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## Floating lamps shine on the Shwekyin River in Bago Region



Women release paper lamps with tiny candle to float on the Shwekyin River during light festival yesterday, in Shwekyin. **PHOTO: PAIN ZALOK THEIN NYUNT**

**D**ESPITE rain brought by depression over the Deltaic areas these days, the annual festival of the floating of the lamps on the Shwekyin River in eastern Bago Region on Thursday was a complete success.

The 167<sup>th</sup> traditional light festival occurs one day after the Full Moon of Thadingyut in October marking the end of the Buddhist Rains Retreat and usually takes place during the nine-day long festival.

Thousands of local residents

and visitors from afar gathered at the final day of the festival lining the bank of the river to enjoy boat rowing contests and spectacles such as dance performances by troupes on boats. The entertainment is known as the “festival on water”.

Meanwhile, shops and a traditional theatre are set up in town to complete the festival; this half is known as “the festival on land”.

People started to float lamps on the Shwekyin River when the sun sets and a decorated barge, themed in the image of Ashin

Uppa Gutta tours along the river for public observance.

Locals believed that the festival began in the Konboug era and have preserved the annual traditional festival, which turns 187<sup>th</sup> this year. — Yan Aung Tun (Painzalok)

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# Children Literature Festival to be held in Thandwe



Daw Cho Cho (Middle School Teacher) Branch of Basic Education High School (BEHS) Myoma

Aung Min Han,  
Tin Tun Oo  
Photo: Aung Min Han

CHILDREN Literature Festival will be held at the Dwayar Wadi Hall in Thandwe Township from 8am to 5pm on 27 to 28 October. Following are the voices of the residents on the Children Literature Festival.

## Daw Cho Cho, (Middle School Teacher) Branch of Basic Education High School (BEHS) Myoma

This Children Literature Festival to be held now is the first of its kind here and will be new for the children. They will gain knowledge and it will establish reading habits to children. They will get opportunities to read. It is good that the children literature festivals are being held in states and regions.

Nowadays, smart phones



U Than Tun Chairman of Thandwe City Development Committee

are becoming increasingly popular and most of the children are losing reading habits. That's why this children literature festival is good to be held.

## U Than Tun, Chairman of Thandwe City Development Committee

I am happy that this festival will be held in Thandwe for the first time and it is my first experience for this kind of festival. I'm now 46 years old. I'm cooperating as much as I can because I'm the chairman of the event organising committee. This kind of event need to be held often and talks and seminar to make children read also must be conducted.

I think that if such literature festivals are held once per year or twice per year, it will promote literature knowledge. We will cooperate with residents to accomplish the event.

**Ma Phyu Sin Kyel**



Ma Phyu Sin Kyel (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) Branch of BEHS Myoma

## (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) Branch of BEHS Myoma

We didn't have the experience of this festival. Literature is a good friend of students. It is good that entertainments are also included and it is not only a literature festival because it can promote the interests of the children on the festival. The children will fall in love with literature from this kind of festivals. Students like us will obtain valuable knowledge so I want all of my friends to come. All other students are also invited to come.

## U Hla Han, Towns-elder

The place for the literature festival was chosen by Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint when he discussed with elders of the city to conduct the festival. After discussion, it was collaborated with the administrative organizations



U Hla Han (Towns-elder)

and social organizations to prepare for the festival. I want the next generation to have reading habits.

Nowadays internet is popular and anything we want to know can be searched on internet. However, information from the internet alone is not enough as some information can be obtained only from books in the library. But the children don't want to spend time in searching and reading books in the library. So the intelligent and technical level of children declines.

By holding this festival the children will get to know that knowledge can be gained from reading books, realize the advantages of books while reading habits improves.

This is the first children literature festival in our town and we thank the government. By doing this, the literature



Daw Thida (Parent of a student)

knowledge of the children will be increased and other regions would want this festival.

## Daw Thida, Parent of a student

I am happy that the literature festival will be held in our state. The children will get to know various kinds of literature and we really appreciate the fact that various kind of books will be put on sale. Many know that books and literature are to be valued. That is why we want children to read so that they improve their knowledge. We need this kind of literature festival to acquire the habit of reading and to read. When the children start working for the country, they can do better by using the experience and knowledge gained from reading books. As a parent, I think books and literature can guide children to become polite. ■

# Myanmar scout delegation attends 26APRSC, 9<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Youth Forum

Myanmar scout delegation attended the 26th Asia Pacific Regional Scout Conference (26APRSC) and 9th Asia Pacific Region (APR) Scout Youth Forum held in Manila and Tagatay, the Philippines from 15 to 20 October and from 9 to 12 October respectively.

