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Vice President U Henry Van Thio arrived back Yangon from New York yesterday after he has attended the 3rd UN Special Thematic Session on Water and Disasters held in New York.

The Vice President and party were welcomed back at the Yangon International Airport by Yangon Mayor U

Maung Maung Soe, Yangon Region Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Aung Soe Moe, Deputy director-general of Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Zaw Tun Oo, officials from Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Scot Marciel and officials. — Myanmar News Agency ■

MoU signed for cooperation of agronomics service centers projects

MoU signing ceremony between Myanmar Rice Association, Myanmar Agronomics Public Corporation Ltd. and CITIC Construction Co., Ltd. was held at Nay Pyi Taw Thingaha Hotel at 4 pm of 21st July for implementation of agronomics service centers projects. Dr Aung Thu, Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Dr Than Myint, Union Minister for Commerce

and Chinese Commercial Attache to Myanmar Mr C Gunshan attended the ceremony.

U Ye Min Aung from Myanmar Rice Association, Myanmar Agronomics Public Corporation Ltd and Chairman of China CITIC Construction Co., Ltd. Mr. Chin Shaung Kya inked the MoU of cooperation for Agronomics Service Centers Projects Implementation. The project is targeted to

increase in per acre production rate, to support the increase in individual income of the farmers, to mitigate production cost, to acquire the good price, to increase internal and external investment in rice production, milling and trading, to enhance the quality of rice, to conserve the natural environment and to ensure the consumers' safety, it was learnt. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Signing ceremony in progress. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

Maungdaw in Rakhine State to get highway bus terminal

Maungdaw will get a highway bus terminal as the town's incoming and outgoing traffic volume is growing, according to an official.

We have already submitted the name of the contractor we have selected through tender to Rakhine State government. The

construction work will start under the directive of the regional government, said deputy director U Maung Tin Oo of the town municipal.

The land management committee has already allotted a 16-acre plot for the purpose, he added. The town municipal

invited participation of the company as the cost of the project is much higher than its budget ceiling of Ks 50 million for a project. The terminal will be completed with all the requirements such as shops, hostels, food stalls, parking lots and toilets. —Myint Maung Soe/Aung Kyaw Oo ■

First private-run pharmaceutical factory starts operation

The first private-run pharmaceutical factory in Myanmar started operation under the Good Manufacturing Practice-GMP yesterday morning in Yangon. Run by Pacific Medical Industries-PMI on a 16630-squaremetre plot the factory includes a two-story quality control lab to ensure the GMP, engineer office and stores for hazardous goods.

In April this year, PMI got the recommendation from Food and Drug Administration-FDA to officially run the factory designed to prevent environmental contamination and facilitate sanitation and germ clearing processes.

The production lines have

Air Handling Units-AHUs for proper ventilation, and the manufacturing facilities for powered drugs have airlocks to prevent outside air from coming into them. The factory was put into service in the presence of Union Minister for Industry U Khin Maung Cho, Chairman of the Peace Commission Dr. Tin Myo Win, Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, members of Yangon Region cabinet and others.

The private drug factory located in Dagon Seikkan Township, Yangon, is expected to fulfill the local drug demand to a certain degree.

—Maung Maung Win ■



Union Minister U Khin Maung Cho and officials at the opening of private-run pharmaceutical factory. **PHOTO: MAUNG MAUNG WIN**

31 suspects arrested in Maungtaw Tsp

A combined team comprising members of the security force detained 31 suspects in Maungtaw Township on 22 July.

The team acting on information that terrorists were holding a secret meeting in Kyauk Hlaykha Village, Area 6 in the township, made a check in the village and arrested 31 persons including 25-year-old Sway Talaung who did not meet the requirements of the household list.

Saya Mauk a 27-year-old man of Mingalagyi Village of the 31 suspects holding the secret meeting at the house of his elder sister Sura Bekhaung tried to attack the team members with a 14-inch knife. He was overpowered and arrested together with the weapon. The suspects are under legal examination to ascertain whether they are connected with any terrorist organization. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Documentary photos show 31 suspects arrested in Maungtaw Township on 22 July, 2017. **PHOTO: STATE COUNSELLOR OFFICE INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Panda cub at Tokyo zoo growing well, can now crawl on its own

TOKYO — A female panda cub born last month at a Tokyo zoo is growing well and can now crawl, as well as move its head from side to side, zoo officials said Sunday.

