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Immigration officers collect data for paper documentation from villagers in Shwezar Village-tract as part of a verification process. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Reconstruction of homes in Maungtaw commences

VILLAGES destroyed in terrorist attacks by the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) are being rebuilt. A stake-driving ceremony was held yesterday to officially start construction of 86 houses in Thittonenargwa village tract.

Attending the ceremony were Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister Mahn Johnny, Region Hluttaw Speaker and Rakhine State governmental personnel.

The Region Chief Minister met with local Mro villagers and said that ethnic people should be united especially when the times are challenging and important. This trip to provide help and cooperation with works of the Government is also important, the region chief minister said.

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## National verification process to be stepped up in N-Rakhine

IMMIGRATION and Population officials in Rakhine State have stepped up the national verification process, which is one of the recommendations of the advisory commission on Rakhine State, recently issuing

verification cards to nearly 100 villagers from Shwezar Village tract in Maungtaw Township.

The work was suspended due to most recent terrorist attacks on 25th August, and resumed on 1 October in the

areas which have returned to normalcy.

"We recorded the villagers with biometric methods for the National ID system, and so far, 70 men and 22 women from Shwezar Village-tract have

been issued the National Verification card up to 25th October," said an official who is a member of the mobile team of the immigration and population department.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Pyithu Hluttaw 6<sup>th</sup> regular session holds its 5<sup>th</sup> day meeting

Aye Aye Thant  
(MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY)

THE 2<sup>nd</sup> Pyithu Hluttaw, 6<sup>th</sup> regular session's 5<sup>th</sup> day meeting was held at 10 am yesterday in the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting, U Min Thein of Taungdwingyi constituency asked if any high school students were serving prison sentences, and if so, could arrangements be made for them to continue their education and take examinations, including the matriculation examination.

In response to this question, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Soe said prisoners who were sentenced while undergoing education were permitted to continue with their education so that they did not miss out on their opportunity for education. They were informed at the start of the education year that they could continue their education, and there were prisoners who were continuing their ninth standard education in Insein Central Prison and Mandalay Central Prison.

Teaching in prisons takes up 8 hours a day from Monday to Friday, and one session is 45 minutes

with adequate breaks given in between. From Monday to Friday, prisoner teachers teach the students and on Saturdays state high school teachers and private teachers arranged by the prison comes to teach. When a chapter is completed, a chapter-concluding examination is conducted and, as per the government high school, first-term and second-term examinations were also conducted with examination papers from the government high school.

Students attending the classes and prison teachers are dressed in the traditional school uniforms of a white shirt and a green longyi, while textbooks and exercise books are provided by the Prisons Department and occasional donors. Insein Central Prison and Mandalay Central Prison arranges for those who pass the matriculation examination to continue university educations at Yangon Western University and Mandalay University, respectively, said the Deputy Minister. Responding to a question by U Lin Lin Oo of Tanai constituency on plans to start an international-level police academy, the Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Soe said under the Police



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint. PHOTO: MNA

Training Department of the Myanmar Police Force there are Police Officer Depot, Police Officer Training Depot, Police Sergeant Training Depot, No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Police Training schools. While the Police Officer Training Depot provides training to police officers and staff officers, the Mandalay Police Officer Training Depot was established. Surveillance, investigation, narcotics, intelligence, and tourist security courses are provided in cooperation with the European Union. The Ministry of Home Affairs will follow the policy direction and procedures of the union government to form an international-level police academy, replied the Deputy Minister.

Next, U Sai Thiha Kyaw of Mairael constituency said mi-

grant workers who were working overseas for various reasons were now facing difficulties from changes in migrant labour laws and policies and were returning. In tabling a motion urging the government to assist these returnees who were the country's ethnic nationals displaced from their homes and left by various means for other countries due to the long-running political situation and conflict in the country, lack of job opportunities, and fear daily from instability in the region, avoiding wars, lacking opportunity for education and facing livelihood difficulties were expecting the government's assistance in getting full salary, wages and safety in their overseas works. These migrant

workers with a passport, work permits and stay permits face difficulties in extending their permits and passports and employers confiscating their passports. Migrant workers without legal papers were also facing difficulties from changing labour laws and policies resulting in being detained and employers driving them away without paying wages. Thus they are awaiting and yearning for the government's assistance. Township, ward and village tract administrators, police, immigration, Tatmadaw and civil service society personnel are urged to assist them. The motion was supported by U Sai Oo Kham of Hsenwi constituency and the Hluttaw Speaker announced that hluttaw representatives who want to debate the motion to register their names. Afterwards, the Hluttaw Speaker announced the receipt of a bill amending the narcotic drug and psychotropic substances law sent with amendment by Amyotha Hluttaw and bill committee member Daw Mar Mar Khaing submitted and read a report about it. Next, the Hluttaw Speaker announced that hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the bill should register their names.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Amyotha Hluttaw 6<sup>th</sup> regular session holds its 5<sup>th</sup> day meeting

Aung Ye Thwin  
(MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY)

At the 5<sup>th</sup> day meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> regular session of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amyotha Hluttaw held at 10 am yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw, Mahn Win Khaing Than, Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw, presented a motion to contribute the daily allowances for one day of Amyotha Hluttaw parliamentarians to the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD), and the Hluttaw announced its approval.

U Kyaw Lin, Deputy Minister for Construction, replied to the question raised by U Hwei Tin of constituency 11, Chin State, saying: "Construction of retaining walls and a concrete road on Strand Road, Paletwa town, in Chin State will be started under the FY 2017-2018 lump sum budget fund — 600 ft of port retaining walls with the budget allotment of Ks150 million and 140 feet of retaining walls on Strand Road with the budget allotment of Ks30 million as the first stage.

No budget allotments for construction of concrete road were yet allowed for the present financial year. Total measurements of port area retaining walls to be constructed will be 2,200 feet. The remaining part of the 1,600 feet-long retaining walls will be constructed in the coming financial years."

Afterward, the Deputy Minister replied to questions raised by U Lin Tin Htay of constituency 4, Mon State and parliamentarians concerning the Bill on Myanmar Hluttaws. U Kyaw Kyaw of Rakhine State said: "Under section 74, 109, 141 and 161 of the Constitution, the 2008 Hluttaw is categorised as such Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Region or State Hluttaws. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has Hluttaw Rules and Regulations for compilation of legislations. Similarly, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Region or State Hluttaw has their particular rules and regulations for legislature. And, we have Myanmar Inter-Parliamentary Union and Constitution. By linking Hluttaws,



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than. PHOTO: MNA

the tasks can be performed in accord with principles, rules and regulations. Under section 12/A of the Constitution, legislative power of the State is empowered to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Region or State Hluttaws.

Under section 11/A of the Constitution, there are legislative power, executive power and judicial power. Executive and judicial powers are controlled by the Central Body whereas legislative power is free from the control of the Central Body. Constitution has the advantage. In other words, it can be said to be a typical federal type. Hence,

the Bill on Myanmar Parliament Union should not be promulgated beyond the constitutional section with great essence."

Major Zaw Win Oo, Tatmadaw Hluttaw Representative, said, "Four objectives described on the promulgation of Myanmar Parliament Union are of excellence. But it is necessary to take notice of potential effects due to the Letter of Law, invisible consequences and objectives. In the tenure of 1st Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Myanmar Parliament Union was formed under the notification of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. In the second tenure, MPU consisting of 18 members

was formed on 6<sup>th</sup> day meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> Pyidaungsu Hluttaw 1st regular session, and its meeting 2/2017 was held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017. As its routines are smoothly operating, Myanmar Parliament Union need not promulgate the present law. Now is the time for building the mutual trusts with all the national brethren by holding Union Peace Conference (21st Century Panglong) for gaining nationwide peace.

In building the federal democratic union as demanded by the national organisations, the Bill on Myanmar Hluttaw Assembly should not be promulgated." U Khin Maung Latt of constituency 3, Rakhine State, U Myint Naing of constituency 5 Rakhine State, U Soe Thein (a) U Maung Soe of constituency Taninthari Region, U Hla Oo of constituency 4 of Sagaing Region, U Soe Thein of constituency 9 Kayah State and Colonel Kyaw Kyaw, Tatmadaw Hluttaw representative took part in discussion. The 6<sup>th</sup> day meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> Amyotha Hluttaw 6<sup>th</sup> regular session will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> October, it was learnt.

# President and First Lady attend Thai King's royal cremation ceremony

U Htin Kyaw, the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and First Lady attended the cremation ceremony of Thailand's former king Bhumibol Adulyadej at Sanam Luang public square in Bangkok yesterday evening.

Kings and queens, presidents and leaders of government and special representatives from ASEAN and world nations attended the ceremony.