The delegation comprised of four representatives and five Scout Youth leaders led by Myanmar Scout Association Chief Commissioner Dr. Tin Nyo.

The Conference was attended by representatives from the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), representatives from 27 Asia Pacific Regional Scout member countries, Myanmar ambas-

sador together with ambassadors from Asia Pacific Regional countries. There were a total of 646 attendees and country wise development of scout activities were discussed with WOSM and Asia Pacific Region Scout.

Myanmar Scouts Association was recognized as member of WOSM in 2016 and was granted the voting right for the first time in the 26APRSC.

When scout leaders were elected from the attending 27 countries, Myanmar representatives were also elected.

In addition to this APR Scout Committee Chairman awarded the Medal of Meritorious Contribution to Scouting award was presented to

Myanmar Scouts Association financial advisor U Ko Ko Htwe (Taw Win Foundation Chairman), who was the major donor towards development of the scouts movement in Myanmar.

The 9th APR Scout Youth Forum held in Tagatay from 9 to 12 October in Tagatay, Philippines, was attended by Scout Youth leaders from 29 Asia Pacific regional countries where Myanmar Scouts Association representative Maung Phyo Thura Win was elected as a representative of four sub-regions.

Scout Youth leaders from the countries participating in the forum is making it a priority for participation and lead-



Representatives led by Myanmar Scout Association Chief Commissioner Dr. Tin Nyo attending 26APRSC and 9<sup>th</sup> APR Scout Youth Forum. **PHOTO: MNA**

ership of youth in the Asia Pacific Region Scout movement and plans to hold the 10th APR Scout Youth Forum in China-Taipei during 2018-2021 it is learnt.

At the forum, Korea Scout

Association donated 10 tents to Myanmar Scouts Association to be used in teaching, training and camping expeditions, according to Myanmar Scout Association. — MNA ■

## Three main work processes

### Nation building, establishing a Union and transition to democracy

- Now is the time to reconstruct the nation to make it a peaceful, stable and strong one.
- At the same time, effort is being exerted to build up a Union in which justice, freedom and equality, being the fundamental laws protecting human society (Loka Pala), aspired since attainment of independence, will prevail. The Union we are building ensures equality and justice in the political, economic and social spheres; it is pure in ideology and is owned and cherished by all.
- Additionally, efforts are also being taken to develop our democratic transition into a mature democracy. In fact, these three processes are not to be implemented separately, but all together.

(Excerpted from the report on the current work of the government, delivered at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 19 September 2018)

## Union Minister U Khin Maung Cho inspects No. 36 Heavy Industry in Kyaukse



Union Minister U Khin Maung Cho inspects No. 36 Heavy Industry factory in Kyaukse Industrial Zone in Mandalay Region. PHOTO: MNA

UNION Minister for Industry U Khin Maung Cho inspected No. 36 Heavy Industry (Kyaukse) Kyaukse Industrial Zone in Mandalay Region on 24 October. He observed the production of high quality glass with modern machineries by expanding the glass furnace. The Union Minister was accompanied by the International Glass Co.Ltd. Managing Director, No. 2 Heavy Industries Enterprise Managing Director and officials.

During the inspection, the Union Minister remarked

in detail about producing full capacity of 250 ton per day, to manufacture products which meet the international standard and norms, distribute into the market quickly, compete with imported glasses through high quality and reasonable price, to strive toward not only fulfilling the local requirement but to export as well and coordinated on the requirements.

No. 36 Heavy Industry (Kyaukse) produces glass measuring from 6 x 4 ft to 12 x 8 ft with thicknesses from 3 to

12 mm. Its fully automatic and modern machines inspect, cuts and pack the glasses and distribute to Yangon and Mandalay through sales representatives and will distribute about 6,000 tons of glass a month. Furthermore, it is arranging to produce laminated glass and tempered glass for car windshield and other requirements to local and international markets. Kyaukse glass factory is the one and only modern international quality level glass factory in Myanmar. — MNA ■

## Yunnan, Myanmar groups bring sights to 200 patients

WITH the collaboration of Visakha Foundation, a philanthropic group from Yunnan Province of China launched a program yesterday to provide free surgeries to 200 cataract patients.

The program of the Yunnan Province Eye care group began at Sitagu Shwe Pyi Hein Eye Hospital in Yankin Township yesterday with opening remarks by the Madam Wang Xue Hong, wife of the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar.

