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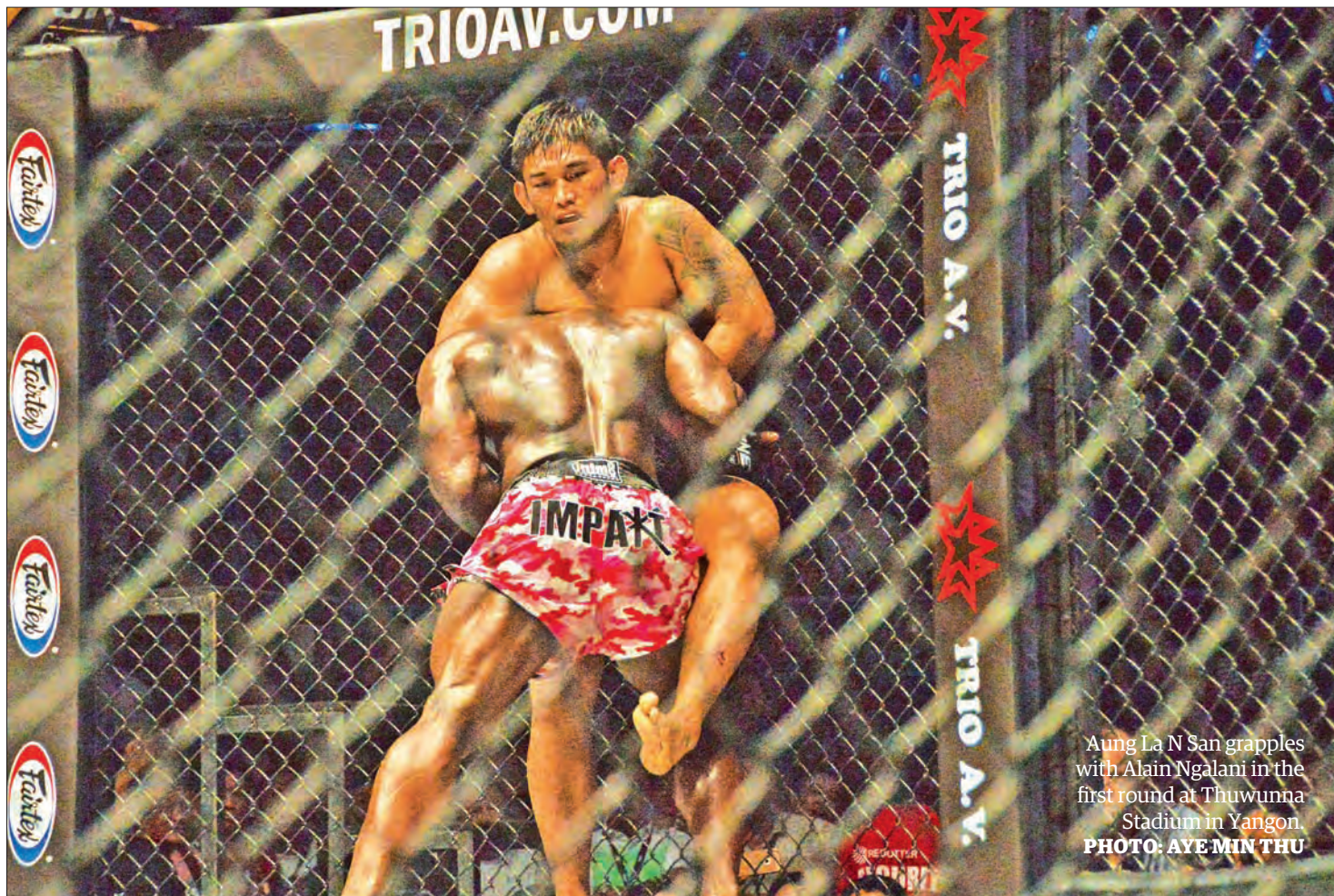
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Aung La N Sang grapples with Alain Ngalani in the first round at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon.
PHOTO: AYE MIN THU

‘Burmese Python’ Aung La N Sang bests ‘Panther’ in first round

IN front of a raucous hometown crowd, Aung La N Sang, the One Championship middleweight title holder, defeated his bigger, heavier opponent Alain Ngalani in the first round at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon.

Aung La N Sang, also

known as the “Burmese Python”, an MMA fighter from Kachin State, won the open-weight main event by defeating four-time Muay Thai and Kickboxing Heavyweight World Champion Alain Ngalani, also known as “The Panther”, four

minutes and 51 seconds into the first round.

The One Championship’s world middleweight champion took some shots early from his heavyweight opponent, but then wore the bigger man down to the roars of a wild partisan crowd.

