

NATIONAL
State Counsellor
Receives Leaders
From ASEM Partners
PAGE-12



NATIONAL
VP U Myint Swe
receives Hungary
Foreign Minister
PAGE-10

NATIONAL
MJU condemns
AP's misleading
report
PAGE-13

NATIONAL
Nine teams from private
sector, UEHRD hold
coordination meeting
PAGE-10

NATIONAL
Three bodies with
slit throats found
in Maungtau
PAGE-6

THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Vol. IV, No. 219, 4th Waxing of Nadaw 1379 ME

www.globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

Wednesday, 22 November 2017

AP blamed for distorted report on State Counsellor's comments

THE Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Myanmar Press Council and Myanmar Journalists Union condemned the Associated Press yesterday for misquoting and seriously misrepresenting comments made by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in her opening speech at the ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Nay Pyi Taw.

In her opening remarks, the State Counsellor said that "our world has never been free from

It is regrettable to note that established media like the AP has distorted the meaning of her actual words, accidentally or intentionally.

crises arising from multiple causes. Today we are faced with a new period of global uncertainty and instability. Conflicts around the world are

giving rise to new threats and emergencies; illegal migration, spread of terrorism and violent extremism, social disharmony and even the threat of nuclear war," according to both an official transcript of the speech made available to the media on the same day, and a live broadcast of the event on Myanmar Radio and Television's Facebook page.

SEE PAGE-11



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at a news conference held yesterday at the conclusion of the ASEM FMM. **PHOTO: AUNG SHINE OO**

Cooperation and connectivity achieved at ASEM FMM

A press conference on the 13th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM) was held at Thandar Hall of the Myanmar International Convention Centre-I, Nay Pyi Taw after the conclusion of

the meeting. State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi expressed her hopes that talks with Bangladesh this week will result in a memorandum of understanding on the "safe return"

of refugees who fled to Bangladesh in the past three months.

"We need to do 'everything possible for stability in Rakhine,'" said Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

Spain will host the 14th

ASEM FMM next year. This year's ASEM FMM was attended by 54 representatives and more than 500 representative team members from 51 Asian and European countries.

SEE PAGE-3



BEST BANK IN MYANMAR

Awarded by FinanceAsia 2017

ACTING CHIEF EDITOR

Aye Min Soe,
ce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

EXPATRIATE CONSULTANT EDITOR

Mark Angeles,
markangeles@gmail.com

SENIOR EDITORIAL CONSULTANT

Kyaw Myaing

SENIOR TRANSLATORS

Khin Maung Oo,
editor2@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
Khin Maung Win (Chief Proof Reader),
Zaw Min, zawmin.gnln@gmail.com

INTERNATIONAL NEWS EDITOR

Ye Htut Tin,
editor1@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

LOCAL NEWS EDITORS

Tun Tun Naing (Editor),
intlnews@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
Nwe Nwe Tun (Sub-editor),
nwenwe9131@gmail.com

TRANSLATORS

Khaing Thanda Lwin,
Hay Mar Tin Win,
Ei Myat Mon
Zaw Htet Oo
Kyaw Zin Lin
Kyaw Zin Tun

REPORTERS

May Thet Hnin,
reporter1@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
mayreporter.mmm@gmail.com
Tun Aung Kyaw,
reporter2@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

PHOTOGRAPHER

Kyaw Zeya Win @ Phoe Khwar

COMPUTER TEAM

Tun Zaw (Chief of Computer Team),
Thein Ngwe, Zaw Zaw Aung,
Ye Naing Soe, Nyi Zaw Moe,
Hnin Pwint, Kay Khaing Win,
Sanda Hnin, Zu Zin Hnin

EDITORIAL SECTION

(+95) (01) 8604529,
Fax — (+95) (01) 8604305

CIRCULATION & DISTRIBUTION

San Lwin, (+95) (01) 8604532,
Hotline - 09 974424114

ADVERTISING & MARKETING

(+95) (01) 8604530,
Hotline - 09 974424848
marketing@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
subscription@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

Printed and published at the **Global New Light of Myanmar Printing Factory** at No.150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, by the **Global New Light of Myanmar Daily** under Printing Permit No. 00510 and Publishing Permit No. 00629.

gnlmdaily@gmail.com
www.globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
www.facebook.com/
globalnewlightofmyanmar

Write for us

We appreciate your feedback and contributions. If you have any comments or would like to submit editorials, analyses or reports please email ce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with your name and title.

