if there had been a step-by-step systematically conspired massacre. What happened in Rakhine State was caused by simultaneous attacks of ARSA extremist terrorists on 30 security outposts in Rakhine State. To be exact, it broke out due to the military operations of well-trained ARSA militant extremist terrorists. Strictly speaking, ARSA extremist terrorists intentionally created the problem.

At the same time the UNSC weighed in by discussing the need to

pass a resolution which included calls for Myanmar authorities to immediately stop military crackdowns on Bengalis, it was said. Here, one might ask a question why the UNSC failed to refer to the attacks launched by the ARSA extremist terrorists, which in fact was the real cause of the events that unfolded in the Rakhine State. According to unconfirmed sources, it has been learnt that a sentence in the UNSC Draft Resolution stated that refugees living in conventional rescue camps in Bangladesh be allowed to return homes. Matters for the arrangement of accepting Bengalis were negotiated between Myanmar and Bangladesh. We fail to understand why the UNSC demanded again in its resolution about a matter which has been negotiated between Myanmar and Bangladesh.

The above-said UNSC Draft

Resolution has been said to demand for Bengalis to be granted citizen rights. The Union Government has already stated publicly that these Bengalis would be granted citizen rights in compliance with existing rules and laws. Why would the UNSC like to demand the already-publicized matter? Why would the great powers not like to acknowledge the anxieties of ethnic nationalities over the potential infiltration of Bengalis on the other side of the border into Rakhine State where 1.3 million Bengalis are already residing. In this area the number of national ethnic races amount to only 3 million. Why can the great powers definitely say that there were no illegal encroachments of Bengalis from across the border into Rakhine State presently, apart from in olden days?

How shall we understand the

attitudes of the UNSC and the great powers of the world with regard to failure to recognize reasonable anxieties of local minorities, lack of interest to do so and repeated demands of the UNSC and the great powers for the affairs which have been officially stated by the Union Government that it would take necessary action? We, the people of Myanmar, will review their attitudes and opinions in comparison with those of India, China and Japan, who are great powers of the Asia Continent.

Great powers of the world which claimed recently that Myanmar’s democratic transition is the Hope of our Planet acted again as if Myanmar’s effort were of little value. We hereby assert that such deeds will never produce positive results, in fact they are counter-productive.

Fire in the sky – the Taunggyi balloon festival

By Maung Lu Aye

IT is in the month of Tazaungmon that hot air balloons lit with candles and fireworks are seen in the skies. The Tazaungdaing Festival, also known as the Festival of Lights and spelt Tazaungdine Festival), held on the full moon day of Tazaungmon, the eighth month of the Burmese calendar, is celebrated as a national holiday in Myanmar and marks the end of the rainy season.

Among Tazaungdaing festivals, Taunggyi’s hot-air balloons and firework-launching competition is the most prominent festival. The origin of Taunggyi’s hot-air balloons contest dates back

to 1894, when the British first held hot air balloon competitions in Taunggyi, soon after the annexation of Upper Myanmar.

The huge balloons created in the shapes of animals, made by teams, are the focal point of the Taunggyi festival. The fun begins every day in the early afternoon when the teams enter into the competition of balloons releasing.

When the darkness comes, the hot air balloons are released with two categories: for beautiful creation with proper ascending into the sky and another one is for fireworks.

Themselves mark the Taunggyi festival out as something distinct. Home made by a number of teams who are

entered into the competition, they are of course the focal point for the entire event. The fun begins every day in the early afternoon; during the daylight hours the huge balloons are created in the shapes of animals, including anything from birds to elephants. If you are here with a young family or prefer a more sedate pace, this is the time to come to the festival, for it is in the evening that things get altogether more edgy – and spectacular.

The latter balloons reach an altitude of several hundred metres, after which the fireworks burst into an extraordinary, multicoloured shower – which lasts up to 15 minutes.

