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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi arrives in Hanoi to attend 27th WEF on ASEAN



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi reviews the honor guards upon arrival at the Hanoi Noi Bai International Airport in Hanoi, Viet Nam on 11 September. The State Counsellor plans to attend the 27th World Economic Forum on ASEAN in Hanoi. **PHOTO: MNA**

AT the invitation of Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi left Nay Pyi Taw for Hanoi by special flight yesterday morning to attend the 27th World Economic Forum (WEF) on ASEAN in Hanoi.

The delegation, led by State

Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, was seen off at the Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr. Myo Aung, Deputy Minister U Min Thu of the Office of the President, Myanmar Police Force Police Chief Lt-General Aung Win Oo, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Dr. Luan Thuy Duong

and officials.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was accompanied by Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government U Thaung Tun, Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Set Aung, high ranking officials from

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other officials.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and party arrived in Hanoi at 11:40 a.m. local standard time and were welcomed at the Hanoi Noi Bai International Airport with a Guard of Honor by Acting Minister Nguyen Manh Hung of Ministry of In-

formation and Communications, Myanmar Ambassador to Viet Nam U Kyaw Soe Win and wife, and officials from the Myanmar embassy.

The State Counsellor and party then went to Hanoi Dae-woo Hotel, where they will be staying while in Viet Nam. — MNA ■

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Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's ninth regular session holds 20th-day meeting

THE 20th-day meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's ninth regular session was held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning where the National Planning Bill for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 was approved and Asian Development Bank (ADB) loan for electricity network development project was explained.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approve National Planning Bill for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

First, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee joint secretary Dr. Myat Nyana Soe and secretary U Kyaw Soe Lin tabled a motion to approve by paragraph legal and project matters related to National Planning Bill for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Officials from union level organisations explained about the matter and obtained the decision of the Hluttaw to approve it.

Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win then tabled a motion for the Hluttaw to approve the entire National Planning Bill for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, and Hluttaw announced its approval.

Explanation on ADB loan for electricity network development project

Next, Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr. Tun Naing and Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win explained about Ministry of Electricity and Energy obtaining US\$ 298.9 million ADB loan for electricity network development project sent by the President.

Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr. Tun Naing explained that the project will be conducted in Yangon, Ay-



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat. **PHOTOS: MNA**



Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr. Tun Naing.



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee joint secretary Dr. Myat Nyana Soe.

ment the 230 KV Mawlamyine-Ye-Dawei power line from January 2019 to December 2021, 230 KV Ahlon-Thida power line and substation from April 2019 to March 2023.

The electricity distribution part will be implemented from April 2019 to June 2025, computerized electricity management and bill collection system from July 2020 to June 2025 and all works to be completed by 2025 December. The project implementation period is 72 months from April 2019 to June 2025 and the estimated completion of the project is December 2025.

The project will increase



Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win.

Maung Win explained that the implementing ministry for the project is Ministry of Electricity and Energy and the project will have two parts – electricity transmission and electricity distribution. As of 30 June 2018, Ministry of Electricity and Energy had an outstanding loan of US\$3,112.996 million that need to be repaid.

The last repayment of the loan is on 2050, and according to the planned loan amount to be taken out during the grace period, interest during grace period will be from US\$ 0.8 million to 3 million per annum. After the grace period, annual loan repayment is US\$12 million and annual interest payment is about US\$4 million. Annual interest and loan repayment will be made from the Ministry of Electricity and Energy's increasing revenue from the electricity distribution.

The Government had an outstanding foreign loan repayment of about US\$10.2 billion and foreign loan to GDP ratio is about 15.45 per cent. This is within the bearable debt burden and is also in accord with 2018 Union Budget Law, Public Debt Management Law, 2017 mid-term loan management strategy and developmental aid policy, explained the Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance.

After the explanations by the Deputy Ministers, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat announced for Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss the matter of Ministry of Electricity and Energy obtaining US\$298.9 million ADB loan for electricity network development project, sent by the President, to register their names. — Min Min Zaw, Hmwe Kyu Zin ■

eyawady, Taninthayi and Bago regions, Mon, Kayin and Rakhine states. The loan amount is US\$298.9 million, the project duration is six years from 2019 to 2025, and the loan period is 32 years, including 8 years grace period and 24 years repayment period. Interest is 1 per cent during the grace period and 1.5 per cent during the repayment period and the loan terms are similar to previous ADB loans.

The project amount is US\$ 308.9 million of which ADB loan is 298.9 million and Myanmar currency equivalent to US\$ 10 million is from the Govern-

ment's budget. The project will have two parts, electricity transmission and electricity distribution. Electricity transmission part is US\$ 143.11 million, electricity distribution part US\$ 98.94 million, project consultant fee US\$ 10.48 million, contingency fee US\$ 38.6 million and interest US\$ 7.77 million will be from ADB loan. Social, environmental, land acquisition and project management fees totaling about US\$ 10 million in local currency, will be from Myanmar Government's budget.

In the electricity transmission part, the plan is to imple-

electricity distribution by using US\$23.461 million in Ayeyawady Region benefiting 84,850 households, US\$7.321 million in Bago Region (east) benefiting 41,012 households, US\$12.002 million in Bago Region (west) benefiting 110,655 households, US\$12.73 million in Mon State benefiting 42,747 households, US\$23.315 million in Kayin State benefiting 27,820 households and US\$ 20,992 million in Rakhine State benefiting 27,820 households, explained the Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy.

Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee holds meeting

THE Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee held a meeting over Tax Administration Bill sent by Union Government and Forest Bill sent back with remarks from President U Win Myint at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D, second floor meeting hall, yesterday afternoon.

The meeting was attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy

Speaker and Joint Bill Committee Chairman U Tun Aung @ U Tun Tun Hein, deputy chairmen, secretaries, joint secretary and committee members from Joint Bill Committee and Joint Public Accounts Committee, Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Committee members from Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment

Commission members, Office of the Supreme Court of Myanmar, officials from Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Ministry of Finance and Planning, Union Attorney General Office, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.—MNA ■



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein attends Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Vice President U Myint Swe arrives Nanning to attend 15th CAEXPO, sideline business event

VICE PRESIDENT U Myint Swe and party who were in the People's Republic of China, Yunnan Province, Kunming, left Kunming by air and arrived in Nanning at 9:40 am local standard time.

The Vice President and party were welcomed by Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Communist Party Permanent Committee member, political and legal affairs committee secretary H.E. Mr. Huang Shiyong, Myanmar Ambassador to the People's Republic of China U Thit Lin Ohn, Myanmar Consul-General in Nanning U Soe Thet Naung and officials at the Nanning International Airport.

The Vice President and party then went on to Liyuan State Guest House where they will be staying and received Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Governor H.E. Mr. Chen Wu. During the meeting, matters relating to increasing cooperation between Myanmar and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in economic, social, education, investment, agriculture, trade and



Vice President U Myint Swe meets with Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Governor Mr. Chen Wu at Liyuan State Guest House in Nanning yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

tourism sectors were discussed. Present at the meeting were Union Minister for Commerce Dr. Than Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thit Lin Ohn, Ministry of Commerce Director General U Aung Soe, Myanmar Consul-General in Nanning U Soe Thet Naung and officials.

Afterwards, the Vice Pres-

ident attended the luncheon hosted by Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Communist Party Permanent Committee member, political and legal affairs committee secretary H.E. Mr. Huang Shiyong.

Later in the afternoon, the Vice President met with Communist Party of China Central

Committee, Politburo, Standing Committee member and First Vice Premier of the State Council H.E. Mr. Han Zheng and party at Liyuan State Guest House.

At the meeting, matters relating to bilateral friendship, increasing friendly visits between the leaders of the two countries, increasing cooperation in agri-

culture, trade and investment, peace process and socio-economic development of the people were discussed.

Present together with the Vice President in the meeting were Union Minister for Commerce Dr. Than Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thit Lin Ohn, Ministry of Commerce Director General U Aung Soe, Myanmar Consul-General in Nanning U Soe Thet Naung and officials.

After the meeting, the Vice President attended the tree planting ceremony held inside the Liyuan State Guest House compound in commemoration of the 15th anniversary of China-ASEAN strategic partnership and planted a commemorative tree.

Later in the evening, the Vice President attended the dinner hosted by People's Republic of China First Vice Premier H.E. Mr. Han Zheng.

After the dinner, the Vice President and party visited the ASEAN cultural garden. — MNA ■

Farmers to gain benefits from seeds, farm inputs from gov't

FARMERS whose crops were destroyed by disasters in 2018 would be given seeds and inputs, such as fertilizer, worth billions of kyats in a timely manner under a scheme to get them back on their feet in terms of food security.

"The Union Government is taking measures to distribute rice seeds, fertilizer and cash aid to farmers so that they can re-grow rice on their farmlands which were destroyed by flooding recently," said Vice President U Henry Van Thio yesterday.

"It has been found that organizations are also giving a helping hand in providing assistance in the form of seeds and fertilizer to farmers, but the supply doesn't meet the current demand," said the Vice President.

The Vice President disclosed the scheme, in his capacity as the leader of the Steering Committee for Protection of Farmers' Rights and Promoting Interests, at a meeting with ministries concerned in Nay Pyi Taw.

The meeting was held to seek ways for effectively dealing with the agricultural sector,

which is largely hit by disasters every year, and for providing remedies to the country's basic production sector. More than 600,000 acres of vegetable crops and nearly 400,000 acres of paddy were destroyed by disasters in 2018.

"We need to find a system or a scheme which can provide a sustainable solution to preventing losses caused by disasters instead of annually providing aid to farmers in the aftermath," said Vice President U Henry Van Thio.

He urged participants at the meeting to find possible ways for the system, including reviewing the volume and repayment period for agricultural loans, implementing the weather-based crop insurance system, establishing funds by the government and private associations.

U Henry Van Thio also called on officials concerned to set sectors to be carried out by Union-level, state- and regional-level authorities and private associations.

