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President U Win Myint receives U Soe Lynn Han, the newly-appointed Myanmar Ambassador to Belgium, at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

President U Win Myint gives policy guidance to U Soe Lynn Han, appointed as Myanmar Ambassador to Belgium

PRESIDENT U Win Myint of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar gave policy guidance to U Soe Lynn Han, appointed as Myanmar Ambassador to Belgium, in his office at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon. — MNA ■

Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe arrives back after attending UNGA 73rd Session, official visit to Republic of Cuba

CHAIRMAN of the Myanmar Delegation and Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe arrived back in Yangon yesterday morning after attending the General Debate of the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly held in New York, and paying an official visit to the Republic of Cuba as the Special Envoy of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

During the high level week of the 73rd

Session from 25 September to 1 October, Chairman of the Delegation Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe delivered a statement at the General Debate on 28 September.

Prior to the high level week, Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe paid a visit to Washington D.C. on 26 September and called on the United States Senate Majority Leader Senator Hon. Mitch McConnell.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi addresses the 10th Mekong-Japan Summit Meeting and Japan-Mekong Economic Forum in Tokyo, Japan yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attends, addresses 10th Mekong-Japan Summit Meeting, Japan-Mekong Economic Forum

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi addressed the 10th Mekong-Japan Summit Meeting and Japan-Mekong Economic Forum yesterday in Tokyo, Japan.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and party first attended a working breakfast with leaders of Mekong countries at the Hotel New Otani, hosted by the Japan-Mekong Parliamentary Friendship Association.

The working breakfast was attended by Cambodia Prime Minister Mr. Samdech Hun Sen, Lao Prime Minister Mr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Thailand Prime Minister Mr. Prayut Chan-o-cha, Viet Nam Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Xuan Phuc, representatives from Mekong countries and officials from Japan-Mekong Parliamentary Friendship Association.

At the working breakfast, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivered a message of greetings. Similarly, leaders and representatives from Japan and Me-

kong countries also delivered greeting messages and discussed regional development and cooperation matters between the regional countries.

Next, the State Counsellor together with Cambodia Prime Minister, Lao Prime Minister, Thailand Prime Minister and Viet Nam Prime Minister attended a soccer event and then arrived at the state guest house in Tokyo, where the opening ceremony of the 10th Mekong-Japan Summit Meeting was being held and where they were welcomed by the Prime Minister of Japan with a Guard of Honor.

At the soccer event, the State Counsellor, Prime Minister of Japan, Cambodia Prime Minister, Lao Prime Minister, Thailand Prime Minister and Viet Nam Prime Minister met cordially with chairmen, deputy chairmen, general secretaries and U-17 team leaders of Mekong region football federations and were presented footballs as commemorative gifts.

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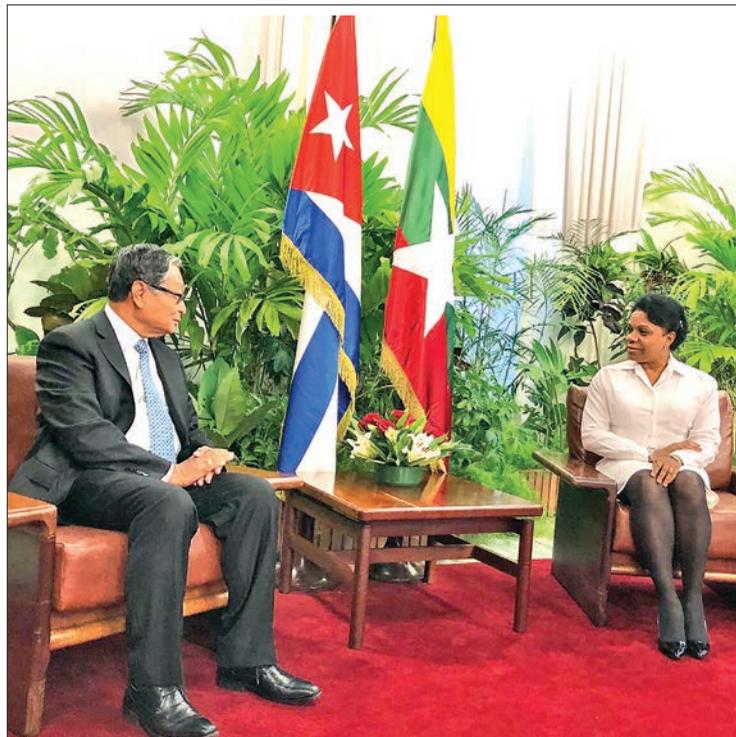
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While attending the UN General Assembly in New York, Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe had held separate meetings with U.S. Secretary of State Hon. Mike Pompeo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan H.E. Mr. Taro Kono, U.S. Senator Hon. Jeff Merkley, White House National Security Council Senior Director for Asian Affairs Mr. Matt Pottinger, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Mr. Peter Maurer and Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General on Myanmar Ms. Christine Burgener.

Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe attended the Myanmar-China-Bangladesh informal trilateral meeting held at the UN headquarters on 24 September on the sideline of the General Assembly. Also present at the meeting were State Councilor and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China H.E. Mr. Wan Yi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali, Secretary-General of the United Nations Mr. António Guterres and Special Envoy Ms. Christine Burgener. During the meeting, a three point agreement was reached: Myanmar and Bangladesh will properly solve the Rakhine issue through friendly consultations; Myanmar is ready to receive the first batch of verified displaced persons who wish to return back voluntarily from Bangladesh while Bangladesh side will prepare for the repatriation; and Myanmar and Bangladesh will hold a joint working group meeting as soon as possible so as to work out a roadmap and timetable for the repatriation and achieve the first repatriation as early as possible.

Moreover, Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe attended a reception hosted by the President of the United States on 24 September. The Union Minister, accompanied by Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, also attended a working lunch hosted by UK Foreign Secretary Rt. Hon. Jeremy Hunt, MP and Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs of France H.E. Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian, at the British Mission in New York on the same day.

After attending the General Debate of the 73rd Session of the



Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe calling on Vice President of Council of State and Ministers of Cuba H.E. Ms. Ines Maria Chapman Waugh. **PHOTO: MNA**

United Nations General Assembly, Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe paid an official visit to Cuba as the Special Envoy of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar from 2 to 4 October 2018.

During the visit to Cuba, Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe called on Vice President of Council of State and Ministers of Cuba H.E. Ms. Ines Maria Chapman Waugh at the Council of State Building at 1600 hrs on 4 October. During the meeting, the Union Minister discussed on the matters relating to the purpose of the visit as the special envoy, promoting Myanmar-Cuba bilateral relations and cooperation, and signing of an MoU between relevant ministries of the two countries to strengthen cooperation in the fields of agriculture, education and especially in the health sector.

The Union Minister met with Minister for Foreign Affairs H.E. Mr. Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 1000 hrs on 3 October. They discussed on ways and means to further strengthening cooperation at bilateral level and at the international fora including the United Nations.

The Union Minister also met with Deputy Minister for Public Health H.E. Mrs. Marcia Cobas Ruiz at the Ministry of Public Health at 1500 hrs on 4 October. During the meeting, they discussed matters relating

to possibility of trilateral cooperation in health sector between Myanmar, Cuba and a third country, identifying priority area, projects and research works,



Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe meeting with Cuban Minister for Foreign Affairs H.E. Mr. Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla. **PHOTO: MNA**

trainings to researchers and professionals, pharmaceutical manufacturing, and the signing of an MoU on cooperation in health sector.

The Union Minister visited the Centre of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology in Havana at 0930 hrs on 4 October and met with relevant officials. They discussed potential cooperation between the Ministry of Health of Myanmar and the Cen-

tre of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology of Cuba including training to Myanmar medical researchers, research and production of cancer treatment medicines, and pharmaceutical manufacturing.

The Myanmar delegation led by the Union Minister left Jose Marti International Airport in Havana for New York at 1430 hrs on 5 October and arrived back in New York's Newark Airport at 1800 hrs.

Alternative Chairman of the Myanmar Delegation and Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin also arrived back in Yangon on 3 October, after attending the General Debate of the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

During the the UN Assembly high level week, Union Minister U Kyaw Tin and Norwegian Minister of International Development H.E. Mr Nikolai Astrup co-hosted an event on "Digitalization People's Lives: 2030 Agenda in Action which

and on the fight against tuberculosis with the theme of "United to end tuberculosis: an urgent global response to Global epidemic". He also attended Security Council Briefing on DPRK. The Union Minister participated in the 5th ASEAN and the Pacific Alliance Ministerial Meeting, Informal ASEAN-US Ministerial Meeting, informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting, and ASEAN Ministers' meeting with the UN Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly.

Union Minister U Kyaw Tin held separate meetings with UN Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict Ms. Pramila Patten, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict Ms. Virginia Gamba, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Mr. Filippo Grandi, Under Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Dr. Jemilah Mahmood, and Managing Director of the Asia Society Policy Institute (ASPI) Ms. Debra Eisenman.

Union Minister U Kyaw Tin attended a reception in honour of the Centenary of the late President Nelson Mandela on 24 September as well as a luncheon to commemorate the 73rd Anniversary of the Independence Day of Vietnam and its Candidature for Security Council for 2020-2021 terms on 26 September.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin signed the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) at the Treaty Event on 26 September.

The Union Minister also attended the donation ceremony for flood victims in Myanmar held at the Myanmar Mission in New York on 1 October, and received the US dollar 15,000 cash donation presented by Mr. William H. Su alias U Thein Han, President of the Myanmar-US Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the National Humanitarian Fundraising for Myanmar (NHFMM) which consists of New York based Myanmar Civil Societies.

The Union Minister also held an interview with VoA Burmese Programme on 29 September.—MNA

Youth Sector

The Union Government has put great efforts into enhancing the ability of the youth to think critically and philosophically, by providing more access to libraries and research, so that a new generation of highly educated, healthy and physically strong youth can be produced.

