Special Rapporteur Ms. Yanghee Lee holds talks with Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe. **PHOTO: MNA**

UN Rapporteur meets Union ministers

Ms. Yanghee Lee, Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar, spoke with Union ministers and officials yesterday in a series of meetings.

Ms. Yanghee Lee called on Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe at 9 a.m., Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Permanent Secretary U Soe Aung at 10 a.m., Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi at 11 a.m. and Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Aung at 2 p.m.

In the meeting with Union Minister U Thein Swe, matters relating to national verification work in Rakhine State, the status of eradicating child labour and forced labour and related education work were discussed. In the meeting with Permanent Secretary U Soe Aung, relief and rehabilitation work in areas affected by Cyclone Mora, preventive works on violence against women and assistance to internally displaced people in the Tanaing area were discussed. Increasing opportunities to acquire education, implementation of free basic education, education for all, basic education works, extra-curricular primary education, education for children of migrant workers, opportunities for university education and life-long education matters were discussed in the meeting with Union Minister Dr. Myo Thein Gyi. During the meeting with Union Minister Lt-Gen Ye Aung, education, health, transport, communication, basic infrastructure and human resources development processes in Rakhine State were discussed. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Vice President leaves for New York via Seoul, Korea

Vice President U Henry Van Thio yesterday morning arrived at Seoul, the Republic of Korea, while on his way to New York to attend the 3rd UN Special Thematic Session on Water and Disasters to be held in New York, on 17 July.

The Delegation headed by the Vice President was welcomed at the Incheon International Airport by Thura U Thet Oo Maung, Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of Korea and officials. The Myanmar delegation continued their journey by air and left for New York at 10:00 am Local Standard Time. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Myanmar Gazette

Appointment of Heads of service organizations

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on the expiry of one-year probationary period from the date they assume charge of their duties.

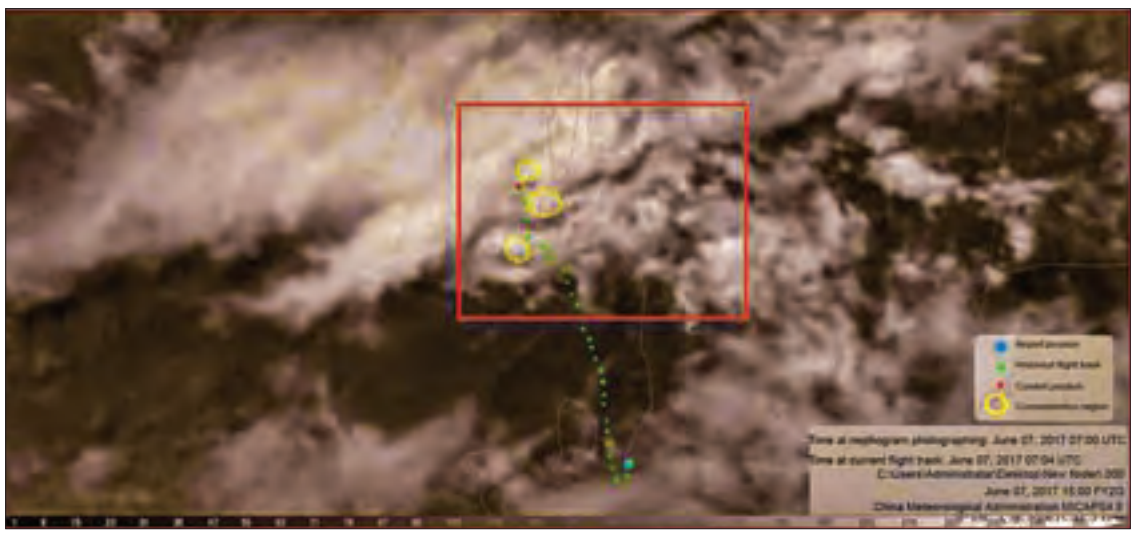
Name	Appointment
(1) U Zaw Win	Managing Director Inland Water Transport Ministry of Transport and Communications
(2) U Khin Maung Tun	Managing Director Myanma Posts and Telecommunications Ministry of Transport and Communications

Transport plane crashed due to adverse weather: investigators

The military transport plane that disappeared on 7 June with 122 on board crashed after losing control during adverse weather conditions, according to an investigation and analysis by the Tatmadaw of the flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder.

