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President U Win Myint and First Lady are seen off by Vice Presidents U Myint Swe and U Henry Van Thio, and Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. **PHOTO: MNA**

President U Win Myint, First Lady Daw Cho Cho in Nepal on official visit

At the invitation of Her Excellency Mrs. Bidya Devi Bhandari, President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, U Win Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and First Lady Daw Cho Cho left Nay Pyi Taw for Nepal yesterday afternoon by special flight to pay an official visit to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal and to attend the Fourth Summit of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC).

President U Win Myint, First Lady Daw Cho Cho and party were seen off at the airport by Vice Presidents U Myint Swe and U Henry Van Thio, Command-

er-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr. Myo Aung, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Myint Maw, chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal Mr. Raju K.C and officials.

President U Win Myint and First Lady Daw Cho Cho were accompanied by Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, senior officials from the Office of the President, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other officials.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivers address at the Kayin traditional wrist-tying festival in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor attends Kayin traditional wrist-tying festival in Yangon

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended an event to celebrate the Kayin traditional wrist-tying ceremony held in Yangon yesterday and struck the Kayin traditional Phasi drum together with Vice Chairman of the Kayin National Union Pado Saw Kwe Htoo Win to open the ceremony.

Speaking at the ceremony held at the Myanmar Convention Centre in Mayangon Township, the State Counsellor said the traditional ceremony of Kayin ethnic people has showed the strength of loving kindness as it shows the way for living in unity and in peace by combining diverse races.

"I assume that the festival repre-

sents the reunion of Kayin ethnic tribes by gathering at the festival to tie white threads on their wrists to know each other. Calling back the souls of relatives to the festival and gathering at the festival is the symbol of unity," said the State Counsellor.

She also reminded all the ethnic people in the country of individual responsibility for non-disintegration and for development of the Union which is made up of different ethnic national races.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi also called on ethnic races to hold their traditional festivals as much as possible as part of efforts for promoting

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Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's ninth regular session holds fourteenth-day meeting

By Myo Myint, Han Lin Naing (MNA)

THE fourteenth-day meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's ninth regular session was held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning.

In the day's meeting reports on two bills were read and Hluttaw representatives discussed the report of the Myanmar Investment Commission.

Report on 2018-2019 National Planning Bill

At first Bill Committee secretary U Kyaw Soe Lin read the committee's finding and comments report on 2018-2019

National Planning Bill to the Hluttaw.

Announcement was made for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the report to enroll their names.

Report on 2018-2019 Union Budget Bill

Next, Bill Committee Vice Chairman U Khin Maung Win and Joint Public Accounts Committee Vice Chairman U Aung Min read the findings and comments report from the law and budget perspective for the 2018-2019 Union Budget Bill.

An announcement was also made for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the

report to enroll their names.

Discussion on Myanmar Investment Commission Report

Afterwards a work report of the Myanmar Investment Commission from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 was discussed by Daw Cho Cho of Ottwin constituency, U Khin Cho of Hlaingbwe constituency, Dr. Khun Win Thaung of Kachin State constituency 11, U Wai Sein Aung of Rakhine State constituency 1, Dr. Thet Thet Khaing of Dagon constituency, U Win Thein Zaw of Salingyi constituency, U Than Soe @ Than Soe (Economic) of Yangon Region constituency 4,



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is being convened in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

U Kan Myint of Thayet constituency, U Myo Win of Mon State constituency 8, U Thet Naing Oo of Yebyu constituency, Dr. Win Myint of Bago Region constituency 11, U Aung Thaung Shwe of Buthidaung constituency, U Khin Myo Win of Taninthayi Region constituency 12, U Bo Gyi of

Chauk constituency, U Chit Htwe of Magway Region constituency 3 and U Hla San of Magway Region constituency 1.

The fifteenth-day meeting of the ninth regular session of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is scheduled to be held on 30 August it is learnt. ■



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat holds talks with Mr. Hong Liang in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat receives Ambassador of PRC

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat received Ambassador of People's Republic of China (PRC) to Myanmar Mr. Hong Liang at Pyithu Hluttaw guest

hall, Pyithu Hluttaw Building, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon. At the meeting increasing bilateral relations between the two governments, the parlia-

ments and the peoples, Hluttaw's legislative matters and establishing internal peace were discussed and views exchanged. — MNA ■

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein receives Ambassador of PRC



Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein holds talks with Mr. Hong Liang in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

PYITHU Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein received Ambassador of People's Republic of China (PRC) to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Hong Liang at Deputy Speaker office, Pyithu Hluttaw Building, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday after-

noon.

At the meeting increasing bilateral relations between the two governments, the peoples and the parliaments and economic cooperation matters were discussed. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee holds meeting on 2018-2019 Union Tax Bill

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee held a meeting on 2018-2019 Union Tax Bill at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D, second floor meeting hall, yesterday afternoon.

The meeting was attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy

Speaker, Chairman of Joint Bill and Joint Public Accounts committees U Tun Aung @ U Tun Tun Hein, Joint Bill Committee and Joint Public Accounts Committee deputy chairmen, secretaries, joint secretary and committee members, Le-

gal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission members, officials from Ministry of Planning and Finance, Union Attorney-General Office and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office. — Myanmar News Agency ■



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee holds meeting. PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY

State Counsellor discusses literary fiction with university students

THE State Counsellor and Yangon university students held a discussion on literary fiction in the Yangon University Convocation Hall yesterday afternoon.

The discussion on literary fiction was attended by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Union Ministers Dr. Pe Myint, Dr. Myo Thein Gyi, Dr. Myint Htwe, Dr. Win Myat Aye and Nai-Thet Lwin, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, region Hluttaw Speaker, Region Government Ministers, Rectors of universities and colleges in Yangon, teachers, students, youth organizations and youths.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi conducted the discussion on literary fiction with Maung Bo Bo Hein from University of East Yangon, Maung Ar Man Htat and Ma Khaing Swe Zin Thet from Yangon University of Education, Maung Min Thant Htoo, Maung Min Aye Chan Ko and Ma Khin Khant Khant Chaw from Yangon University of Medicine 1, Maung Htat Nang Aung and Ma Aye Min Thwe from Yankin Education College, Maung Aung Kyaw Sint and Ma Wint Myat Noe from Yangon Technological University, Maung Thant Thura Zan and Ma Yi Mon Aung from Yangon Institute of Economics, Maung Kyaw Lin and Ma Yun Pwint May Thu from Yangon University, Maung

Min Khant Maung Maung from Technological University of West Yangon, Maung Kaung Htat Myet from Institute of Information Technology, Maung Zaw Lin Nang from Dagon University, Ma Than Thar Cho The from Yangon University of Medical Technology, Ma Aye Sandar Aung from National Management Degree College, Ma Chae Yati Myint from Yangon West University, Ma May Yadana Oo from Yangon University of Foreign Languages and Ma Thin Thin Thaw from Yangon University of Medicine 2.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi started the discussion by saying, "I want to start the discussion with why this talk on literary fiction is being conducted. Not much need to be said on why people are taught and read non-fiction (scientific) literature. This is related to knowledge and to subjects we are formally taught."

How does literary fiction support our education? It teaches us not only the subjects we are taught but also about life, living and existence. Saya Pe Myint discussed with me about holding a discussion on how literary fiction supports us. Our country is a developing country that just started on its path towards development and is not financially strong. But everyone, every society, every organization has their own strengths, weaknesses and

advantages.

What makes a developing country that just started on its path towards development become strong? It is soft power or the power of the arts. That is why I discussed with Saya Pe Myint on encouraging arts.

Everyone in Myanmar as well as the world knows that the Korean drama series are influencing us with its soft power. We discussed on what sort of drama series or movies that would show our subtle soft power and we arrived at literature. Which novel should we make it into a movie? Which folklore should be made into a movie series? As we discussed this, Saya Pe Myint expressed his wish to conduct a discussion with youths on literary fiction and it ended up as this event.

When we look at the topics proposed by youths, we found that there were many subjects as their interest varies. But they all have one thing in common. That is the desire to talk.

Youths came up with a selection of about 15 to 20 books. We needed to narrow this down and from talks I had before, I found that Saya Mya Than Tint's "Crossing amount a in of swords and a sea of fire" came up at the top. This was followed by Saya Mya Than Tint's translation of "The Catcher in the Rye" and "Lover of Lingadipa" (by Chit Oo



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi talks with university students in Yangon University yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Nyo). These three books came up as the top three favorite books. Before we discuss about whether we like these three books or not, let us see if there is anything common or connection in these three books.

Saya Mya Than Tint wrote forwards to his two books as well as "Lover of Lingadipa." In his forward to "Crossing a mountain of swords and a sea of fire" he said the novel is based on four main characters and he used them to express his views.

In his forward to "Lover of Lingadipa" Saya Mya Than Tint discussed about Ramayana. He didn't discuss about his view, historical view and folklore view but said Saya (author) Chit Oo Nyo is indeed a good author.

So let us talk about what a novel is and what sort of a person is the author. How effective was he in exposing his views through the characters in the book?

Let us talk about the importance of the characters in the book. There is a theme (a story) and there are characters. Some say the theme is important. Some say the characters are more important. Some say both. Which is more effective? Based on the novel you read, discuss whether it is a theme or character based. **Ma Yi Mon Aung, Yangon Institute of Economics**

I want to talk about my favorite novel "I came from southwest" written by Sayama Ponya Khin. It is about how a family was broken apart by Cyclone Nargis. The novel greatly affected my life and the lead character was the lone survivor of the family. She was devastated for four or five years but gradually her life returned to normalcy by the help

of an educated person from Yangon who saved her.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

What do you think about the story that was based on the views and thoughts of the characters?

Ma Wint Myat Noe, Yangon Technological University

Both the story and the characters are important. Readers get thoughts and views through the thoughts and views of the characters. Another thing is the personality of the characters. It changes our lives.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

How many of you have read "The Catcher in The Rye?" Why do you like it?