Afterwards, Visakha Foundation chair Prof. Dr. Win Min Thit explained about the

cooperation and General-Secretary from International Friendship of Yunnan Society Mr. Peng Shao Yun also explained the eyes operation and surgeries.

Following the ceremony, two international friendship foundations from China donated Ks 45 million worth of surgery equipment, accessories and medicines to conduct surgeries and Ks 8 million to the hospital. The eye care program was started in 2013 and had conducted successful eye-operations to 2200 patients it is learnt.—MNA ■



Madam Wang Xue Hong, wife of the Chinese Ambassador, delivers the speech at the event. PHOTO: MNA



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# Exhibition of watercolour work near Mandalay Hill draws crowd

THE Mandalay Hill Art Gallery located at the base of Mandalay Hill is currently hosting an exhibition of water colour work, showcasing around 120 works created by watercolorists, who are members of the Mandalay Hill Art Gallery.

The 16<sup>th</sup> show by Mandalay watercolourists opened on 24 October offering visitors the change to look at contemporary and traditional style watercolours.

The 16<sup>th</sup> exhibition was held in conjunction with a ceremony to pay respect to elderly artists by new generation.

On the opening day, the gallery was crowded with students from the National University of Arts and Culture as well as enthusiasts.

The art exhibition will last until Sunday 28 October.

The Mandalay Hill Art



Visitors look at paintings by watercolorists displayed at the Mandalay Hill Art Gallery in Mandalay.

**PHOTO: MAUNG PYI THU (MANDALAY)**

Gallery is located at the base of Mandalay Hill near the prominent lion statues of Aungmyethazan Township.

Visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy and purchase the paintings of landscapes, Buddhist temples, stilllife and

ethnic culture.

The gallery opens between 9 am and 6 pm daily.—MaungPyi Thu (Mandalay) ■

## Yaba, arms, ammunition seized from Thai nationals in Kawthoung

AN anti-narcotic police force seized Yaba tablets, arms and ammunition in a village in Kawthoung Township in their anti-narcotic operations on 24 October, according to the information released by the police force yesterday.

A combined team comprising members of the local anti-narcotic squad No. 34 (Kawthoung) and Maram local police station searched a house in Phaw Thok Village, Kamaukgyi Town, Kawthoung Township where a Thai citizen Naing Aei Ka Phon (alias) Nine S, aged 38, was staying and found ICE weighing 874.8 grams, 1,400 Yaba tablets and marijuana weighing 274 grams. The police also seized a 0.22 rifle with a magazine and 39 bullets, a pistol with a magazine and 70 9 mm bullets and a scales.

In connection with the case, the team searched a house in Phone Gyi Kyaung road, Phaw Thok Village, Kamaukgyi Town, Kawthoung Township, where a Naing Chauk, aged 45, was staying.



Detainees named Naing Aei Ka Phon (alias) Nine S, Kyar Yaseik, Naing Chauk, Soe Pyae Kyaw, Moe Zaw Oo seen together with stimulant drugs. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED BY MPF**

In the search, the police found another Thai citizen Kyar Yaseik, aged 38, the house together with a bag contained with 4.3 gm of ICE.

Besides, the team discovered 4,480 WY brand Yaba tablets, about 500 gm of ICE, 0.38 Revolver with 15 bullets and 0.32 Revolver hidden in the house.

The combined team also searched a house in Phaw Thok Village, Kamaukgyi Town where a Myanmar citizen Moe Zaw Oo, aged 42, was staying.

The police found 15 Yabap-

ills and ICE weighing 0.5 gm in the search.

The combined team also stopped and searched a motorcycle driven by Soe Pyae Kyaw, aged 20, at the entrance of Phaw Thok Village and found 34 Yaba tablets and ICE weighing 0.1 gm from the motorcycle.

In the operations, the team seized a total of 5,929 Yaba tablets, 1,379.7 gm of ICE, 274 gm of marijuana and five guns.

The police are filing charges against all the suspects involved in the cases. —GNLM ■

## Three hurt in mine blasts in Namhsan in one week

THREE civilians sustained injuries in mine blasts happened in Namhsan Township, Palaung Self-Administered Zone, northern Shan State, within a week.

At 10.50 am on Wednesday, 24 October, a 35-year-old Daw Khin Ohn Kyi, a resident of Heiktan Village in Mankan Village-tract, received injuries in her left leg due to mine explosion, when she was passing through Namhsan-Panlong road together with her husband.

She is currently receiving medical treatment at the township hospital.