The Vice President also

stressed the need to quickly and effectively implement the outcomes of the meeting, saying that the Farmers Rights Law has guaranteed providing aid to the farmers when they suffered losses due to disasters.

Following the opening speech of the Vice President, Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr. Aung Thu reported on the ministry's current efforts for ploughing and land preparation in farmlands with machinery, dredging silt and sand left by recent water

overflow caused by the collapse of the Swa Dam's spillway, reclamation and distribution of seeds to farmers.

Afterwards, Union Minister for Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye and Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo reported on preparedness for quick response to disasters, emergency funds and National Disasters Management funds and preparation for providing aid to farmers.

Departmental officials and representatives of the Myanmar Rice Federation and Myanmar Agribusiness Public Corporation made suggestions and discussed requirements and challenges in helping the farmers.

In his concluding remarks, the Vice President urged the state and regional authorities, private associations and farmers to cooperate among each other to overcome the current challenges and to give priority to rice rather than other crops.—MNA ■



Vice President U Henry Van Thio meets with officials at a meeting concerning agricultural sector and providing remedies to the country's basic production sector in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

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WWF-Myanmar to support renewable energy in Kayin State

THE World Wildlife Fund-Myanmar (WWF-Myanmar) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Kayin State government for renewable energy support in Kayin State at the state government office on 10 September, according to WWF-Myanmar.

According to the MoA, WWF-Myanmar will conduct surveys to explore possible places to produce renewable energy, assist in connecting with investors to enter into renewable energy sector and in producing electricity at a lower price.

According to a news release by WWF-Myanmar, the governments of Denmark and Sweden and European Climate Foundation will provide assistance to implement the project between Kayin State government and WWF-Myanmar. "Kayin State mainly needs



A woman installs a solar panel at her home in Kayin State. PHOTO: WWF-MYANMAR

electricity. For the state to develop, there must be sufficient electricity. We welcome any technology, including renewable energy and solar energy, if it increases electricity supply," said Kayin State Chief Minister

Nang Khin Htwe Myint. In its news release, WWF-Myanmar quoted 2014 census statistics and said over 1.5 million people live in Kayin State and only 26 per cent had access to electricity.

To supply solar power electricity to over 200 houses in three villages, WWF-Myanmar sent five women from those villages to India for six months to learn solar technology, it is learnt. —Min Thit (MNA)■

Discussion held to standardize gold weight throughout Myanmar

By May Thet Hnin

A DISCUSSION concerning matters to keep a local standard in measuring gold weight in the entire gold industry was held at Wilson Hotel, Mandalay on 9 September.

Officials from Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association and Yangon Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association, gold traders from Kachin, Chin and Shan states and Mandalay and Sagaing regions attended this discussion.

Local gold measurement term pe (one sixteenth of a

tical) is calculated only with seven and half yway (yway lay equals 136.078 mg or 2.1 grain) in Mandalay and Sagaing regions, Kachin and north Shan states, unlike the remaining regions and states. Therefore, gold traders from those regions and states were urged to standardize gold weight in the entire gold industry in the country at the event.

A tical (16.4 gm) is normally measured as 128 yway, but only 120 yway are calculated per tical in those regions and states, due to different measurement in gold weight.

"Difference in weight measurement causes a price gap when gold from Mandalay are sent to Yangon market. Those traders from upper Myanmar are affected from this. This is why we held this event to standardize the gold weight unit the whole country", said U Tin Tun, chair of Mandalay Gold Entrepreneurs Association.

"The entire gold industry throughout the country needs to keep standard weight measurement. Difference in weight causes unfavourable problems. When large volumes of gold

are traded, it is very controversial", said U Myo Myint, chair of Yangon Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association.

According to this discussion, eight yway will be officially set for measurement of pe starting from 1 January 2019.

Gold and jewellery products are officially allowed for import and export, according to a 22 January notice of the Ministry of Commerce. The import/export businesses are soon to start operations. In a bid to connect with international market, measurement unit needs to be the same. ■

Myanmar cotton cultivation rises due to high demand from China

MYANMAR cotton cultivation is on the rise because of high demand from China, said U Zaw Tun Myint, deputy director general of industrial crops development at a workshop on discussing the third draft of cotton plantation development strategy.

The workshop was held at Agricultural Department Office meeting hall in Mandalay Region on 10 September and was attended by representatives from cotton and jute crops branch (head of

fice), officials from Mandalay Region agricultural department, experts and local cotton cultivators.

"The production of cotton plantation has increased in our country. Previously, the price of cotton was between Ks 1,100 and 1,200 per viss (3.6 lb). Now, the price of cotton is over Ks 1,500 per viss. Also, cotton demand from China has increased. China will continue to purchase cotton in the future. So, the plantation of cotton can make huge profits.

We should not only plant but go into increasing yield, and enter into value added finished products," he added.

At the moment, yarns and threads are imported from abroad. To reduce the usage of foreign exchange, the country needs to establish finished products factory that produces yarns and threads. It is for this that a development strategy is being drawn up with entrepreneurs, farmers and merchants.

"Upon completing the

strategy, we will submit to the higher authorities. With feedback from them, the strategy will be finalized and once agreed upon, it will be distributed to all and implemented," he added further.

At the workshop, local farmers presented and discussed the condition of cotton crops production, development of the crops plantation, long term and short term requirements and types of funding used.—Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House) ■



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing encourages a patient in Bawlakhe Station. **PHOTO: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OFFICE**

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets with Tatmadaw members from Bawlakhe, Phruso stations separately

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met with families of officers and other ranks from Bawlakhe Station and from the Tatmadaw advanced training school of Phruso Station separately yesterday.

At the meeting, the Senior General has stressed the importance of the Tatmadaw's members' voluntary services for education, health and development of the people to gain trust from the people, urging them to promote their calibre while carrying out their main duties of defence, training and public welfare services.

There is no discrimination among ethnic national races living in regions and states and enjoying equal opportunity, said the Senior General, adding that the members of the Tatmadaw are to keep its works to be reliable for the people and to gain trust from the people while making efforts for gaining the eternal peace in the country.

The members of the Tatmadaw are to work for securing peace and stability guaranteed by the constitution which is adopted by the majority of the people.

The Tatmadaw which was formed in accordance with the

law is within the law and taking actions against those who break the law.

In his concluding remarks, the Senior General has called on the members of the Tatmadaw to strictly observe the military rules as it is the lifeblood of the Tatmadaw.

At the meetings, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla presented food and cash assistance to the members of the Tatmadaw and the Maternal and Child Welfare Association of the two stations, according to the news release of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief.— MNA ■

MIC issues permits, endorsements to 19 local, foreign projects

TEN foreign and nine domestic investment projects received permits and endorsements at the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) meeting 14/2018, held on 7 September.

Those foreign enterprises were approved with permits and endorsements by MIC and respective investment committees of Yangon, Bago and Magway regions and Mon State, bringing in a capital of US\$119.39 million.

They are to be engaged primarily in manufacturing, electricity and other sectors, creating 4,420 local employment opportunities.

Meanwhile, nine domestic enterprises with an estimated capital of Ks40.4 billion, including US\$9.1 million, were approved by MIC and respective investment committees of Yangon and Man-

dalay regions and Mon and Kayin states. They will be involved in manufacturing, electricity, hotel and other sectors, creating over 1,130 job opportunities for local people.

MIC targets US\$3 billion during mini-budget period (from April to September) but is facing difficulties to meet the target with the current inflow of foreign investments.

A total of 75 foreign enterprises received permits and endorsements, bringing in a capital of \$889 million, as of 7 September in mini-budget period. Overall foreign direct investments of \$1.6 billion flowed into the country so far, including increased investments and investments of over \$171 million in Thilawa Special Economic Zone.

Between 1 April to 7 Sep-

tember, 82 domestic enterprises made investments of \$185.6 million and Ks903 billion. Total domestic investment flow exceeded \$212.9 million and Ks968.86 billion.

According to the new Myanmar Investment Law, region and state investment committees are authorised to grant endorsements of an investment proposal with a capital of not more than \$5 million (Ks6,000 million), with an aim to facilitate the verification process of investment projects.

At present, 60 per cent of foreign investments are in Yangon Region. Mandalay attracts 30 per cent of investments. Other regions and states attain only a small portion of investments, according to the statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.—Nyein Nyein ■

Myanmar workers to be legally sent to Thai fishery industry

UNION MINISTER for Labour, Immigration and Population (MOLIP) U Thein Swe discussed sending Myanmar marine workers to Thailand's fishing industry with Myanmar Overseas Employment Agencies Federation (MOEAF) at 1 pm yesterday at the office of Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population in Nay Pyi Taw.

A cordial discussion on worker affairs between Myanmar and Thailand was held on 16 and 17 July and Thailand expressed labour requirements of 42,649 workers to work for Thailand's fishing industry under a legal labour exchange management system, signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the Union Minister mentioned in his speech.

Most of Myanmar marine workers from Taninthayi and Ayeyawady regions and Mon and Kayin states are migrating to work in Thailand's fishing industry. According to a list sent by Thailand, there are over 40,000 Myanmar marine workers, over 45,000 workers in fishing and related enterprises, over 51,000 in fishery products processing factories, totaling over 145,000 workers. Additionally, Thailand mentioned that they want to employ over 40,000 Myanmar marine workers.

The ministry will initially conduct sending Myanmar marine workers to Thailand as a pilot project, responding to Thailand's government implementing labour protection activities. Myan-

mar marine workers whose Certificate of Identity and visa are going to expire will be legally sent to Thailand under MoU system again.

Therefore, a labour office has been opened in Thailand-Myanmar border town of Kawthoung, which is home to a majority of Myanmar marine workers, providing one-stop service. Being an MoU system, the ministry needs to discuss with Myanmar overseas employment agencies.

