

Bill to amend Telecommunications Law in Amyotha Hluttaw



U Kyaw Myo, Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications. **PHOTO: MNA**

Aung Ye Thwin, Aye Aye Thant
(MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY)

U Kyaw Myo, Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications, submitted to Amyotha Hluttaw a bill to amend the Telecommunications Law at yesterday's meeting held in Ny Pyi Taw.

A draft bill including the remarks and additions of Union Attorney General office was submitted by the Security, Stability

and Rules of Law Committee to the Union government's meeting on 6 July, where it was decided the bill would be submitted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, said the Deputy Minister.

A report by the committee to amend the Telecommunications Law was then read and explained by U Lal Min Htan of Chin State constituency 10.

The Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker announced that interested Hluttaw representatives

should register their names to discuss the bill. Next, a report by the Bill Committee on a bill amending the guardian and ward law that was confirmed and sent with amendment by Pyithu Hluttaw was read by U Sai Tun Aung of Shan State constituency 2. Enrollment for discussing the bill was announced by the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker.

A report by the Bill Committee on a bill amending the Christian Marriage Act that had

been confirmed and sent with amendment by Pyithu Hluttaw was then read by Daw Kyin Ngike Mann of Chin State constituency 7. In yesterday's meeting, reports by the Bill Committee on a bill amending the special marriage act that had been confirmed and sent with amendment by Pyithu Hluttaw and a bill amending the Myanmar divorce act were explained and read, and announcements to enroll for discussing the bills were also made. ■

Enforce timber law: MP

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In addition to the devastating impact on the environment and biodiversity, illegal logging and forestry crime also contribute to billions in lost tax revenues for governments.

China has long been one of the world's largest importers, consumers and exporters of wood-based products, according to Chatham House, a conservation group."

Between the years 2002 to 2017, one deputy administrator and eight people have been killed and 42 have been injured in Myanmar during investigations into illegal timber trading, said the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation.

Illegal logging is a significant problem in Myanmar, with poor governance, weak law enforcement and conflict hindering efforts to address the problem.

Union Minister U Ohn Win said his ministry cooperates with Forestry Departments in various states to apprehend illegal timber traders.

There were 15,243 cases in addition to 2,380 cases from the previous year in the 2016-2017

fiscal year and 16,355 of the cases were fully resolved which acquired Ks3.85 billion. There were 16,320 cases in the 2016-2017 fiscal year and 15,166 of the cases were fully resolved which acquired Ks 5.31 billion.

In other action in yesterday's Pyithu Hluttaw meeting, U Hla Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, replied to a question on loans given to members of Myanmar Economic Corporation (MEC) by U Htun Htun from Pwint Phyu Constituency.

The Deputy Minister said loans are given only to members of the corporation. Ten per cent from a loan of Ks100,000 is saved monthly and collected once every six months. Corporation members are charged an interest rate of 18 per cent a year. Members enjoy a benefit of 12 per cent of the savings. MEC administers loans for small and medium enterprises and gives out loans to farmers once every six months depending on the growing season.

Individuals interested in joining the MEC can register at the nearest MEC department and are required to deposit a set amount of money.

Following this, Dr. Pe Myint, Union Minister for Information, and Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw answered questions about including modern poetry as a category in the National Literature Award, drafting a law concerning conduct of literature talks, constructing floodgates in Mibu City and compensation plans for people who lost farmlands when Kapaung embankment broke. The Pyithu Hluttaw then discussed a premise for establishing a separate government TV channel for education and another premise urging government officials to effectively ban illegal mining of gold and amber in Tanaing and Phar Kant townships in Kachin State.

This was followed by Hluttaw representatives discussing reports by the Committee for Transportation, Communication and Construction and the Committee for Industrial Development. The Pyithu Hluttaw announced receiving the amended Bill for Canal Constructions sent by the Amyotha Hluttaw and MPs interested in discussing this can register their names.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Dr Win Myat Aye receives cash donation from the Bangladesh Ambassador to Myanmar. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister for SWRR accepts donation for storm shelters in Rakhine State, meets with UNICEF

A ceremony was held yesterday afternoon at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement meeting hall where Bangladesh donated US\$530,000 to construct storm shelters in Rakhine State.

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye accepted the donation and presented a document of honour to the Bangladesh ambassador to Myanmar.

In his speech of appreciation, the Union Minister said Myanmar is a country where storm shelters and life-saving high grounds are a necessity.

