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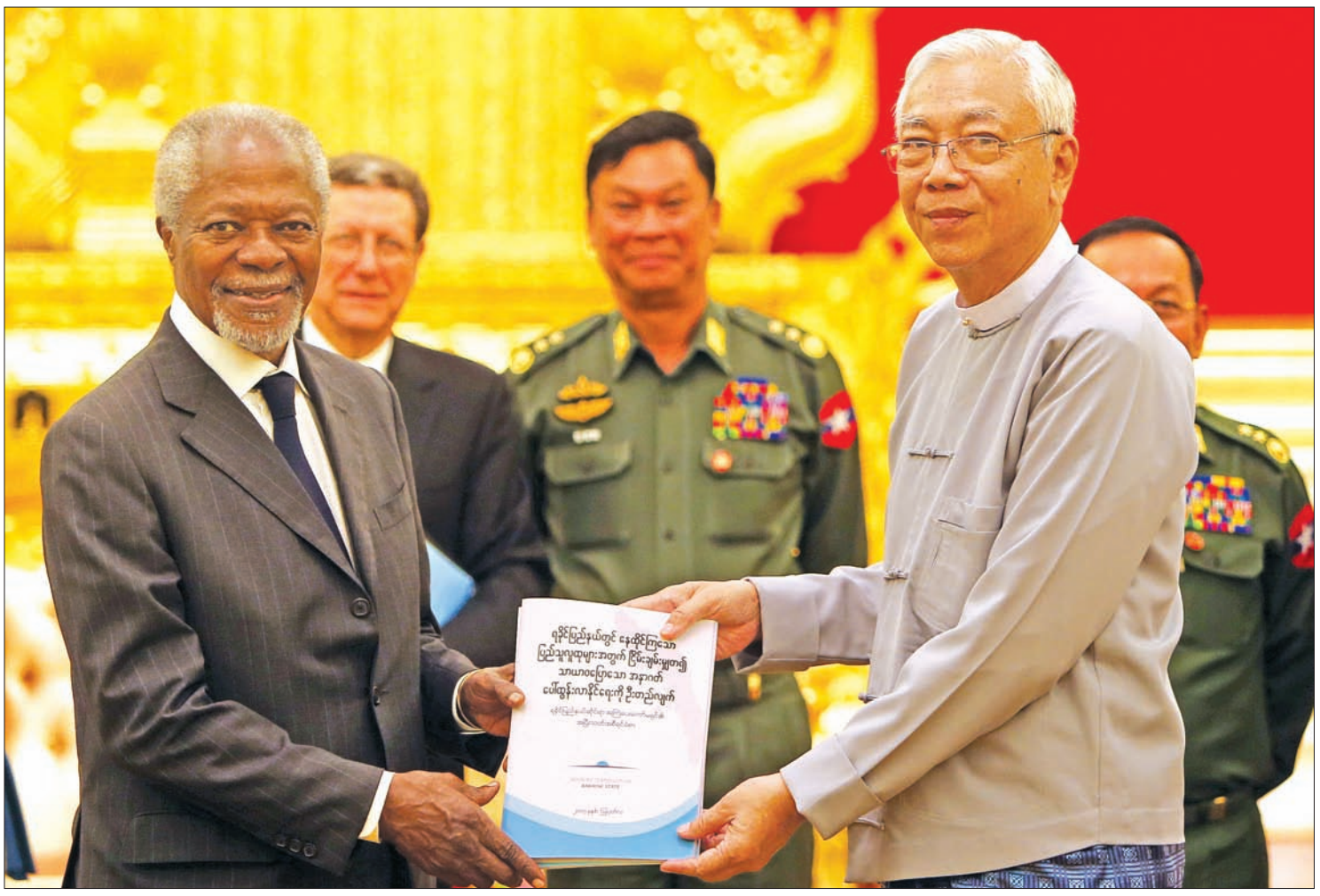

President U Htin Kyaw accepts the final report of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State presented by Mr Kofi Annan. **PHOTO: AUNG SHINE OO**

President receives Rakhine Advisory Commission

President U Htin Kyaw received members of the Rakhine Advisory Commission led by its chairman, Dr. Kofi Annan, and accepted the commission's final report on Rakhine State at the Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The president said yesterday that it was his belief that the advice contained in the final report will be supportive to the peace, stability and development works in Rakhine State, which has experienced renewed conflict, disruption and violence over the past year.