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

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attends, addresses 10th Mekong-Japan ...



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi shakes hands with Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Shinzo Abe. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attending the 10th Mekong-Japan Summit Meeting, together with leaders of Mekong countries yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Using football to increase friendship among Japan and Mekong region countries is very beneficial and Japan-Mekong U-17 invitational matches not only increase friendship among regional countries but will also promote and raise the level of football in the Mekong region.

Afterwards, Japan Football Federation Chairman presented the State Counsellor and leaders of Mekong region countries with commemorative clothing and posed for a photograph with Mekong region heads of state.

After this, the State Counsellor attended the opening ceremony of the 10th Mekong-Japan Summit Meeting held at the State Guest House.

The opening ceremony of the summit meeting was attended by Prime Minister of Japan, leaders, representatives and high-ranking officials of Mekong countries.

At the meeting, Prime Minister of Japan Mr. Shinzo Abe delivered an opening speech and Cambodia Prime Minister Mr. Samdech Hun Sen, Lao Prime Minister Mr. Thongloun Sisoulith, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Thailand Prime Minister Mr. Prayut Chan-o-cha and Viet Nam Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Xuan Phuc participated in the discussions. In her discussion, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi reviewed the status of co-

operation under the Tokyo Strategy 2015 (2015-2018), future works to be conducted, especially increasing cooperation in transport and energy sector and increasing basic infrastructure connectivity of other sectors, increasing connectivity in industrial production matters between Mekong countries and Japan, establishing a people-based community, works to be conducted for technology and human resources development and international affairs.

Leaders of Mekong and Japan who attended the opening ceremony then approved the Tokyo Strategy 2018 for Mekong-Japan Cooperation and Prime Minister of Japan Mr. Shinzo Abe delivered a closing speech.

At this summit, leaders of the countries approved and issued a "Tokyo Strategy 2018 (2019-2021)" as a cooperation framework for the period 2019-2021.

Afterwards, Prime Minister of Japan, Cambodia Prime Minister, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Lao Prime Minister, Thai Prime Minister and Vietnamese Prime Minister attended the joint press conference held at the State Guest House and provided country wise explanations to the media about the 10th Mekong-Japan Summit Meeting.

The State Counsellor and leaders of the Mekong countries then attended a working lunch

with business leaders in Hotel New Otani Tokyo.

At the working lunch, Cambodia Prime Minister, Lao Prime Minister, State Counsellor, Thailand Prime Minister and Viet Nam Prime Minister delivered messages of greetings and had dinner together with representatives of business organizations.

Later in the afternoon, the State Counsellor, together with delegation members, attended the Japan-Mekong Economic Forum under the title "Asia's New Value Chain Hub."

The Japan-Mekong Economic Forum was attended by Prime Ministers of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Viet Nam and representatives of Mekong countries, business owners from

Japan and Mekong countries, invited guests and officials.

At the forum JETRO Chairman and CEO Mr. Hiroyuki Ishige and H.E. Mr. Hiroshige Seko, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, delivered messages of greetings. After this, speeches were delivered by the Prime Minister of Cambodia, Lao Prime Minister, the State Counsellor, Thai Prime Minister and the Vietnamese Prime Minister.

After the forum, the State Counsellor went to the palace in Tokyo and attended a tea party.

Later in the afternoon, the State Counsellor arrived at the State Guest House in Tokyo, where she was cordially greeted by Prime Minister of Japan Mr. Shinzo Abe. From there the

State Counsellor and the Prime Minister of Japan attended the Myanmar-Japan bilateral meeting held in the State Guest House.

After the meeting, the State Counsellor and the Prime Minister of Japan attended the Myanmar-Japan joint press conference and briefed the press about the Myanmar-Japan bilateral meeting and its outcome.

In the evening, the State Counsellor together with delegation members attended a dinner hosted by the Prime Minister of Japan at the the State Guest House. At the dinner, the Prime Minister of Japan and the State Counsellor exchanged messages of greetings and enjoyed dinner together with delegation members. — MNA ■



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Prime Minister Mr. Shinzo Abe and leaders of Mekong region countries hold up football tees as they pose for a documentary photo with football players from Mekong region countries. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Trial basis cattle export to be modified upon outcome

By Nyein Nyein

PROCEDURES will be modified depending upon outcome of the situation after the government permitted cattle export for one year, said U Han Tun, Yangon Region Minister for Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry and Energy.

The minister was responding to a question raised by U Yan Shin of Mayangon Township constituency 2 on the 19th-day meeting of the seventh regular session of Second Yangon Region Hluttaw, held on 9 October. U Yan Shin asked about the numbers of cattle, pigs, goats and chickens raised in Yangon Region for meat production, the yearly numbers produced, support provided to increase production, numbers of cattle and goats exported yearly, whether livestock breeding and related works are conducted in Hlinethaya livestock breeding zone,

Yangon Region, and if there is a plan to support the development of the zone.

U Han Tun said that on 9 October 2017, the Ministry of Commerce allowed the export of live cattle on a one-year trial basis. At the moment, export of cattle are conducted under the existing animal health and development law. Once the trial one-year period is over, procedures will be modified depending upon the outcome, said the minister.

Since the permission was granted as of 30 September, 4,930 oxen and 2,370 buffalos were exported to 73 Chinese companies through Muse border gate, under the border trade system.

Moreover, Hlinethaya livestock breeding zone is also conducting livestock-related businesses, such as storage and production of animal feed,

tanneries, breeding of animals for meat and milk and producing natural fertilizers from animal droppings. Three Chinese companies also had storage pens in three locations in the zone to store live animals before export. A total of 600 heads, 250 buffalos and 350 oxen, were exported to China through Muse under the border trade system, added the minister.

On the matter of zone development, U Han Tun said the government is providing information and training about livestock breeding, both in theory as well as in actual practice. Support is also provided in artificial insemination of cattle.

Reduction in the numbers of cattle in the country due to export will be countered by the development of livestock breeding programs. The government is also coordinating towards value adding the export of livestock

products to increase income and is also providing through government departments trainings on preventing animal to human and human to animal illnesses/diseases, said the minister.

"I found out that there'll be a review after the one-year trial period, and this needs to be done properly. Once a product has an export market, the price of that product in the local market normally rises. In relation to the hike in the price of the live animals exported, the meat price also rises. Other meat prices can also rise," said U Yan Shin.

At the moment, 490 local cattle, 295 dairy cows, 160 buffalos, 150 goats and 1,128 pigs are raised in Hlinethaya livestock breeding zone. Country-wide, more than 174,000 buffalos, 700,000 cows, 130,000 goats, 1,400,000 pigs, 48,000,000 chickens and 4,100,000 ducks were raised, it is learnt. ■

International cargo port to be built with JICA assistance

WITH the assistance of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), an international cargo port will be built in Mandalay in December, according to the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (DWIR).

JICA signed an agreement with the DWIR on 4 October to provide grant aid of up to 6.034 billion yen for the development of Mandalay Port project.

EIA/SIA (Environmental Impact Assessment/Social Impact Assessment) were already completed for the project. The project will be implemented by Japanese companies as the assistance was provided by JICA. Issuing of tender will also be done in Japan. The cargo port will be constructed within two years," said director of Mandalay Region DWIR.

The objective of the project is to modernize Mandalay Port in Myanmar's second largest city, Mandalay, which is the economic



The project site where the international cargo port will be built. **PHOTO: KHIN SATT WAI**

center of the northern region of Myanmar. The project aims to smooth transport of cargo within a short period. It will also improve the lives of people in the northern region. The project is part of the International Transport Strategy projects, drawn up in 2014 with the assistance of JICA.

Field inspection for the project was conducted between August 2013 and February 2014. The project will be implemented under the JICA Guidelines. Set compensation for land appropriated for the project will be paid within two weeks, said DWIR Director General U Tun Lwin Oo.

The project is located near Shwehlanbo School, Mandalay Port. The cargo port is 180 meters in length and the approach ramp is 304 meters long. The project also includes 8,550 square meters of space for container yard, port supervision office, two cranes and a security building. — Khin Satt Wai ■

Garment export earns US\$2.2 billion in mini-budget period

EXPORTS from garment factories that operate under the Cut-Make-Pack (CMP) system earned US\$2.2 billion in the previous six-month mini-budget period (from April to September), which is an increase of \$1 billion compared to similar period of last FY, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The garment sector is one of the prioritised sectors that drives increasing exports. The CMP garment industry has emerged as a very promising one with preferential trade from western countries.

The export value of CMP garment was only \$850 million in the 2015-2016 fiscal year, but

it significantly increased to three times in the past two FYs. The 2016-2017 FY saw an estimated earning of some \$2 billion from garment exports, and export income from CMP garment was estimated at \$2.5 billion in the 2017-2018 FY.

Garment exports are primarily targeted to Japanese and European markets. Additionally, garments are exported to markets in South Korea, China and United States.

The majority of Myanmar's garment factories operate under the CMP system, while those engaged in this industry are striving to transform CMP into the free on board (FoB) system,



Employees work at a production line in a garment factory in Hlinethaya, Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

according to the Commerce Ministry.

Myanmar's manufacturing sector is largely concentrated on CMP garments and textiles, which contributes to the coun-

try's GDP to a certain extent.

There are more than 400 garment factories in Myanmar, with a labour force of more than 300,000 workers. Myanmar's inexpensive la-

bour attracts investments from foreign manufacturers to the country, which sometimes leads to a conflict over wages between workers and employers.

— Ko Khant ■

Mung bean price up by nearly Ks120,000 per ton within one month

WITH regular demand in recent days, mung bean price on 8 October showed a significant increase of Ks118,000 per ton, compared to last month.

Mung bean RC fetched Ks568,000 per ton on 8 October, which is up from Ks450,000 per ton on 8 September. Over one hundred containers were traded on 8 October, whereas only five were witnessed on 8 September, according to pulses market.

