

# State Counsellor leaves Italy, arrives in London

H.E Mr Paolo Gentiloni, the Prime Minister of Italy, welcomed State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who was in Rome on an official state visit, with a ceremonial guard at the Prime Minister's Office on Thursday.

The State Counsellor and the Prime Minister of Italy discussed bilateral cooperation, friendship and upgrading cooperation in the sectors of culture, agriculture and investment.

Present at the meeting were U Kyaw Tin, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, U Myint Naung, Myanmar ambassador to Italy and responsible officials.

The State Counsellor and party left Fiumicino International Airport in Rome at 7 pm local time and arrived in London several hours later.

The State Counsellor was welcomed at the Heathrow Airport by U Kyaw Zwa Min, Myanmar ambassador to Britain, Mr. Bill Henderson, special advisor of Britain's Minister for Foreign Affairs, H.E Mr Andrew Patrick, the British ambassador to Myanmar and other officials. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi then proceeded to the Dorchester Hotel in London, where she will stay for the duration of her visit.—Myanmar News Agency ■



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talks with Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni in Rome, Italy on 4 May 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

## U Ko Ko Naing presents his credentials to President of Laos

U Ko Ko Naing, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr. Bounnhang Vorachith, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on 4 May 2017, in Vientiane.—MOFA ■

## Two villagers killed in Maungtau Tsp

Two villagers were found dead with wounds near Thawun Chaung village in Maungtau Township yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off that a man was dead in a distance of 300 yards from the east of Thawun Chaung village, local police have investigated and found the body of Armatarlan (B) Armattusin in Yaekhat Chaunggua village with wounds.

Aryaraular, aged 18 in Thawun Chaung village also was dead with wounds on his neck and back in the foot of Mayyu hill, east of Thawun Chaung village, police also said. The police have sent two bodies to the hospital.

Police are investigating charges under the law.—Myanmar News Agency ■

# Second Myanmar Parliamentary Union meeting discusses Hluttaw set-up

The Myanmar Parliamentary Union (MPU) meeting (2/2017) began yesterday in Zabuthiri Hall in Nay Pyi Taw's Hluttaw building.

Firstly, Chairman of MPU and Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Mahn Win Khaing Than delivered the opening address and spoke on progress made in carrying out decisions made during the previous MPU meeting (1/2017) concerning amendment and formation of region and state Hluttaw offices.

The new set-up for region and state Hluttaw was published on 1 April this year. Proposals were submitted to Union Civil Service Board and the Union Government in accord with the Civil Service Law so that region and state staff can apply for transfers. Requests have been made to region and state Hluttaws to compile a list of personnel in service and numbers needed in region and state Hluttaw offices.

Discussions were made on approval for the Myanmar Parliamentary Draft Law drafted by the Union Hluttaw Commission and MPU and for it to be included in the 5th Regular Hluttaw Meeting.

Afterwards, Vice Chairman of MPU and Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Win Myint



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Mahn Win Khaing Than delivers a speech at MPU meeting. **PHOTO: MNA**

spoke about how the Hluttaw is the foundation of democracy and therefore processes in the Hluttaw should be done in line with its laws and rules and regulations. Recently rumors have been spread to disturb the political stability of the country.

He further stated the Hluttaw is an important sector in a democratic nation, therefore Hluttaw representatives are expected to fulfill their duties and responsibilities in accord with the law. He also said the legislator Hluttaw and administrative Government should do their best to carry out their tasks separately while cross-checking each other. Calling for tenders

should also be conducted without any bribes and everyone should collaborate in realizing a Democratic Federal Union.

Later, Secretary of MPU and Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Aye Thar Aung explained on the progress of things and of the decisions from the previous MPU meeting.

Afterwards, Member of the Legal affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission U Zaw Myint Pe discussed on how region and state Hluttaws could make full use of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law 45 drafted in 22 July 2015, followed by Director of MPU and Direc-

tor-General of Hluttaw Office U Kyaw Soe explaining of the formation of region and state Hluttaws.

Next, Chairmen of the different regional and state Hluttaws reported on the progress of their respective Hluttaws with the Deputy Speaker and Vice Chairman of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and commission members giving advice and engaging in discussions.

Then, Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than and Vice Chairman of MPU U Win Myint gave advice where necessary and delivered the concluding address.—Myanmar News Agency ■