After Cyclone Nargis in 2008, 93 storm shelters were

built in Rakhine State and 25 were under construction while an additional 30 were in the pipeline, of which 4 will be built by the donation from Bangladesh.

Through this donation, not only will storm shelters be built, but mutual understanding will increase, said the Union Minister.

Afterward, the Union Minister met with a UNICEF delegation led by Child Protection Chief Mr. Aaron Greenberg in the ministry's Maykhalar hall. During the meeting, children's rights, adoption, exploitation of children and the status of amending the orphanage covenant were discussed.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Joint Coordination Committee on Hluttaw Development meets German delegation

Joint Coordination Committee on Hluttaw Development (JCC) met with a German delegation from Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) yesterday afternoon in Zabuthiri Building, Hluttaw compound where JCC Chairman and Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker

U T Khun Myat gave a speech of greeting.

At the meeting Hanns Seidel Foundation explained about future works with Myanmar hluttaw and meeting attendees discussed and confirmed the works. The meeting was at-

tended by JCC members, HSF Myanmar Country Representative Mr. Achim Munz and Mr. Henriette Kuehn, German Upper and Lower House experts Dr. Jochen Guekes and Dr. Sandra Michel.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Fight for freedom in theory as well as in practice

It would be consistent and proper for us to join the war for democratic freedom, only if we would likewise be assured that democratic freedom will occur in theory as well as in practice.

(Excerpt from the speech made by Bogoyoke Aung San at the meeting of East and West Association held on 29 August, 1945, at the City Hall of Yangon)

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Appointment of Security and Border Affairs Ministers

In accordance with the provisions stated in article 262 (a) (2), (b) (e) (f), article 264 (c) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and section 19 (c), section 82 (c) of Union Government Law and Section 8 (a) sub-section (2), (b) (f) (g), Section 56 (a) of Region or State Government Law, Colonel Kyaw Kyaw, Chin State Security and Border Affairs Minister and Colonel Soe Moe Aung, Shan State Security and Border Affairs Minister, have been returned to unit to perform the original military duties and replaced with the following persons whose names have been submitted by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) are hereby appointed as State Security and Border Affairs Ministers.

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| (1) Colonel Han Win Aung | Chin State Government |
| (2) Colonel Naing Win Aung | Shan State Government |

Sd/ Htin Kyaw
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A group of independent local and foreign journalists visit a village in Buthidaung, Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

Independent journalists visit in Buthidaung

A group of independent local and foreign journalists reached Buthidaung, Rakhine State on their way to Sittway, yesterday. A number of journalists went to Taungbazar village by boat from Buthidaung Township and visited neighboring villages.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Vice President U Henry Van Thio delivers the address at the ceremony to return seized land to farmers in Taze. **PHOTO: MNA**

Government returns seized land to farmers in Sagaing Region

The Union Government returned 738.99 acres of confiscated land to 239 farmers in Taze township, Sagaing Region in the presence of Vice President U Henry Van Thio.

The land is a part of 2,526 acres which have been returned to the Union Government, out of 3,726 acres which were used for a project of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

Speaking on the occasion in Taze, Shwebo District, yesterday, Vice President U Henry Van Thio expressed thanks to the Sagaing Region Government and committees concerned for their efforts for returning the land to the rightful owners.

The second event came about 14 months after a similar event in which more than 3,790 acres of land were returned to

228 farmers in Kantbalu Township, Sagaing Region, in March.

At the ceremony, Sagaing Region Chief Minister Dr Myint Naing, Sagaing Region Hluttaw's Speaker U Than, MPs and officials of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation presented farming rights certificates to the farmers.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Exports increase in Maungtau Border Trade Zone

By Myint Maung Soe &
Aung Kyaw Oo

Border trade in Maungtau, Rakhine State reached US\$1.75 million during the first three months of FY2017-2018, according to official statistics of the Maungtau Border Trade Zone.

Maungtau Border Trade Zone's imports from Bangla-



Workers carrying sack of rice in Maungtau Township. **PHOTO: MNA**

desh were banned after alleged insurgents killed nine Myanmar security troops in Rakhine.

While Bangladesh imports ceased, exports continued and in

June they were valued at an estimated \$881,000. Fish, rice, forest products and finished industrial goods are Myanmar's main export products to Bangladesh. ■

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits Eastern Naval Command of India

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party who were in India were invited to a dinner hosted by Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Eastern Naval Command Vice Admiral HCS Bisht on 12 July.