President U Htin Kyaw also expressed his hope that international and regional communities would understand the challenges and current situation being faced by the government, requesting help for the country as it makes efforts to boost the trust between Myanmar and international communities.

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India's policy change on pea imports impacts Myanmar

Min Thit
(MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY)

SEVERE restrictions announced recently by India limiting the amount of pea products from Myanmar has quickly and adversely affected the local pulses market, officials said yesterday.

On Monday, India capped imports of mung beans and green mung beans (pigeon peas) at only 300,000 tons, after the prices of the pulses plummeted due to record production. This was in addition to an earlier decision to import only 200,000 tons of toor whole (pesingone) — Myanmar's major export — on 5 August, causing an immediate, negative impact on Myanmar's pulses market.

The restriction will help support prices of the lentils in India, the world's biggest importer of the pulses, but will put pressure on producers in Myanmar, which relies heavily on exports to India.

According to the Myanmar Pulses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchant Association, there were 100,000 tons of toor whole and 300,000 tons of mung beans left in the hands of local merchants due to the Indian government's decision to restrict Myanmar's three major pea exports.

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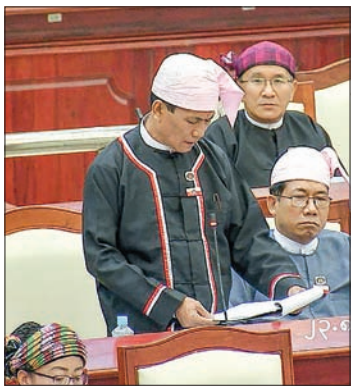
Pyithu Hluttaw discusses Rakhine's state of affairs

Kyaw Thu Htet
(MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY)

The 2nd Pyithu Hluttaw 5th Regular Meeting 49th Day was held yesterday and many discussions on Rakhine State were made.

Daw Khin Saw Wai of Yathedaung Constituency passed a motion to strengthen administration and security processes in Maungtaw, Buthidaung and Yathedaung in Rakhine State. She said the various activities of radical extremist groups in Rakhine are threatening the national security, rule of law and livelihoods of local residents.

U Maung Myint of Mingin Constituency said "Bangladesh has a population of 163 million people and an area that covers over 50,000 square miles whereas Myanmar has a population of 53 million people and an area that covers over 260,000 square miles so it's no surprise that Bengalis emigrate into Myanmar. The reason they don't enter neighboring India is because India has built a complete border wall and has deployed 300 border security regiments to guard it with permission to shoot to kill anyone crossing the border illegally. Myanmar has not completed its border walls yet nor does it have adequate border security so it's no surprise that many Bengalis flood into Myanmar."



U Hla Htun Kyaw of Maungtaw Constituency. **PHOTO: MNA**

"Myanmar's Interfaith Marriage Law was passed in the first Pyithu Hluttaw but we need to establish by-laws and put things into practice. The Government should act in accord with the 1982 Citizenship Law and properly inspect Bengalis and administer Rakhine State with the Tatmadaw," he said.

U Hla Htun Kyaw of Maungtaw Constituency said that the total population of Maungtaw Township is about 529,661 people and ethnic people only make up 6 per cent of the population making it a geopolitical loss.

Daw Mar Mar Khine of Thaton Constituency said that in her view the government has been dutifully fulfilling its role in peacefully administering Rakhine State. She concluded that there is no need to urge someone or an organisation that is doing its job. Nine other Hluttaw representatives discussed the motion and the discussion and decision of the Pyithu Hluttaw will be made in the next session on 24 August. ■

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Win Myint meets Vice Chairman of International Affairs Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. **PHOTO: MNA**

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint receives Mr Yuan Guiren

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint received Vice Chairman of Internarional Affairs Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Mr Yuan Guiren and party at the Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw building, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday 2pm.

During the meeting, the matters relating to Myanmar-China cooperation and relations and promoting bilateral interest were discussed exchanging the views.

