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President receives Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs

Flood assistance, Yangon City civic development among topics discussed

President U Win Myint shakes hands with Japanese Foreign Minister Mr. Taro Kono in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

U WIN Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received His Excellency Mr Taro Kono, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, and his delegation at 9am yesterday at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they openly discussed Myanmar-Japan relations and promoting friendship between the people of both countries, assistance relating to the floods occurring in Myanmar, Yangon City civic development, Myanmar's democratic process, peace process, cooperation in respective sectors, and collaboration in the repatriation of returnees in Rakhine State.

Present at the meeting with the President were Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Soe Win, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Minister for the Office of the President U Min Thu and other responsible officials. Accompanying the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs was Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Ichiro Maruyama. — Myanmar News Agency ■

State Counsellor receives Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs

Japan welcomes progress, efforts made by Myanmar Government in resolving situation in Rakhine State

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi welcomes Japanese Foreign Minister Mr. Taro Kono in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

DAW Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received His Excellency Mr. Taro Kono, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, at 10am yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, Foreign Minister Mr. Taro Kono announced that Japan will donate water tanks and tents to the flood victims in Myanmar. He also expressed that Japan welcomes (1) the progress made by the Government of Myanmar in the implementations of the MOU signed between the Government of Myanmar and the United Nations Agencies on assistance to the repatriation process of the displaced persons from Rakhine State, (2) Myanmar Government's efforts to bring peace, stability, development and to promote harmony and reconciliation among the various communities in Rakhine State, and (3) the establishment of an Independent Commission of Enquiry by the Government of Myanmar.

Moreover, he assured that Japan will provide necessary assistance in construction of housing for the displaced persons, construction of roads, schools and electrification in Rakhine State and continue to cooperate constructively with Myanmar Government in resolving the situation in Rakhine State and provide humanitarian assistance to the displaced persons. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 9th regular session holds sixth-day meeting

By Aye Aye Thant (MNA)

THE second Pyithu Hluttaw's ninth regular session held its sixth-day meeting at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning. At the meeting, asterisk-marked questions were answered by Union Minister for Industry U Khin Maung Cho and Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin. The Pyithu Hluttaw also decided on Condominium Rule, discussed and agreed to a motion urging the government to control and manage Build, Operate, Transfer (BOT) agreements conducted all over the country for constructing roads under a Private-Public Partnership (PPP) system.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat. **PHOTO: MNA**

Q&A session

Asterisk-marked questions raised by U Khin Maung Latt of Myanaung constituency, U Pe Than of Myebon constituency, U Ne Lin Aung of Mindat constituency, U Myo Zaw Aung of Kawlin constituency, U Kyaw Myint of Taikkyi constituency and U Aung Theik of Seikpyu constituency were answered by Union Minister for Industry U Khin Maung Cho and Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin.

Decision of the Hluttaw on Condominium Rule

Next, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat informed the Hluttaw about the Condominium Rule, returned by Amyotha Hluttaw with amendments, and obtained the decision of the Hluttaw.

A bill committee member tabled a motion to submit the rule to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for its decision, as the two Hluttaws were in disagreement on it, and the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced to submit the bill to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and to proceed further on it.

Discussion and agreeing to a motion on BOT

A motion urging the government to control and manage BOT agreements conducted all over the country for constructing roads under a PPP system tabled by U Kyaw Swe Win of Kawhmu constituency was then discussed by Tatmadaw representative Maj Ye Soe, U Win Win of Minbu constituency, U Aung Htoo Myint of Aunglan constituency, U Zaw Min Thein of Laymyethna constituency, Dr. U Khin Maung Maung of Dagon Myothit (North) constituency, U Sai Oo Kham of Hsenwi constituency, U Sai Aung Kyaw of Kehsi constituency, Dr. U Zaw Win Myint of Singu constituency, U Myint Lwin of Twantay constituency, Tatmadaw representative Maj. Swe Myint Oo, U Zarni Min of Shwegu constituency, Daw Yin Min Hlaing of Gangaw constituency, U Nyunt Aung of Monywa constituency, U Win Myint Aung of Dabayin constituency, U Bo Gyi of Chauk constituency, U Ba Shein of Kyaukpyu constituency and Dr. Daw Khin Nyo of Dedaye constituency. In his discussion on the motion, Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin said that during the ten-year period from 2006 to 2016, 23 companies, constructing 32 road sections, were rescinded from constructing the roads because they were not following the contract agreement. This was done under the sole authority of the ministry, after the decision made at the management committee meeting, because these companies were unable to fulfill the contract at the initial construction stage.

However, if the company conducting work under the BOT system was able to complete assigned works during the designated time, with the recommendation of the respective state and region government, the companies receive permission from Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) to collect road-use tolls. Once MIC had issued the permission, the Ministry of Construction could not take any direct action against the company. As Myanmar Investment Law protects the investment, the ministry needs to submit first to MIC to take any action. MIC will check with the relevant company and depending upon the explanation of the company, the ministry will have to wait for a reply from MIC. If there is any disagreement, it will have to be resolved in an arbitration court and this will take some considerable time to reach to a conclusion.

The ministry had conducted workshops on road/bridge BOT system and confirmed and approved drawing up new policies, rules, laws and procedures on BOT agreements. A decision was also made to obtain the agreement of the Union Attorney General office on these matters before PPP Law could be drawn up and to submit it to the Union government meeting and implement it.

There were weaknesses in the earlier BOT agreements and the ministry will conduct matters according to the workshop outcome. The ministry had formed BOT Task Force to oversee and manage the BOT works, and for the future development and success of these BOT works, Hluttaw representatives will be coordinated. As such the Pyithu Hluttaw is requested to approve the motion explained by the Deputy Minister.

An announcement was then made of the Hluttaw's agreement to the motion after the Hluttaw decided to approve the motion.

The seventh-day meeting of the second Pyithu Hluttaw's ninth regular session will be held on 8 August, it is learnt. ■

Second Amyotha Hluttaw's 9th regular session holds sixth-day meeting

By Aung Ye Thwin (MNA)

THE second Amyotha Hluttaw's ninth regular session held its sixth-day meeting at the Amyotha Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning. At the meeting, asterisk-marked questions were answered, a report read, a bill approved and a motion submitted.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than. **PHOTO: MNA**

Plan to control unethical liquor advertisements

Dr. U Kywe Kywe of Mandalay Region constituency 6 posed the first asterisk-marked question on plans to control unethical liquor advertisements. Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun answered that the Ministry of Information is following the rules of the advertisement policy in accepting and making advertisements.

State-owned and joint venture print, broadcast and digital media were also found to be adhering strictly to the announced advertisement policy. If any requirements or shortcomings are found, warnings and notices will be made in accordance with the rules and regulations.

State-owned media and public media need to strictly follow the news media ethics on advertisements laid down by the Myanmar Press Council.

Furthermore, the Ministry of Home Affairs had also set up a policy to reduce consumption of liquors and beer and is following this policy in granting production license to companies producing liquors and beer, said the Deputy Minister.

Ministries and authorities concerned need to take effective action against anyone not following the set rules and regulations, said the Deputy Minister.

Investment in Rakhine State's agro sector

U Khin Maung Latt of Rakhine State constituency 3 then asked the investment in agricultural sector in Rakhine State from international aid, assistance and loan from international organisations like UNDP, Japan's ODA, World Bank, ADB, JFAD, AFD and EXIM Bank since 2011 to date and plans to increase the investment.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw said there are limitations in the norms and practices of international organisations to invest in Rakhine State's agriculture sector, and thus, there is no investment yet. Once those limitations are overcome, investment from aid, assistance and loans to Rakhine State agriculture sector will be implemented. Meanwhile, the government is implementing investment in Rakhine State's agriculture sector from its own fund, said the Deputy Minister.

Furthermore, a work program to open agriculture and livestock vocational training school, with the support of the Republic of Korea, is being discussed to be implemented.

For development of agriculture cooperatives in Rakhine State, loans from China's EXIM Bank is being used to provide small investment loans and as of end of June 2018, 40,603 cooperative members were given a loan totaling Ks 5,565 million. The Ministry of Planning and Finance is also providing long- and short-term loans to agri-based businesses through Two Step Loan system from Japan's JICA, said the Deputy Minister.

Report read and motion tabled on Bill amending the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law (2017)

Next, Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee member U Lal Min Htan read and explained the report of the bill committee on the bill amending the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law (2017).

Afterwards, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than sought the decision of the Hluttaw and approved the bill amending the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law (2017), sent with amendments by Pyithu Hluttaw as amended by Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee.

Later U Lal Min Htan of Chin State constituency 10 tabled a motion to discuss and decide the bill disagreed by the Amyotha Hluttaw and the Pyithu Hluttaw.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker then announced the Hluttaw's decision to submit the disagreement of the two Hluttaws on the bill to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. ■

Japanese Foreign Minister: Peace and stability in Rakhine State is very important for the success of building democracy in Myanmar

State Counsellor: A government has to take all different views into consideration, but outside personnel have options to hold a view as they like

DAW Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Taro Kono, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, held a joint press conference following their meeting yesterday.

At the beginning of the press conference, Mr. Taro Kono expressed his sympathy to Myanmar's recent flood victims, disclosing Japanese government's approach to donate water tanks and tents to the victims.

Mr. Taro Kono also expressed thanks to President U Win Myint and State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi for extending their heartfelt sympathy, on behalf of the Myanmar people, over the flood in western part of Japan.

The Japanese Foreign Minister also reaffirmed the Japanese government's pledge, during his previous visit to Myanmar in July, to provide assistance to the civic development in Yangon, transportation and electrification sectors, saying that Japanese government is taking steps to ensure the aid programs.

Mr. Taro Kono also disclosed that at the talks, the two sides exchanged valuable views over the Rakhine issue, saying that peace and stability in Rakhine State is very important for the success of building democracy in Myanmar.

Mr. Taro Kono said that the government of Japan praised the Myanmar's government for the formation of an independent panel to investigate into alleged human rights abuses and for signing agreements with the UN agencies to work in Rakhine State.

State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holding a joint press conference with Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Mr. Taro Kono yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

The Japanese Foreign Minister also said that he asked the Myanmar government to ensure transparency and openness in the investigation, to create an environment in which the displaced people can resettle, and to make efforts for closing internally displaced persons' camps.