Earlier in the day member of the Tatmadaw delegation Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services visited the Navy Wife Welfare Association (NWWA) of Eastern Naval Command and made a cash donation to a school for handicapped children ran by the NWWA.

Yesterday morning, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party toured the Navy training school in Visakhapatnam and met with Myanmar Tatmadaw (Navy) officers and troops attending the school.

In the afternoon, the



Indian navy officers explaining about the school to Senior General Min Aung Hlaing. **PHOTO: MNA**

Senior General and party left Visakhapatnam by Indian military plane and arrived to New Delhi in the evening where

they were welcomed by Myanmar ambassador to India U Maung Wai and wife and Rear Admiral Dhiren Vig, Assistant

Chief of Naval Staff (Foreign Cooperation and Intelligence), Indian Navy. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Three murder suspects arrested in Buthidaung

THREE suspected of involvement in the 3 July murder of two villagers by a gang of about 10 men in Yin Ma Chaung Taung (South) village, Buthidaung were arrested early this week.

After conducting an investi-

gation, security forces arrested Swe Yauk Duraman and Haroon on Sunday and Abdul Yaw Zaw Yin Mar on Tuesday on suspicion of involvement in the 3 July murder case. All were from Yin Ma Chaung Taung (South) vil-

lage. A case against the three suspects was opened in the Taung Bazar Police Station and the police are continuing the investigation to apprehend the remaining murderers. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Highway robbery on Yangon-Mandalay road

U Ba Gyan and Ko Naing Win were driving back from Meiktila to Yangon when their car broke down between mile post 176/4 and 176/5 on Yangon-Manda-

lay road and were then robbed by three persons with swords yesterday morning at 5 a.m. The robbers fled with Ks 5 million, 3 ticals (16.32 gm/tical)

of gold, and an iphone. A case was opened later in the day at Thagaya highway police station to apprehend the robbers. —Than Oo (Laymyetna) ■

Suspects of stabbing and bike stealing arrested

Five men were arrested in Myitkyina, Kachin State who are suspected of stabbing a man and stealing his motorbike.

On Tuesday, U Maran Gwanlar, of Yuzana Quarter, Myitkyina was stabbed and robbed of his motorbike by unknown young men, after he stopped to throw away rubbish in a designated place at about 11:30 pm.

Security forces under the supervision of the head of the Kachin State Police Force

searched for the robbers and arrested three men in a beer station, namely Aung Kyaw Win, 18, Min Zaw Oo, 18 and Aung Pyay, 17, all residents of Alekone ward, Myitkyina.

According to their confession, a group of five including Pauk Sa, 18, and Moe Min Latt, 20, were at a park in Yuzana ward when one man came to throw away rubbish. Moe Min Latt threw a stone at the man, who responded with abusive

words before driving away, according to the confession. The group chased the man and caught him, at which point Aung Pyay stabbed U Maran Gwanlar with a dagger, absconding with the motorbike.

Local police forces found the remaining two, arresting them and finding daggers that may have been used in the crime along with the stolen motorbike. Legal actions have been taken against the five men. —MPF ■

Herbal medicine shops struggle to keep their trade alive

Herbal medicine sellers in Myanmar are struggling to keep their profession alive and to pass on traditional medicinal knowledge to the next generation, according to a report of Myawady newspaper yesterday.

"Only family-owned businesses can survive in this field. Herbal medicine shops are now rare in Yangon," according to Daw Kyi Lay, a Myanmar official material shopkeeper in Yangon.

Hledan market now has only two herbal medicine shops, but it had five shops in the past.

Traditional medicine suppliers said Myanmar herbal remedies are natural, beneficial to health and rarely have harmful side effects.

Many people go to herbal medicine shops for cooking spices.—GNLM ■

Ms. Yanghee Lee and party visit relief camps in Sittway

The UN delegation led by Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar Ms. Yanghee Lee arrived to Sittway yesterday at 10:00 am after departing from Buthidaung on boat.

Ms. Yanghee Lee and party met with Muslims at a madrasa in Aung Mingalar ward, Sittway. In the afternoon, the UN delegation toured That Kal Pyin Relief Camp in Sittway and met with Muslims in the camp.