Two other civilians were also hurt in landmine blasts after they stepped on them in Lontauk Village in Mankan Village-tract on 19 October and in Hochaung Village on 18 October respectively.—U Aung Moe (Namsang IPRD) ■

## Mining sector draws Zero FDIs during incumbent government period

By Nyein Nyein

MINING sector has not attracted new foreign direct investment in the incumbent government period, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

No FDI flows into the mining sector in the 2017-2018 fiscal year and in past interim period from April to September 2018, said Daw Sint Sint Than, an official from the DICA.

"Mining sector shows zero FDI in the past FY and mini-budget period", she said.

Foreign investors show keen interest in mining businesses. Those foreign companies which strictly adhere to rules and regulations will be allowed for mining,

said U Than Aung Kyaaw, Deputy Director-General of the DICA.

"We received enquiries from foreign investors. If those companies carry out mining projects in line with the rules, they will be permitted", said U Than Aung Kyaaw. In an attempt to protect from the environmental hazards, the mining blocks were suspended in 2016.

The mining ban was lifted in July this year, according to an announcement of the Department of Mines under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation.

Myanmar Mines Law was amended on 24 December 2015. According to that law, 247 acres are prescribed as medium scale and more than 247 acres as the

large scale.

The related regional government will have authority to manage artisanal and small-scale mining blocks, according to the law.

The FDIs inflow to mining sectors were registered at \$1.39 million in the 2010-11 Fiscal Year, \$19.89 million in the 2011-2012 FY, \$15.3 million in the 2012-13 FY, \$32.73 million in the 2013-14 FY, \$6.25 million in the 2014-15 FY and \$28.9 million in the 2015-16 FY, according to data of the DICA.

In the incumbent government period, mining sector witnessed only expansion of capital worth \$1.3 million from the existing enterprises permitted during the previous government period. ■

## India-Myanmar trade route passing through Lailenpi accessible



Photo: District IPRD

TRADE route, which was unable to be accessed between India and Myanmar due to heavy rains starting from 7 October, reopened on 24 October.

As weather condition became better, goods laden trucks from Gangaw, Pakokku, Mandalay and Saiha Town in India arrived back Lailenpi, according to local authorities.

"The lorries and trucks which went to Gangaw, Pakokku and Mandalay and Sinhr in India arrived back Lailenpi yesterday," said a local people.

"Continuous rains that

start from 7 October blocked the trade route but now the condition is becoming better," he added.

"Roads are better now. We were trapped on Gangaw-Lailenpi road for about 17 days due to heavy rain that blocked the route. After we deliver the goods, we will go to buy more goods in Gangaw," said a driver.

As goods laden trucks arrives in Lailenpi Town, merchants from the town were also leaving the town for other areas to transport goods.

— Lailenpi IPRD ■

## Myanmar trade with the UK reaches US\$233 million in five months of interim period

The value of trade between Myanmar and the United Kingdom (UK) was registered US\$233 million from April to August of the past mini-budget period, according to data of the Ministry of Commerce.

The export to the UK surpassed import, with export worth \$198.37 million and import valued \$34.9 million. Among members of the European Union (EU), the UK is the second largest trade partners after Germany.

Beyond the regional trade regime, Myanmar has established trade links with EU member countries.

Myanmar's main export

items are rice, pulses, tea leaves, coffee, CMP garment, while cosmetics, food and beverages and consumer goods were imported into Myanmar.

Myanmar reinstated the EU's Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP) starting 19 July, 2013.

Myanmar can enjoy GSP while exporting fisheries, rice, pulses, agro products, bamboo and rattan finished products, forestry products, apparels, as well as finished industrial goods.

The bilateral trade values with the UK were \$360.7 million in the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year, \$167.23 million in the 2016-2017

FY, \$50.37 million in the 2015-16 FY, \$82.39 million in the 2014-2015 FY, \$73.08 million in the 2013-2014 FY, \$41.95 million in the 2012-2013 FY and \$43.7 million in the 2011-2012 FY respectively.

The UK listed three enterprises brought \$174.7 million into the country during the past mini-budget year, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

The EU member countries made investments in several sectors, especially into petroleum and natural gas enterprises, manufacturing, transport, hotels and tourism, and livestock businesses. — GNLM ■

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# We are witnessing the erosion of moral and institutional integrity of the United Nations as a result of the blatant attempt by some members of the Council to hijack human rights issue for their political purpose

## Myanmar Permanent Representative to United Nations U Hau Do Suan delivers rebuttal Statement on briefing by HRC-FFM on Myanmar at the UNSC

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 October

IN response to the request of Council's 9 Member States, Côte d'Ivoire, France, Kuwait, Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Sweden, the United States and the United Kingdom, the UN Security Council held a briefing by Mr. Mazuki Darusman, Chair of International Fact-Finding Mission of the Human Rights Council on 24 October 2018 at the UN Headquarters in New York.