No survivors have been found, but scores of bodies were found in the weeks following the crash. The Y-8 model plane was flying from Myeik to Yangon on 7 June when contact was lost soon after takeoff from Dawei airport at 1:55 pm about 43 miles southwest of Dawei. By 2 pm military planes, naval vessels and ground forces together with privately owned fishing boats and civilians conducted daily search and rescue operations and found the tail section of the plane with the flight data recorder (FDR) and cockpit voice recorder (CVR), collectively referred to as the "black box", on 18 June.

A third-party joint investigative group was formed with Brigadier General (Air) Htin Lin, Lieutenant Colonel (Air) Zaw Lin Aung and experts from Tatmadaw (Air), Myanmar Accident/Incident Investigation Bureau (MAIB) of the Department of Civil Aviation (DCA) Deputy Director U Aung Maw, Maj. David Andrew Wade and Mr. David Hilton of Australia Directorate of Defence Aviation and Air Force Safety (DDAAFS). The joint investigation group met with representatives of the China National Aero-Technology Import & Export Corporation (CATIC) on 30 June in Yangon.



Visible Cloud Image With Flight Path.

The joint investigation group then travelled in Xian, China on 5 July and downloaded the data from the FDR and CVR on 6 July. The downloaded data was then converted into a readable format, officials said. The OEM company Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC) Qianshan Avionis Co. then officially transferred the data to the joint investigation group on 7 July. This data as well as the CVR that shows voice communication of the air crew was reviewed thoroughly from 8 to 14 July.

Based on the FDR recordings, it was concluded that there was no equipment malfunction of any part of the plane up to 1:32 pm local time. According to FDR and CVR records, while en route from Myeik airport to Yangon airport, the wind speed increased gradually from 9 nautical miles (16.7 km) per hour to 44 mile (81.5 km), at which time the heating system to heat both wings was activated in order to fly through the clouds. Within the short time span of flying time between 1 hour, 30 minutes, 18 seconds to 1 hour, 31 minutes, 22 seconds, an alarm was triggered indicating icing in the aircraft engine air intake.

Between the flying time of 1 hour, 31 minutes and 50 seconds and 1 hour, 32 minutes and 10 second, a cross wind from the left side of the aircraft increased from 9 miles (16.7 km) to 48 miles (88.9 km) per hour, causing the aircraft drift angle deviate 3 to 15.8 degrees from the flight path. The irregular weather conditions and the sudden increase in cross wind increased the still speed, the data indicated. This was found to be the main reason for loss of control, officials said. Based on the weather report and the FDR and CVR data, the accident occurred due to loss of control after experiencing adverse weather that caused the plane to stall, or lose the ability to attain lift, resulting in a spin, also known as a nose dive. The pilot was unable to recover control, according to investigators.

The third party including Australian technicians joint investigation group conducted the investigation according to International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 13 protocol and concluded that the aircraft had crashed from loss of control due to adverse weather condition, and not from any act of sabotage, explosion or engine failure. —Myanmar News Agency ■

UN in Rakhine "not constructive": National Security Advisor

National Security Advisor U Thaung Tun briefs on the status of implementation on the recommendations contained in the Interim Report of the Rakhine Advisory Commission at National Reconciliation and Peace Centre in Yangon. **PHOTO: GNLM/PHOE KHWAR**

THE National Security Advisor told diplomats yesterday that a UN mission looking into allegations of abuses against the Tatmadaw would only "aggravate" troubles in the western part of Rakhine.

Myanmar has declined to grant visas to three experts appointed by the United Nations in May to look into allegations of abuses against the Tatmadaw.

Last week, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations in New York, Nikki Haley, called on Myanmar to accept the mission, which was mandated in a Human Rights Council resolution.

"We dissociated ourselves from the decision because we found that it was less than constructive," National Security Advisor U Thaung Tun said yesterday, speaking to UN officials and diplomats, including US Ambassador Scot Marciel.

The decision of other countries - including China and India - to join Myanmar in distancing themselves from the resolution was a "principled stand", U Thaung Tun said.

"We feel that that mission can only aggravate the situation on the ground," he said.

At the briefing of the diplomatic corps and representatives of the UN Specialized Agencies at the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre in Yangon yesterday by Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe and U Thaung Tun confirmed that since October 2016, 44 civilians have been murdered and 27 abducted in northern Rakhine. He said that there is evidence of increasing terrorist activities in the area. On 20 June, the military uncovered a tunnel, guns, and a training camp in the Mayu mountain range.