He continued to say that the Japanese government, joining hands with Myanmar people, will work together with State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to resolve the Rakhine issue.

Annual arrivals from Japan to Myanmar reached over 100,000 in 2016, while the population of Myanmar residents in Japan reached over 20,000 in 2017.

Mr. Taro Kono said Japan and Mekong region countries, including Myanmar, will discuss undertakings for cooperation in strengthening relations among peoples and multi-sectors at the Mekong-Japan Summit, which is slated to be held on 9 October.

He also expressed his hope that State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi will attend the Mekong-Japan Summit, which would also give an opportunity for promoting the relations between Japan and Myanmar.

Speaking to journalists, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi praised the talks in which the two sides discussed openly, expressing her belief that the talks would benefit both countries.

She also called Japan and Myanmar as countries "living the same lives", where experiences faced by the two countries are nearly the same.

The State Counsellor also expressed thanks to Japan for sending aid to the flood victims in Myanmar, saying that the two countries face similar challenges of disasters, which make them closer, though Japan is a developed country and Myanmar is a developing one.

Regarding the Rakhine issue, which the two sides discussed at the talks, she said Japan discussed the Rakhine issue as a good friend taking approach on how it can help Myanmar and how it can help resolving the issue.

She also expressed her hope that the two countries would bring constructive results in resolving not only current issues but also global issues through cooperation.

She also expressed her delight for the opportunity to visit Japan in October, pledging to strengthen the bilateral friendship during the October visit.

Asked about strengthening the cooperation between Japan and Myanmar, the State Counsellor stressed the need to promote the cooperation both physically and spiritually.

She thanked Japan's physical help in development sectors, adding that Myanmar is keeping alive the hope that it could help Japan physically some day in future.

Regarding the spiritual help, she highlighted the importance of understanding and friendship between the peoples of the two countries.

The State Counsellor also called for more closer contacts between youths from Japan and Myanmar and to retain the genuine friendship between the previous generation of the two countries, saying that there are many true friends between the peoples of Japan and Myanmar.

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Vice President U Myint Swe receives delegation led by Secretary of Jilin provincial committee of CPC

VICE President U Myint Swe received a delegation led by Secretary of Jilin provincial committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Mr. Bayin Choalu at the Presidential Palace diplomatic hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, matters relating to increasing investment in agriculture and increasing bilateral cooperation in transport and technical development sectors were openly and cordially discussed.

Present at the meeting were Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung, Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Permanent Secretary U Myint Thu and other officials. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Vice President U Myint Swe meets with Mr. Bayin Choalu, Secretary of Jilin provincial committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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VP U Henry Van Thio praises Mandalay Region for topping the list among states and regions in returning confiscated lands

VICE PRESIDENT U Henry Van Thio, Chairman of the Central Committee for the Development of the National Tourism Industry, inspected the Myogyi reservoir and Myogyi hydropower station and gave a speech at a ceremony for returning abandoned lands by the Mandalay International Airport, Department of Civil Aviation, under the Ministry of Transport and Communications, in TadaU Township in Mandalay Region yesterday.

Vice President U Henry Van Thio addresses the ceremony to return the abandoned land in TadaU Township in Mandalay Region. **PHOTO: MNA**

The Vice President was accompanied by deputy ministers Maj-Gen Aung Thu, U Hla Kyaw and U Kyaw Myo, Shan State ministers, and the Chairman of the Leading Body of Danu Self-Administered Zone, as he inspected the Myogyi reservoir in Ywangan Township, Shan State yesterday morning.

The Vice President was then shown documentary videos about Myogyi and Zawgyi reservoirs and their irrigation distribution process, as well as the construction of Kyaingkham reservoir.

Next, Director-General U Kyaw Myint Hlaing of the Department of Irrigation and Water Utilisation Management explained about the waterlogging process in the Meiktila plains.

It is reported that the combined waterflow from Myogyi and Zawgyi reservoirs produces 30 MW of electricity and provides irrigation to 82,000 acres of Zawgyi irrigated cultivation in Kyaukse District and to the 33,000 acres in Meiktila plains.

Once the Kyaingkham reservoir is complete, it will be able to hold 1.15 million-acre feet of water and provide 700,000-acre feet to Zawgyi irrigation cultivation system and 450,000-acre feet to Pyaungpyar Ngalaizin irrigation system.

The Vice President then inspected the machinery and interior of the Myogyi hydropower station, which is equipped with two 15 MW generators with a capacity to produce 135 million units annually to the national power grid.

Next, the Vice President travelled through the Zawgyi river to the confluence where the Thitmami stream flows in and inspected the potential for developing community-based tourism in the neighboring villages.

During the inspection, the Vice President said Myanmar has abundant natural landscapes and beauty that can attract tourists. The area surrounding the Myogyi reservoir is a gift from nature with the potential to attract tourists, he said. He instructed that the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, the Shan State Government, the Danu Self-Administered Zone, and tourism-oriented organizations should collaborate to implement community-based tourism and nature tourism projects.

The Vice President, as the Chairman of the Central Committee for Reviewing Confiscated Farmlands and Other Lands, attended a ceremony held in Innwa Hall in TadaU Township for the second returning of abandoned land connected to the Mandalay International Airport, in Kyaukse District, Mandalay Region. During the ceremony, 3,019.44 acres of abandoned land were returned to their original owners, who were also given temporary work permits (Form-3).

In his speech delivered at the ceremony, the Vice President said the Mandalay International Airport will only retain the actual amount of land it needs and give back the remaining land to their rightful owners. He said 9,055 acres were returned in the first batch in 2014 and 3,830 acres were scrutinized before returning 3,019.44 acres to the original 1,087 villagers in this second batch.

The Vice President said there have been cases of farmland confiscated from local villagers for various urban, departmental and private projects that have worsened the livelihoods of the villagers, which is why the incumbent government is working in line within the law to administer justice with simple policies and processes so as to solve these issues.

He said four confiscated lands reviewing groups were formed with deputy ministers from union ministries to respond to reports of confiscated lands and to strengthen reviewing them. On-ground inspection in states and regions reveal that the Lands Reviewing Committees at the ward, village and township levels are not properly organized, nor are they fully aware of the 52 policies set by the central committee. The Vice President urged proper composition of the various levels of the Lands Reviewing Committees.

The central committee negotiates with relevant ministries to either relinquish lands, confiscated for projects that have not been implemented as planned, to their rightful owners, or to provide compensation, said the Vice President.

The Vice President said some cases of returning confiscated lands are being hindered due to a number of reasons including delayed return of ownership for land abandoned by ministries, relayed ownership to an entity other than the rightful owner, disputes between the original successor and current successor, and clearing of squatters.

The Vice President said Mandalay Region has conducted six ceremonies for returning confiscated lands, including the present one, making it the region with the most return rate among all states and regions. He expressed his gratitude to the Ministry of Transport and Communications, Mandalay Region government and various departmental officials for making the returning of land to the original owners possible. He also told the villagers to work hard and invest in their rightful land for an adequate food supply and eventually producing items for foreign exports.

This was followed by an explanation from the Mandalay Region Chief Minister on the processes involved in swiftly returning confiscated lands to their rightful owners in Mandalay Region.

U Myint Htay, Director of the Department of Civil Aviation, then transferred the documents pertaining to the abandoned lands to the Kyaukse District Administrator.

Next, the Mandalay Region Chief Minister, deputy ministers Maj-Gen Aung Thu, U Hla Kyaw and U Kyaw Myo, and the Mandalay Region Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Soe Than conferred temporary work permits (Form-3) to representatives of the original landowners from Pantin, Sagarinn, Zeechaung, and Thungetaw villages.

U Tun Lwin, a representative, expressed thanks on behalf of the villagers who received the temporary work permits and the ceremony came to a close. — Myanmar News Agency

Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor receives Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan

UNION Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe received a Japanese delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan H.E. Mr. Taro Kono at the Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor in Nay Pyi Taw at 4pm yesterday.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed matters relating to the promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation as well as the issue in Rakhine State.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Khin Maung Tin, Ambassador of Japan to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Ichiro Maruyama and responsible officials.—MNA ■

Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe holds talks with Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Mr. Taro Kono in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister U Kyaw Tin hosts lunch for Japanese Foreign Minister

Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Mr. Taro Kono and his delegation being hosted a luncheon by Union Minister U Kyaw Tin yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

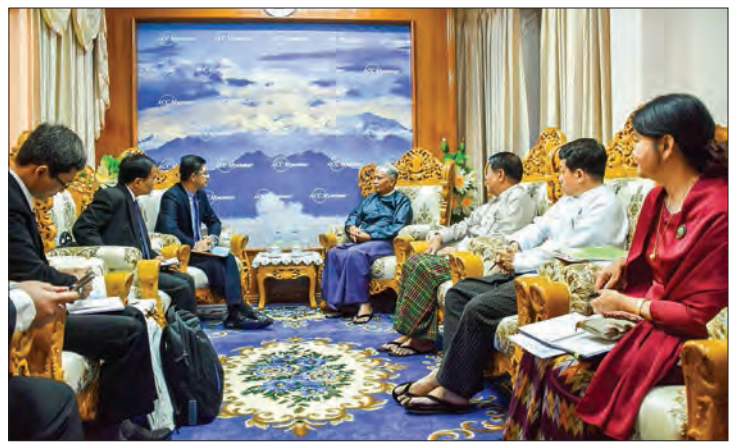
UNION Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin hosted a luncheon for the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Taro Kono and his delegation at the Park Royal Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Anti-Corruption Commission Chair receives Vice-Chair of Indonesia's Corruption Eradication Commission

U AUNG KYI, Chair of Myanmar's Anti-Corruption Commission, received the Vice-Chair of Indonesia's Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) Mr. Laode Muhammad Syarif and his delegation at the Anti-Corruption Commission's office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they discussed bilateral cooperation in matters related to cases of corruption, including prevention and protection, investigation, promoting discipline, and raising awareness.