India permitted an import quota of 150,000 tons of mung beans and green grams each and 200,000 tons of pigeon peas between June and August. The quota period has already ended, but India is still purchasing mung beans, hiking up the price.

Between 8 September and 5 October, around 170 containers of mung beans were traded. On 7 September, mung bean RC fetched US\$320-340 per ton, while special quality (SQ) variety price was worth \$430-450 per ton. Mung bean prices rose to \$370-

390 per ton for RC and \$500-520 for SQ on 8 October.

Since the first week of October, Yangon pulses market has recovered with a large number of traders.

Old stocks of mung beans produced last year can be converted with newly-produced beans by giving additional charges of Ks6,000 per ton. That can be made by 31 October, according to Bayintnaung Commodity Depot. About 500,000 to 600,000 tons of mung beans are yearly produced. Old stocks are usually sold out in March. This year, India's policy changes on pulses importation left the old stock piled, as of late second quarter.

Starting from 8 October, those purchasing old stocks for resales instead of direct selling will be taken action against, according to rules and regulations of Bayintnaung commodity depot, said a recent notification of the depot. — Maung Sae Aung ■

Private company to be set up for striped catfish farming

By May Thet Hnin

MYANMAR Fisheries Federation (MFF) will establish a private company for striped catfish farming.

The single fish species will be farmed in the 100-acre wide fish ponds, legally developed last year in Pantanaw Township, Maubin District, Ayeyawady Region, said Daw Toe Nanda Tin, vice chair of MFF.

“Those interested shareholders will be accepted starting from 30 October. A single share is worth Ks100 million and the privately-held company will accept shareholders for 50 stocks. A small number of investors can combine their investments if they cannot individually afford to invest Ks100 million. However, that one share will be held in a single name”, she said.

MFF is willing to set up a public company but the process is complex. Therefore, they have started the business with a private one. Private businessmen will bring in Ks10 billion and a request for government-backed loans of Ks10 billion will be submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

“We will implement this whether or not loan is contributed”, said Daw Toe Nanda Tin. The reason why MFF de-

ecided to farm striped catfish is because of its potential markets, including China. Striped catfish farming has favorable strong points such as disease resistance, short breeding period and rapid growth. Research projects have been intensively developed and the plan will commence upon investors' interest.

“Striped catfish farming harvests its produce every three or four months a year. If we put a capital of US\$27 million a year, we will earn around \$50 million. Therefore, we decided to start this business”, she explained.

Shared money can be deposited 50 per cent each within two months. MFF has already informed the businessmen in regions and states.

Myanmar fish breeders

primarily farm rohu and mrigal carp. Suspension of Myanmar's fish importation by Saudi market, which accounts for 30 per cent of rohu export, led to price fall in domestic market. In order for volatile fish market to recover, striped catfish farming with the use of systematic fishing technique will be implemented, said U Win Kyaing, general secretary of MFF.

At present, high aquafeed price drove up the production cost. Local breeders are facing a slew of challenges owing to suspension of fish importation by Saudi Arabia.

Thus, MFF has urged the breeders not to extend their farming acres of rohu and mrigal carp beyond domestic and export market demand. ■



Freshwater catfishes are seen at a small-scale fish farm. PHOTO: MYINT OO (MYEIK)

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Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic 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 6 October 2018 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

No	Nature of report	Details on seizure and legal action taken
1	Information received of illegal drugs being sold along the streets of Ward 13 of South Okkalapa Tsp, Yangon Region.	On 14-9-2018, police staking out at the corner of Thumingalar Street and 27 th St. in Ward 13 of South Okkalapa Tsp, arrested Yarzar Tun (a) Yarzar, 19, living on the 4 th floor of a building in Kawliya Street 19, Ward 13, South Okkalapa Tsp, together with WY psychotropic tablets and marijuana. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (South Okkalapa) MaYa(Pa) 49/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2	Information received of Daw Soe Moe Hnin (a) Rose selling illegal drugs from her home in room B/705 on the 6 th floor of Building B in Muditha Housing 1, Mayangon Tsp, Yangon Region.	On 5-10-2018, police arrested Daw Soe Moe Hnin (a) Rose, 40, and her son Swan Yi Htet (a) Wailiam, 20, at their house in B/705 on the 6 th floor of Building B in Muditha Housing 1, Upper Baho Road, Ward 2, Mayangon Tsp, together with WY psychotropic tablets, ICE and marijuana. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Bayinnaung) MaYa(Pa) 15/2018 under Section 16-C/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3	Information received of Daw Win Sein from Tangar Village, Phaungpyin Tsp, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 6-10-2018, police arrested Daw Win Sein, 56, and Thein Han Soe, 30, both from Tangar Village, Phaungpyin Tsp, together with opium. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Phaungpyin) MaYa(Pa) 85/2018 under Section 19-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4	Information received of Kyaw Maung from Innwine Nabekon Village, Mante Village-tract, Phaungpyin Tsp, Mawlaik District, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 4-10-2018, police arrested Kyaw Maung, 32, in his home in Innwine Nabekon Village, Phaungpyin Tsp, together with heroin. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Phaungpyin) MaYa(Pa) 82/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5	Information received of U San Ngwe from Taukkyan Village, YeU Tsp, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs on a large scale.	On 19-8-2018, police arrested San Ngwe (a) Chan Tar, 31, in his home in Taukkyan Village, YeU Tsp, together with '88/1' psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Thintheinyan) MaYa(Pa) 2/2018 under Section 16-C/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
6	Information received of Kyaw San from Sutnan Village, Mawlaik Tsp, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 6-10-2018, police arrested Kyaw San, 47, in his home in Sutnan Village, Mawlaik Tsp, together with heroin. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Mawlaik) MaYa(Pa) 23/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
7	Information received of Hla Tun from Taunggon Village, Mawlaik Tsp, Mawlaik District, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs on a large scale.	On 3-9-2018, police arrested Hla Tun, 48, in his field hut in Taunggon Village, Mawlaik Tsp, along with Aung Tun Kyaing, 28, from Ohtpokyin Village, Mawlaik Tsp, together with heroin. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Mawlaik) MaYa(Pa) 20/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
8	Information received of Nay Lin Aung from Street 5, Aungsan Ward, YeU Tsp, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs on a large scale.	On 4-10-2018, police arrested Nay Lin Aung, 36, in his house in Street 5, Aungsan Ward, YeU Tsp, together with '88/1' psychotropic tablets and heroin. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (YeU) MaYa(Pa) 10/2018 under Section 16-C/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
9	Information received of Gita (a) U Aung San Oo, living in Room No. 2A/928, Muditha Housing 2, Ywama West Ward, Insein Tsp, Yangon Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 12-9-2018, police arrested Gita (a) Aung San Oo, 45, in his house in Room No. 2A/928, Muditha Housing 2, Ywama West Ward, Insein Tsp, together with WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Insein) MaYa(Pa) 116/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
10	Information received of Maung Htike, living in Aungsan Ward, YeU Tsp, Shwebo District, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 19-9-2018, police arrested Tun Min Htike (a) Maung Htike, 35, living in 11 th Street, Aungsan Ward, YeU Tsp, together with heroin. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (YeU) MaYa(Pa) 9/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
11	Information received of Myo Lwin Oo (a) La Pyae, who drives Taxi No.DD/3150, in front of Shwe Baho Hospital, Tamway junction, Tamway Tsp, Yangon Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 4-10-2018, police searched Taxi No.DD/3150 parked in front of the Shwe Baho Hospital on Thamein Bayan Road, Ma Hlwa Gon Htay Kwyae Ward (Ka), Tamway Tsp, driven by Myo Lwin Oo (a) La Pyae, 35, living in Building No.296/B, Aung Theidi Street, Ward 20, Dagon Myothit (South)Tsp, together with WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Tamway) MaYa(Pa) 44/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
12	Information received of Ma Poe from Tonepin Village, Minepote Village-tract, Mohnyin Tsp, Kachin State, selling illegal drugs.	On 4-10-2018, police arrested Ma Poe (a) Ma Poe Poe Lwin, 34, in her home in Tonepin Village, Minepote Village-tract, Mohnyin Tsp, together with heroin and pink colored psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Lonetone) MaYa(Pa) 67/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
13	Information received of Ko Htoo Naung, living in Shwe Wah Tun Street 7, Ward 12, Hlinehaya Tsp, Yangon Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 4-10-2018, police arrested Ko Htoo Naung (a) Naing Lin Tun (a) Putu Naung, 20, living in Building No.415/B, Shwe Wah Tun Street 7, Ward 12, Hlinehaya Tsp, along with Ye Htut Win, 29, and another unnamed person from the same ward, together with WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Thounggyi) MaYa(Pa) 60/2018 under Section 19-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
14	Information received of Myo Min Naing (a) Wa Gyi, living in the Insein Prison compound, Insein Tsp, Yangon Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 2-10-2018, police arrested Myo Min Naing (a) Wa gyi, 45, and his wife Ma Khin Yadanar Lin (a) Pa Pa, 38, both living in the staff dormitories in Insein Prison compound, Insein Tsp, together with WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Insein) MaYa(Pa) 129/2018 under Section 16-C/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Investigations continue.

3. Out of the information sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, so far 316 cases have been opened as of 6-10-2018, and 417 men and 82 women have been arrested with seizures of 4,833.86 g of heroin, 17.01 g of ICE, 37,569.01 g of opium, 329 g of low-quality opium, 5,802 g of powder opium, 3,973.99 g of speciosa, 149,682 stimulant tablets, 3,373.04 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.

World Post Day 2018 celebrated in Nay Pyi Taw

A CEREMONY to commemorate World Post Day 2018 was held at Ministry of Transport and Communications Office No. (2) meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning and Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung delivered a speech.