Due to limitation of space we are only able to publish "Letter to the Editor" that do not exceed 500 words. Should you submit a text longer than 500 words please be aware that your letter will be edited.

Myanmar Youths can apply for ASEF education programmes

ACCORDING to the Asia Europe Foundation Education Department, Myanmar youths are eligible to apply for ASEF Education Programmes. A representative from each member country will be chosen for programmes, it was learnt.

"One representative from each partnership countries is being chosen. Arrangements will be made for bed and board of every representative by the foundation. A person who will represent for Myanmar will be chosen, hence the chance for youths to apply. Arrangements for application will be described in the Facebook page of ASEF—ASEFedu. In cooperation between ASEF and the Ministry of Education, Myanmar, 8th Model ASEM was held just prior to the ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting. Based on the meeting, it has been arranged for youths rep-



Youths can apply for the Education Programmes of ASEF. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

resenting ASEM countries to take part in the ASEM process", said Ms. Nathalie Sajda of the ASEF Education Department.

A related meeting of the

ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting—8th Model ASEM comprised of more than 150 youths representing 51 ASEM member countries was held last week.

Outlooks of the youths were discussed by two representative youths at the ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting, it was learnt.—Shin Min ■

Thanlyin Bridge-3 to be constructed as suspension bridge

THE Ministry of Construction is planning to construct a suspension bridge (Thanlyin Bridge-3) to connect Yangon and Thanlyin across the Bago River to provide better transportation and reduce traffic jams, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

The suspension bridge will reportedly be built as soon as possible. The current Thanlyin bridge-1 is aging and is not strong enough for heavy

trucks.

The Thanlyin Bridge-3 project would contribute toward improving transport infrastructure and support local and foreign economic businesses in Thilawa Special Economic zone.

It would also help ensure socio-economic development for people in central and southern Yangon, officials said.

Thanlyin Bridge-3 will be constructed as a suspension

bridge in the middle, with the suspension bridge portion 448 meters long. It also includes two other main construction parts, a 1033 meters-long steel box girder bridge at one end and a 550 meters-long PC box girder bridge at the other end. The Thanlyin Bridge-3 will be constructed beside the old Thanlyin bridge-1.

Thanlyin bridge-2 will be able to accommodate heavy trucks transporting goods be-

tween the Yangon and Thanlyin regions.

Due to its location, Thanlyin bridge-3 will reduce fuel consumption as well as save time for cars/trucks plying between the Yangon and Thanlyin regions.

Thanlyin Bridge-3 will be constructed in collaboration with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which is providing finance and technology.—GNLM ■

16th China-Myanmar Border Trade Fair and 12th JBTCCC

MYANTRADE (Myanmar Trade Promotion Organisation) under the Ministry of Commerce is making arrangements to hold an International trade fair with a view to launch development of the export sector and upgrade

international commerce.

The 16th China-Myanmar Border Trade Fair and 12th Joint Border Trade Cooperating and Coordinating Committee (JBTCCC) Meeting will be held in Shwe Li in Yunnan Province,

People's Republic of China, from December 26 to December 28, inviting entrepreneurs to take part in the trade fair, it was learnt. For further information contact Myantrade, the Ministry of Commerce, Nay

Pyi Taw at 067-430446/ 430447 (fax)-067-430128, email: moc-tradefair@gmail.com and the Myanmar Trade Centre (Yangon) Ph 01-254024, email: itpic.moc@gmail.com. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Three bodies with slit throats found in Maungtaw

The bodies of three young villagers were discovered on Sunday in Maungtaw, Rakhine State, all of which had their throats slit.

The bodies were identified as Mu Har Mat Ei Dreit, 25, Abu Hike, 18 and Har Maik Tu Saung, 22, all of whom lived in Myoma Kayin Tan Ward,

Maungtaw Township.