The KPK Vice-Chair and his delegation were also given an explanation on the Anti-Corruption Commission's history, formation and processes from Anti-Corruption Commission's secretary and commission members. They then exchanged views on investigation cases, pursuing legal action, and prevention and protection operations. — Myanmar News Agency ■



Anti-Corruption Commission Chairman U Aung Kyi receives Vice-Chair of Indonesia's Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) Mr. Laode Muhammad Syarif in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

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She pinned high hopes on increasing the number of visitors between the two countries to strengthen the genuine friendship between the peoples.

Regarding Japan's aid for development of Rakhine State, Japanese Foreign Minister Mr. Taro Kono pledged that the government of Japan would support the State Counsellor, who is taking a leading role in the development of Rakhine State, and for the undertakings of the Myanmar government.

Mr. Taro Kono said Japan would urge the Myanmar government to carry out resettlement of displaced peoples, adding that Japan would provide aid for construction of roads for trains and motor vehicles, electrification and building schools in Rakhine State, with the aim of reducing poverty and promoting socio-economic life of the peoples in Rakhine State.

"We assume that peace and stability and development in Rakhine is important for establishing democracy in Myanmar," Mr. Taro Kono said.

Asked about Myanmar government's plans for repatriation of displaced peoples, the State Counsellor said the question focused both short-term and long-term issues being carried out by the government.

Both are included in the Dr. Kofi Annan's report and handled by the government, she said, clarifying that citizenship is a long-term issue.

Out of 88 points proposed by the Dr. Kofi Annan's commission, over 80 have been implemented through cooperation and the remaining six to seven points are being implemented through step-by-step approach, as they are considered long-term issues mentioned in the commission's report.

A citizenship issue of a country needs to be settled through step-by-step approach, she said.

She recounted that the first terrorist attacks happened before the government's central committee for the rule of law and development in Rakhine State, formed in May 2016, could start its work.

A government has to listen to different views and voices and has to take all different views into consideration, but personnel outside a country have options to hold a view as they like, she said.

The independent investigation commission would be given exclusive rights to carry out its work, she said, adding that members of the commission are qualified.

She expressed her hope that other friendly countries, including Japan, would offer technical assistance to the commission.

Asked about the stance of Japan on the situation in Rakhine State, Mr. Taro Kono said Rakhine issue is very deep and complicated. Japan would provide aid not only for human rights and humanitarian assistance but also for reducing poverty in the state.

He continued to say that State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is taking firm steps to resolve the Rakhine issue, but, at the same time, other voices are demanding to take quick steps to resolve the issue.

But steps, including bringing harmony between the two communities in Rakhine State, need to be firm in the long-run, he added. The government of Japan will work together with Myanmar government, which is trying to resolve difficult issues, and will explain Myanmar's efforts to the international community.

The government of Japan values the Myanmar government's taking steps in realizing Japan's demand to cooperate with UN in issues, such as an independent investigation into issues in Rakhine State. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Exhibitions for 30th anniversary of 8888 Uprising displayed in University of Yangon premises

THE University of Yangon's premises were filled with students, monks and people yesterday, as political discussions were held and exhibits portraying the history of the 8888 Uprising were put on public display to mark the 30th anniversary of the nationwide event. The exhibitions will be on display till tomorrow.

Attendants at the event, held in the recreation centre (RC), paid respect to the flag bearing the peacock insignia and observed eight seconds of silence for those who fell during the uprising.

The first political discussion was held at Weikza Hall under the title "Thirty-year journey of democracy" and participants divided into groups for the discussion. The discussions focused on the thirty years of Myanmar's democracy journey, what demands were made, what improvements were carried out based on those demands, what restrictions were put in place during that time, and what steps should be taken to move forward, with the discussions put on record.

The second political discussion was held under the title "Ethnic equality and a federal union". Participants divided into groups again discussed the views and opinions of ethnic nationals on the federal union, current difficulties and opportunities, exploring concepts and meanings, and steps to be taken towards a future federal union.

On display at the exhibition in the RC were documentary photos depicting the political situation before, during and after the uprising, and the activities of the monks, people, and students during that period, press release documents, flags and items used during the uprising to inform the youths of the 8888 Uprising's history, as well as cartoons, posters, flags relating to the uprising for public display.

The second day of the 30th anniversary event continues today and a political discussion under the title "Myanmar's political landscape and military dictatorship" will be held at 9am. Results from the two-day discussions will be publicly released on 8 August (tomorrow).

Attending the event yesterday were Yangon Region ministers, Hluttaw representatives, participants of the 8888 uprising, students, monks and the general public.

During the 25th silver anniversary of the 8888 Uprising, held at the Myanmar Convention Center in Mayangone Township, decisions were successfully made to establish a democratic federal union, amending the 2008 constitution or drafting a new one, and convening an inclusive national reconciliation conference. — Zaw Gyi (PaNiTa) ■

Political discussions held at the ceremony to mark the 8888 Uprising in Yangon. **PHOTO: PE ZAW**

39 dams, reservoirs overflow through spillways

THE water level in some dams and reservoirs in regions and states exceeded the full tank levels, due to torrential rains, and overflowed through their spillways.

People have been urged not to worry about the overflowing water as it goes through spillways into the rivers, said the Irrigation and Water Utilisation Management Department.

Taung Kayan Dam from Gangaw Township, Magway Region, and Monyin Dam from Namtu Township, Shan State, are currently overflowing. Wapa Dam from Thaton Township in Mon State has ceased overflowing from its spillway. A total of 39 dams and reservoirs are currently overflowing, according to the department yesterday.— Myanmar News Agency ■

Union Supreme Court sits to pass judgment and hear cases

UNION Supreme Court sat at Union Supreme Court room number 1 yesterday morning with Chief Justice of the Union Supreme Court U Htun Htun Oo and all Union Supreme Court judges to pass judgments on three special criminal appeal cases and eight special civil appeal cases, and hear seven special civil appeal cases. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Union Minister U Thein Swe receives UNDP Country Director and UNHCR Assistant Representative

Union Minister U Thein Swe meets with UNDP Country Director and UNHCR Assistant Representative in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe received UNDP Country Director Mr. Peter Batchelor and UNHCR Assistant Representative Ms.Cécile Fradot at his ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed cooperation from the UNDP and UNHCR in the repatriation of returnees from Bangladesh, the UNDP and UNHCR delegation's trip to Rakhine State, the state of the villages for relocating returnees to, the implementation process of the MoU signed with the UNDP and UNHCR, prioritized processes and long-term projects for socio-economic development in Rakhine State, the national verification process for returnees, renovating the UNHCR offices in Maungtaw, and close cooperation with various ministries. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Central Bank of Myanmar Governor holds coord meeting

CBM Governor U Kyaw Kyaw Maung and IMF officials holding a coordination meeting in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

U KYAW KYAW MAUNG, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM), held a coordination meeting at the Yangon branch of CBM yesterday with the Deputy Governor, directors-general, deputy directors-general, IMF Resident Representative Mr. Yasuhisa Ojima and IMF Resident Advisor Ms. Irma Kikvidze.

They discussed matters relating to Myanmar's current economical and financial situation, the Central Bank of Myanmar Law and the Foreign Exchange Management Law, foreign currency exchange rates, CBM's financial report and internal auditing process. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Main steps under process for foreigner YSX participation

By May Thet Hnin

Foreign visitors seen at Yangon Stock Exchange in downtown Yangon. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

ACCORDING to Myanmar Companies Law 2017, foreigners are allowed to invest up to 35% of stocks in local companies. There are three main steps needed in order to implement the foreigner participation scheme, said U Thet Htun Oo, executive senior manager of YSX.

"First, Securities Exchange Commission will release regulations and guidelines for foreigner participation in Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) stocks, in accordance with the new companies law, which will come out soon. Second, YSX and Securities Companies will draw up procedures and systems how to control daily foreigners abiding the rules and regulations. These procedures are being developed. Third, all YSX-listed companies are needed to register again at the DICA office and extraordinary meetings are conducted to get approval of foreigners in their respective companies. Those three steps are still under process", he maintained.

Those stages are likely to be finished in two months, he continued.

U Myo Min, Director of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) said that under Myanmar Companies Law 2017, foreigners can hold 35 per cent of stock in domestic companies. They are also able to establish foreign, owned companies controlling above 35 per cent of stock. Foreign-listed companies can also register as overseas corporations and enter the stock market. However, those businesses will be allowed only under the supervision of respective regulators of the stock market.

At present, two-year-old YSX has not seen a remarkable increase in trading. The public companies — First Myanmar Investment Co., Ltd (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings Public Ltd (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank Ltd (MCB), First Private Bank Ltd (FPB) and TMH Telecom Public Co., Ltd (TMH) are currently trading shares.

Last March, YSX increased trading matching time from two to four per day. Nevertheless, there is no significant increase in trade value.

"The stock trading volume slightly increased after the event of a double stock matching time and launch of online trading, up by 10 to 20 per cent", said U Thet Htun Oo.

According to monthly trading data of the YSX, stock trading value has declined this year, compared to the previous years. This year, June's trading value hit all-time record low in its history. However, July trading value reached the highest record this year, as the stock trading remarkably rose after five listed companies announced their share dividends, annual reports and closing date (record date) for trading to receive dividends.

The value of traded stocks on the YSX last month hit a record-high in 2018 at Ks1.23 billion, with trading volume of 286,328 shares.

Investors in the Yangon Stock Exchange mainly concentrate on share dividends payment of the companies, rather than earn capital gains from stock market trading. ■

Trade with Bangladesh significantly increases by $46 million this FY

MYANMAR-Bangladesh border trade exceeded US$50 million in the present fiscal year, notably increasing by over $46 million from this time last year, when bilateral border trade was $4.5 million only, according to the Ministry of Commerce's trade report.

From 1 April through 20 July this year, Myanmar exported domestic commodities valued at $6.2 million to the South Asian country and imported goods worth $44.8 million.

Myanmar's exports to Bangladesh normally surpasses its imports in bilateral border trade. However, this year saw a significant increase in border imports from Bangladesh by $44.7 million.

Commodities are delivered principally through by sea. The border trade between the two countries conduct through Sittway and Maungtaw border points of entry. During the same period, trade from the Sittway gate was over $48 million, including $3.25 million in exports and $44.8 million in imports, while trade from the Maungtaw gate totalled $2.987 million, and no goods were imported from this gate.

