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Rule of Law

It is understood that for nations going through a transition, it takes an average of 10 years for the rule of law to take firm hold.

It is a long-term investment, where dynamic and unrelenting motivation is required, if the nation is to live in harmony, peace and security under a strong and firm rule of law.

(Excerpt from the report on the current work of the Union Government, delivered at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 19 September 2018)

President: Myanmar Red Cross Society exists as a free, impartial entity in social care work



President U Win Myint meets with Myanmar Red Cross Society President Prof. Dr. Daw Mya Thu and Executive Committee members in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

MYANMAR Red Cross Society (MRCS) Patron President U Win Myint received MRCS President Prof. Dr. Daw Mya Thu, Vice President, Secretary General, part time and full time Executive Committee (EC) members in the guest hall at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi

Taw, yesterday morning.

At the meeting, MRCS President Prof. Dr. Daw Mya Thu explained about the role of the MRCS, framework, cooperation with local and international organizations, future work processes, cooperating with ministerial departments and the

local people in health care and responding to natural disasters, works in conflict areas, enactment of Red Cross Law, election rules, number of EC and council members, number of volunteers and permanent members, employment of staff, cooperation with international organizations,

status of acquiring funding and future works.

In responding to the explanation, the President expressed his delight and pleasure in meeting officials of the national Red Cross society. He said that the MRCS is a reserve force for the country, that it is existing as a

free and impartial entity in social and humanitarian works, requirement to follow the Geneva Conventions, International Red Cross and Red Crescent basic principles, policies and decisions. Only then can the works of the MRCS will become visible.

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VICE President U Henry Van Thio delivered an address at the National Land Use Policy Forum, held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The forum was attended by Union Ministers who are members of the National Land Use Council, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, State/Region Chief Ministers, Hluttaw representatives, heads of departments, ethnic national representatives, representatives from international organizations and civil society organizations and invited guests.

In his address to the forum, Vice President U Henry Van Thio said that according to the population and household data collected in the 2014 census, Myanmar has a population of more than 51 million with a population density of 81 persons per square kilometer, which is the second lowest population density among the Southeast Asian countries, following Laos.

Land resources are the essential indispensable resource for the existence of humans and society. The difference between this vital resource and other resources is that it could not be increased and has limitations. This is to be noted. According to an estimate by FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization), increase in population and soil erosion in the land, by 2020 there will be only 0.18 hectare of cultivable land per person. This is half of cultivable land per person in 1960 and by 2050 it is estimated to be reduced by half again.

In order to use and manage the land resources in the country sustainably, a national land use policy was drawn up with the participation of the people and



Vice President U Henry Van Thio delivers a speech at the National Land Use Policy Forum in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



was enacted and announced in January 2016. The enacting of this policy that was not in existence before is a progress in land sector reform and development, but to establish systematic land management, the enacted national land use policy is required to be implemented practically.

The national land use council was formed in order to implement the aims, guidelines and basic principles of the national land use policy and to implement laws related to it.

Land management in Myanmar faces limitations and challenges, such as being faced with land disputes after settling and living in land managed by the government, inability to grant permission for investments in large land areas, requirement to amend the prevailing laws and processes that are not in accord with the current times, weaknesses in abiding by work processes, presence of corruption, requirement to provide information, weakness in drawing up programs that has the most economic benefit and the least natural environmental impact, weaknesses among businesses in

taking up CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) and weaknesses in implementing natural environment conservation works, and being at odds with the local people, need for drawing up land use projects, people's participation required in establishing and approving land use rights, incorrect and incomplete record of land resources, difficulty of management at the ground level and coordination required among related organizations. To overcome these challenges and to implement the aims of national land use policy, laws related to land management are to be reviewed and a national land law that encompasses policy, laws, work procedures and management format beneficial to the people need to be drawn up and enacted.

Supporting work committees and an advisory group have been formed and works will be conducted to use the land resources of the country effectively. As co-operation is needed between the Central Committee for Reviewing Confiscated Farmlands and Other Lands, formed due to special needs; the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Cen-

tral Committee formed under the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law; the Central Farmland Management Group formed under the Farmland Law and the National Land Use Council, new ways need to be found to increase cooperation among these bodies.

In Myanmar, the majority of the farmers are engaging in agriculture and small scale livestock breeding on small plots of lands. As the matter of land use and stability of land use rights of small plot holders and landless farmers is a priority work, 14 main work processes were earmarked to be established in the agriculture policy and agriculture development strategy. To conduct the 14 main tasks effectively, the National Land Use Council will make it a priority to form a work committee.

Furthermore, when the government strives towards the Union Peace Conference - 21st Century Panglong process and national reconciliation, peace and establishment of a federal democratic union of Myanmar, ten and two land and natural environment sector agreements were reached in the Union Peace Conference - 21st Century Panglong second and third sessions, respectively. The government's land sector reform work processes of drawing up a national land law based on national land use policy guideline, to be in accord with existing laws, drawing up and implementing national land use projects, recognize, include and protect land distribution and management systems of local ethnic nationals and rights in drawing up National Land Law and when conducting other farm land management matters, inclusion and coordinating of policy

agreements reached at the 21st Century Panglong Conference is an important long term process that is required to be continued.

Therefore, the National Land Use Policy Forum was held to discuss and coordinate long and short term strategies, tactics and work processes to implement the works of the National Land Use Council effectively, to draw up a National Land Law based on national land use policy and to manage the land resources.

All forum attendees are urged to discuss and suggest on the establishment of a good farm land administration and management system that could implement the aims, guidelines and basic principles of national land use policy, said the Vice President.

Next, the Vice President posed for a group photo with forum participants and inspected the exhibits showing works conducted on establishment of national land use policy.

Afterwards, the forum resumed and participants discussed establishment of a national land use policy, important guidelines in the policy, status of forming land use committees, national land use programs and drawing up of zones, policy guidelines on national map system and work processes of land record department, Myanmar national map establishment project and progress achieved.

The forum will be continued today, and on the second day of the forum, land sector development of agriculture land, vacant, fallow and virgin land, co-existence of local ethnic nationals between people and forest and priority work processes of the National Land Use Council will be discussed, it is learnt. — MNA



Vice President U Henry Van Thio looks around the exhibit showing works conducted on the establishment of national land use policy. **PHOTO: MNA**

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The MRCS should stand for the benefit of the people and national interest. It can accept donations from international organizations but the donations must not have strings attached. As Red Cross personnel are conducting noble humanitarian works, there should not be any monetary misappropriations but there can be some mistakes. To avoid this, everything should be done transparently and in accordance with financial rules and regulations.

On the matter of misusing the MRCS symbol, the President suggested on considering the drawing up of a new law or amending the existing law. If amended, it should be in accord with the times. A law is not hundred percent complete. Rules need to be issued by the relevant ministry. Where necessary, work procedures, notifications and in-

structions can also be issued, said the President.

Officials from MRCS are to use their rights and responsibilities according to the law and form the society into a strong one down to state, region, district and township level. Youths are to be nurtured systematically for the development of humanitarian works. MRCS should contact relevant ministries through the Union Government. Based on the submission from the ministry, fund for MRCS will be provided as much as possible, said the President.

After the meeting, MRCS President Prof. Dr. Daw Mya Thu pinned an MRCS permanent member badge on President U Win Myint and presented an MRCS symbol made of colored gemstones.

Next, the President donated Ks 5 million for MRCS and posed for a commemorative group photo.



President U Win Myint accepts an MRCS symbol made of colored gemstones from MRCS President Prof. Dr. Daw Mya Thu in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister U Min Thu from the Office of the President and officials, MRCS President Prof. Dr. Daw Mya Thu, Vice

President Prof. Dr. Nan Htwan Hla, Secretary General U Khin Maung Hla, EC (full-time) member U Kim Bwai and Dr. Daw Amara Maw Naing, EC (part-time)

members U Maung Maung Khin, U Paw Myint Oo, U Guinness, Dr. Tin Nyunt, U Myo Min Naung and U Wai Lu Kyaw @ U Wai Lu Kyaw Swa. — MNA ■

Union Minister U Kyaw Tin meets with Special Representative of UNSG for Children and Armed Conflict

UNION Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin received Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict Ms. Virginia Gamba at the Office of the Special Representative of Myanmar to UN in New York at 11 am local time on 1st October.

At the meeting, they discussed Rakhine State issue including repatriation, resettlement and rehabilitation of displaced people, finalizing the implementation of project between Myanmar and UN to prevent and

reduce recruitment of children for military and cooperation for further achievement in promoting child rights in Myanmar.

Similarly, Union Minister U Kyaw Tin also received Ms. Debra Eisenman, Managing Director of the Asia Society Policy Institute at 10 am on the same day.

At the meeting, the Union Minister briefed her on Myanmar's achievements in solving Rakhine State issue, including repatriation, resettlement and rehabilitation of displaced people. — MNA ■



Union Minister U Kyaw Tin shakes hands with Ms. Virginia Gamba, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict in New York. **PHOTO: MNA**

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Bundestag committee deputy chairman



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat holds talks with Mr. Uwe Kekeritz in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat received H.E. Mr. Uwe Kekeritz, Deputy Chairman for Economic Cooperation and Development Committee of Germany's lower house of

parliament (Bundestag) at the Guest Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw, Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, matters relating to legislative work

process, establishing internal peace, transition to democracy process, Hluttaw and relations with the people were openly and cordially discussed. — MNA ■

Myanmars in US donate cash for flood victims

UNION Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin accepted cash for rehabilitation in flood-hit areas in Myanmar, donated by National Humanitarian Fundraising for Myanmar (NHFMM) in New York on 1st October.