At the ceremony, the Union Minister said Universal Postal Union (UPU) formed on 9 October 1874 has 192 countries as members and is the world's longest international organisation. Myanmar became the member of UPU on 4 October 1949. The main aim of holding World Post Day is to highlight the importance and awareness of the role of postal services among service users and businesses and its participation in the socio-economic development all over the world.

Myanmar is also conducting postal sector development and Directorate of Telecommunications and Myanmar Post Office are working together towards repealing the Burma Postal Act (1898) and to enact a new Postal Law soon. Myanmar Post Office



Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung views an exhibition at the World Post Day 2018 ceremony held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) are working together to educate the people on postal code and to create a better postal work by publishing a book on postal code in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay regions. At the same time, actor Morisaki Win

was appointed as "Post Code Ambassador" to raise more interest, said the Union Minister.

Next Directorate of Telecommunications Deputy Director General U Myo Swe delivered a speech of thanks and deputy director Daw Ni Ni Han read the World Post Day

2018 message of Switzerland-based UPU Director General.

Afterwards, age 15 years and below international youth letter writing (local level) competition assessment group chairman U Ko Lay Win of Basic Education Department explained about the compe-

tion.

This was followed by Deputy Ministers for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo and U Tha Oo presenting first, second and third prizes to winners of the age 15 years and below international youth letter writing (local level) competition.

Myanmar Post Managing Director U Kham Aung then presented document of honors to officials from post offices that provided special services, in addition to routine postal works.

Union Minister, Deputy Ministers, Permanent Secretary and U Ko Lay Win were also presented with World Post Day commemorative gifts by Directorate of Telecommunications, Deputy Director General.

After this, first prize winner of age 15 years and below international youth letter writing (local level) competition expressed words of thanks.

In the end, Union Minister, Deputy Ministers and prize winners posed for a group photo and viewed the World Post Day exhibitions.—MNA

Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

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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 Kayin State, Hlaingbwe Tsp, on the Hlaingbwe-Paingkyon highway, a man was arrested with 12,750 stimulant tablets. In Mandalay Region, Mogok Tsp, officials received a tip-off of illegal drugs being transported from Kutkai Town to Mogok Town and formed a blockade in front of Legyi police outpost. Five motorbikes refused official inspection and drove away, with officials giving chase and arresting one man with 1,210,000 stimulant tablets, 4,884 g of heroin and five motorcycles. On the Mogok-Momeik highway, a suspect left their motorcycle and ran away from an official inspection, leaving behind 130 g of heroin in the vehicle. In Patheingyi Tsp, at the 16 milepost-Kyaukchaw joint-inspection gate, a woman was arrested with 8,000 stimulant tablets and 240 g of heroin. In Chanmyathazi Tsp, Thanlyet Hmawtaung Ward, along the Mandalay Kandawgyi track, officials acting on a tip-off arrested three men with 292,500 stimulant tablets and a Probox car. In Mahaaungmye Tsp, Maha Nwesin Ward, a man was arrested with 335 vials of diazepam, 390 lorazepam tablets, 2,705 tramadol tablets, and 800 sedil tablets. In a KTV in Yemontaung Ward, 5 men and 1 woman were arrested 1.7 g of ketamine and 0.5 g of marijuana. In Shan State, Kengtung Tsp, a driverless motorcycle containing 8,400 g of raw opium was found abandoned on the road heading towards Mya Shweyi hot springs. In Kutkai Tsp, along the Kutkai-Kaungkha highway, a man was arrested with 121 g of heroin and 5,900 stimulant tablets. In Tachilek Tsp, at the Meyan join-inspection gate, a man was arrested with 650 g of ketamine. In Rakhine State, Maungtaw Tsp, along the 3 milepost-Kyeekanpyin highway, a suspect escaped official inspection and left behind 282,750 stimulant tablets on their abandoned motorcycle. In Thandwe Tsp, Myopyin Village, along the Thandwe-Taungup highway, a man

was arrested with 163.3 g of marijuana.

There have been 4 cases of arrests involving firearms. In Kayin State, Hlaingbwe Tsp, a man living in Myaingyingu (Zizawamyang Ward) was arrested with 38 stimulant tablets, 20 (7.62x39) bullets, and 1 hand grenade. In Taninthayir Region, Dawei Tsp, Hteinthit Ward, a man was arrested with 3,000 stimulant tablets, 1 homemade gun, 47 (.22) bullets, and 1 Hijet car. In Shan State, Tachilek Tsp, Ayedin Village, 2 men were arrested with 3,600 stimulant tablets, 45 (.45) bullets, and 1 Revo Toyota Hilux car. Along the Mepan-Kawmakein Village road, a man was arrested with 20 stimulant tablets, 1 gas-powered gun and 6 bullets.

There has been 1 arrest involving foreigners. In Rakhine State, Maungtaw Tsp, along the Myanmar side of the Naf River, 2 boats containing security forces caught and inspected a boat located near the north of U Saw Hla island where they arrested 1 man from Tayetoht Village-tract, Maungtaw Tsp, and 2 Bangladeshi citizens together with 28,500 stimulant tablets.

There have been 278 cases being opened between 30-9-2018 and 6-10-2018, and 361 men and 48 women have been arrested. Seizures of 5,746.62 g of heroin, 9.39 g of ICE, 11,169.73 g of opium, 33 g of powder opium, 90 g of low-quality opium, 4,200 g of speciosa, 1,901,033 stimulant tablets, 214.96 g of marijuana, 89 g of opium blocks, 335 vials of diazepam, 390 lorazepam tablets, 2,705 tramadol tablets, 651.7 g of ketamine, 800 sedil tablets, 2 different firearms, 118 different bullets, and one hand grenade.

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

Contacts

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

Keep an open mind on friendship

MYANMAR is fully committed not just to the pursuit of economic development, but also to striking the right balance between development and stability – both economically and politically.

The Union Government has been steering a careful course through waves of multiple, complex and simultaneous transitions that are social, political and economic in nature.

Despite multidimensional risks, external and internal pressures, and the monumental complexity of the issues we must deal with, Myanmar has not wavered in its commitment to be a responsible member of the global community.

New investment and company laws recently in effect provide a much-improved legal framework for investors.

Myanmar has been undergoing multiple, simultaneous, complex transitions throughout recent years. These transitions have affected all aspects of the country's social, political and economic life. Very few of our people remain untouched by these transitions.

“ Keeping an open mind does not mean that you believe or accept everything, but you do listen, observe, feel and try to comprehend every true situation on your path.

– all these have to be taken into consideration when we are looking for more investors, for greater economic opportunities, and when we are looking to our friends to come and join us in our economic ventures. It is not simply an economic venture; it's a national venture which incorporates many, many strands – social, economic, political.

Our friends are urged to be very open and transparent with us. Keeping an open mind does not mean that you believe or accept everything, but you do listen, observe, feel and try to comprehend every true situation on your path.

“If there were any concerns or worries, to please discuss this openly with us and to please keep an open mind. Unless you keep an open mind, you will not be able to see what the true situation is like,” said the State Counsellor.

It is also important to listen and to consider seriously in what way we can work together not just to make bilateral trade and investment relations but to improve relations between our two peoples, and to contribute to fostering better relations throughout the world.

We strongly encourage our friends in the world to be open minded to mutually beneficial friendship that brings peoples and businesses together for the benefit of all.

Today is the time to visit and soak up an atmosphere brimming with opportunities and witness the newfound economic vibrancy with your own eyes.

We acknowledge that our country has challenges to face, particularly with regard to the Rakhine and with the struggles Myanmar has on the peace front.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said at the Myanmar Investment Conference in Japan that Myanmar is aware of the difficulties, saying that the country is not hiding this fact from our friends but Myanmar is confident that if it stands firm in the interest of all who live within the country's frontiers and who are all dependent on Myanmar for their security and their prosperity, Myanmar shall not fail to go forward.

We understand that peace, reconciliation, harmony, stability, rule of law, human rights

Human trafficking: a modern-day slavery

By Maung Khaing Mar (Upper Minhla)

MYANMAR has been stepping up its fight against human trafficking as a national cause. Despite its efforts, Myanmar was downgraded to Tier 3 from Tier 2 Watch List in the U.S. Department of State's 2016 Trafficking in Person's Report. Whatever it may be, Myanmar has been making all-round efforts to combat human trafficking across the country.

Every year, thousands of men, women and children fall into the hands of traffickers, because human trafficking is regarded as the third largest crime industry in the world after drug trafficking and illegal arms sales. It is estimated that there are 2.4 million people throughout the world who are lured into human trafficking. An estimated 2.5 million people, including women and children, are victims of modern slavery every year and 54 per cent of global trafficking victims were identified to be in the Southeast Asian region.

Human Trafficking

Article 3, paragraph (a) of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons defines Trafficking in Persons as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services,

slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs.

According to Myanmar's Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law (2015), Trafficking in Persons is defined as recruitment, transportation, transfer, sale, purchase, lending, hiring, harbouring or receipt of a person after committing any of the following acts for the purpose of exploitation of a person with or without his consent: 1. threat, use of force or other form of coercion; 2. abduction; 3. fraud; 4. deception; 5. abuse of power or of position, taking advantage of the vulnerability of a person; 6. giving or receiving of money or benefit to obtain the consent of the person having control over another person. Exploitation includes receipt or agreement for receipt of money or benefit for the prostitution of one person by another; other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour, forced service, slavery, servitude, debt-bondage or the removal and sale of organs from the body.