Maung Kaung Htat Myet, Institute of Information Technology

This book shook the world. I like this book due to the personalities of the characters. People can't be controlled and they change or learn through their mistakes. This is the main thinking of the character in this book. **Maung Min Thant Htoo, Yangon University of Medicine 1**

When I read the translation by Saya Mya Than Tint, I saw myself in the book. I learnt that we have the same thoughts at the same age.

Maung Min Aye Chan Ko, Yangon University of Medicine 1

I don't like "The Catcher in The Rye." It is just an ordinary book about the situation and mindset of youths anywhere. Saya Aung Khin Myint's "Essences that do not exist" really depicts the mindset of youth.



The State Counsellor and Yangon University students hold a talk on literary fiction yesterday. **PHOTO: PHOE KWAR**

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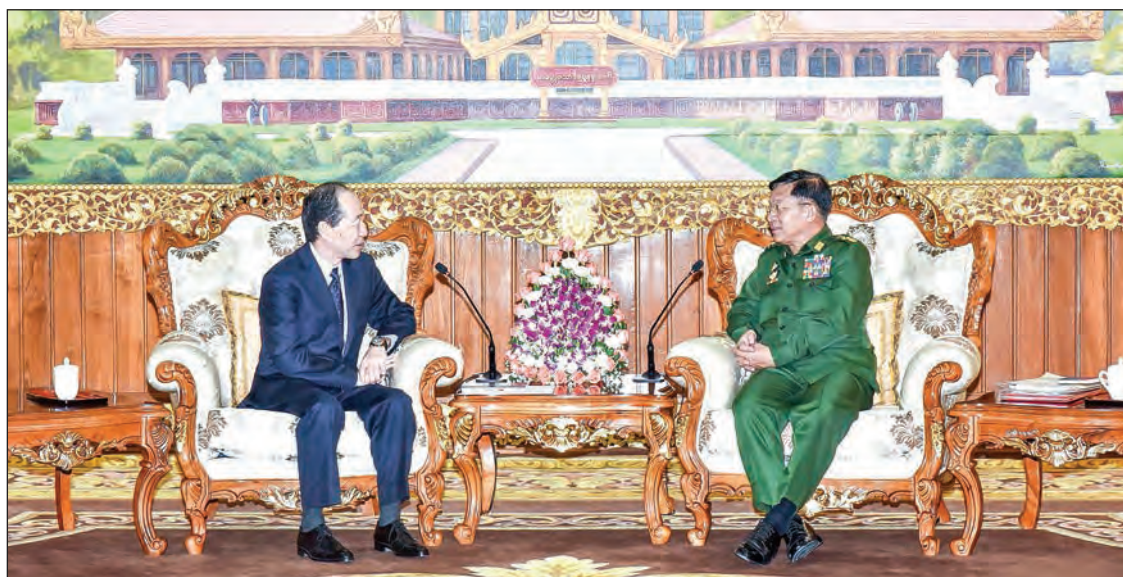
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Senior General receives Japanese Ambassador

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Ambassador of Japan to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Ichiro Maruyama yesterday at the Bayint Naung Guest House in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to Japan's assistance for Rakhine issue and for regional development



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Ichiro Maruyama. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

in the areas where the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) was signed, bilateral relations

and promoting friendship between the two armed forces, according to the press release of the

Office of the Commander in Chief of Defence Services. —Myanmar News Agency ■



PHOTO: MYANMAR POLICE FORCE

Myanmar, Bangladesh conduct coordinated patrol from Mile Post 43 to 44

A 15-member troop led by Police Captain Tun Tun Soe of No-1 Border Guard Police in Region-2 of the Maungtau Township and a 15-member troop of Border Guards Bangladesh led by Officer Subedar Md. Salim Miah of No. 11 Bor-

der Guard Police Force conducted a coordinated patrol along the border on 27 August.

They conducted the patrol from Mile Post No. 43 to 44, according to the Information Department of the Myanmar Police Force. — GNLM ■

YIA, CEA welcome 4 millionth passenger

YANGON International Airport (YIA), and China Eastern Airlines welcomed its 4 millionth passenger yesterday.

Traveling from Kunming aboard China Eastern Airlines flight MU 2031, the lucky winner Ma Khin Phoo Thit arrived at YIA Terminal 1 at 4:30 PM and was warmly greeted by our welcoming party.

Ma Khin Phoo Thit (in pink coat) - the 4 millionth passenger at YIA in 2018 with the team members of YIA and China Eastern Airlines To celebrate the milestone, Ma Khin Phoo Thit was treated to a 1 Million MMK cash prize as well as other gifts valued at over 1 Million MMK. These include a two-night stay in Horizon Lakeview Hotel and Resort in Nay Pyi Taw, a Samsonite travel luggage, an Artisan made-in-Myanmar bag, a Samsonite passport holder, JBL wireless headphones, as well as other travel accessories. Travelers on the same

flight also received complimentary duty-free vouchers and luggage tags as part of the occasion.

Setting the standard for high performance Ma Khin Phoo Thit said "I am very happy to be the lucky winner of YIA's 4 millionth passenger event.

YIA is ready for future passenger demand as it is built to handle up to 20 million passengers, welcoming 5.92 million passengers in 2017. This represents 8.48% growth over 5.45 million passengers in 2016.

Of these, 66% or 3.93 million comprised international

passengers and the other 34% or 1.99 million were domestic passengers. Overall air traffic movements increased by 11.05% in 2017 to 78,076, compared to 70,307 movements in the same period a year ago.

Currently serving 28 international airlines and 8 domestic airlines, YIA has attracted renowned fullservice airlines such as Emirates Airlines, Malindo Air and Cathay Dragon in recent years. These airlines have opened new routes to Yangon over the last two years since Yangon Aerodrome Company Limited took over the operation of YIA.—GNLM ■



Clariant, Save the Children partner to stop spread of malaria

CLARIANT, a world-leader in specialty chemicals and Save the Children, one of the world's largest independent children's rights organisations, yesterday announced a partnership to help stem the spread of malaria in Myanmar. The Clariant Foundation has pledged CHF 150,000 for Malaria Prevention and Control and signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Save the Children to form a working team to study, design and implement a range of health and education programmes in Myanmar.

"Caring about people in our community, and creating value with innovative solutions and sustainable technology are central to the brand value of Clariant," said Dieter Seng, Head of Clariant's South East Asia & Pacific Region. "This partnership with 'Save the Children' will enable us to live our values by contributing to a healthier life for people in the region."—GNLM ■

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The difference is “The Catcher” is about a foreign country and Saya Aung Khin Myint’s book is about a young medical student around 1988-90 periods. Since I’m a medical student, I can feel it better and like it better than “The Catcher.”

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

Look at this in two ways. Literary fiction makes you understand yourself and also makes you understand others. It is not a good reason that you don’t like it because it is different from your situation. It is also not a good reason that you like it because it is similar to your situation.

The literary fiction should resolve both of these reasons. It helps you understand your own culture as well as make you aware of and understand other cultures. If you only read about yourself and your culture, you’ll be too narrow-minded.

Ma Yun Pwint May Thu, Yangon University

The book I like best is “A person like him” by Sayama Journal Kyaw Ma Ma Lay. The message I got from this book is that you don’t need to get out in the front or to be well-known to do what is good for the country. I learnt from the character in this book that you can do a lot for your country without trying to be famous or well-known.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

“A person like him” is literary fiction and non-fiction (biography). The book depicts political movement and literature of that age. Many like Journal Kyaw Ma Ma Lay’s “Thway” (Blood) but interestingly, the most famous novel by her “Not because of hate” was not liked by many.

Ma Aye Sandar Aung, National Management Degree College

The theme in “Not because of hate” was being restrictive because of love. It is being too controlling over the other. This breaks everything.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

Some say it is about different ways of loving. The comparison was in how Wei Wei’s father loved her mother and whether the mother loved the father. For many, the other interesting thing about the book is that it is based



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi poses for photo together with students who took part in the talks over literary fiction. PHOTO: MNA

on the political movements during the time of Daw Ma Ma Lay (Journal Kyaw Ma Ma Lay).

Maung Bo Bo Hein, University of East Yangon

“Lover of Lingadipa” by Saya Chit Oo Nyo is the book that I like most. Normally, Rama is the hero and Demon King Ravana (Datha Giri) is the villain. However, Saya Chit Oo Nyo changes everything and shows Datha Giri in a more lovable way. If our country is also looked at it from another angle, hatred and ugliness can disappear and there’ll be peace.

I’d like to ask a question whether Amay Su can be a director in a story about our country and make it a better country.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

A director wouldn’t be able to produce a movie alone. There needs to be actors that are the people of the country. A good movie does not come about because of a good director alone or good actors. Camera men need to be good too. Praising the director too much can create a dictator. So which is more important? The character or the story?

Ma May Yadana Oo, Yangon University of Foreign Languages

In some novels, characters are important. In some, the story makes the characters go along with the plot. In the novel “In remembrance” by author Juu,

the mindsets of the characters led the story.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

Books by Sayama Moe Moe Inya reflect more on social life. But these authors write more about love. Which do you think is more import? The character or the story?

Maung Htat Naing Aung, Yankin Education College

I think character is more important. The book I like most is written by Sayama Khin Htoo about a young teacher who came to a village.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

I haven’t read that book. But I do read a lot about teachers. I like those very much because I want to encourage education in our country. To be successful in education, we need good teachers very much.

Ma Aye Min Thwe, Yankin Education College

I read everything. As I read a lot since I was young, I look at everything from a better angle. Now I’ve become a teacher. In fact I had no plans to become one. But due to various circumstances, I became one. As I became a teacher, I read books about teachers. Sayama Khin Htoo’s book taught me what sort of mindset a teacher should have.

Maung Zaw Lin Naing, Dagon University

In novels, both the story and characters play their parts. But I think characters are more important. This is because of the character in the book Pollyanna (by Eleanor H. Porter).