Brightly coloured balloons with hun-

dreds of homemade fireworks woven into their frames were sent soaring into the night sky, showering down cascades of sparks onto adoring crowds.

The November celebration has become a highlight of the annual Tazaungdaing festival of light that marks the end of rainy season. While the tradition is rooted in Buddhism, the hot air balloon contest itself was started by British colonialists in the late 19th century.

The annual festival with the extraordinary explosions light and colour attracts local and foreign visitors.

In fact, the visitors are dangerous to see the hot air balloons attached with explosives, but it was great.



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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Indian Vice Admiral Bimal K Verma, AVSM. **PHOTO: MNA**

SG Min Aung Hlaing receives Thailand Foreign Minister and Indian C-in-C separately

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services received H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand at Zayathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday noon.

During the meeting, views on the right situation which need to know the Internationals because International media are releasing news unfairly, negotiation on experiences

of the two countries will support in solutions to the problem, being good friend and believing on each other will improve the cooperation between the two Tatmadaw and will become a forever peaceful and stable border affairs were exchanged.

In the evening, the Senior General met with Vice Admiral Bimal K Verma, AVSM, Commander in Chief of Andaman and Nicobar Command of In-

dia and party at the same venue. In their meeting, several cooperation of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) between Myanmar-India Tatmadaw, Myanmar Tatmadaw (Navy) and Indian Navy collaborative works in naval exercises, exchange on friendly visits of voyages and promoting relations and cooperation between the two Tatmadaw in other fields were discussed.— Myanmar News Agency ■

Market, shops see normalcy in Maungtaw

TRADING and normal living are coming back with crowded with people from both communities as peace and stability gradually regaining in Maungtaw region after the outbreak of the attacks by ARSA extremist terrorists occurred on 25 August.

Shops, travelling and living are coming back to the normal situation in Shwezar village tract where Muslim people mostly stayed peacefully without involving in the attacks.

Other business as machinery shops and motorcycle workshops are now operating at the corner of Mahabandula road and clock tower road.

And, Maungtaw Four Miles market and Kanyintan market opened by



A shop selling spareparts for motorcycle in Maungtaw. **PHOTO- NAY THIT OO**

selling and buying, and Muangtaw Myoma Market will open soon, it was learnt. According to the terrorist attacks, markets in Maungtaw closed, though prices of common

products including food are boosting more than half. As market and shopping booths are reopening, thus the prices of goods are being stability.—Han Lin Naing ■

CICS (Lower Myanmar) department head management course No. 1

CENTRAL Institute of Civil Service's (CICS) (Lower Myanmar) department head management course No. 1 was opened yesterday at Kaytumadi Hall of CICS (Lower Myanmar). The event was attended by Union Civil Service Board (UCSB) Chairman Dr. Win Thein, member of Constitutional Tribunal of Myanmar Daw Hla Myo Nwe, UCSB members U Win Maw, Dr. U Pwa, Permanent Secretary U Khin Maung Win, Director General U Kyaw Soe, Rector of the CICS (Lower Myanmar) U Aung Tin Soe, officials, CICS staff, invited guest and trainees. At the ceremony, UCSB Chairman said that the course was conducted with an aim to train up the senior management of departments in order to lead and manage their respective departments

and to develop good head of departments. This is the first of its kind course to be opened in CICS (Lower Myanmar) where local and foreign organizations will conduct the course.

UCSB took up the duty to systematically choose, train and appoint new gazetted officers for various ministries, support the government to setup ethics, rules, regulations, norms and policy guidelines, coordinate to choose, train, appoint and manage state and region departments personnel according to 2008 the Republic of the Union of Myanmar constitution, UCSB law and rules, public servant law and rules, procedure, process and notifications said the UCSB Chairman.