Present at the meeting were Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U T Khun Myat, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw's International Relations Committee U Zaw Thein and officials.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Fisheries and roads discussed at Amyotha Hluttaw

Thura Zaw
(MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY)

The Amyotha Hluttaw discussed the development of Myanmar's fisheries industry and a new road project in Kayah State during yesterday's regular meeting in Nay Pyi Taw.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw said that the Fisheries Department is inspecting fishing boats to regulate their activities. The department has also worked with the French Development Agency (AFD) to mandate foreign fishing vessels to use GPS devices for monitoring and conservation purposes.

Amyotha Hluttaw member Daw Ma Ma Lay of Shan State said that fisheries industry development in Myanmar requires more expertise.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw. **PHOTO: MNA**

"Without the development of a fisheries university, the industry will not develop," she said. "We need better breeding techniques for freshwater and saltwater fish, feed production and conservation strategies."

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw said that a Ks764 million fund is required for a 3.7-mile Minelone-Myaungkhwa road and Ks663 million is required for a 3.16-mile Myaungkhwa-Seelin road and a quarter-mile Minelone-Seelin road in 2018 and 2019. The funds will be provided by Union and State budget, he said.

Colonel Aung Lwin, Colonel Kyaw Kyaw, Colonel Naing Oo, Colonel Myo Min Aung, Colonel Htein Lin, Colonel Tin Aung Tun and Colonel Soe Moe Aung took oaths of office in the presence of Mahn Win Khaing Than, Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw. ■

More parts of Y-8 plane crash discovered

More wreckage from a Y-8 Tatmadaw military transport plane that crashed on 7 June and killed 122 people surfaced yesterday. Myanmar's navy and local fishing boats continue to find pieces of the Y-8 plane crash.—MNA ■

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw Mahn Win Khaing Than holds talks with Ms. Johanna Kao, Senior Advisor of IRI in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker meets separately with International Republican Institute and Chinese official

Mahn Win Khaing Than, Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw received Ms. Johanna Kao, Senior Advisor of International Republican Institute (IRI) and, separately, H.E Mr. Yuan Guiren, Vice-Chairman of international affair committee of Chinese People's Political Counselling Conference yesterday separately at the special guest room of Amyotha Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw.

The meeting with Ms. Kao, Senior Advisor of IRI, addressed the peace process in Myanmar, the IRI's activities and its contribution to Myanmar's transition to democracy. The meeting with H.E Mr. Yuan Guiren, Vice Chairman of Political Counselling Conference and International Affairs Committee of People's Republic of China, dealt with Sino-Myanmar relations, their respective legislative processes and other matters. U Aye Tha Aung, Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw was also present at the meetings. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Roundtable on counter-terrorism between Myanmar and Indonesia in progress in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

A Roundtable on Counter-Terrorism between Myanmar and Indonesia was held

A Roundtable on Counter-Terrorism between Myanmar and Indonesia was held at the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday at 9:00 am.

The Roundtable was chaired by U Thaung Tun, National Security Advisor to the Union Government.

At the roundtable, the two sides discussed the growing menace of terrorism and violent extremism in the region and ways and means to fight against the challenge through increased cooperation at the bilateral, regional, and international levels.

The group photo session took place after concluding the Roundtable at 12:00 pm.

It was attended by Maj-Gen. Than Htut, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs, senior officials from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor, Ministry of Labor, Immigration and Population as well as H.E. Dr. Ito Sumardi, Ambassador of Indonesia, high level representatives from National Counter-Terrorism of Indonesia and the Indonesia Embassy of Yangon.—MNA ■

President receives Rakhine Advisory Commission

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During the meeting, the two sides exchanged views on matters relating to the implementation of the advice given in the interim report previously submitted by advisory commission on Rakhine State in accordance with the state policy and existing laws aspiring for the long-term national interest, projects in progress of socio-economic developments and foreign investments development for Rakhine State, promoting the education sector, systematic acceptance of humanitarian aid, implementation of peace and stability, drugs problems and media freedom. Present at the meeting were Union Ministers Lt-Gen. Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen. Ye Aung, U Kyaw Tint Swe, U Thein Swe and Dr Win Myat Aye, Permanent Secretary U Kyaw Zaya and officials. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Correction