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

Pollyanna is (a) famous (book). Interesting thing is that values and outlooks changes as time changes. Pollyanna was once famous and popular. But later, some say it was excessively cheerful and optimistic. This is the change in values and outlooks as time changes.

Hatred seems to have overtaken love and some say the era of Pollyanna is gone. But the world would be in trouble if this were so. That is why earlier I discussed about comparing the cultures. We need to compare the culture in “The Catcher In The Rye” and our culture. We have to take lesson.

Whether we want it or not, the world is coming to our country. We’ll have to know how to live with the world. What do you think? How can our discussion on literary fiction support the world, the country and humanity’s progress?

Ma Than Thar Cho The, Yangon University of Medical Technology

For me, literary fiction changed and developed my life. It changed my heart and mind. Books by Dr. Jose Rizal was

important for Philippine’s independence and so were poems and writings of Thakin Kodaw Hmaing for our independence.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

Literary fiction should make people better. Nowadays some say art is for art’s sake and there shouldn’t be a place for preaching. What do you think about this?

Ma Thin Thin Thaw, Yangon University of Medicine 2

Literary fiction surely influences people. I read a book about a single mother in a literary fiction and understand well about single mothers. Since then, I have respect for single mothers.

The talk on literary fiction then came to a conclusion after State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi took a commemorative group photo with students who participated in the event.

After the event, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi had tea together with students who participated in the event and they were joined by Union Ministers, Yangon Region Chief Minister, region Hluttaw Speaker, Region Government Ministers, Rectors and Pro Rectors of universities and colleges in Yangon, leading authority on library U Thaw Kaung and librarians from universities. Afterwards the State Counsellor signed the visitors’ book. — MNA ■

U Zaw Htay, Spokesman of the Office of the President: the questions have been raised as to the reasons for the removal of the Facebook accounts and pages associated with Tatmadaw

By Kyaw Thu Htet and
Hmwe Kyu Zin

A STATEMENT has been released by the Social Networking company-based in the US that Facebook has removed several accounts and pages associated with the Tatmadaw and other related personnel in Myanmar. It said that Facebook has removed 18 accounts and 52 pages associated with the Tatmadaw, according to the statement.

The Government didn't know beforehand about it

U Zaw Htay, a spokesman of the Office of the President said, "The first thing is that I was at the meeting with local business leaders the whole day, and later found out the statement released by the Facebook team after the meeting. It was said that 18 accounts together with 52 pages had been banned because of the violation of the community standard. When we review the community standards of the Facebook, it is found out that there are some screenshots, and the Government didn't seem to know about it in advance. The second thing is that we have many questions to be raised regarding the removal of these Facebook accounts and pages, such as: why did they ban, further details on the reasons of banning, and how can we retrieve these accounts and pages from the side of the relevant persons? The third point is who would make the approval regarding the violation of the community standard in the long term. We have learned that Myawady news and its relevant pages were banned. The main thing I want to mention is that there is nothing to do with the Social Media Monitoring Team (SMMT) as of the government body. We have seen that there were some fake state-

ments and orders released by the President's Office on Facebook. They had removed our pages, and we also asked for the reasons when we were in need of some information and encounter many inconveniences. By the time Vice President of the Facebook arrived in Myanmar, we managed to discuss regarding these issues.

Discussion with Facebook again

"We, especially, made many discussions on information and several agreements between the Government and Facebook Team. But it hasn't completed it yet. We are going to make discussions with them by the time they come again in Myanmar."

"Regarding the violation of human rights issues, our government had already mentioned it clearly. The first point is that the government has zero tolerance for human rights violations. The second point is that the government had already said three points beforehand when dealing with the Rakhine issues. First, precautionary measures have to be made for both of Tatmadaw and police force, aiming to abide by the laws and regulations, and not to violate the human rights. If there is any cases against human rights, just give us strong evidence, record and date so that we can undertake the investigation into it.

Moreover we can proceed the procedures that can take legal action against to those who break the rules and regulations. We have already formed the Independent Commission of Enquiry to carry out the implementation process."

"Another point is that Fact-Finding Mission (FFM) report is to be submitted on 18 September. The United Nations Security Council hold a briefing on Myanmar on 25 August that is



U Zaw Htay, spokesman of the State Counsellor's office. PHOTO: MNA

marked the one-year anniversary of the ARSA terrorist attacks in Rakhine State. As far as I can see, this FFM report would issue prior to the meeting. The second point is that FFM was formed with the resolution of the Human Rights Council. Our government has spoken openly to the world that we dissociate the resolution of the Human Rights Council, as a consequence, we haven't taken part in it and denied it either. We didn't allow the FFM to enter into Myanmar, that's why we don't agree and accept any resolutions made by the Human Rights Council.

As I mention before, a report has been launched and submitted by FFM, thereby they attempted to remove the Facebook accounts and pages. So it is evident that all these situations have inter-relationships with one another. Our stance is clear and I want to say sharply that we don't accept any resolutions conducted by the Human Rights Council. The second

point is that our country has accountability and responsibility framework regarding the human rights issues. Also Myanmar has zero tolerance to any human rights violation, and there is no exception on it.

Carrying out the finding of the investigation commission

The second point is that we shall take into legal action against any violation of human rights. The third point is that we have formed the Independent Commission of Enquiry to response to false allegations made by the UN Agencies and other international communities, and we are aware of it and going to carry out the process according to the findings and report of the Enquiry Commission. Our government has made pledges to tackle these issues by implementing the process.

Regarding the removals of

the Facebook accounts, we have made inquiries to the Facebook for further details on the reasons for the ban. We fear of the government's efforts with regard to national reconciliation and peace process in Myanmar. There may arise some misunderstandings due to the impact of the SMMT. The first point is that the Facebook said it was removing several Facebook accounts, including Commander-in-Chief from the social media websites and pages. The second point is that there is no government involvement in this case. The third point is that the government is nothing to do with the SMMT. Thus we raised some questions to the Facebook regarding this case.

In the face of mounting criticism and fear among the people, the government also wants to characterize what is going on in the country, and discussions are being made to deal with this issue. There isn't any branch office of Facebook in our country, but we use it as users in the World Wide Web - www. As for the government, negotiation had been made to sign MoU with the Facebook, and plans are under way to reach the agreements between the government and Facebook Team.

Another thing is that Facebook becomes one of the social media as well as main stream media in Myanmar. Increasingly Facebook has been a useful instrument for those seeking to get information, in a context where for most users Facebook is the Internet. There is no doubt that Facebook has both its pros and cons. As for the government, efforts should be made to enact the Cyber Law in order to safeguard the security and to prevail rule of law for the interests of the people in the long run.

Translated by
Win Ko Ko Aung

Nearly 3,000 Yaba tablets seized in Bago

ACTING on a tip off, Myo Min who is allegedly to be in contact with drug sellers is caught in ward-9, Oakthar Myothit, Bago on 27 August.

Police from anti-narcotic police force (36) searched MYSON restaurant on Yangon-Mandalay road, in ward-9, Oakthar Myo-

thit, Bago and found a total of 2,936 Yaba tablets weighing 293.6 grams worth Ks14.7 million from two fish tins, two mobile phones and a motorbike.

In connection with the case, the police arrested Ma Tin Tin Mu, 49, Ma Sein Pu, 53 and Ma Kyi Kyi Myint, 48, who were living

at ROYALLAND hotel. When interrogated, they admitted that they gave the Yaba tablets to Myo Min for distribution.

Police have filed charges against all suspects under the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Laws.—Bago District (IPRD) ■



PHOTO: DISTRICT IPRD

State Counsellor attends Kayin traditional wrist-tying festival in Yangon

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understanding and mutual respect and propagation of loving kindness among them.

She also expressed thanks to Kayin ethnic leaders for helping the government to achieve success in peace making process as the country is on the road to total peace.

"I want to say thanks to

Kayin ethnic leaders for their courage and strong will to move from the path of armed struggle to the path of peace because it is not easy to change from the path of armed struggle which they have been used to for decades to the path of peace," said the State Counsellor.

"Meanwhile, I thank other ethnic leaders and colleagues for their help to make the peace



The State Counsellor and her entourage receive traditional Kayin wrist-tying. **PHOTO: MNA**



The State Counsellor views Kayin traditional handicrafts on display. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivers the opening address at the traditional Kayin festival in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

process a success", said the State Counsellor, "especially, I also thank the people who support us as they aspire for peace."

The State Counsellor also said she took pride in and felt delighted to enjoy a Kayin traditional meal together with Kayin ethnic leaders and people, saying that having a meal together means all are committed to living together through thick and thin and it is also a great chance to make friends with each other.

In her concluding remarks, she wished that the festival would be held successfully every year.

Afterwards, KNU Vice Chairman Pado Saw Kwe Htoo Win delivered an address saying that everyone of Kayin ethnic race has responsibility to value and take pride in significant characteristics such as literature, language and traditional culture and customs as part of efforts for promoting their significant characteristics.

Meanwhile, the government concerned is obliged to promote and encourage con-

servation of traditional characteristics of an ethnic national race, and it is important to provide guarantees for legal protection and encouragement to ensure conservation of traditional characteristics of an ethnic race by enacting laws, said the Vice Chairman of KNU.

He urged the Kayin ethnic people gathered at the festival and in other areas to be in unison and to promote and conserve the traditional characteristics, culture and customs.

Afterwards, the State Counsellor posed for a documentary photo together with Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin, Chairman of the Peace Commission Dr. Tin Myo Win, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Phyo Min Thein and members of the Yangon Region Cabinet, Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Tin Maung Tun and Deputy Speaker U Lin Naing Myint, regional and state ethnic affairs ministers, Vice Chairman KNU Pado Saw Kwe Htoo Win and party, chairmen and secretaries of the Kayin ethnic literature

and culture committees from regions and states and youths.