Acting on a tip-off that a corpse was found, the security team inspected the area near Thaung Pyin Nyar Village

and found two more bodies, all of them with slash wounds to their throats and their hands tied.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin signs MoU with New Zealand and separately receives team leaders of ASEM partner countries

MINISTER of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin received Mr. Fletcher Tabuteau, New Zealand Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, yesterday morning in the guest hall of the Myanmar International Convention Center-1.

During the meeting, matters relating to Myanmar-New Zealand bilateral relations and cooperation in regional and international areas were discussed. After the meeting, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin and New Zealand Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Steve Marshall signed mem-

orandums of understanding (MoU) on ministries of foreign affairs of Myanmar and New Zealand holding regular meetings.

Afterwards, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin separately received in MICC-I heads of partner countries of Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) who were attending the 13th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin received Denmark State Secretary for Foreign Policy H.E. Mr. Jonas Bering Liisberg and party at

10:30 a.m., Latvia State Secretary for Foreign Affairs H. E. Mr. Andrejs Pildegovics and party at noon, Republic of Korea Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E. Mr. Lim Sung-nam and party at 1:30 p.m., Russian Federation Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs H.E. Mr. Igor V. Morgulov and party at 2 p.m. and Hungary Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade H.E. Mr. Peter Szijjarto at 3:50 p.m. and discussed increasing bilateral relations, increasing cooperation and exchanged views on the status of events in Rakhine State. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin and New Zealand Parliamentary Under-Secretary sign MoU for Foreign Ministries of the two countries. **PHOTO: MNA**



Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin holds talks with Denmark State Secretary for Foreign Policy. **PHOTO: MNA**

Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief in China

TATMADAW Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing led a Tatmadaw delegation and left Nay Pyi Taw airport for the People's Republic of China yesterday morning at the invitation of the chief of the Joint Staff Department of the Central Military Commission of People's Republic of China General Li Zuocheng. Upon arrival at Sanxia Airport, Yichang, China in the afternoon, the Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief and party was welcomed by Hubei Province Military Region commander Maj-Gen. Ma Tao, high ranking officers of Chinese People's Liberation Army, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thit Lin Ohn, Myanmar military attaché (army, navy, air) Brig-



Hubei Province Military Region commander Maj-Gen. Ma Tao welcomes Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in China. **PHOTO: MNA**

Gen Tint San and officials. Later in the afternoon, the Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief and party visited Three Gorges Dam in the town of Sandouping, Hubei Province to view the generation of electricity at the Three

Gorges Left Bank Power Station. In the evening, the Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief and party attended a dinner hosted by Hubei Province Military Region commander Maj-Gen. Ma Tao. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Finnish Embassy celebrates 100th anniversary of independence

THE Embassy of Finland marked its 100th anniversary of independence with a ceremony and celebration yesterday evening at the Lotte Hotel in Yangon. Finland's Ambassador to Myanmar H.E Ms. Riikka Laatu delivered an opening speech at the celebration, followed by remarks from Finland's Foreign Minister H.E Mr. Timo Juhani



Sonni and Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung.

Present at the meeting were ambassadors and diplomats of

embassies in Yangon and invited guests. Diplomacy between Finland and Myanmar was established in 1954. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Road upgrades in Rakhine State

ROADS which are the main entrances to Rakhine State will be upgraded within four years, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

Currently, authorities are planning to upgrade three main roads: Minbu-An-Sittway Road, Pyay-Taungup-Than-dwe Road and Ngathaing Chaung-Gwa Road, said an official from the Ministry of Construction.

The main road upgrades will begin this year.

Upon completion of the upgrade, the travel time between Yangon and Sittway using Minbu-An-Sittway Road

will be reduced from 15 hours to 10 hours.

All the bridges on the road will be upgraded to concrete bridges.

Moreover, Pyay-Taungup-Than-dwe Road will be upgraded with the assistance of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), while the Ngathaing Chaung-Gwa Road will be upgraded with US\$20 million from the World Bank.