Fishing industry and marine workers have many risk factors. Therefore, workers need to take special care to take up the job. The documents set for employers, fishery businesspersons and vessels are need to be fully submitted.

In addition, employers and workers also need to comply with rules embodied in the employment contract.

The Union Minister urged employment agencies to strictly follow regulations while creating job opportunities for the citizens.

Overseas employment agencies also mentioned difficulties faced by marine workers and they closely discussed with the ministry. Also, the Union Minister addressed to fulfill their needs.

Present at the meeting were the Union Minister, permanent secretary, directors general and officials concerned from MOLIP, and chair, deputy chair, general secretary and executive members from MOEAF.— MNA ■

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Democracy Party for Myanmar New Society presents its policy, stance, program



Chairman U Zin Aung.

Chairman U Zin Aung of the Democracy Party for Myanmar New Society presented the party's policy, stance and work program on radio and television on 11 September.

Following is a translation of the presentation:

Respected and esteemed people,

Born together with the 8888 democracy movement in Myanmar, the Democratic Party for a New Society was an organization with the second largest force in the democratic revolution.

After the general elections in 1991, the State Law and Order Restoration Council declared our party unlawful. Those colleagues that remained above ground endeavoured and struggled continuously for democracy in a multifaceted form, sacrificing sweat, blood and life.

Among them, we ourselves remained above ground in the political war arena in continuity and journeyed the rough road for twenty years, still carrying on the democracy struggle and laying down the following strategy:

(1) For the legitimate and lawful revival of the Democratic Party for a New Society that we have valued;

(2) For the lawful repatriation with dignity of our colleagues who are left behind in some foreign lands;

(3) For the release of our colleagues from detention centres, now for many years, and to let them participate in the democratic transition.

With these aims, the Democracy Party for Myanmar New Society has been legally formed and constituted. As a political party, it does not count just by competing in the general elections, but to get ahead on the journey with the aims and objectives laid out.

The revolutionary journey is long and the 1988 democracy and human rights struggle was like a strategy to gain independence again, resulting in suffering, anguish and agony.

In the first independence struggle, it was to fight and drive out the British colonialist and the Japanese fascists. While struggling, we have formulated democracy practices in our strategy.

With the approach of a win-win

theory, we preferred the constitutional rather than the military administration, and therefore, we decided to form a party.

Today, we wish to ease food, clothing and shelter conditions of the people, to be under just laws, to own individual rights. With a view to fulfilling these necessities, politicians and people should endeavour hand in hand.

Today, the majority of the people are those who extremely suffered under political conflicts. For many decades, people remained silent, and therefore, people today should have more freedom to express.

The essence of democracy is checks and balances among the three pillars -- administration, legislation and judicial, in accordance with the law.

Due to a mess up of the three pillars caused by some people and institutions, the democratic system could be destroyed. Therefore, it is time to check and balance the three pillars through a transparent approach by the fourth pillar -- the media. Consequently, all hindrances on the freedom of media must be eliminated with the strength of the people.

In a democracy, people entrust others to administer and govern the country. Therefore, the transfer of power must be strong. In some developed countries, the terms of lawmakers are fixed for four years and the upper and lower house meetings are held two years alternatively.

This creates close intimacy among voters, political parties, and the politicians. Moreover, it brings in the skilful lawmakers and representatives from many fields to the parliament.

In our current system, elections are held for Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and regional Hluttaws once every five years at the general elections, with the winning party sitting in power for a long term and the losing party being knocked down. As voters have no opportunity to choose and create new situation, the current system needs to be amended. Since it is drafted and enacted by human beings, there is no constitution in the world that could never be revised. Therefore, in making the multi-party system stronger, the general election of Pyithu Hluttaw

and the Amyotha Hluttaw should be held every two and a half years, and this aim is to be carried out with the strength of the people.

Voters have the right to choose the respective representatives as lawmakers, and they have the right to recall back the representatives and revoke them from their duties. These rights have been stipulated in the constitution. However, necessary by-laws have not been regulated by the previous Hluttaws, and the current Hluttaw also neglected to bring in the by-laws resulting in the deprivation of the original rights of the voters.

Moreover, Chapter 9, article 397 of the Constitution states that necessary laws should be enacted regarding electoral matters of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. This should be implemented without delay by the representatives. These responsibilities have been forgotten and obliterated by the representatives.

In a democratic system, proposals are decided by the majority; however, the desire of the minority is never to be neglected. There must be a guarantee for equal rights of expression. Liberty, equality and justice are the hallmarks of genuine democracy, and politicians must embrace the people as co-workers in the tasks for realizing these aspirations.

We are neither the servants nor the masters of the people, and therefore, we are ready to join hands with the people as co-workers. During the current transitional stage for democracy, transitional justice is needed. Internationally, during transition from one system to another, there are means to treat and console the mental trauma and sufferings of those people sustained from the past system. This is to be undertaken as a responsibility by persons who are leading the new system, giving guarantee that the same thing would not happen again.

In this transition period, those who have suffered in the past should be entitled for rehabilitation and treatment legally, especially political prisoners and long-term detainees through human rights violations.

In the Philippines, some years ago, a rehabilitation law was enacted in the parliament. Other nations in transition also managed to have justice for their victims. Political leaders and lawmakers in our country should follow suit. We would do our best in the implementation of the same.

Political parties must take responsibility and accountability in consoling the trauma of the victims, for which we advocate for implementation. In a civilized society, people and politicians do not neglect the injustices, but redress them.

Moreover, politicians in the new society needs to act and show ideals and values in redressing the problems. This is nothing to do with the notion of revenge, but to take



Party logo.

responsibility. In the task of national reconciliation, the transition period must uphold the values of justice, as this is the culture of a civilized nation. Moreover, responsible and accountable political leaders must look for ways to trim down the role of the Tatmadaw in the 25 percent representation.

In the political, economic and social sectors, justice is needed. The process of democratic transition and the peace process in the nation is like the head and tail of a coin, and it is the aspiration of the people. In attaining to reach the destination, only the Hluttaws and the government which value justice should lead the way. Justice in the time of transition should be endeavored. The above tasks are the aims and objectives of our party.

By supporting national reconciliation, it could create solutions for political conflicts and problems, resulting in good outcomes. Finding solutions and taking responsibility under the theme of national reconciliation are our commitment, and at the same time we continuously urge responsible persons to do the same.

The existing political problems may show the pathway for a democratic understanding in future. At this juncture, we need to contemplate on topics, such as that of the national races, that of the ways and means to address the desire of the ethnic armed groups, that of the construction of federal system, that of to stand tall among the nations of the world, and that of the way forward in the future. As we are heading towards a democratic system, the participation of the people and the political leadership must be in harmony and accord to overcome the problems and hurdles.

We based ourselves in the interest of the nation and the people, and embrace the people as associates and teammates in tackling the general crisis, problems, difficulties of the workers and farmers. The democratic values such as liberty, equality and justice would be upheld, and that priority would be given for the production of machineries and support for better agricultural produce. Moreover, meritocracy would be applied in recruiting skilful persons from various fields and the party would lay down a policy combining talented and good people to forge ahead.

Market oriented economic system would be visibly practised. The nation's economic system would not be based on land and resources, but

on human resources policy. As the economic sphere is to be concentrated on human resources, skilful and talented persons would be given priority. In a way, it would end the conflict of interest between the lands and the resources, enhancing the value of human being with the view to ending the armed conflicts in the midst of economic development.

In our industrial sector, emphasis would be given on better and enhanced quality.

All agricultural lands must be owned by citizens who work in the farm lands. The agriculture production cost would be lowered in conjunction with elevated crops production rate. A banking system owned by farmers and peasants would be created to protect themselves from the exploitation and monopoly by some groups from inside the country and abroad. Peasants' Unions and organizations would be legally allowed and considered as colleagues and partners.

Multipurpose educational system will be implemented through theory and practice. With adequate teaching aids, pragmatic approach would be applied in nurturing skilful scholars. As it is intended for a multi-dimensional education, all the policies that stand as barriers and hurdles would be abolished. Independent students' unions must be allowed. Compulsory free education system would be introduced.

Persons attaining the age of 18 with adequate qualifications would be assigned with party responsibilities, whether adults or youths.

In a democratic system, the people possess the highest power. In order not to forget that factor of people's power, the existing time-frame of holding general elections once every five years should be changed into a new election system, and to hold general elections twice for parliamentary term. If you agree, please vote for our party.

People have the rights to choose lawmakers by vote, and we all need to have the rights to recall the representatives. If you agree, please vote for our party.

We must have justice in the political, economic and social sectors. If you agree, please vote for the Democratic Party for Myanmar New Society.

We consider the people as our colleagues and partners, and therefore, our party vows and pledges to outshine in the democratic transition together with the people.

Translated by UMT (HK)

Top leaders from NCA signatories hold 3rd summit

DISCUSSIONS with government, Tatmadaw leaders on non-signatories' affairs, differences between groups continue.

The third Summit of Ethnic armed forces signatories to the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (3rd NCA-S EAO Summit) was held for four days in Chiang Mai, Thailand from 8 to 11 September.

Attending the summit were top leaders from the 10 NCA EAO signatories and relevant representatives.

Assuming the role of panel chairs on the fourth day were Saw Mutu Say Poe, Ywat Sit and Kyar Kun Sar. The summit discussed the Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee's reports, the NCA-S EAO's operations, and the non-signatories.

Karen National Union (KNU) Chairman Saw Mutu Say Poe delivered the opening speech at the summit, saying that he felt gratified observing the serious discussions on peace in the past three days of the summit. He said it was a good sign that a common agreement could be reached from the different perspectives, considerations and standpoints discussed. He said it is their policy to practically accept these differences. He added that if unity exists between all of us then it will be that much easier to attain the lasting peace and federal democratic union we all wish for.