Background

Although human trafficking and exploitation has been in existence across the globe for ages, it has attracted the attention of the international community after 1990. Since the late 1980s, political affairs and economic issues have dramatically changed and communications has opened up the world, turning it into a global village. The economies of some countries are growing very rapidly, and the gap between the haves and have-nots is widening in the world. Many people are on the move for greener pastures where they can find better employment opportunities, education, and healthcare for their future. Upon their arrival to other



countries, those who do not have high qualifications, education, and financial investment tend to seek help from people who are knowledgeable than them, thereby providing opportunities to exploit them. Later, it turns into human trafficking and exploitation around the world. There are two forms of human trafficking: people who escape the bonds of human trafficking, i.e. after experiencing many different forms of exploitation, they become survivors of human trafficking and those who have been prevented from becoming trafficking victims in the nick of time. They are found to have used forged travel documents and fake offer of employment letter. Moreover, it is found that victims themselves are not familiar with one another and they do not know where they are heading to.

It is found that a majority of women who illegally migrate to neighbouring countries for jobs fall prey to a trafficking form of forced marriage. As a significant development in 2018, a new form of trafficking case, which is surrogate pregnancy, was exposed and action has been taken against such cases. In domestic trafficking cases, prostitution and labour exploitation are taking place in the main.

Types of human trafficking

The main factors of human trafficking are due to poverty, non-education, lack of knowledge of human trafficking, scarcity of job opportunities, desire

for a higher salary, unequal numbers of men and women in the population, domestic human trafficking and suffering from natural disasters and armed conflicts in the country. In Myanmar, human trafficking takes on various forms, including forced marriage, exploitation of labour, forced sexual exploitation, forced to begging, forced laborers in the fishing sector, and so on.

Myanmar and human trafficking

As for the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the country has developed awareness of the menace of human trafficking

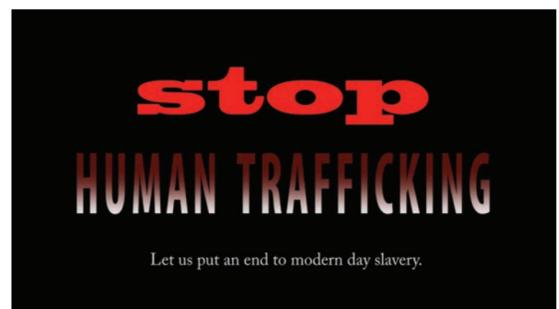
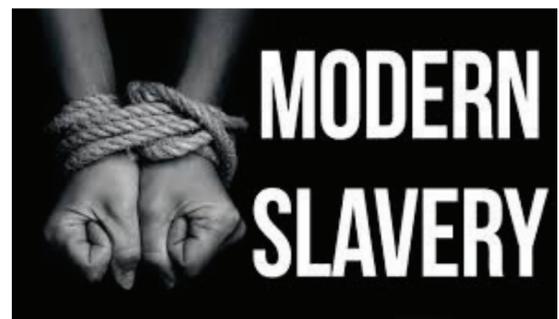
established on 17 July 2002. Moreover, the Federation of Myanmar Women's Affairs stepped up its mission in the fight against human trafficking by means of prevention, legal action and rehabilitation for victims. The Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law was promulgated on 13 September 2005, with the Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons coming into existence in 2006. An anti-human trafficking police unit was set up in 2013, and the country laid down its first five-year plan (2017-2021) for action to combat human trafficking as a national duty. Cooperation has been made with neighbour-

hood. Moreover, a five-year plan dedicated to combat trafficking in persons is being implemented. According to Anti-Human Trafficking Force, from January to June 2018, human trafficking cases recorded throughout the whole country occurred as follows: 29 per cent in Yangon Region, 33 per cent in Shan State, 16 per cent in Mandalay Region, 6 per cent in Kachin State, 5 per cent in Bago Region, 4 per cent in Nay Pyi Taw, 3 per cent in Rakhine State, 2 per cent in Mon State, 1 per cent each in Sagaing Region and Kayin State, respectively.

Aims and objectives of the World Day against Trafficking in Persons 2018

The government has set up aims and objectives of the World Day against Trafficking in Persons, and the objectives of this year are: 1. to combat the anti-human trafficking as a national cause, with the cooperation of all citizens; 2. to disseminate knowledge on anti-human trafficking among the public; 3. to take care of the victims of human trafficking with sympathy; and 4. to promote cooperation among the departments, CSOs, UNs, NGOs and INGOs, to combat human trafficking. Therefore, it is of paramount importance for the entire public to participate in the process of eliminating human trafficking or the so-called modern-day slavery.

Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung



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Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued on Tuesday 9 October 2018)

SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS RECORDED AT 09:30 hrs MST: During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin and Kayah states, scattered in Magway Region, fairly widespread in Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions, Kayin State and widespread in the remaining regions and states with regionally heavy falls in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay regions and isolated heavy falls in Kayin State. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Amarapura (4.88) inches, Hlaingbwe (3.27)inches, Lunkyaw (2.95)inches, Sagaing (2.76)inches, Mandalay (2.36)inches, Kalewa (2.24) inches, Madaya (2.17)inches, YeU (2.13)inches, Kyaukse and Dawei (1.89)inches each and Kalay (1.69)inches.

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at (17:30) hrs MST today, the Deep Depression over the Westcentral Bay of Bangal has moved to West-Northwestwards and it's intensified into a Cyclonic Storm "TITLI". It is centered at about (280)miles South-Southeast of Gopalpur and about (250) miles Southeast of Kalingapatnam (India). Weather is cloudy over the Andaman Sea and partly cloudy over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF 10 October 2018: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Bago Region, Kachin and Kayah states, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Magway, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions, Kayin and Mon states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay regions, Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Sea will be moderate to rough sea elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (9 - 12) feet Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts and about (6-9)feet in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts.

Deep Depression

22:00 MST Tuesday, 9 October 2018

Cyclonic Storm

According to the observations at (21:30)hrs MST today, the Cyclonic Storm "TITLI" over the Westcentral Bay of Bangal remained practically stationary and it is centered at about (280)miles South-Southeast of Gopalpur and about (250) miles Southeast of Kalingapatnam (India).

It is not moving towards Myanmar coasts, the present stage of the Cyclonic Storm is coded yellow stage.

Position of Cyclonic Storm, Center pressure and wind

Cyclonic Storm is located at Latitude (14.9) degree North and Longitude (86.6) degree East, Centre pressure of depression is (998) hPa and maximum wind speed near the center is (50) miles per hour at (21:30)hrs MST.

During next (18)hrs Forecast

It is forecast to move Northwestwards and it may further intensify into a Severe Cyclonic Storm "TITLI" during next (18) hours.

General caution

Due to the Cyclonic Storm, rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine states with isolated to regionally heavy falls within next (72)hrs.

Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Sea will be moderate to rough elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (9 - 12) feet Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts and about (6-9)feet Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts.

People should be aware trawlers, vessels and ships off and along Myanmar Coasts.

Myanmar delegation attends Asian Film Center Roundtable 2018



Director-General U Ye Naing participating in the Asian Film Center Roundtable 2018 in Busan, Republic of Korea, on 8 October. **PHOTO: MNA**

A MYANMAR delegation participated in the Asian Film Center Roundtable held in Busan, Republic of Korea, on 8 October.

Attending the roundtable were Chairman of the Busan City Development Committee and Mayor Mr. Oh Keo-don, Korea Film Council (KOFIC) Chairman Mr. Oh Seok-geun, Busan International Film Festival Chairman Mr. Lee Yong-kwan, officials from film-related organizations from Asian countries, and the three-member Myanmar delegation led by U Ye Naing, the Director-General of the Information and Public Relations Department, under the Ministry

of Information. The Asian Film Center Roundtable 2018 was held with the intention to find ways to develop the film industry in Asian countries, and to establish an Asian Film Center so that cultural exchange between Asian countries is promoted. The roundtable openly discussed in detail why an Asian Film Center was required, projected expectations related to it in 2019, expected consequences, organizational formation, etc.

The Myanmar delegation discussed the supportive tasks for establishing an Asian Film Center, utilizing Myanmar's unique and beautiful scenery as film locations, and potential col-

laborations and investments in all sectors from filming and production to premiering the film.

The Busan Film Festival is held from 4 to 13 October and simultaneously holds screening of international films and film forums. Myanmar Academy Award winner Daw Swe Zin Htaik led a delegation to attend the Rising Asia Session under the 2018 LINK of CINE – ASIA where they discussed development for Myanmar's film industry.

Additionally, the Asia Film Market and Asian Project Market are displaying film exhibits from different countries, with buyers and sellers from the different sectors of the film industry, observers, people looking for connections, and many others in attendance. The Republic of Korea holds the Busan International Film Festival annually to facilitate professional exchange of film expertise which will lead to further development of filming standards, expanding the film market, and supporting the development of the nation's economy by linkage with the film industry, which in turn will boost the image of their country. —MNA

Nestlé Myanmar commemorates World Food Day 2018

NESTLÉ Myanmar had disseminated knowledge on nutrition to park goers from 6 to 7 October at the Maha Bandoola Park in Yangon.

The event is aimed at educating families in Myanmar on the importance of choosing high-quality and nutritious options.

"In line with our purpose of enhancing the quality of life and contributing to a healthier future, our goal is to nourish Myanmar by offering quality and nutritious products and make it accessible to all households in Myanmar; and ensuring that people of all age groups are strong and healthy," says Hayri Devrim Cöbek, Managing Director of Nestlé Myanmar.

Nestlé is the world's largest food and Beverage Company present in 189 countries around



From right to left, Hayri Devrim Cöbek and actress Chit Tu Wai pose for photo at the Nestlé sponsored World Food Day event in Maha Bandoola Park, Yangon. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

the world, and for more than 150 years, Nestlé has been offering a wide portfolio of 2,000 brands for people throughout their lives.

In Myanmar, nutrition is a very important agenda that deserves much more attention

than what it has today.

Research shows that many children and adults in Myanmar are still not receiving enough nutrition on a daily basis, which leads to malnutrition and other health risks.—GNLM

Myanmar, Bangladesh conduct coordinated patrol

A COORDINATED patrol between Myanmar and Bangladesh was conducted at the border mile posts 34 to 36 from 8:30am to 12:20pm on 8 October, according to the Information Department of the Myanmar Police Force.

