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State Counsellor receives Head of Int'l Liaison Department of Communist Party of China

STATE Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received H.E. Mr. Song Tao, Head of the International Liaison Department of the Communist Party of China at the State Counsellor's resident in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed cooperation and bilateral relations.

With State Counsellor, U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister for office of the State Counsellor, U Thaung Tun, National Security Advisor, Dr. Tin Myo Win, chair of the Peace Commission and Mr. Hong Liang, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar attended the meeting.

Afterwards, the State Counsellor hosted a dinner to Mr. Song Tao, Head of the International Liaison Department of the Communist Party of China. —Myanmar News Agency ■



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi welcomes Mr. Song Tao, Head of the International Liaison Department of the Communist Party of China in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Teams response to contain, control H1N1 virus

Rapid response teams are making field trips to areas which saw most H1N1 infections, keeping an eye on the infection of the virus, said the Ministry of Health and Sports.

Giving priorities to Insein, Hlinethaya and Dagon Myothit (South) townships in Yangon Region, Pathein and Nyaungdon in Ayeyawady Region and Bago Township, the teams have visited the homes of the patients which were confirmed to have contracted H1N1 virus and gave medical check-ups to the family members of the patients as from 24th July. The statement of the ministry said the number of patients who have been contracted the virus since 21st July reached 132 yesterday, increasing 110 from Thursday. The ministry noted that there was no reported deaths due to the virus yesterday.

The H1N1 virus, also known as swine flu, has killed 14, or 4.6 per cent of persons confirmed to be infected so far.

Meanwhile, 62 patients who have contracted with the virus are receiving treatment at hospitals and 45 have already been discharged.—GNLM ■

Emergency meeting after killings of civilians in Maungtaw

By A1 Soe & Myothu Hein

IN the wake of the violent killings of six ethnic Mro farmers and the disappearance of two others suspected to be the work of terrorists, Rakhine State authorities held an emergency meeting in Maungtaw yesterday to discuss ways of anticipating and preventing future tragedies.

Speaking at the meeting, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu stressed the need to put more

emphasis into preparations for the future as the most recent violent attacks on civilians are not similar to earlier ones.

He also urged local authorities on all levels to discuss details about the violent attacks, calling for more cooperation between administrative and management sectors in attempts to handle the issue in an efficient, coordinated manner.

The six dead villagers, who ranged in age from 25 to 38,

were found by patrolling security forces on Thursday near Kaigyi village and the Mayu mountain range in Maungtaw, according to the State Counsellor's Office.

The six victims, identified as members of the Mro Arakan ethnic group, were found brutally murdered with machetes and gunshots by violent attackers, the statement said. Security forces are actively investigating and in hot pursuit of the killers, the State Counsellor's office said.

Meanwhile, Myanmar's security forces have also discovered some hidden tents of armed extremists in Mayu mountain range in Buthidaung-Maungtaw area in the weekend during a search in the area.

Last week, some 31 terror suspects were rounded up by the Myanmar security forces in Maungtaw township for holding a secret meeting in Kyauk Hlaykha village.

A spate of violence occurred

in Buthidaung and Maungtaw from last October to July with at least 44 civilians being killed and 27 others kidnapped by masked gunmen.

Yesterday, No. 1 Border Police Commander Police Brig-Gen Thura San Lwin, Rakhine State minister for Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry and Mines U Kyaw Lwin, State Minister for Electricity, Industry and Transportation U Aung Kyaw Zan,

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Pyithu Hluttaw

2nd Pyithu Hluttaw 5th regular session 39th day meeting

Maj-Gen Aung Soe. **PHOTO: MNA**

After the peaceful assembly and peaceful procession law and rule were enacted there were a total of 3,074 officially permitted demonstrations said Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Soe at 2nd Pyithu Hluttaw 5th regular session 39th day meeting.

Officially permitted demonstrations were held 131 times in 2012, 443 times in 2013, 848 times in 2014, 707 times in 2015, 573 times in 2016 and 372 times up to end June 2017 totaling 3,074 said the Deputy Minister. The Deputy Minister was responding to a question by U Pe Than of Myebon constituency on numbers of officially permitted demonstrations after the peaceful assembly and peaceful procession

U Pe Than. **PHOTO: MNA**

law was enacted and the action taken by relevant departments. If the requested demonstrations are relevant and appropriate, in accordance with the law, does not harm the natural environment and the socio-economic situation of the region and is acceptable by the people relevant Union Ministries, States and Regions Governments has been resorting accordingly explained the Deputy Minister. Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Law (Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 15/2011) was enacted on December 2, 2011. Currently, a bill amending the law is being drawn with remarks and comments of the Union Attorney General's office it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Amyotha Hluttaw

2nd Amyotha Hluttaw 5th Regular Session Holds its 38th Day Meeting

Dr Pe Myint, Union Minister for Information replied to the question raised by Naw Christ Tun (a) Dr Arr Kar Moe of constituency 7 of Kayin State, "Information and Public Relation Department (IPRD) has been operating its tasks by opening 434 offices in all, nationwide including Nay Pyi Taw. Previously, libraries in districts and townships under the IPRD, were rarely used by the people as described by Hluttaw representatives. It wholly depends on how much interested are the people—nearby populace, town or village elders and leading persons in respective areas and how many people were taking part in running a library for long. Now, we are making arrangements for our people to be accessible to those places, which are sources for general knowledge. In doing so, it is aimed at transforming district and township offices into community centres for local populace to meet each other and transforming libraries into community library which will supply the need for knowledge as for local populace. In combination with Daw Khin Kyi Foundation, IPRD managed to annex halls in which trainings, talks and meetings can be held, to Insein district office, Myaungmya district office, Natmouk township office and Py-

Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint. **PHOTO: MNA**Naw Christ Tun (a) Dr Arr Kar Moe. **PHOTO: MNA**

inmana township offices, so as to be able to upgrade these as Community Centres. Moreover, as mobile libraries were created, people who seldom went to libraries could come to these libraries." The Union Minister added, "In combination with Shanti Volunteer Association, books and periodicals were sent to local populace in Bago Region (West), Pyay district and Thayawady district by tri-cycle. As regards Community Centres, Myitkyina district office was opened as a modernized community centre on 16th July 2017, with Mandalay district IPRD office and Hpa-an district IPRD office to be made as community centre. A community centre means a place for exchanging news and information, a place for people to assemble for discussing matters on social

affairs, health and knowledge, a place for conducting lectures to people from different age-groups and a place equipped with all the materials for multi-purpose, such as IT room, library, stadium and meeting room. In the presently opened community centres, the said programmes are being extended day after day. With the success of the programmes, it will be helpful for people to take interest in nation building and democratic movement.

Now, 434 offices in all had been opened nationwide, performing the Ministry of Information's major tasks of informing, educating systematically. Arrangements are systematically being made to upgrade IPRD Offices into Community Centre, Community Library."—Myanmar News Agency ■

U Win Myint receives Chinese International Liaison Department's Head and party

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint received H.E. Mr. Song Tao, Head of the International Liaison Department of the Communist Party of China and party at 9:00 am at the Zabu Thiri Guest Room, Hluttaw Building Hall, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters concerning the enhancement of the national interest of the two countries, rule of law, peace and stability, internal peace and national reconciliation, and promoting cooperation and friendship between Myanmar and China.

Accompanying the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat, Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee chair U Tun Tun Hein, Government Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee chair Dr. Daw May Win

Speaker U Win Myint shakes hands with China's Head of Liaison, Mr. Song Tao. **PHOTO: MNA**

Myint, International Relation Committee chair U Zaw Thien, officials from the Pyithu Hluttaw and Mr. Hong Liang, Chinese ambassador to Myanmar also attended the meeting.

Afterwards, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker hosted a luncheon to Mr. Song Tao and Chinese delegation at Shwe Nan Taw Hotel, in Nay Pyi Taw.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker receives Ambassador of the Philippines

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than received H. E. Mr. Eduardo E. Kapunan, Jr, Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to Myanmar at 2 pm at the Amyotha Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters relating to

cooperation and promoting friendship between the two countries, Myanmar and the Philippines.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aye Tha Aung and officials from the Amyotha Hluttaw.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than meets with Philippines' Ambassador. **PHOTO: MNA**

Vice-President, U Henry Van Thio, presents victory banner to Myanmar Sports Team contesting in 29th SEA Games

Vice-President, U Henry Van Thio addressed the Myanmar sports teams which will be contesting in the 29th SEA Games at a ceremony held at the Wunna Theikdi Stadium (B) in Nay Pyi Taw, after which he handed over the victory banner to Dr Myint Htwe, Union Minister and Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee.

First of all, managers, coaches and athletes who will be contesting in the 29th SEA Games, greeted the Vice-President and paid their respects to him.

At the ceremony, the Vice-President said, "I hereby urge our sports men to exert efforts to the best of your ability in the present games so that you can reach the climax physically and spiritually. If more medals are gained this time more than previous times, a brighter history of the Myanmar Sports Team's triumph can be put on record. It is necessary for managers, coaches and sportsmen to understand that such contests in the international games as a team



Vice-President, U Henry Van Thio addresses the Myanmar sports teams at the ceremony held at the Wunna Theikdi Stadium (B) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

representing the nation is a good opportunity to promote sports and uplift the national image. While making efforts to develop the sports sector to keep abreast with international countries by laying down systematic plans, you need to be successful."

The Vice-President added further, "Here, I would like to express my thanks to entrepreneurs, well-wishers and sports

enthusiasts who willingly provided help and support for on behalf of the nation. Simultaneously, I hope you will cooperate with us in awarding prizes to victorious winners. The present national selected athletes are expected to have been equipped with necessary skills, capacities and high levels of achievement to win medals. During the period of contests, you need to

practise the habits of non-stop training and developing team spirit. I would like to stress deeply that you should keep in your mind the motto - Never yield and have an indomitable spirit, to bring medals back to the country."

Afterwards, the Vice-President, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee presented the National Flag of Myanmar to

Dr Myint Htwe, Union Minister, offering certificates of appreciation to 100 Plus Co., Ltd, Kanbawza Brighter Future Myanmar Foundation, Max Myanmar Group of Co., Ltd, Ayar Myanmar Insurance Enterprises and Jewellery Luck Group of Co who contributed donation money. Next, Dr Myint Htwe, Union Minister accepted the money donated by Shwe Than Lwin Media Company (Sky Net), Balance Fitness Nestle Myanmar Co., Ltd, Phyo Sithu Teak Plantation Co, Shwetaung Development Company and Myanmar Women Sports Federation.