At the ceremony held at Office of the Myanmar's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Myanmar-American

Merchants Association chairman U William Sue (alias) U Thein Han handed over US\$ 15,000 to the Union Minister, on behalf of the NHFMM.

The Union Minister expressed thanks to the NHFMM which is formed with Myanmar-Chinese Association of New York, Myanmar-American Medical Education Society, UNSRC-Myanmar Cultural

Club, Rakhine Thingyan Association, Myanmar-US Chamber of Commerce, US Myanmar Legal Counsel, Burma Point Association and Myanmar Community's Individual.

NHFMM conducted Myanmar foods and handicrafts sales festival for raising the fund for rehabilitation of flood victims in Myanmar on 23 September in New York. — MNA ■

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Free delivery of books donated to rural libraries

PYAY Township Writers' Association treasurer U Shwe Win donated books to Information and Public Relations Department in Amarapura Township, Mandalay Region, for the development of rural libraries. In response, Bago Region (west) manager Daw Htay Htay Win and post office head Daw May Min Han provided free delivery service for the donated books yesterday morning.

Myanmar Post Office under the Ministry of Transport and Communications, is providing free delivery service of donated books to community centres (libraries) opened by the Ministry of Information to raise the reading frequency of the public. This service started on 1 October 2018 in all the 793 post offices throughout the whole country. —Maung Shwe Win (Pyay) ■



Myanmar Post Office staff providing free delivery service of donated books starting from 1 October. **PHOTO: MAUNG SHWE WIN (PYAY)**

Only two motorbike sales shops permitted in Yangon Region

By Nyein Nyein

ONLY two motorbike sales shops are permitted in Yangon Region, said Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe, in reply to a question raised by U Aung Myat Kyaw of Bahan Township constituency 1 on the 13th-day meeting of the seventh regular session of Second Yangon Region Hluttaw on 1 October.

U Aung Myat Kyaw was asking what sort of permissions were given to open new and used motorcycle sales shops in Yangon Region.

"Riding a motorbike in central Yangon Region is banned,

except in Dala and Seik-kyi-Khanaungto townships. In Dala Township, only two motorbike and accessory shops were permitted to be opened, and authorities are monitoring whether the motorcycles and accessories sold are according to the permit," said the Yangon Mayor.

YCDC permits usage of motorbikes in two townships, and only two shops were permitted to sell motorcycles and accessories. In other townships, usage and sales of motorcycles are not permitted. As some shops are selling motorcycles and accessories

in shops licensed to sell other things, sale shops need to be reviewed, added the Yangon Mayor.

In raising his question, U Aung Myat Kyaw said usage of motorbikes are permitted only in townships outside of YCDC administered area, but many are riding motorbikes in the YCDC administered area as well, and most of these bikes are unregistered. Many snatch-theft cases of necklaces, bags and mobile phones are committed with unregistered bikes, he added.

With regards to this matter, the Yangon Region

government had issued an announcement on 6 January 2017, prohibiting usage and entry of motorcycles in Yangon Region, except Dala and Seik-kyi-Khanaungto townships, and action under the YCDC Law will be taken against anyone who are found to be in breach of this prohibition.

As such, traffic police are enforcing this announcement, and in 2016-2017 fiscal year and during the six-month interim period prior to 2018-2019 fiscal year, 2,265 cases were opened, and fines of over Ks 100 million were collected, it is learnt. ■

Lightning kills three in MraukU Township

THREE PEOPLE were killed by a lightning strike in a village in MraukU Township, Rakhine State on Monday evening.

Lightning struck the hut where they were taking shelter from heavy rainfall after collecting grass for cow feed.

U Kyaw Tin Win (29), son of U Aung Kyaw Zaw, U Ba Hlaing (28), son of U Sein Tha Hla and Daw Than Mya Yi (26), daughter of U Ngo Kyuu Aung, died in the incident, but a boy who was also in the hut when the lightning struck survived. The bodies were sent to MraukU People's Hospital for autopsy.

Lightning has killed at least 70 people and strong winds have destroyed about 10,000 houses during the peri-

od from pre-monsoon to May, according to the Disaster Management Department.

The death toll from lightning strikes is expected to continue to rise year by year. There were also fatalities and injuries from strong winds, said the country's weather bureau last month. Most areas across the country have experienced lightning and strong winds during the day due to high temperature.

Since 1980, the country has seen an increase in the number of thunderstorms. When there are rainstorms with thunder and lightning, people in these areas should switch off their electrical appliances, such as television and mobile phones.—MraukU (IPRD) ■

Bird-watch training to raise conservation awareness

MYEIK University in Taninthayi Region, has launched a training on bird-watching on 1 October, in cooperation with Myanmar Birds and Nature Society (MBNS), aiming to attract travelers to the region, showcasing a variety of bird species.

In his address at the opening ceremony, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Soe Paing Htay said university students must be knowledgeable enough about the region and must study for its development.

"The Myeik Archipelago depends on fishery business, but as fish stock declines, it is becoming difficult for this business to be sustainable. Therefore, nature-based travel business and conservation of natural species also need to be conducted together," said

MBNS Chairperson Dr. Thein Aung.

Next, Myeik University Rector Dr. Daw Ni Ni Oo gave a speech of thanks. The nine-day bird-watch training will be conducted by the chairperson and four members of MBNS, while 19 society members and 49 students are attending the training, it is learnt. —Zaw Myo Naing (Myeik IPRD) ■



Oriental Bird Club

Extended plantation brings dragon fruit price down



Dragon fruit plants seen at a farm. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

HIGHER production of dragon fruits with extended plantation has brought down the price of the fruit this harvest season.

The price of dragon fruits is down as farmers have expanded areas for the fruit, according to local farmers in Taungtha Township, Mandalay.

At the beginning of its season, it is sold at Ks 1,000 to Ks 1,500 per fruit in the market, but the price is spirally coming downward, according to farmers.

Fruits are sold at about Ks 2,500 per 1 kg. Each fruit weighs about 400 grams.

Fruit are commercially cultivated in Kalay, Pindaya, Pyin

Oo Lwin and also in Taungtha and it can be harvested within four months.

Dragon fruit market has a huge demand in local and foreign markets. If plants can be cultivated in accordance with commercial quality standards, that they will bring good income for local cultivators. — Kyaw Myo Naing (Taungtha) ■

Border trade totals \$4 billion as of August end

THE value of border trade from 1 April to 31 August, during the six-month interim period prior to the next 2018-2019 financial year, increased by US\$592 million, compared to the same period last year.

Border trade from 1 April to 31 August 2018 \$4.01 billion, which included \$2.55 billion in exports and \$1.45 billion in imports, according to statistics from the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar trades with neighboring countries China, India, Bangladesh and Thailand. Sino-Myanmar border trade is carried out through Muse, Lweje, Kanpikete, Chin Shwe Haw and Kengtung gates, while Myanmar is conducting border trade with India through Tamu and Reed. The country's border trade gates with Bangladesh are Sittway and Maungtau, as well as Thailand through Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthaung, Myeik, HteeKhee, Mawtaung and Maese.

Out of sixteen border trade

camp, the Muse camp has the largest border trade volume, with a trade value of \$2.79 billion. That was an increase from \$2.36 billion in the similar period of last year.

The value of border trading, as of 31 August, was \$2.79 billion in Muse, \$83 million in Lweje, \$146 million in Chin Shwe Haw, \$83 million in Kanpikete, \$1.17 million in Kengtung, \$38.9 million in Tachilek, \$396 million in Myawady, \$62 million in Kawthaung, \$118 million in Myeik, \$118 million in HteeKhee, \$5.5 million in Mawtaung, \$0.42 million in Maese, \$63.45 million in Sittway, \$4.76 million in Maungtau, \$71.4 million in Tamu and \$15.77 million in Reed. Myanmar primarily exports agricultural products, animal products, forest products, minerals, fishery products, manufactured goods and other products, while capital goods, raw industrial materials and consumer products are imported into the country. —GNLM■

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Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
2. With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offenses up to 29 September 2018 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