The Myanmar patrol was

led by Police Lieutenant Myat Zaw Oo from Taungpyo (Right) Area Police Station, Area 3, Maungtaw Township, and the Bangladesh patrol was led by officer Naib Subedar Md. Mojibur Rahman of No. 34 Boder Guards Bangladesh, Tumbru patrol station. —Myanmar Police Force.



Myanmar patrol marching along the Myanmar side of the border during a coordinated patrol with Bangladesh on 8 October. **PHOTO: MPF**

42 viss of dried elephant skin seized in Maungtaw

ABOUT 42 viss (over 73 kilogram) of dried elephant skin were seized in Kaiggyi, Maungtaw Township, on 8 October, according to information released by the Maungtaw Township Information and Public Relations Department.

Local police discovered the dried elephant skin contained in three bags on the raft in a river near the village.

The police also detained Ye Min Naing who found on the raft for further interrogation. —GNLM



Confiscated dried elephant skin in Kaiggyi, Maungtaw Township. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

One returnee returns to Taung Pyo Letwe Reception Centre

MAHMUT Raqqi Ulla, 39 years, (father Nobu) holding registration card (ya) 108399 of household No. (207) from Taung Pyo Letwe Town, Yaytwinpyin Village Tract, Taung village was learnt to have returned back to Maungtaw Township, Taung Pyo Town, reception centre yesterday afternoon.

Assessment work on the returnee was conducted by a team led by Taung Pyo Letwe Reception Centre head, General Ad-

ministration Department deputy director U Soe Tun and deputy director U Thant Zin issued a NVC card. Next, the returnee was checked for infectious diseases, provided with medicines and aid materials from Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and rest overnight at Taung Pyo Letwe Reception Centre. The next day, he'll be properly transferred to Maungtaw Township Hla Phoe Khaung Transit Centre it is learnt. —Township IPRD

Pre-coord meeting held to convene 7th Conference on Media Development in Myanmar

A PRE-COORDINATION meeting for the successful holding of the 7th Conference on Media Development in Myanmar was held at the Ministry of Information meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun said this is the first meeting held for the successful convening of 7th Conference on Media Development in Myanmar. The conference is planned to be held in Nay Pyi Taw during December and meeting attendees are urged to openly discuss for the successful holding of the conference.

Next, Information and Public Relations Department Deputy Director General Dr. Daw

Thida Tin discussed about the main topics to be deliberated at the 7th Conference on Media Development in Myanmar.

Afterwards, meeting attendees who were officials from UNESCO, IMS/Fojo, DK Akademie, JICA, BBC Media Action, Myanmar Police Reform Project (Mypol) and Myanmar Press Council discussed and suggested about the sub-topics under the main topics to be deliberated in the 7th Conference on Media Development in Myanmar.

Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun coordinated on the discussions and suggestions made.

With an aim to work together toward Myanmar media development, the 7th Conference



Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun addresses the pre-coordination meeting for the successful holding of the 7th Conference on Media Development in Myanmar, yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

on Media Development in Myanmar is planned to be held in December this year. The past six

conferences were held from 19 to 20 March 2012, 20 to 21 May 2013, 18 to 19 September 2014, 10 to 11

December 2015, 7 to 8 November 2016 and 7 to 8 December 2017, it is learnt. — MNA ■



Pyithu Hluttaw IR Committee Chairman U Zaw Thein receives Turkish Ambassador Mr. Haydar Kerem Divanlioglu in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Pyithu Hluttaw IR Committee Chairman receives Turkish Ambassador to Myanmar

PYITHU Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman U Zaw Thein received Turkish Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Haydar Kerem Divanlioglu and his delegation at Hluttaw Affairs Hall (I-5) in Nay Pyi Taw at 1pm yesterday.

During the meeting, they exchanged views and openly discussed ways to enhance parliamentary relations be-

tween Myanmar and Turkey, to strengthen the long-lasting bilateral relations existing between the two countries, the aid processes in Myanmar by Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), to attract more investments from Turkey into Myanmar and the status of education programmes aided by Turkey to Myanmar. — MNA ■

Union Attorney-General receives International Bridges to Justice founder

UNION Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo received International Bridges to Justice (IBJ) founder Ms. Karen Tse and party at Union Attorney General office guest hall at 2pm yesterday.

At the meeting, commencement of legal assistance and support services, processes of opening justice centres in collab-

oration with IBJ and My Justice group, legal aid to poor people by those centres, process of rule of law and justice by the Union Attorney General office, establishment of coordinator group for the rule of law and justice and sub-coordinator group for state and region, establishment of Union Legal Aid Board, ac-

cording to law, by the Union Supreme Court and legal work programmes by the collaboration of the Union Attorney General office and IBJ in the future were discussed.

Present at the meeting were Permanent Secretary Daw Nu Nu Yin and Director-General U Min Swe.— MNA ■

Ninety completed board houses for returnees handed over to Rakhine State Government

Ministry of Construction handed over ninety completed assembled board houses to accommodate displaced people from Bangladesh to Rakhine State Government on 8 October.

The handing over came after the ministry inspected quality of houses and other infrastructures including tube wells, water tanks, toilets and gravel road constructed by Maungtaw District Road Department for the Hla Phoe Khaung Transit Centre in Maungtaw Township.

Rakhine State Minister for Electricity, Industry and Transport U Aung Kyaw Zan accepted the infrastructure on behalf of the Rakhine State Government. Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin and Rakhine State Minister U Aung Kyaw Zan inspected the quality of houses and infrastructures before handing over them.

Next the Deputy Minister and party inspected the buildings constructed under the management of CITF.

In the afternoon, the Deputy Minister and party arrived Kyeinchaung Taung housing complex and inspected the houses and roads constructed by two companies under the arrangement of CITF. During their trip, the sites for construction of 65 houses and a community centre were identified.

The Deputy Minister inspected the development and maintenance works conducted along the Maungtaw-Kyeinchaung-Bandoola road. In

the evening, they arrived at Oh Htane camp and inspected the roadworks and completion of houses and a community centre conducted by four companies under the management of CITF.

They also inspected and designated a site where 65 houses and a community centre would be built with the assistance by the government of Japan.

The Deputy Minister coordinated on the technical support required. — MNA ■



Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lin and Rakhine State Minister U Aung Kyaw Zan inspect a brick water tank connected to the assemble board houses in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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New Japan-Mekong strategy aims to boost quality infrastructure

TOKYO — Japan and five Southeast Asian nations along the Mekong River adopted on Tuesday a new three-year strategy centering on improving connectivity through promotion of “quality infrastructure” building for regional development.

The document endorsed by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and the leaders of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam at the Mekong-Japan Summit Meeting also cited human resource development and environment protection as main pillars of cooperation.

On regional security, the leaders reaffirmed their commitment to addressing tensions over North Korea’s nuclear and missile programmes and the South China Sea, where China has been expanding its military clout, according to the document.

Under the “Tokyo Strategy 2018 for Mekong-Japan Cooperation,” the leaders of the Mekong countries welcomed Japan’s policy to realize a “free and open” Indo-Pacific, designed to promote the stability and prosperity of the region based on rule-based order and free trade.

Abe and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith, Myanmar leader State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Thai Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha and Vi-



Leaders of Japan and five Southeast Asian nations along the Mekong River meet the press at the Akasaka Palace state guesthouse in Tokyo on 9 October, 2018, after the 10th Mekong-Japan summit. Seen from left are Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Myanmar leader State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Thai Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha and Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

etnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc hailed the progress in physical infrastructure development, enhancing land, maritime and air connectivity in the region.

The Mekong region is seen as a promising market and an important destination for infrastructure exports for Japanese companies as its combined population stood at 238 million and its aggregate gross domestic product totaled \$781 billion in 2017, according to the International Monetary Fund. Tokyo also views the Mekong area as geopolitically important as it is located between India and China, two major powers in the region, and faces vital shipping lanes in the

South China Sea, Japanese officials said.

The leaders also agreed on the need to modernize customs to facilitate cross-border security and customs clearance and pledged to support the participation of non-Mekong countries in the supply chain of the Mekong region.

They confirmed the significance of human resource development in light of the advancement of artificial intelligence, digital related areas and international business.

They also called for accelerating progress toward achieving universal health coverage by 2030, or ensuring that every person can obtain the health care services they need

without suffering financial hardship, and promoting collaboration in the field of education. With the aim of realizing a “Green Mekong,” the leaders cited measures against climate change and marine debris pollution, water resource management and disaster risk reduction as their pri-

ority areas, according to the document.

On North Korea, the leaders welcomed ongoing diplomatic efforts, including the first-ever US-North Korean summit in June, as a step toward the comprehensive resolution of the outstanding issues involving the country.

They also called for the realization of Pyongyang’s “complete, verifiable, and irreversible dismantlement of all weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missiles of all ranges” in accordance with UN resolutions.

As for the South China Sea, they “took note of some concerns” over the situation, including land reclamation and activities in the area, alluding to China’s muscle-flexing without singling out the country by name. The leaders expressed their readiness to maintain freedom of navigation in and overflight above the South China Sea. Among the participating countries, Vietnam has overlapping territorial claims with China in the waters. The Mekong-Japan Summit has been convened every year since 2009, with the aim of pursuing sustainable development and narrowing the development gap in the region. Japan hosts the gathering every three years. —Kyodo News ■

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Climate action urgent, says world's only 'water ambassador'

THE HAGUE, (Netherlands) — Countries must work urgently to solve water issues caused by climate change, a Dutch official billed as the world's only "water ambassador" said on Monday, backing a dire warning from the UN.

Henk Ovink said nations should be planning now to anticipate future problems, from flooding or sea level rises at one end of the scale to drought and conflict over water resources at the other.