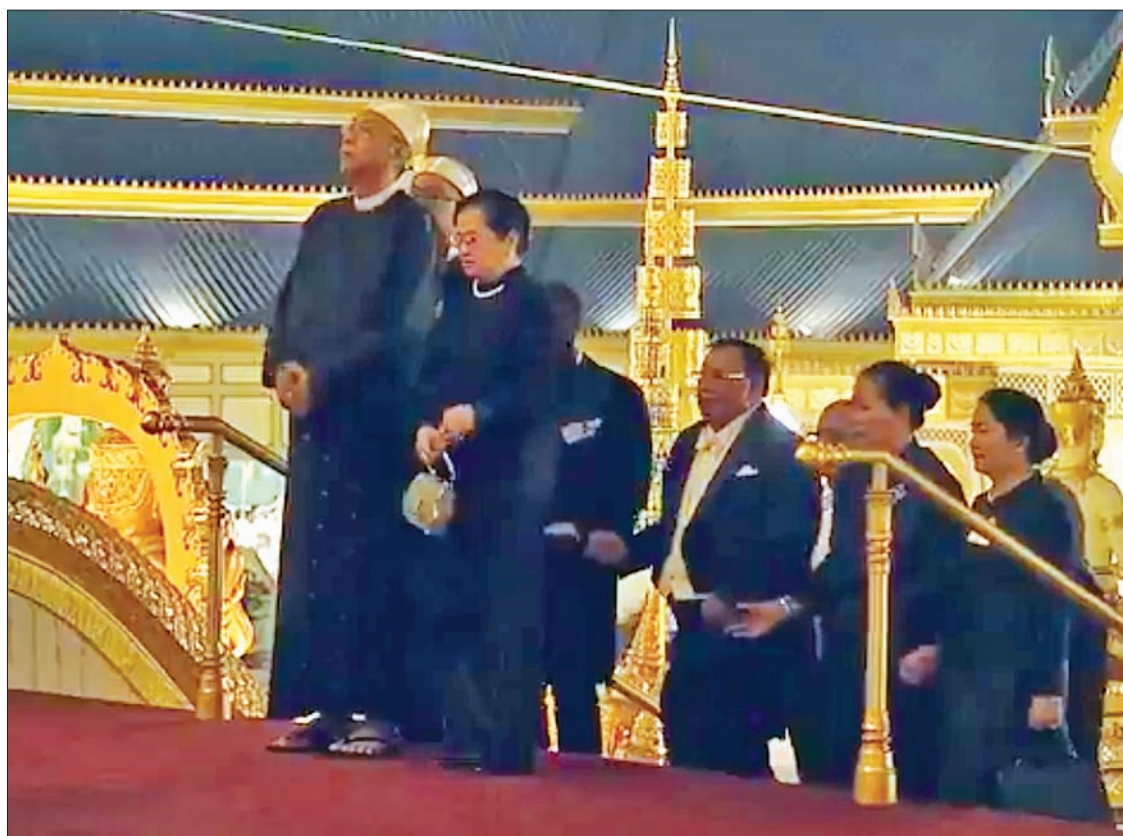
A delegation led by the President was welcomed by Thailand's government officials at the ceremony upon their arrival at Sanam Luang at 4:30pm., shortly before

the ceremony began at 5pm.

During the ceremony, the President and First Lady scattered sandalwood flowers at the royal cremation place of the former Thai King and visited the royal receptionist hall and greeted the new king of Thailand King Maha Vajiralongkorn and his family.

After the ceremony, the President and First Lady returned to the Okura Prestige Hotel, where they are staying during their official visit to Thailand.

Across Bangkok, thousands of Thais dressed in black prostrated themselves as the funer-



President U Htin Kyaw and First Lady Daw Su Su Lwin attend the cremation ceremony of Thailand's former king Bhumibol Adulyadej at Sanam Luang public square in Bangkok, Thailand. **PHOTO: MNA**

al urn for their revered former king who became the world's longest-reigning monarch was carried by chariot to his cremation pyre.

Strict regulations handed

out to reporters covering the event included a ban on long hair, earrings and moustaches for male journalists. "Unnatural hair colouring is not allowed," they said.

The symbolic service ends the official mourning period, a year in which government officials and many Thais have only worn black.—Myanmar News Agency■

## State Counsellor receives Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi welcomes German Ambassador Mrs. Dorothee Janetzke-Wenzel. **PHOTO: MNA**

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs received H.E. Mrs. Dorothee Janetzke-Wenzel, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 26 October 2017

at 10:00 am at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on matters related to the promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Germany.—Myanmar News Agency ■

## Officials from World Bank, UNRC and EU Commission Meet with Dr Win Myat Aye to Cooperate in UEHRD's Working Process

Ms. Ellen Goldstein, Director for Myanmar, Cambodia and Lao PDR, Ms. Renata Dessallien UN Residential Coordinator and H.E Mr Kristian Schmidt respectively called on Dr Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement at the May Kha Lar Hall of the Office of the Ministry yesterday morning.

In meeting with the director of WB, matters of WB's recommendations and means of giving subsidies in providing humanitarian aids in northern Rakhine State which has been

speeded up, the working process of UEHRD's enterprises to be implemented with the supports of aligned countries and organizations, especially based on public strength, tasks of providing subsidies to the aged under the strategic project of subsidizing the aged, programmes for supporting monetary aids to expectant mothers and newborn babies and children under 2 year-age were discussed more broadly.

While meeting with outgoing UN Residential Coordinator

Ms Renata Dessallien, matters concerning UEHRD's enterprises which have been speeded up, were frankly discussed.

And, Union Minister met with H.E. Mr Kristian Schmidt, discussing programmes on provision of contributions and other subsidies for UEHRD, up-gradation of providing humanitarian aids, help for education and health of conflict-affected locals, acceptance of victims and resettlement in systematic way and non-emergence of similar events in future.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Dr Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, holds talks with Ms. Renata Dessallien UN Residential Coordinator in Nay Pyi Taw on 26 October 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

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# Three endangered baby dolphins spotted in Ayeyawady River

By Aung Thant Khaing

Three baby Irrawaddy dolphins were discovered during a survey tour from 10th to 22nd October, according to the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS).

The team includes conservationists from the Department of Fisheries and WCS, who predict more baby dolphins will be discovered, said U Han Win, Assistant Director of the Department of Fisheries.

They found the first baby dolphin on the first day of the survey trip and spotted the next two on 16th and 17th October.

"They are thought to be born three months ago. As there are no baby dolphins deaths in the tour, more baby dolphins are expected to be discovered", U Han Win added. The first baby dolphin was swimming at the dolphin conservation area between Mandalay and Kyauk Myaung when the team spotted it and next two were discovered near lower Hteechant and upper Katha.



Three baby Irrawaddy dolphins seen in Ayeyawady River. **PHOTO: WCS**

Nearly 50 dolphins were found in this tour, and 69 dolphins were found in the survey trip in February.

"January and February is the best time to survey the dolphins as the river recedes. Many creeks appear when the river levels increase, therefore, the next survey will be made in

February, and then the survey about the population will be released soon after," he added.

Battery shock fishing is considered the main threat to fish and endangered dolphins in the river. Illegal fishing is decreasing because of stepped-up enforcement.

U Lay Maung, a local fish-

erman who said he can communicate with the dolphins to help in his fishing with them, said, "The increase in the number of dolphins is very good. For their conservation, we should not just rely on the Department of Fisheries. Villagers and fishermen are also obliged to involve in conservation of dolphins". ■

## Two five-storey buildings to be built at Shwepyitha Industrial Zone for industrial workers

By Ko Moe

TO accommodate workers, two five-storey buildings will be built in the Shwepyitha Industrial Zone, said U Ko Ko Lwin, the secretary 1 of Shwepyitha Industrial Zone Management Committee.

"We are preparing to construct two buildings for workers. We expect this construction will finish in a short time despite some difficulties", he continued.

There are a total of 120 rooms in the two buildings, with each room about 18 feet wide. Those buildings will be built on two acres, with the capital of businessmen at Shwepyitha Industrial Zone. The estimated cost of a building is around Ks700 to 800 million.

Workers can purchase a room with a guarantee from the employers, said U Ko Ko Lwin.



Five-storey buildings seen in the Shwepyitha Industrial Zone.

The factory owners are not allowed to resell the apartments except to other workers from the industrial zone.

Two buildings were constructed for the accommodation of industrial workers at Shwepyitha Industrial Zone two years ago. A room sold for Ks10 million then. Shwepyi-

tha Industrial Zone 1 has 300 acres of land and a labour force of nearly 13,000 workers. There are 173 factories engaged in food production, consumer product, construction, and other goods.

Shwelinpan Industrial Zone also has several five-storey buildings to accommodate

## Agro-Industry Park planned for Myaungmya Township

AGRO-Industry Park, which will include agro-based food chain enterprises, is planned for Myaungmya Township, according to yesterday's report in the Myawady Daily.