Third summit of Ethnic armed forces signatories to the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement held in Chiang Mai on 11 September. **PHOTO: AUNG AUNG (CHIAING MAI)**

We need to base our debates and discussions on generosity, open-mindedness and national reconciliation, said Saw Mutu Say Poe. He said that all three days discussed that the stakeholders held different fundamental understandings and had deep disparities. He said there are hesitations in the political dialogues because there are no set agreements concerning the political sphere. He said the last day of the summit will focus on finding solutions to this.

The four-day summit discussed and reviewed such matters as the third session of the

Union Peace Conference - 21st Century Panglong and the framework for political dialogue, the Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee's operations, off the record discussions, and the future peace process operations of the EAOs who have signed the NCA.

Saw Mutu Say Poe also delivered the closing speech, saying there are now 10 signatories to the NCA and he is delighted to see the step by step process the summit has taken regarding future operations and negotiating perspectives. He urged all 10 NCA signatories to foster generosity and an open mind,

coupled with unity, on the path to the federal democratic union everyone wishes for. He said the nationalities have no desire to break away from the nation. He said even though Bogyoke Aung San wrote in the 1947 Panglong agreement that any who do not like associating with the Bamar can leave, they discussed attaining true federalism in a meeting in Taunggyi. He said the Taunggyi meeting records can be read. Non-dissolution of the union and realizing a true union were the basis for their actions, said Saw Mutu Say Poe. He added that it has and still is the perspective of

the ethnic people.

The summit was attended by 49 representatives from the 10 EAO signatories to the NCA.

On the last day of the summit, an announcement containing five principles was released.

The announcement called for a tri-party meeting between leaders of the government, Tatmadaw and EAOs to set a political agreement to address the hesitations in the political dialogues of the peace process. Saw Mutu Say Poe is elected as the leader of the Peace Process Steering Team (PPST) and the deputy leader and members were chosen as well. The New Mon State Party (NMSP) and Lahu Democratic Union (LDU), who have recently signed the NCA, will be included as PPST+2.

The announcement continued that PPST will discuss and negotiate between the NCA signatories and non-signatories for a common agreement and objectives for the future reconciliation of Myanmar based on democracy and the federal system and national reconciliation. The PPST will endeavor to convene a meeting with top leaders from all EAOs. The announcement also contained the five points discussed between the State Counsellor and the EAO signatories to the NCA on 23 July 2018. — Ye Kaung Nyunt ■

Fatal disease outbreak in Nanyun, Naga SAZ assumed as acute pneumonia related with seasonal flu

AN OUTBREAK of disease which killed seven children in villages in Nanyun Township, Naga Self-administered Zone, is assumed as the acute pneumonia, by the Ministry of Health and Sports.

The announcement of the ministry said the children who did not receive a pentavalent vaccine are more likely to suffer the acute pneumonia following a seasonal flu. The ministry put the blame on uneasy access to the areas, lack of timely treatment, malnutrition, lack of general knowledge on health and air pollution caused by cooking fire at homes for the death of children.

Following reports of fatalities among children with symptoms of illness and coughing in Lanthan Village in Nanyun Township, Nanyun Township Health Department sent med-

ical teams to the areas, and a team led by Dr. Tun Tun Naing made a field trip to the areas from 29 August to 2 September and another team led by U Myo Myint Thein of Nanyun Township conducted a field trip and monitoring works from 3 to 5 September respectively.

The teams opened temporary clinics to provide treatment, monitoring and health care services to Lanthan Village and nearby villages. The medical teams confirmed that from 25 to 26 August, three children died with symptoms of acute lung inflammation following seasonal influenza and provided treatment to 64 patients showing symptoms of seasonal influenza. The patients were between the age of 3 months to 50 years old and all were recovering well.

While the field group and

team were providing health care services to local villagers, more children were found to be suffering from acute inflammation of lung and three children were transferred for further treatment, one to Lahe Township People's Hospital and two to Nanyun Township People's Hospital. The one year and three month old child who was transferred to Lahe Township People's Hospital passed away on 2 September.

The teams found out that fatalities were children aged between 28 days to 10 years and they were living in remote villages which cannot be easily accessed.

Pentavalent vaccination programs were conducted three times for children under 4 years in 2017 in the areas. It is found that the vaccination programs covered 96 and 91 per cent of the

children in the first time but by the third time it only covers 33 and 14 per cent only.

Samples from the deceased were collected to conduct lab test to confirm the illness, according to the Ministry of Health and Sports. On 7 September a month old child from Pawkun Village near Lanthan Village was reported to have succumbed to illness and the field group went to Pawkun Village to find out the reason of the fatality, open a temporary clinic to provide treatment, monitor and provide health information/instruction. Only patients suffering from normal cold and illnesses were treated and there no symptoms of seasonal influenza were found. There were also no irregular death of chicken, birds and animals.

From 25 August to 7 September a total of five children,

four from Lanthan Village and one from Pawkun village died with symptoms of acute lung inflammation following seasonal influenza. Two children undergoing treatment after being transferred to from Lanthan Village to Nanyun Hospital were recovering well and initial Rapid Test Kit result of the two children didn't show symptom of seasonal influenza. However, arrangements are made to conduct lab test to confirm the illness while the two children were undergoing treatment it is learnt.

Ministry of Health and Sports had dispatched another team via Khamti to monitor and conduct health care services but landslides forced the team to stop overnight in Khamti on 9 September. The team went on to Lanthan Village on 10 September. — MNA ■

Beware of gusts, lightning when monsoon retreats

THE monsoon is expected to retreat by mid-September and people should be alerted to the possibility of thunderstorms, isolated heavy rain, lightning, and gusts which are usually brought by the retreating monsoon.

The damaging weather patterns which we have faced in May and April during the pre-monsoon and when the monsoon finally entered can repeat due to atmospheric instability when the monsoon retreats.

Atmospheric instability can trigger rain clouds and the formation of rain clouds will be accompanied by thunder, lightning, heavy rain and strong wind in many regions and states.

Strong rain clouds will come with lightning strikes, hailstones and twisters.

Lightning killed at least 70 people and the strong winds destroyed about 10,000 houses during the period from pre-monsoon to May, according to the Disaster Management Department.

The death toll from lightning strikes is expected to continue to rise year by year. There were also fatalities and injuries from

“ Rain fall is expected to decrease in the coming days due to the withdrawal of the monsoon, but we can see rain due to possible depression which can happen in the Bay of Bengal in October and November.

Bengal in October and November.

Meanwhile, it is found that cumulus clouds which cause the lightning strikes and tornadoes have been forming over the country, and people in Magway, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon regions should be alert to possible dangerous weather patterns.

We should switch off electrical appliances such as televisions and mobile phones when there are rainstorms with thunder and lightning.

Operators of vessels in rivers in those areas should be alert to tornadoes that can occur during thunderstorms.

We cannot completely predict disasters, but early preparedness can help mitigate the damage.

The weather bureau has been providing weather updates to the public in a timely manner through state-run radio, television and newspapers.

People, on their part, are urged to keep a close watch on weather updates and warnings during the rainy season. It pays to be prepared.



U Myo Aung



U Zaw Aye Maung



U Tun Tun

Business talk on employment opportunities, boosting productivity

By Khin Yadana, Photos: May Oo Moe

ECONOMIC development plays a vital role in the progress of the State, and producing labour resources can boost a country's economy. A roundtable business talk was held at MRTV in Nay Pyi Taw on August 21. Following are discussions by U Myo Aung, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, U Zaw Aye Maung, Yangon Regional Minister for Rakhine Ethnic Affairs, and U Tun Tun from the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Q: Talking about labour resources, we should also discuss the role of child labour. Could you elaborate on what measures are being taken to tackle this issue?

Permanent Secretary U Myo Aung: Regarding child labour, we can consider this problem as a challenge as well as an opportunity for us. Child labour is still a major issue in many countries. At present, due to climate change, people are facing major agricultural

problems, resulting in negative consequences, especially in the agricultural sector. Also, due to growing number of conflicts, people migrate from their original places, looking for better living conditions. When they move to other places, parents are often accompanied with their children.

Child labour

It will be seen that these children find it hard to pursue their studies, and soon, they are helping out their parents. Many countries in the region face similar issues, and it is necessary to know the complexities of child labour. There are some children who work, because they are allowed to do so.

In Myanmar, with some restrictions, children aged 14 to 18 are permitted to work. For instance, with the recommendation of a doctor, they are permitted to work four hours a day. No child shall be required to work in hazardous conditions. Child labour means making children under 14 work and in hazardous conditions. We still have child labour in our country for various reasons. According to ILO

Convention 182, calls have been made on the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, as a matter of urgency. Authorities concerned have made arrangements to tackle child labour problems. Likewise, the Vice President 1 heads a national-level committee to eradicate child labour.

Eradication of child labour

In doing so, the main thing is that we should first know what types of labour are harmful to children. We are trying to designate these types, especially in the agricultural and construction sectors. In short, it is of vital importance to combat child labour and create a brighter future for them, through cooperation among the Government, the NGOs and employers.

Q: The Government is striving to boost productivity at factories amidst an environment of peace and tranquility. Could you discuss what sectors should be encouraged to make progress?

Regional Minister U Zaw Aye Maung: In order to become a developed nation, work force

plays a critical role in increasing productivity. Workers must be happy in their workplace, resulting in an increase in production. Moreover, employers should create a better work environment for their employees. In order to be successful, it is needed to reduce logistic expenses, including expenditures on transportation, energy, infrastructure, etc. When investors work with the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC), they are allowed to import some products duty-free, such as sewing machines, generators, trucks, and so on. The MIC has prescribed that some local and foreign investment business categories be exempted or given relief from commercial tax and custom duties. If investors do their business outside of Yangon, where there is an urgent need, they can receive tax exemptions of up to five years. If they make investments in some townships, such as Hlinethaya, Shwepyitha, or Mingaladon Industrial Zone, they can get tax relief up to three years.

Improving one's skill through practice

Efficiency is a core factor in ensuring productivity. Employees must put out their best during the eight-hour work day to increase production.