"We need a radical change," said Ovink, the special representative on water affairs for the Netherlands, who says his post is the only one of its kind in the world.



This file photograph taken on 27 August, 2018, shows the ruins of a hotel which was destroyed by the rise in sea levels on the beach in Vridi, the industrial neighbourhood of Abidjan. PHOTO: AFP

"There is this urgent need to change, the IPCC report is right, we are not heading in the right direction," he told a small group of international journalists

in The Hague.

The UN's Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC) said in a landmark report Monday that warming is on track toward an unliveable 3C° or 4C° rise and avoiding global chaos will require a major transformation.

Ovink — who travels the world spreading the know-how gleaned by the low-lying Netherlands in its millennium-long battle against the seas — said the report shows "we all need to do more."

Recent events such as the disastrous flooding caused by Hurricane Florence in the United States, Japanese typhoons and the Indonesian tsunami showed that "the world isn't ready for these challenges, and is responding after these crises, not before."

His job involved working with at-risk areas — including Bangladesh,

Southeast Asia and Latin America — to help them work to anticipate problems. He said one important area was fostering "collaboration" — within and between countries, agencies and the UN — citing the example of the Netherlands where "our water democracy is nearly 1,000 years old."

But while US President Donald Trump's decision to pull out of the Paris climate pact caused international dismay, Ovink said that there was no need to be unduly pessimistic. "I don't despair only because of Trump," said Ovink, who previously served on a task force on hurricane rebuilding created by Trump's predecessor, president Barack Obama.

"The world is not dependent on one nation. It wasn't easy before — including Bangladesh, Trump."—AFP ■

Thai official suspended after being caught with bearcat carcasses, weapons

BANGKOK — A Thai official has been charged by police after being caught with bearcat carcasses and hunting weapons in a national park, police said Monday, the latest case of poaching allegedly committed by powerful Thais.

Senior district official Vacharachai Sameerak was part of a group of 12 found by National Park officials on Saturday night in Sai Yok Park, in Kanchanaburi province.

"After checking their cars, there were four bearcats paws found, together with guns and ammunition," said police

chief Thanee Sangaujeen, adding that the group did not have authorisation to enter the park.

The hunting weapons found in their vehicles included a rifle with a silencer and a pistol.

The 12 were charged with violating forestry, wildlife and national park laws, which they all denied.

The Interior Ministry suspended Vacharachai from his position on Monday, as well as two other civil employees who were with him on the excursion, said the Kanchanaburi governor in a press brief-

ing. "The suspension is for the duration of the investigation so that it can be unhindered," Jirakit at Bhumisawasdi said. —AFP ■

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Living by the bow and arrow in Bhutan

THIMPHU (Bhutan) — Every weekend Bhutanese Pema Dorji channels his inner Robin Hood and aims for the bull's-eye, but not without generous sips of the local brew and a leg-kicking dance and song routine.

The likes of Dorji make up the vibrant archery scene in the small Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan where the traditional sport is a way of life for its 800,000 people. Competitions are held across the country on various auspicious days each month before culminating in national championships attended by hundreds of raucous fans.

"Alcohol and archery go hand in hand," said Tashi Dorji, the research and development officer with the Bhutan Indigenous Games and Sports Association (BIGSA).

"We drink to gain confidence. We have a belief that if we drink we can hit the target better," the 25-year-old said, barely hiding a sheepish grin. The game they play pits two teams of 11 players each who try to hit the maximum number of bull's-eyes on a fixed target a full 140 metres (yards) away. A war cry rings out each time the target is hit. Players in traditional "gho" dresses dance

and sing folk numbers — different ones for winning and losing.

The crucial drink breaks see archers gulp down locally brewed whisky before locking horns again on the field where colourful flags flutter in the breeze.

Poison arrows

The beloved national sport is steeped in legends about how bows and arrows were used to hunt prey and destroy demons and evil spirits. Stories also abound about how the Bhutanese fought the rifle-armed soldiers of the British army in the 19th century using arrows dipped in poison.

Archery was popularised by the first king of Bhutan Gongsu Ugyen Wangchuk (1862-1926) and it continued to flourish under royal patronage through the years.

But it suffered a decline after the reclusive nation decided to pursue economic development and open its doors to modernisation, eventually allowing in television in 1999.

"TV made modern sports available, sports like football and volleyball which are cheaper to play. Suddenly there was competition for our traditional sports," said Kinzang Dorji, president of the BIGSA. "Children had a wid-

er choice unlike the generations before them," he told AFP.

In addition, the advent of more advanced compound and recurve archery has meant Bhutanese archers used to traditional equipment made of bamboo reeds have struggled to find their feet in international competitions.

Bhutan has sent archers to every Olympics since 1984 but a medal has eluded the nation.

Rivalry and revelry

Some say the Bhutanese, who will vote in only the country's third elections later this month, lack the fiercely competitive streak needed to do well in the sport. The likes of Ygyen Dorji beg to differ though.

"The rivalry is quite intense. Opponents often plant women in the stands to distract the rivals," said Ygyen Dorji, a mental health counsellor and archery enthusiast. "The ladies mimic you, try to pull you down and one has to concentrate hard as pride and honour are at stake."

Fellow participant Karma Tshering said Bhutanese archers were not aspiring to global acclaim. "Anybody can shoot with the sophisticated modern bows with the help of release aids and all," said Tshering. "It's the traditional archery which is more challenging, you have to focus on both your body and mind," he said, adjusting the sashes on his waist which he won for scoring maximum points during a game at Thimpu's national sports stadium. The Bhutan Archery Federation recently started a programme to train and encourage children to take up the sport.

In a shot in the arm for traditional archery, two Bhutanese athletes won gold medals at the historical World Archery championship held in August in Hungary.—AFP ■



Archery remains a national sport in the tiny Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan. PHOTO: AFP



Nazi hunters Beate and Serge Klarsfeld tracked down the "Butcher of Lyon", Klaus Barbie. PHOTO: AFP

Nazi hunters Serge and Beate Klarsfeld receive top French honours

PARIS (France) — France's most famous Nazi hunters, Serge Klarsfeld and his German wife Beate, received top honours in a ceremony led by French President Emmanuel Macron on Monday.

Serge Klarsfeld, 83, received the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour, France's highest award, while the 79-year-old Beate Klarsfeld received the National Order of Merit, having already been decorated with the Legion of Honour in 2014, with the rank of Grand Officer.

The Chief Rabbi of France Haim Korsia was among those who attended the ceremony at the Elysee Palace limited to family and close friends and associates.

Born September 17, 1935, in the Romanian capital Bucharest, Serge Klarsfeld escaped the Holocaust after his family moved to France but saw his father taken away to die in the Auschwitz Nazi concentration camp.

He was naturalised in 1950, and 10 years later, while studying at the prestigious Science-Po university in Paris, Klarsfeld met Beate Kuenzel, the daughter of a former German soldier, on a

metro platform. The two, who married three years later, decided to bring fugitive Nazis to justice, a mission they pursued for more than half a century.

In one of their most high-profile cases, the Klarsfelds found the notorious Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie, a former Gestapo officer known as the "Butcher of Lyon" for his wartime torture of prisoners, who had escaped to South America.

In 1971, the Klarsfelds revealed that Barbie was living in Bolivia, and in 1983 he was extradited to France. Four years later he was convicted in a trial, and later died behind bars.

They also pursued members of France's collaborationist Vichy regime, including Rene Bouquet, Jean Leguay and Marice Papon — despite obstruction from president Francois Mitterrand.

Mitterrand's successor Jacques Chirac finally recognised France's role in the deportations, a declaration Serge Klarsfeld said owed much to his and Beate's campaigning. "Neither could have succeeded without the other," their daughter Lida once said.—AFP ■

Impossible to work with any person guilty of such grave misconduct: Hrithik Roshan on Vikas Bahl

MUMBAI — "Super 30" star Hrithik Roshan has broken his silence on allegations of sexual harassment against the film's director Vikas Bahl, saying it is "impossible" for him to work with any person "guilty of such grave misconduct".

In a guarded statement, Roshan said he has been away and has "sporadic information" about the case but has asked the producers of the film to take

stock of the situation.

"It is impossible for me to work with any person if he/she is guilty of such grave misconduct. I am away and have access to only sporadic information. I have requested the producers of 'Super 30' to take stock of the apparent facts and take a harsh stand if need be.

"This is not to be hushed or brushed under the carpet. All



"Super 30" star Hrithik Roshan. PHOTO: PTI

proven offenders must be punished and all exploited people must be empowered and given strength to speak up," Roshan said in the statement shared on Twitter.

Bahl, a part of Phantom Films alongside Anurag Kashyap, Vikramaditya Motwane and Madhu Mantena, has been accused of sexual harassment by a former employee of the company,

which was dissolved ahead of a *HuffPost* article that detailed the victim's account and how the production house failed to take action.

Both Kashyap and Motwane have since distanced themselves from Bahl in separate statements.

Kashyap said his legal aide told him there was nothing he could do to fire Bahl from the company.—PTI ■

Researchers identify erectile dysfunction gene

WASHINGTON (United States) — Researchers have identified a genetic variant that is partially responsible for erectile dysfunction, a development that could help improve treatment, according to a study published on Monday in a US journal.

Men who have a copy of this variant have a 26 per cent increased risk of facing erectile dysfunction compared to the average population, said the findings in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Those with two copies of the variant face a 59 per cent higher risk, according to geneticist Eric Jorgenson, the study's lead author. The results were based on a database of 36,649 patients of Kaiser Permanente Northern California.

The average population risk is of one in five men, according to a 2007 study in the United States, but the ratio increases sharply with age.

About a third of erectile dysfunction risk is linked to genetic factors. According to the new

study, the genetic variant Jorgenson and his colleagues identified alone accounts for two percent of the risk.

Obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease all have genetic components and are also linked to erectile dysfunction.