U Thaung Tun said progress is being made by the government toward building durable peace and sustainable development in Rakhine State.

The progress includes humanitarian aid now reaching 95 per cent of the affected areas, development assistance reaching both Muslim and Buddhist communities, mobile clinics which have treated over 100,000 people, the upgrading of 300 schools across Rakhine, and the provision of jobs and career training for thousands of people.

But while the government has achieved a great deal, U Thaung Tun said, there are difficulties that can not be overcome in a short time, including subversive actions by insurgents.

U Thaung Tun said Myanmar had a "clear right to defend the country by lawful means" as it tackles "increasing terrorist activities".— Reuters, Myanmar News Agency ■

Traders urge to upgrade Maungtaw-Angumaw Road

By Myint Maung Soe/ Aung Kyaw Oo

Local traders in Maungtaw Township have urged the authorities to upgrade Maungtaw-Angumaw Road in order to support the trade between Yangon and Bangladesh.

"If the road is upgraded to a concrete one, we can cut the travel time between Sittway and Maungtaw," said Chairman of the Maungtaw Industrial Zone U Aung Myint Thein, " It would also help boosting trading and development in the region." As the road is linking Sittway and Angumaw, fish from Yangon can be exported to Bangladesh via Sittway with the use of the road and sea crabs from Rakhine State can also be exported to China, according to traders.

There are two roads, Buthidaung route and Angumaw route between Sittway and Maungtaw townships.

Most people are using the Buthidaung road to go to Maungtaw from Sittway. It takes nearly six hours by boat and car.

Angumaw road takes nearly three hours only in favorable season. During the rainy season, it can take more. Departmental officials and businessmen are using now the Angumaw road more than the Buthidaung road. If the Angumaw passage is upgraded to a concrete road, it would be better for the travellers", said U Aung Myint Thein, chairman of Maungtaw Trade Zone.

Maungtaw-Angumaw road is a 49.3 furlong (9.83km) long and is concrete surfaced up to Udoung with the remaining being gravel surfaced.

Angumaw jetty was constructed by Bridges Asia Japan (BAJ) in 2005. Angumaw to Sittway is an hour trip on a boat.

At present, departmental officials and businessmen are mostly using the Maungtaw-Angumaw route. ■

Democracy film festival to commemorate World Democracy Day

A work committee meeting to organize a democracy film festival in commemoration of World Democracy Day was held yesterday in Myanmar Radio and Television meeting room on Pyay Road, Yangon.

Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint delivers speech at the meeting to organize a democracy film festival in commemoration of World Democracy Day in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

In the meeting, Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint discussed on including five movies in the democracy film festival and to ensure that the movies are suitable for the current movie era, coordination and determining the show time of the movies in the cinema halls as well as including theatrical performances and entertainments.

Afterward, Myanmar Motion Picture Association patrons Bagyi (Art) Soe Moe and U Aung Lwin, movie show coordination committee chairman U Zaw Min, officials of Forever Group Co., Ltd and JCGV Movie Group (Shwe Taung Company Limited), Myanmar Radio and Television Director-General U Myint Htwe and attendees discussed on determining the location of the film festival, the movies to be shown, the theme song of the film festival and determining the logo.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks of the Union Minister.

The Democracy Film Festival will be held from 15 to 21 September and during the festival periods the five movies will be shown simultaneously at cinema halls in Yangon, Mandalay, Myitkyina, Taunggyi, Mawlamyine and Pathein.

During the festival days, entertainment programs such as theatrical performances, traditional dances, plays and dramas will be performed at Yangon and Mandalay National Theatres.— Myanmar News Agency ■

Six men arrested on suspicion Maungtaw Township killing

MYANMAR security forces arrested six men on Sunday in connection with an alleged murder in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State in June.

The suspects were found in Gaung Nyar village and arrested in connection with the death of Abdul Nasir. The men are being held at Pyin Phyu police station for further investigation.—Myanmar News Agency ■

50,000 Yaba pills seized in Maungtaw

Security forces discovered about 50,000 amphetamine pills in Maungtaw on 17th July and arrested six suspects on suspicion of drug trafficking.