Yangon Region Kayin Ethnic Affairs Minister Naw Pann Thinzar Myo presented a photo of Daw Khin Kyi, wife of Bogyoke Aung San, and Naw Thein Khin, wife of Saw San Phoe Thin, taken in Kayin ethnic dress in 1948 when they participated in "Kayin Phasi Festival" at Kwinyar Village in Patheingyi District, to State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

Afterwards, Kayin elders tied white threads on wrists of the State Counsellor, the Union Minister, Peace Commission Chairman, Yangon Region Chief Minister and regional ministers, the vice chairman of KNU and party. Following the ceremony, the State Counsellor visited the booth of Kayin traditional culture and enjoyed a traditional Kayin meal together with the dignitaries. About 15,000 Kayin ethnic people attended the festival and the visitors were entertained the traditional dance and music.—Myanmar News Agency■

Myanma Insurance, Shin Ye Htut Group sign MoU on one million apartments project

MYANMA Insurance of the Ministry of Planning and Finance and Shin Ye Htut Group (HRSE, IRMC, DIT and SYH) signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on one million apartments project at the headquarters of Myanma Insurance in Yangon yesterday.

The signing ceremony was attended by Secretary of the Insurance Business Regulatory Board (IBRB) U Zaw Naing, Managing Director of the My-

anma Insurance Dr. Sandar Oo, members of IBRB, departmental officials concerned, officials from Japanese Embassy, chief executive officers of Shin Ye Htut Group Mr. Daniel Gunawa from South & South East Asia, Hannover Rusk SE, Managing Director Mr. Hardial Singh from International Risk Management Consultants Ltd, President Mr Hisao Inoue from DI Tokyo Co. Ltd., Chairman U Ye Htut from Shin Ye Htut Co. Ltd., and

guests.

First, U Zaw Naing secretary IBRB and Dr. Sandar Oo, MD of the Myanma Insurance, made remarks at the ceremony.

This MoU is the result of cooperation of Japan, Germany, Malaysia and Myanmar in insurance matters for implementing one million apartments project by Ministry of Construction. Dr. Sandar Oo and CEOs of Shin Ye Htut Group signed the MoU. — Myanmar News Agency ■



Dr. Sandar Oo, Managing Director of the Myanma Insurance, and CEOs of Shin Ye Htut Group ink MoU on implementing one million apartments project. **PHOTO: MNA**

Sharing love with the soft power of literary fiction

THE term “soft power” is considered to be derived from the arts, and Myanmar, which is a developing country, needs such kind of soft power to be stronger.

The term “soft power” is widely used in foreign policy debates and it is defined as the ability of a country to persuade others to do what it wants without force or coercion.

Successful states need both hard and soft power – hard power being the ability to coerce others as well as the ability to shape their long-term attitudes and preferences.

Today, the ability of soft power to influence the world is borne out by the Korean movie series. Meanwhile, literary fiction remains important.

We think literary fiction is more important than ever in today’s world because it helps people escape from the never-ending news cycle by immersing themselves in great stories and complex characters.

We believe that literary fiction can help the readers understand deeply our own culture and understand the cultures of communities different from us as the arts bring expression in the context of different regions, territories, cultures, local circumstances or even challenges faced around a particular issue.

Literary fiction places the reader in other places, other times and other skins.

In yesterday’s talks between State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and students over literary fiction, the students voiced that reading a good literary fiction make them better able to connect with others, enhances their ability to detect and understand other people’s emotions, a crucial skill in navigating complex social relationships.

It shows that literary fiction is very powerful. It can change society. But, readers ought to be able to experience stories from all parts of society, not just from privileged corners of it.

Hence, the goal of literary fiction should be: to make diverse voices heard and to bring out different opinions from different societies.

The art of literary fiction flows between love and hate, admiration and denouncement, pleasure and pain.... influencing the feelings of readers.

Let’s make the best use of the power of literary fiction to change hate to love and conflicts to peace.

IT was during the days early 1950s when our nation including rural areas saw the recession. At that time, there were no enough schools let alone libraries.

To make matters worse, due to the insurgency, peace and stability did not prevail throughout the country. We were brought up while the governemnt troops and destructive elements were playing hide-and-seek, killing each other in those days. Severe exchanges of fire between the government forces and the insurgents were very common to us.

In such a situation, how could we widen our horizon? How could we take happiness in reading? How could we build a learning society? No reading rooms. No reading materials. As for us, we had completely to rely much on the monasteries where we pursued monastic education. Members of the Sangha taught us primary education simply because most of us were not able to go in for formal education at government schools – primary, middle, and high schools – for various reasons.

Because of the teaching monks, we came to know how to read and write. However, we had no access to the place where we could continue to read and write.

Before long, we could see a silver lining in the dark clouds of those days. It was nothing but a so-called library that emerged in our ward. It was not much more than a reading room known as only a single library called “Lin-yaung-chi,” or “Glean of light.”

When I was sent to State High School, our school library attracted me when the class was in recess. The school library was larger than the one we had in our ward. To my memoirs, there was only a reading room run by Information Department known as Information and Public Relations Department (IPRD) today. No matter how they were called reading rooms, reading centres, or libraries, they were the storehouses of knowledge. They were the places where we could seek knowledge. Actually, they promote our lives!

It seems like just yesterday or the day before yesterday that we had lived in the undeveloped society.

According to historical records, the library movement in Myanmar began at the beginning of the Bagan Dynasty. King Anawrahta built a palace library in A.D. 1058 for the purpose of spreading cultural and religious



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By Maung Hlaing

knowledge among the courtiers and laymen.

Then again in the 18th Century, a year after ascending the throne, King Bodawpaya took an inventory of the inscriptions, palmleaves and parabaiks and caused copies to be made in order to launch the library movement. Such an undertaking was not only advantageous to laymen of those days but also a treasure to historians. There is no reason to doubt that due to the farsightedness of the Myanmar kings, the library movement gained momentum to an appreciable extent.

During the colonial period, the aims of the movement faded out. However, even during the war, a group of devoted literary men continued the task of creating Myanmar manuscripts while working in the Bureau of Libraries and Literature of the Directorate of Education. People like U Thein Han (Saya Zaw Gyi) carried on this work. Yet after independence, I was told that because of lack of patronage, the movement was not revived. The task was resumed only in the wake of the nationwide literacy campaign. According to statistics gathered for the International Book Year (1972), there

were no less than 700 libraries all over Myanmar at that time. In the time of U Thein Sein Government, a total of 55,755 village libraries were opened nationwide. I was flabbergasted.

When I moved to Yangon to work as a junior clerk in the Telecommunication Department (South Burma) in 1967, my office was not far from the Sarpay Beikman Public Library and the National Library. Since then, these libraries have become my treasurehouses. And the librarians also became my mentors who taught me how to use catalogues and helped me visit the world of books.

Sarpay Beikman Public Library was a first and foremost free public library opened in the post-independence period. It was established on 13 March, 1956 in the Sarpay Beikman Building (at 529-531, Merchant Street in Kyauktada Township, Yangon.) It was one of the few free public libraries in Myanmar. It was learnt that the library attracted from 200 to 450 readers daily in its early days. It had nearly 13,000 books, both English and Myanmar. An integral part of the library was a Children’s Branch situated on the ground floor of the building.

Today, the Sarpay Beikman has kept a collection of over 60,000 Myanmar books (including rare ones), over 25,000 English books, over 15,000 magazines, 35,000 journals, 850 monthly files of newspapers, 110 C.Ds and 20,000 e-books.

The National Library has a long history. The Bernard

According to the Global New Light of Myanmar, 29 July 2016, the National Library has a large collection of books, periodicals, manuscripts and other rare books, holding 172,556 books, 435,580 periodicals, 12,323 palm-leaf manuscripts, 345 hand-written letters, 25,468 rare books and other library materials.



People reading at the library of Sarpay Beikman. PHOTO: SANDAR SOE

Free Library (1883) was handed over to the Ministry of Culture in 1952 and renamed State Library, which was opened at the Jubilee Hall in Yangon on 1 June the same year. After being renamed National Library, the facility was moved to a building in Pansodan Street and then to Yangon City Hall.

When I joined the Worker’s College, although I spent most of my leisure hours at the college library, I hardly visit the Yangon University Library and the Universities’ Central Library. Anyway, libraries can improve the image of the people and the nation. There is no nation that is not proud of its national library.

During my stay in Washington D.C in 2016, I happened to visit the Library of Congress. According to the pamphlet they gave me, the Library of Congress is the world’s largest repository of knowledge and creativity, with a growing collection of more than 162 million items, including books, print materials, sound recordings, photographs, maps, sheet music, motion pictures and manuscripts in more than 470 languages. I was told that the library of Congress was established in 1800. (I wish I had such a library in our country.)

Now, we can be proud of the National Library (Nay Pyi Taw) which is located near the Kumudra Circle in Ottra Thiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw. The foundation was laid down in 2010 and the library was open to the public in 2013. The National Library of Myanmar is one of the national level institutions of the country under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture. The Library provides the services of reference, reading room, periodicals, children corner, photocopying, library and the Internet.

Although Nay Pyi Taw, the capital city of Myanmar, can possess the national image, as for Yangon, the commercial city, when?

On 28 July, 2016, a coordination meeting took place at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw to discuss the relocation of the National Library to a convenient environment in the commercial hub of Yangon City. The meeting reached an agreement to move the library from Yankin Township to Pabedan Township. To be objective, the new location of the National Library will be at No.604/608 Merchant Street, Pabedan Township in Yangon.

Due to the ups-and-downs of life, the library was moved to two new locations before setting in Tamway Township. The library building in Tamway suffered some damages from the Cyclone Nargis in 2008. As a result, it was move to Yankin Township which is rather far from downtown Yangon.

Being a book lover, I for one, have been longing for a grand and impressive one in Yangon. Be patient! It is in the offing!

