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President U Win Myint presents the ruby brick to State Ovadacariya Sayadaw Abhidaja Maharatthaguru Bhaddanta Kavisara. **PHOTO: MNA**

Cornerstone laid for building Eternal Peace Pagoda

President U Win Myint places jewelry casket, lays ruby brick in centre of foundation

President U Win Myint attended a cornerstone laying ceremony for building of a pagoda dedicated to eternal peace in Myanmar held in Nay Pyi Taw Dekkhinathiri Township yesterday.

At the ceremony, the President placed a jewelry casket in the centre of the pagoda. First, he presented the jewelry casket, stone inscription and ruby brick, which would be placed in

the centre of the pagoda, and offertories to State Ovadacariya Sayadaw Abhidaja Maharatthaguru Bhaddanta Kavisara.

Vice President U Myint Swe also presented a stone in-

scription, diamond brick, jewelries and offertories to Paukmyaing Sayadaw Abhidaja Maharatthaguru Bhaddanta Janinda.

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Myanmar objects to growing population near border line in Bangladesh

Myanmar objected to Bangladesh's installation of four CCTV cameras and 10 solar-powered security lamps and to growing population near the borderline prohibited by bilateral border agreement.

The Myanmar border guard force lodged the complaint at the Myanmar-Bangladesh Border Guard Force Battalion commander-level meeting on Wednesday held on the Bangladesh side near the Friendship Bridge, reiterating neighbouring authorities to remove the installation as soon as possible as they break the rules of the United Nations.

At the meeting, Bangladesh urged Myanmar to reduce the announcements delivered over loudspeakers near the border, as the noise caused anxiety for their nationals living in Bangladesh, and to reduce the volume of the broadcasts as there are schools and trainings nearby on their side.

The Bangladesh border guard said there are still difficulties in repatriation, though high-level bilateral meetings are being held regarding this.

They urged Myanmar's security forces to inform Bangladesh when they carried out security measures along the border.

The Bangladeshi side also reminded the Myanmar side of holding a proposed regional commanding officer-level meeting.

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YBS must implement card payment system soon: Entrepreneurs

By Nyein Nyein

THE Yangon Bus Service (YBS) must implement the card payment system soon to solve the problem of shortage of notes and discontinue with the cash box system, according to private entrepreneurs.

Currently, passengers using the YBS bus lines have to drop the fare into a cash box. However, there have been complaints of passengers not having the exact change or paying torn and counterfeit damaged notes. Some passengers do not pay the full fare, according to the entrepreneurs.

"We need to discuss all these complaints. We also heard that the YBS bus line communities are discussing these matters. Our private bus lines are also facing these problems," said Ko Tayote Lay, managing director of Power Eleven Public Company.

Two clerks from the Power Eleven Public Company inspected the passenger fare payment on 1 May in five YBS-78 bus lines. They found a payment gap of 50 per cent in the

A passenger drops money into a cash box in the YBS bus in Yangon. **PHOTO: NYI ZAW MOE**

cash box, said Ko Tayote Lay.

Similarly, some YBS buses under the supervision of the Yangon Urban Public Transport Company (YUPT) are also facing similar problems, said U Ko Ko Naing, vice-chairman of YUPT.

The Yangon Region government will implement the card payment system in 2018 to

solve the problems, according to Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein.

"The card system will be implemented for the public. The Yangon Region government is planning to provide the card payment system to eliminate the problems of shortage of small notes and the need for bus con-

ductors. We are currently making arrangements to implement the card payment system project. We can introduce this card system three months later," said Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein at the Yangon Investment Forum 2018 media conference, which was held on 9 May. ■

Myanmar objects to growing population near border line in Bangladesh

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They also asked the Myanmar side to inform them when they build infrastructure near the borderline.

At the meeting, Myanmar objected Bangladesh's turning a blind eye to human habitation and a growing population near the borderline prohibited by bilateral border agreement and that the action constitutes Bangladesh's support of illegal activity.

Myanmar authorities said the announcements sent over loudspeakers are meant to warn and control the illegal human habitation of families. Myanmar said they would not need to do this if Bangladesh cooperated with Myanmar.

The Myanmar border guard also reminded the Bangladeshi border guard of Myanmar's offer to hand over five Bangladeshi people who were found on a fishing boat and are currently

Myanmar-Bangladesh battalion commander-level meeting held on Wednesday in Bangladesh. **PHOTO: INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

under detention in Myanmar. Bangladesh has not replied, Myanmar authorities said.

The Myanmar side also proposed to promote exchange of information between the two countries.

At the meeting, Myanmar also repeated their request for

Bangladesh to stop construction of any structures in the non-construction zone near the borderline and objected to Bangladesh's sending rations and giving escorts to those who come to the illegal structures to deliver the rations.— Myanmar News Agency

Two killed as tanker truck overturns on An-Minbu road

A 12-WHEEL tanker truck carrying 4,400 gallons of diesel overturned near 73/2 milepost on An-Minbu road, An Township, Rakhine State, on 24 May.

The tanker truck heading towards An Township from Minbu Town, driven by Kyaw Thura, along with his wife and a truck conductor on board, overturned due to brake failure and plunged down the road.

The truck driver and his wife were killed on the spot, while the truck conductor was seriously injured.