The Ministry of Construction upgraded over 1,200 miles of motor roads and constructed 50 bridges over 180 feet long in Rakhine State.—GNLM ■

Correction

Please read "... Finland to support Myanmar with Euro 34 million" instead of "Euro 4 million" in the interview with Finland Foreign Minister Timo Soini entitled "Education is one of the big issues we can cooperate with Myanmar" on Page 7 of the November 21 issue of the Global New Light of Myanmar. —Ed

Correction

Please read "Defence Minister of Laos" instead of "Deputy Defence Minister of Laos" in the story "President receives Deputy Defence Minister of Laos" covered on page 3 of the November 21 issue of the Global New Light of Myanmar. We are regret for doing the same mistake in the body of the story and in the caption. —Ed

Distance University students studying peacefully in Rakhine

Muslim students from northern Rakhine have gained university education opportunities overcoming their challenges for their education following a helping hand from authorities. The interview has previously appeared in 13 November issue of the GNLM.

DUE to increasing number of higher level education students in Rakhine State, new classrooms, student's dormitories and departmental housings will be implemented in upcoming budget year according to the Department of Higher Education.

Intensive course and final examination are being held at Sittway sub department of Yangon University of Distance Education and First batch exam will be held in October 2017 while second and third batches exam in October and November, 2017 respectively.

"The third batch of the distance studies are being studied in Sittway University and Taungup University. The Major courses are prescribed as Myanmar, History, Economics and Business Management studies in there. The students there are from first year to fourth year. In the third batch, there are 9,525 students in Sittway University and 5,488 students in Taungup University. The University students of people of Islamic faith from Northern Rakhine State in Taungup University are studying peacefully at a Distance Education

There are 9,525 students in Sittway University and 5,488 students in Taungup University. The University students of people of Islamic faith from Northern Rakhine State in Taungup University are studying peacefully...

Sub Department in Thandwe and University students from Southern Rakhine State are also being lectured at Thetkel Pyin Basic Education High School (BEHS). The two Major courses; History and Myanmar have been lectured in Thetkel Pyin BEHS. There are seven University students in History Major. There is a large number of students with sufficient courses in Sittway University. Some lecturers from Sittway University have been sent to sub department in Thandwe while some lecturers

from Yangon University also came and aided in Thetkel Pyin.

"I'm now here to observe the current condition of studying students in the Universities. All the conditions are convenient as State Government is also aiding to the Universities known by

the rector of Sittway University. We have also arranged 4 buses for the transportation of the students and lecturers. For more convenient of people of Islamic faith Students, we have launched such sub-departments. As numbers of matriculation passing students increase, demands of the Universities is bigger too. We will implement further new



Chief Administrator Dr. Thein Win and students pose for a documentary photo. **PHOTO: TIN TUN**



Maung Maung Hla.



Ma Htay Htay Myint.

classrooms, student's dormitories and departmental housings in coming budget year", said Director General of Higher Education Department, Dr. Thein Win.

"I want to say many thanks for providing education for us like that. At first I thought I cannot learn such a University Studies but I'm very happy now as many lecturers are coming to teach us here. I would like to welcome freshly passed matriculation students to apply for the University and I want to say let's learn together", said Maung Zaw Htet Aung from Sittway Thel Chaung rescue camp who is studying Myanmar Major in first year of Thetkel Pyin Distance Education sub department.

"Firstly I want to express my gratitude for having opportunities to learn the higher education in our own places. We

have not learned our studies for a period of time. I was even not expected to having such kind of opportunity. After graduation, I will serve as a lecturer in a University. I would like to urge other postponed students to join our University for our graduations as we can learn our higher studies independently", said Ma Htay Htay Myint from Ohn Taw Gyi rescue camp who is studying Myanmar Major in first year of Thetkel Pyin Distance Education sub department.

"As I am the only one who taking History Major and I can learn directly with my teachers. As all my teachers consider me as their son, I believe I can pass my final examination. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all the officials for arranging such opportunity for us", said Maung Maung Hla from Thetkel

Pyin Village who is studying History Major in first year of Thetkel Pyin Distance Education sub department.

Daw Moe Moe Aung, a lecturer from English Department from Dagon University who is teaching at Thetkel Pyin Distance Education sub department said, "there are a total of eight students including seven Myanmar major students and one History Major student. We are teaching them by normal school schedule, 50 minutes for a period, ranging from 8 am to 1pm a day. We have no difficulty and we are teaching them as our former ordinary students".