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U Myo Tint appointed as Non-Resident Ambassador of Myanmar to the Republic of Chile

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myo Tint, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Federative Republic of Brazil, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar concurrently accredited to the Republic of Chile. — Myanmar News Agency

EARTHQUAKE NEWS (Issued at 11:30 hour M.S.T.)

A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about (12) miles northwest of Paungbyin), latitude 24.43°N, longitude 94.71°E, depth (73) kilometers about (29) miles southeast of Tamu seismological observatory was recorded at (10)hr (55)min (31)sec MST on 28 August 2018.

Flood Warning (Issued at 15:00 hrs MST on 28-8-2018)

According to the (14:30) hrs MST observations today, the water level of Sittoung River at Taungoo is observed as about (1½) feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next (2) days.

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

Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 28 August 2018)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is weak to moderate over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 29 AUGUST 2018: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Northern Shan State, scattered in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay regions, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing and Magway regions, Eastern Shan and Chin states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with regionally heavy falls in Magway and Ayeyawady regions and isolated heavy falls in Yangon Region, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30-35)mph. Wave height will be about (6-9)feet in off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of increase of rain in Eastern Shan State.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 29 AUGUST 2018: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 29 AUGUST 2018: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR Mandalay and NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 29 AUGUST 2018: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Myanmar President U Win Myint and Nepalese Deputy Prime Minister Mr Ishwor Pokhrel receive honorary salute from the Guard of Honor of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.
PHOTO: MNA

President U Win Myint, First Lady Daw Cho Cho in Nepal on official visit

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Upon arrival at the Kathmandu Tribhuvan International Airport, Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal at local standard time 2:30 p.m. Myanmar Ambassador to Nepal Thiri Pyanchi U Tun Nay Lin and Chief of Proto-

col Mr. Deepak Adhikari of the Nepalese Foreign Ministry came onboard the plane to welcome President U Win Myint, First Lady Daw Cho Cho and party.

President U Win Myint was then greeted by Nepalese Deputy Prime Minister Mr Ishwor Pokhrel on the dais on which

President U Win Myint and Nepalese Deputy Prime Minister Mr Ishwor Pokhrel later took the salute of the Guard of Honor of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.

From there, the President, First Lady and party went motorcade to Soaltee Crown Plaza

Hotel where they will reside during their stay in Nepal.

The President, First Lady and party then went to the Myanmar Embassy in Nepal and met with the Nepal-Myanmar Friendship Association and Nepal-Myanmar Merchant Association chairmen and members.

Next, they met with Myanmar Embassy staff and family members. Afterwards, President U Win Myint, First Lady Daw Cho Cho and party attended a dinner hosted by Myanmar Ambassador to Nepal Thiri Pyanchi U Tun Nay Lin and wife. — Myanmar News Agency ■

VP U Myint Swe addresses MSME 2017 Survey presentation

A PRESENTATION for the Myanmar Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) 2017 Survey was held at the Ministry of Planning and Finance building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, with Vice President U Myint Swe delivering the opening speech.

In his speech, the Vice President said two surveys for the MSME population and two for quality in the production sector will be conducted within the years 2017-2018 and 2019-2020 to aid in establishing the “Myanmar Business Monitoring System” as part of the 2016-2020 Denmark-Myanmar agreement on development implementation with the Danish Government.

The Vice President said Myanmar needs reliable data for setting fact-based policies, prioritized sectors, designing strategic plans and monitoring efforts. He thanked the Danish Ambassador and UNU-WIDER for providing financial and technological assistance.

The MSME Survey includes over 71,000 commodity production businesses and highlights the needs for the development of SMEs and to increase their competitiveness while identifying their difficulties, said the Vice President. He added that the survey included invaluable data that charts a detailed map of the SME sphere in Myanmar.



Vice President U Myint Swe addresses the MSME 2017 Survey presentation in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.
PHOTO: MNA

This survey also included data related to employees that shows the correlation between wages and the demand of the workforce and available skillsets, said the Vice President. From this he sees the need for more training schools to increase the workforce capacity.

The Vice President said technological support was needed for Myanmar SMEs to produce high-quality commodities, as well as encouragement for pioneers, innovation, creativity and exploring new markets. He said only then will the country replace imports with local products and drive up export rates as well. He said Myanmar was implementing the 12-point eco-

nomical policies which included SME development. He said it was important to change to a ‘from data to policy’ approach so that the private sector was strengthened.

According to the 2015 Myanmar Economic Survey, the manufacturing sector made up the bulk of the economic sector at 40 per cent, while 90 per cent of the businesses in Myanmar were small businesses, said the Vice President. He added that only 2 per cent of businesses in the country employ more 250 more staff.

This clearly outlined how SMEs were the fundamental building blocks for developing Myanmar’s economy, said the

Vice President, adding that the SME Development Central Committee and Working Committees were formed to address this objective.

The Vice President said the manufacturing sector created more job opportunities than other trade sectors of the service sector. He said producing high quality products would drive up the manufacturing sector. He concluded by thanking everyone involved in making the MSME 2017 Survey a success.

Next, Union Minister for Commerce Dr. Than Myint explained about the requirements and difficulties faced by MSMEs in their self-development.

This was followed by the

Cherge d'affaires of Denmark Embassy Ms. Dorte Chortsen explaining the benefits of conducting surveys in supporting a country’s economic development.

The Vice President then took a documentary photo with the participants.

The event continued with the Director-General of the Central Statistical Organization, Dr. Wah Wah Maung, and UNU-WIDER lead researcher Mr. Finn Tarp explaining the central findings and policy advice found in the MSME 2017 Survey.

The Nay Pyi Taw Council, state and region Ministers for commerce then presented and discussed about acquiring loans and advices for MSMEs. Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Sett Aung the delivered the closing speech and ended the event. Attending the event were Union Ministers Dr. Aung Thu, U Thant Sin Maung, U Win Khaing, Dr. Than Myint and U Han Zaw, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairperson Dr. Myo Aung, deputy ministers, commerce ministers from the Nay Pyi Taw Council, states and regions, Cherge d'affaires of Denmark Embassy Ms. Dorte Chortsen, officials from UNU-WIDER, department heads, and officials from joint-development organizations, NGOs, humanitarian and civil groups. — Myanmar News Agency ■

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Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
2. With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offenses up to 25 August 2018 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

No	Nature of report	Details on seizure and legal action taken
1	Information received of illegal drugs from China, Shwe Li, Kyaekaung and Muse being sold in Kyetagaung Village, Hteechaing Twp, Sagaing Region, and other neighboring villages.	On 19-7-2018, police performing undercover operations discovered WY psychotropic tablets and powder heroin from the house of Daw Pyone, 48, in Kyetagaung Village, Hteechaing Twp. Further investigation revealed the drugs were purchased from Ma Thet Khine, 38, who lives in the same village, and Soe Khine, 41, from Kyaunglan Village. The three suspects have been arrested and a case has been opened with MaMaSa (Hteechaing) MaYa(Pa) 15/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2	Information received of Zaw Oo selling illegal drugs in Tayetgone Village, Nammawlite Village-tract, Phuangpyin Twp, Sagaing Region.	On 19-8-2018, Zaw Oo, 32, from Tayetgone Village, Phaungpyin Twp, was arrested together with with “88/1” psychotropic tablets and powder heroin in his possession. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Phaungpyin) MaYa(Pa) 62/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3	Information received of Ko Mae Gyi from “Mae Gyi” bicycle repair shop selling illegal drugs in Ward 67, Dagon Myothit Seikkan Twp, Yangon Region.	On 22-8-2018, local police entered the house of U Khin Win (a) Mae Gyi, 59, in Ward 67, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Twp, and arrested him, Khine Phoo Wai (a) Phoo Phoo, 16, from Thumana Street 4, Ward 5, Thaketa Twp, and San Min Aung (a) We Kyaw (a) Nay Gyi, 35, from A Street 2, Ward 64, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Twp, together with WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Dagon Seikkan) MaYa(Pa) 28/2018 under Section 16-C/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4	Information received of groups of people selling illegal drugs daily on the hilltop in Group 10, Ward 4, Kutkai Twp, Shan State (North).	Police have opened 18 cases and arrested 18 men and 1 woman together with heroin, psychotropic tablets in the four weeks. On 21-8-2018, continued investigations into related cases led to a stake out in Ward 4, Kutkai Twp, where police arrested Zaw Jar, 36, from Lwekham Village, Kutkai Twp, after finding “88/1” psychotropic tablets in his backpack. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Kutkai) MaYa(Pa) 94/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5	Information received of illegal drug use in Sabel Residence, between 19 and 22 streets, Kanar Road, Mandalay City.	On 20-8-2018, local police searched the rented apartment of Bo Sanay (a) Zaw Zaw Myo, 35, in Room 20 of the first floor of building 2 in Sabel Residence, between 19 and 22 streets, Mintheikin Ward, Aungmyaythazan Twp. Police did not find Bo Sanay, but arrested Tun Myat Thar, 20, from Mayangone Village, Medayar Twp, and Tun Than Maw (a) Maw Gyi, 26, from Seinpan Ward, Manadalay City who were in the room with “88/1” psychotropic tablets. A case as been opened with MaMaSa (Aungmyaythazan) MaYa(Pa) 12/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law. Further investigation into room 24 of the same building led to the seizure of “88/1” psychotropic tablets, powder psychotropic tablets, and ICE. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Aungmyathazan) MaYa(Pa) 12/2018 under Section 19-A/22-B of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
6	Information received of Ko Nyan Oo Kyaw from Ward 5 in Bogalay Town, Sagaing Region, and Ma Myo from Ward 3, both selling illegal drugs.	On 19-8-2018, local police on stake out at Manawthuka street in Ward 3, Bogalay Town, inspected Nyan Oo Kyaw, 25, from Ayeyar Min Street, Ward 5, Bogalay Town, as he rode his motorbike and discovered powder heroin hidden in his garments. The illegal drugs were found to be purchased from Ma Tin Pa Pa Myo (a) Ma Myo, 47, who resides in Htein Win Maung Street, Ward 3. A search of her house did not reveal any item related to illegal drugs but a case has been opened against bot suspects with MaMaSa (Bogalay) MaYa(Pa) 2/2018 under Section 16-C/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
7	I want to talk about I’d heard the new of drug users at the railway compound in Insein near the Insein bazaar. It has many drug users I think they use WY. And also many drug sellers. At that place of 4 th middle street, 6 th middle street and 9 th middle street. Drug settlers are lived at there. Can you look at and come that place? I demand it. Thank you. Show that place and control that people.	On 21-8-2018, local police arrested Wunna Tun (a) Wet Gyi, 37, in his home at No.168/G, Railway Premises Street 6, Zaygone East Ward, Insein Twp, together with WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Insein) MaYa(Pa) 100/2018 under Section 16-C/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
8	Information received of U San Ngwe selling illegal drugs in Htaukyant Village, Yay-U Twp, Shwebo District, Sagaing Region.	On 19-8-2018, San Ngwe (a) Chan Tar, 31, was arrested with “88/1” psychotropic tablets in his home at Htaukyant Village, Yay-U Twp. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Tintheinyan) MaYa(Pa) 2/2018 under Section 16-C/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
9	Information received of Ko Aung Zaw Win and U Kyaw Tint selling illegal drugs in Honar Village, Kunlong Village-tract, Taunggyi Twp, Shan State (South).	On 20-8-2018, local police searched the house of Aung Zaw Win, 29, in Honar Village, Taunggyi Twp, and seized WY psychotropic tablets from his garments and his kitchen. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (ShweNyaung) MaYa(Pa) 21/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law. Police also searched the hose of U Kyaw Tint, 54, in the same village and seized WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (ShweNyaung) MaYa(Pa) 22/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
10	Information received of Mi Kyi and U Win Htay from Boin Village, Eainchay Village-tract, Kyunhla Twp, Sagaing Region, and Ko Kyaw San Lin form Pyinpin Village selling illegal drugs.	On 20-8-2018, local police searched the house of Daw Mi Kyi, 46, in Boin Village, Kyunhla Twp, and seized powder heroin. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Kyunhla) MaYa(Pa) 3/2018 under Section 16-C/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law. Police also searched the house of Win Htay, 46, in the same village and seized WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Kyunhla) MaYa(Pa) 4/2018 under Section 16-C/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law. Police also searched the house of Ko Kyaw San Lin (a) Kyaw San Kway in Pyinpin Village, Kyunhla Twp, but did not find him and instead arrested his brother-in-law Soe Htet Aung, 18, after seizing WY psychotropic tablets from his backpack. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Kyunhla) MaYa(Pa) 5/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