Afterwards, the UN delegation left for Yangon by air. In Yangon, they went to Myanmar Press Council and met with officials. Ms. Yanghee Lee's questions on performance of the media council, difficulties faced



Ms Yanghee Lee and delegation arrive Sittway Airport. PHOTO: MNA

by media personnel and cases against media personnel were answered by Myanmar Press Council Vice Chairman 1 U Aung Hla Tun, Vice Chairman 2 Dr.

Myo Thant Tin and secretary U Thiha Saw. This is the third meeting between Ms. Yanghee Lee and Myanmar Press Council. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Two men with knives arrested in Maungtaw

Security forces arrested two men holding knives in Maungtaw Township on 12 July, according to a report by Myanmar Police Force yesterday. While security

forces were patrolling a road near Shwe Zar Ale village, Maungtaw Township at 8:20 pm on Wednesday, El Fam and El Karan were found to be in possession of

knives and were arrested.

The two remain under investigation at the Pyinpyu police station.—Myanmar News Agency ■

PRESS RELEASE

Diplomatic Relations Established between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Seychelles

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Seychelles, desirous of establishing friendly ties and cooperation guided by the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the norms of International Law in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, have established diplomatic relations at the level of Ambassadors, with effect from 12 July 2017.

The Joint Communiqué on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations was signed by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations and the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations in New York on 12 July 2017. The Republic of Seychelles is the 121st country with which Myanmar has established diplomatic relations. Ministry of Foreign Affairs ■

U Tha Aung Nyun presents Credentials to President of Fiji

U Tha Aung Nyun, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Fiji, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konusi Konrote, CF, OF(Mil), MC, SBSt.J, MSD, OMRI, NOC, President of the Republic of Fiji on 11 July 2017, in Suva.—Ministry of Foreign Affairs ■

Under July Rain-drops

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The then imagined Myanmar

What Bogyoke Aung San and our leaders hoped for is to create a happy, strong and modernized country in free and new Myanmar which will come out of national solidarity.

Modern political doctrines Bogyoke formed in his mind over 70 years ago are still new and are being implemented until now.

In making effort for national solidarity at the present time, ways of finding solutions of political issues through negotiation by taking lessons from the past experiences and means of peaceful solution by working for a common cause, after setting aside differences were being seen.

Nowadays, plans are being made to lessen the gap of progress between our national ethnic people, to improve transport and socio-economic sectors, as much as possible. It is like “an elephant in a

living room” to have implemented policies expected for by Bogyoke and martyrs.

It wholly depends upon strong enthusiasm of national brethren, all participation, leaders' broadmindedness and firm determination to serve in the interest of the nation and nationals.

Ways, means and Discipline

As regards discipline, we have many guidance mottos: “Only if discipline is to be kept, will we improve.” “Discipline is Man's Value,” and so on. Yet, people love what Bogyoke said bluntly, like when they read and smile when they smile.

“If you want Independence, you keep disciplines and unity which will bring about independence, and you build up yourselves. After that, you need to abide by discipline in working. I hereby want to say that you are required to change what needs to be changed, to change your blankety-blank habits.”

Bogyoke's speeches were as if high-lighting us desirous of getting democratic

rights that we need to keep discipline which deservedly will bring about democracy.

We should shape our country, Myanmar

Myanmar nationals managed to stand tall with their own traditions and culture. We originally possessed the good habits of safeguarding our races, religions and our own language. We have patriotism, nationalism in us. And we have natural talents each.

It is our inborn rights for the whole national brethren to contribute our labour for peace, stability and development of the Union—like a dwelling abode.

Now is the time for us to practically implement shaping our country as hoped and imagined by our martyrs. To put it simply, it lagged behind much to have started. We should relay the duty of shaping future for new generations. Especially, we should exert our concerted efforts to bring about prospects of peace in 2017—year of peace.

Resolution on Martyrs' Day

Presently we are performing the task of building up a new nation together with the people with a view to bringing about peace and stability of the nation and developing socio-economic life of the whole populace.

Let us build the national solidarity based on union spirit and establish the democratic country which will result in national benefits with firm determinations that “we must get national solidarity” and “We must be successful in establishing democracy in accord with discipline.”

Only if these can be fulfilled, will our leaders—Bogyoke and martyrs be able respond to sending our meritorious deeds to them by saying “Well-done, well-done, well-done,” from their present existences, and on the other hand, we can reciprocate their gratitude. July rain is continuing to rain.

Translated by Khin Maung Oo (Tada-U) ■

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