To implement this project, over 300 acres of vacant land will be leased. This project is slated to start within three years with investments of US\$20 to 30 million.

Myaungmya was chosen, officials said, because it is a centrally located township with good infrastructure, good transportation including a port, a sufficient supply of electricity and is a strategic point for agriculture.

Feedstuff processing factories, food manufacturing factories, rice mills, a rice vermicelli factory, a noodle factory, a factory which produces glucose from broken rice, a rice-husk power plant spending about US\$4 million and other factories and workshops will be set up in the park.—GNLM ■



A female farmer harvests paddy at a field in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

## Farmers receiving good price for rain paddy harvest due to foreign demand

By May Thet Hnin

WITH increasing demand from foreign trade partners, farmers are now getting a decent price for rice, according to the farmers.

During this time last year, 100 baskets of export quality rice fetched around Ks400,000, whereas this year's price reached over Ks500,000.

"At the early harvest period, 100-basket rice was offered up to Ks550,000. The farmers are doing well with a good price", said U Soe Tint, a farmer from Taikkyi Township.

"The rice is plentiful in the market and grain moisture content is pretty high, which

led to a decrease to Ks500,000", said U Than Nyunt, a farmer from Nyaungdon Township in Ayeyawady Region.

U Than Oo, secretary of the Bayintnaung commodity depot, said China is importing the rice in large quantities and offering a high price. Additionally, agreements have already been reached with Bangladesh and some African countries to purchase about 3 million rice bags from Myanmar. In addition, Chinese merchants come to Mandalay for direct purchase of paddy. "Total input from planting to harvesting including labour wages and fertilizer amounted to about Ks 200,000. So, the farmers will see a healthy profit

if they got the above said price," said farmers.

There was no significant damage and destruction due to flooding, unlike the previous years, resulting in average rice productivity. An acre yields 70 to 90 baskets depending on the variety of paddy. At present, the pulses market is in sharp decline. Mung bean growers switched to paddy for this winter's crop season on account of the good price, said growers.

About 2 million metric tons of rice is expected to be shipped to foreign countries this financial year. More than 1.6 million tons were shipped as of 6 October, according to statistics of Myanmar Rice Federation.

## Bilateral trade between Singapore and Myanmar valued at US\$1.26 billion in five months

BILATERAL trade between Singapore and Myanmar has reached US\$1.26 billion, with an estimated export value of \$222 million and an import value of over \$1 million.

Among regional countries, Singapore is in second place on the list of top bilateral traders after the neighbouring country of Thailand.

Fruits, vegetables, rice, green grams and other puls-

es, ginger, and flowers are exported to Singapore, while capital goods, raw industrial materials such as petroleum products, chemicals, and consumer products are imported into Myanmar.

Bilateral trade values were about \$2.96 billion in FY 2016-2017, \$3.69 billion in FY 2015-16, \$4.89 billion in FY 2014-2015, \$3.6 billion in FY 2013-2014, \$2.82 billion in FY 2012-2013 and \$3

billion in FY 2011-2012.

In addition, Singapore is the main investor with capital of US\$1.7 billion brought into the country as of the end of September in the current fiscal year, according to Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) statistics.

Since FY 1988-89, 265 projects from Singapore were approved by MIC with investments of about \$18.6 billion. -Mon Mon

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## Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker donates aid for Rakhine resettlement

A CEREMONY to donate money for resettlement in Rakhine was held yesterday afternoon at the Amyotha Hluttaw Hall, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than, who gave the donated cash.

The Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker handed over a total of Ks7.5 million, including Ks3.02 million under the title of "Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker's donation" and Ks4.48 million, the collective donations of one day's daily

allowance of 224 Hluttaw representatives to Dr Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and vice chairman of the UEHRD committee for humanitarian aid, resettlement and development of Rakhine State. The Union Minister gave back certificates of honour. Present at the ceremony were Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and officials from the Amyotha Hluttaw office. — Myanmar News Agency ■



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than hands over donated cash assistance for Rakhine resettlement to Dr Win Myat Aye. **PHOTO: MNA**



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint presents cash assistance for UEHRD to Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye in Nay Pyi Taw on 26 October 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Speaker U Win Myint presents cash for UEHRD

AN EVENT during which money was provided for the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine State (UEHRD) by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Win Myint was held in the guest room of the Pyithu Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaker U Win Myint pre-

sented Ks6.3 million to the UEHRD as the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker's donation and Ks8.7 million which was the collective donations of the daily allowance of 435 Hluttaw representatives, a total of Ks15 million.

The cash assistance was accepted by Dr Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettle-

ment and Vice Chairperson of UEHRD. Dr Win Myat Aye in turn presented certificates of honour.

Together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat and officials from the office of Pyithu Hluttaw attended the event. — Myanmar News Agency ■

## Pyithu Hluttaw deputy speaker receives Mr. Martyn Brown

U T KHUN MYAT, the Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and chairman of the Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) received Mr. Martyn Brown, Senior Editorial of Foundation Hirondelle in Myanmar at the Pyithu Hluttaw deputy speaker's office. Foundation Hirondelle is a Swiss non-profit organisation founded in 1995 whose aim is to provide impar-

tial information to populations faced with crisis.

During the meeting, they discussed the matter of cooperative works between the Myanmar Hluttaw and Foundation Hirondelle such as Hluttaw's technical sector development and Hluttaw supporting staff to cooperate with classes and workshops for the media sector. — Myanmar news Agency ■



Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U T Khun Myat holds talks with Senior Editorial of Foundation Hirondelle in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

## National verification process to be...

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The staff from the Rakhine State Immigration and Population Department issued National Verification cards to over 2,600 people from Shwe Zar (North) (West) and (Middle) villagers in mid-October.

The Union Government arranged a diplomatic trip to

the conflict areas in northern Rakhine on 10 October, taking steps to begin the national verification process and repatriation of refugees who fled to Bangladesh after the deadly terrorist attacks in August. Myanmar and Bangladesh held ministerial and official-level meetings on 24th October, reaching a 10-point

agreement including fighting illegal migration through borders.

The two sides also discussed the agreement between Myanmar and Bangladesh signed in 1992 and the four agreements between immigration official-level meetings between the two countries in 2000. — Myanmar News Agency

## Checks to be made concerning foreigners trespassing on gold mining sites

By Kyaw Htet

MEASURES are being taken to in the northern Pyin Oo Lwin district to ensure that unauthorised foreigners do not trespass onto gold mining sites, officials said yesterday.

"On-the-ground-checks will be made concerning foreigners settling down in gold mining plots of gold mining companies without official stay permits", said U Aung Moe Oo, the township administrator of Thabeikkyin Township, Mandalay Region.

Only if a foreigner holds a certificate of recommendation from the Government of the

Region will they be allowed to enter Mogok and Thabeikkyin Townships, U Aung Moe Oo said.

"Some gold mining companies had employed foreign experts and technicians, but being a restricted area, foreigners cannot go in and out of Thabeikkyin Township without getting permission. A committee was formed to check for any foreigners not to trespass the area to live there", U Aung Moe Oo added.

Under the instruction of the Government of the Region, township administrators are required to be appointed as the group leader with the township head

of the police station, head of the township labour, immigration and population and Thabeikkyin Township No. 2 mining industry in-charge as members.

"As for foreigners, they are to get permits to enter the restricted area. If found guilty of violating rules and regulations, legal actions will be taken against them under immigration law", said U Nyi Nyi Lwin, the deputy head of the township's labour, immigration and population department.

There had been 15 companies which employed foreign experts and professionals in the area, it was learnt. ■

# Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets UN Resident Coordinator

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received United Nations Resident Coordinator Ms. Renata Nicola Lok Dessallien at Bayint Naung reception hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they discussed the cooperative processes between Myanmar and the UN, the status of Myanmar's transitional stages and the UN's unbiased support for Myanmar.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with United Nations Resident Coordinator Ms. Renata Nicola Lok Dessallien in Nay Pyi Taw on 26 October 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

## U Lwin Oo appointed as Ambassador to Bangladesh

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Lwin Oo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Nepal, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.—MNA ■

## Thiri Pyanchi U Tun Nay Linn appointed as Ambassador to Nepal

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Thiri Pyanchi U Tun Nay Linn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Federative Republic of Brazil, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Nepal.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Authorities talk to Mro ethnic villagers. **PHOTO: NAING LIN KYI**

## Reconstruction of homes . . .

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The Rakhine State Minister for Electric Power, Industry and Transport U Aung Kyaw Zan said that the Government is undertaking resettlement, humanitarian assistance and regional development. Every state and region will provide help to show the meaning of Union and how it manifests national unity.

Afterwards, the Region Chief Minister and party drove a ceremonial stake into the ground where homes will be constructed.