The briefing was preceded by a procedural vote called after a letter of objection was sent to the Council presidency from the representatives of Bolivia, China, Equatorial Guinea and the Russian Federation. By the vote, however, the briefing was approved to proceed by 9 votes in favour and 3 opposed (Bolivia, China, Russian Federation) and 3 abstaining (Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan). Myanmar and Bangladesh also participated in the briefing. Myanmar Permanent Representative Ambassador U Hau Do Suan delivered a Statement. The full text of the Statement of the Permanent Representative is mentioned below:

### Mr. President,

Today, 24<sup>th</sup> October marks the 73<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. In Myanmar we celebrate the United Nations Day every year with special ceremony and public activities to promote awareness of the work of the United Nations. This is a day to celebrate, a day to cherish, a day to remember the past and to renew our noble commitment to building peace, development and human rights in the world, the responsibilities the founding fathers of the Organizations had entrusted upon us.

Sadly, though, we are gathering here in this august chamber in defiant of the purposes and principles of the Charter of our own organization, against the standing rules and procedures of the Council and against all logical and fairness of human conscience.

We are witnessing the ero-



Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations Ambassador U Hau Do Suan. PHOTO: MOFA

sion of moral and institutional integrity of the United Nations as a result of the blatant attempt by some members of the Council to hijack human rights issue for their political purpose.

My delegation has joined other Council members in our strong objection to this injustice and abuse of the established practice of the Security Council.

### Mr. President,

When the Fact-Finding Mission (FFM) on Myanmar was established by the Human Rights Council in March 2017, we had objected the Mission because of our serious concerns particularly about the advisability of its establishment and the mandate itself. HRC resolution 34/22 mandated the Mission "to establish the facts and circumstances of the alleged recent human rights violations by military and security forces, and abuses, in Myanmar, in particular in Rakhine State with a view to ensuring full accountability for perpetrators and justice for victims".

The mandate was very clear. It has already designated who should be "perpetrators" and who should be "victims". Establishment of the FFM is flawed, biased and politically

motivated with hidden agendas from its genesis.

We are also concerned that release of the report based on narratives and not on hard evidence will only serve to inflame tensions further and potentially hinder the Government's efforts

Council on 18 September, it had released the unedited version of the report in a haste on 27 August 2018, just one day ahead of the UN Security Council's public debate on the situation of Myanmar. The action called for our legitimate concerns about the objectivity, impartiality and credibility of the Mission.

The methodology of its investigation is also flawed as the report was prepared on results of interview to selected groups of displaced persons in Cox's Bazaar and information gathered from some NGOs, INGOs and human rights group who have already set their pre-determined agenda on the issue. Therefore, the Mission's report did not shed new lights on the problem but found to be identical with the reports of certain human rights groups with no accountability for their works.

### Mr. President,

We have repeatedly explained the fact that the current humanitarian crisis in Rakhine State was ignited by the unpro-

rians including a hundred Hindu villagers, other ethnic minorities and pro-government Muslims. The atrocities perpetrated by ARSA had made thousands of innocent ethnic population fled their villages to the other parts of Rakhine State. Likewise, it created a massive exodus of Muslims to the neighbouring country. It is crucial to bear in mind that the present crisis affected not only the Muslim community. When we talk about human rights, we should look at human rights of both communities.

However, we are dismayed by the fact that the Mission has deliberately and glaringly discounted ARSA terrorist atrocities which could even be interpreted by many as justifying or condoning the act of Muslim extremist terrorists.

The Mission in page 11 of its report (A/HRC/39/64, took a great courage to reluctantly and half-heartedly mention the atrocities committed by ARSA terrorist. In paragraph 54, it listed a few human rights vio-

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Permanent Representative to UN

to create much needed social cohesion in Rakhine State. The one-sided report of the Mission has confirmed our concerns.

We have also raised previously in this chamber on August 28, our doubt about the sincerity of the FFM. Although the Mission was mandated to submit its report to the Human Rights

voked and premeditated attacks against 30 police outposts and a military battalion headquarters by the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) terrorist group in August 2017 and in October 2016.

The ARSA terrorists had massacred security personnel and hundreds of innocent civil-

lations of ARSA including "the killing of up to 100 Hindu men and women from Kha Maung Seik". It continues "The Mission's primary source information on the latter incident (the killing of Hindus) corroborate the killing, but is inconclusive as to the perpetrator.