Marketable items at the Myanmar-Bangladesh cross-borders cover bamboos, ginger, peanuts, saltwater prawns and fish, dried plums, garlic, rice, mung beans, blankets, candy, plum jams, footwear, frozen foods, chemicals, leather, jute products, tobacco, plastics, wood, knitwear, beverages and human hair.

The total border trade with the South Asian country was $28.8 million in the 2017-2018 FY.

According to the Ministry's annual statistical report, the bilateral trade from both border and non-border routes was $84.8 million in 2011-2012 FY; $43.3 million in 2012-2013 FY; $75 million in 2013-2014 FY; $39 million in 2014-2015 FY; $33.4 million in 2015-2016 FY; $43.9 million in 2016-2017 FY and $163.2 million in 2017-2018 FY.—Khine Khant ■

Promotion zone accounts for over 75 per cent of investments in Thilawa SEZ

COMPANIES in the promotion zone of Thilawa Special Economic Zone (SEZ) brought US$1.13 billion into the zone since 2014-2015 fiscal year, accounting for over 75 per cent of overall investments.

There are 59 companies executing in the promotion zone. Meanwhile, 38 companies are working as free zone investors in Thilawa, with investments of $363 million.

In the past four months this year, three companies invested in promotion zone while one went to free zone.

A company exporting at least 75% of the production in value is registered as a free zone investor, who will be exempted for corporate tax for 7 years starting from commercial operation. Companies, such as logistics that support export-oriented manufacturers, can also be free zone companies. Domestic-oriented manufacturing companies are regarded promotion zone companies and they are eligible to enjoy five-year tax holidays for corporate tax.

There are other tax incentives for free zone and promotion zone investors on the import of capital goods, raw materials and merchandise and consigned goods and vehicles. For further tax system, one can visit http://www.myanmarthilawa.gov.mm.

Manufacturing sector absorbed the overall foreign investments of US$171 million from Singapore and Japan bringing them into the Thilawa Special Economic Zone (SEZ) between 1 April and 26 July this year.

In addition to manufacturing sector, investments usually flow into trading, services, transportation and logistics, real estate and hotel sectors in the past years.

Singapore placed top in the list with investments of $598 million so far, followed by Japan with $441 million and Thailand with over $170 million. South Korea, Hong Kong, the UK, the UAE, Malaysia, Austria, China (Taipei), Panama, China, Brunei, Viet Nam, Australia and the Netherlands also invested in Thilawa SEZ. Three domestic enterprises are also found in Thilawa SEZ.—GNLM ■

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Protecting the marine resources

COASTAL and marine areas in Myanmar are 2,831 kilometers long, from the mouth of Naf River in Rakhine State to Kawthoung, Taninthayi Region, where Myanmar borders Thailand. Offshore shallows cover about 225,000 square kilometers and the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) covers about 486,000 square kilometers.

Myanmar's coast is home to a variety of fish, reptiles, birds, crustaceans and other marine life.

There are unique ecosystems in Myanmar and the invaluable coastal ecosystem is facing a serious crisis. Our aquatic resources have declined compared with previous decades due to overpopulation and over extraction, short-term oriented practices, using land with unsustainable practices, and inadequate knowledge of socio-economic benefits from coastal ecosystems, and insufficient implementation of laws and regulations.

Development of illegal fish farming utilising inappropriate methods and banned fishing nets, climate change and a decrease of mangroves wasblow to the declining fisheries resources.

This is the reason the Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) process has been adopted in finding solutions to the aforementioned issues.

To conserve the marine resources, the government is working on updating the Fish Breeding Laws, the Myanmar Marine Fisheries Law and the Foreign Fishing Enterprise Approval Law to be relevant to the current times.

> Coastal natural resource management and administration include working for the sustainability and protection of fish resources, a type of marine resource which is managed by the Department of Fisheries.

No-fishing zones and periods have been designated in the mating season of marine life to ensure marine resources are not depleted and to increase the reproduction of marine life.

Coastal natural resource management and administration include working for the sustainability and protection of fish resources, a type of marine resource which is managed by the Department of Fisheries.

The department ensures there is enough fish supply, food safety, and sustainable fishery development, in accordance with a policy that adheres to the law.

According to research, fishing areas located in the northeast of Ayeyawady Region have been recognised as nursery grounds and nursery regions of fish as there are numerous larva of different fish species.

But we should not turn a blind eye to the fact that coral reefs have been severely damaged in some fishing localities in our coastal areas.

It means climate change is damaging the ecosystem and the bio-species in marine and coastal region, resulting in declining production of fish, according to marine experts.

The situation demands conducting aquatic research works systematically and consistently to conserve the ecosystem and for the development of the fisheries sector. ■

Affection gained through provi

By Myint Soe (Natala)

IT is my last year in office in 2018 as a civil servant as well as a record of water years for me. On behalf of my department, the Department of Progress of Border Areas and National Races, as well as for my brotherhood — the national races — I always had a chance to carry out water supplies or find water resources to provide purified drinking water to ethnic local people in border areas and to participate in water-supply related opening ceremonies in various places very often. I have enjoyed fully the ten benefits of offering water (as mentioned in Buddhist literature) this year.

Even though I could not afford to provide financial assistance, I worked on my duty and responsibility from my heart and soul for the welfare of the people through the proper channels. Whenever a project that I proposed materializes, I am elated. For instance, in July 2013, I went to Hopan, situated in the eastern bank of the Thanlwin River in the Wa Self-Administered Division, and I offered Waso robes for the 16th time to the Sangha who are doing their mission in the region.

Drought region

Before our Union Minister and other responsible personnel arrived, I went ahead to the region to arrange necessary things for the trip. After preparations being done, I had only a little time left, so I proceeded to Panlon (then, Panglong Township) to meet our employees there. On my way, I witnessed that Panlon was facing water shortage. An acting high-ranking army officer took me to a place where water resources can be laid hold of. It was a water tank storage, guarded by armed security. There is no sufficient water in summer in that area and this is how they managed to distribute purified drinking water systematically from the storage.

He said the location of water resources is three miles away from the villages, and that we can ease the trouble of local people, especially in Panlon, if we could supply water from the border areas development fund. Due to water shortage, people in the town have been moving to other places, so the population has become less and less there. Thus, I wanted to carry out this scheme, from the bottom of my heart, because I have seen in person the suffering of my brotherhood. As soon as I returned to my office, I proposed the project to the then Union Minister for border affairs. The project was given green light, and it was carried out immediately. I have learned that Panlon is now enjoying sufficient drinking water so I'm really happy for hearing the good news. Ashin Janaka Bhivamsa, the well-known Venerable Mahagandhayon Sayadawgyi, has mentioned the ten benefits of offering water: longevity, beautiful, rich, strong, having sufficient knowledge, pure, cleansed, famous, obtaining numerous followers and unquenched. I am enjoying and experiencing these benefits without even wishing for them.

Carrying out tasks

From the emotional feelings of the previous years, I needed to actively perform the tasks that the ministry is implementing. These are in the form of lakes/ reservoirs (tanks) one hundred in number, in addition to wells one hundred in number.

In addition, I created a television programme dealing with this project, meaning I can enjoy the benefits of offering water forever. Let me tell you one recent event. Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Union Minister for Border Affairs, toured Pa-O and Danu Self-Administered zones to inspect the development work in those regions. He inspected the process of supplying water in southern Thayetkone village, three miles away from southern Pindaya. Danu is included in the drought areas and most of the

> On our way back, the crowd was waving their hands and shouting at us cheerfully. What I heard in the voices echoing to me is, 'Thank you so much, Sirs.'

villages rely on rain water. It is not sure whether water is available or whether artesian wells are being dug in that area or not.

Tender for water projects were ignored by private companies, so drinking water need to be fetched from Pansit wa-

List of candidates for the by-election

List of candidates for Pyithu Hluttaw representatives

No.	Constituency	No.	Name of the Representative	Party/Affiliation	Date	Remark
1.	Kanpetlet	1	U Ki Htan Lwin	Chin National Democratic Party	10-7-2018	
		2	U Nyunt Win	National League for Democracy	9-7-2018	
		3	U Manar Naing	Union Solidarity and Development Party	10-7-2018	
		4	U Manar Shin	Chin Progressive Party	9-7-2018	
2	Myingyan	1	U Sein Myint	National League for Democracy	9-7-2018	
		2	U Phyo Han	Democratic Party for a New Society	9-7-2018	
		3	U Ye Kyaw Aung	People's Labour Party	8-7-2018	
		4	Dr. Than Win	Union Solidarity and Development Party	10-7-2018	
3	Tamway	1	U Si Si Naw Jar	Union Ethnic People's Federal Democracy Party	10-7-2018	
		2	U Zin Aung	Democratic Party for a New Society	4-7-2018	
		3	U Toe Win	National League for Democracy	10-7-2018	
		4	U Tun Tun Win	People's Labour Party	4-7-2018	
		5	U Myo Win Kyaw	Union Solidarity and Development Party	10-7-2018	
		6	U Myint Kyi	Democratic Party (Myanmar)	8-7-2018	
		7	U Myint Hsan Tun	Myanmar People's Democratic Party	5-7-2018	
		8	Daw Thet Thet Aye	Arakan League for Democracy	11-7-2018	
4	Laikha	1	Sai Shwe Hsai	Shan Nationalities Democratic Party	6-7-2018	
		2	Sai Okka	Shan Nationalities League for Democracy	5-7-2018	
		3	Sai Aung Tun Lay	National League for Democracy	5-7-2018	

List of candidates for Amyotha Hluttaw representatives

No.	Constituency	No.	Name of the Representative	Party/ Affiliation	Date	Remark
1.	Kachin 2	1	U Kwan Gaung Aung Kham	Kachin Democratic Party	10-7-2018	
		2	Daw Khin Ohn	Red Shan (Tailai) and Northern Shan Ethnics Solidarity Party	9-7-2018	
		3	U Hsi Hu Dwe	Union Solidarity and Development Party	10-7-2018	
		4	Daw Yam Khawn	National League for Democracy	6-7-2018	
		5	Dr. Than Htaik Oo	Independent	9-7-2018	
		6	Daw M D Khaw Nyun	Union Ethnic People's Federal Democracy Party	9-7-2018	