After the ceremony, the Vice-President cordially greeted the Myanmar Sports Team member, managers, coaches and sport-persons individually, inspecting sports equipments exhibited in the hall. The 29th SEA Games which will include 38 events will be held in Malaysia from August 19 to August 31 2017. Myanmar will contest in 29 events by sending a team comprising 590 athletes, it was learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■

6th ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) + 8 Gems & Jewelry President's Summit

An opening ceremony of 6th ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) + 8 Gems & Jewelry President's Summit was held yesterday at Myanmar International Convention Centre 2 (MICC-2). The summit was organised by Myanmar Gems and Jewelry Entrepreneurs Association.

The event was started with playing of the Myanmar national and ASEAN anthems after which Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, U Ohn Win said today's summit is held for ASEAN countries to cooperate in gems and jewelry sector and increase trade and promote production sector. Furthermore, to make ASEAN a single market and a production base area, capacity of export/import businesses in the region are to be raised and clear, simple and similar norms and technical rules and regulations that are in line with business negotiations and new implementing mechanism need to be developed. The Union Minister also added that the summit is held to develop a main pillar of AEC Single Market through cooperation for mutual benefit of production and



The opening ceremony of 6th ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) + 8 Gems & Jewelry President's Summit held yesterday at Myanmar International Convention Centre 2 (MICC-2). **PHOTO: MNA**

trading businesses. Conduct of gems and jewelry businesses need to be beneficial as it is one of the sectors that support the nation's aim of increasing export. The ministry is conducting as its future works, cooperation for mutual benefit between government and local and foreign businesses in the mineral mining business, reviewing the market situation, increase export volume and develop the whole process of gems and jewelry trading. Next, Union Minister for Commerce, Dr. Than Myint said one of the 12 Economic Policy of the Union of Myanmar is identifying the changing and developing business environment both in ASEAN and beyond, so

as to enable our own businesses to situate themselves to take advantage of potential opportunities and therefore wishes for Myanmar gems and jewelry to obtain not only local and ASEAN region market but also markets in other related countries as well.

The Union Minister for Commerce also approved and compliment Myanmar Gems and Jewelry Entrepreneurs Association's active cooperation with related ministries to obtain tax revenue for the nation and proper prices in sales of gems and jewelry. He also invited businesses from ASEAN and other countries attending the Summit to invest in Myanmar and work for mutual benefit.

Afterward, Myanmar Gems and Jewelry Entrepreneurs Association Chairman U Yone Mu told of his belief on the development of a gem and jewelry market through increased cooperation and relation among ASEAN countries and other related countries, gems and jewelry associations and businesses. Furthermore a better future for ASEAN and related countries' gems and jewelry market sector can be formulated through sharing of technical knowledge and discussing for increasing trade.

A video of gems producing area in Myanmar, status of gems mining and gems emporium held were then shown.

Next, Yangon Region gems and jewelry association vice chairman Dr. Aung Kyaw Win explained about preparations made for 6th AEC + 8 Gems & Jewelry President's Summit after which the union ministers, officials, representative and officials of ASEAN countries and related countries, guests took a commemorative group photo.

Chairmen and officials of gems and jewelry associations of ASEAN countries and related countries then signed an agreement on cooperation in gems and jewelry sector and technical transfer. Myanmar Gems and Jewelry Entrepreneurs Association had opened sales booth of Myanmar gems and jewelry in the ground floor of MICC-2 for visiting local and foreign guests.

The first, second and third ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) + 8 Gems & Jewelry President's Summit were held in Thailand, fourth in Malaysia, fifth in Viet Nam and the present sixth is being held in Myanmar. The seventh AEC+8 Gems & Jewelry President's Summit will be held in Shanghai, China, it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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Chin traditional hand-woven textile highly demanded



Traditional hand-woven textile of Chin are displayed at a shop in Yangon. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

THE local people from Haka, Falam and Tiddim are weaving the Chin traditional textile manually the whole year because of both local and foreign demand being on the rise.

The Chin ethnic people wear their traditional costumes chiefly at the traditional events, wedding reception on their special occasions. Now, the Chin traditional hand-woven fabrics are being woven not only by the Chin ethnic people but also by other ethnic people. Therefore, Chin traditional hand-woven textile shops are being opened in Yangon, Mandalay, Monywa, Kalay and Tamu townships.

Previously, the Chin traditional clothes were woven by hand at the villages on the hills. But now, the Chin traditional textiles are being woven by machine in Kalay, Gangaw, Monywa and Amarapura towns.

"Chin hill villages are making the hand-woven textile. These days, the hand-woven textiles are selling very well. Most of Myanmar people who are living abroad like the Chin traditional hand-made costumes textiles which are woven with 100 per cent cotton. We can find the traditional hand wave looms at every home in the villages situated a top the

hill. Moreover, according to the Chin traditional customs, the older generations impart the hand-woven technology to the younger generations. Besides, they are also providing training on domestic businesses. Therefore, Chin ethnic women can get the jobs easily," said Ma SweeSwee, a local hand weaver from Haka.

It takes around one month to weave a nether garment for women. The traditional nether garments are selling between Ks 100,000 and Ks1,000,000 depending on the design, the pattern, the colour and the textures.—ZoeHayZar ■

Hlegu civil service graduation

Dr Win Thein, Chairman of the Union Civil Service Board, addressed the graduation ceremony of high-ranking officers of a management training course held at the Central Institute of Civil Service (lower Myanmar) at Hlegu Township in Yangon Region at 9 am yesterday.

"The trainees have learnt of a service-personnel's affairs on respective subjects from local and abroad," said the chairman. "Strategic project on reformation of service personnel in Myanmar was publicized on July 10, 2017, when the State Counsellor pointed out 10 facts for governmental staff to abide by. Governmental personnel play an important role in upgrading multi-capacity development and building trust between the people and the Government. High-ranking officers and all the staff are the ones implementing national tasks, hence you need to earn the people's trust."

The training course lasted for 8 weeks and was conducted by high-ranking officials from ministries and experts from UNDP, EU(GOPA), EDS Business School of Malaysia, Akamai University USA, and YCTC Business Institute and Business Innovation Facility.

Graduation certificates were conferred in the presence of members of the Union Civil Service Board, the rector of the institute, the principal of Public Service Academy and responsible officials.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Nearly 100 remote communities get access to health care

MALARIA Consortium announced the results from its project introducing integrated community case management (iCCM), which includes diagnosis and treatment of malaria, diarrhoea, pneumonia and malnutrition at a dissemination event yesterday.

The project covered three townships in the remote rural areas of western Myanmar's Sagaing Region, Kalay, Pinlebu and Banmauk, where lack of access to health facilities can prove fatal for children under five.

Myanmar benefits from an existing network (established

by the Ministry of Health and Sports) of local villagers who act as malaria volunteers, so for this project Malaria Consortium built on this network by retraining 90 volunteers to deliver iCCM to their communities. Access to healthcare is limited in these remote areas, therefore trained volunteers, supervised by basic health staff, can play an important role in improving the healthcare available to their communities. With Myanmar moving towards malaria elimination, the need to ensure continued engagement of village health volunteers is crucial.

Results from the project

demonstrate that malaria volunteers have been successful in diagnosing and treating childhood illnesses, as well as screening for malnutrition, while remaining vigilant about increasingly rare malaria cases. Moreover, the participation and cooperation of key government departments – NMCP, Child Health and Development Division, Nutrition Development and Research Division – in this project has been vital to the project's success.

Siddhi Aryal, Malaria Consortium Asia Director said, "iCCM has the potential to become a feasible and effective strategy for extending Myanmar's health services to remote communities and improving the health of these communities in line with the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. This new project will inform policy decisions on integrated community case management implementation in Myanmar."

The project's success is reflected in a grant Malaria Consortium recently won from Comic Relief and GSK and which will continue to support the populations of Sagaing Region. The project will cover three additional townships (Katha, Wuntho and Kawlin) for the next two years.—GNLM ■

Eco-friendly and job-creating investment being given priority to invest in Thilawa

MYANMAR- Japan Thilawa Development Ltd (MJTD) has permitted investments in Thilawa Special Economic Zone giving priority to those who can create better job opportunities for the local people and are more eco-friendly. Currently, a total of 84 companies have been permitted to invest in Thilawa SEZ Zone A and the first phase of the Zone-B, said an official from the MJTD.

The Thilawa SEZ is successful compared to the other economic zones of neighboring countries. The government is still implementing the Thilawa SEZ Zone B. The construction of the Zone-B will take about one year and is thus estimated to be completed in 2018.

“We will not grant the land in Thilawa SEZ to the foreign investors if they fail to mention what type of business they will be engaged in. We will also grant the investment which can better the job opportunities for the local people and will have least environmental impact,” said an



Workers work in the Thilawa SEZ outside Yangon. PHOTO: MNA

official.

Currently, there are nearly 5,000 employees working at the Thilawa SEZ. If we can attract more investments, we can create job opportunities for around 50, 000 employees.

The Thilawa SEZ Zone-A was started in 2014. The Zone-A (400 hectare) was started to operate in September 2015 with

79 companies. The Zone-B is being implemented this fiscal. The first phase (100 hectares/ 250 acres) of the Zone-B project is estimated to be completed in 2018.

The Thilawa SEZ is a joint venture between Myanmar and Japan. Myanmar government controls 51 per cent of the shares contributed by the pri-

vate companies and the public companies whereas Japanese government holds 49 per cent of the shares contributed by JICA and other private Japanese companies.

MJTD has to supply the electricity, provide water and sewage disposal system which are the basic needs of the SEZ.—Hsu Hnin Lé ■

Mawlamyine airport to be upgraded

MON State government is planning to upgrade Mawlamyine airport, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

To be able to upgrade Mawlamyine airport, Mon State chief minister have submitted a proposal to the Union government through the Mon State government. Mawlamyine airport will be upgraded under the Private Public Partnership (PPP) system when the Union government grants the permission.

Mon State government will permit only the foreign joint ventures to submit the tenders.