11	Information received of Ko Min Shwe from Henu Village, Mawlu Village-tract, Indaw Twp, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 25-8-2018, local police entered the house of Min Shwe, 45, in Henu Village, Indaw Twp, and seized powder heroin. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Mawlu) MaYa(Pa) 37/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
12	Information received of Ko Lin (a) Atsu selling illegal drugs in Inchauk Village, Lishaw Leni Village-tract, Moegok Twp, Mandalay Region, and also distributing them to in the vicinity of the Yadanar Aung Thit Lwin monastery.	On 21-8-2018, local police investigating within Yadanar Aung Myay area, Lej-U Village-tract, Moegok Twp, stopped and searched Nyi Hla, 29, from Thantay Village, Mandone Twp, Sar Moe Yi, 46, from Peitswe Area 2, MoegokTwp, Taung Sein 46, from Peitswe Area 1, Moegok Twp, A Tarr, 25, from Lej-U Area Ward 1, Mogok Twp, and Lar See, 36, Thanlwin South WardMogok Twp. Powder heroin was from Ny La’s garments, who was the seller, while the remaining suspects were buyers. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Moegok) MaYa(Pa) 97/2018 under Section 16-C/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psycho-tropic Substances Law. Local police acted on a tip off and searched the house of Ko Lin (a) Wai Linnaing (a) At See (b) At Suu. Powder heroin was discovered and a case\ has been opened with MaMaSa (Moegok) MaYa(Pa) 98/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
13	Information received of Daw Khin Htoo selling illegal drugs in No 68, Mahnphwar Village, Saingbo Town, Kachin State.	On 16-8-2018, local police arrested Daw Khin Htoo, 52, after discovering opium in her house at No. 68, Mahnphwar Village, Sinbo Town, Myitkyina Twp. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Sinbo) MaYa(Pa) 15/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
14	Information received of Ko Win Naing and Ko Kan Aye selling illegal drugs in Kyankone Village, Pyawbwe Twp, Mandalay Region.	On 22-8-2018, local police arrested U Kan Aye, 56, after seizing “88/1” psychotropic tablets, raw opi-um and black cubes containing raw opium in his home at Kyankone Village, Shansugone Village-tract, Pyawbwe Twp. A case has been opened with YaKa-Sa (Nyaungone) MaYa(Pa) 3/2018 under Section 16-C/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law. Police also searched the house of Ko Win Naing, 42, from the same village but he was not present. Police arrested his wife Ma Nyunt Nyunt Win, 40, after discovering raw opium in the cow feed at the back of the house. A case has been opened with YaKaSa (Nyaungone) MaYa(Pa) /2018 under Section 16-C/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
15	A report requesting investi-gation into heavy drug sales in Chaw Su Lwin hostel near Mawlamyine University.	On 19-8-2018, local police searched Chaw Su Lwin Men’s Hostel in building No.22 near the Mawlamy-ine University in Taungwine Area, Zaycho Ward, Mawlamyine Town. Police discovered WY psychotropic tablets in the room of Tun Lin Oo, 19, Physics (First Year) from No. 49, Area 10, East Area, Hnitkayin Village, Ye Twp, and Thiha Tun, 19, Computer (Second Year, from the same village. Police also discovered WY psychotropic tablets and mixed drugs from Thiha Tun’s motorbike parked outside the hostel. The drugs were acquired from Tun Tun Naing (a) Chan Sun, 23, Physics (Final Year), from Hnitkayin Village. A case has been opened against all three with NaMaSa (Mupon) MaYa(Pa) 7/2018 under Section 16-C/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law. Police arrested Tun Tun Naing, Wai Thura, 23, Ge-ology (Final Year), Aung Chan, 23, Physics (Final Year), from Mawkanin Village, Ye Twp, and Nyan Htet Oo, 18, Geology (First Year), from Hnitkayin Village, Ye Twp, after seizing WY psychotropic tab-lets from their room. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Mupon) MaYa(Pa) 8/2018 under Section 16-C/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
16	Information received of Ma Su Chay selling illegal drugs in South Area, Ward 1, Mrauk-U City, Rakhine State.	On 19-8-2018, local police searched the house of Ma Su Chay (a) Ma Than Nu Swe, 28, at No. TaRa/216, Myinsinepyin Street, South Area, Mrauk-U City, and arrested her, her husband Aung Than Tun, 30, Kyaw San Win, 23, from Kyatzay Ward, Mrauk-U City, and Soe Soe Kyaw, 23, from Aungthat Ward, Mrauk-U City together with WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Mrauk-U) MaYa(Pa) 4/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
17	Information received of U Aung Myint Thein selling illegal drugs in Kyauknimaw Village, Launglone Twp, Taninthayi Region.	On 24-8-2018, local police arrested Aung Myint Thein, 30, after discovering WY psychotropic tablets in his house in Kyauknimaw Village, Launglone Twp. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Launglone) MaYa(Pa) 8/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law. Investigations into related cases led to the arrest of Aung Zaw Aye, 41, as he drove his bike along Thittaw Yone street in Byawtawa Ward, Dawei City, and arrest-ed him after discovering WY psychotropic tablets on him. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Dawei) MaYa(Pa) 62/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Nar-cotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
18	Information received of U Soe Paing and his wife Daw Nyunt San, Ko Aik Oo, Ko Kyaw Zin Moe, and Ko Aung Thu of Nanmaw Village in Seikmu Village-tract, Hpakhant Twp, Kachin State, and U Thein aw from Ward 6, selling heroin and WY psychotropic tablets.	On 17-8-2018, local police entered the house of U Thein Zaw, 41, at No. 146, Ward 6, Nanmaw Village, Hpakhant Twp and arrested him, Win Nyunt, 48, Zaw Tun, 38, and Ye Ko Ko, 26 together with powder heroin and raw opi-um. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Hpakhant) MaYa(Pa) 160/2018 under Section 16-C/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law. On 18-8-2018, local police arrived at the huts in upper Nanmaw Village, Hpakhant Twp, to arrest Ko Alk Oo, Ko Aung Aung and Ko Kyaw Zin Moe but they had fled. Police arrested Maung Naing, 33, found in the hut with powder heroin. He confessed the drug was purchased from the three fleeing suspects. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Hpakhant) MaYa(Pa) 163/2018 under Section 16-C/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psycho-tropic Substances Law. Local police also searched the temporary hut of U Soe Paing and his wife Daw Nyunt San in upper Nanmaw Village, but the two had fled. Police arrested Htein Lin, 50, in the neighboring hut together with powder heroin, who confessed to buying the drugs from the two fleeing suspects. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Hpa-khant) MaYa(Pa) 164/2018 under Section 19-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
19	Information received of daily illegal drugs sales and consumers in the edge of the forest near Konemone Vil-lage, Hsipaw Twp, Shan State (North), and also in 10-milepost on the Lashio-Muse Road.	On 19-8-2018, local police searched the corn field near the 10-milepost on the Lashio-Muse Road near Panhat Village, Hopeik Village-tract, Lashio Twp, and arrested San Naing Oo, 43, from Ward 9 in Lashio Twp, Hein Soe, 35, from Shankone Village in Lashio Twp, Ye Lin Tun, 50, from Ward 9 in Lashio Twp,and Min Min Oo, 39, from Koneyo Village in Lashio Twp, together with “88/1” psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Lashio) MaYa(Pa) 59/2018 under Section 19-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law. Police also searched the temporary huts along the 10-milepost and arrested Kyaw Kyaw Aung, 29, from Ward 12 in Lashio Twp, and Hla Win, 35, from Ward 9, together with powder heroin and “88/1” psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Lash-io) MaYa(Pa) 60/2018 under Section 19-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law. On 25-8-2018, police searched the fields near Koneone Village in Kutkai Village-tract, Hsipaw Twp, and arrest-ed Sai Thaung Han (a) Aik Kone, 19, from Narlaing Village together with heroin and WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Hsipaw) MaYa(Pa) 24/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Nar-cotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

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PACIFIC HUNT ENERGY

Pacific Hunt Energy Prepares for a Drilling Campaign in Sagaing Region

Pacific Hunt Energy Corp., a Canadian oil & gas company, was awarded onshore block PSC C-1 located in Sagaing Region during Myanmar's 2nd onshore bidding round in 2013. Production Sharing Contracts with Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise were signed in September 2014. The initial exploration program includes processing and interpreting data, various G&G studies, completion of seismic acquisition and drilling of wells.