The Thittonenargwa village tract is a resettling place where organised Mro ethnic villages of Khayuchaung, Myautkhaung-taung, Panchaung, Innchaung (low) villages and 86 homes from the village tract will be constructed. Each plot will measure 40x60 feet.

The Chief Minister and party then donated cash to the Sayadaw of Ywama monastery and the pastor from the Church of Jesus Christ in Kyeinchaung village.—Naing Lin Kyi, Thant Zin Win ■

## Anti-human trafficking action taken in Maungtaw, Rakhine State

OFFICERS and members of an anti-human trafficking unit in Maungtaw Township are performing anti-human trafficking activities in cooperation with respective security forces at the towns' entrances and express water vehicles ports in Maungtaw and Buthidaung townships.

The No.1 anti-human trafficking police are carrying out activities of pamphlet distribution and conducting educational talks at the junc-

tions, schools, IDP camps and villages. The specialised police unit is also linking with anti-human trafficking police from neighboring countries, said Inspector San Min from the No.1 anti-human trafficking police.

"As an activity of anti-human trafficking, information is inquired from the work places to the villages where violence happened, as traffickers can take advantage of victims in conflict areas by offering in-

centive money. Therefore, the elders and leaders of villages are contacted and educated not to let such kind of human trafficking happen", said inspector San Min. There was one human trafficking case recorded in 2011, 11 cases in 2015, three cases in 2016 and two cases in 2017. Most of the victims are men who are being smuggled into Myanmar, and sometimes to Bangladesh and China.—Thant Zin Win/ Naing Lin Kyi ■

## Consensus reached on half of 21 points proposed by signatories to NCA

By Ye Khaung Nyunt

WITH discussion over the 21 points proposed by the signatories to the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), the meeting on reviewing the NCA between the Union Government and ethnic armed groups ended yesterday in Yangon.

"We mainly discussed weaknesses in implementing the NCA. We exchanged views on moving forward for peace while working between the political dialogue and the ceasefire. Out of the 21 points we discussed, the majority are agreed upon by both sides," said U Zaw Htay, a representative of the Peace Commission.

"To overcome the challenges we face depends on the farsightedness of the leaders of both sides," said Yebaw Than Gae, a representative from the signatories to the NCA.



The Union Government and ethnic armed groups review Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement. **PHOTO: YE KHAUNG NYUNT**

"We believe that both sides are satisfied with the two-day meeting. Generally, both sides reached consensus on over half of the 21 points proposed by the ethnic armed groups, and exchanged views on the remain-

ing points," U Htun Htun Oo, the Union Attorney-General.

The outcomes of the meeting will be put forward to the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement Joint Implementation Coordination Meeting-JICM. ■

# No Alternative But to Negotiate

By Khin Maung Oo

The Ministerial Meeting on Border Security and Law Enforcement Cooperation between the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Ministry of Home Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh was held on October 24. The meeting resulted in agreements to make bilateral cooperation between both of the Ministries of Home Affairs.

The agreements include upgrading cooperation in bringing about rule of law and security in the border areas,

cooperating in fighting terrorism and opening border liaison offices in border areas, fighting illegal migration through the border areas and drug trafficking, and accepting systematically after careful scrutiny of those who fled Myanmar into Bangladesh in accord with rules and regulation. Much as there are many things left to be practically performed, we must welcome with open arms the attitude of cooperating through negotiations, which is an essentiality between friendly nations.

Mr. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, appointed a special envoy to

Myanmar to negotiate for finding ways for helping needy people scourged by extremist terrorists' attacks, contributing Can \$ 25 million, it was learnt. Though Canada is very far away from Myanmar, its contributions bring about the meaning of creating positive developments in the nation with long-lasting friendship. We warmly welcome this.

Simultaneously, Tatmadaw True News Information Team released the news that it would help humanitarian aids to be rightfully provided to needy people. But, Tatmadaw firmly believe that there may be risks of national

security and interest behind the situation of needing humanitarian aids. Global communities should, in fact, assess just by negotiation as to whether Tatmadaw's conception was true and reasonable. Yet, it was found that US took actions against Tatmadaw, in regard to Rakhine State Affair. Such an action will never result in any helps in dealing with Rakhine State Affair. What is needed to resolve the problem is to be well-convinced of actual situations of the region as well as to provide supports in every way, together with inter-negotiation. ■

# How can digital finance better serve Asia's poor?

By Shigehiro Shinozaki

**What benefits do Asia's poor and under-served communities stand to gain from digital finance inclusion? How can mobile money services be customised to make people's lives better? ADB's Shigehiro Shinozaki explores.**



A vendor texts on her phone while selling fruits in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

Of the over 2 billion unbanked adults in the world, about half live in developing Asia, where typically women and self-employed are excluded from the financial system.

Several countries have established national strategies for financial inclusion, including digital finance. India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, and the Philippines are promoting digital financial services in the broader context of access to finance for the poor.

McKinsey & Co. reports that over 700 million consumers now use digital banking regularly in Asia. Although it is still low penetration, the use of digital banking is rapidly increasing in developing Asia.

However, digital financial services have so far failed to justify their value addition to poor households and small businesses. This is caused by both supply-side and demand-side factors.

As part of my study, I conducted field research on the payment behavior of small businesses in the Philippines, interviewing low-income managers and shopkeepers in Metro Manila. All interviewees stressed that cash is most trusted for payments; they hesitate to use digital options such as card and mobile because they lack basic knowledge about those services.

There is some psychology behind this. Low-income people are likely to avoid new and unknown tools, as they fear they could lose the little money they have.

Marketing failure by digital financial services providers, my research confirmed, is another constraint. Some interviewees stressed that computer-generated marketing messages never resonate with them, and being cold-called makes them feel uncomfortable.

Poor households conduct mainly small transactions, and do so without using formal financial services, relying instead on informal ways to transact. They often feel that their income is so

unstable that they cannot prepare adequately for future life events that may require special payments. This leads them to a cash-based economy.

The Financial Diaries methodology, widely used in many countries, brought us a critical lesson to develop digital financial services for the poor. It is a research approach started in India, Bangladesh, and South Africa to track cash and non-cash monetary flows of poor households and helps understand their financial behaviors and usage patterns.

Findings from the Financial Diaries programs suggest that financial products must be adapted to respond better to real-life needs so more poor people are persuaded to use new financial tools like digital finance. In other words, we need to understand the poor customers, their real problems and needs, and show possible and concrete solutions to make their life better by using digital financial services.

Developing Asia's digital finance potential

The main reason that the potential of mobile money is not being fully realised should be also addressed. Among people with access to finance, only 1 per cent have a mobile money account, and another 1 per cent have both bank and mobile accounts. Half of the digital accounts of the banked are inactive, and half of the active accounts are empty.

Why is this happening? Digital accounts are often not used as a store of value for future payments of school fees, weddings, or funeral expenses, but rather as a pass-through for immediate payments.

Many people don't understand the concept of stored value, and tend to regard savings as simply unspent money. Moreover, cash is accepted and trusted while digital money is not. This is much evident in poor households in developing Asia.

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MYANMAR GAZETTE

## Confirmation of Appointment of Head of Service Organization

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of Daw Tin Tin Ohn, Director-General, Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Myanmar under the Ministry of Planning and Finance upon expiry of the one-year probationary period from the date she assumes charge of her duties.—MNA

## Development of Myanmar Films World discussed

A "Discussion on the current difficulties to develop Myanmar Films World" by the Myanmar Motion Picture Association under the arrangement of Amyotha Hluttaw's Pledges, Guarantees and Undertakings Vetting Committee was held at Hall J of the Amyotha Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the discussion, the Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye Tha Aung

gave a welcoming speech. U Zin Wyne, Chairman of the Myanmar Motion Picture Association and responsible personnel presented matters on Myanmar Films World followed by the questions of Hluttaw representatives.

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw Mahn Win Khaing Than, Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung and hluttaw representatives attended the event. — Myanmar News Agency ■



Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye Tha Aung delivers a welcoming speech at the discussion on the current difficulties to develop Myanmar Films World in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**



The Investment Competitiveness Forum is being held in Vienna, Austria on 26 October, 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Myanmar receives World Bank's Star Reformer Award

MYANMAR's success in creating a more investment friendly environment has been recognized with the Government of Myanmar receiving the Star Reformers Award at the Investment Competitiveness Forum in Vienna, Austria.

The Award, presented by the World Bank Group to the Myanmar Government, was accepted by U Aung Naing Oo, Director General of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

The Star Reformers Award was judged on international indicators which have captured

reforms undertaken by the Government to implement transformational Investment Policy and Promotion reforms representing a significant shift in the development path of the country; improving the ease of undertaking business, and maximizing potential benefits of foreign direct investment and its spillover effects on domestic economy.