“We have been planning to extend the runway of the Mawlamyine airport. We will also upgrade other areas of the airport to accommodate more passengers, said an official from the Mon State government. Currently, the Mon State government has planned to extend the existing 6,000-foot runway to 7,000 or 8,000 or 8,500 foot ones. They have also planned to construct a two-storey airport terminal upgrade the tower and construct a new fire brigade building in next fiscal.—GNLM ■

MIC, ministries, to speed up investment approval

By May Thet Hnin

GOVERNMENT ministries are not processing quickly enough local and foreign investments approved by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA), said DICA Deputy Director-General U Thant Sin Lwin during a 2 August workshop with the International Finance Corporation, Australian Aid and the Department for International Development in Yangon.

“We clearly explained the facts embodied in the Investment Law and by-laws to the ministries at the workshop,” the deputy director general said. “A team from MIC will review the processing time of the ministries on investments approved by MIC. This workshop aims to raise awareness to the ministries in order to

eliminate delays to investments.”

More focal persons in the ministries are required to be assigned to speed up investments permitted by MIC. The workshop also covered additional duties and responsibilities imposed on the ministries by the investment law and by-law, he added.

The ministries cannot reject investments permitted by MIC because this kind of action can lead to legal arbitration and damages which can harm Myanmar’s interests. The ministries are to respond to investment applications sent by MIC within 60 days, he continued.

About 70 officials including U Set Aung, the deputy minister for Planning and Finance, U Aung Naing Oo, the director-general of the DICA,

and permanent secretaries from various ministries attended the workshop.

Investors must submit a proposal to MIC to verify and approve proposals and then submit them to the concerned ministries for final approval.

DICA is attempting to assess investments into Myanmar in line with guidance of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, said U Thant Sin Lwin. According to newly enacted Myanmar Investment Law, MIC will delegate authority to region and state DICA offices for investments below Ks6,000 million or US\$ 5 million.

Foreign investments into Myanmar between April and mid-July amounted to US\$3.17 billion while domestic investments were estimated to be worth Ks839.29 billion. ■

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Leading monks asked to leave demonstration camps in Yangon, Mandalay

REVEREND Sayadaws from Yangon and Mandalay Regions Sangha Nayaka Committee requested leading monks who staged anti-government protests on August 2 in the demonstration camps to leave sites according to respective Region Sangha Maha Nayaka Committees.

Mandalay Region Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaws decided at the 7th Region and township Sangha Nayaka Committee meetings held on 3rd August to remove demonstration camps nearby Maha Muni Pagoda Campus, in Chanmya Thazi township, Mandalay, opened by leading monks—U Agga Dhaja

(Taungthaley Sayadaw, Aungtha monastery in Meiktila) and U Canda Siri (Dhamma Rakkhita monastery Patheingyi township) as it contravenes instruction 83 instructed by State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee. As it violated against rules and laws, to open demonstration camps, action will be taken against violators, hence the need to remove as soon as possible, it was learnt.

Likewise, Yangon Region Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaws asked Buddhist monks nearby Shwedagon Pagoda (East) to remove demonstration camps nearby opened by leading monks—U Pannya

Vamsa and U Kusala (U Sasana monastery, Bahan township) U Viseitta (Pyidawaye monastery, Maubin) U Pannya Sara Joti (Talote pin monastery) as it violated the criminal law and rules. According to instruction Nos (56, 81, 83, 85, 91 and 93), monks were requested not to join the demonstrations and demonstration camps to be abolished.

Leading monks were requested to leave the camps on August 2, by Sangha Nayaka Committees of Bahan township Yangon Region and Chanmya Thazi township in Mandalay Region, it was learnt. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Peace Commission and DPN meeting for sixth time in Yangon on 10 August

By Ye Gaung Nyunt

Peace Commission and Delegation for Political Negotiation (DPN) formed by United Nationalities Federal Council (UNFC) conducted a third preliminary coordination meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand yesterday morning.

In the meeting, matters relating to Peace Commission and DPN officially meeting for the sixth time in Yangon and the view of the government on DPN with regards to the eight points request made by DPN were discussed.

Peace Commission representative group leader U Khin Zaw Oo and DPN representative group leader Khu Oo Ral delivered a concluding speech at the

end of the meeting.

U Khin Zaw Oo said we were able to exchange views and possibilities were thought out in the meeting and it is believed to support in achieving success in the sixth meeting. Before this meeting, we will think out in detail in order to obtain a positive result and would like to urge Khu Oo Ral to do the same.

Successive governments had discussed a lot about peace and this time around, it is not only about ceasefire but also thinking about political matters. Thinking simply, arms are no longer important as we are discussing politically. We are now finding an answer through political discussion.

Khu Oo Ral said today's

meeting is definitely understood as positive. In our 20 years meetings and discussions, we never thought of meeting based on politics. There were more discussions and meetings after taking over power. That is why we understand it was difficult to acknowledge it as a political problem. But assessing the whole setup all is of the same identical view of definitely going somewhere. It has now been six years that we entered this setup and there were groups that can come along as well as group who can't. Despite having the same aim, it was not smooth enough to go together and thus we understand the need to find a solution. We must find a way to form a good organization to have a good team work. ■

Attack on police force arresting financial supporter of violent attackers in Yathedaung

SECURITY forces came under attack in Aout Nanya Village, Yathedaung Township, by some men in the village as they arrested suspected financial supporters of violent attackers.

A team comprising 25 policemen led by Police Deputy Superintendent Okka Aung of No. 3 Border Police was threatened by the villagers as they left the village after arresting six suspected financial supporters of violent attackers in Aout Nanya Village yesterday morning.

The police fired 15 warning

shots into the air to disperse the crowd. Out of six arrested suspects, Abdul Sawbu and one other escaped. The detained men are identified as Nasarula, aged 30, Hizbosong, aged 24, Armane Husson, aged 19 and Rahmatdula, aged 50.

The police were attacked by a mob of about 300 men with catapult, jingli (steel rods shot by catapult), sticks and sword as they stopped for a while in Aout Nanya Village together with the four suspects.

The mob followed and tried

to attack the security forces until they reached Zedipyin-Angumaw Road on the west of the village.

The police forces had re-entered Aout Nanya Village to apprehend the two escaped suspects while Tatmadaw columns had surrounded the village.

Ali Yamauk was caught entering into the village with a sword, iron rod, iron pipe, a jingli arrow and a catapult according to State Counsellor Office Information Committee. —Myanmar News Agency ■

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Chin State High Court Judge appointed

In accordance with the provisions stated in article 308 (b), sub-section (4) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 82 (d) of Union Government Law, Section 45 of Union Judiciary Law and Section 18 (d) of Region or State Government Law, U Terrence Samoi Ni Khwel has been appointed as Chin State High Court Judge.

Sd/ Htin Kyaw
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Myanmar Gazette

1. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of Dr. Daw Thida Oo, Director-General of the Legal Advice Department, the Union Attorney-General's office on the expiry of one-year probationary period.
2. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Professor Dr. Daw Khay Mar Mya, Pro-Rector (Administration), the University of Public Health (Yangon), under Ministry of Health and Sports as the Rector of the same University on probation from the date she assumes charge of her duties.



First School reconstructed from the Japanese grant project completes

A school, which was affected by the Cyclone Komen in 2015 and reconstructed with the financial support of the Japanese government, was handed over to the local authorities in Htantabin yesterday.

The completion of the school is a part of Japanese government's 1.5 billion yen assistance to Myanmar's Ministry of Education to repair and reconstruction

of 493 schools affected by Cyclone Komen in 2015. Mr. Tateshi HIGUCHI, Ambassador of Japan to Myanmar, H. E. Dr. Myo Thein Gyi, Minister of Education, JICA representatives and local residents attended the ceremony.

The flood occurred in July 2015 caused serious damages on the school buildings, which were in dangerous condition for the students to study.—GNLM ■

Emergency meetings

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State Minister for Social Affairs Dr. Chan Thar and Maung District Deputy Commissioner U Ye Htut provided their input to the meeting.

Afterward, the Chief Minister and officials of the state government met with families of the

six Mro-Arakan ethnic villagers and provided cash assistance of Ks1 million to each family.

The victims were identified as Kon Wai, 25, Lin Kyat, 29, U Kaing Hmwe, 25, Daw Seik Yar, 38, Daw Yi, 27, and Daw Hti Kaw, 25, from Kaigy Village. ■

Google to work with Indonesia to tackle content deemed offensive

JAKARTA — Alphabet Inc's Google is working with Indonesia to tackle video content deemed to be offensive, including material that might incite violence or hate speech, a senior official of the search giant said on Friday.

Google plans to implement its "Trusted Flagger" programme in Indonesia over the next two to three months, Ann Lavin, Google's director for public policy and government affairs in Southeast Asia and Greater China, told a news conference in Jakarta.

The programme, which is already running in countries such as the France, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States, allows selected users to flag questionable content on its video-sharing platform, YouTube, in bulk rather than one at a time.

Content flagged by group members will be prioritized for review and may then be removed by Google.

A growing amount of content encouraging religious intolerance or radicalism is being shared in

Indonesia, home to the world's largest Muslim population and some of the most avid users of social media such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter.

Indonesian Minister of Communication and Information Rudiantara separately discussed the issue of "negative" content with representatives from Google and Twitter Inc on Friday, two days after he met Facebook officials.

At a joint news conference with Google's Lavin after their meeting, Rudiantara said his ministry's priority was to "protect" Indonesians from content that promotes radicalism, terrorism and drugs.

But the Indonesian government was not trying to foster a "regime of censorship", said Rudiantara, who uses one name.

Apart from the communications ministry, Lavin said, Google would also work with civil society groups such as the Wahid Institute, led by prominent moderate Muslim figure Yenny Wahid, and anti-hoax community MAFINDO.

While the move to curb content that incites hatred is positive, both the government and Google should be clear about the process, said Nawawi Bahrudin, executive director of the non-government body, Legal Aid Center for the Press.

"They should not just use their own yardsticks," Bahrudin said by telephone. "They have to be transparent and not just keep it among themselves."

In June, Rudiantara said Google's Asia-Pacific headquarters had agreed on future tax payments after a months-long dispute with the government, paving the way for a shake up in the way similar companies operate in Southeast Asia's biggest economy. Indonesia has been pushing multinational technology firms to incorporate domestically, arguing that by setting up small business entities to provide "auxiliary" services they get away with minimal taxation and book most of their revenue from the country elsewhere.—Reuters ■

South Korean president visits submarine force command during leave

SEOUL — South Korean President Moon Jae-in visited the Navy's submarine force command during his five-day leave, his office said Friday.