No	Nature of report	Details on seizure and legal action taken
1	Information received of Ko Htike (a) Ko San Shay from House No. 1022 on U Pyone Cho Street, Ward 41, North Dagon Tsp, Yangon Region.	On 22-9-2018, police arrested Zaw Min Htike (a) San Shay, 43, in House No. 1022, U Pyone Cho Street, Ward 41, North Dagon Tsp, and Zayar Win, 34, from No. 306, Padauk Street 2, Ward Hta, North Okkalapa Tsp, and another unnamed person who resides there, together with marijuana. A case has been opened against all three with MaMaSa (Dagon North) MaYa(Pa) 47/2018 under Section 16-C/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2	Information received of U Pu Nge from Yamon village, Kyunsu Tsp, Taninthayi Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 26-9-2018, police arrested U Pu Nge (a) Shwe Win, 38, in Yamon village, Kyunsu Tsp, together with WY psychotropic tablets hidden in the fold of his longyi. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Thazin) MaYa(Pa) 8/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3	Information received of illegal drugs being sold in ‘Shwe Nyi Ako’ tea shop in the Kyaukkasan Pagoda’s compound in Thingangyun Tsp, Yangon Region.	On 23-9-2018, police staked out Shwe Nyi Ako tea shop, opened in the Kyaikkasan Pagoda’s compound in Ward Sa/Ka, Thingangyun Tsp, and arrested Zarni Phone Myat Htet, 21, from No. 35, Inyar Yeiktar Street, Ward 10, Mayangon Tsp, together with marijuana. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Thingangyun) MaYa(Pa) 42/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Police also arrested Kyaw Maung Maung, 25, from No. Nga/26, Thandar Street 10, Ward Nga, North Okkalapa Tsp, together with heroin. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Thingangyun) MaYa(Pa) 43/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Police also arrested Phyto Maung, 33, from No. 15, Mogaung Street, Kyaukkone Ward, Yankin Tsp, together with heroin. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Thingangyun) MaYa(Pa) 44/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4	Information received of Ko Aung Ye from Thazin Street, Ward 19, Myingyan Tsp, Mandalay Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 27-9-2018, police entered Aung Ye (a) Aung Thura, 24,’s house in Thazin Street, Area 14, Ward 19, Myingyan Tsp, together with Chan Nyein Oo, 21, from Kuywar village, Myingyan Tsp, and five others, in possession of WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Myingyan) MaYa(Pa) 10/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5	Information received of Ma Sabei from Gandamar Road, Ward 9, Mawlamyinegyun Tsp, Ayeyawady Region, selling illegal drugs	On 27-9-2018, police arrested Ma Sabei, 30, in her house in No.20, Gandamar Road, Ward 9, Mawlamyinegyun Tsp, together with WY psychotropic tablets. Police discovered the drugs were purchased from Kyaw Kyaw Swe (a) Kyaw Gyi, 38, from Ward 12, KanOo Street. An investigation into his house did not turn up any items relating to illegal drugs but a case has been opened against the two with MaMaSa (Mawlamyinegyun) MaYa(Pa) 2/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
6	Dear Sir, We would like to inform you about Yaba, WY tablet. He sell these kind of drug. Every day young guy come to this house to buy this one (Night time also). Please check this house. I hopefully you will get this information and take action to this case. His father name is U Aung Than (who is the Leader of Nawarat 5 Street). I think his father didn't know about this. He is youngest son (jobless). His body and arm with tattoo. Nawarat 5 Street. 8 Ward. Thakayta Township. Yangon.	On 25-9-2018, arrested Aung Min Thant (a) Moedi (a) Thar Nge, 18, in his house in No. 272, Nawarat Street 5, Thakayta Tsp, together with Naing Aung Win (a) Zaw Moe Than, 20, from the same ward, and one other person, in possession of marijuana. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Thakayta) MaYa(Pa) 34/2018 under Section 16-C/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

7	Information received of Aung Ba from Mansan Yetagun village, Hsipaw Tsp, Kyaukme District, Shan State (North), selling illegal drugs on a large scale.	On 23-9-2018, arrested U Aung Ba, 41, in his home in Shangon Ward, Mansan Yetagun village, Hsipaw Tsp, together with WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Hsipaw) MaYa(Pa) 29/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
8	Information received of U Di Poe from the left side room on No. 1242, fifth floor, U Poe Tun Street, Taung Thugon Ward, Insein Tsp, Yangon Region, selling illegal drugs on a large scale.	On 23-9-2018, police arrested Thet Paing Soe (a) Di Pho (a) Di Poe, 37, in his house in No.1242, fifth floor, U Poe Tun Street, Taung Thugon Ward, Insein Tsp, after discovering WY psychotropic tablets hidden in the fold of his longyi. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Insein) MaYa(Pa) 124/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
9	Information received of Arkar Soe and his younger brother Wai Yan from No. 671, Gantgaw Street, Ward Hta, North Okkalapa Tsp, Yangon Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 24-9-2018, police entered Arker Soe (a) Arkar, 32,’s house in No.671, Gantgaw Street, Ward Hta, North Okkalapa Tsp, and arrested him, his younger brother Wai Yan Soe, 31, and one other person, together with WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Waibargi) MaYa(Pa) 53/2018 under Section 16-C/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

3. Out of the information sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, so far 302 cases have been opened as of 29-9-2018, and 401 men and 78 women have been arrested with seizures of 2,651.93 g of heroin, 16.71g of ICE, 37,259.21 g of opium, 329 g of low-quality opium, 5,802 g of powder opium, 3,973.99 g of speciosa, 148,076 stimulant tablets, 3,368.84 g of marijuana, 0.1 liters of opium tincture, 217.4 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 1.65 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 10 firearms, 179 different bullets, and 1 grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the ministry will report on further exposed cases.
4. In addition to the investigations and arrests conducted on drug related complaints mentioned above, the Tatmadaw and Myanmar Police Force have also carried out separate investigations on drug complaints, search and arrests at border gates, and searches of vehicles acting upon given information.
- During the previous week, multiple arrests were made in the border regions and joint-surveillance gates. In Kachin State, Lwejel Sub-Tsp, on the Lwejel-Mangaung village road, 4 men were arrested with 1,655 g of heroin and a Toyota Wish. In Chin State, Tonzang Tsp, Shahtawzan village, a man was arrested with 4,500 g of opium.
- In Shan State, Muse Tsp, on the Muse-Lashio highway, a driverless parked motorcycle containing 11,900 stimulant tablets was confiscated. In Namhsan village, a woman was arrested with 1,000 stimulant tablets and 1,000 g of heroin. In Namhsan Tsp, on the Namhasn-Kholan road, a man was arrested with 8,000 g of ICE, 2,000 g of caffeine, and a Pajero. At the Lashio entry inspection gate, two men were arrested with 48,070 stimulant tablets, 1 Crown car and 1 MARK-X car. In Lashio Tsp, on the Lashio-Tangyan road, two men were arrested with 6,400 stimulant tablets. In Tangyan Tsp, on the Tangyan-Lashio highway, a man and 4 women were arrested with 34,000 stimulant tablets and 1 Toyota Alphard car. In Tachilek Tsp, Ayedin village, two men were arrested with 6,000 stimulant tablets. In Wanyan village, a man was arrested with 2,000,000 g of caffeine and 1 tractor car. At the Nawnghkio entry inspection gate, a man was arrested with 12,000 stimulant tablets. During area inspection operations in Shan State, Kutkai Tsp, in 2 places near Nawngyan village and Meinpyain village, officers found 23,040 liters of ethyl/ether, 1,200 stimulant tablets, and 400,000 g of sodium hydroxide.
- In Rakhine State, Maungtaw Tsp, Nga Khu Ya Ale village, 2 men and a woman were arrested with 4,645 stimulant tablets. In Ponnagyun Tsp, on the Yangon-Sittway highway, a man was arrested with 680 stimulant tablets.
- There have been 6 cases of arrests involving firearms. In Shan State, Mongton Tsp, 6-mile village, 2 men were arrested with 200 stimulant tablets, 40 g of heroin, and 2 homemade guns. In Sagaing Region, Homalin Tsp, Nandagar village, 3 men were arrested with 150 stimulant tablets, 5.8 g of heroin, a .22 pistol,



Sitagu Sayadaw Dr. Nyanissara delivers speech at the occasion to celebrate 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in Yangon. (Insert) Commemorative stamps to mark Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary celebrations **PHOTOS: SUPPLIED**

150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi launched

A TWO-YEAR long celebration of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was launched by the Embassy of India in Yangon, with an event on 2 October held at the Sule Shangrila Hotel.

The event began with the lighting of the lamp by Sitagu Sayadaw Dr. Ashin Nyanissara, U Tin Maung Tun, Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw, Mr. Vikram Misri, Ambassador of India to Myanmar, Dr. Thant Myint U, renowned writer, historian & Chairman, Yangon Heritage Trust and U Myint Thu, Managing Editor, Myanmar Heritage.

The welcome remarks at the event were delivered by Ambassador Vikram Misri,

followed by words by Venerable Sitagu Sayadaw Dr. Ashin Nyanissara, who spoke about the life and work of Mahatma Gandhi.

(Remarks by Sitagu Sayadaw carried separately on this page.)

Dr. Thant Myint U, a recipient of the Padma Shri Award, one of the most important civilian awards of India, delivered the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture.

As a part of the celebrations, Mahatma Gandhi's favourite Gujarati bhajan (a devotional song), "Vaishnav Jan To Tene Kahiye Je", was sung by Ms May Thu Khine, along with the popular Ugly Music Band from Myanmar. This bha-

jan was originally composed by Saint Narsinh Mehta in the 15th century. Mahatma Gandhi listened to this bhajan since his childhood and was deeply inspired by it.

Commemorative stamps to mark Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary celebrations were also released at the event. The Myanmar translation of his autobiography, "The Story of My Experiments with Truth", translated by U Hane Latt and published by U Myint Thu of Myanmar Heritage, was unveiled at the event.

The event was attended by over 300 people from the diplomatic corps, academics, friends of India, media and the Indian diaspora.—GNLM

The Earth-like Gandhi Dhamma or Tolerance

Following is the speech delivered by Sitagu Sayadaw Dr. Nyanissara.

Excellencies
Distinguished guests
Ladies and gentlemen,
Good evening!

It is indeed a great honour for me to have the opportunity of speaking on this special occasion to celebrate the 150th Birth Anniversary of the Father of India, Mahatma Gandhi.

Actually, of the world political leaders I admire, Mahatma Gandhi stands atop. I have admired him since I read about him at my early age. I would, here, like to refer to the Perfection of Tolerance, which is one of the Ten Kinds of Perfection the Buddha expounded. Tolerance is compared to the significant characteristic of the great earth we live on. It never shows sign of pleasure or displeasure toward all pleasant or unpleasant situations it faces. It forbears all good and bad things dumped on it whether they are rubbish or scented objects like flowers without attaching or detaching, depressing or reacting. The earth steadfastly practices "Tolerance", completely free from "Delight and Disgust". This is a remarkable quality seen in Mahatma Gandhi, which makes me admire him most.