Pacific Hunt Energy's first drilling campaign on PSC C-1 is set to last from December 2018 until May 2019. The campaign consists of a total of three wells. The wells are drilled with the intent to confirm the presence and quantity of hydrocarbon reservoirs. The Company's second drilling campaign is scheduled to begin at the end of 2019. Details of the latter campaign will be shared closer to the time.

In order to be compliant with local laws and regulations, and in order to fulfil the commitments of the EIA Procedure (2015), Pacific Hunt Energy has contracted an independent third-party consultant, ARTELIA, to perform an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) on PSC C-1. During the EIA process public consultations will be conducted in Sagaing Region and elsewhere in accordance with the EIA Procedure.

Successful development of the project can help satisfy growing energy needs in Myanmar.

For more information, please visit:

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Millions risk malnutrition as CO₂ levels climb

PARIS — Rising levels of carbon dioxide in the air threaten to sap wheat, rice, and other staple grains of valuable nutrients, raising the spectre of mass malnutrition, researchers warned

on Monday.

On current trends, higher CO₂ concentrations could reduce iron, zinc and protein levels in the crops that feed the world by up to 17 per cent by mid-century,

they reported in the journal Nature Climate Change.

"Hundreds of millions of people could become newly deficient in these nutrients, primarily in Africa, Southeast Asia, India

and the Middle East," lead author Matthew Smith, a researcher at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, told AFP.

"These are in addition to the billions of people al-

ready deficient that could see their condition worsen." Protein, along with the minerals iron and zinc, are essential nutrients for normal human growth and development.

Zinc deficiency affects the immune system and makes children, particularly, more vulnerable to malaria, lung infections and deadly diarrhoeal diseases.—AFP ■

Thura U Shwe Mann receives UN Resident Coordinator

Thura U Shwe Mann, Chairman of the Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, received United Nations Resident Coordinator Mr. Knut Ostby in the Hluttaw Hall (I-11) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they discussed and exchanged views on the UN's development efforts in Myanmar.

— Myanmar News Agency ■



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Customs Department seizes illegal goods at Yaypu, Mayanchaung check points

Authorities seized illegal goods worth Ks86.903 million in six cases at Yaypu check point and illegal goods worth Ks62.154 million in seven cases at Mayanchaung checkpoint on 27 August.

The combined team comprising of officers and staff from the

Customs Department also seized timber weighing 3.9078 tons worth Ks86.903 million from three vehicles which cannot show any legal documents on the same day.

A combined team check the illegal goods after reopening Yaypu and Mayanchaung checkpoint on 1

March, 2017 to control illegal goods.

There were 829 exported vehicles and 680 imported vehicles along Mandalay-Muse Pyidaungsu road as well as 36 exported vehicles and 132 imported vehicles along Yangon- Myawady road to 27.

— GNLM ■

Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint leaves for Republic of Korea

A delegation led by Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint left for the Republic of Korea yesterday evening making a study tour on film and video technology.

The delegation was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by MRTV Director-General U Myint Htwe and officials from the Ministry of Information. — Myanmar News Agency ■



The delegation led by Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint leaves for Republic of Korea yesterday. PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY

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20	Information received of Maung Thet and his apprentice Khin Maung Nyunt selling illegal drugs on a large scale in Alakappa Village, Myinmu Twp, Sagaing Region.	On 25-8-2018, local police searched the temporary huts of Ko Thet (a) Maung Thet (a) Thet Naing Oo, 40, to the east of Alakappa Village in Myinmu Twp and arrested him, Maung San, 34, and Khin Maung Nyunt, 58, from the same village, together with "88/1" psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Myinmu) MaYa(Pa) 3/2018 under Section 19-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
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3. Out of the information sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, so far 185 cases have been opened as of 25-8-2018, and 244 men and 49 women have been arrested with seizures of 1,904.79 g of heroin, 1.35 g of ICE, 311.65 g of black opium, 31,436.50 g of raw opium, 50.50 g of low-quality opium, 27.50 g of opium residue, 1,502 g of powder opium, 3,266 g of speciosa, 92,017 stimulant tablets, 1,766.08 g of marijuana, 0.10 liters of opium tincture, 213.40 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, and 3 different types of firearms. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the ministry will report on further exposed cases.

4. In addition to the investigations and arrests conducted on drug related complaints mentioned above, the Tatmadaw and Myanmar Police Force have also carried out separate investigations on drug complaints, search and arrests at border gates, and searches of vehicles acting upon given information.

In the past week, Tun Tun Oo (a) Sithu (a) Pyaung Gyi, who is guilty of carrying illegal drugs in Nay Pyi Taw, was arrested. Police seized 126 stimulant tablets and 7.02 g of ICE from his hotel room No.221 in Hotel Shwegondaing in Hotel Zone 2.

In Shan State, Mabein Twp, Lawa Village-tract, Kyauklonegyi forest, police searched suspicious looking huts and arrested 3 male suspects with 30 g of heroin, 40,200 stimulant tablets and 2 rifles. In Pinkyein Village police arrested 1 male suspect together with 210 stimulant tablets, 1 g of heroin and 1 rifle. In Moemeik Twp, Latkotdan Ward, police arrested 1 male suspect with 17,000 stimulant tablets. In Ward 14, Namkham City, a female suspect was arrested with 3,864 g of heroin and 79,230 stimulant tablets. In Kutkai Twp, 5,000 meters to the east of Kaungkar Village, local police searched five vacated huts in the area and

discovered equipment for concocting drugs including acid barrels, gas tanks, electric stoves, fire extinguishers, pipes, tarpaulin, etc.

In Rakhine State, Buthidaung City, two male suspects were arrested with 1,352,750 stimulant tablets. In Taungkot Twp, one male and one female suspect were arrested with 1,980 stimulant tablets. In Kyauktaw Twp, Teyatpin Village, a female suspect was arrested with 12 stimulant tablets. In Mrauk-U City, Htamra Ward, two male suspects were arrested with 510 stimulant tablets.

There have been two cases of drug seizures involving foreigners. In Shan State, Tachileik City, four illegal Thai immigrants were arrested with 80 stimulant tablets, 53.5 g of ICE, 2 pistols with 32 bullets and 3 cartridges. In Kayin State, Kyarinseikgyi Twp, Payartonesu, three Myanmar men, one Thai man and one female suspect were arrested 5,252 stimulant tablets, 1,330.52 g of ICE, 1 pistol with 16 bullets and 1 cartridge.

There have been 3 cases of arrests involving firearms. Six male suspects were arrested with 69.3 g of heroin, 85 g of raw opium, 1,090 stimulant tablets, 5 firearms, 357 bullets and one cartridge.

There has been one case of retaliation to resisting law enforcement. In Sagaing Region, Banmawk Twp, Thaunggyi Village, two male suspects were shot by police, sustaining nonfatal injuries, in response to their retaliation with firearms. Police seized 2.4 g of heroin, two rifles and an axe.

There have been 335 cases being opened between 19-8-2018 and 25-8-2018, and 428 men and 48 women have been arrested. Seizures of 4,976.19 g of heroin, 3,566.33 g of ICE, 22,087.49 g of raw opium, 45 g of low-quality opium, 1,580 g of powder opium, 1,692,177 stimulant tablets, 127.04 g of marijuana, 7,301.5 g of opium blocks, 0.05 g of opium tincture, 169 ecstasy tablets, 13 diazepam tablets, chemical batches, drug concocting equipment, 13 firearms, 450 bullets, and 5 cartridges.

5. To seize further drugs and to arrest drugs dealers, people are urged to inform the Ministry of Home Affairs, region and state governments and to inform huge cases of drug trafficking and other suspicious cases directly to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department of the Office of the President via following contact numbers:

Contacts :

Auto telephone No. — 067-590200

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Email Address — antinarcotics@presidentoffice.gov.mm

Fish oil supplements don't prevent heart disease in people with diabetes

WASHINGTON — Fish oil supplements do not help prevent heart attacks or strokes in people with diabetes, said a study on Monday that adds to a growing body of research on the ineffectiveness of pills containing omega-3 fatty acids.

More than 15,000 people with diabetes but no signs of heart disease enrolled in the study in Britain, the results of which were published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Half the participants were given a daily capsule of omega-3, while the other half received a placebo pill containing olive oil. The study was randomized and blinded, meaning that participants had no idea which they were taking.

Patients were followed for an average of just over seven years.

Among those taking fish oil pills, 8.9 per cent suffered a heart attack or stroke, compared to 9.2 per cent in the placebo group, which was not a significant difference.

"Our large, long-term randomized trial shows that fish oil supplements do not reduce the risk of cardiovascular events in patients with diabetes," said principal investigator Louise Bowman of the University of Oxford.