"We know that there are other factors for ED including smoking, obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease, and men who address those factors can reduce their risk of ED," Jorgenson told AFP.

"Because the region that we identified in the human genome appears to act independently of those risk factors, developing new treatments that target the variation in this genetic location has the potential to help those men who do not respond to current treatment."

He noted that about 50 per cent of men do not respond to erectile dysfunction treatments currently available. The study's results were validated by studying a second database in Britain. —AFP ■

Implantable, biodegradable device designed to heal nerve injury

WASHINGTON — American researchers developed an implantable, biodegradable wireless device that could speed nerve regeneration and improve the healing of a damaged nerve, the first example of a bioelectronic medicine.

The study published on Monday in the journal *Nature Medicine* reported the device, the size of a coin and a sheet of paper in thickness, which delivers regular pulses of electricity to damaged peripheral nerves in rats after a surgical repair process.

The wireless device could work for two weeks before being naturally absorbed into the body, accelerating the regrowth of nerves in their legs and enhancing the ultimate recovery of muscle strength and control, according to the study.

Car accidents and sports injuries can injure the peripheral nerves, leaving people with numbness, tingling and weakness and a recovery may take months.

"We know that electrical stimulation during surgery

helps, but once the surgery is over, the window for intervening is closed," said co-senior author Wilson Ray, associate professor of neurosurgery at Washington University.

"With this device, we've shown that electrical stimulation given on a scheduled basis can further enhance nerve recovery," said Ray.

"These engineered systems provide active, therapeutic function in a programmable, dosed format and then naturally disappear into the body, without a trace," said Northwestern University's John Rogers, pioneer in bio-integrated technologies and co-senior author of the study.

They designed and developed a thin, flexible device that wrapped around an injured nerve and delivered electrical pulses at selected time points for days before the device harmlessly degrades in the body. The device is powered and controlled wirelessly by a transmitter outside the body that acts much like a cellphone-charging mat, according to the study. —Xinhua ■



This handout photo from the European Space Agency shows observations of the planets Mars and Saturn made with the Hubble Space Telescope. PHOTO: AFP

Trouble for Hubble: gyroscope fails on space telescope

WASHINGTON — The Hubble space telescope, which has been in orbit since 1990, has temporarily suspended operations because of a gyroscope failure, the US space agency said on Monday.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) said Hubble went into "safe mode" on Friday.

"Hubble entered safe mode after one of the three gyroscopes actively being used to point and steady the telescope failed," NASA said in a statement.

"Safe mode puts the telescope into a stable configuration until ground control can correct the issue and return the mission to normal operation," it said.

"Hubble's instruments still

are fully operational and are expected to produce excellent science for years to come," NASA added. Hubble is equipped with six gyroscopes to orient the telescope.

Hubble is currently down to two working gyros and needs at least three for optimal operations. But it can continue to provide observations with just one functioning gyroscope. Dr Rachel Osten, the deputy head of the Hubble mission, said it had been a "very stressful weekend."

"First step is to try to bring back the last gyro, which had been off, and is being problematic," Osten said on Twitter.

NASA said staff at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center and

the Space Telescope Science Institute were conducting tests and analysis to get the gyro working again.

NASA said if they are unable to recover the malfunctioning gyro Hubble will resume science operations using just one device.

"While reduced-gyro mode offers less sky coverage at any particular time, there is relatively limited impact on the overall scientific capabilities," NASA said.

Hubble has made numerous outstanding observations of the cosmos since it was deployed in 1990.

The James Webb Space Telescope, the successor to Hubble, is scheduled to be launched in March 2021. —AFP ■

Cosmic cleanup: Russia to help Japan launch galactic garbage collecting mission in 2020

MOSCOW — Japan's ELSA-d satellite intended to demonstrate the project of capturing and removing space junk from orbit is expected to be launched aboard a Russian Soyuz-2 rocket from the Baikonur spaceport in early 2020, the Glavkosmos Launch Services operator said on Monday.

"The Tokyo-based company Astroscale Japan has concluded a contract with Glavkosmos Launch Services to launch its ELSA-d satellite aboard a Soyuz-2 carrier rocket from the Baikonur Cosmodrome. Currently, the takeoff has been scheduled for early 2020," the Russian operator said.

The ELSA-d, which stands for End of Life Services by Astroscale — demonstration, consists of two space vehicles — the Chaser (weighing 160 kg) and the Target (weighing 20 kg) launched in tandem. The Chaser is equipped with approaching technology and a magnetic grabbing mechanism, which allows



Japan's satellite intended to demonstrate the project of capturing and removing space junk from orbit is expected to be launched aboard a Russian Soyuz-2 rocket from the Baikonur spaceport. PHOTO: AFP

it to get attached to the Target's docking plate.

Astroscale is the first private company that offers space debris removal services to ensure long-term space flight safety for the benefit of future generations. The company was established in 2013 in Singapore. That being said, the company opened an R&D office in Japan in 2015, a branch in the United Kingdom in 2017

and a representative office in the United States.

Glavkosmos Launch Services, part of Russia's Roscosmos, was established to offer commercial launch services and is the supplier of launch services authorized to conclude commercial contracts for launching spacecraft using Soyuz-2 carrier rockets from Russian spaceports. —Tass ■

National men's football squad leaves for Indonesia

MYANMAR national men's football squad left Yangon International Airport on 8 October for Indonesia to demonstrate a friendly match against the Indonesian national football team.

The Myanmar football squad brought 20

players to the test match, and the remaining players will join the team that will play against a warm-up match against Bolivia.

Myanmar will play the friendly match against Indonesia at Wibawa Mukti in Cika-

rang at 6 pm Myanmar local time on 10 October.

Myanmar national men's football squad will play the test match against Bolivia on 13 October, after returning from Indonesia on 11 October. —Htut Htut (Twantay) ■



Myanmar national U-17 men's football squad takes a group photo on the pitch. PHOTO: MFF

Myanmar ranks fifth in Jenesys 2018 Japan-Mekong U-17 Tournament

MYANMAR national U-17 men's football squad took the fifth ranking in Jenesys 2018 Japan-Mekong U-17 Football Tournament, organized by Japan Football Association (JFA).

Myanmar national U-17 played against Bellmare of Japan to take the fifth ranking of the tournament on 8 October, winning with a narrow margin of 2-1. Myanmar's winning

goals came from Aubarkha and an own goal of Japan.

The Jenesys 2018 Japan-Mekong U-17 Football Tournament was held in the national training center in J-village, Fukushima, from 5 to 8 October. Myanmar is in group B together with Viet Nam, Japan and Cambodia.

Myanmar won over Viet Nam 1-0 on 5 October, lost to Japan 1-3

on 6 October and Cambodia 0-2 on 7 October. Myanmar stood at the third place in its group. Therefore, Myanmar had to play for the fifth place battle against Bellmare and won with a 2-1. On 8 October, the final match, the third place match and the seventh place match were held. — Htut Htut (Twantay) ■



Myanmar national men's football squad at a group photo taken at Yangon International Airport before departure to Indonesia. PHOTO: MFF

Yangon United to play in 2019 Asian Champions League first round pre-qualification

THE 2019 Asian Champions League and the draw for the group stage of AFC Cup which Myanmar professional football clubs are going to participate in, will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 22 November.

AFC will hold workshops for the Asian Cham-

pions League and the AFC Cup, in addition to the group stage draw. Workshops for the AFC Cup will be held on 21 November and for the Asian Champions League on 23 November.

Out of Myanmar professional football clubs, Yangon United, the cham-

pion of Myanmar National League for 2018 football season and General Aung San Shield 2018, will take part in both competitions. Yangon United will participate in the first round of preliminary qualification of 2019 Asian Champions League. Myanmar football

clubs stand at 25th position in AFC ranking. Yangon United will play against Home United from Singapore or Serap from the Philippines or the Indonesian league champion. The first round of the preliminary qualification will take place during January.

Football clubs from Australia, Thailand, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Viet Nam will take part in the second round of preliminary qualification.

AFC will hold the Asian Champions League, dividing into two zones. Yangon United is the professional

football club from Myanmar that advanced to the preliminary qualification of the AFC for the second time. If Yangon United does not make the qualification process, it will participate in the group stage of the AFC Cup. —Htut Htut (Twantay) ■

Ronaldo's not easy to replace, says Juve sporting director

MILAN (Italy) — Juventus sporting director Fabio Paratici said Monday it was not easy to replace a player of the calibre of Cristiano Ronaldo as he also dismissed a return to Italy for Manchester United's French World Cup winner Paul Pogba.

Ronaldo, 33, joined Juventus from Real Madrid last summer for 100 million euros (\$115 million).

The Spanish club have lost three and drawn one of their last four matches and are currently fourth in La Liga.

"Ronaldo is probably the best player in the history of the game so he isn't easy to replace," Paratici told journalists at the Manlio Scopigno ceremony at Rieti in central Italy after receiving a "Manager of the Year" award.

Paratici revealed that the five-time Ballon d'Or winner had been keen from the outset to join Juventus. "We talked about it initially, and straight away we got the feeling he wanted to join us, which was a huge advantage," he said.

"Real Madrid had a gentleman's agreement with him, the ownership kicked things off and negotiations began."

Paratici stressed Juventus's support for the Portuguese

star Ronaldo, currently embroiled in damaging rape allegations.

"Cristiano is a very simple person and an excellent professional, he has all our support," said Paratici. The Juventus sporting director ruled out a return of French World Cup winner Pogba, who played for the Turin side from 2012 to 2016.

The 26-year-old Pogba has been told he will not captain United again after reportedly falling out with United manager Jose Mourinho.

"We love him very much," said Paratici. "We want him to do well since we are close to him but he isn't a Juve player anymore. "We're connected to him, but we've never thought about it and we're not going to think about it." — AFP ■