It is with "Tolerance" he struggled for the Independence of India, without any violence and armed insurrection. With "Tolerance" in mind, he formed his independence army, which is said to be the strongest army, armed with the most powerful weapons. This reminds me of the Buddha's teaching which said "the strength or power of Tolerance is incomparable: it is said to be a large army

with over one hundred thousand soldiers". That means there is no other forces stronger than Tolerance. Most naturally, it is found in history that almost all colonized nations experienced bloody fighting in their struggle for independence. Contrary to this, Mahatma Gandhi is seen as an exceptional leader who led his peace-keeping army in his struggle to regain independence.

I have read some speeches of Mahatma Gandhi, and have noted with delight some points that are very useful for people of the world to follow in their daily lives. One of them I would like to share with you here is - "There is nothing new to teach the world, but the "TRUTH". Today, all religious political and social leaders are trying their utmost for the total deliverance of people from all kinds of sufferings. Therefore, the Truth, the key message of Gandhi, also plays an important guidance to the world leaders. It also resembles the key point of the First Sermon delivered by the Buddha, stressing that those who want to be liberated from all sufferings are to try to understand and penetrate the "TRUTH", to be exact, "Noble Truth". However, some leaders stay far from the "TRUTH" for the extreme ideologies they are holding.

To conclude, I would like to convey my earnest request to all religious, political and social leaders of the world to steadfastly practice "Tolerance", while trying to avoid the two extremes "Delight and Disgust," so as to lead their followers to enjoy total peace.

Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

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7 bullets, an airsoft sniper rifle, and 30 airsoft pellets. In Htigyaing Tsp, Kuntaung village, 1 man was arrested with 0.2 g of heroin and 1 homemade gun. In Taninthayi Region, Yebyu Tsp, in the bamboo forest to the east of Nhamkye village, 1 man was arrested with 1,400 stimulant tablets and 1 homemade gun. In Bago Region, Toungoo Tsp, 1 man was arrested with 307 stimulant tablets, a gas-triggered gun, and 2 swords. In Kayin State, Hpa-an Tsp, Naungtaya village, a man was arrested with 400 stimulant tablets, 1 nine-chambered gun, and one bullet cartridge. There have been 2 cases of drug seizures involving foreigners. In Shan State, Namhkam Tsp, on the Namhkam-Mannaung highway, a Chinese citizen entering the country illegally was arrested with 200 stimulant tablets and 33 g of heroin. In Sagaing Region, Tamu Tsp, Khampat Town, on the Tamu-Khampat highway, an Indian citizen entering the country illegally was arrested with 1.1 g of heroin. Investigation into related cases led to the arrest of 1 man and 1 woman together with 360 stimulant tablets and 66 g of heroin. In Yangon City, Aungmingalar highway bus station, Yadanar express bus terminal, 2 men were arrested as they arrived to collect a travelling suitcase sent from Lashio bus terminal containing

20,083 stimulant tablets.

There have been 284 cases being opened between 23-9-2018 and 29-9-2018, and 344 men and 52 women have been arrested. Seizures of 4,172.16 g of heroin, 8,008.80 g of ICE, 5,928.63 g of opium, 15,405 g of powder opium, 201,608 stimulant tablets, 0.09 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 1,005.05 g of marijuana, 16 g of opium blocks, 2,002,000 g of caffeine, 1 ecstasy tablet, 1,200 liters of acetone, 23,040 liters of ethyl/ether, 400,000 g of sodium hydroxide, 8 firearms, 8 bullet cartridges, and 30 airsoft pellets.

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

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Zero tolerance for terrorism

WITH signing of the Code of Conduct Towards Achieving a World Free of Terrorism at the United Nations in New York on 28 September, Myanmar has taken another step forward to fight terrorism.

The signing is also an important step in strengthening international cooperation and the counter-terrorism architecture of the UN.

The key goals of the document are giving an impetus to the practical implementation of the wide range of international obligations on counter-terrorism and establishment of the wide global coalition for a world free of terrorism by 2045.

It is expected the document will be the foundation for strengthening international instruments and cooperation in the fight against terrorism which also remains a threat in Myanmar's Rakhine State. This threat could have "grave consequences" not just for Myanmar but also for other countries in our region and beyond.

The provocative terrorist attacks of October 2016 and August



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overlooked the broader picture of the various reasons, immediate as well as longstanding, that brought about the displacement.

Resolving the issue in Rakhine State is an important component of our democratic process. Our government has consistently exerted all efforts to bring peace and development to Rakhine State which is facing terrorist threats.

The attacks were premeditated, well-organized and designed to invoke fear among the inhabitants, to incite violence and to attract international attention.

The Government, despite the attacks, continued with its efforts to seek sustainable solutions for Rakhine State. So far, 81 out of 88 recommendations made by the Advisory Commission in August 2017 towards achieving lasting peace and stability in Rakhine State have been implemented.

Within hours of the release of the Advisory Commission's final report, ARSA terrorists carried out simultaneous attacks on 30 police outposts and one army battalion headquarters.

No doubt, the ARSA attacks of 2017 were not only against the security forces but also against various communities inhabiting Rakhine State.

We hope that the Code of Conduct would be the foundation for strengthening international instruments and cooperation in the fight against terrorism.

2017 have affected the course of our earnest endeavor to build a peaceful, fair and prosperous future for all people in Rakhine State.

The attacks were launched by the ARSA terrorist group.

The danger of terrorist activities, which was the initial cause of events leading to the humanitarian crisis in Rakhine, remains real and present today.

The attacks opened a chapter of fear and instability that led to a large outflow of displaced people to Bangladesh. International attention has been focussed on the outflow and

Roundtable discussion on mining sector

By U Zaw Bo Khant

A roundtable business discussion was held at MRTV in Nay Pyi Taw, during which matters relating to challenges and opportunities of the mining sector were discussed by U Khin Latt Kyi, Director General of the Department of Mines under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Dr. Ye Myint Swe, Director General of Department of Geological Survey and Mineral Exploration, U Aung Nyunt Thein, Managing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise, and U Zaw Bo Khant, Vice Chairman of Myanmar Gems and Jewellery Entrepreneurs Association.



U Khin Latt Kyi Director General, Department of Mines



Dr. Ye Myint Swe Director General, Department of Geological Survey and Mineral Exploration



U Zaw Bo Khant Vice Chairman, Myanmar Gems and Jewellery Entrepreneurs Association



U Aung Nyunt Thein Managing Director, Myanmar Gems Enterprise

Q: Shall we start asking the first question to the director general of Department of Geological Survey and Mineral Exploration? Could you let us know how you are planning to link up with international organizations to improve the mining sector?

Dr. Ye Myint Swe: We are planning to link up with other international organizations for the sustainable development of the mining sector in Myanmar. We have been conducting research, in cooperation with Korea Institute of Geosciences and Mineral Resources, in the Bobepon Mountain in Tiddim Township, Chin State, for the past two years. Similarly, we are doing research jointly with Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation in Shan State, Taninthayi and Sagaing regions. More research on the development of mineral resources is in the pipeline.

We completed a project last year. With the cooperation of Geological Survey of Finland, we have drawn up a number of geological maps using digital format, and produced geological resources data based on GIS. With the cooperation of JICA, we have produced mineral resources website data base, using training programme resources and sharing mineral information.

ASEAN countries

All ASEAN nations, including Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar and Viet Nam, have conducted research on mineral deposits and geology in Tachilek and Shan State. Geological research was done in 2018 jointly with Thailand Mineral Resources Department.

Q: I think natural resources extraction has become one of the country's important sector and transparency is also of great importance. In this regard, could you explain the implementation process of an Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)?

U Khin Latt Kyi: As for the mineral sector, we have made commitments to implement the EITI process and Myanmar has been accepted as an EITI candidate country. Efforts have been made to become a full member of EITI, after its application for its candidature was approved by the International EITI board. The government has taken important steps with work done in the creation of a multi-stakeholders group and formulation of work plan for EITI implementation in Myanmar. The EITI is a global coalition of governments, companies and civil societies working together

to improve openness of revenues from natural resources, with the vision of bringing transparency and accountability in a clearer version into the hands of the citizens. Moreover, Myanmar had submitted its EITI report for the second time in the 2014-2015 fiscal year, and for the third time in the 2015-2016 fiscal year, respectively, to the EITI Board.

Review

In August 2018, officials of the EITI Board came to Myanmar to review and analyze the reports that we submitted, and necessary arrangements have been made preceding the procedures. Myanmar's admission to the EITI is very crucial and to be a full member of it is dependent upon the review of results.

Q: How would extracting gems mines serve the interests of the nationals and the development of the state?

U Zaw Bo Khant: Gems are the most valuable resources of our country, and all of us should be part of this mining sector. Also, we are all duty bound to take part in this process, especially those lawmakers who are deeply involved in it. As for law-makers, they should enact mining and jade

laws relevant with international standards.

Systematic registration

All businesspersons like us have to follow the rules and regulations and should make a mine closure plan, that includes responsibility, accountability and all-inclusiveness. In this regard, cooperation is of great importance in successfully carrying out all the necessary stages. Next, all gems and jewellery businesses need to be registered first, in order to pay taxes, so that we can, in turn, maintain the stable prices of the jewellery makings, manufacturing process and market in the long run.