Public servants are the principal driving forces to implement the poli-

cies and are responsible to provide basic services for the people. Most public servants represent the government and the department heads attending this course play a key role in promoting trust between the government and the people as well as to develop a good governance system, added the UCSB Chairman. Top level management attending this course need to draw up and implement the policy and must provide effective and creative leadership and management to overcome any difficulties faced in implementing the policy. The course is attended by a total of 32 trainees consisting of 22 males and 10 females and will be conducted for 8 weeks from 30 October to 22 December it is learnt. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Request for service offer: Hosted Dedicated Server

The My-Governance Project is a technical assistance programme funded by the European Union for Institutional Strengthening and Policy Dialogue Support in Myanmar. Amongst others, it supports the Department of Rural Development through the development of a monitoring and evaluation management information system (M&E MIS).

The My-Governance programme is soliciting proposals from local companies to provide a hosted dedicated server for managing the M&E MIS data.

Company profile:

The company should be:

- A government certified private owned service provider in Myanmar that provides hosting facilities like "dedicated servers" as "managed servers".
- The service provider confirms that all Servers (Server Farm or Data Center) are located in Myanmar and not in other countries.

The Server: Dedicated Server, Intel® Core i7-6700, incl. Hyper-Threading, RAM: 64 GB DDR4

- Hard Drive: 2 x 250 GB SATA 6 Gb/s SSD (Software-RAID 1)
- Connection: 1 GBit/s-Port
- Guaranteed bandwidth: GBit/s, 1 Gbit/s Bandwidth if 30 TB is exceeded
- Backup space: 100 GB
- Traffic: 30 TB *
- Network Availability min. 99.9%
- Full root access
- 1 Dedicated IPv4 address
- IPv6 subnet (/64)
- Administration Software Webmin
- 24h reset service via web interface
- Operating systems - Linux, Debian, Windows

The Server Administrator: (Provided by the local service provider)

The web-server has to be installed and managed by the local service provider. The Server administrator will perform the following functions:

- Setup the server and manage the server for contract duration
- Installs software by request (Drupal, etc.) and supports users and developers in server configuration.
- Access to the Server Administrator during working hours, minimum response time within 3 hours.
- Responsible for server and data backup
- Manages the various domains

The selected company will have to sign a security agreement that no data and no application is used / misused and that government will always have access to the data, also in case of contract termination.

Proposals should be clearly identified as **Request for service offer: Hosted Dedicated Server** with full company address and contact details on the submission envelope. Proposals should be submitted to:

GOPA My-Governance Programme

19/B, Kanbawza Road, Golden Valley, Bahan Township, 11012, Yangon, Myanmar

The deadline for submission of proposals is Friday, November 17 at 17:00 Myanmar time.

Muslim villagers receive medical care in Maungtaw

BY Maw Si

MUSLIM villagers who are gathering at the Ale Thangyaw beach nearby Layyinpyankwin village in Maungtaw township with a view to emigrating into Bangladesh were given medical treatment by Buthidaung mobile medical care unit, on 30 October.

They received medical checkups for contagious or infectious diseases.

Dr Than Tun Kyaw, head of township medical department, Buthidaung said, "Diseases can break out among people regardless of race, religion and age and it can spread. As a precaution we made such a mobile treatment. And, in case it has spread, we can identify which kind of diseases they are and we can give necessary treatment."

Muslim villagers amounting to nearly 3000 had arrived there for about two weeks, waiting for boats which will take them to Bangladesh.

Dr Than Tun Kyaw added, "Our unit is comprised of 10 medical staff



A muslim receives medical checkups before leaving for Bangladesh.

PHOTO: HAN LIN NAING

in total, including one orthopaedic surgeon from Yangon General Hospital. From 8:30 am on, we are providing medical treatment to the patients, mostly suffering from catching cold, normal sickness and coughs. Concerning diarrhea, there was not found severe symptoms, but only normal cases in few children."

Dr Than Tun Kyaw went on to say, "Since the outbreak of terrorist attacks, Buthidaung mobile medical care unit is giving medical treatment at Buth-

idaung hospital, regardless of race, religion, color or status. We reached villages of national ethnic people as well as the villages in which Islamists reside. Until now, there are many patients, Islamists, Hindus, national ethnic people such as Rakhine, Myanmar, Mro, Thet, Khami, and Daingnet receiving treatment."