Presidential vice spokesperson Ko Min-jung told reporters that Moon visited the submarine force command inside the naval base in Jinhae, South Gyeongsang province, about 400 km southeast of the capital Seoul, on Thursday.

Moon has been on his five-day leave scheduled to end later in the day.

During his visit to the command, Moon inspected the 1,800-ton submarine An Jung-geun, which was commissioned in 2009. The submarine command, which was established in 2015, is reportedly operating about 10 submersibles of 1,200-ton and 1,800-ton classes.

Moon's visit to the submarine command followed Defence Minister Song Young-

moo's comments earlier this week that the military was "ready to consider" the construction of its indigenous nuclear-powered submarine.

Song made the remarks during the parliamentary defence committee meeting Monday, but he did not elaborate on any plan. During the parliamentary confirmation hearing on 28 July, the defence chief said the military was mulling a nuclear-powered submarine as a countermeasure against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)'s development of submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM).

SLBM is picked as one of the main tools capable of delivering a nuclear-tipped warhead. The DPRK announced its successful test-launch of what it called an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), another delivery tool of a nuclear warhead, a week ago.—Xinhua ■

Toyota, Mazda to form capital alliance for joint EV development

NAGOYA — Toyota Motor Corp. and Mazda Motor Corp. said Friday they have signed an agreement to form a capital alliance to boost joint development of electric vehicles.

Japan's largest carmaker will take a 5.05 per cent stake in Mazda for 50 billion yen (\$454 million) and Mazda buying a 0.25 per cent shareholding in Toyota that are equivalent in value to the Mazda shares.

"This is a partnership in which those who are passionate about cars will work together to make ever-better cars. It is also the realization of our desire to never let cars become commodities," Toyota President Akio Toyoda said in a statement.

Mazda CEO Masamichi Kogai said the alliance can help "energize the auto industry and create more car fans by bringing together two competitive spirits to spur each other on, leading to innovations and fostering talent and leaders."

Global carmakers are facing growing costs to comply with



Takeshi Uchiyamada, chairman of Toyota Motor Corp., is surrounded by reporters in Chiba, east of Tokyo, on 4 August 2017, following media reports that Toyota and Mazda Motor Corp. are set to form a capital alliance to boost joint development of electric vehicles. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

stricter emission and other environmental regulations. Toyota and Mazda decided to deepen their partnership to survive the intensifying competition for developing self-driving technology

and environment-friendly vehicles, the sources said. Toyota is aiming to fully enter the EV market by 2020 and Mazda aims to start selling EVs in the United States in 2019.—Kyodo News ■

Singapore confirms four new Zika cases

SINGAPORE — Four new cases of locally transmitted Zika virus infection in Singapore have been confirmed at Serangoon North Avenue 1, said the National Environment Agency (NEA) on Friday.

The location is the same with previous three Zika cases confirmed by NEA on 26 July.

The NEA has extended ongoing vector control operations

in the vicinity to this cluster area.

Residents and stakeholders are urged to maintain vigilance and continue to eliminate mosquito breeding habitats, as there could be asymptomatic or mild, undiagnosed cases which might result in further transmission of the virus if there are mosquitoes in the vicinity.—Xinhua ■

Over 5,000 infected with dengue virus in Laos

VIENTIANE — Over 5,000 people have been infected with dengue virus, with capital Vientiane hard hit with one death, Lao Ministry of Health has reported.

Apart from the death in the capital, one death has been reported in each of the following provinces: Khammouane, Savannakhet, Saravane, and Attapeu while Champasak has

three people dead of dengue fever since the beginning of 2017, according to Lao News Agency (KPL) on Friday,

Lao Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith recently issued an order urging the Ministry of Health and relevant sectors to take preventive and suppression measures against dengue outbreaks in the country.—Xinhua ■

Extrinsic and intrinsic motivation for capacity development

By Khin Maung Oo

We commonly use the words—motivate, motivation, motivated and self-motivated. In fact, every one of us is concerned with these words. Motivate means “To be the reason why somebody does something or behave in a particular way.” And, dictionaries define that motivate means —to make somebody want to do something, especially something that involves hard work and effort. The two definitions seem to be different but reasons push us to do something. A desire is conceived in us, pushing us to fulfill our desire. Though being free from anyone’s encouragement or force, the desire pushes us to do it. It is our intrinsic motivation.

Sometimes, we have to do something due to force exerted on us by someone or incentives given to us. Then, this kind may be called extrinsic motivation.

As regards the ceremony issuing the strategy on reform of staff in Myanmar—Global Study on Intrinsic Motivation in Developing Countries, was held at the Myanmar International Convention Center (2) in Nay Pyi Taw, with a view to upgrading confidence, concepts and staff morale in developing countries, on July 11. By seeing its name, we easily come to know that intrinsic motivation is of great importance. All human beings already have intrinsic motivations. We ourselves and outsiders related to us need to instigate, develop and recognize others. In

most cases, we cannot do a one-man show to bring about change. In running a business, managing an institution or building up a nation, we need to pay attention to intrinsic and extrinsic motivations—the very basis of capacity development.

At such a time when we are marching towards an advanced and modern federal democratic republic under the leadership of our elected government, we need more and more self-motivated nation builders. The State is also implementing many projects such as housing estate projects for low-income earners including government personnel. And, arrangements are being made to provide low-income earners and workers with fringe benefits. These

are, in fact, extrinsic motivations. Some make concerted efforts by contributing their labor in building up the nation, to the best of their ability of their own accords, not to mention gaining monetary subsidies. Yet, I dare say no one would reject recognition of their good deeds—prize, praise and publicized acknowledgement. Hence, the State Counsellor herself releases a letter of acknowledgement every month for the person worthy of congratulations. This will be the most powerful tonic for the public. While I am at it, I would like to say that “the Carrot and stick approach will be helpful for our honest and hard-working population to encourage them to try their best. This is a good example of extrinsic motivation. ■

Developing External Trade Despite Slew Of Challenges

By Shin Min Ant (Taze)

First quarterly external trade of Myanmar as of April to June of 2017-18 financial year amounted to kts 7.8 billion in total with exporting amount being 3.1 billion and importing amount 4.6 billion. The figures indicate the increase of total trade amount kts 1.3 billion with kts 0.5 billion in exporting sector and 0.8 billion in importing sector if compared to the same period of the last financial year.

In the export sector of the country export of agricultural produce takes 27%, natural gas 23%, CMP textile product 16%, mineral export 8%, fishery products 4% and forest products, animal products and others take 22%.

In this financial year Myanmar could export more in agricultural produce such as rice, broken rice, maize and rubber. So also the country could earn more from minerals, ores and CMP textiles.

In the agricultural export sector 700,000 tonne of rice and broken rice could be exported earning US\$ 203 million that showed more 400,000 tonne and over US\$ 110 million was exported than that of the same period of last financial year. Myanmar’s rice could be exported only to 19 countries last year and increased to 40 countries this year.

As Myanmar has already obtained the GSP of EU, Myanmar export can be extended to EU countries and African countries.

Philippine National Food Authority invited Myanmar to bid tender for selling price of 250,000 tonne of rice through the Myanmar Embassy in Philippine. This is one of the opportunities for extending the export of Myanmar rice.

Besides, Sri Lanka experienced a widespread flood due to heavy rains in May that damaged large area of crops. Therefore, Sri Lanka sent a delegation to discuss about buying Myanmar rice, it is learnt.

Neighbouring country, India also proposed to buy pulses and beans from Myanmar. In the draft proposal, it was mentioned that India wanted to buy black gram and pigeon pea from Myanmar for 5 years successively from 2017

Apart from the natural gas export of the country, it was found that the export of the agricultural produce could have been the highest exported item in terms of earning foreign currency. The agricultural produce though being the most exported item, still has many problems in the course of planting, processing, marketing and trading.

to 2021. The proposal suggested setting the reasonable price of the peas with considerations basing on Minimum Support Price. However, depending on the general condition of planting and rate of production of beans and pulses, prevailing price and market condition, more details needed to be discussed taking the volume of production and payment system into consideration.

In the regard of maize export, 300,000 tonne of maize were exported fetching US\$ 56 million in the 1st quarter of the 2017-18 financial year. The amount of export indicated the increase of export by 200,000 tonne worth about US\$ 27 million if compared to that of the same period of last year. Besides, nearly 35,000 tonne of maize could be exported to Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand this year. In the past maize was exported mainly to China. Myanmar got quota 30,000 tonne per year to export as substitute crop.

There were a lot of difficulties in exporting maize to China, however 1.3 million tonne could be exported to China last year.

If we look into the CMP textile sector, clothing worth of US\$ 494 million could be exported with more export value at US\$205 million than that of the same period of last year. Wide varieties of shoes and bags apart from various textile of CMP could also be exported. Remarkable increase in CMP export indicated the rapid development of CMP sector. CMP development can engender the job opportunities and consequently help alleviate the poverty of the people. If CMP businessmen can switch from the CMP export system to FOB system the export of CMP sector will lead to increasing many times in

the trade amount in this sector. Since the CMP sector can create the job opportunities within a short time and it can also help in driving the trade volume grow faster, the government should focus to attract more investments in CMP sector. Though the foreign investment can support the economic development of the country by substituting the import items with the internally manufactured goods and furthermore manufactured goods can also be exported, there are still many challenges such as acquisition of land for invested works, electricity and transportation.

Apart from the natural gas export of the country, it was found that the export of the agricultural produce could have been the highest exported item in terms of earning foreign currency. The agricultural produce though being the most exported item, still has many problems in the course of planting, processing, marketing and trading. If more specifically speaking the problems such as climate change and its related natural disasters, high cost of input materials, requirement of procuring the high quality seeds, high cost of production, lesser amount of value-added production, dependency on international market and demand and requirement of modern techniques in growing, harvesting and milling are the problems encountered in the agricultural sector.

What we cannot compete with the countries in the region is our logistic cost much higher than other countries in the region along the supply chain. In exporting rice and broken rice by sea route everybody knows there are many stags and hitches at the port of Yangon.

