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Independent journalists tour Buthidaung, Maungtau

Journalists representing local and foreign media visited Tinmay Village, Buthidaung Township yesterday, gathering information on the aftermath of the deadly 9 October attacks on border patrol outposts that killed nine police officers and sparked months of security clearance operations. The reporters arrived in Rakhine State on Wednesday and will leave tomorrow. **PHOTO: MNA**



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Myanmar to join Paris accord

Hluttaw approves inclusion in climate change agreement

By Kyaw Thu Htet & Mi Mi Phyo (MNA)

MYANMAR will become a member of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and another international environmental organisation dedicated to mitigate global warming.

U Ohn Win, Union Minister for Natural Resources and En-

vironmental Conservation, has proposed for Myanmar to become a member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), a move that would provide benefits for the country in preserving its natural resources.

The proposal to join the IUCN was made in yesterday's meeting of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw, with U Nay Htet Win of Sinbaungwe constituency, U Zarni Min of Shwegu constituency and Dr. Aung Khin of Pyin Oo Lwin constituency supporting the action.

There were no objections against the proposal and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced the agreement of the hluttaw for Myanmar to become

a member of IUCN and to pay its annual fee.

Dr. San Shwe Win of Yekyi constituency, U Myint Lwin of Twantay constituency, Dr. Daw Khin Sithu of Loikaw, Daw Mi Kun Chan of Paung constituency and Dr. Aung Khin of Pyin Oo Lwin constituency then discussed

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LOCAL BUSINESS
UMFCCI to submit suggestion to improve Myanmar's economy in coming 12 months

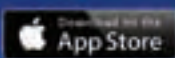
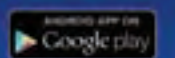
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French National Day held in Yangon

Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi and Daw San San Yu was welcomed by Mr. Olivier Richard, Ambassador of France at the ceremony in commemoration of the Anniversary of the National Day of France was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Novotal Yangon Max Hotel in Yangon on 14 July. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

Human Rights Rapporteur holds talks with Myanmar Human Rights Commission

An UN delegation led by Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar Ms. Yanghee Lee held a meeting with members of the Myanmar Human Rights Commission in Yangon yesterday.

Following the meeting, she went to Lashio by air and met with local authorities.



Ms. Yanghee Lee meets with members of the Myanmar Human Rights Commission in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

At the meeting, she looked into the regional security, freedom of press, security for the internally displaced persons, regional development and land

mines clearance work in Shan State.

In the evening, she visited Laship Prison.—Myanmar News Agency

FDA to support technical and mechanical assistance to test dye in green tea

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will provide technical assistance and machinery to local green tea sellers who are selling green tea in which dye is added, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

Some of the green tea traders are using yellow dye that is prohibited by the FDA. The FDA

is providing technical and mechanical assistance to conduct tests on the spot.

“The yellow dye mostly found in green tea is not fit for human consumption. The green tea traders want technical assistance and machinery from the FDA”, said Dr. Tun Lin Aung, the deputy director of FDA.

The FDA will sell the test tube machinery to the local green tea traders. The FDA will also demonstrate how the machinery should be used and handled. Moreover, the FDA will give an FDA certificate after the green tea traders test their product with the proper machinery.—GNLM ■

Sayagyi U Razak

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He taught English and Pali, the classical language of Buddhism. Recognising the importance of English in colonial times and when the country attain its independence, and also to refute the reputation that national schools were weak in English, he enacted a rule that all students must spoke in English except in the Burmese/Myanmar and Pali classes. His knowledge of Pali was also profound and came in useful during the Second World War when he could explain the young novices and monks in Mingun studying the Buddhist scriptures of what they were learning as Sayagyi and his family took refuge in a monastery in Mingun.

Sayagyi also believed in the need for a well-rounded education, promoting the physical development of the young people –

his favourite sports being boxing, nurturing the future champion, Tiger Ba Nyein amongst others. He also established a boxing club and hired a professional coach to teach the techniques of boxing and sportsmanship systematically as one of his ambitions was to train his students to fight against the authority figures (like police, military, etc.) in the arena of a boxing ring – instilling the spirit of standing up against the authorities when required, and the practice of a fair fight.

He also founded the Yedat, a volunteer corps for paramilitary training in preparation for a future armed struggle for national liberation. It was an inspiring sight to watch him in uniform leading his corps in parades. His students were later found to be at the core of successive military establishments, such as BIA: Bur-

ma Independence Army, BDA: Burma Defence Army and BNA: Burma National Army. They also provided the leadership in the Resistance in many areas in Upper Burma/Myanmar against the Japanese later.

A major achievement during his short tenure as the Minister of Education was to lay the foundation and start the process of establishing a future University in Mandalay. He entrusted the project to U Ko Lay, the future Vice Chancellor of the University of Mandalay to start higher learning in Mandalay without further delay even if not all the bricks were in place. He adopted the principle of not allowing “the best be the enemy of the good”, Sayagyi U Razak and Sayagyi U Ko Lay were the tow architects of the first University for Upper Burma Myanmar, providing access to higher learning to the northern half of the country with its roots in Mandalay, the centre of national culture.

Sayagyi was loved and respected by his students, their parents and the community as a whole. They loved him for his integrity and sacrifice, fairness and generosity, kindness and care, foresight and leadership, and inspiration. And not least, they also remember the cane to instill discipline. I was with Dr Kaung Zan, one of Sayagyi’s students, in London in the 1950’s doing our graduate work in the same college, Imperial College of Science and Technology (at the time, medicine had not yet been added). Dr Kaung Zan was doing research in plant pathology and he became Chief Agriculture Research Officer in Burma/Myanmar. He later joined the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in the Philippines, serving in several duty stations around the world. Whenever we reminisced in the college about our younger days, two persons would invariably dominate his observations, Sayagyi and his

(Dr Kaung Zan’s) future wife, Thet Thet. He attributed his achievements to the training and discipline instilled by his Sayagyi. Sayagyi was a leader of man with a vision for the future. He foresaw what would be needed in a newly independent country and started preparing its young people for it. Alas, the good die young. He was only 49 when he died. ■

The author is former Professor of Geology, Director of Universities, Permanent Secretary of Education, Deputy Minister of Education, Minister of Mines and Ambassador to Australia and New Zealand. He later joined UNICEF as its Director of Programmes. On his retirement, he served as Clinical Professor of Public Health in the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and also as a member of the Board of Directors in several international non-profit organizations.

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