U Zaw Bo Khant: I want to raise a question that has been in my mind for some time. Our country is endowed with jewellery, and although we have held a number of Gems Emporiums for the past 60 years, why isn't our market thriving as much as those in our neighbouring countries. I would like to ask the Managing Director how this should be handled.

U Aung Nyunt Thein: We can gain better prices if we can make value-added and finished products to earn more foreign currency as well as create more

employment opportunities for the people. As U Zaw Bo Khant discussed earlier, although our country is endowed with natural resources, it is found that the markets in other countries have been thriving. Arrangements should be made to revitalize our country's gems market, with the cooperation of relevant ministries and gems businesses. We will have to encourage and render help to those who will trade in manufactured products. At the same time, more efforts should be made to produce skilled workers for the enterprises. Thanks to these efforts, we were able to set up the Gems Training Center at Shwe Kyar Pin in Nay Pyi Taw. Up to now, we have already opened the second batch of training classes, where young people can receive training in gems and jewelry manufacturing processes. We also need investment and technical knowhow to get market shares with ease. Opening a gems trading center is fulfilling a necessity, in cooperation with other ministries concerned. I also want to have other business personnel involved in this matter. As U Zaw Bo Khant discussed earlier, our country is in need of managing the gems market to gain appropriate prices for the

precious stones produced as a primary source in our country.

Q: Regarding the jewellery sector, it would be good to put on sales a polished product comparable to what you get in other markets. Could you elaborate on it?


U Zaw Bo Khant: Our country owns some opportunities and advantages in becoming a gems manufacturing market, and there are also some challenges as well. The advantage is that the whole world takes a liking to our gems that originate from us. The challenges are that there are some better markets in our neighbouring countries, and we should not be weak in using our techniques. To make it a success, all stakeholders are duty bound to carry out the marketing strategy.

Regarding the setting up of laws and bylaws, individuals need to take up good practices, employees should be supervised to mitigate unlawful acts and bullying at worksites. We also have to abide by laws, and action should be taken against those who violate it. Cooperation is the key to implement these processes.

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Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued on Tuesday 2 October 2018)

SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS RECORDED AT 09:30 hrs MST: During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Ayeyawady Region, scattered in Sagaing, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi regions, Kachin, Chin and Rakhine states, fairly widespread in Northern Shan and Kayin states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with regionally heavy falls in Mandalay Region and isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw and Magway Region. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Kalewa (2.56)inches, Mahlaing (2.55) inches, Kyaukse (2.29)inches, PyinOoLwin (2.21)inches, Kawka-reik (2.13)inches, Myittha (2.01)inches, Sinbyugyun (1.97)inches, Kengtung (1.89)inches, Kamamaung (1.81)inches, Singaing (1.64) inches, Mawlaik (1.61)inches, Kunglong (1.57)inches and Nay Pyi Taw Airport (Ela) (1.50)inches.

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is weak over the Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal. Weather is cloudy over the Northeast Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF 3 October 2018: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Sagaing, Magway, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions, Kachin, Chin and Rakhine states and fairly widespread in the remaining regions and states with isolated heavy falls in Mandalay Region and Southern Shan State. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (2 - 5)feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Continuations of thundery conditions in Southern Myanmar areas.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 October 2018: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 October 2018: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 October 2018: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).



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Union Minister Dr. Myo Thein Gyi delivers a message of greetings at the German Unity Day in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

German Unity Day celebrated

A CEREMONY to celebrate German Unity Day was held at Novotel Hotel, Yangon, yesterday evening. The event was attended by Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi and wife.

The ceremony commenced

by playing of the national anthems of Myanmar and Germany. Next, German Ambassador to Myanmar H.E. Mrs. Dorothee Elsbeth Christiane Janetzke-Wenzel and Union Minister Dr. Myo Thein Gyi delivered a message of greetings.

The ambassador then hosted a dinner for the event attendees. Present at the event were ambassadors and charge d'affaires of embassies, United Nations resident representatives and invited guests. — MNA ■

Governor for Central Bank of Myanmar receives US Ambassador to Myanmar

GOVERNOR for Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung received US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Scot Marciel, Mr. Geoffrey Okamoto from the United States Department of the Treasury, Acting Assistant Secretary, International Finance and Development at Gantkaw Hall in the Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw at 10am yesterday.

During the meeting, they

exchanged views and discussed about reforming the banking sector of Myanmar, possible services by the banking sector to address financial investments needed for private sector development, effects on local currency worldwide at present, matters relating to the exchange rate between the US dollar and the Myanmar Kyat, and better understanding, trust and compliance in the AML/CFT field. — MNA ■



CBM Governor U Kyaw Kyaw Maung meets with US Ambassador Mr. Scot Marciel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Library donated by ROK's KB Kookmin Bank, KB Labour Union launched

UNION MINISTER U Han Zaw formally opened the library, donated by KB Kookmin Bank and KB Labour Union from South Korea to the Department of Urban & Housing Development under the Ministry of Construction, during the opening ceremony of the library held at new three-storey building of the department in Nay Pyi Taw at 8am yesterday.

First, the Union Minister, Director-General U Min Htein, Vice President Mr. Jun Kwisang from KB Kookmin Bank, and Chairman Mr. Park Hong Bae from KB Labour Union cut the ceremonial ribbon to formally open the library.

The Union Minister said KB

Kookmin Bank and the Ministry of Construction have been collaborating for Residential Policies and Housing Payment System since 2014. The Ministry of Construction, CHID Bank and KB Kookmin Bank have signed a tri-lateral MoU on 2 February 2017 to implement the home loan system. He said that KB Kookmin Bank opened the library because policies, procedures, laws, and local and foreign information should be organized in one, same place for the development of the civil housing sector.

The Union Minister cordially thanked KB Kookmin Bank and KB Labour Union for their donation of the library, which will

support the Ministry of Construction and also thanked them for providing a single location where every staff member will be capable of learning about technology, general knowledge, fiction and other knowledgeable books.

Vice President Mr. Jun Kwisang then cordially returned words of thanks and the Union Minister gifted souvenirs to the Vice President. Mr. Jun Kwisang also offered a laptop to the Department of Urban & Housing Development, which was accepted by Director-General U Min Htein. The Union Minister, heads of departments and guests then took a tour of the library.

It was reported that the donation purposes of the KB Kookmin Bank are to keep the information concerned with civil housing sector in beneficial and systematic ways, to be able to use and share the advanced information for the staffs under the Ministry of Construction, to improve the work efficiency of the ministry, and for the library to become an information hub that contributes new values to the ministry. — MNA ■



Union Minister U Han Zaw and ROK's representatives cut ribbon to open library donated by ROK's KB Kookmin Bank and KB Labour Union in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

President of Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow hosts CME talk at University of Medicine 1, Yangon

PROF. David Galloway, who is President of UK's Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (RCPSG), arrived at the University of Medicine 1, Yangon, yesterday morning and met with the rector and retired doctors, who have received their MRCP and MRCS from Glasgow, to discuss on collaboration between RCPSG and the medical universities in Myanmar, concerning medical education and medical treatment research projects.

Attending the meeting were Rector Prof. Dr. U Kyaw Myint and Prof. Dr. U Mya Oo, and the royal physicians and surgeons from RCPSG in Myanmar, led by them.

Next, Prof. David Galloway and Dr. Moe Thaw Oo, a council member (physician) of RCPSG, held CME talks under the title of 'Royal College Relevance in Global Clinical Practice & Neuroplasticity for Clinicians and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) – When/How/Why'. About 150 interested faculty members and post-graduate students participated.

After the seminar, Prof. David Galloway toured the library and teleconferencing room of the university.

It is learnt that Prof. David Galloway will also visit the University of Medicine, Mandalay, and the University of Medicine 2, Yangon in the near future. — MNA ■

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Laser pioneers win Nobel Physics Prize

STOCKHOLM (Sweden) — Three scientists on Tuesday won the Nobel Physics Prize for inventing optical lasers that have paved the way for advanced precision instruments used in corrective eye surgery and in industry, the jury said.

Arthur Ashkin of the United States won one half of the nine million Swedish kronor (about \$1.01 million or 870,000 euros) prize, while Gerard Mourou of France and Donna Strickland of Canada shared the other half.

Ashkin, 96, was honoured for his invention of “optical tweezers” that grab particles, atoms, viruses and other living cells with their laser beam fingers.

With this he was able to use the radiation pressure of light to move physical objects, “an old dream of science fiction,” the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said.

A major breakthrough came in 1987 when Ashkin used the tweezers to capture living bacteria without harming them, the Academy noted.

Ashkin, who made his discovery while working at AT&T Bell Laboratories from 1952 to 1991, is the oldest winner of a Nobel prize, beating out American Leonid Hurwicz who

was 90 when he won the 2007 Economics Prize.

Meanwhile Mourou, 74, and Strickland — only the third woman to win the Physics Prize — won for helping develop a method to generate ultra-short optical pulses, “the shortest and most intense laser pulses ever created by mankind,” the jury said.

Their technique is now used in corrective eye surgery.

Mourou was affiliated with the Ecole Polytechnique of France and the University of Michigan in the US, while Strickland, his student, is a professor at the University of Waterloo in Canada.

Women are ‘out there’

Speaking by phone to the academy, a moved Strickland said she was thrilled to receive the Nobel prize that has been the least accessible for women.

“We need to celebrate women physicists because they’re out there... I’m honoured to be one of those women.”

Before her, only Marie Curie and Maria Goeppert Mayer had won the physics prize, in 1903 and 1963 respectively.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has in the past lamented the small number of women laureates in the science



Arthur Ashkin of the US split the 2018 Nobel Physics Prize with Gerard Mourou of France and Donna Strickland of Canada. **PHOTO: AFP**

fields in general.