Ngalani’s strength and physique posed a problem for Aung La N Sang, but in the end, the hometown hero prevailed as he locked his opponent in a chokehold that eventually elicited a submission from Alain Ngalani.

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China asks for patience over Myanmar’s Rakhine issue

A CHINESE envoy to the United Nations on Thursday asked for the patience of world organisations and the international community over the Rakhine State issue. The situation in Rakhine State is moving toward stabilisation as a result of efforts by the Myanmar government, Wu Haitao, the charge d’affaires of the Chinese mission to the United Nations, told the Security Council. The issue of Rakhine State has complex historical, ethnic and religious factors and many differences and conflicts have been brewing for a long time, said Wu.

The governments of Myanmar and Bangladesh are seeking solutions to the refugee problem through negotiations and consultations. The United Nations and the international community should have patience and provide constructive assistance to and cooperate with Myanmar for a proper settlement of the issue, he said.—Xinhua



Wu Haitao.

Fourth Irrawaddy Literary Festival held in Mandalay

By Min Htet Aung

THE fourth Irrawaddy Literary Festival opened yesterday morning at the Mandalay Hill Resort, Aungmyethazan Township, in Mandalay.

The festival was attended by Union Minister for Information

Dr. Pe Myint, Mandalay Region Chief Minister Dr. Zaw Myint Maung, regional ministers, departmental officials, local and foreign writers, invited guests and literature enthusiasts.

Dr. Pe Myint delivered an opening speech in which he

mentioned his enthusiastic participation in the first Irrawaddy Literary Festival held in the compound of Inya Lake Hotel in Yangon.

“There are two memorable things that I want to say about Irrawaddy Literary Festival.

Firstly, Irrawaddy Literary Festival is attended by a lot of literature enthusiasts such as writers and poets, where many programmes on literature were conducted simultaneously and has the precedence of being started in Myanmar” said the

Union Minister.

“Another significant fact about Irrawaddy Literary Festival is the joint participation of Myanmar and international writers. This is a very valuable fact.

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Mobile team gives health care to families of security forces

By Aung Kyaw Oo

SECURITY forces in border areas in Kyeekanpyin Village in Maungtaw, Rakhine State and their families were given medical care free of charge by a mobile medical care unit led by the head of the Maungtaw township public health department.

Dr. Kyaw Maung Maung Thein, head of the township public health department, said, "It is our regular mobile care visit. This is the third time we have visited Kyeekanpyin headquarters to give medical check-ups and treatment to security forces and their families. Similarly, we have been going round to the southern and northern parts of Maungtaw to give medical care. Major cases were not found yet

until now. But the local populace was found to lack medical knowledge. So the medical staff tried their best to make them care for their personal hygiene, ways to behave in their daily life such as washing hands as a regular routine and warning them to consult with medical doctors whenever illness affects them."

The mobile medical care unit of Maungtaw is regularly visiting villages to give medical care free of charge and to share medical knowledge. If patients need to be given more extensive medical treatment they will be sent to hospitals in Maungtaw, Sittway and Buthidaung. Daw Yin Yin Swe, mother of Kaung Htet Naing, came to the mobile clinic for herself and her son.

"We came here to consult



A doctor from mobile health care providing medical treatment free of charge to a child in Kyeekanpyin Village in Maungtaw, Rakhine State on 3 November 2017. **PHOTO: AUNG KYAW OO**

with the doctor concerning with my son's nervous system problem. We were greatly happy to hear that his illness could be cured. As for me, they cannot. Doctors referred us to specialists, and are helping us to go to them. Now necessary examina-

tions are being made. We owe a lot of thanks to the doctors."

The staff of the mobile care units include Dr Kyaw Maung Maung Thein, head of the township public health department, Specialist Pediatrician Professor Dr Hla Win Myint of Magwe

Institute of Medicine, Dr. Nu Thazin Win, Magwe Institute of Medicine, Lecturer Dr Nyi Nyi Wai Yan Zaw, Dr Hnin Wint Wint Swe and over 20 other medical professionals. On 4 November, the mobile care unit will visit Pantawpyin village. ■

Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker inspects electrical sub-stations construction

AMYOTHA Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung accompanied by Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr. Tun Naing and officials inspected the construction of Ponnagyun-Yathedaung-Buthidaung-Maungtaw 65.1 miles 66 KV power line and 66/11 KV, 10 MVA substations in Yathedaung, Buthidaung and Maungtaw, a project work to distribute electric power.

On arrival at 230 KV Ponnagyun main substation, the Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and

party were explained about the project implementation status by Project Director (Northern portion) U Min Naing with the Deputy Minister providing additional explanations. Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and party then inspected the 230 KV Ponnagyun main substation switch yard.