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In Yangon container cars carrying the export goods are prohibited to drive in day time and they are allowed to drive on the road only at 7.00 pm while the container cars carrying import goods are allowed to drive in day time. Another problem is the port labours who decline to work at night time. So the workers at night time are not so efficient that the works are sometimes delayed. Then the containers need to arrive at the port before 12 midnight and more disappointing is to wait one to three days at the port for unloading the truck. That causes more transportation charges with 10 to 15 dollars more per ton. Furthermore, it has to book for loading to the shipping line 7 days in advance and it also costs additional 2 % for a container. So we have to spend more time and money than other countries and consequently Myanmar export generally cannot compete in the international market.

In the sector of Agriculture the main challenge is the financial securing of the businessmen trading on agricultural produce and the farmers. The quality control of the fertilizer and pesticide are important and the price should be competitive and reasonable. Monopoly and price manipulation is the most harmful element to the agricultural sector of the country. Only when the material input in the agribusiness is of good quality, will the production rate of agricultural produce come up and the price will be more or less internationally competitive. To input the required good quality materials, the monetary support including loans is needed. Therefore loan or monetary support is essential in promoting the export of agricultural produce.

When we look into the import, oil product at the cost of US\$ 764 million, machinery and its tools that worth US\$317 million, medicines that cost US\$133 million, palm oil at the value of US\$ 123, aircraft and its spare parts that cost US\$ 109 million, chemical yarns that worth US\$ 102 million were imported. It is clearly seen that the value of importing oil product (petrol and diesel) is the highest as it depends on the import amount of vehicles and the more use of oil product by industries and construction works. More import of chemical yarn indicates that SME textile industries are already in the way of fast development.

When we look into the export sector of the country it is found the State owned sector could export US\$ 0.9 billion and the private sector could export US\$ 2.3 billion that was 72% of the total export amount. In the import sector the State imported at the amount of US\$ 2 billion and the import value of the private sector is US\$4.4 billion, being 69% of the total import value. By looking at the figure we can sum up that private sector has been developing in line with the government economic policy

Medicine import is at the value of US\$ 133 million and that amount is found exceeded last year import by US\$ 43 million. It can be concluded that more import of medicine shows more health care in the country.

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and 7th of this expresses that every citizen to have the right to undertake the commercial works at their choice freely in line with the market economy so as to develop the private economic sector of the country. As the new government is now focusing on all-round development of the country, the new government has formed a Private Sector Development Committee to effectively implement the program of developing the private economic sector of the nation. The Ministry of Commerce has always participated effectively in implementation of the works of Promotion of Trade and Investment Committee that is one of the 5 pillars which constitute the policy of Private Sector Development in Myanmar.

Private Sector Development Committee led by a Vice President holds monthly meeting through which 102 difficulties incurred by the businessmen in undertaking their businesses were put forward. The required tasks has been carried out by departments concerned to address the 91 problems that the businessmen has faced. For the remaining 11 hitches coordination works will have to be continued and resolved.

In the first quarter of 2017-18 financial year the value of the export is US\$ 3.2 billion and import value is US\$ 4.6 billion indicating trade deficit is 1.4 billion. The import of the essential materials for investment compounded by machines and construction materials for FDI were the main causes for import exceeding export. As the imports were of Capital in Kind and Loan in Kind the foreign currency did not flow out of the country. In other words though it indicated the trade deficit, the foreign currency actually did not flow out of the country. It also should be noted that the nation got revenue income of trade tax, customs duty and advanced income tax from import transactions.

To promote the export sector, the official delegation of Ministry of Commerce included the local businessmen on their foreign tour for the local businessmen to be able to manage for securing the market shares in trade sector by discussing and coordinating with foreign counterparts. As a consequence of export promotion drive, in this year, Myanmar-Thailand Joint Trade Commission meeting could be held in Myanmar and Myanmar-Bangladesh Joint Trade Commission meeting could be held in Bangladesh.

Moreover, Myanmar-Vietnam Joint Trade Commission meeting could be held in Vietnam and Myanmar- Thailand Border trade Joint Committee meeting could be held in Thailand. The venues of those meetings were selected in turn. In those meetings the participating countries were discussing and coordinating to address the bilateral trade problems and to promote the bilateral trading. And businessmen and entrepreneurs of each country can claim for their right in trading in accordance with AFTA and WTO prescription.

In this regard when Union Minister for Commerce met with the counterparts from China, he asked for and coordinated to export 400,000 tonne of rice to China and to get exemption from quota exporting for Myanmar rice and corn. During Union Minister's visit to China in June trade promotion and trade problems were discussed and coordinated to get to a certain level of understanding. For instance, the case of freezing the bank accounts of some of Myanmar traders has been cracked and bank accounts could be opened within a short time by working out in close contact with Chinese Government and Embassy.

On account of discussion and coordination works of Myanmar delegation at the Myanmar-India joint trade committee meeting held in 27 June 2017 India has granted right of trade to Myanmar to export all items of goods into India instead of 62 items specified before. Furthermore, according to the Duty Free Tariff Preference programme the customs duty line 96% has been reduced to 0%. Then both sides came to an agreement that in case border trading camps in India side are going to be closed temporarily, India has to give prior notice to Myanmar side.

Even though there are a slew of challenges Myanmar can make a considerable progress in trade sector that can be attributed to the guidance of the State and the expedient discussion and coordination of Ministry of Commerce with respective countries, related Ministries, international organizations and businessmen.

As both volumes of import and export has increased in considerable amount it can be concluded as the trade and commerce sector of the country takes the significant role in the development process of the country.

(Translated by Khin Maung Win)

Invitation to young writers for Sunday section

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their works to the **Global New Light of Myanmar** at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon or by email to dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Real name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.).— Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar news office

In blustery call, Trump pressured Mexico on border wall payment

WASHINGTON — US President Donald Trump pressured the Mexican president to stop voicing opposition in public to his plan to have Mexico pay for a border wall, according to transcripts of phone calls published on Thursday that gave an insight into Trump's attempts to influence foreign leaders in his first days in office.

The Washington Post published texts of sometimes fraught calls with Mexico's Enrique Peña Nieto and Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull just days after the Republican took office on 20 January.

The substance of the calls has previously been reported but the lengthy transcripts reveal Trump, whose first elected office is the presidency, trying to use a mixture of bluster, tough talk and charm as he fully enters the world of diplomacy.

Trump argued with Turnbull over refugees in an acrimonious call on 28 January which the new US president told his counterpart was "unpleasant."

In a 27 January call, Trump pressed Peña Nieto to avoid



US President Donald Trump meets Mexico's President Enrique Peña Nieto during their bilateral meeting at the G20 summit in Hamburg, Germany, on 7 July 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

saying in public that Mexico would not fund the planned border wall. But he complimented the Mexican leader's "beautiful words" and said he hoped Mexico would change its constitution

to allow Peña Nieto to extend his stay in office.

The proposed wall, aimed at preventing illegal immigration to the United States, is a bone of contention between

Mexico and Washington. Peña Nieto has repeatedly rejected Trump's promise that Mexico will end up paying billions of dollars for its construction. —Reuters ■

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At least 12 killed in triple bombings in Syria's Idlib

DAMASCUS — At least 12 people were killed and over 40 others wounded on Friday by explosions of car bombs in the rebel bastion of Idlib province in northern Syria, a monitor group reported.

In one explosion, 10 people, including children, were killed and 30 others wounded when a car bomb tore through a marketplace in the town of Dana in the northern countryside of Idlib, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

The death toll could likely rise due to a large number of critically wounded people.

The Observatory, which relies on a network of activists on the ground, said the explosion is the third to hit Idlib within hours. —Xinhua ■

Two Qantas flights forced to return to Sydney after mid-air accidents

SYDNEY — Two international Qantas flights leaving Kingsford Smith Airport in Sydney have been forced to turn back on Friday, after mid-air mechanical problems.

Airbus A380 QF7, en route to Dallas Fort Worth in the United States was detected dumping fuel and circling the airport by air traffic control.

"The flaps on the aircraft (attached to the wing) are unable to retract which means the aircraft can't fly efficiently," Qantas said in a statement.

"As the Dallas flight is our longest on the network, the captain made the decision to return to Sydney." —Xinhua ■

Around 150 miners being evacuated from Alrosa Russian mine

MOSCOW — Around 150 miners were being evacuated from Alrosa's underground diamond mine Mir in eastern Siberia where water broke into on Friday, Russian news agencies cited the Emergencies Ministry as saying.

No casualties have been reported so far. — Reuters ■

Pakistan's new PM forms cabinet with an eye to 2018 poll

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan's new Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi on Friday formed a cabinet filled with allies of toppled leader Nawaz Sharif, in a reshuffle that appears aimed at bolstering support ahead of general elections due in mid-2018.

Ishaq Dar, a powerful finance minister, returns in the same role, despite a criminal investigation ordered against him by the Supreme Court.

Another staunch Sharif ally, Khawaja Asif, is to be Foreign Minister after having simultaneously run the ministries of defence and power.

The cabinet has almost doubled in size to 47 members, sworn in during a televised ceremony after a reading from the Koran holy book in the mainly Muslim nation of 190 million people.

"It's a massive cabinet,"

said Pakistani writer and analyst Zahid Hussain. "It shows that it's all about the next election."

But no decision appears to have yet been made by the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party over whether Abbasi will stay as premier or step down after a brief period to make way for Sharif's brother Shahbaz, as outlined previously.

Nawaz Sharif resigned last week after the Supreme Court disqualified him for not declaring a source of income he denies receiving. But he retains control of PML-N and put forward Abbasi as temporary prime minister until Shahbaz becomes eligible to take over by winning a parliamentary by-election.

Since Abbasi's election, however, the party leadership no longer seems sure about that

plan, as some fear Shahbaz's departure from his position as chief minister of eastern Punjab state could weaken the party's grip on a core base of voters.

Pakistan's mix of political parties means that whoever wins Punjab, which is home to more than half the country's population, is likely to form the next government.

Former petroleum minister Abbasi, the co-founder of a budget airline, has vowed to run an efficient government but has indicated major decisions will flow from Nawaz, cementing the view of the toppled leader as the power behind the throne.

Abbasi is a staunch Nawaz ally, having been by his side for most of his political career. The cabinet was formed after several discussions between them, and Nawaz's allies.

There are 28 federal ministers and 19 state ministers in

the new cabinet, almost double Sharif's 25-strong cabinet when he swept the 2013 polls.

Abbasi will also head a new energy ministry that merges the petroleum and power portfolios.

Ahsan Iqbal, head of a commission tasked with building the Beijing-funded \$57 billion China-Pakistan Economic corridor, has been appointed Interior Minister.