The giant panda cub has drawn public attention since its birth at the Ueno Zoological Gardens on 12 June. It is the first panda cub born there since 2012. The zoo has been closely monitoring the growth of the cub, whose birth was

celebrated in Japan as well as China.

The cub weighed 1,656.5 grams and was 34.1 centimeters long in a checkup on Saturday, which marked 40 days since its birth, the zoo said, adding the cub can also slightly open its eyes.

The zoo also said the cub was seen crawling from 17 July and two days later, and has hair growing from its limbs.

The cub was born to moth-

er Shin Shin and father Ri Ri. Their previous cub died in 2012, less than a week after its birth at Japan's oldest zoo, which opened in 1882. According to the zoo, the 12-year-old mother panda is breastfeeding the cub and helping it discharge waste.

"The mother appears to be stable in rearing its cub," said Mikako Kaneko, a zoo official. The zoo will continue monitoring the mother and cub round the clock. —Kyodo News ■

Missing villager found dead in Buthidaung Township

A missing villager was found dead on 22 July night in Buthidaung Township after a search that started soon after his disappearance was noticed.

The missing person, Raw Shee (53) of Maunggyi Taung Village left his house to work in his crop field two miles from

the village at about 7 am on that day. As he failed to come back home his family and villagers made a search and found his body near his field at about 10 pm. He died of cuts in the neck. Security forces have opened a case. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Hidden suspect arrested in Maungtaw Township

A suspect hidden in dark was arrested by residents in the ward and sent to the police station in Maungtaw Township at night of 21 July, according to yesterday report of Myanmar News Agency.

Ji Yar Man, 18, son of Adu Yaw Kain from Shwe Zarr

Gone Nar village hid in dark of Ye Paw restaurant in Myoma north ward. The residents found and sent him to Myoma police station as he resisted them.

The suspect is being investigated under the law. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Illegal good deterred at Yaypu and Mayanchaung check points

A combined team comprised of officers and staff from the departments concerned is checking for illegal goods at Yaypu and Mayanchaung checkpoints which were reopened on 1 March, according to a report.

There were 587 exported vehicles and 556 imported vehicles along Mandalay-Muse Pyidaungsu road as well as 52 exported vehicles and 122 imported vehicles along

Yangon- Myawady road to on 22 July.

The combined team is checking at Yaypu and Mayanchaung inspection gate. They stopped and searched the 12 wheels at the Mayanchaung inspection gate and seized the illegal goods, Brake Fluid (1116kg) and Grease (2333 kg), estimated worth Ks 7.529 million as they have no official documents. —GNLM ■

21 fall ill after drinking toxic tea in northern India

NEW DELHI — At least 21 people have fallen ill after drinking toxic tea at a beverage stall in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, a police official said Sunday.

"The incident took place in the state's Mirzapur district. After consuming the tea from the roadside stall, the victims complained of uneasiness and started vomiting, following

which they were soon rushed to a local health centre," he said.

Three of the victims are said to be in critical condition and have been referred to Varanasi Trauma Centre in the holy town of Varanasi for treatment, the official said.

"A probe has been ordered into the incident and tea samples from the stall have been sent for testing to ascertain what

caused the poisoning. A manhunt has also been launched to track down the owner of the tea stall who fled after reports of poisoning in his beverage," he added.

Tea or chai (in Hindi and most other Indian languages) is India's most favourite drink. And thousands of roadside joints sell the beverage across India. —Xinhua ■

Vehicle accidents on the Yangon-Mandalay highway

A Shwe Sin Setkyer Express bus carrying 50 people on the Yangon-Mandalay highway crashed yesterday before dawn and caused no injuries or fatalities.

The bus collided with the center guardrail near mile marker 248/2.

Later in the day, a Daihatsu Hijet vehicle headed

to Mandalay from Nay Pyi Taw on the same highway rolled over and injured five women out of a total of two men and seven women passengers.

The injured people were taken to Meiktila Hospital by the Thee Gone Highway Police.—Than Oo (Lay Myit Hnar) ■