U Aung Naing Oo participated in a panel discussion on "how to operationalise the Investment Reformers Network" – a network of developing countries which received the World Bank-sponsored Awards.

The World Bank Group granted three types of award – the Star Reformers Award, Strong Reformers Award and Aspiring Reformers Award of which the Star Reformers Award is the highest category. This year Myanmar and Ethiopia were awarded the Star Reformers Award.

U Aung Naing Oo was interviewed by the media after accepting the Star Reformers Award.

The Investment Competitiveness Forum is being held on 25-27 October, 2017.—Myanmar News Agency ■

## How can digital finance better serve Asia's poor?

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Mobile money has the big potential to improve the daily lives of the poor, as proved by the most successful story of M-Pesa in Kenya. Mobile money allows the poor to make low-cost, fast, safe, and easy transactions without going to physical branches, and encourages a cashless society. To promote mobile money for the poor, service providers need to justify the benefits advertised.

A 2017 report by business intelligence firm GSMA indicated that mobile adoption has been rising in Asia-Pacific. Mobile subscribers numbered 2.7 billion

in 2016 and estimated reaching 3.1 billion by 2020 in the region, which is three quarters of the population.

The trend is led by the People's Republic of China and India, but South-east Asian countries such as Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, and the Philippines have also shown high a smartphone adoption ratio, over 50 per cent. This is justified by looking at poor households in the Philippines.

ADB staff members recently visited poor communities living in Kasiglahan, on the outskirts of Metro Manila. We spoke to a family that earns about

Php500-600 (\$10-12) per day, working 10 to 15 days per month, and supporting three children.

The parents lack a bank account and don't borrow informally, but have small savings in a box. Their living condition is among daily survival but they have a smartphone and a tablet, which the children use to complete their school homework.

Since they can't afford to buy books, the kids study online because the community has a basic internet connection. They pay Php7 per week to a neighbor to use internet. This suggests the huge

potential of delivering digital financial services to the poor.

Now I'm wondering if digital finance is a pipe dream for the extremely poor, since their primary concern is daily survival. Maybe it isn't. Given the high mobile penetration rate in some developing Asian countries, data connectivity can unlock digital financial services for those who have almost nothing.

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## 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](mailto: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

## Union Minister receives Literature Conference committee members, UN coordinator

UNION Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint received U Aung Soe Oo, Chairman of the Literature Conference 2017 organising committee and party at the guest room of the ministry yesterday.

Committee members announced at the meeting that the 2017 literature conference will open on 12 December. A panel discussion will be held at the Myanmar Convention Center in Yangon on 13, 14 and 15 December from 9am to 5pm, and representatives from 11 literary organisations and writers and groups will participate in the discussion. Results of the discussion will be assessed from the decision of attendees after submitting votes at the literature conference of 16 December. A book fair, art shows, puzzle contests, and literary talks

will be held in front of Yangon City Hall starting at 4pm from 8 to 12 December to promote the literature conference.

Those who would like to attend the literature conference can contact the Literature Conference organising committee's office at Yangon Book Plaza or call 09-425029559 or email sarpaynyilarkhan2017@gmail.com.

The Union Minister for Information also separately received Ms. Renata Dessallien, the UN Resident Coordinator in Myanmar at the ministry yesterday at 2pm. During the meeting, matters on works implemented for development in Rakhine State and news to explain fully to all people about the development works were discussed. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint (5th from Right) and officials pose for photo together with members of the Literature Conference-2017 Committee's members. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Veterinary treatment given to abandoned cattle in Maungtau

PREVENTION of infectious diseases to cattle was carried out in the surrounding villages of Pantawpyin camp, Maungtau Township yesterday, according to the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in Rakhine State.

Township veterinary teams gave medical care to seven cattle and 11 goats from a nearby village of Pantawpyin animal camp, four cattle and five goats

from villages near the Khone-tine camp, and nine cattle and 14 goats from surrounding villages in Ngakhura camp - a total of 20 cattle and 30 goats from nearby villages of the three animal camps.

A total of 172 cattle and 476 goats are receiving medical treatment at the animal camps. Educational brochures were also distributed to local villagers. —Myanmar News Agency ■



A veterinary gives medical care to a goat. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Yangon-bound MNA flight makes emergency landing

FLIGHT MNA UB 206, bound for Yangon from Sittway at 7:15 pm yesterday, made an emergency landing at Sittway airport at 7:55 pm due to airflow into the pilot's cabin. No one onboard

was harmed, according to airport authorities.

After necessary repairs, the airplane left for Yangon at 9 pm, according to the authorities. Out of 97 local and out-

bound passengers including the pilot, 34 travelers declined to proceed to Yangon of their own accord, instead staying at the Sittway airport. — Tin Tun (IPRD) ■

## 20% tourist increase expected in Mandalay

TOURISTS visiting Mandalay are expected to increase to about 400,000, over 20 per cent more than the previously forecast rate, according to U San Yu, assistant head of the department of hotels and tourism.

"According to the lists of previous months, an increase in tourists is being seen more this year than last year. Therefore, the forecast rate, over a 20 per cent increase, is sure at the end of the year. Almost every foreign tourist visits Mandalay as it is a must-visit culture zone in Myanmar" U San Yu added.

A total of 385,031 tourists visited Mandalay in 2016. During the months of January to August of this year, a total of 301,803 tourists already visited Mandalay. Therefore, the forecasted number of over 400,000 are sure to visit this year in the remaining four months of this year. September to December are the high tour season months. "In September, via Mandalay International Airport, over 20,000 foreign tourists holding various visas



Tourists visit Kuthodaw Pagoda in Mandalay. **PHOTO: MNA**

visited Mandalay. Most of the tourists are from China and tourists from France, America and Thailand also visited", said an official from the department of immigration and national registration. In the Mandalay Region, there are 198 hotels with 8,111 rooms. Foreign tourists mostly visited downtown Mandalay, Amarapura, Innwa, Mingyun and Bagan, NyaungU.

According to the lists, a total 385,031 tourists visited Mandalay in 2016 with the fol-

lowing monthly rates -- 40,533 in January, 39,150 in February, 38,384 in March, 20,262 in April, 21,080 in May, 17,988 in June, 23,748 in July, 26,228 in August, 23,131 in September, 52,357 in October, 52,375 in November and 47,945 in December. The number of tourists who visited in January was 53,051 -- 55,482 in February, 45,592 in March, 27,496 in April, 27,076 in May, 27,365 in June, 32,432 in July and 33,309 in August are the monthly lists for this year, 2017. —Aung Thant Khaing ■

# Israel willing to resort to military action to stop Iran acquiring nuclear weapons: minister

TOKYO — Israel is willing to resort to military action to ensure Iran never acquires nuclear weapons, the intelligence minister said on Thursday in Japan where he is seeking backing for US President Donald Trump's tougher line on Tehran.

Trump said on 13 October he would not certify Iran is complying with an agreement on curtailing its nuclear program, signed by his predecessor, Barack Obama, opening a 60-day window for Congress to act to reimpose sanctions.

"If international efforts led these days by US President Trump don't help stop Iran attaining nuclear capabilities, Israel will act militarily by itself," Intelligence Minister Israel Katz said in an interview in Tokyo. "There are changes that can be made (to the agreement) to ensure that they will never have the ability to have a nuclear weapon."

Israel has taken unilateral action in the past without the consent of its major ally, the United States, including air



strikes on a suspected nuclear reactor in Syria in 2007 and in Iraq in 1981. A strike against Iran, however, would be a risky venture with the potential to provoke a counter strike and roil financial markets.

An Israeli threat of military strikes could, nonetheless, galvanize support in the United States for toughening up

the nuclear agreement but it could also backfire by encouraging hardliners in Iran and widening a rift between Washington and European allies.

So far, none of the other signatories to the deal — Britain, France, Germany, Russia, China, Iran and the European Union — has cited serious concerns, leaving the

United States isolated.

Japan relies on the US military to help defend it against threats from North Korea and elsewhere. Tokyo's diplomatic strategy in the Middle East, where it buys almost all its oil, is to maintain friendly relations with all countries, including Iran.

"I asked the Japanese government to support

steps led by President Trump to change the nuclear agreement," said Katz, who is a member of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's right-wing Likud party. "The question of whether Japanese companies will begin to work in Iran or not is a very important question."

Katz's visit to Tokyo comes ahead of a planned

trip by Trump from 5 November for a summit with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Officials at Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs were not immediately available to comment.

Israel, Katz said, wants the nuclear agreement to be revised to remove an expiration date, and to impose tighter conditions to stop Tehran from developing new centrifuges used to make weapons-grade nuclear material.

He also urged sanctions to stop Iran from establishing Syria as a military base to launch attacks on Israel and action to put a halt to Tehran's development of ballistic missiles.