Employers also need to conduct technical training courses that can enhance their staff performance. Employees need to allow workers to attend training courses, while employees should put their heart and soul in learning new techniques. Creating a sound and efficient work environment, together with good management and strong employer-employee relations can definitely bring success to a business.

Thanks to changes, employees are now also entitled to medical treatment and cash benefits for occupational injuries and illnesses. Medical treatment, social security that includes insurance schemes would give them easy access to healthcare services.

Q: What would be the biggest productivity challenges?

U Tun Tun: The reason we want to improve productivity is because every enterprise should survive by gaining prof-

its out of their businesses.

Solving problems

By easing restrictions on foreign direct investments so as to attract big businesses, authorities concerned have made efforts in supplying skilled employees to prospective manufacturing industries that would create job opportunities in the country. Moreover, efforts should be made to take a pragmatic approach in producing more skilled workers in Myanmar, so that they can meet the changing requirements of the labour market in competing with regional countries.

To upgrade the skills of workers, it is important to open technical and vocational schools around the country. The government is also striving to produce ASEAN-level skilled workers. As for employers, they have an option of sending their staff to training centres for internationally-recognized skills standard certificates, as these employees will need to prove their skills to foreign and local investors.

Translated by
Win Ko Ko Aung



Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons



Myanmar Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day

13th September

The entire public needs to participate,
Trafficking in persons to eliminate...

2018 Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day's Objectives

- ❖ To mobilize the participation of all citizens in combating human trafficking as a national duty;
- ❖ To have the public instilled with awareness about and knowledge of trafficking in persons;
- ❖ To protect and care trafficked victims with empathy; and
- ❖ To strengthen cooperation and coordination among all counter trafficking stakeholders – government agencies, civil society organizations, UN agencies, international organizations and general public.

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 11 September 2018)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF 12 September 2018: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Lower Sagaing Region, scattered in NayPyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions, Eastern Shan, Rakhine and Kayah states, fairly widespread in Bago and Yangon regions, (Northern and Southern) Shan and Chin states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with isolated heavy falls in Kachin State. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (3 - 6) feet in off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Weak monsoon. **FORECAST FOR NAYPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12 September 2018:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12 September 2018: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

EARTHQUAKE NEWS

Tuesday, 11 September 2018 - 00:30

A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.7) Richter Scale with its epicenter in inside Myanmar (about (22) miles east-southeast of Kalewa), latitude 23.15°N, longitude 94.64°E, depth (92) kilometers about (55) miles west of Kanbalu, seismological observatory was recorded at (23) hr (27) min (40) sec MST on 10 September 2018.

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 14:00 hrs MST on 11-9-2018)

Flood condition of Sittoung River

According to the (13:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River has exceeded by about (2) feet at Madauk above its danger level. It may fall about (1) foot from the present water level during the next (2) days and may remain above its danger level.

Flood condition of Thanlwin River

According to the (13:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River has exceeded by about (2½) feet at Hpa-an above its danger level. It may fall about (1½) feet from the present water level during the next (2) days and may remain above its danger level.

Advisory

It is especially advised that people who have settled near the river banks and low lying areas in Madauk and Hpa-an Township, to take precautionary measures.



Thura U Shwe Mann receives Turkish Ambassador Mr. Kerem Divanlioglu in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Thura U Shwe Mann receives Turkish Ambassador to Myanmar

CHAIRMAN of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission Thura U Shwe Mann received Turkish Ambassador to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Kerem Divanlioglu at Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning. During the meeting they exchanged views on legal matters, bilateral relations and cooperation.— MNA ■

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHANGING THE PESTIDE TRADE NAME

The foreign manufacturer Chai Tai Co., Ltd will change the trade name and import and distribute the following insecticides which registered in Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board.

No	Old Trade Name	New Trade Name	Active Ingredient Name	Registration Type	Registration No
1.	Deca 40 EC	Wondes	Chlorpyrifos 40% EC	Full	F2015-960
2.	Nocktrin 10 EC	Popok 10 EC	Cypermethrin 10% EC	Full	F2015-346

It is therefore announced to come and reject within two weeks to Joint Secretary, Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein in wishing to make any objection in respect of the said changing trade name of insecticide.

Address — Charoen Pokphand Produce Myanmar Co., Ltd.
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Myanmar Post to launch free delivery service for books donated to libraries nationwide beginning 1 Oct

THE Myanmar Post of the Ministry of Transport and Communications has offered voluntary postal service for delivering books to libraries nationwide.

Despite facing losses in business, the Myanmar Post launched the move

aiming at encouraging reading by the people, said an announcement of the Myanmar Post.

A total of 793 post offices nationwide under Myanmar Post will launch its free postal service on 1 October.

The Myanmar Post

has also offered delivery service at 10 per cent to 20 per cent discount to its customers, including publishing houses and on-line shopping businesses for sending 100 items and above at one time, according to the Myanmar Post.

MNA ■

Myanmar Global Investment Forum held in Nay Pyi Taw



Myanmar Investment Commission and Hong Kong-based Euromoney Institutional Investor (Asia) hold a forum in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Myanmar Global Investment Forum, jointly-organised by the Myanmar Investment Commission and Hong Kong-based Euromoney Institutional Investor (Asia), was held at Myanmar International Convention Centre-II, in Nay Pyi Taw on 11 September.

The forum was attended by Union Ministers Dr. Pe Myint, U Win Khaing, U Thant Sin Maung, U Han Zaw, Hluttaw MPs, officials from the related departments, representatives from Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Euromoney Institutional Investor (Asia), local and foreign entrepreneurs and officials.

Initially, Chief Executive Officer Mr. Tony Shale of Euromoney Institutional Investor (Asia) delivered an opening address.

Then, Union Minister for Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing said

in 2016, Myanmar Government laid down the national economic policy which aims to foster sustainable development in Myanmar, which is inclusive and people-centered.

The new Investment Law was enacted on 18 October, 2016 and its subsequent rules were prescribed on 30 March 2017.

Together with the new Myanmar Investment Law, the new Companies Law represents an attractive and effective platform on which foreign and local investors can develop new businesses, create employment and contribute to Myanmar's growing economy, said the Union Minister. Since 2016, the New Government gave priority fast development infrastructure, especially roads and electricity, for both domestic requirement and support investment needs, said U Win Khaing.

Similarly, Dr. Sean Turnell, Director of research for Myanmar De-

velopment Institute, Special Economic Consultant to the State Counsellor, also delivered a key-note address.

Next, panel discussions titled “Infrastructure — what role can infrastructure developments play in the wider Myanmar economy”, “Banking, Finance and Insurance—evolving to meet new challenges”, “Doing Business in Myanmar—practical advice and exploring current routes into the market”, “Fintech and Microfinance — solutions for a digitizing economy”, “Trade finance and financing opportunities in Myanmar”, “Digital transformation in Myanmar and how can the country leapfrog to a digital economy”, “Agriculture—reforming in the industry and growing production towards export”, “Energy—harnessing resources and improving infrastructure” were held. The two-day forum continues today. — MNA ■

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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 8 September 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 San Min selling illegal drugs in Hta Ward, North Okkalapa Twp, Yangon Region.	On 7-9-2018, local police staking out near Parami Road on Ward 4, North Okkalap Twp, stopped and searched a car driven by San Min, 35, from No. 89, Kaymar Street 7, Hta Ward, North Okkalapa Twp and arrested him after discovering WY psychotropic tablets and ICE in his possession. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (North Okkalapa) MaYa(Pa) 47/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2	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 19 cases and arrested 19 men and 1 woman together with heroin and psychotropic tablets in the past five weeks. On 7-9-2018, police continued investigations into related cases and searched the house of Rawsel (a) La Mine Naw, 53, in Phaungsine Ywarthit Village, 38 mile, Kutkai Twp, and arrested him together with '88/1' psychotropic tablets in his possession. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Kutkai) MaYa(Pa) 99/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3	Information received of Myint Htay from Manphar Village, Homaling Twp, Sagaing Region, and Yan Ko Say from Sawpaka Village, distributing illegal drugs via motorcycle.	On 4-9-2018, local police entered the house of Myint Htay, 42, of Manphar Village, Homalin Twp, and arrested him and Zaw Oo, 40, together with opium and katpone in their possession. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Htamanti) MaYa(Pa) 20/2018 under Section 16-C/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law. Further investigation led to a search in the house of Yan Ko Say, 41, in Sawpakaka Village, Homalin Twp. Police arrested him after discovering heroin and raw opium in his possession. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Htamanti) MaYa(Pa) 21/2018 under Section 16-C/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4	Information received of Ma Thae Su from Zaingmyauk Street 5, Zaingmyuak Ward, Bago Twp, Bago Region, distributing illegal drugs via motorcycle.	On 2-9-2018, police searched the house of Ma Thaw Su Kyi (a) Thae Su, 30, in No. 211, Zaingmyauk Street 5, Zaingmyauk Ward, Bago Region, and arrested her after discovering WY psychotropic tablets in her possession. Police also confiscated her Honda Scoopy I motorcucule. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (2) (Bago) MaYa(Pa) 5/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5	Information received of numerous illegal drug sales and young people using illegal drugs in Ward (Hta), North Okkalapa Twp, Yangon Region.	On 3-9-2018, local police entered the house of Pyae Phyto Paing (a) Paing Gyi, 23, at No. 109, Thitsarpan Street, Ward (Hta), North Okkalapa Twp, and arrested him after discovering WY psychotropic tablets in his possession. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Waibargi) MaYa(Pa) 48/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