A total of 10 mobile medical care units have been formed, comprised of doctors, medical assistants and nurses, giving medical care at the conventional rescue camps in Rakhine

State. The medical units are moving around village mobile clinics to give medical care. Now, under the aegis of Rakhine State, the mobile medical care unit came to Alei Thangyaw beach.

The Head of Township Medical Department said, "Currently there are not many rescue camps in Buthidaung any longer. So, 5 mobile medical care units are to be reformed to give effective treatment in Buthidaung and Maungtaw, under the guidance of Ministry of Health and Ra-

khine State Government."

He added, "Regardless of race and religion we will give medical treatment to the patients including Mro, Khami and Daingnet from hilly areas."

Under a special program, medical treatment routines will not be performed in sectors in giving treatment. It was learnt that the Ministry of Health and Sports has arranged to collectively perform the tasks of vaccination, nourishment, eradication of diseases and maternity and child care.

Concerning vaccination, Dr Than Tun Kyaw said, "While carrying out mobile medical care, our units will carry out vaccination at the same time. Now we have already vaccinated against Japanese Encephalitis and H1 N1. Motor vehicles, motor boats and other necessary things have been supported by the Rakhine State Government so as to open mobile clinics in the State."

Led by Dr Chan Tha, Minister for Social Affairs, Rakhine State, a group of



Dr Than Tun Kyaw talks to reporters. **PHOTO: HAN LIN NAING**

visiting professors and specialists from Yangon are alternatively giving medical treatment to the patients in the townships of Rakhine State.

Head of township medical department explained as regards the tasks to be performed of the mobile units, "Now, the project reached Manaung, MraukU and Yanbye. In the months to come, we will go to Taungup or Thandwe, thence to Buthidaung where we will deal with major surgery cases."

One of those who had been in Ale Thangyaw beach disclosed, "We have been here for a fortnight or so. Red Cross team provided us with purified drinking water, food and shelters plus medical treatment."

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Investment office opens to boost Rakhine's economy

A ceremony to open a Rakhine State Directorate of Investment and Company Administration office and office of the directorate head was held in Rakhine State government office compound in front of the said office yesterday morning

First, Rakhine State minister of planning, finance, tax and economy U Kyaw Aye Thein and Directorate of Investment and Company Administration Director General U Aung Naing Oo jointly cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the office.

Next, Myanmar Investment Commission Chairman, Union Minister for Ministry of Planning and Finance U Kyaw Win and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu pressed a button to unveil the sign board of Rakhine State Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) office. The



Authorities in Rakhine State hold talks with business men following the opening of Rakhine State Investment and Companies Administration Office. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister, the Chief Minister and ceremony attendees then inspected the State DICA office.

Afterwards an explanation about investment status and procedures was held in the State Government meeting hall where Union Minister U Kyaw Win and State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu delivered an opening address.

DICA Director General explained about the reason for opening the office and the first five

companies that register in State DICA office were presented with company registration certificate by State Minister U Kyaw Aye Thein. This was followed by DICA Director General and Deputy Director General explained about setting up businesses, registering and investment procedures and attending business persons asked related questions.

"In the past, businesses in Rakhine need to go to Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw to register a company and

any other matters related to Myanmar Investment Commission. By opening an office here, they no longer need to go anywhere else and do everything within their own state. Once the local businesses are firmly established, necessary assistance can be provided to link them up with foreign investors. Local businesses can also conduct many things with less cost in time and many. If they are not sure of anything regarding the investment law, establishing a company etc., they can easily contact this office. Businesses in the state can establish and expand their works easily and conveniently" said DICA Director General U Aung Naing Oo.

A local business person was heard welcoming the opening of this office and invited local and foreign investors to come and invest in Rakhine State.— Tin Tun (IPRD)