To provide 24 hours (a day) of electricity to low development area of Yathedaung, Buthidaung and Maungtaw region in northern Rakhine State, electric power from national grid that had reached 230 KV Ponnag-

yun main Substation will be transmitted along 65.1 miles of Ponnagyun-Yathedaung-Buthidaung-Maungtaw 66 KV power line and Yathedaung, Buthidaung and Maungtaw 66/11 KV, 10 MVA substations. The project works were started in September 2017 and will distribute electricity to Yathedaung in March 2018, Buthidaung in June 2018 and Maungtaw in December 2018 and the entire project is estimated to cost Ks 30 billion it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Constitutional Tribunal Chairman U Myo Nyunt arrives back from Republic of Korea

A delegation led by U Myo Nyunt, Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal, arrived back from the Republic of Korea on the evening of November 2nd after attending the first international meeting hosted by Permanent Research Secretariat of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC) from 30 October to 2

November. Constitutional Tribunal Chairman U Myo Nyunt and party were welcomed at Yangon Mingaladon International Airport by officials of Constitutional Tribunal.

Constitutional Tribunal Chairman U Myo Nyunt was accompanied by member of the tribunal U Kyaw San.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Illegal foods seized at check point in Kyaikto

POLICE confiscated five kinds of foods and feedstuff for cat found on a vehicle on Thursday.

The illegal foods were found in a search into NISSAN X TRAIL Wagon at the Mayanchaung inspection gate, Kyaikto Township, Mon State.

The seized foods and the unlicensed vehicle are estimated worth Ks 7.297 million. On

that day at the Mayanchaung gate, police took action against seven cases.

On 2nd November, there were 812 vehicles exporting goods and 972 vehicles importing goods along Mandalay-Muse Pyidaungsu road as well as 127 vehicles exporting goods and 45 vehicles exporting goods along Yangon-Myawaddy road.—GNLM ■



Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung and officials visit the 230 KV Ponnagyun main sub-power station switch yard in Ponnagyun, Rakhine State on 3 November 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Historically, our Myanmar literature had developed together with international literature. From the start, the earliest Myanmar literature of the Bagan era was enhanced by Buddhist literature and India's literature from the Indian sub-continent. The inventive power of Myanmar literature writers was increased when India's literature was combined with Myanmar's own inventions and ideas. When contacts were made with western countries, from English, we got to know Europe and the world's literature. From that Myanmar modern literature came about".

Dr Zaw Myint Maung, Chief Minister of Mandalay Region Government, said, "Holding the Irrawaddy Literary Festival in Mandalay, where there existed cultural heritages and Myanmar Old City is a pride for us. It is dreadful for print media to disappear out of our sight. The Ayeyarwady Literary Festival held today greatly interested younger generations. We were elated to have seen enthusiasm of younger generation, hence no need to worry about extinction of Myanmar literature. It is incumbent upon us for our literature not to disappear, and simultaneously we are encouraging speeding up the Myanmar



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint delivers the address at the opening of Fourth Irrawaddy Literary Festival. PHOTO: MNA



literature. As we are protecting for Ayeyarwady River not to disappear from our map, we, readers, literature-lovers and literary scholars need to protect Myanmar Literature together with the Government."

U Nay Oak read the message to the Irrawaddy Literary Festival from State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

"The name 'Irrawaddy' evokes greatness, beauty and

romance for all of us in this land which has been nourished by her waters throughout the ages. The Irrawaddy Literary Festival is now into its fourth year and my best wishes for its success go out to all the organizers and participants who will be evoking the greatness, beauty and romance of literature from different lands, bringing us all closer to one another, flowing together in un-

derstanding and friendship," said the State Counsellor in her message.

The Irrawaddy Literary Festival was held under the sponsorship of Charitable Trust, which is registered in England, in partnership with U Nay Oak, Dr. Khin Maung Nyo and Dr. Aung Myint from Myanmar.

At the festival, various kinds of papers will be read out by 30 literati from international coun-

tries, 58 from Yangon and 59 from Mandalay — 147 altogether.

At the first floor of the hotel where the festival is being held, there are paper reading sessions, talks with international literati, a drawing room, and literary talk show rooms. In the open space of the hotel, there are book stalls, cartoon exhibitions, poem recitations, puppet shows, and a Speaker's Corner. The festival will continue until 5 November. ■

Monsoon rice in Maungtaw Township harvested with Kubota harvesters

By Han Lin Naing

FIVE-hundred acres of ripe monsoon rice in Kyaungtaung village tract were harvested yesterday morning with eight Kubota harvesters of the Agricultural Mechanisation Department. The harvesting was led by U Khin Zaw Ohn of the Agricultural Mechanisation Department head office with 22 staff members from the Myinlut frontline station.