"We will not allow Iran to transform Syria into forward base sea harbors, air bases and Shia militias," he said. "We will act together with the United States and other countries in the world until they stop the ballistic missiles that threaten Israel." The US House of Representatives on Wednesday backed new sanctions on Lebanon's Iran-backed Hezbollah militia.—Reuters ■

## Iraqi PM Abadi demands Kurds cancel secession bid as price for talks

BAGHDAD — Iraq's prime minister demanded on Thursday that Kurds declare their independence referendum void, rejecting the Kurdish autonomous region's offer to suspend its independence push to resolve a crisis through talks.

"We won't accept anything but its cancellation and the respect of the Constitution," Haider al-Abadi said in a statement during a visit to Tehran.

The Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) proposed on Wednesday an immediate ceasefire, a suspension of the referendum result and "starting an open dialogue with the federal government based

on the Iraqi Constitution".

The Kurds have been swiftly making concessions to Baghdad since last week, when Abadi sent his forces to seize all Kurdish-held territory outside of three autonomous provinces.

A startlingly rapid advance by government troops transformed the balance of power in northern Iraq within a matter of days and has wrecked decades-old dreams of Kurdish independence that had come to a head last month with a referendum on secession.

Baghdad has always considered the Kurdish secession referendum illegal. Abadi's visit to Iran

on Thursday follows a trip to Turkey on Wednesday, a diplomatic offensive that has shored up support from Iraq's neighbours for his hard line.

Turkey's foreign minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said on Thursday the Kurdish offer to suspend the push for independence was a step in the right direction but did not go far enough.

Abadi has ordered his army to recapture all disputed territory and has demanded central control of Iraq's border crossings with Turkey, including the oil export pipeline hub at Fish-Khabur, located just inside the Kurdish autonomous region.—Reuters ■

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# International crews performing flights during Russian-Indian drills for first time

VLADIVOSTOK — For the first time in the history of Russia's aerospace forces, Russian and Indian pilots perform flights in mixed international crews during the Indra-2017 military exercises in Russia's Far Eastern Primorye Territory, spokesman for the Russian Pacific Navy Nikolai Voskresensky said on Thursday.

"For the first time in the history of the Russian aerospace forces, mixed

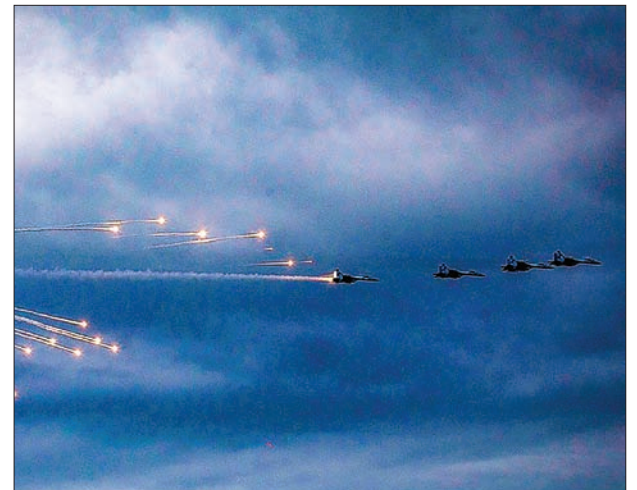
international crews, with Indian second pilots, perform flights onboard Russian aircraft at the Central Uglovaya airfield near Vladivostok as part of the Russian-Indian multi-service force drills Indra-2017. All foreign pilots have experience of piloting similar aircraft used by the Indian air force," he said.

Mixed crew use Su-30M2 and An-26 planes, and Mi-8AMTSh helicopters. About ten joint

crews have already performed reconnaissance flights, took part in the landing of tactical airborne force to Sergeyevsky range and hit targets simulating the maneuver enemy's weapon emplacements.

"Today, international crew acted in the interests of the Russian Pacific Fleet's and Indian Navy's warships drilling their skills in the Peter the Great Bay," Voskresensky said.

This year, the Russian-Indian maneuvers will for the first time be held in the multi-service force format. Instead of the drills Indra Navy-2016, Avia Indra-2016 and Indra-2016 held last year, maneuvers with the participation of three military branches will be held this year with the involvement of the Pacific Fleet and also aviation and land troops units of Russia's Eastern Military District.—Tass ■



Mixed crew use Su-30M2 and An-26 planes, and Mi-8AMTSh helicopters. PHOTO: TASS

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## UK government faces legal challenge to its alliance with N Irish party

LONDON — A legal challenge began in a London court on Thursday against the deal between Britain's ruling Conservatives and a Northern Ireland party that allowed the government to cobble together a parliamentary majority in June.

After losing their majority in a disastrous snap election on 8 June, Prime Minister Theresa May's Conservatives secured support from the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) in return for a pledge to spend an extra 1 billion pounds in Northern Ireland. The crowdfunded legal challenge, brought by a Northern Irish citizen, is based on the argument that the deal was corrupt because it amounted to using public money to buy votes.

"We say the Conservative Party purchased the political support of the DUP for the sum of 1 billion pounds," Dominic Chambers, a lawyer representing the challenger, told the High Court.

The government rejects the argument and was due to present its side later in the hearing.

The challenge was launched by Ciaran McClean, a mental health worker and Green Par-

ty member, who raised 92,000 pounds (\$121,600) on a crowdfunding website.

McClean wrote on his fundraising page that he was horrified by the Conservative-DUP deal.

"It's straight bribery — money for votes," he wrote. McClean wrote that the agreement violated Northern Ireland's 1998 Good Friday peace agreement which requires the UK government to be impartial between unionists who want the province to remain part of the UK and republicans who aspire to become part of Ireland.

Northern Ireland's semi-autonomous institutions have been paralysed since January because of the collapse of a power-sharing agreement between the DUP and Sinn Fein, the largest republican party.

May, who replaced David Cameron as prime minister after the Brexit referendum in June 2016, inherited a narrow parliamentary majority from him. In April 2017, with opinion polls suggesting she had a double-digit lead over the opposition Labour Party, she called a snap election, hoping to increase her majority. —Reuters ■

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# Thousands turn out to see lavish funeral of Thailand's late king

BANGKOK — Thousands of people turned out in Bangkok to watch the funeral procession of Thailand's late King Bhumibol Adulyadej on Thursday, with buildings draped in yellow marigolds and mourners lining the streets on the eve of his cremation.

Mourners dressed in black slept overnight on thin plastic mats on pavements near the Grand Palace in the Thai capital in order to secure a good view of the procession, which was expected to begin at 7 am (1200 GMT).

The king's cremation will feature ancient rites and a series of processions winding from the Grand Palace in Bangkok's historic quarter to the 50-metre (165-foot) high Royal Crematorium that has been erected in a square near



The Great Victory Chariot carrying the urn with the body of late King Bhumibol Adulyadej is pulled during his funeral procession on the way to the Royal Cremation Ceremony in front of the Grand Palace in Bangkok, Thailand on 26 October, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

the palace. His body will be pulled from the Grand Palace to the cremation site on a golden chariot. A sum of \$90 million has been set aside for the funeral, the likes of which has never been seen in Thailand,

officials in preparations have said.

King Bhumibol, also known as King Rama IX, died last October aged 88 after ruling for seven decades. He played a pivotal role in maintaining stabil-

ity during years of political upheaval and rapid development.

Piyamat Potsopho, 38, said she had been waiting for the king's funeral procession since Wednesday night. "I was very fortunate

to have been born under the reign of King Rama IX," she said.

Another Bangkok resident, Suchinda Samparp, 67, said: "It's so hard to describe the dedication I've seen, how people have come out to help each other and how the late king has inspired this."

Analysts say the king's death has left a large vacuum in the Thai psyche.

Thailand has observed a year of mourning for King Bhumibol and radio and television stations have played songs dedicated to the monarch almost non-stop since his death.

The songs urge Thais to follow in "father's footsteps".

King Bhumibol is often referred to as "father" by Thais and is credited with reviving the popularity of the monarchy in

Thailand.

Days of heavy rain failed to deter mourners, many of whom pitched tents in order to gain the best access to the funeral.

Many businesses around the Southeast Asian nation were shut, while Bangkok's old quarter was draped in floral garlands made of marigolds early. Some government buildings placed potted yellow marigolds around portraits of the late king.

King Bhumibol was born on a Monday, a day which Thais associate with the colour yellow.

Thai Buddhists traditionally keep the bodies of their dead for seven days before a cremation. Funerals of Thai royals, however, have historically taken place months after death.—Reuters ■

## Indonesia fireworks factory explosions kill 47, injure dozens — police

KOSAMBI, Indonesia — Two explosions and a fire at a fireworks factory in the western outskirts of Indonesia's capital killed 47 people and injured dozens on Thursday, police said, and the death toll was expected to rise.