Head Professor of Sittway University Dr. Win Naing said, "There is an Arts and Science university and degree college in Rakhine State. There are courses and exams held in Sittway Thakel Pyin Village for people of Islamic faith students who are unable to attend the university this year due to some difficulties.

There is another exam in Thandwe city as well. The Union Government has sent seven teachers from universities in Yangon to teach at these classes in Thakel Pyin. I think if there are more educated people in the region then regional stability will follow." —Tin Tun(IPRD) ■



A class in session in Basic Education High School in Thetkel Pyin village. **PHOTO: MNA**

Vice President U Myint Swe receives Hungary Minister of Foreign Affairs

Vice President U Myint Swe received H.E. Mr. Peter Szijarto, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade from Hungary, at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, matters relating to Myanmar-Hungary

bilateral relations, increasing trade, investment and cooperation in education were discussed.

Present at the meeting were Union Minister Dr. Than Myint, Deputy Minister U Win Maw Tun, and officials. — Myanmar News Agency ■



Vice President U Myint Swe meets Hungary Minister of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Second day of 13th JMC-U meeting held in Yangon



The second day of 13th Union Joint Monitoring Committee meeting in progress in Yangon. **PHOTO: ZAW GYI**

THE second day of the 13th Union Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC-U) meeting was held yesterday morning at the Yangon office of the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre on Shweli Road in Kamayut Township, Yangon.

Present at the meeting were JMC-U chairman Lt-Gen. Yar Pyae, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Tatmadaw representatives, JMC-U vice chairpersons and secretary members, leaders of ethnic armed groups, local resident representatives, JMC-S and JMC-L committee members, and technology assistant organisations.

During the meeting, they

discussed the confirmation of the Standard Operations Procedures (SOPs), and the JMC-L groups' plans to increase by a group member each. Donor originations negotiated for the 2018-2019 budgets, reporting of each group's strengths and weakness, drawing work disciplines for TSC staff, reporting JMC-TSC departmental duties and job descriptions of each staff, public meetings to be held at the townships of JMC offices based and mine clearances issue were also discussed. As the meeting will be held for three days from 20 to 22 November, the rest of the issues will continue to be discussed on the third day of the meeting. — Zaw Gyi ■

Man suspected of terrorism arrested in Maungtaw

A man suspected of involvement in terrorist activity was arrested in Maungtaw Township on 18 November by a team of law enforcement officers and local officials.

The combined team that includes members of the security force and village leaders ar-

rested Yaw Fee, 30, who lives in Ywar Thit ward, Maungtaw, near Thatkalpyin (west) Village of Zin Paing Village tract and Hla Phoe Khaung Village.

The arrested suspect is being investigated at Pyin Phyu Police Station. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Nine teams from private sector, UEHRD hold coordination meeting

Nine teams from the private sector and the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine State held a coordination meeting on 20 November to discuss socio-economic development in Rakhine State, drawn up by the Rakhine State Government in implementing development projects in Rakhine State.

The teams discussed how to implement the tasks by dividing the tasks into two parts — emergencies and importance — after studying the infrastructure and socio-economic requirements described in the project in detail.

Dr. Aung Tun Thet, Chief Coordinator of UEHRD, urged the attendees to implement the tasks in cooperation between the

Rakhine State Government, local entrepreneurs and local people, and not as investors coming to Rakhine State as entrepreneurs from the mainland.

The teams reported situations on the development of their performances.

Camps for accepting those who will return to Taung Pyo Letwe being built by the Construction Team will be completed at the end of December 2017, with another camp to be built in Nga Khu Ra.

The Health Care Team discussed their preparations for giving medical care just after the construction of the camp for accepting returnees at Taung Pyo Letwe.

Daw Khaing Khaing Nwe, joint-general-secretary of UM-

FCCI said, "Arrangements are underway to open vocational training courses being arranged by the Ministry of Border Affairs with the resources from Yangon-based trainings combined, in extension. Simultaneously, it has been prepared to open the trainings so as to comply with requirements of industries to be built by industrial zone work team."