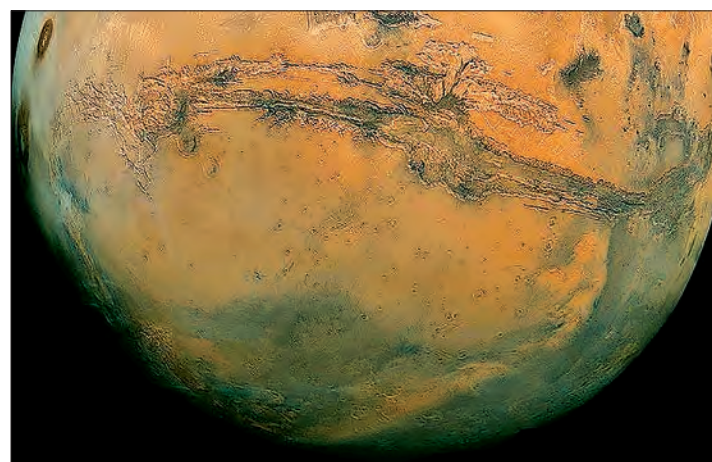
"This is a disappointing finding, but it is in line with previous randomized trials in other types of patient at increased risk of cardiovascular events which also showed no benefit of fish oil sup-

plements."

Bowman concluded: "There is no justification for recommending fish oil supplements to protect against cardiovascular events."

In January, an analysis of 10 studies involving 78,000 people published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) Cardiology also concluded that fish oil pills did not prevent heart disease among people at high risk.

Some observational studies have pointed to an association between higher consumption of fish and lower risks of coronary artery disease and stroke, but more rigorous, randomized trials have not supported this link. —AFP ■



"At the moment, there is no work on the Martian spacesuit," press service of the company told. PHOTO: TASS

Zvezda soon to be able to manufacture spacesuit for Mars in 3-4 years

MOSCOW — Russian Research & Development Production Enterprise Zvezda in the future will be able to produce a fundamentally new spacesuit for flights to Mars in three or four years, press service of the company told TASS.

"At the moment, there is no work on the Martian spacesuit. Some time ago, on our own initiative, we worked out a life support system on liq-

uefied oxygen for the Martian spacesuit. We believe that by the time of a flight to Mars, fundamentally new materials and technologies will appear that allow to make a fundamentally new spacesuit in 3-4 years," the press service said.

Earlier SpaceX CEO Elon Musk, who plans to send the first colonists to Mars in the near future, presented a concept of the Martian spacesuit.—Tass ■



A school of Menhaden fish caught in a net off the coast of Virginia; Atlantic Menhaden are harvested as a nutritional supplement for human and animal consumption in oils, essential fatty acids and specialty protein products. PHOTO:AFP

Startup delivers groceries in self-driving cars

SAN FRANCISCO — Startup AutoX on Monday announced the Silicon Valley debut of a service that will turn self-driving cars into mobile grocery shops summoned with a touch of a smartphone application.

The service will kick off this month in parts of the California city of San Jose in a partnership with e-commerce company GrubMarket.com which sources food from producers as well as retail shops such as Amazon-owned Whole Foods.

"We're very excited to launch the first autonomous gro-

cery delivery and mobile store service in the heart of Silicon Valley with self-driving vehicles on the road," said AutoX founder and chief executive Jianxiong Xiao.

"We believe self-driving car technologies will fundamentally change people's daily lives for the better."

The AutoX application can be used to place grocery orders to be delivered in cars designed to keep produce chilled, according to the startup.

Customers uncertain of what they want in advance will

also be able to have cars pull up and open windows so they can browse selections, AutoX said. A human back-up driver will be on board as required by local regulations.

AutoX vehicles rely on high-resolution camera gear instead of more costly sensors and laser arrays for navigation.

The grocery delivery and mobile store pilot program will roll out in San Jose, then expand to Google's home city Mountain View and Palo Alto, where Stanford University is located. —AFP ■

Aussie scientists use gold-plated nanoparticles to detect cancer signals

SYDNEY — A new diagnostic technique, using gold-plated nanoparticles, could make the detection of cancer much cheaper and faster, according to Australian scientists from the University of New South Wales (UNSW) who developed the method.

The scientists are now able to detect very low levels of microRNAs, linked with cancerous tumours and metastasis, in blood samples of significantly lower volumes.

"What this means is the technology has the potential to determine the levels of microRNA just from a finger prick test," Professor Justin Gooding from UNSW said.

The low levels of sample needed, as well as the efficiency of the process in detecting microRNAs, makes the method much easier than was previously required, as well as more financially feasible.

"It could be orders of mag-

nitude cheaper," Gooding said.

"Our method takes 30 minutes compared with almost 12 hours for quantitative polymerase chain reaction."

What make the new method so effective is the use of magnets to attract the microRNAs.

Scientists create gold-coated magnetic nanoparticles which latch onto a high portion of the present microRNAs, and then capture the nanoparticles and newly attached microRNAs with a magnet.

"Because the capture is so effective, we get higher sensitivities and can detect much lower limits," Gooding said.

"And since we bring them back to the electrode under a magnet, our response time is much faster."

Gooding said he would expect the technology to be available within three years, pending regulatory approvals.—Xinhua ■

Mourinho calls for respect as Spurs pile more misery on Man Utd

LONDON — Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho called for respect after suffering the heaviest home defeat of his career as Harry Kane and a Lucas Moura double moved Tottenham joint top of the Premier League with 3-0 win at Old Trafford.

A second consecutive defeat piles even more pressure on the Portuguese coach as United now trail Spurs, Liverpool and Chelsea by six points and stand four adrift of champions Manchester City just three games into the new campaign.

The odds on Mourinho losing his job have been slashed in recent weeks as on top of adverse results, he has clashed with the club's executive vice-chairman Ed Woodward over a lack of signings.

However, he railed against his critics by citing his record of winning the Premier League three times over two spells at Chelsea.

"I won more Premierships



Manchester United's Portuguese manager Jose Mourinho stands on the pitch applauding the homes fans that stayed until the end after the English Premier League football match between Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur at Old Trafford in Manchester, north west England, on 27 August, 2018. **PHOTO: AFP**

alone than the other 19 managers together. Three for me, two for them. Respect!" a fiery Mourinho raged at reporters on exiting his post-match press conference.

Mourinho stood in front of Old Trafford's Stretford End at the end of the game to applaud the home fans, who didn't boo his side at full-time despite the result.

"Today I had the proof the best judge are the supporters," Mourinho said.

The fans and Mourinho's response came after a dominant

first 45 minutes from the hosts before Spurs took control with two goals in two minutes just after the break.

United, though, were left to rue a series of missed chances by Romelu Lukaku, particularly when the Belgian fired wide with an open goal on 15 minutes.

Second-half surge

Tottenham hadn't even scored in losing on their four previous trips to Old Trafford under Mauricio Pochettino.

Yet, the Argentine's half-time words of wisdom made a huge difference as Spurs came out a different side after the break.

David de Gea had already denied Kane and Dele Alli had seen a goalbound effort deflected wide by the time Kane rose highest from Kieran Trippier's corner to loop a header into the net.

Hugo Lloris kept his place in the Spurs goal and retained the captain's armband despite being arrested for drink driving in the early hours of Friday. — AFP ■



Rafael Nadal hits a return to David Ferrer. **PHOTO: AFP**

Nadal sends injured Ferrer into Grand Slam retirement

NEW YORK — World number one and defending US Open champion Rafael Nadal sent his close friend David Ferrer into Grand Slam retirement on Monday when his veteran compatriot was forced to quit their first round match with an injury.

Ferrer, a former world number three but now standing at a lowly 148, called it quits on a hot and humid night on Arthur Ashe Stadium when he led 4-3 with a break in the second set.

Top seed Nadal had taken the opener 6-3.

"This is my last Grand Slam," said Ferrer who was runner-up to Nadal in the 2013 French Open final.

"I have great memories of this tournament and I am just sorry that I couldn't finish it tonight."

Ferrer, 36, will play his last tournament on home ground in Madrid next year.

"I am very sorry for David and sad for him," said Nadal.

"We are close friends and have shared great moments — the Roland Garros final and Davis Cup wins.

"He is one of the greatest players to have come from our country. He's a great person and great player."

Nadal, chasing his 18th Grand Slam title, will face Canada's Vasek Pospisil for a place in the last 32. — AFP ■

Serena Williams returns in style at US Open

NEW YORK — Serena Williams made a triumphant return to the US Open on Monday, opening her bid for a record-tying 24th Grand Slam title with a 6-4, 6-0 first-round victory over Magda Linette.

Williams, a six-time champion at Flushing Meadows, missed last year's edition as she gave birth to daughter Olympia on 1 September.

She was all-business on her return under the floodlights on the Arthur Ashe Stadium court, where she has lifted the trophy six times. Linette, the world number 68 from Poland who was facing Williams for the first time, held her own in the early going.

But Williams broke her in the seventh game of the opening set to gain the upper hand and from there the American superstar rolled.

The first set was tight," Williams, seeded 17th, said. "It was my first match back here in New York so that wasn't the easiest.

"Once I got settled I started doing what I'm trying

to do in practice.

"I think I'm getting there," added Williams, who reached the final at Wimbledon only to fall short of matching Margaret Court's all-time record of 24 major titles.

She didn't face a break point in the 70 minute match, but as her momentum built her emotions burst out with fist-clenched shouts of "come on".

After Williams held serve from deuce for a 5-3 lead, Linette would hold to force Williams to serve out the set.

From there, it was all Williams as she raced through the second set in 28 minutes.

She next faces Germany's Carina Witthoeft, with a possible third-round clash with 16th-seeded sister Venus in the offing. — AFP ■



Serena Williams of the US hits a return to Magda Linette (out of frame) of Poland during their 2018 US Open Women's Singles match at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Centre in New York on 27 August, 2018. **PHOTO: AFP**