Thick plumes of dark smoke billowed from a factory warehouse in the Tangerang district of Jakarta, an industrial and manufacturing hub on the island of Java, TV broadcasts showed.

Hours later the burn-out factory was still smouldering and there was a strong smell of burning plastic and chemicals.

Witnesses said there were two explosions, one at around 10 am (0300 GMT) and another about three hours later; both of which could be heard miles away, media reports said.

A grisly video of the scene inside the warehouse, which was widely shared on social media, showed onlookers counting badly charred bodies.

"From the manifest



Indonesian police officers check dead bodies after an explosion at a fireworks factory at Kosambi village in Tangerang, Banten province, Indonesia on 26 October, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

we obtained, there were 103 workers. Of those 103 workers ... there were 46 who were injured," Jakarta police spokesman Argo Yuwono told Metro Television. "We also found some who had died. There are 47 bodies."

An official had earlier put the death toll at 30.

Yuwono said 10 people on the manifest who were not accounted for may have left with light injuries

or not been working at the time of the blasts.

The online video and media images of the PT Panca Buana Cahaya Sukses warehouse showed smouldering ash and debris, with the roof missing in some parts.

A search and rescue official, Deden Nurjaman, said bodies were still inside and he expected the death toll to climb. "People were burned so badly you

couldn't see their faces... It was really bad," said Nurjaman. Industrial safety standards in Indonesia are often low and rules poorly enforced. There have been a series of major fires this year, including one that engulfed one of Jakarta's main markets.

At the scene of Thursday's disaster, the grass was scorched in an area around 10 metres from the site.—Reuters ■

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## George Clooney rebukes racism in backdrop of thriller 'Suburbicon'

LOS ANGELES — As one of Hollywood's most famous celebrities, George Clooney is not afraid to use his platform to speak up on issues close to him, but do not expect the actor to enter the political arena anytime soon.

"I've always been around and involved in politics and believe that we all have to participate one way or another. But no, I'm not going to get into it," Clooney told Reuters.

"I don't have to answer to any one person. I don't have to make compromises, I can point the finger at whomever I think needs to be pointed out," he added.

In his latest film "Suburbicon," Clooney directs a darkly humorous 1950s crime tale in which he points the finger squarely at the racial tensions in present-day America with



Director George Clooney (R) and cast members Matt Damon and Julianne Moore pose for a portrait while promoting the movie "Suburbicon" in Los Angeles, California, US on 22 October, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

a story about a black family moving into an affluent white suburban neighbourhood as the backdrop.

"I think we should constant-

ly be talking about whether or not building walls and scapegoating of minorities is how we want to be represented," Clooney said.

"I think the best way to do that is to remind ourselves that this is something that we do, that we've been doing probably since the beginning of our country and that we have to constantly litigate it," he added.

"Suburbicon," out in US theatres on Friday, follows Gardner Lodge (Matt Damon) in the aftermath of a terrifying break-in at his suburban home, which results in the suspicious death of his wife.

As the investigation into the tragedy deepens, Gardner and his wife's twin sister Maggie (Julianne Moore) find themselves in a situation quickly escalating beyond their control.

"This was probably the darkest role I've ever had a chance to play, which is very liberating," Damon said.

Clooney said that while there are "people much bet-

ter qualified to tell the story of African-Americans in mid-20<sup>th</sup> century suburbia," he wanted to use the story of the Mayers family — based on a real black family that moved into the all-white suburb of Levittown, Pennsylvania in 1957 — to shine a light on the absurdity of racism.

In numerous scenes, the white inhabitants of the town say that while they do not want African-Americans to be oppressed, they do not want black families in their neighbourhood.

"The pinnacle of white privilege is my character driving around the neighbourhood on a bicycle covered in blood murdering people and nobody's looking at him because they're all focussed on the Mayers family and blaming them for all their problems," Damon said. —Reuters ■

## Thor finds his funny side as apocalypse nears in 'Ragnarok'

LOS ANGELES — The end of the world is nigh, and Marvel's brawny superhero Thor finds himself hammerless and held hostage on a kitsch futuristic planet light years away from his home, in a sequel that revamps the slightly dim-witted Norse god with irreverent humour.

"Thor: Ragnarok," the third installment of Marvel's standalone "Thor" film franchise, sees Chris Hemsworth reprise his role as the superhero and places Thor well outside of his comfort zone, relying on others to help him save the world.

"I was a bit sick of the Thor I'd created," Chris Hemsworth told Reuters.

"I think that I have an obligation to change it up, you know, and give people something different, something new," he added.

"Ragnarok," in international theatres this week and on Nov. 3 in North America, opens with Thor hanging from a dungeon ceiling in a cave talking to a skeleton, and as things only get more bizarre, Hemsworth showcases his comedic timing with off-the-cuff jokes.

"He's literally playing himself," director Taika Waititi said. "You look at Chris, he looks like Thor weirdly, and he's funny,

charming, beautiful guy, lovely guy and loves hammers ... he is that character."

After reuniting with his mischievous and devious brother Loki, Thor discovers they have a sister, the formidable Hela (Cate Blanchett), who has her eyes on destroying his celestial home of Asgard.

Thor loses his magic power-wielding hammer and is cast away by his sister to an unknown futuristic planet and held hostage by an eccentric Grandmaster (Jeff Goldblum), forced to fight his fellow Avenger, the Hulk. "Ragnarok," part of Walt Disney Co's Marvel film

franchise, is by far the biggest production for New Zealand director Waititi, who previously wrote and directed small, independent fare such as 2010's "Boy" and 2016's "Hunt For the Wilderpeople."

But the comedy in "Ragnarok" is very much a trademark of Waititi, who likes to find comedy often by placing unlikely characters in mundane settings, such as vampires sharing an apartment in 2014's cult hit "What We Do in the Shadows." Waititi said in fact that the vampire mockumentary may be remade into an American TV series.—Reuters ■



Chris Hemsworth. **PHOTO: REUTERS**



Musician Eminem attends the premiere of "Southpaw" in New York on 20 July, 2015. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

## US rapper Eminem wins copyright case against NZ political ads

SYDNEY — A New Zealand political party has been ordered to pay more than \$400,000 to US rapper Eminem for using music similar to his 2002 hit "Lose Yourself" in a television commercial to help win a national election. The track, played during the National Party's successful 2014 election campaign and titled "Eminem Esque", was found by a New Zealand court to have "substantially copied" Lose Yourself.

The National Party used the song 186 times during the campaign before taking the ad off the air, the court said.

"This decision is a warning to sound-alike music producers and their clients everywhere," Adam Simpson, director of

Simpsons Solicitors, who acted for Eminem's music company, Eight Mile Style, said in a statement. The National Party said the music was licensed with one of New Zealand's main industry copyright bodies, the Australasian Mechanical Copyright Owners Society (AMCOS).

"Being licensed and available for purchase, and having taken advice from our suppliers, the party believed the purchase was legal," National Party President Peter Goodfellow said in a statement.

"The party is now considering the implications of the judgment and the next steps. We already have a claim against the suppliers and licensors of the track."—Reuters ■

## Butter shortfall leaves French croissants half-baked

PARIS — France is running short of butter, with some supermarket shelves sitting empty and the price of croissants on the rise, creating a headache for the government just as it tries to make the food chain fairer for farmers.

The shortage is the result of falling milk production and rising butter demand globally, with consumer attitudes toward the spread, once shunned as unhealthy, turning more positive.

As a consequence France has been caught short. Soaring prices and reduced dairy supplies have put strain on producers and food businesses, with some halting deliveries and considering passing higher costs onto retailers and shoppers. Makers of baked goods like croissants, in which butter makes up around a quar-

ter of the content, have been grappling with a doubling of butter prices in the past year to record levels above 6 euros (\$7.05) a kilo.

Speaking in his traditional bakery in Paris, Samir Kichou said he had not yet increased his prices because of extra butter costs but may have to soon.

"Because the year-end holidays are approaching, with Christmas preparations and particularly the 'Galette des Rois' cake which needs a lot of butter, if there is not a significant decline, we will be forced to pass on the price rise," he said.

A customer shops in front of empty shelves in the butter section, due to a drop in milk production, at a supermarket in Nice, France on 23 October, 2017. —Reuters ■

## Note with Einstein's theory on life auctioned for \$1.3 million

JERUSALEM — Strapped for cash in a Tokyo hotel, Albert Einstein wrote his take on life on a note and handed it to the bell-boy instead of a tip. The physicist's formula for happy living fetched \$1.3 million (£990,424) on Tuesday, a Jerusalem auction house said.

In 1922, Einstein was en route to Japan when the announcement came he would be awarded the 1921 Nobel prize in physics, Winner's Auctions and Exhibitions said.

Upon his arrival in Tokyo, he holed up in his hotel room trying to put his thoughts to paper.

