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President U Win Myint receives outgoing Italian Ambassador



President U Win Myint shakes hands with outgoing Italian Ambassador Mr. Pier Giorgio Aliberti in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

President U Win Myint received outgoing Italian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Pier Giorgio Aliberti, who completed his tour of duty in Myanmar, at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed

the promotion of bilateral relations and friendship between the two countries, the democratic transformation in Myanmar and the internal peace process and cooperation efforts for Myanmar archaeological sites to be recorded in the World Heritage List, as well as

the promotion of economic cooperation between the two countries.

Also present at the meeting were Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Khin Maung Tin and other officials.—MNA ■

State Counsellor visits NRPC, UEHRD offices in Yangon



Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meeting with members of the UEHRD (L to R) U Kyaw Myaing, Dr. Aung Tun Thet, Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe and U Toe Oung. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who is chairperson for both the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre-NRPC and the UEHRD, made a visit to both offices in Yangon yesterday morning.

At UEHRD she had a brief meeting with UEHRD committee

members namely Chief Coordinator Dr. Aung Tun Thet, U Toe Oung, recently appointed as advisor to the Chairperson and U Kyaw Myaing, Information and Communications Director. Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe from the Office of the State Counsellor also attended the

meeting.

They discussed important matters relating to the work of the UEHRD and information/communications issues. After this meeting, the State Counsellor met with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Peace Commission. —MNA ■

e-Government committees accomplish five out of nine tasks

THE e-Government Steering Committee has accomplished one of the five tasks set in the committee's first coordination meeting, said committee Chairman Vice President U Myint Swe.

The Vice President made the remark during his speech at the committee's second coordination meeting held at the Ministry of Transport and Communica-

tions in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Present at the meeting were e-Government Steering Committee members including Union Ministers, Union Attorney General, Union Auditor General, Chairman of the Union Civil Service Board, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairperson, Chief Ministers of all Regions and States, deputy ministers, Deputy Governor of

the Central Bank of Myanmar, Patron of Myanmar Computer Federation (MCF) U Thauang Tin, and other officials.

For the successful implementation of an e-Government system in Myanmar, the President's Office ordered the formation of the e-Government Steering Committee with executive order 14/2018 issued on 23 January 2018. The committee has set

five key objectives and is led by the State Counsellor and the Vice President and formed with 46 members, said the Vice President. Likewise, the e-Government Implementation Working Committee is also formed with five objectives and 45 members and led by the Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government.

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The dead baby dolphin seen on the boat. PHOTO: WCS

Dead dolphin to be displayed at Dolphin Conservation Gallery

A LOCAL boat man found a baby dolphin on the banks between Sein Kyaung village and Ywar Thar Aye village, Madaya Township, Mandalay Region, on 26 June. However, the baby dolphin died during the rescue work by the local boat man.

The male baby dolphin was 3 feet and 3 inches in length and 1 feet and 11 inches in circumference. The baby dolphin was separated from his mother owing to heavy waves in Ayeyawady river. The local boat man found the baby dolphin between two villages. "Currently, we are planning to embalm the dead dolphin to display it at the dolphin conservation gallery in the Ayeyawady dolphin ship," said U Kyaw Hla Thein, in charge of the dolphin

programme, Wildlife Conservation Society.

"If the dolphin had been found on the banks, we would have had to keep it in small natural water. Then, we have to release it into natural water as soon as possible. Nowadays, local people understand that dolphins must be conserved. However, they have poor knowledge about the methods of dolphin conservation. Therefore, we have to provide knowledge about dolphin conservation to them," said U Han Win, one of the persons in charge at the Fisheries Department. According to February 2018 data, some 76 dolphins are living between Mandalay and Bahmo, while 69 dolphins were found in 2017.—Nyi Tu ■

ICRC to provide more humanitarian aid in Rakhine State

By Nyein Nyein

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) will speed up the process of providing humanitarian aid in Rakhine State.

ICRC has been providing humanitarian aid in Rakhine State since the conflict started in August 2017. It is now planning to distribute double the quantity of food that has been

provided in the areas, as it is difficult to procure food during the rainy season, according to ICRC.

ICRC chairman Peter Maurer reached Rakhine State on 26 June to observe the provision of humanitarian aid in the local area until 28 June.

Then, he will meet with the local villagers. He is also planning to meet the Rakhine State government, said an offi-

cial from ICRC.

"The ICRC chairman will observe the condition of assistance being provided in the Sittway, Buthidaung and Maungdaw townships.

The Red Cross activities team was formed with the Myanmar Red Cross Society and ICRC. The team will visit those areas that are being provided with humanitarian aid.

They will also observe the

condition of the mobile clinics", he added.

ICRC chairman has planned to meet President U Win Myint in Nay Pyi Taw. Also, he has plans to meet State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in Nay Pyi Taw. Later, he will proceed to visit the displaced persons camps in Bangladesh. ■

Man killed after 12-wheeled truck overturns in Nyaunglebin, Bago Region

A 12-WHEEL vehicle carrying 100 buffaloes overturned near Htaw Nat Village, Nyaunglebin Township, in the Bago Region on 27 June, leaving one man dead and one injured. Three buffaloes were also hurt.

According to an investigation, Pwa Lon May compa-

ny sent 100 buffaloes by five 12-wheeled vehicles from Yangon to Mandalay. Out of them, one vehicle carrying 20 buffaloes, driven by Myo Myint Aung, along with three conductors, identified as Nan Oo, Ei Soat and Pho La Pyae, overturned when the driver lost control of it.