It has insisted that it is not due to male chauvinism bias on the award committees, instead attributing it to the fact that laboratory doors were closed to women for so long.

“It’s a small percentage for sure, that’s why we are taking measures to encourage more nominations because we don’t want to miss anyone,” the head of the Academy, Goran Hansson, said on Tuesday.

Last year, US astrophysi-

cists Barry Barish, Kip Thorne and Rainer Weiss won the physics prize for the discovery of gravitational waves, predicted by Albert Einstein a century ago as part of his theory of general relativity.

On Monday, two immunologists, James Allison of the US and Tasuku Honjo of Japan, won this year’s Nobel Medicine Prize for research into how the body’s natural defences can fight cancer.

The winners of the chem-

istry prize will be announced on Wednesday, followed by the peace prize on Friday. The economics prize will wrap up the Nobel season on Monday, 8 October.

For the first time since 1949, the Swedish Academy has postponed the announcement of the 2018 Nobel Literature Prize until next year, amid a #MeToo scandal and bitter internal dispute that has prevented it from functioning properly. — AFP ■

Bandits beware: Russian anti-submarine warship to ward off pirates in Gulf of Aden

MURMANSK — The large anti-submarine warship, the Severomorsk, of the Russian Northern Fleet, currently on a long-distance voyage, has sailed into

the Indian Ocean from the Red Sea where it will be protecting civilian vessels against pirates, the fleet’s press service said.

On its way through the Gulf

of Aden, the ship monitored the safety of civilian vessels in the areas where pirates are most active. “A Ka-27PS helicopter with an anti-terrorist group on

board took to the air to check out the situation,” the press service said.

The Severomorsk will stay in the Indian Ocean for more than two months. Its crew will carry out a number of military-diplomatic missions as well as work to ensure the safe passage of civilian vessels along the waters of the Gulf of Aden. It is also scheduled for a number of business calls at ports of coastal African and Asian states.

Until mid-September, the Severomorsk had operated as part of a permanent group of Russian naval ships in the Mediterranean. Early in September, it participated in a large-scale naval exercise, successfully training anti-submarine tasks.

It has already covered more than 15,500 nautical miles on a long-distance voyage.—Tass ■

Turkey orders detention of 417 suspects over money laundering

ISTANBUL — Turkish prosecutors issued detention warrants for 417 people on Tuesday over their alleged involvement in money laundering transactions, local media reported.

According to the Hurriyet daily, police launched simultaneous operations in 40 provinces across the country to capture the suspects who allegedly received commissions for sending money to 28,088 accounts abroad. The suspects have reportedly transferred some 2.5 billion Turkish liras (about 420 million US dollars) to the accounts mostly belonging to Iranians living in the United States. The investigation, being conducted by the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor’s Office, aimed at those “who targeted the economic and financial security of the Turkish Republic,” Hurriyet said.— AFP ■



The large anti-submarine warship, the Severomorsk, has sailed into the Indian Ocean from the Red Sea where it will be protecting civilian vessels against pirates. **PHOTO: TASS**

Abe keeps key ministers in Cabinet reshuffle, prioritizing stability

TOKYO — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe retained key ministers in a Cabinet reshuffle on Tuesday, aiming to maintain government stability as he pushes for his long-cherished goal of revising Japan's pacifist Constitution during his last three-year term.

Abe, who was re-elected as the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's president last month, reappointed six of his 19 Cabinet members, while picking 12 newcomers and one with previous ministerial experience.

Abe retained Deputy Prime Minister Taro Aso, who doubles as finance minister, Foreign Minister Taro Kono and Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga, who is the top government spokesman.

Abe had only two female ministers in his previous Cabinet, and the number dropped to one in the new one.

Among the new faces, Takeshi Iwaya, an eight-term House of Representatives member, assumed the post of defense minister.

In the LDP presidential election on 20 September, Abe beat his sole rival, former Defense Minister Shigeru Ishiba, by a comfortable margin. The victory gave Abe another three-year term through September 2021 and a chance to become Japan's longest-serving prime minister.

Abe replaced farm minister Ken Saito, who backed Ishiba in the leadership race, while tapping junior lower house mem-

ber Takashi Yamashita from Ishiba's faction for justice minister.

Prioritizing continuity in key policy areas, Abe retained Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Hiroshige Seko and economic revitalization minister Toshimitsu Motegi.

Seko doubles as minister for economic cooperation with Russia and Motegi is tasked with negotiations for a bilateral trade agreement with the United States, which Abe and President Donald Trump recently agreed to start.

From the Komeito party, the LDP's junior coalition partner, Keiichi Ishii remained in the post of land, infrastructure, transport and tourism minister.

Masahiko Shibayama,

one of the newcomers who serves as a special advisor to Abe in the LDP, took up the position of education, culture, sports, science and technology minister.

Former Reconstruction Minister Takumi Nemoto returned to the Cabinet as health, labor and welfare minister.

Upper house member Satsuki Katayama, the only woman in the new administration, became minister in charge of regional revitalization.

Earlier Tuesday, Abe also revamped the LDP leadership lineup.

The LDP president appointed former education minister Hakubun Shimomura as head of the party's panel promoting constitutional revision and welfare minister Katsunobu Kato



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe arrives at the headquarters of his ruling Liberal Democratic Party in Tokyo on 2 October, 2018. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

as chairman of the party's decision-making General Council. Both are known to be close to Abe.

He retained Secretary General Toshihiro Nikai and policy chief Fumio Kishida.—Kyodo News ■

End of war not a gift: official DPRK news agency

PYONGYANG — The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) will not hope for the end of the war on the Korean Peninsula if the United States does not want it, and the issue should not be used as a "bargaining chip" in denuclearization talks, the official DPRK news agency said on Tuesday.

"Now that the DPRK and the US are aspiring

after the establishment of new relations true to the spirit of the June 12 DPRK-US joint statement, it is quite right to put an end to the belligerent relations between them," the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said in a commentary. "But, if the US doesn't want the end of war, the DPRK will also not particularly hope for it," it added. Top DPRK leader

Kim Jong Un and US President Donald Trump met in Singapore on 12 June for a landmark summit, the first between incumbent leaders of both countries since the 1950-53 Korean War.

The hard-won meeting was widely seen as a historic step to ease tensions over the nuclear issue and push the peninsula towards lasting peace. However, the United States so far seems

to have only offered warm words instead of practical actions to a denuclearized peninsula. "The end of war, which meets the interests of not only the DPRK and the US but also the countries in Northeast Asia wanting peace of the Korean Peninsula, is not just a gift from a man to another at all," the KCNA said. At the UN General Assembly on Saturday in New York,

DPRK Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho demanded the United States take steps to secure Pyongyang's trust before its denuclearization.

Even before the Singapore summit, the DPRK took significant good-will measures such as stopping nuclear and ballistic missile tests and dismantling a nuclear test site, he said.

"However, we do not see any corresponding

response from the US. On the contrary, instead of addressing our concern for the absence of peace regime in the Korean Peninsula, the US insists on 'denuclearization-first' and increases the level of pressure by sanctions to achieve their purpose in a coercive manner, and even objecting the 'declaration of the end of war'," Ri said. —Xinhua ■

Viet Nam ex-party chief behind harsh communist reforms dead at 101

HANOI (Viet Nam) — Viet Nam's former Communist Party leader Do Muoi, a revolutionary who broke out of a French prison and later led the controversial push to dismantle private businesses after the Viet Nam War, died late Monday at age 101, officials said.

Muoi, a party member for nearly 80 years, passed away in a military hospital in Hanoi following a long illness, the government and state media said.

"Comrade Do Muoi... made many great contri-

butions to the revolutionary cause of the party and the nation," the official state-run Viet Nam News Agency said on Tuesday. Born in Hanoi in 1917, Muoi joined Ho Chi Minh's communist revolution at age 19, eager to expel Viet Nam's French colonial rulers who were eventually overthrown in 1954. His revolutionary activities landed him in Hanoi's infamous Hoa Lo prison in 1941 — later dubbed the 'Hanoi Hilton' by American POWs, including John McCain, imprisoned there

during the Viet Nam War.

Muoi escaped four years later by slipping out of his prison uniform and fleeing via a sewer drain.

Muoi spent much of his political career climbing party ranks, eventually joining the politburo in 1982 and gaining a reputation as a conservative ideologue.

After the Viet Nam War ended in 1975, he led a campaign dubbed "X2" to dismantle tens of thousands of private enterprises in the south — then the economic engine of

the newly-unified country. He made no secret of his anti-capitalist views and became known for an infamous motto.

"Capitalists are like sewer rats, whenever one sees them popping up one must smash them to death!" he said, according to Nhan Tri Vo's book "Vietnam's Economic Policy Since 1975". He later admitted the X2 crusade was "a little too dogmatic", though he never took personal responsibility for the brutal campaign. —AFP ■

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Indonesia tsunami worsened by shape of Palu bay

PARIS (France) — The tsunami that ravaged the Indonesian city of Palu was outsized compared to the earthquake that spawned it, but other factors — including a long, narrow bay — conspired to create monster waves, scientists say.

At least 844 people are already known to have died in the disaster, and officials say that toll is likely to rise — perhaps into the thousands.

The 7.5-magnitude quake, which struck early evening on Friday — a time when many in the Muslim-majority country would have been at the mosque — brought buildings down all over Palu and its surrounding area.