The opposition has criticised the PML-N's focus on large infrastructure projects as vote-focused measures that saddle Pakistan with debt, at the expense of schools and hospitals.

"If they carry on with Nawaz Sharif's policies, the country will go deeper into debt," said Naeem Ul Haq, of the opposition Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) party. —Reuters ■



A firefighter drops water on a burnt-out firetruck as another stands by following a wildfire in the area of Kalyvia, near Athens, Greece, on 3 August 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Brush fire south of Athens injures firemen, damages homes

ATHENS — A brush fire south of the Greek capital injured three firefighters and damaged homes and cars on Thursday but has now been contained, authorities said.

Authorities had ordered the evacuation of dozens of homes in two communities in Lagonissi, a coastal area some 30 km (19 miles) from Athens with homes scattered across land plots.

Around 40 firefighters, 20 fire trucks and two water-drop-

ping helicopters battled the blaze, which locals say broke out around 1100 GMT (2 pm local) and was fanned by strong winds.

Three firemen were lightly injured and two trucks suffered damage, a fire brigade official said. At least three homes were damaged by flames.

Summer wildfires are common in Greece. Hundreds died in 2007 during the most serious outbreak in decades.—Reuters ■

Islamic State behind Australians' foiled Etihad meat-mincer bomb plot

SYDNEY — An Australian man sent his unsuspecting brother to Sydney airport to catch an Etihad Airways flight carrying a home-made bomb disguised as a meat-mincer built at the direction of a senior Islamic State commander, police said on Friday.

Detailing one of Australia's "most sophisticated" militant plots, police said two men, who have been charged with terror-related offences, also planned to build a device to release poisonous gas in a public area.

High-grade military explosives used to build the bomb were sent by air cargo from Turkey as part of a plot "inspired and directed" by the militant Islamic State group, police Deputy Commissioner National Security Michael Phelan said.

The plot targeted an Etihad Airways flight on 15 July but the bomb never made it past airport security, he said.

"This is one of the most sophisticated plots that has ever been attempted on Australian soil," Phelan said.

Police allege that one of the two men charged late on Thursday had been introduced to Islamic State by his brother, who they said was a senior member of the group in Syria.

Communication between the accused man and Islamic State began around April, police said. Under the instruction of the unidentified Islamic State commander, the men built a



Australian Federal Police Deputy Commissioner Michael Phelan (R) and New South Wales Police Deputy Commissioner David Hudson speak at a press conference related to arrests in a foiled aircraft attack plot at the Australian Federal Police (AFP) headquarters in Sydney, Australia, on 4 August 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

"fully functioning IED" (improvised explosive device).

One of the brothers was unaware that he was carrying a bomb, disguised as a commercial meat mincer, in his luggage, and tried to check it in at the airport, police said.

"We'll be alleging that the person who was to carry the IED on the plane had no idea they were going to be carrying an IED," Phelan said.

Such a device would work like a large grenade, exploding with enough force to blow a hole in an airplane, even if it went off in the cargo hold, said Professor Greg Barton, a security expert at Deakin University in Melbourne.

"I think the logic would be that you pack your explosives in and seal it up, and if someone

does a quick physical inspection it just looks like what it is, a meat grinder, because it's not electrical or electronic, it's less likely to be suspicious."

Police said there was "a little bit of conjecture" about what happened next, but it appeared one of the accused then left the airport, taking the luggage with him. The man's brother boarded the plane and has not since returned to Australia.

"I want to make it quite clear - it never got near screening. I don't want anyone to suggest that it ... penetrated airport security layers ... because it did not. It didn't go anywhere near it," Phelan said.

Etihad said in a statement on Friday it had been working closely with the Australian investigation.—Reuters ■

Blaze sweeps through Dubai skyscraper for second time

DUBAI — A fire ripped through one of the world's tallest residential towers in Dubai on Friday, the latest in a series of fires in tall structures in the United Arab Emirates, the Gulf's tourism and business hub, over the past three years.

Flames shot up the sides of the Torch tower in the second blaze to hit the high-rise since 2015, forcing hundreds of occupants to flee as burning debris showered down the sides of the 1,105 foot (337 metre)-tall, 79-storey structure.

"We were sleeping and we woke up to the fire alarm and people screaming. We ran down the stairs and it took us about 10 minutes to reach from the 50th floor," a resident who gave his name as George told Reuters.

"It was very bad. The fire was very strong at that time,

about 1 a.m. Then it started calming down over the next two hours," he added. The tower was evacuated, no injuries were reported, and there was no immediate word on the cause of the blaze. But the incident may revive questions about the safety of materials used on the exteriors of tall buildings across the wealthy Gulf region and beyond.

An investigation by the management of the Torch after its 2015 fire found that most of the damage was to the cladding, exterior panelling used for decoration or insulation.

Police in Britain have said they believe the system of insulation and cladding panels added during a refurbishment of London's Grenfell Tower may have contributed to the rapid spread of a fire there in June in which 80 people died.—Reuters ■



Flames shoot up the sides of the Torch tower residential building in the Marina district, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in this 4 August 2017 picture by Mitch Williams. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Japan police scrutinise wreckage after blaze at world's largest fish market

TOKYO — Japanese police and fire investigators sifted through the charred wreckage of parts of the world's largest fish market, a day after fire tore through seven buildings at the popular Tokyo tourist site.

The 80-year-old Tsukiji market draws tens of thousands of visitors a year to its warren of stalls laden with exotic species of fish and fresh sushi.

No people were injured in the fire that broke out late on Thursday and sent grey smoke billowing over the city, but 935 square meters of shops and restaurants in seven buildings were destroyed, a Tokyo Fire Department spokesman said.

"At this point we can't say anything about the cause, it's still under investigation," he added.



Firefighters operate at the fire site at Tokyo's Tsukiji fish market. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

"There's no information indicating arson, but again, it's still too early to say."

Media reports said the fire appeared to originate in a three-storey building and that people in the area had reported smelling smoke prior to the fire's start in Tsukiji's "outer" market — an area packed with informal restaurants where

tourists can tuck into fresh seafood plates and sushi.

Most establishments in the area, which bustles with customers during the morning and early afternoon, had already closed for the day when the fire began. The Tsukiji "inner" market, where most seafood wholesalers are located and world-famous tuna

auctions are carried out at dawn, was not affected.

In June, Tokyo's governor announced a long-delayed plan to move Tsukiji from its current site on some of the city's most prime real estate to a man-made island with contaminated soil. The outer market is not scheduled to move.

Tokyo governor Yuriko Koike said the market's age and vulnerability to a big earthquake meant it had to be rebuilt.

At the fire's peak, some 66 fire trucks and scores of firefighters worked to extinguish the blaze, their efforts hampered by narrow streets and tightly-packed buildings. The fire was brought under control around midnight and extinguish Friday morning. —Reuters ■

UN concerned Congo violence could be used to delay elections

GENEVA — Ethnic violence in Democratic Republic of Congo's Kasai region has spiralled out of control with the complicity of the government and could be exploited to postpone national elections, a senior UN human rights official said on Friday.

"Whether or not the government is instigating this specifically to postpone elections is impos-

sible to determine," Scott Campbell, head of Central and West Africa at the UN human rights office, told a UN briefing in Geneva. "Our concern is that this could be manipulated for a postponement of elections which could make make other types of violence and human rights violations (more likely)." —Reuters ■

Irish PM calls for 'unique solutions' to UK-EU ties



Ireland's Taoiseach Leo Varadkar arrives at Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland, on 4 August 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

DUBLIN — Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar on Friday called for "unique solutions" to relations between Britain and the European Union after Brexit, including a possible bilateral customs union between Britain and the EU and an alternative to the European Court of Justice to oversee any deal.

Ireland, which after Brexit will have the EU's only land border with the United Kingdom, is widely seen as the EU country most exposed to the fallout from Brexit.

Speaking during his first visit to Northern Ire-

land since his appointment as prime minister in June, Varadkar said Britain and the EU would need "unique solutions" if we are to avoid a damaging breakdown in trade.

"Perhaps there can be an EU-UK customs union. After all, we have one with Turkey. Surely we can have one with the United Kingdom?" Varadkar said in a speech at Queen's University in Belfast. Varadkar said it was not yet clear if enough progress had been made by a summit in October to move on to talks about a free trade deal. —Reuters ■

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

MV KORALIA VOY. NO (771)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KORALIA VOY. NO (771) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 6.8.2017 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MITT-3 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.

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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.

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AGENT FOR: M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA**

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Myanma Port Authority Notice of High Tide

Exceptionally high spring from 20.30 feet to 20.60 feet high above the chart datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period of August 8th to August 12th, 2017.

Please be note that it is not serious level of tide because the highest tide level have reached up to 22 feet above the chart datum in year 2014 and 2015, and this notice is normally issued whenever high tide of Yangon River is expected to reach over 20 feet high above the chart datum to inform the high tide to the public living near river foreshore area of Yangon City.

Russian ban on Turkish tomatoes bears domestic fruit

MOSCOW — A ban on Turkish tomato imports that was motivated by geopolitics has inspired Russia to become self-sufficient in tomato production, a windfall for companies who invested in the technology that would increase year-round production.

Russia has been ramping up production of meats, cheese and vegetables since it banned most Western food imports in 2014 as a retaliatory measure for sanctions meant to punish Russia's support of rebels in eastern Ukraine and annexation of Crimea.

After Turkey shot down a Russian jet near the Syrian border in November 2015, Moscow expanded the ban to include Turkish tomatoes, for which Russia was the biggest export market.

Ties between Ankara



Tomatoes are pictured at a greenhouse of Yuzhny agricultural complex in the town of Ust-Dzheguta, in the republic of Karachaevo-Cherkessia, Russia, on 1 August 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

and Moscow have since largely normalized but the ban remains in place and may not be lifted for another three to five years, officials have said.

That may be too late for Turkish exporters if Russian efforts to ramp up domestic production bear fruit. Greenhouse projects

being built with state support are key to Russia's plans to become self-sufficient for its 144 million population by 2020, industry players, analysts and

officials say.

Although Russia only imports about 500,000 tonnes of the 3.4 million tonnes of tomatoes consumed annually, the country's notoriously harsh winters have limited its ability to ramp up to full capacity, IKAR agriculture consultancy said.