Please read " The advisory commission has already submitted a 15-page interim report to the government with recommendations that the Myanmar government could undertake immediately, including points related to...." and "The nine-member Advisory Commission, a national initiative to resolve protracted issues in the region, is chaired by former Secretary-General of the United Nations, Chairman and Founder of the Kofi Annan Foundation and noble laureate, Mr. Kofi Annan and is composed of three international and six national persons of eminence who are highly experienced, respected and neutral individuals," in the last part of the story "**Kofi Annan arrives to issue final report on Rakhine**," on Page 3 of the GNLM's 23-8-2017 issue.—Ed ■

Two Himalayan black bears freed

Two endangered Himalayan Black Bears (also known as Asian Black Bears), were released into the Nam Izuu area in the Htamantee Wildlife Reserve in Sagaing District yesterday.

The two bears were found near the India-Myanmar border and sent to the Forestry Department in Kani District on 10 August. From there, they were sent to Htamantee Wildlife Reserve by boat on 15 August and released on 19 August in an expedition led by forest ranger U Myo Khaing.

The two bears are both thought to be around a year old. They are both female with a height (on all fours) of 1 feet 4 inches, a length of 2 feet, 8 inches and a girth of 1 feet, 8 inches each.

There are two types of bears in the Htamantee Wildlife Reserve; the Malayan Sun Bear and the Asian Black Bear. The Sun Bear has short, sleek, black fur and a U-shaped patch of light fur on its chest, whereas the Asian Black Bear has thicker black fur and a V-shaped patch of fur on its chest. —Nyi Thu ■

Two endangered Himalayan Black Bears (also known as Asian Black Bears), were released into the Nam Izuu area. **PHOTO: NYI THU**

Village administrator killed in Maungtaw

A provisional village administrator of Zula village in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State was stabbed at his home by a group of as many as two dozen men, Tuesday night.

Harku Raman, the administrator, called the local police on his mobile phone Tuesday night to tell them that a group of 25 men had descended upon his home and were threatening him.

Police officers dispatched to Harku Raman's home and found his body in the house. His throat had been cut. Police are searching for anyone involved in the murder.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Death toll from H1N1 reaches 33

With three more deaths from H1N1, the nationwide death toll reached 33 yesterday said Ministry of Health and Sports.

The ministry confirmed 33 were confirmed to have contracted the virus and are receiving treatment at hospitals.

More than 300 patients have contracted the virus since 21st July when the first infection of the virus announced. Of that total, more than 210 have already been discharged from the hospital.

The Ministry of Health and Sports held a meeting focusing on giving treatment to patients at hospitals for infectious diseases, providing sufficient medical professionals to hospitals, using Tamiflu, vaccinating health staff and preventive measures against the virus which was also found in Myanmar during the 2009-2010 outbreak.

The ministry has sent rapid respond teams to areas of the infected patients to control the spread of the virus.—GNLM ■

A man in connection with violent attackers arrested in Maungtaw

A man in connection with violent attacks arrested in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State on 22 August 3pm. As the information received, security force arrested Yawshi Armout (a) Angel Yawshi with one mobile phone at the Yaynauk Ngarthar (north) village, Maungtaw Township. While checking the mobile phone, the connections with violent attackers were found. Moreover, security force arrested a suspect who involved in a murder, Phawyarzu Islam (a) Phawyarzu Lar at the Ywar Thikay village, Maungtaw Township at 6pm on 22 August. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Two illegal immigrants arrested in Buthidaung, Rakhine State

SECURITY forces arrested two suspected illegal immigrants in Goutpi village, Buthidaung Township, Rakhine State on Monday.Taung Bazar Police are investigating the two suspects immigration status of the two suspect.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Sagaing Tourists to increased 29 per cent this year

Tourism in Sagaing Region increased by 29 per cent in FY2017-2018 compared to the same period last year, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

The number of the tourists has increased after the regional government designated Sagaing, Monywa, Shwebo, Katha, Kalay and Hkanti as cultural sites for tourists.

"Last year, around 70,000 tourists visited to the Mingun region," said U Aung Thu Oo, the deputy director of Hotels and Tourism in Sagaing Region. "But this year, over 50,000 tourists visited."