He is undergoing medical treatment at the An Township general hospital. Officials from An Township police and fire services department arrived at the scene and provided emergency rescue services.— Han Lin Naing ■

Tatmadaw supports Amnesty International's reveal of ARSA terrorists' massacre

THE Tatmadaw True News Information team released a press release yesterday praising Amnesty International for their report on inhuman massacres, terrorist attacks and human rights abuses by ARSA in Rakhine State.

The press release read that Amnesty International showed impartiality and reported true facts in the news article, which was based on their report titled "Attacks by the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) on Hindus in northern Rakhine State."

The press release also said the Tatmadaw has been vigilantly broadcasting news on this sit-

uation, but international media and governments have been directing one-sided accusations on the Tatmadaw and the Union Government.

The press release urged Amnesty International to continue covering true news regarding ARSA's terrorist activities on other ethnic groups as well.

The press release also called for other international media and organizations to follow the lead of Amnesty International and provide authentic facts and evidence regarding ARSA's conflicts in Buthidaung-Maungdaw, while holding meetings with officials from Myanmar. —MNA ■

2018 Korea-Expo opens in Yangon



An opening ceremony of 2018 Korea-Expo held in Yangon. PHOTO: MNA

2018 Korea-Expo kicked off at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall in Yangon yesterday, with 120 booths.

The four-day expo was opened with an address by Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo.

Speaking at the ceremony, the deputy minister invited Korean investors as part of efforts for boosting trade between Myanmar and the Republic of Korea.

He said the expo is expected to explore opportunities for possible export products and services between the two countries.

To control the quality of export products of Myanmar and to reduce the costs, Myanmar and South Korea's HUBS MK Co Ltd signed an agreement in Nay Pyi Taw recently on building logistic hubs. Myanmar and South Korea established the diplomatic ties in 1975.—MNA ■

Drug-addled man in Shan State kills six, wounds fourteen

SIX people were killed and 14 others wounded after they were attacked and knifed by a man apparently high on drugs in Ho Sin Chone Village, Man Tonpar village-tract, Laukkai Township, Shan State, police said.

The deadly attacks occurred at about 11 pm on 22 May. The man fatally stabbed his wife Daw Yang Shauk San and daughter Ma Kyin Sauk San at his home

and then killed six others and injured another 14 in the village before he died from attacks by residents, police said.

The other people killed were identified by authorities as Daw Wan Shauk San, U Li Lauk Sit, Daw Yauk Shauk Ta, Mg Kyin Wai, Wan Lauk Say and U Yaung Lauk San. The slain killer was identified as Kyin Lauk Ai, police said.—MNA ■



Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu delivers the speech at the coordination meeting on repatriation of returnees at the building of Rakhine State Government in Rakhine. PHOTO: MNA

Rakhine Government holds coordination meeting on repatriation

A COORDINATION meeting on the status and progress of repatriating and resettling returnees was held at the Rakhine State Government's building yesterday.

At the meeting, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu said restoration of peace and stability have been carried out ever since the violent attacks on 25 August 2017, and with the State Counsellor herself leading the efforts, stability is being swiftly restored. But despite these efforts, people have been leaving their homes to cross into other countries. Even though the state government tried to resolve this situation, it has grown from a state issue to an issue of national concern. Consequently, the state government is not

only performing repatriation and resettlement of returnees, but also planning for their long-term socio-economic development in collaboration with the union government.

Next, Vice Chairman (2) of the Repatriation and Resettlement of Returnees Committee U Khin Maung Tin, who is also the Deputy Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor, explained the process of implementing directions from the President's Office, preparing temporary lodging for returnees at the reception centres, distributing humanitarian aid, preparing transportation, providing security, and keeping records of all activities.

Afterwards, State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Colonel Phone Tint and State

Minister for Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry and Mining U Kyaw Lwin, both of whom are Joint-Chair (1) and (2), respectively, of the Committee for Aiding Repatriation and Resettlement of Returnees, explaining the preparation processes for before and after the arrival of repatriates.

This was followed by departmental officials in attendance explaining their completed processes and collaboration between relevant ministries, to which the Deputy Minister and Chief Minister provided suggestions and discussions.

Also present at the meeting were State Chief Justice U Kyauk, state ministers and invited officials.—Tin Tun (IPRD) ■

Myanmar law information system website launches in Myanmar, English

THE Union Attorney General's office has launched a website for a Myanmar law information system at www.mlis.gov.mm, which will be available in English and Myanmar.

The website was launched at a ceremony held at Hilton Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. A mobile service is also reportedly in progress.

The website has information on constitutional laws, union laws, region or state laws, self-administered division/zone laws, subordinate legislation union laws, subordinate legislation region or state laws, subordinate

legislation self-administered division/zone laws, international treaties and precedents.

The website will soon upload information on announcements, executive orders, rules and regulations, and cooperate with other ministries to include laws and bylaws, and other legal news relating to them.

The system was formed with collaboration from the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

At the ceremony, Permanent Secretary Daw Nu Nu Yin said they would need other ministries to relay information

quickly to update information pertaining to them.

The website will also have information on abolished laws, and detailed facts on amendments to existing laws.

"Some international treaties require the passing of new laws after signing. The website will also link these laws to the convention related to them," said Daw Nu Nu Yin. "We will also upload rulings by the Union Supreme Court. One advantage of the website is the ease of editing amendments to the existing laws and displaying the original law at the user's fingertips."—MNA ■