List of candidates for Region/State Hluttaw representatives

No.	Constituency	No.	Name of the Representative	Party/ Affiliation	Date	Remark
1.	Matupi	1	U Aung Htan	National League for Democracy	9-7-2018	
		2	U Aung Hlyan	Chin League for Democracy	10-7-2018	
2.	Tamu 2	1	U Zam Kem Man	Zo Ethnic Region Development Party	10-7-2018	
		2	U Ro Htan Pwe Yar	Union Solidarity and Development Party	10-7-2018	
		3	U Aung Shwe	National League for Democracy	3-7-2018	
		4	U Oun Kho Htan (a) U Chit Maung	Chin Leage for Democracy	7-7-2018	
3.	Ottwin 1	1	U Kyaw Zeya	National League for Democracy	3-7-2018	
		2	U Chit Khaing	Myamar People's Democratic Party	2-7-2018	
		3	U Myint Soe	National United Democratic Party (N.U.D)	9-7-2018	
		4	U Myint Thein	Myanmar Farmers' Development Party	11-7-2018	
		5	U Win Htoo	People's Labour Party	5-7-2018	
		6	U Win Myint	Union Solidarity and Development Party	9-7-2018	
		7	U Thet Naing	National Progressive Party	11-7-2018	
		8	U Than Win	Independent	9-7-2018	
4.	Minbu 2	1	U Kyaw Ngwe	National League for Democracy	2-7-2018	
		2	U Sein Shwe Min (a) Maung Paik	Union Solidarity and Development Party	6-7-2018	
		3	U Thaung Soe	Independent	11-7-2018	
		4	U Thein Htet Wai	Independent	10-7-2018	
		5	U Aung Htay	National United Democratic Party (N.U.D)	10-7-2018	
5	Thabeikkyin 1	1	U Soe Lwin	National League for Democracy	5-7-2018	
		2	U Zaw Min Tun Shein	National Democratic Force Party	7-7-2018	
		3	U Nyi Nyi	National Unity Party	4-7-2018	
		4	U Min Thu	Union Farmer-Labour Force	11-7-2018	
		5	U Myint Soe	Union Solidarity and Development Party	8-7-2018	
		6	U Myint Naing	National United Democratic Party (N.U.D)	11-7-2018	
		7	U Aung Kyi Myaing	Democratic Party (Myanmar)	9-7-2018	
6.	Yathedaung 2	1	U Khin Than Maung	National League for Democracy	9-7-2018	
		2	U Tin Maung Win	Independent	4-7-2018	
		3	U Maung Hla Myint	Arakan National Party	7-7-2018	
		4	U Thein Maung	Arakan League for Democracy	9-7-2018	
7.	Seikkan 2	1	Daw Khin Malar	National Democratic Force	5-7-2018	
		2	U Khin Hlaing	Independent	4-7-2018	
		3	U Ziwa	Myanmar People's Democratic Party	6-7-2018	
		4	U Nay Myo Aung	Union Solidarity and Development Party	10-7-2018	
		5	U Maung Hla Kyaw	Arakan League for Democracy	11-7-2018	
		6	U Yan Naung Soe Myint	People's Labour Party	9-7-2018	
		7	U Thet Tun	National Progressive Party	8-7-2018	
		8	U Than Htaik Aung	National League for Democracy	10-7-2018	
		9	Daw L Bauk Sai	Union Ethnic People's Federal Democracy Party	9-7-2018	

List of candidates for Region/State Hluttaw (ethnic representatives)

No.	Constituency	No.	Name of the Representative	Party/ Affiliation	Date	Remark
1.	Shan Nationality	1	Dr. Sai Kyaw Ohn	Shan Nationalities Democratic Party	3-7-2018	
		2	U Sai Pan Hsai (a) U Sai Tun Sein (a) U Kyaw Sein	National League for Democracy	9-7-2018	
		3	U Sai Aung Kyi	Union Solidarity and Development Party	8-7-2018	
		4	Daw Nan Htwe Hmon	Shan Nationalities League for Democracy	10-7-2018	
		5	U Aung Htay	Independent	9-7-2018	

Russian embassy in US voices regret about State Department's 'megaphone diplomacy'

WASHINGTON—The Russian embassy in the US expressed regret at the fact that the US State Department was slipping into a "megaphone diplomacy." The diplomatic mission published a statement in response to a recent twit by State Department Spokesperson Heather Nauert.

On Sunday, Nauert twitted that Russian Charge a'Affaires in the United States Dmitry Zhirnov was summoned by US Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs Wess Mitchell over Russia's alleged aggressive propaganda of violence and split in social networks.

"We can only voice our regret that the State Department once again dumbs down to "megaphone diplomacy". In reality, it turns out that the foreign agency plays up to those US powers, that further kindle the flames of the "Russian meddling" in US domestic affairs for their personal gain," the Russian diplomatic mission said.

The Russian diplomats said, "the foreign agency plays up to those US powers, that further kindle the flames of the 'Russian meddling' in US domestic affairs for their personal gain". **PHOTO: TASS**

According to the Russian diplomats, "this is the cause for a quite unethical desire to publish the contexts of diplomatic meetings in a slanderous way."

No evidence of meddling

The Russian diplomats note that according to Nauert, their colleague was convoked "to answer for Russia's aggressive interference" in US domestic affairs.

"How can anyone talk about an answer, when there aren't any grounds for accusations? Over the last two years we have been repeatedly debunking on multiple levels the absolute groundlessness of such innuendos, for which not a single piece of evidence has been presented," the embassy stressed.

"What answer is being anticipated for media publications taken out of thin air, like the ones that Facebook blocked 32 accounts in the process of internal censorship, imposed by US politicians on Internet companies while claiming to fight "the Russian threat"?" the embassy said.

"We call upon our US colleagues to concentrate their efforts on professional and mutually respectful work to stabilize and normalize relations between our countries. We see it as exactly the task of the Russian Embassy in the US" the Russian diplomats concluded.—TASS ■

Twenty dead in WWII vintage plane crash in Switzerland

GENEVA (Switzerland) —Twenty people died after a vintage World War II aircraft crashed into a Swiss mountainside at the weekend, police said on Sunday.

"The police have the sad certainty that the 20 people aboard perished," police spokeswoman Anita Senti told a news conference. There were 11 men and nine women aboard, including an Austrian couple and their son, she said. The Junker JU52 HB-HOT aircraft, built in Germany in 1939 and now a collectors' item, crashed into Piz Segnas, a 3,000-metre (10,000-foot) peak in the east of the country on Saturday.

The crash occurred at 2,540 metres on the mountain's western flank, Senti said.

According to German-language newspaper *Blick*, the flight had taken off from Ticino in the south of the country and had been due to land at the Duebendorf military airfield near Zurich on Saturday afternoon. The *20 Minutes* newspaper quoted a witness who was on the mountainside at the time of the crash.

Accident investigators and rescue personnel work at the wreckage of a Junkers JU52 aircraft in Flims on 5 August, 2018, after it crashed into Piz Segnas, a 3,000-metre (10,000-foot) peak in eastern Switzerland on 4 August. **PHOTO: AFP**

"The plane turned 180 degrees to the south and fell to the ground like a stone," the witness said, adding that the debris was scattered over "a very small area," indicating an explosion was unlikely to have been the cause of the crash.

Police said earlier that five helicopters were involved in a search and rescue mission and the airspace over the crash site was to remain closed until late Sunday.

The aircraft belongs to JU-Air, a company with links to the Swiss air force, the ATS news agency reported.

JU-Air said on its website that it was "deeply saddened" and its "thoughts were with the passengers, the crew and families and friends of the victims". The company's flight operations were suspended, it said.

JU-Air says it runs a small fleet of four Junker planes, all built in 1939, which are for hire. Its pilots are ex-military and professional pilots, all of them volunteers.

On its website, JU-Air mentions one past accident, in 1987, at the Koblenz airport in Germany in which no one was hurt.

In another Swiss plane crash on Saturday, a tourist plane carrying a couple and two young children crashed in a forest in the Nidwald canton and immediately burst into flames. No survivors have been found.—AFP ■

Venezuelan military gives Maduro 'unconditional' backing

CARACAS (Venezuela)— Venezuela's influential armed forces expressed "unconditional" loyalty to President Nicolas Maduro on Sunday in the aftermath of a suspected "assassination" attempt using explosive-laden drones.

Maduro survived the incident during a military rally on Saturday in which his far-left government said seven soldiers were injured following a number of explosions.

Venezuela's Minister of Defense Vladimir Padrino Lopez read out a statement from the Armed Forces expressing "unconditional and unrestricted loyalty to our commander in chief."

Padrino Lopez, an army general, described Saturday's incident as "an opprobrious attempt at assassination" and "an aggression against the military" in an attempt to provoke regime change "through unconstitutional means."

He added that the armed forces "absolutely repudiate this barbarism in a desperate attempt to destabilize" the government.

Seen as authoritarian and repressive by his detractors, Maduro has relied heavily on the military to hold on power in the face of a crippling economic crisis and political turmoil.

After he was whisked away from the military parade in Caracas to the safety of the presidential palace, Maduro vowed in a national address to enforce "maximum punishment" on those he accused of trying "to assassinate me.""There will be no forgiveness," he warned, blaming the country's opposition and outgoing Colombia President Juan Manuel Santos.

"They have failed again and in Venezuela there must be justice because they tried to kill me," said Maduro. In June, Venezuela jailed eight people accused of being behind a "coup" plot, denounced by Maduro in February 2015. Maduro claimed the plotters had been planning to bomb the Miraflores presidential palace and other government buildings.

The US State Department dismissed the accusations while rights group Venezuela Justice said a subsequent purge of the country's armed forces resulted in 150 people being jailed "for political reasons."

Just over a year ago, Maduro claimed a police helicopter had fired grenades at the Supreme Court in a "terror attack" that caused no injuries or damage and was dismissed by the opposition.—AFP ■

1,200 tourists being evacuated from Indonesia quake islands

Debris is seen at a shop in Denpasar on Indonesia's resort island of Bali on 6 August, 2018, after it was damaged in an earthquake that struck Lombok. **PHOTO: AFP**

MATARAM (Indonesia) — More than one thousand tourists were being evacuated from Indonesia's tiny Gili islands on Monday after a powerful quake struck neighbouring Lombok, killing 91 people and injuring hundreds.