Sagaing attractions include Sagaing Hill, Mingun Temple and silver handicrafts shops. Authorities are also making arrangements for building more cultural sites so that tourists can observe the lifestyle of the local indigenous races. —GNLM ■

Curriculum Vitae of His Excellency Mr. Nguyen Phu Trong, General Secretary of the Central Committee of Communist Party of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

His Excellency Mr. Nguyen Phu Trong was born in 14th April 1944 in Dong Hoi Commune, Dong Anh District, Ha Noi, Viet Nam. He took Bachelor of Arts and PhD in Politics.

He joined the Viet Nam Communist Party in 1967 as an official at Communists Review. From 1983 to 1989, he served as Vice Director and Director of Party-building Department consecutively. From 1989 to 1996, he served as member, Deputy-Editor-in-Chief and Editor-in-Chief of Communist Review. From 1996 to 1998, he was appointed as Deputy Secretary of Hanoi Party Committee. Then, he became a member of Political Bureau, in charge of Party's work on ideology, culture, science and education from 1998 to 2000. Later, he served as Executive Member of Standing Committee of Political Bureau until 2001.

From 2000 to 2006, he was appointed as Secretary of Hanoi Party Committee for XIIth, XIIIth and XIVth tenures. From 1998 to 2006, he also served as Vice President, President of Central Council on Theoretical Studies and in charge of Party's theoretical work. From 2006 to 2011, he was elected as President of National Assembly for XIth and XIIth tenures.

Mr. Nguyen Phu Trong.

He has been serving as General Secretary of the Central Committee of Communist Party of Viet Nam for XIth and XIIth tenures since 2011. ■

Be aware of the FDI Assassination

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Another thing to consider was the news that were written in the international news papers in the pretext of giving information for new potential investors about investing in Myanmar with hidden intent to undermine the FDI in Myanmar. Such news was found in a blog one month ago. In another blog it was written to disappoint people who were interested in investing in Myanmar with the title "Don't invest in Myanmar, here's Why". Likewise the article under the title " Don't invest in Myanmar – says 25-year-old mogul" was expressed in the website of a company which called itself "Asia Media Company" There were many people sharing that news.

In that article it was written that investing in Myanmar was making a mistake and gave three supporting facts to that notion.

1. Myanmar Investment Law could not fully represent the true ground situation; Corruption was rampant;
2. No property ownership was given to foreigners; condominium law that dictates allowance of 40% ownership of foreigners was enacted in 2016, but it is still difficult to translate it into practice.
3. The preliminary expense was very high to invest in Myanmar. It took more time and effort to invest in Myanmar than to invest in Cambodia and Mongolia. It encouraged investing in other countries that were in the same category with Myanmar in the respect of rate of development but better in bureaucratic mechanism.

Moreover, it pointed out that according to the World Bank report Myanmar ranked 170 out of 190 countries in Ease of Doing Business Index. Myanmar was said in that article ranking at the bottom of the Asian countries. Now we have to look into the low in-flow of FDI whether it was due to the negative news about Myanmar or due to the bureaucratic snafu. We have to figure out the causes for the low in-flow of FDI.

It is a devious act to highlight the negative news leaving the positive developments in the shadow. Such attitude is meant for hindering the flow of foreign investments into Myanmar. In other words it is a typical FDI assassination. Assassination means making clandestine effort to cease the development or survival of something. FDI is the most crucial one in the development of a country. So, all the departments need to take concerted effort to boost the FDI flow and to make the Myanmar Investment Law and the laws related to FDI laws harmonious and interconnected.

The news about the good effort of the departments concerned for FDI development and connected positive news should be spread to the investors of the other parts of the world through foreign-based Myanmar diplomats, economic ambassadors, local and foreign news media which wish the well-being of Myanmar and local and foreign tour companies.

It is necessary for Myanmar to develop the supportive institutions that enable to guarantee stable electricity, land affairs, production and trade to attract more the FDI to enter Myanmar.

Domestic conditions should also be reviewed. What hinders the FDI flow? Departments also have to change their way of thinking and performing according to the suggestions of local professionals, intelligentsia and researchers if their suggestions reflect the true situation of the country. Then try to send the good news to international investors. Furthermore, if the intense endeavour to promote the FDI marketing copitalizing the developed domestic conditions during the transition period can be made, it can attract more the FDI and also can deter the plots that will undermine the FDI flow into the country.—*Translated by Khin Maung Win*

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