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We need to give time and space to the ICOE:

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Other militant or criminal groups were also active in the region and may also have been responsible for abuses". Amazing! I am just bringing the naked truth of the report to the attention of distinguished members of the Council.

**Mr. President,**

Much has been talked about accountability. As you are well aware, the Government of Myanmar has established an Independent Commission of Enquiry (ICOE), led by Ambassador Rosario Manalo. The Commission will investigate allegations of human rights violations and related issues following the terrorist attacks on 9 October 2016 and 25 August 2017 by the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) in Rakhine State with a view to seeking accountability and reconciliation. The Commission will conduct its mandate in the principles of independence, impartiality and objectivity, and will submit its report within a year.

We are willing and able to take on the accountability issues for any alleged human rights violation where there is sufficient evidence. We need to give time and space to the ICOE.

Mr. Marzuki has said that Myanmar has taken no action on alleged violation of human rights. In fact, legal actions had been taken against military and police officers and civilians who were found to be in breach of standard op-

erating procedures and rules of engagement following the Inn Din incident. In addition, other administrative actions had also been taken against high ranking senior officers of Tatmadaw who were responsible for overseeing security operations in Rakhine.

**Mr. President,**

My delegation categorically rejects inference of "genocidal intent" on the legitimate counter terrorist actions by the security forces in Rakhine. The conclusion is made on unverified circumstantial evidences which has no sound legal proof.

The Government of Myanmar has resolutely rejected the ICC's ruling of 6 September 2018 in connection with Rakhine State. Our position here is clear: Myanmar is not

it clear that we will never accept any calls for referral of Myanmar to the ICC.

As I have stated earlier, we have demonstrated our willingness and ability to address accountability issue.

Putting accountability above all else without regard to other positive developments will only result untoward consequences. Unilateral coercive measures without regard to the objective situation in Myanmar and imposition of politically motivated external pressure will be detrimental to the existing good will and cooperation of the Myanmar Government with the international community.

The situation in Rakhine in no way threatens international peace and security. The accusation is absurd and groundless. The report is full

Therefore, I want to make it clear that we will never accept any calls for referral of Myanmar to the ICC.

Permanent Representative to UN

a party to the Rome Statute, and the Court has no jurisdiction over Myanmar whatsoever. The ICC decision was made on dubious legal grounds and applied to a situation where domestic remedies have not yet been exhausted.

Therefore, I want to make

of prejudice, totally unconstructive.

**Mr. President,**

In his UN Day message on 24 October, President U Win Myint reminds us that, "The value of the United Nations will be decided by how the organization and its member States utilize instruments at their disposal to promote peace, stability and harmony, and to mitigate harm and enmity. Objectivity, impartiality, professionalism, respect for national sovereignty- these are some of the keys to the success of the United Nations' mission".

I would like to remind the distinguished members of the Council that Myanmar is still in its critical juncture of transition to fully functioning democracy. Mr. Marzuki has said

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"Patience will not help Myanmar's democratization". But, the opposite is true. It is not by revolution that we are building democracy. Our leader State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has chosen a peaceful path through national reconciliation and national consensus which requires tremendous patience and political wisdom.

The Special Envoy of the Secretary-General Ambassador Christine Burgener, in her end of mission statement to Myanmar on 20 October, stressed the need for patience and more trust building to advance the peace process toward a "home grown solution".

We concur fully with the Special Envoy. Patience and trust building is key to the success of our common efforts to find viable and sustainable solution to the present humanitarian crisis and the whole issue of northern Rakhine. This is the way to lead us to realizing our ultimate national goal of building a truly democratic federal union.

**Mr. President,**

Before I conclude, I would like to bring to your attention the act of a gross contempt of all ethics and civility in the premises of the United Nations.

Yesterday, these pamphlets on my country, Myanmar, were distributed in the Conference room 1, where the Third Committee was holding its plenary session to hear

oral presentation of Special Rapporteur Prof. Yanghee Lee and Chair of the HRC FFM.

This is not the work of a disgruntle dissident or a human rights activist who does not care about rule and regulations.

This is the act of a distinguished Chair of the International Fact Finding Mission who was appointed and mandated by UN HRC, one of the subsidiary bodies of the United Nations General Assembly. We cannot fathom such hypocrisy can have a place in this august world body. This is a disgrace to the United Nations.

These pamphlets are a total insult to a member of the United Nations and its leaders. It is a gross violation of Codes of Conducts of UN personnel. My Government condemned this action in the strongest terms.