"Rice in Kanpu village tract was harvested with six Kubota harvesters on 29 October and will be completed on 4 November. Now, harvesting is conducted in Kyaungtaung village tract with 8 Kubota harvesters. It is expected to be completed on 5 November. After this village tract, monsoon rice from 400 acres in Thapyay-taw village tract and more than

5,000 acres in Myinlut village tract will be harvested" said U Khin Zaw Ohn.

Personnel from the Department of Agriculture and the Land Record Department were also participating in the harvesting in their respective sectors. The Department of Agriculture is beefing up their participating personnel with workers from district and town offices, it is learnt.

"Our Department of Agriculture will accept the harvested monsoon rice. We will clean it, sun-dry it at moisture level of 13 per cent and pack it. Afterwards, it will be stored", said U Soe Maung of the Department of Agriculture.

Meanwhile, the Land Record Department is taking record of the harvested rice and the output of each farmer.



A worker harvests rice with the harvester in Maungtaw. PHOTO: HAN LIN NAING

A total of 71,552 acres of monsoon rice was planted in Maungtaw Township, and more than 40,000 acres are now ready to be harvested, it is learnt.

While some of the rice was harvested by Kubota harvesters from the Agricultural Mechanisation Department, in some villages, farmers trained on us-

ing machine tillers distributed by Agricultural Mechanisation Department were seen harvesting monsoon rice with those machine tillers. ■

Rice storage without waste, for new Mro ethnic village in Maungtaw

By Han Lin Naing

MAUNGTAW District General Administration Department deputy commissioner U Ye Htut conducted a field visit yesterday morning for construction of a new Kaing Gyi (Mro) village for ethnic Mro nationals who were attacked by extremist terrorists.

The deputy commissioner also visited storage areas where recently harvested rice can be stored without spoilage or waste.

Yesterday morning before the site visits, U Ye Htut met U HlaTheinMaung of Tharikon-baung Village, who was undergoing medical treatment in Maung-taw Hospital after being hacked by a sword on 2 November afternoon. The deputy commissioner encouraged U HlaTheinMaung and provided cash assistance.

Next he went to Tharikon-baung Village and met with villagers to ask for details about



Mro ethnic women collect harvested rice to transport to the silo. **PHOTO: HAN LIN NAING**

the sword attack, which he described as a lawless act. U Ye Htut said the perpetrator of the crime will be caught and effective action against him will be taken according to the law.

Afterward, he inspected the land and surrounding areas of the location where a new village will be constructed for ethnic Mro nationals who were attacked by extremist terror-

ists and also the status of the sun-drying and storage areas of harvested monsoon rice in Alethanyaw village.

A new village for ethnic Mro nationals will be constructed on

more than four acres of land near Kaingyi Village Tract (Na Ta La) village. There will be plots for 50 houses and will include a school and a staff house for teachers, it is learnt. ■



The seized bullets are in the case. **PHOTO: HTAYHLAING (WUNDWIN)**

Bullets discovered in Wundwin, Mandalay

BULLETS were found in the grass near an irrigation canal beside Yangon-Mandalay highway road's milestone (357/7), in front of Wundwin-market, Meikhtila District, Mandalay Region yesterday.

Four boys found the 147 bullets while playing and fishing near the canal.

Officials including U Myo Min Aung head of the township's general administration department and Police Captain

Khin Hlaing, Police Captain-Myint Than and sub-inspector Thein Zaw Than went to the place and seized the bullets.

The seizure includes 20 old bullets of revolver (38 bolts), 50 old bullets of revolver (32 bolts), 27 bullets with bronze top of Super-X22 long Rifle and 50 bullets with metal top of Super-X22 long Rifle. The seized bullets were handed over to the Meikhtila Police Station.—HtayHlaing (Wundwin) ■

Union Minister U Win Khaing visits Ratchaburi Electricity Generating Holding Public Company Limited in Thailand

A delegation led by Union Minister for Construction and Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing who attended the 7th Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable – AMER 7 visited Ratchaburi Electricity Generating Holding Public Company Limited in Thailand yesterday morning and the delegation was welcomed by the officials from the Company.

Next in the power station of the Company, the officials explained the condition of electricity generation using natural gas, electricity supply, and importation and distribution of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) in the future. Both sides discussed about the cooperation in electricity and energy sector.

After that, the delegation looked around the Gas Control Station and turbines in the pow-



Union Minister U Win Khaing visits RATCHABURI Electricity Generating Holding Public Company in Thailand. **PHOTO: MNA**

er station. Then, the delegation led by Union Minister departed from Suvarnabhumi International Airport in Bangkok, Thailand and arrived at Yan-

gon International airport at 6pm yesterday and the delegation was welcomed by departmental officials.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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