6	Information received of Daw Moe Moe San and U Kyar Maung from Htamanti Village, Homalin Twp, Khamti District, Sagaing Region, selling and using illegal drugs	On 2-9-2018, local police entered the house of Kyar Maung, 32, in Htamanti Village, Homalin Twp, and arrested him together with heroin in his possession. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Htamanti) MaYa(Pa) 16/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law. Further investigation led to a search of Ma Moe Moe San's house in the same village. Police found her husband Myat Soe Win, 30, and arrested him together with heroin in his possession. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Htamanti) MaYa(Pa) 17/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
7	Information received of large-scale sales of illegal drugs in Ward 1 and 7 of Letpan Village, Kyaukse Twp, Mandalay Region.	On 2-9-2018, local police searched the house of Soe Naing (a) Phwe Lone, 30, in Ward 1, Letpan Village, Kyuakse Twp. Police did not find him but discovered a bag of '88/1' psychotropic tablets in his yard. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Kyaukse) MaYa(Pa) 98/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law. Investigation into related cases led police to search the house of Ma Sophia, 35, house in Ward 8 of the same village. Police did not find her but discovered '88/1' psychotropic tablets in her home. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Kyaukse) MaYa(Pa) 99/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law. Investigation into related cases led police to search the house of U Ko Lay and his wife Daw Khin May Win in Ward 7 of the same village. Police did not find Daw Khin May Win but arrested her husband U Ko Lay, 53, after discovering '88/1' psychotropic tablets and crushed stimulant tablet powder in their home. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Kyaukse) MaYa(Pa) 100/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law. Investigations into related cases led police to arrest Myint Lwin Oo, 20, together with '88/1' psychotropic tablets, near Zawgyi ditch in Ward 7 of the same village. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Kyaukse) MaYa(Pa) 101/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law. Investigations into related cases led police to search the house of Zaw Min Tun (a) Mohamed Ali, 34, in Ward 7 of the same village. He was arrested after discovering heroin and '88/1' psychotropic tablets in his possession. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Kyaukse) MaYa(Pa) 102/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
8	Information received of Shalamudin selling illegal drugs on a large scale in Mautaung Village, Kyunsu Twp, Taninthayi Region.	On 7-9-2018, police searched the house of Shalamudin (a) Win Ko Ko, 42, in Mautaung Village, Kyunsu Twp, but could not find him. Police arrested his son Maung Nay Thu Lwan (a) Silar, 20, together with WY psychotropic tablets and speciosa. Police were able to arrest Shalamudin (a) Win Ko Ko on 8-9-2018 and a case has been opened with NaMaSa (Shawtawmaw) MaYa(Pa) 3/2018 under Section 19-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Turkish Ambassador

SPEAKER of Pyithu Hluttaw U T Khun Myat received Ambassador of Turkey to Myanmar Mr. Kerem Divanlioglu at the Pyithu Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting, they discussed matters on promoting Turkey-Myanmar relations, on friendship and cooperation between the parliaments of the two countries, reforms for democracy, promoting relations in economic, trade and tourism sectors. — MNA ■



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat holds talks with Turkish Ambassador Mr. Kerem Divanlioglu in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker attends Development Works Central Committee meeting 1/2018

DEVELOPMENT Works Central Committee meeting 1/2018 related to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw development fund was held at Zabuthiri meeting hall in Hluttaw compound yesterday afternoon.

The meeting was attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, Deputy Speakers of the Hluttaws, chairmen, vice chairmen and secretaries of Joint Bill Committee and Joint Public Accounts Committee and officials from the Hluttaw offices.

In addressing the meeting, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat said development fund works were

carried out for more than five years to reach the six year point and since the beginning it was to conduct small regional development works not included in the major central and state/region projects. Hluttaw representatives are to select appropriate works in the region that are beneficial for the people and are required to conduct the works according to relevant law, rules, regulations and procedures. Discussions are to be made openly in order to find ways for resolving any problems encountered said the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker.

Central Committee Vice Chairman Amyotha

Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than then said development fund law and enacted procedures should be reviewed and necessary instructions should be clearly included when the orders are issued for the development works to be successful.

Next, meeting attendees discussed the pros and cons of works conducted and establish-

ing an organisation setup that is appropriate to the present moment as well as amendments required for development fund law and enacted procedures.

Central Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman then explained and discussed on the discussions made and the meeting came to a close after the concluding speech was delivered. — MNA ■

Constitutional Tribunal Chairman U Myo Nyunt receives Spanish Ambassador

Constitutional Tribunal Chairman U Myo Nyunt received Ambassador of Spain to Myanmar H.E Mr Emilio De Miguel Calabia at the meeting hall of Constitutional Tribunal Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, present and future bilateral relation, constitutional and constitutional tribunal matters, cooperation

between courts of the two countries, protecting freedom and human rights and developing the capacity of the staffs in Constitutional Tribunal were discussed.

The meeting was attended by Constitutional Tribunal members U Khin Maung Cho and Daw Hla Myo Nwe, director general, head of office and deputy director general. — MNA ■

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Date : 12th September, 2018

Invitation for Bids

IDA, Credit No : 5727-MM

Contract Title : Installation of Distribution Lines and Transformers for Shan (East), Shan (South), Shan (North) & Bago (East), Naypyitaw For National Electrification Project

Reference No : MOEE-NEP/C1-W4/18&MOEE-NEP/C1-W5/18

1. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the National Electrification Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds towards payments under the contract for **Installation of Distribution Lines and Transformers MOEE-NEP/C1-W4/18 for Shan (East), Shan (South), Shan (North) and MOEE-NEP/C1-W5/18 for Bago (East), Naypyitaw.**

2. The Ministry of Electricity and Energy now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for **Installation of Distribution Lines and Transformers MOEE-NEP/C1-W4/18 for Shan (East), Shan (South), Shan (North) and MOEE-NEP/C1-W5/18 for Bago (East), Naypyitaw in the following locations.**

The number and identification of lots comprising this installation bidding MOEE-NEP/C1-W4 /18 process for Shan (East), Shan (South), Shan (North) is:

Lot 1: Taunggyi District	- 44 villages
Lot 2: Taunggyi District	- 31 villages
Lot 3: Taunggyi District	- 38 villages
Lot 4: Taunggyi District	- 45 villages
Lot 5: Loilen/Langkho/ Monghsat/Kengtung District	- 58 villages
Lot 6: Lashio District	- 44 villages
Lot 7: Muse District	- 33 villages
Lot 8: Kyaukse District	- 42 villages

The number and identification of lots comprising this installation bidding MOEE-NEP/C1-W5/18 process for Bago (East), Naypyitaw is:

Lot 1: Taungoo District	- 94 villages
Lot 2: Taungoo District	- 102 villages
Lot 3: Taungoo District	- 54 villages
Lot 4: Taungoo District	- 64 villages
Lot 5: Det Khi Na and Oke Ta Ra District	- 70 villages

3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's [Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers](#) ("Procurement Guidelines"), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Project Management Office (National Electrification Project), Project Manager and nep.pmomoep@gmail.com and inspect the bidding documents during office hours [09:30 to 16:00 hours] at the address given below.

5. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be obtained free of charge by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below. The Bidding Documents will be issued through email only.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 29th October, 2018, (10:00 A.M.) - Myanmar Time. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below.

7. All bids must be accompanied by "Bid-Security"

8. The address (es) referred to above is(are):

Attention: **Project Manager**
Project Management Office (National Electrification Project)
Office Building No.27, Ministry of Electricity and Energy
City: **Nay Pyi Taw** ZIP Code: **095**
Country: **The Republic of the Union of Myanmar**
Telephone: **+95 67 3431175**
Facsimile number: **+95 673431176**
Electronic mail address: nep.pmomoep@gmail.com

ADVERTORIAL

NTT Communications Yangon office had ICT knowledge sharing event with University of Computer Studies, Yangon and University of Computer Studies, Mandalay



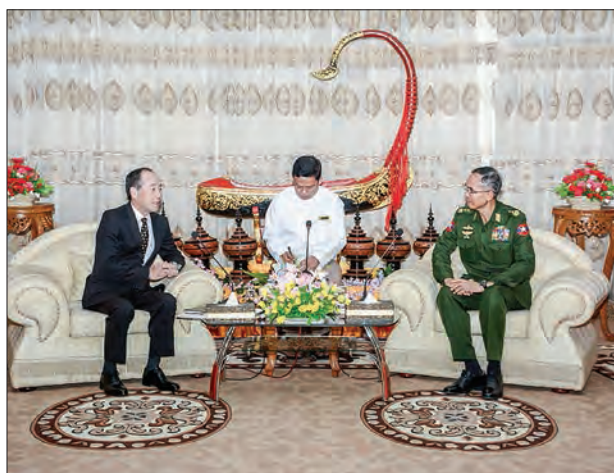
NTT Communications Yangon Office had ICT knowledge sharing event at University of Computer Studies, Yangon on the day of 5th September 2018, and at University of Computer Studies, Mandalay on the day of 30 August 2018 to provide key-technology update session such as Internet exchange, Datacenter, Cloud technology.

In addition, NTT donated the network routers 20 units to the UCSY & UCSM so that University students can learn effectively not only knowledge for function of the routers but also practical skill enhancement.

Mr Junpei Watanabe, Country Manager of NTT Communications Yangon Office said, "NTT Communications Yangon Office would like to contribute Myanmar ICT development through providing valuable and innovated ICT services in Myanmar market and sharing knowledge and experience from business perspective."

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Union Minister for Defence Lt.-Gen Sein Win holds talks with Japanese Ambassador Mr. Ichiro Maruyama. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Sein Win receives Japanese Ambassador

Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Sein Win received Ambassador of Japan to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Ichiro Maruyama at the meeting hall of the ministry office yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, they openly discussed matters related

to searching for remains of Japanese soldiers who fell in Myanmar during World War II and Rakhine State matter.