Hate speeches and provocation are now coming right into the UN conference rooms of the United Nations where we should all work together for peace and harmony and for tolerance.

Everyone has to be accountable for his action. History will judge you for what you said and what you have done in the Security Council. The people of Myanmar, no one else, will decide their own destiny, according to the statement released by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.— MNA

The situation in Rakhine in no way threatens international peace and security. The accusation is absurd and groundless. The report is full of prejudice, totally unconstructive.

Permanent Representative to UN

# Solving complex issues need patience, mutual trust

ADDRESSING the issues in Rakhine State is a fundamental part of building peace, national reconciliation, security and governance in Myanmar.

The Government of Myanmar is committed to dignified repatriation of the people who had fled to Bangladesh.

We welcome a recent statement made by Bangladesh Foreign Minister Ali that Bangladesh would repatriate the first batch of 6000 displaced persons in the near future.

The Rakhine issue has a complicated historical, ethnic and religious background and needs to be handled appropriately by Myanmar and Bangladesh via bilateral consultations.

Only peace, patience and mutual trust can address the complex issue in Rakhine State.

Forced imposition of an external political agenda will only impact negatively on the current complex situation and affect the democratic transition process.

The Government highly appreciates the assistance and cooperation rendered by our fellow ASEAN countries and other neighbouring countries including China, India and Japan for the resettlement and rehabilitation of the returnees.

In Rakhine State, hundreds of new jobs and opportunities have been created for local people through public-private partnerships in recent years.

The greatest strength of a democratic transition is the unity, determination and active participation of the people.

The international community can best assist Myanmar in realizing our democratic nation building by rendering constructive contribution towards Myanmar's endeavours based on understanding and mutual respect.

But, we had objected to the UN Fact-Finding Mission's report based on narratives and not on hard evidence which would only serve to inflame tensions further and potentially hinder the Government's efforts to create much needed social cohesion in Rakhine State.

The Government has repeatedly explained the fact that the current humanitarian crisis in Rakhine State was ignited by the ARSA terrorist group in August 2017.

It is crucial to bear in mind that the present crisis affected not only the Muslim community but also local ethnic groups.

When we talk about human rights, we should look at human rights of both communities.

We are dismayed by the fact that the Mission has deliberately and glaringly discounted ARSA terrorist atrocities which could even be interpreted by many as justifying or condoning the acts of Muslim extremist terrorists.

Putting accountability above all else without regard to other positive developments is a dangerous attempt that will face utter failure. The present reports of the FFM and the Special Rapporteur are not contributing to building peace, harmony, national reconciliation and development in Rakhine State.

Building peace and democratization needs patience and mutual trust.

Let us say again, we need patience and more trust building because this is the way to lead us to realizing our ultimate national goal of building a truly democratic federal union.

# Roundtable Discussions on Financing for the Development of Agricultural Sector and SME Sector in Myanmar (Part -3)

By Shin Min and Hmwe Kyu, Photo: Aye Than

Continued from Yesterday

**U Khun Aye Naing:** Upper Myanmar Training Institute is situated in Meiktila; the Lower Myanmar Training Institute is in Bago; Agriculture Technical Training Institute is in Yezin of Nay Pyi Taw. If the farmers and the new generation youth would like to pursue studies at these three institutes, we could accept them and provide them training. If they could not enable to attend for long duration training courses, we could provide them with just two weeks short term training course at their own township on subjects what they wanted to learn about. We are providing knowledge on agriculture mechanization subject. This is an initiative launched by the government for the farmers on their technical knowhow.

In the agricultural sector, the majority of farmers purchased the machinery to use by themselves as well as to hire for profit rather than working only on a manageable scale. Some farmers acquired more number of machinery and worked closely in a coalition involved in the same business. We would like to encourage them to move to such a business grouping. Instead of working individually, working in collective means could pave way for the development and strengthening agriculture sector. Therefore, we have allowed them to form the mechanized farmers' associations to let them work in an alliance as private mechanized agriculture service provider in their respective townships. Now there are 107 agriculture machinery owners' associations in the whole country. We do not need to inform matters individually to each farmer, but to inform the association. When they have problem, it is easier them to submit to us, and we could answer them easily. If there is any problem between the machinery selling company and the buying farmer, it is easier for us as a negotiator to solve it and this is an exemplary model of an improvement.