The agricultural and livestock breeding team discussed construction of a rice mill and transporting harvesters, machines for winnowing and drying paddy.

The crowd-funding team set up platforms such as Online Payment and Mobile Payment, reaching the stage under operation. — MNA ■

Ground-breaking for installation of weather measuring instruments

A ground-breaking ceremony for installing an automatic weather measuring instrument was held yesterday afternoon in the compound of the Nay Pyi Taw Council offices. The automatic weather measuring instrument was provided under the assistance programme for development and modernisation of natural disaster prediction and early warning system conducted between the Korea Meteorological Administration and the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology of the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

At the ceremony, Department of Meteorology and Hydrology Director General (joint) Dr. Kyaw Moe Oo delivered a speech and officials from the Department of Meteorology and



Director General (joint) Dr. Kyaw Moe Oo attends the ground-breaking ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Hydrology and Korea Meteorological Administration cut a ceremonial ribbon.

Afterwards, stakes were driven at the location where the instrument will be installed.

An official from NOAA SNC Company in Korea then introduced the automatic weather measurement instrument.

The assistance programme for development and modernisation of natural disaster prediction and early warning system is providing 50 automatic weather measurement instruments. These instruments will be installed in 50 cities in Myanmar within two years starting in 2017. — Myanmar News Agency ■

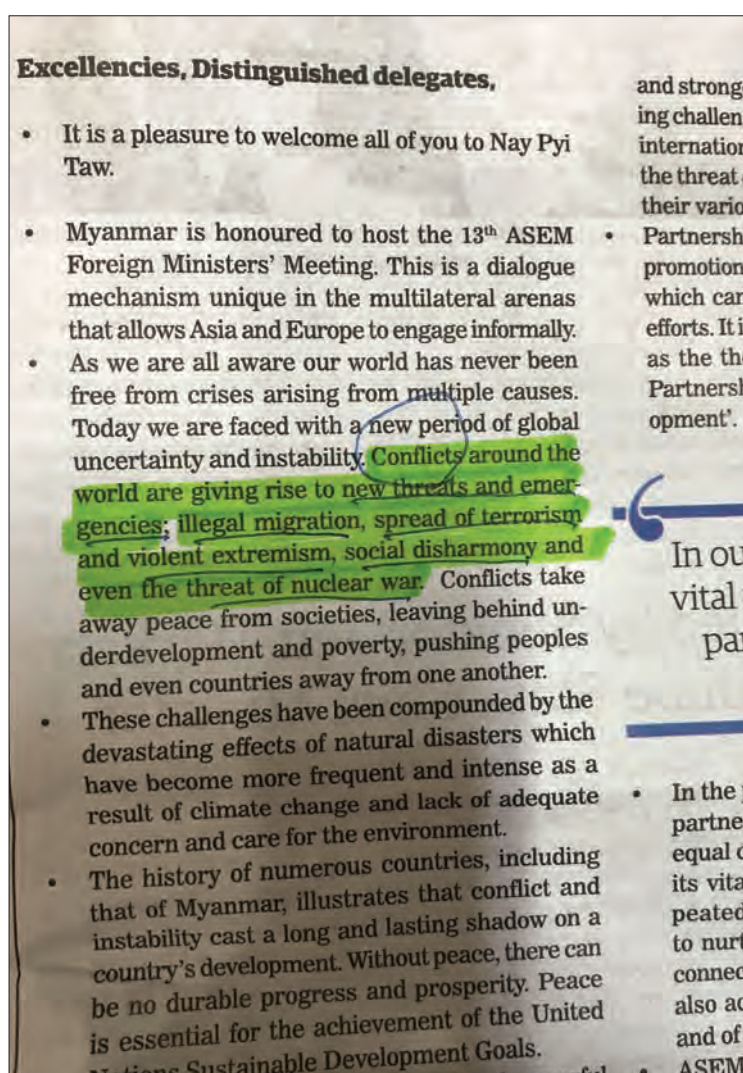
AP blamed for distorted report on State Counsellor's comments

FROM PAGE-1

But in the lead paragraph of the AP's story on Monday, the AP reported that "Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi said Monday that the world is facing instability and conflict in part because illegal immigration spreads terrorism, as her country faces accusations of violently pushing out hundreds of thousands ...".