The Gilis are three coral-fringed tropical islands popular with backpackers and divers, a few kilometres off the northwest coast of the larger Lombok island.

Footage posted online by rescue officials showed hundreds of panicked tourists and locals crowded onto powder-white beaches desperately waiting for transport off the normally paradise islands.

Muhammad Faozal, the head of West Nusa Tenggara's tourism agency, said there were about 1,200 mostly foreign tourists on the Gilis.

"We cannot evacuate all of them all at once because we don't have enough capacity on the boats. It's understandable they want to leave the Gilis, they are panicking," he told AFP. He said extra boats, including at least two navy vessels, were on their way.

Lombok, a volcanic island that towers over the flatter Gilis, bore the brunt of Sunday's quake, with the vast majority of deaths occurring there.

However, a local search and rescue official said there had been at least one fatality on the Gilis and several injuries.

"One Indonesian tourist died in Gili Meno, several were injured, mostly suffering from broken bones," rescue official Agus Hendra Sanjaya told AFP, referencing the middle island.

The 6.9 magnitude tremor, which triggered panic among tourists and locals on Sunday evening, was also felt on Bali, one of Southeast Asia's leading tourist destinations.

At least one person was killed by falling debris and dozens of buildings and temples were damaged on the majority-Hindu island, said I Wayan Karnawan, head of the local disaster mitigation agency in Bangli regency.

American model Chrissy Teigen, who is staying in Bali with her children and singer husband John Legend, live-tweeted the quake.

"Bali. Trembling. So long," she told her 10.6 million followers.

"We are safe, up high and nothing around us. Thinking about everyone around us and in Lombok especially," she added.

The main tourist areas of Lombok in the south and west of the island appear to have been spared the worst of the damage.

Lombok's beaches and hiking trails draw holidaymakers from around the world. But some fearful tourists were already trying to leave. A French tourist, who gave his name as Jina, told local broadcaster Metro TV he had tried to rush to Lombok's main airport. "But there was no taxi, no transport, no plan for evacuation." "Later I stopped a car and I asked a local to please take me and my family to the airport and he said 'Okay no problem'." —AFP ■

Hiroshima marks 73rd anniversary of US atomic bombing

HIROSHIMA — Hiroshima marked the 73rd anniversary of the US atomic bombing on Monday, with its mayor making a fresh call for a world without nuclear weapons through dialogue but stopping short of explicitly urging Japan to join a global nuclear weapons ban treaty.

Despite some expectations of progress toward nuclear disarmament in recent years, Mayor Kazumi Matsui warned of the re-emergence of tensions over nuclear weapons seen during the Cold War and sought rational actions by global leaders.

"If the human family forgets history or stops confronting it, we could again commit a terrible error," Matsui said at a memorial ceremony to remember the atomic bombing.

Japan needs to lead the international community toward "dialogue and cooperation for a world without nuclear weapons," the mayor added.

At the Peace Memorial Park, a moment of silence was observed at 8:15 am, when the "Little Boy" uranium-core atomic bomb dropped by a US bomber exploded above Hiroshima on 6 August, 1945. It killed an estimated 140,000 people by the end of that year.

The 73rd anniversary comes after Pyongyang's promise of a complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula grabbed attention following the historic US-North Korean summit in June. Matsui expressed hope that the easing of tensions on the Korean Peninsula will continue through dialogue and called on global leaders to make an international treaty comprehensively prohibiting nuclear weapons a "milestone" toward the goal of ridding the world of nuclear arsenals.

For years, Japan has relied on US deterrence and did not sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons that referred to the suffering of hibakusha, or atomic bomb survivors. The pact was adopted in July 2017.

The mayor made the Peace Declaration before representatives from 85 countries and the European Union. The United States sent its ambassador to Japan to the annual ceremony for the first time in three years.

"Certain countries are blatantly proclaiming self-centered nationalism and modernizing their nuclear arsenals, rekindling tensions that had eased with the end of the Cold War," Matsui said.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, attending the memorial ceremony, pledged that Japan will try to bridge nuclear powers and non-nuclear states and lead international efforts.

"Maintaining its three non-nuclear principles, our country is determined to make strenuous efforts to serve as a bridge between both parties," Abe said.

As of March, the number of hibakusha stood at 154,859. Their average age is now just over 82.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said in his message the legacy of Hiroshima is one of "resilience" and sought continued moral support from hibakusha survivors.—Kyodo News ■

People offer a silent prayer before the Atomic Bomb Dome in Hiroshima at 8:15 am on 6 August, 2018, the same moment when a US atomic bomb exploded above the western Japan city 73 years ago.
PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

An air tanker drops retardant on the Ranch Fire, part of the Mendocino Complex Fire, burning along High Valley Rd near Clearlake Oaks, California on 5 August, 2018. **PHOTO: AFP**

California's raging wildfires cause another death

CLEARLAKE OAKS (United States) — California's deadly Carr wildfire — now the state's sixth most destructive — has claimed another life with a power linesman killed on the job its seventh fatality, officials said on Sunday.

The Carr Fire, located some 200 miles (322 kilometres) north of San Francisco, is still growing, CalFire said on Sunday.

Its intensity was so great at one point, that it generated a tornado-like whirl of fire — as well as its own weather system.

PG&E power company identified the worker Sunday as Jairus Ayeta, who was killed in a remote area of Shasta county where crews were working to restore electricity.

"The safety of our employees and our customers is PG&E's top priority. Our thoughts and prayers are with our fallen team member, his family and our extended team," the company said in a statement. "We are working with law enforcement to investigate the circumstances of the incident," it added. The Carr Fire has scorched 154,524 acres (62,534 hectares) of land since 23 July, when authorities say it was triggered by the "mechanical failure of a vehicle" that caused sparks to fly in tinder-box-dry conditions.

The fire has also razed more than 1,600 buildings, including some 1,000 homes, making it the sixth most destructive blaze in the history of the fire-prone western state, state officials say.

More than 4,200 firefighters have been deployed to battle the conflagration but they have only succeeded in containing 41 per cent of it so far. —AFP ■

Slovenians strive to live in peace with bears

PARIS — When he used to go hunting, Miha Mlakar would dream of killing a bear. But today the 33-year-old from Slovenia makes his living watching the animals, peacefully, in their natural forest environment.

The turnaround to shooting bears with a camera, not a rifle, puts Mlakar, who runs bear observation tours, in step with wider efforts in the small Alpine nation to promote the co-existence of humans and bears.

Once on the verge of extinction, Slovenia's brown bear population is booming, with the number roaming the sprawling forests having doubled in the last decade to around 1,000.

As a result, encounters with bears have increased — not that it seems to unduly worry everyone.

"If you run into a bear, you have to step back... (But) there is no danger. The bear also prefers to move away," Ljubo Popovic, a 67-year-old pensioner who lives in the village of Banja Loka in the southern Kocevje region, told AFP.

Lying an hour to the west, near Markovec village, Mlakar has built 20 hides in a remote patch of forest reachable only by off-road vehicle and takes visitors, including foreign tourists, to observe the bears.

"I cannot imagine this forest without bears. Bears make the forest wild and pristine, natural, like it was a few hundred or thousand years ago... I feel a connection with bears," he tells AFP.

Managing bears

Slovenian bears are even sought after abroad.

Between 1996 and 2006, eight Slovenian bears were released in the French Pyrenees, and France currently has a population of about 40 bears, whose presence divides opinion in regions where they live.In Slovenia, more than 60 per cent of respondents in a 2016 survey carried out in areas where bears live said they were in favour of the bears' presence, even if many also said they would like to see the numbers regulated.

"We have an average of one to three cases of physical contact between bears and humans per year," Rok Cerne, of the Slovenia Forest Service in charge of wildlife, told AFP.

"Fortunately, we haven't registered any serious incident over the last years," he added, stressing they were "very active in preventive measures".

Removing food sources that could attract bears has been one such step.

In villages close to bear habitats, local authorities have replaced regular plastic waste and compost bins, which can be easily opened or flipped by the animals, with containers protected by heavy metal cages.

Meanwhile, damage to cattle from bear forays has remained stable, at up to 200,000 euros ($231,500) a year, despite the bear population increasing, Cerne said.

Farmers are entitled to an 80-per cent subsidy for using electric fences to protect flocks and the loss of cattle due to bears is compensated.

If a bear becomes a habitual visitor to a village, special intervention groups step in to kill or relocate the animal with the help of local hunters.

Regular culling also keeps the population under control to ensure long-term cohabitation, Cerne said. This year, authorities have proposed culling 200 bears, twice as many as last year.—AFP ■

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Beloved family

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Demi Lovato thankful to be alive after overdose

LOS ANGELES — Demi Lovato has long spoken of her struggles with depression, eating disorders and addiction.

Pop star Demi Lovato said on Sunday she was thankful to be alive and needed time to recover in her first remarks since an overdose nearly two weeks ago.

Writing to her more than 70 million followers on Instagram, Lovato gave few details on her 24 July hospitalization but noted that she has long been open about her struggles with addiction. "What I've learned is that this illness is not something that disappears or fades with time," the 25-year-old star wrote.

"It is something that I must continue to overcome and have not done yet," she wrote. "I want to thank God for keeping me alive and well," she said, adding that she was "forever grateful" for the support of her fans and crediting the staff of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles with saving her life.

Demi Lovato. **PHOTO: AFP**

Lovato, who canceled a show in Atlantic City that had been planned for two days after her hospitalization, suggested that she may not be returning to the public eye soon. "I now need time to heal and focus on my sobriety and road to recovery," she wrote. Lovato has long spoken of her struggles with depression, eating disorders and addiction, belying her happy persona as a smiling star of the children's show "Barney and Friends." A 2012 documentary, "Demi Lovato: Stay Strong," showed how she used to snort cocaine several times a day before finding her way into rehab and reviving her career. In June, Lovato released a song entitled "Sober" in which she indicated a relapse and apologizes in verse to her parents.