Ei Soat was killed on the spot, while Pho La Pyae was injured. The driver and the third conductor managed to flee the scene.

Currently, the police have filed charges against both of them under section 338/304 of the Penal Code.—Nay Lin (Nyaunglebin) ■



Tachilek Airport temporarily closed due to flooding

THE Tachilek Airport in Tachilek, eastern Shan State, has been temporarily closed due to flooding, after heavy rains struck the area since yesterday night.

A runway was also submerged in floodwaters and the airport was to be closed till 3 pm yesterday. The closing period will depend on the weather condition, though. The floodwaters on the runway are being removed by the staff from the Department of Civil Aviation and airport security officials using water pumps. At present, the water level on the runway has dropped slightly.—Wai Yan Lin/MDN ■

Information Minister: Movie studio in Nay Pyi Taw to benefit film industry

UNION Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint delivered a speech at the coordination meeting for constructing a movie studio in Nay Pyi Taw. The meeting was held at the Ministry of Information yesterday.

The meeting was attended by the 18 members of the Movie Studio Implementing Committee, with the union minister as chairperson.

The Union Minister said building the movie studio in Nay Pyi Taw will promote the film industry in Myanmar as well as develop Nay Pyi Taw's image. He said there are three sectors to this; artistic creativity, technical support in construction, and investment. He added the committee listens to the suggestions and ideas from artists, actors,



Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint addresses the coordination meeting for constructing a movie studio in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

actresses, producers, entrepreneurs, and international experts in implementing its objectives.

Next, committee secretary and Director-General of Infor-

mation and Public Relations Department (IPRD) U Ye Naing explained why Nay Pyi Taw was chosen for the site of a movie studio and gave a presentation

about the committee's objectives, results from meetings, and progress reports.

This was followed by Deputy Minister for Information U

Aung Hla Tun, Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Aung Myin Tun, committee members and other attendants discussing relevant topics. The union minister then replied to the discussions.

An event will be held on 6 July to show film clips relating to the movie studio and its site location and to explain investment efforts. The event will take place at the IPRD's Film Promotion Sub-department grounds located at No. (50), Shwe Taung Kyar Street, Bahan Township, Yangon. Directors, producers, people involved with film and media industries and officials from the Myanmar Motion Picture Association and training schools, and all who are interested are invited to attend the event.—Myanmar News Agency ■

3,516 jade lots sold so far at 55th Myanma Gems Emporium

THE 55th Myanma Gems Emporium entered its eighth day yesterday at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw and fetched 892 million euros through the sale of 892 jade lots out of 1,151.

The emporium began on 24 June and a total of 3,516 jade lots out of 4,600 have already been sold out and fetched a total of 251.959 million euros.

Over 4,200 local and foreign merchants attended yesterday's emporium, officials said, and merchants put their tender forms with submitted prices into a tender box after they had selected the jade that they wanted to purchase from the total of 1,150 jade lots from lot numbers 4,601 to 5,750. The jade lots will be put on sale on 28 June through the open tender system.

The list of tender winners will be announced on the afternoon of 28 June. A total of 1,045 jade lots from lot numbers 5,751 to 6,795 will be put on sale on 29 June through the open tender



Gem merchants checking quality of jade stones at 55th Myanma Gems Emporium in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: KHIN MAUNG WIN**

system. Jade with a floor price of 4,000 euros and above were put on sale and 973 jade lots from lot numbers 1 to 1,150 were sold for 38.530 million euros on 24 June, while 833 jade lots from lot numbers 1151 to 2300 were sold for 74.122 million euros on 25 June and 818 jade lots from jade lot numbers 2301 to 3450 were sold for 86.866 million euros.

Similarly, 341 pearl lots out of 360 were sold for 2.598 million euros and 69 gem lots out of 336 were sold for 1.378 million euros through an open tender system.

With the aim of improving the gems and jewelry market in Myanmar, the emporium will continue till 29 June.—Maw Si (Myanmar News Agency) ■

ICRC President visits Buthidaung, Maungtaw

MR. PETER MAURER, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), met people from Rakhine, Hindu and Muslim communities in Buthidaung and Maungtaw, Rakhine State, yesterday.

Following his visits to Maungtaw and Buthidaung, Mr. Peter Maurer exchanged views with the Maungtaw District Deputy Commissioner and discussed future cooperation, said the ICRC President. He will meet civil society organisations and the Rakhine State Chief Minister. At the meeting with reporters, the ICRC President

said the international committee will provide assistance to all needy people without bias, in accordance with the committee's unbiased policy. He stressed the need to fulfil the requirements of the people who were affected by terrorist attacks.

Among the services he said would be provided were education, healthcare, safe drinking water supply and development of the people. "Therefore, the situation needs to return to normalcy, and the ICRC is carrying out work to ensure stability in the state," he said.—Aung Thura, Nay Win Tun ■



ICRC President Mr. Peter Maurer meets with Maungtaw District Deputy Commissioner U Ye Htut. **PHOTO: KHIN MAUNG WIN**

Local, foreign Media delegation visits Buthidaung, Maungtaw

A media delegation comprising local and foreign journalists arrived in Sittway yesterday to report on the situation in Maungtaw, Rakhine State.

A total of 18 journalists will visit villages in Maungtaw and report on the peace and stability, security, development and repatriation issues there. The delegation in-

cludes journalists from Kyodo, Xinhua, CNA, Wall Street Journal, RFA, BBC, AP, AFP, Frontier Myanmar, MIR, NPE, MRTV and MITV.—Han Lin Naing ■



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