In a direct quote in the fourth paragraph, the wire story with the title "Suu Kyi blames conflicts on illegal immigration" misquoted the State Counsellor as citing "Illegal immigration's spread of terrorism and violent extremism, social disharmony and even the threat of nuclear war."

The report deviated widely from the original meaning and incorrectly highlighted that the State Counsellor was blaming illegal immigrants for the spread of terrorism. U Kyaw Zeya, Ambassador of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs says in an exclusive interview with the Myanmar News Agency that "We were saddened by the mistake of the AP, although her comments were available at the state-run media immediately. We are also very upset by the publishing of the mistake from the AP by other



The full text of the speech of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was covered in the Global New Light of Myanmar. PHOTO: MNA

international media."

"It is regrettable to note that established media like the AP has distorted the meaning of her actual words, accidentally or intentionally. So we hope they will correct their mistake as soon as they can, so as to save face," he added.

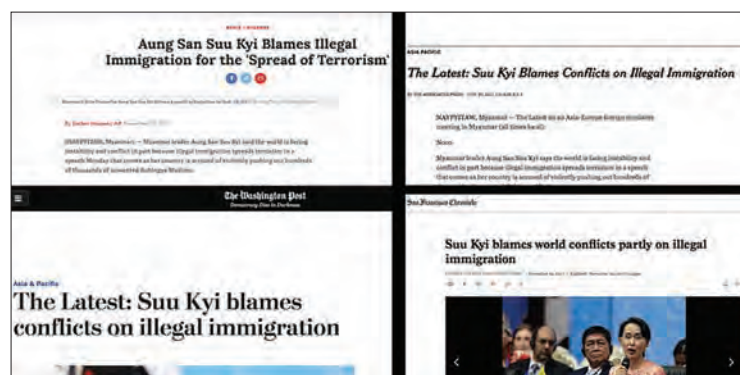
U Aung Hla Tun, vice chairman of the Myanmar Press Council, said in an exclusive interview

with the Myanmar News Agency that "It can make serious impacts on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi as well as on the entire nation and the people."

"The international community, including the nations of the world and the U.N., usually tends to heavily rely on the reports by the international media when laying down their policies. As a result of their pursuing wrongful



The original story of AP is seen on the screen. PHOTO: IRRAWADDY



The original story was appeared on internal media including The New York Times, The Washington Post, The San Francisco Chronicle and Time. PHOTO: IRRAWADDY

Interview with U Aung Hla Tun, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Press Council concerning AP news agency's misinterpretation of an important fact from the speech by State Counsellor

INTERNATIONAL news agency AP (Associated Press) misinterpreted an important point from the speech given by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at the ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday. Concerning this, a reporter from the Myanmar News Agency (MNA) under the Ministry of Information had an exclusive interview with U Aung Hla Tun, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Press Council, by telephone yesterday evening.

MNA: Sir, it's learnt that AP news agency misquoted State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's speech at the ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. Could you please explain how they misinterpreted such an important fact?

U Aung Hla Tun: Well. To get straight to the point, the English daily Global New Light of Myanmar today published the complete text of Daw Suu's speech on page 11. In the fourth line of the third para, it was written: "Conflicts around the world are giving rise to new threats and emergencies; illegal migration, spread of terrorism and violent extremism, social disharmony and even the threat of nuclear war."

AP misquoted it as if Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said: "illegal migration spreads terrorism...". That's utterly wrong.

To make matter worse, AP story made some serious remarks and comments repeatedly basing on this wrongfully interpreted point, especially concerning the Bengali issue,



U Aung Hla Tun, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Press Council.

which has badly tarnished our image among the international community. For example, it interpreted as if Daw Suu had said the illegal migration of Bengali was the cause of all problems.

MNA: What could be the impacts of this wrong interpretation?