Also present at the meeting were Ministry of Defence Permanent Secretary Brig-Gen Aung Kyaw Hoe and officials. — MNA ■

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V OLYMPIA VOY. NO. (1821)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V OLYMPIA VOY. NO. (1821) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12-9-2018 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T/T.M.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S MCC TRANSPORT
(S'PORE) PTE LTD**

Phone No: 2301185

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V SINAR BANDA VOY. NO. (105 N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V SINAR BANDA VOY. NO. (105 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12-9-2018 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING
LINE**

Phone No: 2301185

Sagaing Region development minister inspects road works

SAGAING Region Development Minister U Myint Kyi and officials from the regional development committee met members of regional Hluttaw and officials from the township development committee at the office of the Khin-U development committee,

Shwebo District yesterday.

At the meeting, the minister presented remarks and chairman of the township development committee U Tin Aung Tun explained about the developmental tasks that are being undertaken. Afterwards, community

leaders and officials from the development committee discussed the requirements of the town's public works.

In addition, officials conducted an inspection of progress on the construction of a concrete road which is 260 feet long and

14 feet wide in the Myoma Market. In addition, they also inspected the construction of Padauk Road which is 610 feet long and 12 feet wide and a box culvert which is 24 feet wide, 3 feet long and 3 feet thick on the Padauk Road. — MDN ■

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Email address: myanmar@tilleke.com

Dated: 12nd September 2018

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V ALS SUZURAN VOY. NO. (014N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ALS SUZURAN VOY. NO. (014N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12-9-2018 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S INTERASIA LINES**

Phone No: 2301185

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V AS FRIDA VOY. NO. (003)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V AS FRIDA VOY. NO. (003) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12-9-2018 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES**

Phone No: 2301185

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9	Information received of illegal drugs being sold in Tawgu Village, Thag-untaing Village and other surrounding villages in Mudon Twp, Mon State.	On 3-9-2018, police discovered that Pyae Phyo Naing (a) Nga Phyo, 23, from No. 428, Aleapaing Ward, Nyaunggone Village, has been selling illegal drugs in Tawgu, Thaguntaing and other surrounding villages in Mudon Twp. Police entered his house and arrested him with stimulant tablets in his garage. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Mudon) MaYa(Pa) 11/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
10	Information received of U San Win of Kinpunchone Village, Kalay Twp, Sagaing Region,	On 7-9-2018, police entered the house of San Win, 53, in Kinpunchone Village, Kalay Twp, and arrested him together with heroin in his possession. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Kalay) MaYa(Pa) 121/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
11	Information received of Myint Lwin form Kunchaung Village, Mabein Twp, Shan State (North).	On 3-9-2018, police travelling to Kunchaung Village in Mabein Twp stopped and searched a motorcycle driven by two people near netween Alel Village and Pwemeik Village. The two suspects left their motorcycle behind and fled into the forests. Police discovered heroin and stimulant tablets in a bag on the motorcycle. case has been opened with MaMaSa (Mabein) MaYa(Pa) 80/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law. Upon arriving in Kunchaung Village, police arrested Myint Lwin, 40, after discovering heroin in his home. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Mabein) MaYa(Pa) 78/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
12	Information received of Kyaw Nyunt (a) Kalar from Kunchaung Village, Mabein Twp, Momeik District, Shan State, selling illegal drugs.	On 3-9-2018, police searched the house of Kyaw Nyunt (a) Kalar, 42, in Kunchaung Village, Mabein Twp, and arrested him after discovering heroin in his possession. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Mabein) MaYa(Pa) 79/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
13	Information received of Ma Hnin Si (a) Mi Hnin Si from Ward 3 center, Heho Twp, Shan Staet (South), selling illegal drugs.	On 7-9-2018, police searched the house of Ma Hnin Si (a) Mi Hnin Si, 24, in Ward 3 center, Heho Twp, and arrested her with WY psychotropic tablets in her possession. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Heho) MaYa(Pa) 3/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law. Further investigation led to the arrest of Hla Myo Aung, 28, in Ward 3 center, Heho Twp, together with 15 WY psychotropic tablets in his possession. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Heho) MaYa(Pa) 4/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
14	Information received of Ma Phyar San Mee from Area 7, Ward 3, Theinni Twp, Lashio District, Shan State (North), selling illegal drugs.	On 6-9-2018, arrested Ma Phyar San Mee (a) Ma Ar Sam Mee, 32, after discovering ‘88/1’ psychotropic tablets in her home at Area 7, Ward 3, Theinni Twp. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Theinni) MaYa(Pa) 42/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

3. Out of the information sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, so far 232 cases have been opened as of 8-9-2018, and 302 men and 55 women have been arrested with seizures of 2,519.26 g of heroin, 2.65 g of ICE, 31,828.85 g of opium, 329 g of low-quality opium, 27.50 g of opium residue, 5,752 g of powder opium, 3,266 g of speciosa, 122,564 stimulant tablets, 2,866.08 g of marijuana, 0.10 liters of opium tincture, 213.40 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 1.65 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 6 firearms, 179 different bullets, and one grenade. 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.
During the previous week, in Shan State, Mongyai Twp, Narli Village, police arrested six men and confiscated 15,840 liters ethyl/ether, 225,000 g of caffeine, 3,240 liters of hydrochloric acid, 5 boiler pots, two pieces of equipment for concocting drugs, and 2 twenty-two-wheeler trucks. In Nawngkhio Twp, Orium toll gate, two men were arrested with 2,541,000 stimulant tablets. In Lashio twp, Cornerstone Metal Cleansing Factory, two men were arrested with 2,400,000 g of caffeine, 2 liters of toluene, 4,000 g of chemical powder, 40 equipment used in concocting drugs, and two dyna/kenta trucks. In Sisine Twp, Narkite-Phatnan highway, two men were arrested with 54,500 stimulant tablets and a Hilux car.
In Kayin State, Myawady Twp, two men were arrested with 2,500,000 g of sodium cyanide and 1 light truck.
In Rakhine State, Sittway Twp, two men were arrested with 140 stimulant tablets. There were four arrests made in Maungtaw Twp. In Maungni Village and Tuangyar Village, two women were arrested with 247 stimulant tablets and 1 g of marijuana. In Kyainchaung security checkpoint, one man was arrested with 32,080 stimulant tablets, 3 pieces of gold jewelry, and 1 CRV vehicle. In Kyaukpandu Village, one man was arrested with 1,950,000 stimulant tablets and a Parado vehicle.
There have been two arrests made involving foreigners. In Chin State, Reedhorda Sub-Twp, 3 men were arrested (2 Indian nationals and 1 Burmese) with 20.1 g of heroin. In Kayin State, Myawady Twp, 1 Thai man was arrested with 8 stimulant tablets and 0.78 g of ICE.
There have been 6 cases of arrests involving firearms (in Kawthoung, Loi-kaw, Sisine, Thanbyuzayat, Lewe Twps) where 7 men were arrested with 4,387 stimulant tablets, 0.1 g of ICE, 1 pistol, 5 bullets, 2 homemade guns, 3 air bullet guns, 240 g of gunpowder, and 2 .22 bullets. In Myawady Twp, 3 men and 1 woman were arrested with 445 stimulant tablets, 20 .22 bullets, 1 grenade, 14 landmines, 2 remote controls, 15 cartridges lesser gunpowder, 20 detonators, and 1 fuse. In Yangon Region’s Central Post Office, two parcels designated for abroad were found containing 4,590 g of ketamine.
There have been 322 cases being opened between 2-9-2018 and 8-9-2018, and 368 men and 52 women have been arrested. Seizures of 749.39 g of heroin, 42.53 g of ICE, 82,628.99 g of raw opium, 4,914.66 g of powder opium, 4,782,564 stimulant tablets, 10 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 356.11 g of marijuana, 1.5 g of opium blocks, 75 buprenorphine tablets, 5,590.04 g of ketamine, 262,500 g of caffeine, 3,240 liters of hydrochloric acid, 15,840 liters of ethy;/ether, 4,000 g of chemical powder, 2,500,000 g of sodium cyanide, 6 firearms, 27 different bullets, 240 g of gunpowder, 1 grenade, 14 landmines, 2 remote controllers, 15 cartridges of lesser gunpowder, 20 detonators, 1 fuse, 5 boiler pots, and 42 equipment used in concocting drugs.
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 the following contact numbers:

Contacts
Auto telephone No. — 067-590200
Fax Phone No. — 067-590233
Email Address — antinarcotics@presidentoffice.gov.mm

Request for the voters

1. The Union Election Commission has scrutinized and made the voter list based on the 2015 General Election Voter lists, at the respective sub-Commission Offices, aiming to get complete and accurate voter lists for the forthcoming by-election that will be held on November 3, 2018.
The voter list that have already scrutinized were made to public at the respective commission’s offices in the ward or village-tracts, and the eligible voters also carried out necessary amendents to the lists.
2. The voters list will be made to public for the final time for 14 days, at the respective commission’s offices in the ward or village-tract. Only when the eligible voters

- check their names in the lists, will the lists be perfect.
3. Hence, voters are requested to add their names using Form -3 in the voter list if they do not find their names in it, and they can make complaints to those who are not eligible in the list using Form – 4 , and the voters can submit a data correction form using Form 4-c if their data are wrong.
4. Voters are urged to note their registration number to ensure that they can save their time when they draw their ballots at offices on the election day.
5. To get the perfect voters lists and easy voting on the Election Day, eligible voters are requested to cooperation with the election officials by sending at least one voter from each family, to offices to check their names in the lists without fail.

Union Election Commission
(Unofficial Translation)

Cosmonaut shows space station hole to calm public



The head of the Russian space agency caused a sensation last week when he said a hole in the International Space Station may have been drilled deliberately. **PHOTO: AFP**

MOSCOW (Russia) — A cosmonaut on Monday showed off a hole in the International Space Station that caused loss of oxygen after Russia suggested the leak could have been caused deliberately.

Cosmonaut Sergei Prokopyev posted a video on social media where he shows the small sealed hole in the wall of a Russian-made Soyuz space capsule docked onto the ISS.