Currently only 620,000 tonnes of production comes from "protected ground", or greenhouses, IKAR said. The remainder comes from "open ground" productive only from June to September, and most of that comes from private plots maintained and used by individual families or sold at local farmers' markets.

Sergey Korolyov, the head of National Fruit and Vegetable Producers' Union, estimated that greenhouse projects that have

already started growing tomatoes could start seeing their money back in 8-9 years thanks to state support, which includes partial investment compensation and favorable loan rates.

"Now greenhouses which were originally built for cucumbers are being repurposed for tomatoes," Korolyov told Reuters.

Although the greenhouse sector is dominated by dozens of small-size firms, several big players have also stepped in.

Russian conglomerate Sistema, bought the country's largest Yuzhnyi greenhouse complex in December 2015, when the ban on Turkish supplies was announced.

The 144-hectare complex produces more than 45,000 tonnes of tomatoes and cucumbers per year. —Reuters ■

Oil prices dip on high OPEC supplies, rising US production

SINGAPORE — Oil markets were little changed on Friday, with US crude remaining below \$50 per barrel, restrained by rising output from the United States as well as producer club OPEC.

US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures CLc1 were at \$48.95 per barrel at 0707 GMT, down 8 cents, or 0.1 per cent, from their last close and set to drop 1.5 per cent for the week.

Brent crude futures LCOc1, the international benchmark for oil prices, were at \$51.92 a barrel, down 9 cents, or 0.2 per cent, from their last close and set to drop 1 per cent for the week.

Traders said prices were pressured by rising output, although strong demand prevented bigger drops.

"Developments this week have seen some pessimism return to markets," National Australia Bank said in its August outlook.

"We forecast Brent to trade at around \$53 per

barrel in Q4 2017," it said.

Barclays bank said "we expect a downward (price) correction during this quarter," but see Brent at an average of \$54 per barrel during the fourth quarter.

Crude oil exports by the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) rose to a record high in July, according to a report by Thomson Reuters Oil Research this week.

July's 26.11 million barrels per day (bpd) in exports marked a rise of 370,000 bpd, most of which came from Nigeria, which posted a rise of 260,000 bpd in shipments.

The rise came despite the group's pledge to restrict output by 1.8 million bpd until March 2018 together with some non-OPEC producers, including Russia.

But output in Russia is also high. Russia's largest oil producer Rosneft (ROSN.MM) said on Friday its crude oil output grew by 11.1 per cent year-on-year in the

second quarter of 2017 to 56.08 million tonnes.

Average daily oil production, however, declined by 1.2 per cent in the second quarter compared to the first quarter and stood at 4.57 million bpd, the company said, citing "the limitations for the Russian oil producers related to the agreements with the OPEC+ countries".

In the United States, oil production has hit 9.43 million bpd, the highest since August 2015 and up 12 per cent from its most recent low in June last year.

Preventing prices from falling further is strong demand.

US gasoline demand rose to a record 9.842 million bpd last week, according to government data this week.

"Gasoline demand is now +0.1 per cent (year-on-year). This is reasonably encouraging given it had been flat or negative since late November 2016," US investment bank Jefferies said. —Reuters ■

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE (INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER) (14 / 2017)

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in Myanmar Kyats.

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Remark
(1)	DMP/L-045(17-18)	1 1/2" Pitch Five Layer Roller Chain and Offset Link (2) Items	Ks
(2)	DMP/L-046(17-18)	Pilot Operated Working Regulator and Pilot Spring Spares (2) Items	Ks
(3)	DMP/L-047(17-18)	ITT Barton 3 Pen Chart Recorder and Spares (7) Items	Ks
(4)	DMP/L-048(17-18)	Rig-A Lite Lighting Accessories for EMSCO Drilling Rig (4) Items	Ks
(5)	DMP/L-049(17-18)	2 3/8" Drill Pipe (1000) MTR	Ks
(6)	DMP/L-050(17-18)	Steel Wire Rope, Shackle & Clip (3) Items	Ks
(7)	DMP/L-051(17-18)	Mini Shaker Screen for ZJ 70L & ZJ 50D Drilling Rigs (27) Items	Ks
(8)	DMP/L-052(17-18)	Spares for Cooper Servicing Truck(10)Items	Ks
(9)	DMP/L-053(17-18)	Spares for Perkins Engine Ex Olympian Lighting Set (30) Items	Ks
(10)	DMP/L-054(17-18)	Spares for Caterpillar Excavator (19) Items	Ks
(11)	DMP/L-055(17-18)	Spares for Tadano Crane (52) Items	Ks
(12)	DMP/L-056(17-18)	Spares for Volvo Tractor (20) Items	Ks
(13)	DMP/L-057(17-18)	Spares for Kobelco Excavator (10) Items	Ks
(14)	DMP/L-058(17-18)	Spares for Nat-C-245-125(FH) Torque Converter (25) Items	Ks
(15)	DMP/L-059(17-18)	Spares for CAT-D-333 C Lighting Set Engine (47) Items	Ks
(16)	DMP/L-060(17-18)	Spares for CAT-D--399 Engine Ex USS Oil Well Rig (10) Items	Ks
(17)	DMP/L-061(17-18)	Spares for Horizontal Directional Drilling Rig (40) Items	Ks

Tender Closing Date & Time- 30-8-2017, 16:30 pm

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 1 August 2017 at the Finance Department , Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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A combination photo showing the 2017 Kennedy Center Honorees: Actress, dancer and choreographer Carmen de Lavallade (L to R), singer-songwriter and actress Gloria Estefan, hip-hop artist LL COOL J, television writer and producer Norman Lear and musician and record producer Lionel Richie. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Lionel Richie, Gloria Estefan lead 2017 Kennedy Center honorees

LOS ANGELES — Veteran musician Lionel Richie, hip-hop star and actor LL Cool J and Cuban-American singer and actress Gloria Estefan will receive the prestigious Kennedy Center Honors this year, CBS network said Thursday.

The 40th Kennedy Center Honors, to air on CBS on 26 December, is one of the highest

awards in American culture, celebrating lifetime achievements through the performing arts.

Other 2017 honorees are television writer-producer Norman Lear and dancer, choreographer and actress Carmen de Lavallade. “The Kennedy Center Honors spotlights the extraordinary careers of five artists whose talent and ingenuity have

enriched and shaped cultural life in America,” David M. Rubenstein, chairman of the Kennedy Center, said in a statement.

The awards will be presented at a gala at Washington D.C.’s Kennedy Center Opera House on 3 December, and is expected to be attended by President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump.—Reuters ■

Natalie Portman’s ‘Annihilation’ gets 2018 release date

LOS ANGELES — Natalie Portman-starrer “Annihilation” will arrive in cinemas next year.

Paramount has set a February 23, 2018 release date for the film, which is an adaptation of the acclaimed sci-fi novel from Jeff VanderMeer, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

The film is directed by Alex Garland and stars Portman as a biologist, who is sent on a spe-

cial mission.

In the novels, the government sends expeditions to Area X, an uninhabited land in which unexplainable things happen.

Those who due enter Area X either don’t live long or return not quite as themselves.

The novel ‘Annihilation’ is the first book in VanderMeer’s Southern Reach trilogy, which debuted in 2014.—PTI ■



Recording artists John Legend (L) and Alicia Keys are shown during the taping of a new episode of Carpool Karaoke: The Series, available on Apple Music beginning on 8 August, 2017, in this undated handout photo provided August 3, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Apple Music banks on ‘Carpool Karaoke’ fans paying for star pairings

LOS ANGELES — Will Smith gate-crashing a wedding party or John Legend and Alicia Keys serenading a woman at a laundrette are just some of the reasons Apple Inc hopes viewers will pay for Apple Music as it launches new show “Carpool Karaoke: The Series.”

Following the June launch of “Planet of the Apps,” Apple’s second premium video series will debut on 8 August, with hopes that a recognizable show and slew of A-list celebrities will help the world’s largest technology company stand out in a saturated television market.

“It’s about the artist and the songs that are being sung, just to get a little behind-the-scenes of their personalities and some of their thoughts,” Eddy Cue, Apple’s senior vice president of internet software and services, told Reuters.

“It fits very, very nicely within Apple Music,” he added.

Apple’s “Carpool Karaoke” is based on the popular segment from CBS’ “The Late,

Late Show with James Corden,” in which Corden joins guests such as Adele in sing-a-longs while driving.

Apple Music, which costs \$9.99 a month for an individual membership and has 27 million subscribers, will release two “Carpool” episodes weekly except for the premiere and finale, released as standalone episodes, of the 20-part series.

Apple’s deep pockets piqued Hollywood’s attention as it entered the original programming race and poached two Sony Pictures Television executives.

Cue said “Planet of the Apps,” where app developers pitch to celebrity mentors, had led to new customers signing up for free three-month Apple Music trials, and he hoped “Carpool Karaoke” will continue to draw subscribers.

“With ‘Planet of the Apps,’ we had to educate people about what it was ... with ‘Carpool,’ most people know what it is,” Cue said.—Reuters ■

Bieber says he’s ‘never going to be perfect’ after tour cancellation

LOS ANGELES — Justin Bieber offered a mea culpa to his fans saying he was “never going to be perfect” but hoped to learn from his mistakes, after a tumultuous week in which he abruptly canceled the rest of his world tour and accidentally hit a photographer with his truck.

The 23-year-old singer, who pulled out of the remaining 14 dates of his “Purpose” world tour on 24 July and injured the photographer after a Beverly Hills church service two days later, said he had let his “broken relationships dictate the way I acted toward people.”

“I let bitterness, jealousy and fear run my life!!!!,” the singer said in an Instagram post on Wednesday.

“I’m VERY aware I’m never gonna be perfect, and I’m gonna keep making mistakes but what I’m not gonna do is let my past dictate my future,” he added.

The Canadian pop star said the tour had taught him “so much about myself,” in what he called a “very grammatically incorrect but its from the heart”



Justin Bieber performs a medley of songs at the 2016 Billboard Awards in Las Vegas, Nevada, US, on 22 May 2016. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Instagram post.

He did not mention the incident with the photographer, who suffered non-life threatening injuries and thanked Bieber in an Instagram video last week for staying with him until emergency services came after the accident.

After playing more than 150 shows, Bieber pulled out of his tour, citing only “unforeseen circumstances” at the time, which

frustrated and worried his fans. It also brought support, including from singer-songwriter John Mayer, who gave Bieber credit for looking after his mental health.