The singer, whose hits include "Sorry Not Sorry," was rushed from her home to a hospital by emergency responders. It remains unclear on which drug she overdosed. Her overdose prompted a flurry of statements of solidarity from fellow stars who praised her personality — although the attention also triggered a backlash by social media users, who noted that many non-celebrities suffer from drugs with little fanfare.—AFP ■

Women shouldn't forget their identity after turning mothers

MUMBAI — Actor Kajol believes women need to realise that they have their own identity even after embracing motherhood.

Kajol, who will be seen as a single mother in her upcoming "Helicopter Eela", feels motherhood can be so consuming that it can make women forget themselves.

"It's very normal and natural. It happens to everyone, who gets so involved in the tag of being a mother. You become so much of a mom that you forget that a piece of yourself also belongs to you."

The Pradeep Sarkar-directed film also stars National Award winning actor, Riddhi Sen who will be playing Kajol's son, along with Neha Dhupia and Tota Roy Chowdhary.

Kajol, who also celebrated her birthday at the trailer launch of "Helicopter Eela", said motherhood is not about being a caretaker.

"You have to realise that you have an identity of your own, that you have feelings, emotions and everything that makes up a human being. You have to realise that you are not just a caretaker mom," she said.

Produced by Ajay Devgn, "Helicopter Eela" is set to release on 7 September.—PTI ■

Last survivor of famed immigrant French Resistance group dies at 101

PARIS (France) — The last surviving member of a group of immigrant workers that courageously resisted the Nazi occupation of France during World War II has died at the age of 101, his family said on Sunday.

Arsene Tchakarian, a tailor of Armenian origin, died on Saturday at a hospital near his home in the Paris suburb of Vitry-sur-Seine. He was a member of a small group of foreign Resistance members led by Armenian poet and fellow communist Missak Manouchian that carried out attacks on German forces and acts of sabotage in Nazi-occupied France in 1943.

In 1944, the group, which included a number of Jews, was put out of action when 23 of its members were rounded up and sentenced to death by a German military court. The collaborationist Vichy regime later tried to discredit the group and defuse the anger over the executions in an infamous red poster depicting the dead fighters as terrorists.

Tchakarian, who was born in Turkey in 1916, managed to avoided arrest and escape to Bordeaux, where he remained active in the Resistance until the war ended. He received multiple medals for his bravery but had to wait until 1958 before being granted French citizenship.

After the war the father of six became a tireless campaigner for the recognition of the mass killings of Ottoman Armenians during World War 1 as genocide.

In 2012, he received the Legion of Honour, France's highest distinction.—AFP ■

Cruise beats Pooh as 'Mission Impossible' again tops box office

HOLLYWOOD (United States)— Tom Cruise continued to test the limits of the possible this weekend as "Mission Impossible — Fallout" clung for a second week to the top spot in North American theaters, beating new Disney film "Christopher Robin," industry tracker Exhibitor Relations reported.

Paramount's "Mission," the sixth stunt-filled edition in the popular franchise, took in an estimated $35 million for the three-day weekend. Critics and audiences have warmed to the film, in which Cruise again does his own vertigo-inducing, cliff-hanging, exploding-car stunts.

Disney's live-animated "Christopher Robin" placed second, at $25 million. Inspired by AA Milne's classic "Winnie-the-Pooh" books, it tells the story of a now grown-up and stressed-out Christopher reuniting with his old stuffed friend and relearning the joys of childlike imagination. The film stars Ewan McGregor and Hayley Atwell, along with the voices of Brad Garrett and Jim Cummings.

In third was another new release, Lionsgate's "The Spy Who Dumped Me," at $12.4 million. The action comedy stars Mila Kunis and Kate McKinnon as friends being chased frantically through Europe after a former boyfriend turns out to be a CIA agent with a pack of killers hot on his trail.

The star power of "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again" — with its toe-tapping ABBA soundtrack and gorgeous Greek scenery — helped keep the Universal film afloat in fourth place, taking in $9.1 million for a worldwide total to date of $231 million.

Its cast includes Meryl Streep, Amanda Seyfried, Colin Firth, Cher and Pierce Brosnan. In fifth was Sony's "The Equalizer 2," with superstar Denzel Washington playing the part of a quiet former black-ops agent who is drawn back into action to avenge a friend's death.

Its take was $8.8 million in its third week out. Also of note: Disney has announced that "Black Panther" has taken in more than $700 million in North America since its release in February, joining only "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" and "Avatar" in that exclusive category. Rounding out this weekend's top 10 were:

"Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation" ($8.2 million)

"Ant-Man and the Wasp" ($6.2 million)

"The Darkest Minds" ($5.8 million)

Cruise beats Pooh as 'Mission Impossible' again tops box office. **PHOTO:AFP**

"Incredibles 2" ($5 million)

"Teen Titans Go! To the Movies" ($4.9 million).—AFP ■

China tests first experimental superfast aircraft

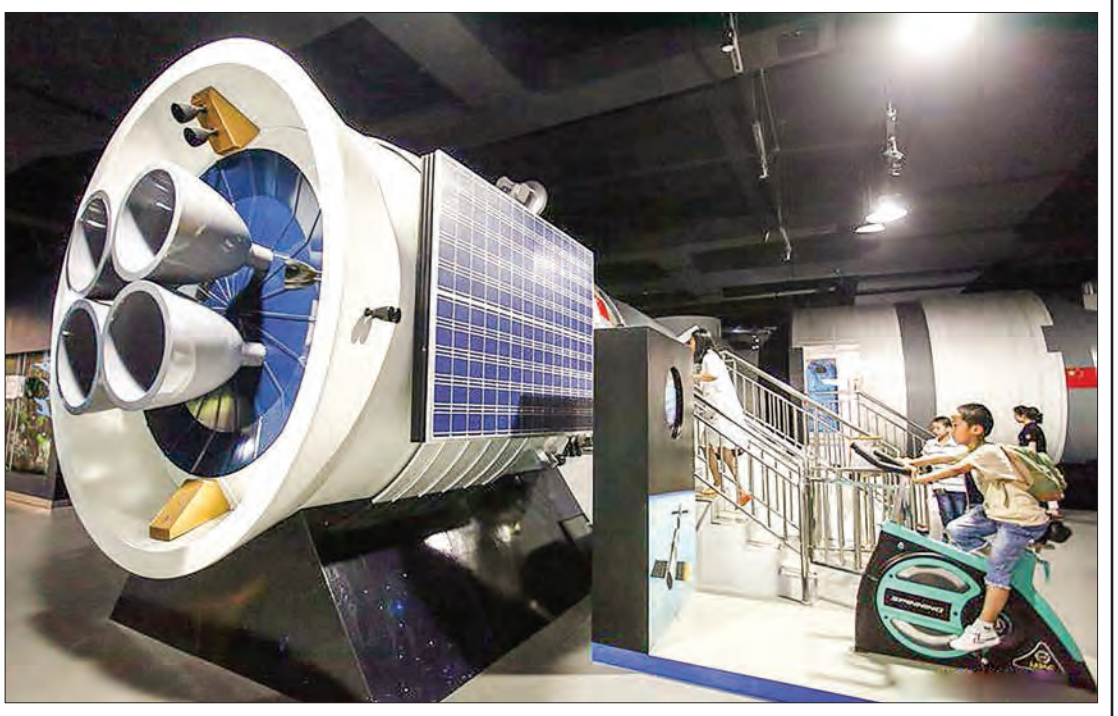
BEIJING — China has successfully developed and tested a cutting-edge hypersonic aircraft that rides its own shock waves, according to the *China Daily* on Monday.

The first flight-test of Starry Sky 2, a hypersonic experimental waverider vehicle, was successfully conducted at an unidentified testing field in northwestern China last Friday, the newspaper cited the China Academy of Aerospace Aerodynamics as saying.

A waverider is a hypersonic aircraft that has a wedge-shaped fuselage designed to improve its supersonic lift-to-drag ratio by using the shock waves generated by its own flight as a lifting force.

The hypersonic vehicle was first carried by a solid-propellant rocket and then separated as its own propulsion system took over. During the independent flight, the test craft maintained ultrafast speeds above Mach 5.5 for more than 400 seconds and reached 7,344 kmph, the newspaper said, quoting a statement from the academy. In the flight-test, the Chinese waverider reached an altitude of 30 km and carried out large-angle maneuvers. The vehicle also tested a host of advanced technologies such as a domestically developed heat-balance thermal protection system.—AFP ■

Children enrich summer vacation at Yangzhou Science and Technology Museum



Children experience scientific devices at the Yangzhou Science and Technology Museum in Yangzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province on 4 August, 2018. Children enriched their summer vacation here by learning scientific and technological knowledge. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Russian defence firm develops artificial intelligence system to fight illegal drones

MOSCOW — Sozvezdiye Group (part of Ruselectronics Holding Company within the state hi-tech corporation Rostec) has created a radio-electronic system based on artificial intelligence to fight illegal drones, with the first deliveries expected in 2019, Sozvezdiye Chief Alexei Bocharov told TASS recently, .

"Sozvezdiye Group has accumulated substantial potential for solving this task [fighting illegal drones] at a high professional level through electronic warfare measures by suppressing the drone's control, telemetry and communications channels," the Sozvezdiye chief executive said.

"In particular, we are creating a small-size mobile electronic warfare system capable of turning a drone into useless metal scrap. Many throw nets at drones, sprinkle them with paint to obscure the camera but we simply deprive drones of their control," he said.

The new system is currently undergoing its experimental operation and its first deliveries may begin in 2019, Bocharov said.

"Prototypes exist and experimental operation is underway and it is necessary to prepare for serial production," he noted.

Technology of fight against illegal drones

The new product is known under the working name of Solaris. Its elements and the general concept are being finalized.

"We are using domestic artificial intelligence solutions in the new system. It is necessary to make the system learn 10,000-20,000 standard situations to produce selective impacts on objects. In other words, artificial intelligence will automatically make 'friend or foe' decisions based on an array of signs, situations and the object's behavioural characteristics," Bocharov said.

Comprehensive solutions are needed in addition to technical equipment to fight illegal drones more effectively, he stressed. As an example, he cited the initiative of marking all drones with special micro-chips to identify their owners.