But it was an unlikely confluence of geophysical conditions that gave rise to a localised tsunami that washed away many other structures and certainly

added to the human cost.

“The waves were at least two-to-three metres high, and possibly twice that,” said Jane Cunneen, a research fellow at Curtin University’s Faculty of Science and Engineering in Bentley, Western Australia, and an architect of the Indian Ocean’s tsunami warning system, developed under UN guidance.

Judging by the earthquake, however, the tsunami shouldn’t have been nearly that big.

“In the overwhelming majority of cases, tsunamis are generated by so-called thrust earthquakes, which create a large vertical displacement of the seafloor,” said Baptiste Gombert, an expert on tectonics at Oxford University’s department of earth sciences.

The Palu tsunami, by contrast, was generated by a strike-slip fault, where



The tsunami crashed into the seaside city of Palu. PHOTO: AFP

chunks of Earth’s crust move over or under each other along a horizontal plane. “Strike-slip faults are less likely to generate tsunamis, as they don’t uplift the seafloor too much,” said Cunneen. So what caused the deadly waves? At least three factors, experts told AFP.

Submarine landslide

One is the singularly long channel of ocean water dead-ending at the low-lying city of Palu.

“The shape of the bay definitely played a major role in amplifying the size of the waves,” said Anne Socquet, an earthquake expert at the Institute of

Earth Sciences in Grenoble who has studied the region’s seismic faults.

“The bay acted like a funnel into which the tsunami waves entered.”

As the bay narrowed and became more shallow, the water was pushed up from below and squeezed from the sides at the same

time. A second ingredient was the size and location of the quake. Magnitude 7.5 is a powerful earthquake — only a few are recorded every year. The one that struck Palu “was also really shallow, which means greater seafloor displacement,” said Gombert.

To make things worse, the rupture was close to shore, leaving scant time or distance for the waves to dissipate. Finally, circumstantial evidence suggests that the tsunami was magnified by the underwater equivalent of a landslide. “The earthquake may have caused a submarine landslide near the mouth of the bay, or even within the bay itself,” said Cunneen, noting the waterway’s steep earthen walls. This would help explain why the waves were so big near Palu, but much smaller in the surrounding area.—AFP ■

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Bruegel the Elder masterpieces in Vienna world first

VIENNA — The world's first-ever monograph exhibition dedicated to 16th century Flemish master Pieter Bruegel the Elder opens on Tuesday in Vienna, bringing together half of all of his extant works, organizers said.

Ahead of the 450th anniversary of his death next year, the Kunsthistorisches Museum (KHM) is hosting an unparalleled exhibition of 27 of his paintings and 60 drawings and prints.

And it will notably reunite for the first time two versions of Bruegel's iconic "Tower of Babel" masterpiece and four from his cycle of "Seasons".

Many of the international loans were so old and fragile that they hardly ever travelled and many of the works to go on show had never before left their hometowns.

"Everyone knows Bruegel, whether it be from reproductions on calendars or on biscuit tins. But never before have so many of his works been gathered in one place," Penot said.

Bringing together Bruegel's



A visitor takes a selfie with the painting 'Head of a Peasant Woman' at the world's first monograph exhibition dedicated to Flemish master Pieter Bruegel the Elder in Vienna. **PHOTO: AFP**

masterpieces into a single exhibition that has been six years in preparation was "something of a miracle", co-curator Sabine Penot told AFP.

The KHM had something of a head start, as it already owned 12 Bruegel paintings, including one of the "Tower of Babel", "Peasant Wedding", "Children's Games" and three of the "Seasons".

That was because Bruegel's works "were collected very early on by two members of the Habsburg family, Archduke Ernest, who ruled the Netherlands, and his brother, Emperor Rudolf II", said art historian Alice Hoppe-Harnoncourt.

In 2012, the KHM began an in-depth technical examination of the paintings, using X-ray and

infra-red technology, that had never previously been carried out on Bruegel's works.

And from there, a number of institutions, particularly in Belgium, agreed to collaborate for this exhibition, Penot said.

'Cinematographic field of vision'

The show brings together pieces from around 30 private and public collections all over the world, from Antwerp and Madrid, to New York, Paris, Prague and Rotterdam.

And among the highlights is "Adoration of the Kings in the Snow" from Winterthur, which required a special law to be able to leave Switzerland, as well as "The Port of Naples" which was recently authenticated after being restored in Rome.

Unfortunately, the Metropolitan Museum of New York decided not to loan the "Harvesters" which would have rounded off the five "Seasons" paintings known to be still in existence, said Penot.

Another co-curator, Manfred

Sellink, director of the Royal Museum of Fine Arts in Antwerp, Belgium, said Bruegel's works continued to fascinate because "he succeeds in portraying astonishingly precise detail with a literally cinematographic field of vision".

Parallel to the real exhibition is an accompanying website, <http://www.insidebruegel.net>, which allows the user to zoom in on details in the paintings that are not easily visible to the naked eye.

Already famous during his own lifetime and the head of a long dynasty of painters, the popularity of Bruegel (1525/30-1569) has come and gone across the centuries.

"In the 18th century, most of his work had been put into storage and was only really rediscovered at the beginning of the 20th century," said Hoppe-Harnoncourt.

"Every generation has tried to unravel the mysteries of Bruegel, but none has really succeeded, since his work is so rich," said Penot.—AFP ■

We were really close to official 'Friends' reunion

LONDON — "Friends" executive producer Kevin S Bright has revealed that the team was painfully close to having an official reunion.

Bright said talks took place last month as they were seriously considering bringing the group of six back owing to undying demands of the hit '90s sitcom fans.

"Oh yes (there was a chance it would come back). I tell you we had a meeting month ago where I had hopes it would come back," Bright told Metro.co.uk.

But he said it was not meant to be. Bright quoted fellow producer David Crane, "Fifty-year-olds hanging out in a coffee shop would be pathetic", to which he agreed. He added if the show even was revived it would have the same characters but would not be the same show.

"They're at different places in their lives, potentially divorces and so we feel just like letting them go off into the sunset is one of the things which keeps them going in people's minds; wondering what they do and did the marriage last and what did the kids grow up to be like.—PTI ■

Cardi B charged with assault, endangerment over strip-club brawl

NEW YORK—US rapper Cardi B surrendered to police in New York on Monday, charged with assault and reckless endangerment over an ugly brawl in a strip club that injured a female employee.

The 25-year-old star was in the Angels Strip Club in Queens on 29 August when someone in her group lobbed furniture inside the night club, causing an employee to suffer "some bruising to her legs," police said.

The fast-rising rapper turned herself in at a Queens police station and was instructed to appear in criminal court on 29 October, charged with one count of assault and two counts of reckless endangerment, police said.

Celebrity gossip website TMZ said she allegedly ordered an attack on two bartenders at the club, sisters who accuse her of harboring a grudge because one of them slept with her husband, the rapper Offset.

Cardi, who was at the club because Offset was performing in the hard-living hip hop trio Migos, allegedly told her group to attack the bartenders with bottles, chairs and a hookah smoking

device, TMZ said. On Monday, she was filmed exiting the police station in Queens, dressed in a beige skirt suit and white blouse, escorted by burly bodyguards into a waiting SUV, making no comment to a bevy of cameras.

Hard past

The singer, real name Belcalis Almanzar, is one of the most prominent women in hip-hop and shares a child with Offset. Earlier this year, she confirmed reports that the pair had secretly married. Monday's police booking comes just weeks after she was involved in a fracas with fellow rapper Nicki Minaj at New York Fashion Week in which Cardi B accused her rival of throwing a shoe at her.

Cardi B was photographed with a bump on her forehead. Minaj, one of the best-selling musical artists now performing and who was reportedly not hurt, declined to press charges.

The "I Like It" songstress later took to Instagram to imply that the older Minaj had questioned her parenting skills. She gave birth to a daughter, Kulture,

in July. Cardi B has become one of the biggest new stars in US music since the runaway success last year of her song "Bodak Yellow," which touches on her former life making ends meet as a stripper.

A Bronx native, she is the first female rapper to have had multiple No 1 songs on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

She performed in New York

on Saturday at the Global Citizen festival, an unofficial closing event following the weeklong United Nations General Assembly, in what was her first concert since giving birth.

She urged young people to pay attention ahead of the November 6 midterm elections, in which President Donald Trump's Republican Party risks losing control of Congress.—AFP ■



Celebrity gossip website TMZ reported that Cardi B allegedly ordered an attack on two bartenders at a strip club in Queens. **PHOTO: AFP**

Nobel-winning therapy weaponises immune system against cancer

PARIS — A revolutionary cancer treatment pioneered by the winners of the 2018 Nobel Prize for Medicine has been hailed as the future of fighting the disease — and it has fewer devastating side effects than chemotherapy.

While chemotherapy destroys cancerous cells along with normal cells — often with toxic and debilitating effects on a patient — immunotherapy unleashes the body's immune system to target tumour cells.

James Allison of the US and Tasuku Honjo of Japan won the Nobel on Monday for identifying two different brakes on the immune system which, when turned off, allow the body's defence system to attack cancerous cells faster and more effectively.

Allison was one of two scientists to discover the blocking effect for one such brake — or checkpoint inhibitor molecule — called CTLA-4 in 1995. Honjo discovered another, PD-1, around the same time.

Once these brakes were iden-

tified, researchers were able to work on how to turn them off and get T-cells — white blood cells — to start attacking.

“The goal is to neutralise these molecules, among them CTLA-4 and PD-1, and these are what the recipients of the Nobel prize have been working on,” said Pierre Goldstein, emeritus professor at the Marseille-Luminy Immunology Centre.