A day after canceling his tour, Bieber told celebrity news outlet TMZ.com that he was looking forward to “just resting and getting some relaxation” after two years on the road.—Reuters ■

French oysters go on sale in vending machines

ILE DE RE, (France) — In a change from chocolates and fizzy drinks, the French are starting to offer fresh oysters from vending machines in the hope of selling more of the delicacy outside business hours.

One pioneer is Tony Berthelot, an oyster farmer whose automatic dispenser of live oysters on the Ile de Re island off France's western coast offers a range of quantities, types and sizes 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

French oyster farmers are following in the footsteps of other producers of fresh food who once manned stalls along roadsides for long hours but now uses machines.

"We can come at mid-



Customers leave with oysters from the automatic oyster vending machine at l'huitriere de Re in Ars en Re on the Re Island, Southwestern France, on 2 August 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

night if we want, if we have a craving for oysters. It's excellent; they're really fresh," Christel Petinon, a 45-year-old client holidaying on the island, told

Reuters. The Ile de Re's refrigerated dispenser, one of the first and with glass panels so customers can see what they are buying, is broadly similar to those that offer snacks and drinks at railway stations and office buildings worldwide.

Customers use their bank card for access, opening the door of their choice from a range of carton sizes and oyster types.

Berthelot, thirty years an oyster breeder, sees it as an extra source of revenue rather than an alternative to normal points of sale like food markets, fishmongers and supermarkets.

"We felt as though we were losing lots of sales when we are closed,"

he said. "There was a cost involved when buying this machine, of course, but we're paying it back in installments ... And today, in theory, we can say that the calculations are correct and it's working."

Selling oysters from a machine bets on more than just open-mindedness among consumers. Live molluscs not kept cool enough or stored too long out of seawater can cause food poisoning when opened.

The Berthelots say the machine has an appeal to a younger generation accustomed to buying on the internet and unperturbed by the absence of a shopkeeper.—Reuters ■

More than half of India's languages may die out in 50 years — survey

NEW DELHI — More than half of the languages spoken by India's 1.3 billion people may die out over the next 50 years, scholars said on Thursday, calling for a concerted effort to preserve the tongues spoken by the nation's endangered tribal communities.

The People's Linguistic Survey of India (PSLI) raised the alarm during the launch of the latest 11 volumes in its planned 50

volume survey of the country's languages. India's people speak as many as 780 different languages, the PSLI said.

"At least 400 Indian languages are at the risk of dying in coming 50 years," G.N. Devy, the chairman of PSLI, said.

Each time a language is lost, the corresponding culture is killed, Devy said, adding that India had already lost 250 languages

in last five decades.

The group of scholars and teachers at PSLI documents Indian regional languages in order to conserve cultural heritage and diversity.

Most at risk are marginal tribal communities whose children receive no education or, if they do go to school, are taught in one of India's 22 officially recognized languages.

"Maithili, which is spo-

ken in the eastern state of Bihar, is at least 1,000 years old. Similarly there are several old languages which are surviving somehow in India, but we are hardly passing them on," said political psychologist Ashis Nandy. Devy said the PSLI will start work on a project to document about 6,000 living languages spoken around the world. The report is scheduled to come out by 2025.—Reuters ■

Titanic in Photographs exhibition opens in California

LOS ANGELES — The exhibition Titanic in Photographs is now on display on the retired ocean liner Queen Mary in Long Beach, California, showcasing more than 100 photographs and a few rare artifacts from the ill-fated ship.

The exhibition takes visitors onto the decks and into many of the staterooms, with names like Smoking Room and Turkish Bath. There's also the 1st Class Lounge and the Grand Staircase, where Jack and Rose met formally in the 1997 movie "Titanic."

"There are a couple of hundreds of artifacts here, some of them onboard the ship themselves," Everette Hoard, the Commodore at Queen Mary told Xinhua on Thursday. "We have a watch, in particular, that was dropped by a passenger hurrying to a life boat to abandon ship as the Titanic was sinking." There's gold pocket watch that was dropped by a 1st class passenger as he rushed to one of the last lifeboats, and was later picked up by one of Titanic's crew members. One of the highlights

of the exhibition also includes the only surviving White Star Line (the company owned and operated Titanic) lifeboat, virtually identical to those used by Titanic's passengers, as they waited to be rescued from the icy waters of the North Atlantic after Titanic foundered.

Alongside many of the images are display cabinets containing over 150 genuine artifacts from Titanic's identical twin sister ship Olympic, which served until 1935. Both of them used the same tiles, furniture, and decorations from the same manufacturers. Since almost everything on the Titanic is still deep in the North Atlantic Ocean, these items from Olympics bring the photographs to life, transporting the visitor back in time and placing them in the picture.

"As you walk through, you will be able to look at these beautiful photographs, for instance where the clock is lying in a glass case, you will be able to look at a photograph of the room in the Titanic and see that exact same clock, or a one exactly like that." —Xinhua ■



Myanmar International

Programme Schedule

(5-8-2017 07:00am ~ 6-8-2017 07:00am) MST

07:03	Am	News
07:25	Am	Great Shwedagon-The Prayer Halls And Buddha Images-Part-2
07:51	Am	Cultural Shows: Composer Ma Mya Lay
08:03	Am	News
08:25	Am	A May Yay Yin Nat Festival (Episode-1)
08:41	Am	Welcome to the Southern most part of Myanmar
08:52	Am	Tea Leaves
09:03	Am	News
09:26	Am	Aye Aye Soe: Myanma Pioneer Female Bodybuilder
09:40	Am	A bike Ride in pursuit of Mural Art (Episode-2)
10:03	Am	News
10:25	Am	Next Generation "Skater"

10:35	Am	Towards Development and Stability of Rakhine State (Part -2)
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(11:00 Am ~ 03:00 Pm)-Friday Repeat (07:00 Am ~ 11:00 Am)
(03:00 Pm ~ 07:00 Pm) -Today Repeat (07:00 Am ~ 11:00 Am)

Prime Time

07:03	Pm	News
07:24	Pm	Myanmar's Traditions and Culture The Golden Land
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08:03	Pm	News
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Myanmar women's football team will be likely to struggle in 29th SEA Games

Shine Htet Zaw

Myanmar national women's football team will have fierce competition in the upcoming SEA Games as they have to face three ASEAN strong teams continuously.

During the competition, Myanmar has to play a round robin system with Thailand, host Malaysia and Vietnam followed by the Philippines. Thus, every match is important for Myanmar to reach the final.

Myanmar will play against Thailand on 15 August; host

Malaysia on 17 August, Vietnam on 20 August and the Philippines on 22 August respectively. The women's football matches will be held from 15 to 24 August.

Myanmar team was defeated in the previous meeting with Thailand and Vietnam hence Myanmar need to regain triumph in SEA Games.

Myanmar is hoping for the gold medal as the team has yet to achieve a gold medal in the SEA Games.

There are 23 players chosen for Myanmar and the team is under training in preparation for the Sea Games. ■



Myanmar and Vietnam national women's team playing in a match. **PHOTO: SOE NYUNT**

Neymar signs five-year deal to complete world record PSG move

PARIS — Neymar completed his record-shattering transfer from Barcelona to Paris St Germain on Thursday, signing a five-year deal with the French club after they triggered his 222 million euros (\$263 million) release clause.

The 25-year-old Brazil forward, who will be presented to fans on Saturday, is committed to PSG until June 2022, the club said in a statement. Media reports have said he could earn around 550,000 euros per week.

"Today, with the arrival of Neymar Jr, I am convinced that we will come even closer, with the support of our faithful fans, to realising our greatest dreams," said PSG's Qatari President Nasser Al-Khelaifi.

Both Barcelona and Spain's La Liga questioned whether the move complied with UEFA's financial regulations, with the club saying they would report the deal to European football's governing body. The transfer doubles the previous world record fee paid when Paul Pogba moved last August from Juventus to Manchester United for a 105 million euros.

With the Spanish giants certain to be in the market for a replacement for the Brazilian forward — and with a hefty



New Paris Saint-Germain signing Neymar Jr and Chairman and CEO Nasser Al-Khelaifi pose with the club shirt in Paris, France, on 4 August 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

budget to invest — the Neymar move could set off a chain reaction of deals at top clubs across Europe.

Yet for PSG the signing is a huge coup, bringing them one of the most exciting talents in the world game.

Gifted with a superb touch and an impressive repertoire of tricks, Neymar was part of one of the most devastating strike trios the game has ever seen, playing at Barcelona alongside Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez.

In four years in Catalonia, he won the Champions League once, La Liga twice, and the

King's Cup three times.

The focal point of the Brazil national team, who will be aiming for a record sixth World Cup title in Russia next year, Neymar's popularity soared after he captained his country to their first Olympic gold medal in Rio last year — scoring a brilliant free kick and the deciding penalty in the final.

Neymar, who also has lucrative endorsement deals with Nike, Gillette, Panasonic and Beats by Dre, said he was looking forward to delivering trophies for the French club. —Reuters ■

Inter Milan Youth FC star players to arrive in Myanmar

Kyaw Zin Lin

Davide Merola and twenty-one players from U-18 Inter Milan Youth FC will arrive in Yangon on 9 August, said MFF's official page.

All the players are from U-17 national selections from Italy, Belgium, Slovakia and France and the players had also shown good performances at the 2016 UEFA European Under-17

championship.

"The list of players has been officially delivered to the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF)", said an official from MFF.

The team also won the Champion prize this year at the local Championship.

The Inter Milan Youth FC will play friendly matches against Myanmar U-18 on 11 and 13 August at 6pm respectively at the Thuwanna Stadium in Yangon. ■

Myanmar Tennis team to compete in 29th SEA Games

Kyaw Zin Lin

WITH the aim of gaining gold medals in the 29th SEA Games, Myanmar tennis team will compete in the games, said the Myanmar Tennis Federation (MTF).

Tennis was part of the Southeast Asian Games starting from the inaugural 1959 Southeast Asian Peninsular Games. Myanmar tennis team participated in every SEA Games with the excep-

tion of 2013 Southeast Asian Games.

There are 4 men and 2 women players chosen for Myanmar team and they will participate in Men's single competition, women's single competition, men's double competition, women's double competition and mixed double competition respectively.

The tennis competition will start on 21 August and Myanmar team will leave for Malaysia on 19 August. ■