The forces found the drug hidden in a rice storage during the search of a house owned by Sirazu Ramok in Myinlut Ward, Maungtaw Township, seizing the drug worth Ks99 million, four motorcycles, six mobile phones and Ks105,200. Five people including Harzi Darkhartu, 40, wife of Sirazu Ramok and Karlma, 46, from Thawunchaung Village were also found in the house.

The six have been charged with the drug trafficking.— Myanmar News Agency ■

Martyrs' Day Martyr's Spirit

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Ministers U Ba Gyan, U Aung Zan Wai and Pyawbwe U Mya survived the attack.

On the same day, Galon U Saw's home was searched on suspicion of involvement in the killings by a squad led by Company Commander Lieutenant Thein Han. During the search, U Saw's perpetrators fought back, but finally U Saw and 20 men were arrested.

After interrogations, U Saw, who masterminded the assassinations, and his accomplices Maung Soe, Thet Hnin, Maung Sein, Yan Gyi Aung, Thu Kha, Khin Maung Yin, Maung Ni, Hmon Gyi and Ba Nyunt were brought to the court. Later Ba Nyunt became the government witness during the trial.

The tribunal sentenced U Saw and his perpetrators to death. Later, the death sentence of Thu Kha, Khin Maung Yin and Maung Ni were commuted to life imprisonment.

In accordance with the judgment passed by the Supreme Court, U Saw, Hmon Gyi, Maung Soe and Thet Hnin were hanged inside Rangoon's Insein Prison on 8 May 1948.

Not only Myanmar, but also international communities mourned the assassinations of General Aung San and other leaders.

The assassination of General Aung San and other leaders was one of the ugliest incidents in Myanmar's history and a big loss for the country and its people.

"Dullabho purisājañño – na so sabbattha jāyati;
Yattha so jāyati dhīro – tam kulam sukhamedhati."

"The birth of the best of men, the martyr, is very rare; such a person is not born every day. When such a wise hero is born, the entire clan flourishes in happiness."

Assuming that kind of martyr, endowed with broad-minded, worldly vision is born to a country, a region or a race, the place or the race into which the martyr comes into existence will be blessed and prosperous, for certain.

General Aung San and the national leaders who died with him are the Martyrs of Myanmar. Such kinds of heroes emerged in Myanmar.

Due to terrorist attack that accomplished only death without any attempt to seize political power through people's support, we lost some of Myanmar's great leaders. It is an event that should be mourned, because it can never be erased from our memories.

The spirit of a martyr is endowed with the virtues of physical and mental strength, broad-minded, worldly vision, purity of mind and character, and firm resolution to sacrifice one's life for the sake of the people.

Let us try our best for the myriad of youths with the martyr's spirit to emerge in Myanmar!

9th July 2017

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(Translated by U Khin Maung Win and Aye Min Soe)

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(18 July, 2017)

Defence Services Personnel representative from Amyotha Hluttaw substituted

According to a request made in accordance with Section 33 of the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law to substitute a representative of the Armed forces who was a parliamentarian, nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in the second multi-party general election held on 8 November 2015, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following Amyotha Hluttaw representative shown on the left column under the Notification 2/2016 of the commission dated 18-1-2016 with the person shown on the right column.

(1)	Air 1791	BC 19490
	Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe Oo	Brig-Gen Tint Lwin

By order,
(Tin Tun)
Secretary
Union Election Commission

PRESS RELEASE

U Maung Maung Lynn presents Credentials to the President of Cyprus

U Maung Maung Lynn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Cyprus, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr. Nicos Anastasiades, President of the Republic of Cyprus on 13 July 2017, in Nicosia.— Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Political party permitted to register

It is hereby announced that the Rakhine League for Democracy headquartered at No. 304/332, Bayintnaung Road, Ward No.2 in Hlaing Township, Yangon Region, has been permitted to register as a political party in accordance with Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law on 18 July 2017.

The registration number of the Rakhine League for Democracy Party is 103.

By order,
(Tin Tun)
Secretary
Union Election Commission

U Zaw Myint Pe the secretary of Maungtaw Investigation Commission receives UN Special Rapporteur

U Zaw Myint Pe, the secretary of Maungtaw Investigation Commission received Ms. Yanghee Lee, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar at the Hall of President Office, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

U Zaw Myint Pe and Ms. Lee discussed the commission's activities.

Also present at the meeting were commission members U Zaw Win, Dr. Daw Thet Thet Zin and Daw Kyein Ngai Man. —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