"Such a micro-chip is being developed by one of our partner companies. Besides, its specialists have developed a software and hardware set for a situational center that can get information on the air situation with the markings of all legally flying drones," he said.—Tass ■

The new product to fight illegal drones is known under the working name of Solaris. **PHOTO: TASS**

Aussie scientists test croc cartilage to help human joints recover

SYDNEY— Scientists from Central Queensland University are using crocodile cartilage for their research into possible treatments for joint injuries and arthritis.

Head researcher Dr Padraig Strappe said that growth factors in the crocodiles cartilage help to promote adult stem cells from fat tissue or bone marrow, to become cartilage.

"We're working in the field of what's called tissue engineering, trying to make synthetic cartilage that might be able to repair damaged joints," Strappe said.

"And we're very interested in the crocodile because they have a lot of cartilage and it is of a very high quality."

Specimens undergo a process called decellularization which removes the cells and the DNA of the croc, leaving only valuable growth factors which are then moulded with adult stem cells using a 3D printer and injected or implanted into human joints.

Strappe's research is originally the consequence of a decade old study which ranked the proteoglycan levels in crocodiles at the top of a list of prospective species.

The cartilage is sourced from the nearby Koorana Crocodile Farm which produces skins for the overseas fashion market and meat within Australia.

Researchers value the cartilage around the rib cage for its density and quality as well as that further down towards the tail.

"The crocodile itself has a lot of cartilage in its body and large joints that have to withstand a lot of weight," Strappe said.—Xinhua ■

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Bayern beat Man United in final pre-season test

MUNICH (Germany)—Javi Martinez's second-half header earned Bayern Munich a 1-0 victory over Manchester United at the Allianz Arena on Sunday in a final pre-season test for both sides ahead of the new campaign.

Spain international Martinez nodded in from a corner on 59 minutes as the German champions overcame a lacklustre display from Jose Mourinho's side, who kick off the Premier League at home to Leicester City on Friday.

Marcus Rashford and Victor Lindelof returned for United after their post-World Cup break, although the visitors lost Eric Bailly to injury after the interval following a collision with Serge Gnabry.

Mourinho remains hopeful of strengthening his side in the transfer window before the August 9 deadline, with Brazil international midfielder Fred the club's top signing this summer.

"My CEO knows what I want for quite a long time," Mourinho told German TV ahead of the game. "I know he tries to do the best for me, and I still have a few days to wait and see what is going to happen."

Bayern, under new coach Niko Kovac, will head back to their training camp in Tegernsee ahead of next weekend's German Super Cup against Eintracht Frankfurt.—AFP ■

Bayern Munich's German defender Mats Hummels (r) controls the ball in front of Manchester's Brazilian midfielder Fred (l) during a friendly football match between FC Bayern Munich and Manchester United in Munich, southern Germany on 5 August, 2018.
PHOTO: AFP

Japan midfielder Keisuke Honda celebrates his World Cup goal against Senegal in Yekaterinburg, Russia, in June.
PHOTO: AFP

Honda joins Australian side Melbourne Victory

MELBOURNE — Japan's Keisuke Honda has signed with Melbourne Victory, the Australian side announced on Monday, and will make his debut in the upcoming A-League season starting in October.

Victory had targeted Honda, who is rumored to have signed a deal worth A$2.9 million ($2.15 million), as their marquee signing after his name emerged on a list of potential big-name recruits drawn up by Football Federation Australia.

The 32-year-old announced his retirement from the national team following the recent World Cup in Russia, where he made history as the first Japanese to score at three World Cups. He had played a crucial role in helping Japan reach the knockout stage of the tournament for the first time in eight years.

Last Thursday, however, Honda revealed that his next goal is to become one of three players over the age of 23 that Japan can call upon for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics men's tournament. He has scored 37 goals in 98 appearances for the senior national team.

Honda spent the past season with Mexican side Pachuca after a stint at AC Milan. He started his career with J-League side Nagoya Grampus in 2005 before moving to Dutch side VVV-Venlo. He later joined Russian powerhouse CSKA Moscow, where he twice won the league championship.—Kyodo News ■

Russia's Kuznetsova wins her second title at WTA tournament in Washington

MOSCOW—Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova defeated Donna Vekic from Croatia in the final match of the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) tournament in Washington (The prize fund is $250,000).

Kuznetsova and Vekic played for 2 hours 33 minutes. The 33-year-old Russian won with a score of 4: 6, 7: 6 (9: 7), 6: 2.

Kuznetsova is 128th in the WTA ranking, Vekic is 44th. The Russian player already won the tournament in Washington - in 2014. Last time Kuznetsova played in the finals of the WTA tournament in March 2017 in Indian Wells and lost to her compatriot Elena Vesnina.

Kuznetsova won 17 times in the WTA tournaments and twice in the Grand Slam tournaments.

The tournament in Washington is part of the WTA International series. The winner receives 280 rating points. Last year, the tournament was won by Russian Ekaterina Makarova.—Tass ■

Kuznetsova and Vekic played for 2 hours 33 minutes. **PHOTO: TASS**

iding purified drinking water

ter source, eleven miles far from Thayetkone village, where three hundred families have settled down.

Now, our department has built a water tank, and twenty-four tabs were set up so water is available even in front of the houses. In the past, during summer, they had to buy water at Ks500 per tank from Pindaya. Danu ethnic youths came to visit Nay Pyi Taw for an excursion trip and I visited their respective villages and witnessed how they were suffering from water shortage, so I reported the matter to the authorities at the ministry. In 2017-2018 Fiscal Year, funding was allocated to implement the project. As a result, the entire villages now own and enjoy oases in their respective places. Officials led by our Union Minister visited the region and on our way back, the crowd was waving their hands and shouting at us cheerfully. What I heard in the voices echoing to me is, 'Thank you so much, Sirs.' Whenever I visit their places now, they always greet me affectionately as, bhagyi (grandpa).

Opening ceremony

Before going to southern Thayetkone Village on 3 March, water distribution ceremony was held in Hsihseng Town, Pa-O Self-Administered Zone. It was attended by Mahn Win Khaing Than, the then Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw, Lt-Gen. Ye Aung, Dr. Myo Thein Gyi, Union Minister for Education, Dr. Lin Htut, Shan State Chief Minister, U Soe Aung, Deputy Minister, responsible persons from Japanese Embassy, PTA organizations, departmental heads and local people. Purified drinking water could now be distributed to the town and four villages nearby as well as 390 acres of cultivation can be supplied. I have written about it in one of my previous articles.

Another project at Panpet village in Dimawhso Township, Kayah State, conducted by the Ministry of Border Affairs will be opened sooner or later. Purified drinking water is scarcer than gold in those places because people have been suffering for life on account of it. Artesian wells cannot be easily dug, because there is no water resource even 800 feet deep below. U Henry Van Thio, Vice-President, Chairman of National Water Resources Committee toured Kayah State on 4 October 2016 and gave instructions to the Ministry of Border Affairs. The ministry implemented the tasks, joining hands together with the local people, and they found water resources 100 feet below from a cave near Lwikathi Village. Departments were successful in carrying out from afar the tasks of bringing purified drinking water to the villages step by step.

Thus, through Lwikathi water source many villages, such as Cheerykon, Cheery peak, Lainsaungday, Parekku, Pawku,Shwunku peak, Shwunku, Lower Shwunku, Dawkey, Chaw-day, Taingyintharkon, Panpetjunction, Saunglukanar new and old,Pinmasaung, including Kathanku village situated in border area of Shan-Kayah States 11 miles afar, have their thirst quenched. Seventeen villages benefited from this project. The ministry has been carrying out survey, infrastructure, and people have campaigned for acquiring sufficient drinking water for our ethnic brotherhood. The results were: 142 tanks, 343 collected water tanks, 29 wells, 35 manual artesian wells, 59 auto artesian wells, 2 hydro power and 414 natural water resources.

Purified drinking water is more precious than gold for our ethnic brotherhood due to water shortage in those respective places. What they really want is not gold but purified drinking water. They have now owned more precious treasure than gold. What does the State receive from them in return? Through spreading loving-kindness, the State received back family spirit, Union spirit, the fragrance of brotherhood from their heart. The local people will always keep the gratitude of the State at the core of their hearts. Socio-economic development indeed creates strong and concrete Union spirit among our ethnic brotherhood. ■

Translated by Dr. Nyan Tun

Flood Warning

(Issued at 10:00 hrs MST on 6-8-2018)

According to the (09:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Kalewa is observed as about (1) foot below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next (1) day.

It is especially advised that people who have settled near the river banks and low lying areas at Kalewa Township, to take precautionary measures.

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 15:00 hrs MST on 6-8-2018)

Flood condition of Chindwin River

According to the (14:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River has exceeded by about (½) foot at Mingin above its danger level. It may rise about (2½) feet during the next (2) days and may remain above its danger level.

Flood condition of Sittoung River

According to the (14:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River has exceeded by about (3) feet at Madauk above its danger level. It may fall about (1½) feet during the next (2) days and may remain above its danger level.

Flood condition of Thanlwin River

According to the (14:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River has exceeded by about (3½) feet at Hpa-an above its danger level. It may fall about (1) foot during the next (2) days and may remain above its danger level.

Flood condition of Ngawun River

According to the (14:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Ngawun River has exceeded by about (2) inches at Thabaung above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level during the next (2) days.

Advisory

It is especially advised that people who have settled near the river banks and lowlying areas in Mingin, Hpa-an, Thabaung townships and Madauk, to take precautionary measures.

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Monday 6th August 2018)

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at (18:30) hrs MST today, a low pressure area over the Northwest Bay of Bengal still persists. Monsoon is vigorous over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and strong elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 7thAUGUST, 2018: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin State and widespread in the remaining regions and states with regionally heavy falls in Taninthayi Region and isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Sea will be moderate to rough elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40)mph. Wave height will be about (9 - 12)feet in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts and about (6 - 9) feet in off and along Rakhine Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Continuation of increase of rain in Taninthayi Region and Mon State.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 7th AUGUST, 2018: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 7th AUGUST, 2018: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 7th AUGUST, 2018: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).