“As you can see everything is calm on board, we are living in peace and friendship as always,” said the 43-year-old cosmonaut, who is on his first space mission.

The hole was located on 30 August after an air leak on the or-

biting space station which is currently home to astronauts from Russia, the US and Germany.

The head of the Russian space agency Dmitry Rogozin caused a sensation last week when he suggested the hole could have been drilled deliberately — either back on Earth or in space.

A Russian MP who is a former cosmonaut said that the hole could have been drilled by an astronaut who was mentally unbalanced.

The Russian space agency has convened a commission to investigate the incident which it said will present conclusions in mid-September.

Photos of the hole had not been officially made public although NASA briefly posted an image in a video before deleting it.

The hole covered with dark sealant is hidden under a padded flap, Prokopyev showed in a video he said he had made to “dispel rumours.” Prokopyev described how the astronauts discovered “a 2mm hole where our air was going out” and covered it with three layers of sealant.

“Please don’t worry we’re all right,” the smiling cosmonaut said, reassuring viewers that the module is now “completely hermetically sealed”.

“As you can see, we can easily be in here without space helmets and no one is plugging the hole with a finger as they write in the media.”

The Soyuz spacecraft is used to ferry astronauts to and from the ISS. The hole is in a section that will not be used for the return journey to Earth. Prokopyev’s video prompted grateful comments on his social media page, with Diana Apalikova writing: “You are doing really well. Yes, people did worry too much.” Others joked about the incident, such as Alexey Bolkisev, who wrote: “Next time try drilling holes when you’re sober.” —AFP ■

Unique ancient Greek altar discovered on Russia’s southern Taman Peninsula

KRASNODAR (Russia) — An ancient Greek altar untypical of Greek colonies on the Black Sea coast has been unearthed at the site of the antique city of Phanagoria on the Taman Peninsula in Russia’s southern Krasnodar Territory, Vladimir Kuznetsov, who leads the Phanagoria archaeological expedition, told TASS on Monday. “The complex is dated back to the mid-6th century BC, or the period when Phanagoria was founded,” he said.

“This rarest find is one of the oldest and most unique ancient Greek sanctuaries in Russia. As far as I know, such complexes have not been found anywhere else on the Black Sea coast. Moreover, they are quite rare for the Mediterranean region in general,” he said. “The layout of this altar is absolutely unparalleled - there have been found no other similar altars with so highly specific elements.”

The clay-brick building was



The ancient city of Phanagoria was founded on the Taman Peninsula in the mid-6th century BC by the Greeks. **PHOTO: TASS**

entrenched in the natural soil layer to a depth of two metres. A stairway leading from the vault ended in a small platform in front of a rectangular altar made of bricks. An 80 cm diameter bowl was placed at the edge of the altar and a deep pit was dug near it, with the altar’s surface and the pit’s verge showing traces of fire and ash.

“The complex requires serious study and our task is to try

to understand how this structure functioned,” Kuznetsov said, adding that archaeologists believe the building used to serve as a sanctuary dedicated to gods associated with the underworld. According to archaeologists, the altar was used to place a sacrifice on it, with the blood trickled to the bowl so that it would not be sprinkled on the altar. The pit, judging by the bone finds, was used to dispose of flesh. — Tass ■



Blood samples are stored before testing in Spain in June 2018. Researchers have designed a blood test that can measure a person’s inner body clock within 1.5 hours, an advance that may help personalize medical care. **PHOTO: AFP**

Simple blood test may reveal your body’s inner clock

WASHINGTON (United States) — A team of researchers at Northwestern University said on Monday they have designed a blood test that can measure a person’s inner body clock within 1.5 hours, an advance that may help personalize medical treatments in the future.

The study was published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*, a peer-reviewed US journal. The “circadian rhythm” governs all cells in the body, and is a burgeoning field of research.

Three US geneticists won the Nobel Prize for Medicine last year for discovering the molecules that drive the process.

This biological clock regulates “all sorts of biological processes, when you feel sleepy, when you feel hungry, when your immune system is active, when your blood pressure is high, when your body temperature changes,” said lead author Rosemary Braun, assistant professor of biostatistics at Northwestern University.

When the clock is not regulated properly, research has shown a link to diseases like Alzheimer’s, heart problems and diabetes.

Other research has point-

ed to the possibility some medical interventions like chemotherapy or blood pressure drugs might be more effective if taken at a certain time.

For the current study, researchers took more than 1,100 blood samples from 73 people.

Samples were taken about every two hours, and gene activity was tested at each interval to see how it changed over the course of a day.

The research allowed scientists to decipher if a person’s body clock was off, for example, by up to two hours.

All the data from the 73 people studied was computerized, and it revealed a pattern.

“What the algorithm told us, is that there were a small set of about 40 markers that could predict the time of day with great accuracy,” said Braun.

Using this algorithm, scientists only need to take two blood draws to have enough information to decipher person’s body clock. More research is needed before the test can be made widely available.

It opens a “whole range of possibilities in terms of investigating how precisely the circadian clock is related to all sorts of health outcomes,” she said. —AFP ■

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US threatens to arrest ICC judges who probe war crimes

WASHINGTON — The United States threatened on Monday to arrest and sanction judges and other officials of the International Criminal Court if it moves to charge any American who served in Afghanistan with war crimes.

White House National Security Advisor John Bolton called the Hague-based rights body “unaccountable” and “outright dangerous” to the United States, Israel and other allies, and said any probe of US service members would be “an utterly unfounded, unjustifiable investigation.” “If the court comes after us, Israel or other US allies, we will not sit quietly,” Bolton said.

He said the US was prepared to slap financial sanctions and criminal charges on officials of the court if they proceed against any Americans.

“We will ban its judges and prosecutors from entering the United States. We will sanction their funds in the US financial system, and we will prosecute them in the US criminal system,” he said. “We will do the same for any company or state that assists an ICC investigation of Americans,” he said.

Bolton made the comments in a speech in Washington to the



US National Security Advisor John Bolton, pictured in Jerusalem in August 2018, described the International Criminal Court as ‘outright dangerous’. **PHOTO: AFP**

Federalist Society, a powerful association of legal conservatives.

Investigation into detainee abuse

Bolton pointed to an ICC prosecutor’s request in November 2017 to open an investigation into alleged war crimes committed by the US military and intelligence officials in Afghanistan, especially over the abuse of detainees.

Neither Afghanistan nor any other government party to the ICC’s Rome Statute has requested an investigation, Bolton said.

He said the ICC could formally open the investigation “any day now.”

He also cited a recent move by Palestinian leaders to have Israeli officials prosecuted at the ICC for human rights violations.

“The United States will use any means necessary to protect

our citizens and those of our allies from unjust prosecution by this illegitimate court,” Bolton said.

“We will not cooperate with the ICC. We will provide no assistance to the ICC. We certainly will not join the ICC. We will let the ICC die on its own.”

‘Threat’ to US sovereignty

The condemnation of the ICC added to the White House’s

rejection of many supranational institutions and treaties the president does not believe benefit the United States.

Bolton also condemned the record of the court since it formally started up in 2002, and argued that most major nations had not joined.

He said it had attained just eight convictions despite spending more than \$1.5 billion, and said that had not stemmed atrocities around the world.

“In fact, despite ongoing ICC investigations, atrocities continue to occur in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sudan, Libya, Syria, and many other nations,” he added.

But Bolton said the main objection of the administration of President Donald Trump is to the idea that the ICC could have higher authority than the US Constitution and US sovereignty.

“In secular terms we don’t recognize any higher authority than the US constitution,” he said.

“This president will not allow American citizens to be prosecuted by foreign bureaucrats, and he will not allow other nations to dictate our means of self defense.” —AFP ■

Body of former UN secretary general returned to Ghana

ACCRA (Ghana) — The body of Kofi Annan was on Monday returned to his native Ghana in a solemn ceremony marking the start of official mourning for the former UN secretary-general.

Annan’s wife Nane Maria Annan, his children and senior officials from the world body accompanied the casket, which was draped in the blue UN flag, as it arrived from Geneva.

The career diplomat and Nobel peace laureate — the first UN leader from sub-Saharan Africa — died on 18 August after a short illness at the age of 80.

Ghana’s President Nana Akufo-Addo, who has praised Annan as “one of the most illustrious people of this generation”, was among the dignitaries at the arrival ceremony.

Others included traditional leaders, senior members of the clergy, the hierarchy of the Ghana armed forces and politicians.

His coffin was borne by six Ghanaian soldiers and the Last Post played. The UN standard was then removed and replaced with the red, yellow and green flag of Ghana.

“Our son” Annan, who lived in Switzerland near the UN European headquarters in Geneva, was now “at home”, those attending were told.

The public will get the chance to pay its respects from Tuesday while scores of world leaders past and present as well as royalty are expected at Thursday’s state funeral. A private burial service will then be held in Accra’s military cemetery.—AFP ■

S Korea’s Moon urges ‘bold decision’ from Trump and Kim

SEOUL (South Korea) — South Korean President Moon Jae-in called for a “bold decision” by US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on denuclearisation on Tuesday as the White House said it was planning another summit with Pyongyang.

“The complete denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula is an issue that should fundamentally be resolved between the US and North Korea through negotiation,” Moon told a cabinet meeting.

“But until talks and communication between the North and the US become more active, we cannot but work to mediate between them,” he said, adding: “President Trump and Chairman Kim have asked that I play this role.”

His comments came after the White House said it was “in



South Korean President Moon Jae-in. **PHOTO: AFP**

the process of coordinating” another summit between Trump and Kim, after Pyongyang proposed a second meeting in a letter delivered to Trump.

Moon, who brokered June’s historic Singapore summit between Trump and Kim, will fly to Pyongyang next week for his

third meeting with the North Korean leader this year.

“A big vision and a bold decision between the leaders of North Korea and the US are needed again in order to advance to a higher level in discarding Pyongyang’s existing nuclear weapons,” Moon said.—AFP ■