“We neutralise these and the white blood cells can get to work on the cancer cells,” he added.

Sheena Cruickshank, an immunology lecturer at the University of Manchester in Britain, said the therapy has “enabled us to harness the power of the body to help heal itself”.

“A lot of conventional cancer therapies are about destroying cells and can be quite damaging, but this is much more targeted and much more specific because it's enabling our immune cells to come in and actually kill the tumour cells directly,” she told AFP.

Booming field

The therapy has only been used on patients for a few years, and is less effective for certain cancers such as pancreatic and brain cancer. But 800 clinical trials were in progress worldwide and more than 30 drugs under development as of June, according to the American Cancer Society.

And the pharmaceutical industry has heavily invested in research in the field.

The US Food and Drug Administration has already approved a number of immunotherapy treatments, including some targeting PD-1.

“The booming field of immunotherapy that these discoveries have precipitated is still relatively in its infancy, so it's exciting to consider how this research will progress in the future,” said Charles Swanton, Cancer Research UK's chief clinician.

Goldstein, whose team first identified the CTLA-4 molecule in 1987, said the results have been very promising. —AFP ■



While chemotherapy destroys cancerous cells along with normal cells, often with toxic and debilitating effects on a patients' body, immunotherapy unleashes the body's immune system to target tumour cells. PHOTO: AFP



The new hummingbird species Oreotrochilus cyanoaemus is said to be in danger of extinction. PHOTO: AFP

New species of hummingbird identified in Ecuador

QUITO — A team of ornithologists in Ecuador has identified a new species of hummingbird: a lovely blue-green creature that lives in a cold, barren highland area and is danger of extinction.

Team leader Francisco Sornoza saw one of the birds through binoculars a year ago and had a hunch that it was a previously unknown species.

The bird is about 11 cm (four inches) long and has a stunning, deep blue neck, a white breast with a black stripe and greenish-blue head and body feathers.

It has been given the name Oreotrochilus cyanoaemus, or blue-throated star. The discovery was announced Thursday in a journal called *The Auk: Ornithological Advances*.

The bird lives at an altitude of 3,000 to 3,700 metres (10,000 to 12,000 feet) in an area near the Pacific coast that straddles the provinces of Loja and El Oro.

Researchers estimate there are only 300 of these birds and say its habitat is shrinking dramatically. Mining in the area also threatens it.

“It is a species that is in severe danger,” Sornoza, who works at the National Biodiversity Institute, told AFP.

Ecuador is small but very rich in biodiversity. For instance, it is home to 132 species of hum-

mingbird.

These birds are very well documented so the discovery of a new one is extremely rare. This is the first such find in 30 years, said Sornoza.

Also on the team with Sornoza were researchers Juan Freile of the Ecuadorian Committee of Ornithological Registries, Swede Jonas Nilsson of the bird observatory Wild Sumaco, Denmark's Niels Krabbe from the University of Copenhagen and Elisa Bonaccorso, a Venezuelan who teaches at San Francisco University in Quito. Hummingbirds are distinguished by their colors and the shape of their beak.

“Each one represents the colors of the jewels you can see in the world: diamond, ruby, amethyst,” said Sornoza, who has studied birds for 30 years and is so crazy about them he imitates bird song.

Hummingbirds are tough little creatures, he adds — their hearts beat 1,600 times per minute by day but that goes down to 200 at night to help them survive cold temperatures, said Sornoza.

The new species has a slightly curved beak that helps it get at the flowers of the chuquiragua, a plant that Ecuadorian highlanders use to brew tea.

It can eat up to two times its weight in nectar. —AFP ■

CERN suspends scientist over ‘offensive’ address on women and science

GENEVA — Europe's physics lab CERN on Monday suspended a scientist over a lecture that suggested physics was “built by men” and accused women of demanding specialist jobs without suitable qualifications.

The presentation by Alessandro Strumia of Pisa University was delivered on Friday at the Geneva lab during a workshop

on the relationship between high energy theory and gender. The presentation — which includes various slides, charts and graphs — appears to claim that men face discrimination in the field of physics. One pictorial series suggests that women line up to take gender studies and then later protest over a lack of jobs in stem fields, an umbrella term

that covers areas like chemistry and engineering.

“Physics invented and built by men, it's not by invitation,” one slide says.

“CERN considers the presentation delivered by an invited scientist during a workshop on High Energy Theory and Gender as highly offensive,” the lab said in a statement. —AFP ■



The European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) has disavowed a guest scientist who claimed physics was “built by men”. PHOTO: AFP

Eric Abrams named new technical director of MFF

U ZAW ZAW, President of Myanmar Football Federation (MFF), received Eric Abrams, the new football technical director from Belgium, who is going to be appointed at MFF, at Novotel Yangon Max Hotel on 1 October.

In his meeting with Eric Abrams, U Zaw Zaw warmly welcomed him for coming here to work for Myanmar football arena as he worked for Australian Football Federation.

"We would like you to try as a technical director for ensuring that Myanmar national men's and women's football teams will achieve success in the upcoming international football tournaments. Moreover, Myanmar has not yet achieved success to some degree on account of unprofessional conducts. For that reason, I want to mention that you can help guide the players of Myanmar national selected



U Zaw Zaw, President of MFF, receives Eric Abrams, the new technical director from Belgium on 1 October. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

teams and youth projects in a systemic manner, making them become professionals along with their different sectors, including lifestyles and fitness of the players. I would like to give you some

suggestions on what you would do for which teams with long-term projects and which teams with short-term projects, so as to achieve success. Myanmar players can compete with those from

other countries in techniques and morals. If Myanmar players conduct professionally in the areas of lifestyles and disciplines, there will be no reason of not achieving success. I believe that, at present,

the football standard of Myanmar national women's team is advancing to a certain degree. If they make more efforts than now, they will advance to the Asian level. That is why you are wanted here to help try for the development of Myanmar women's football arena," said U Zaw Zaw.

Eric Abrams replied that his meeting with the president of MFF brought about much benefit.

The technical director is responsible for nurturing and producing youth players and upgrading the capacity of football coaches, especially for the whole football arena.

"I will be in collaboration with local coaches. I am feeling excited about taking up the duty of the technical director mainly necessary for Myanmar football arena," he said.

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Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola says the Premier League giants face 'five finals' in their Champions League group. **PHOTO: AFP**

Guardiola says Manchester City face 'five finals' in Europe

LONDON — Pep Guardiola says his Manchester City side effectively face the first of "five finals" in the Champions League group stages at Hoffenheim on Tuesday following defeat in their opening game.

City's 2-1 loss to Lyon in Manchester a fortnight ago meant they arrived in Germany desperate for a win over Bundesliga side Hoffenheim, who are hosting their first ever Champions League home match.

"We have five finals now. We lost the first game, so now we must win each one — tomorrow is the first final," Guardiola said when asked about the Lyon defeat.

"Maybe we need to suffer a bit.

"It (the Champions League) is a top quality level competition, each team is so good and it makes

things complicated.

"We weren't so good against Lyon in the first half.

"Since I have been here, we have always qualified comfortably (for the knock-out stages) and maybe this shows what a tough competition it is."

Kevin de Bruyne trained with the City team before they left Manchester on Monday, for the first time since suffering a knee injury in August, but the Hoffenheim game comes too soon for the Belgium playmaker.

Guardiola will be back on the touchline again after serving a ban for the Lyon game following his sending off in last season's quarter-final defeat to Liverpool.

"I prefer to be on closer to my players, rather than in the stands," he said at a press conference in Heidelberg, neat Hoffenheim. — AFP ■

Reborn Sturridge an extra weapon in Liverpool's armoury

LONDON — It was a sight that just a few months ago would have been unthinkable — Liverpool a goal down in a big game, and Mohamed Salah hauled off by Jurgen Klopp.

Klopp got the goal he craved for a 1-1 draw at Chelsea on Saturday that preserved Liverpool's unbeaten Premier League start, not via Salah's immediate replacement Xherdan Shaqiri, but another late substitute, Daniel Sturridge.

A reborn Sturridge is now Liverpool's joint top scorer so far this season with four goals despite remaining behind Salah, Roberto Firmino and Sadio Mane in Klopp's pecking order.

That he has remained there to be counted on at all, though, is a huge boost to Klopp's quest to both go one step further in the Champions League this season and deliver a first-ever Premier League title, 29 years after they last won the English top flight.

"Thank God he is here," said Klopp after Sturridge's sensational dipping effort from outside the box secured a point at Stamford Bridge.

"It would be really unlucky for both sides if he was not. He is in the best shape since we've worked together."

Sturridge has endured an

injury-ravaged three years since Klopp took charge.

Farmed out to West Brom in January in a bid to refind his form and fitness, Sturridge's hamstring went again in his third game and he never scored for the Baggies as they were relegated.

"He was always a bit unlucky with injuries and stuff like that. That's how it is, timing in life is pretty important," added Klopp. "Now, the timing is perfect. We need him desperately and he is fit."

'World class'

Sturridge's return further strengthens a squad already bolstered by the summer signings of Shaqiri, Naby Keita and Fabinho.

That contrasts starkly with the limited options available to Klopp when Salah went off injured just 30 minutes into last season's Champions

League final.

"We have a great squad, world-class players, and he's one of them," said Virgil van Dijk, whose own £75 million (\$98 million) move from Southampton in January has transformed Liverpool's defence. — AFP ■



Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp is blessed with great strength in depth this season thanks to Daniel Sturridge's return and a host of new signings. **PHOTO: AFP**