U Aung Hla Tun: It can make serious impacts on Daw Suu as well as on the entire nation and the people. Actually, the impacts are already there. Based in the U.S., AP is one of the most influential international news agencies in the world. The international community, including the nations of the world and the U.N., usually tends to heavily rely on the reports by the international media when laying down their policies. As a result of their pursuing wrongful policies based on the untrue reports by the international media for a long time, the image of our country has been badly ruined, causing mounting pressure and various

intimidations.

The wrong report by AP yesterday has been reproduced by several dozens of news agencies and media all across the world. There have been serious criticisms and condemnations basing on it.

MNA: What do you think should be done to remedy this wrongful reporting?

U Aung Hla Tun: First of all, it must be corrected as soon as possible. And then, they have to make a formal apology publicly to those who they had caused grievances; here the state councilor and the entire Myanmar people. The correction and the apology must be distributed to all the media which subscribed to their wrongful report.

MNA: Thank you, Sir.
—Myanmar News Agency ■

MJU condemns AP's misleading report

Myanmar Journalists Union strongly condemns Nov 20th dated AP Myanmar story

Following is the full text of the statement released by Myanmar Journalists Union on 21 November 2017.

Myanmar Journalists Union strongly condemns the gross mistake made by the Associated Press in its story dated Nov. 20th regarding Myanmar foreign minister and State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's opening speech at the 13th ASEM meeting.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said in her

speech that "Conflicts around the world are giving rise to new threats and emergencies; illegal immigration, spread of terrorism and violent extremism, social disharmony and even the threat of nuclear war....".

However, AP has misquoted her speech and wrote that: "Myanmar lead-

er Aung San Suu Kyi said the world is facing instability and conflict in part because illegal immigration spreads terrorism."

Such distorted reporting has an immense negative impact on the image of the country and could lead to further misunderstanding and discord between

Myanmar and the international community at such a delicate period.

Even though AP made the correction one day later, we demand that the AP, one of the world's largest news agencies, take responsibility for the damage done and apologize to the people of Myanmar for its erroneous and irresponsible mistake.

China ready to further boost cooperation with ASEAN: FM

NAY PYI TAW — Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Monday expressed China's willingness to further boost cooperation with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

China has appreciated ASEAN's positive response to the proposal by China to formulate of a vision for strategic partnership between China and ASEAN toward the year 2030, said Wang.

The Chinese foreign minister made the remarks during the meeting with his Singaporean counterpart Vivian Balakrishnan on the sidelines of the 13th foreign ministers' meeting of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) in the Myanmar capital.

Wang also expressed appreciation for the important role of Singapore, as a coordinator of China-ASEAN ties, in deepening China-ASEAN cooperation and properly handling the South

China Sea issue as well as its efforts for a successful ASEAN summit and related meetings in the Philippines last week.

The 10-member ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam.

China will support Singapore, which holds ASEAN's rotating chair in 2018, in fulfilling its duties as the host country, Wang said.

China is willing to work with ASEAN countries for substantive consultations on the text of the Code of Conduct in the South China Sea based on mutual respect and equal footing, so as to continue promoting mutual trust and safeguarding peace and stability in the South China Sea, said the Chinese foreign minister.

For his part, Balakrishnan



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi (R) meets with his Singaporean counterpart Vivian Balakrishnan on the sidelines of the 13th foreign ministers' meeting of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on 20 November, 2017. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

said Singapore is ready to work with China to bring the all-around pragmatic cooperation between the two countries to a new high and consolidate the

positive momentum in the South China Sea.

Also on Monday, Wang met with EU's foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini, German

Vice Chancellor and Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel, and his counterparts from Cambodia, Thailand, Malta, Norway and Luxembourg.—Xinhua ■

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

MV SIMA PERFECT VOY. NO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SIMA PERFECT VOY. NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.11.2017 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of HPT where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA**

Phone No: 2301185

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

MV OCEAN ARROW VOY. NO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV OCEAN ARROW VOY. NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.11.2017 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T/ M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S MCC TRANSPORT
(S'PORE) PTE LTD**

Phone No: 2301185

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

MV FURNESS ST KILDA VOY. NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV FURNESS ST KILDA VOY. NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.11.2017 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MITT-5 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CHUN AN SHIPPING
PTE LTD**

Phone No: 2301928