When an attendant came to his room to make a delivery, Einstein found himself without any money for a tip.

Instead, he handed him

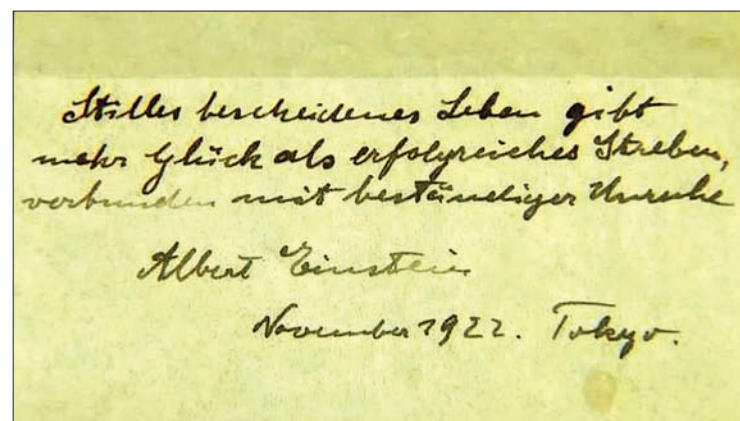


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a signed note with one sentence, written in German: "A calm and humble life will bring more happiness than the pursuit of success and the constant restlessness that comes with it." According to the auction house, Einstein advised the bell-boy to keep the note, saying that

some day its value will surpass the amount of a standard tip. Almost a 100 years later, Einstein was proven right after the bell-boy's nephew contacted the auction house to put the note up for sale. The identity of the online buyer has not been revealed. —Reuters ■

## US Halloween princesses make way for Wonder Woman, pink 'pussyhats'

NEW YORK — This Halloween, expect to open the door to more pink pussyhats and fewer princesses.

Months after the historic women's march on Washington and in the midst of the "#MeToo" sexual harassment outcry, Halloween 2017 is becoming yet another platform in the United States for women and girls to show strength.

This year's most-searched Halloween costume is Wonder Woman, according to Google's Frightgeist search tool.

Star Wars heroine Rey, the self-reliant young woman who shines as a survivor against all odds, is among the film series' characters who rank in the top 10 children's costumes for 2017, according to the National Retail Federation.

And, makers of homemade costumes this year are getting online tips for re-purposing pink "pussyhats." They were worn by many of the hundreds of thousands of women who took part in marches in Washington and other US cities on 21 January, the day after Donald Trump's inauguration as president, to denounce his years-ago boast about grabbing women's genitals.

"The year or more of sexual harassment scandals has shifted people's thinking about what



Abby, 9, poses in her Halloween costume as Star Wars' heroine Rey, faces off with her brother William, in Maplewood, New Jersey, US October 23, 2017. Picture taken October 23, 2017. PHOTO:REUTERS

they want to become on Halloween," said Barnard College Psychology Professor Tovah Klein.

"Costumes empower children — as in 'I can be strong, I can be invincible, I can fight for justice.' And right now, with Wonder Woman and other characters, girls are embracing this strong side," Klein said.

Raising her light saber, 9-year-old Abby of Maplewood, New Jersey, demonstrated her

warrior stance dressed as Rey, a steel-colored cloth crossed over her chest, with pants to match her tunic.

"I feel more brave when I'm Rey," said Abby, a fourth-grader who has celebrated Halloweens past by dressing up as princesses.

"I like Rey more than princesses. She's very tough. She's fighting. She's helping a lot of other people survive," said Abby,

whose parents asked that her last name be withheld for privacy.

More than 179 million people in the United States will celebrate Halloween 2017, spending a record high of \$9.1 billion, with the largest outlay on costumes, the retail federation said.

To be sure, feminist-fueled Halloween costumes are nothing new. But this year, they carry

a special resonance.

Trump's brag about assaulting women, which he later called "locker room talk," was made public when a 2005 video surfaced during his 2016 presidential campaign. A year later, sexual abuse allegations against movie mogul Harvey Weinstein sparked the "#MeToo" movement. Weinstein has denied having non-consensual sex with anyone.

"Strong feminist ideals, girl power, political movements" are pushing Wonder Woman to the 2017 top costume purchase for girls, said AnnaMarie McConnell, vice president of product and brand development at Ricky's NYC, a beauty supply store that features Halloween costumes. In Sheridan, Wyoming, Jennie Way said her daughter Marley, 4, chose to dress up as Wonder Woman and daughter Vivian, 8, as Robin, a sidekick to Bat Girl, portrayed by their grandmother Deb Johnson.

"It's about how we picture ourselves and how we picture other women," said Way, 41, a married nursing student.

"If we see ourselves as strong, and if we see our mothers and our friends as strong enough to help us and to help carry us, then that makes the conversation move forward," she said. —Reuters ■

# Late goals by Cambodia lead to Myanmar defeat

Kyaw Zin Lin

IN a qualifier of 2018 AFC U19 Championship, Myanmar lost to host Cambodia 2-3 due to last-minute goals from Cambodian strikers at the national Olympic Stadium in Cambodia yesterday.

Myanmar lined up with keeper Htet Wai Yan Moe, Than Htike Zin, Captain Soe Moe Kyaw, Si Thu Moe Khant, Lwin Moe Aung, Win Naing Tun, Myat Kaung Khant, Hein Htet Aung, Pyae Sone Naing, Naing Ko Ko and Aung Wunna Soe.

Myanmar dominated the first half and scored the opener in the 33<sup>rd</sup> minute when forward Hein Htet Aung scored off a goalmouth scramble.

Myanmar's Lwin Moe Aung scored in the 35<sup>th</sup> minute to claim his second goal

of the qualifiers.

The Cambodians were much better in the second half, reducing the deficit in the 59th minute courtesy of forward Sin Kakada, who floated in a free kick from just outside the box to leave keeper Htet Wai Yan Soe with no chance at making a save.

Cambodia star Kakada then repeated his feat in the 90th minute, scoring his second goal of the match.

With three minutes of time added, striker San Kimheng tapped in a close-range shot for the winning goal for Cambodia, with the match ending soon after the goal.

The loss caused much consternation for the Myanmar crowd, upset for their team to have lost after dominating the first half with solid ball possession. ■



Players from Cambodia and Myanmar vie for the ball in yesterday's match at the national Olympic Stadium in Cambodia. **PHOTO:AFC**

## Good start for Myanmar in 2017 AFF Futsal Championship

KyawZin Lin

IN the opening match of the 2017 AFF Futsal Championship, Myanmar earned a big win over Brunei by a score of 13-0 in Group A competition yesterday, and showed the crowd at Phu Tho Stadium in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam that they came to play.

The win for Myanmar is crucial to their hopes of advancing to the semi-finals, and in the process qualifying for the Asian Futsal Championship.

Myanmar attacked relentlessly from the start, pressing their opponents at every opportunity. Even though Brunei defended to the best of their ability, they could not stop their opponents, allowing the first goal in the third minute of play with a solid strike from Pyae Phy Maung.

Myanmar's Sai Pyone Aung also created two quick strikes at the 7-minute mark.

By the break, Brunei was trailing by eight goals. Myanmar's other goals were netted



Myanmar player shoots the ball into the net with passing the Brunei's keeper at yesterday's match. **PHOTO:MFF**

by Naing Ye Kyaw at 27 and 29 minutes, Aung Aung at 16 and 38 minutes, Hlaing Min Tun at the 10-minute mark, Aung Zin Oo at 20 minutes and Kyaw Kyaw Tun at the 36-minute mark. After the opening goal, Phy Maung

added three more goals at the 14, 15 and 28 minutes.

"It was a great start for the team. We played to our strength and we maintained concentration throughout," said Myanmar head coach U Htay Myint.

Myanmar will rest today while host Vietnam will play their first Group A game against the Philippines in the evening.

Myanmar and the Philippines will meet on 28 October. ■

## Bayern need penalties to beat 10-man Leipzig in German Cup

BERLIN — Bayern Munich edged past 10-man RB Leipzig 5-4 on penalties on Wednesday to advance to the German Cup round of 16 after drawing 1-1 over 120 minutes.

Timo Werner's penalty was saved by Sven Ulreich after all nine previous efforts had succeeded as Bayern continued their successful run under coach Jupp Heynckes ahead of the two sides' Bundesliga meeting on Saturday.

Leipzig, who had Naby Keita sent off in the 54<sup>th</sup> minute for a second booking, should have scored during a strong first-half performance.

Emil Forsberg wove his way into the Bayern box but keeper Sven Ulreich did well to save in the 24<sup>th</sup> minute, and another similar run should have earned him a penalty when Arturo Vidal clipped the Swede's legs. But they got their spot-kick in the 68<sup>th</sup> minute when Yussuf Poulsen was brought down by Jerome Boateng. —Reuters ■