Those farmers that purchased the machinery are not necessarily rich people. They bought the machinery with the



money that has been borrowed from others. When they loan out the machinery to other farmers, some hiring people settle in cash, and some other farmers only repay when they harvested the crops. On the part of the owner, the machinery was bought on loan, and he is not getting the cash for the service. Therefore, there is problem if he could get the money only after the harvest. The machinery needs fuel for power. Moreover, it might also need to spend for the cost of spare parts, resulting cash flow deficit for owner. When the financial institutions founded, the investments and the inputs are available for the farmers for possible development. Now, it is the operation cost that matters. Each individual could get 50 millions Kyats, and that the group or the cluster could draw 500 millions Kyats, and therefore everyone is happy.

We are working on the land quality elevating and enhancing program at the same time. Our land plots are mostly in irregular shapes. The farmers have to observe the land features and make the plot marker boundaries in the fields. When we are using the machinery in the field, it is not effective to move the machinery in twist and turn with difficulty. If the farm lands are formed in

square or rectangular shape, the machinery could be utilized effectively. The State is assisting in this matter and the foreign organizations are also providing their help in the land quality enhancement program in joint efforts.

We also emulate and follow the methods of developed countries in mechanized agriculture. In Japan and South Korea, the farmers do not make paddy seedling for nursery beds in their fields. They ordered and purchased the rice seedlings. The company delivered the paddy seedlings in trucks. The farmers acquired easily and transplant paddy seedlings into the fields. These works are not being assisted by the government. The private sector is working for paddy nursery on a commercial basis. We intend to work for further development. Instead of making paddy seedling in nursery beds, it would be more efficient by establishing company that sells ready-made rice seedlings for the farmers. This would be a win-win situation for both the farmers and the companies. As there would be more production of rice, the State is sure to benefit out of it. It would be a system that the farmer, the producer and the State could reap the advantage.

Today, we need to produce

quality crops. With a view to produce the quality crops, we need to use the machinery in the agriculture mechanization system. On the other hand, we need investment. For that reason, the Agriculture Mechanization Department is organizing and persuading the farmers to come forward and work for it.

**U Min Thu:** I would like to request U Khun Aye Naing to discuss on a matter. Our JICA Two-Step Loan is getting momentum. We have already given out loans to buy 500 numbers of large tractors. We have delivered for over 260 numbers of trashing and harvesting machinery. Naturally, the machinery would breakdown after heavy use. Therefore, we asked the sellers to provide the guarantee by fixing after sale service. We requested quality machinery and immediate repair if and when required, including after sale service. Moreover, we also requested for the fast supply of spare parts.

The loan under JICA is for 40 years. Now, there are many car repair and workshops in the country, but there are no tractor repair and workshops. They wanted us to create tractor repair shops and trained for tractor mechanics. They have no idea where they could be imparted with the

training for the repair of tractors. The Deputy Director-General mentioned that there are training going on. They wanted their offspring to become mechanics to be trained at the expense of the selling companies. In this regard, what sort of assistance could be offered by the Agriculture Mechanization Department?

**U Khun Aye Naing:** On our part, we have already laid down plans to train out mechanics for the repair of the machinery being used in the agriculture sector. In our Meiktila Central Training Institute, we have been providing mechanic training courses on various levels on the repair of machinery in accordance with the prescribed standards of NSSA. We are also providing completion certificates on courses. However, we are not in a position to establish tractor workshop in each and every village.

Another difficulty is to move the tractors to the workshop. It is not like motor vehicles as they could be pulled into the workshop by another vehicle. However, the tractors could not move easily. We have mobile mechanics to solve the problems. In many townships, there are qualified mechanics with training certificates issued by our institution, and we also have our own mechanics in our departments.

When we are being informed for the repair of tractor, we noted down in the register and send the mechanics on duty to the village. We also replenish all the repair tools ready at the workshop and send our mechanics to the village. This is short term solution in the repair of the tractors. In the long term plan, we have 117 repair stations in various townships for the maintenance of agricultural machinery. These agriculture mechanization stations would be transformed into practical agro-machinery workshops in the future. We have certain program namely "training for trainers", where relevant companies conducted training in connection with multiplier courses on a broader scale. If the farmers would like to repair the machinery, it could be repaired at our mechanization

stations. With regard to the repair matters, the most essential part is the availability of spare parts, and that we have discussed with the companies to keep the parts ready. Therefore, things go well in the repair cases.

**Deputy Minister:** It's a good discussion as the topics are really necessary for the State. The agriculture sector and the SMEs sector are very much broad in nature. In this wide ranging aspect, the financing tasks could not be adequately and completely fulfilled and complied at the moment. The voice of the people is heard through the lawmakers from the Hluttaws. We need to do a lot both in the SMEs sector and the agriculture sector. Now, the JICA Two-Step Loan has the intention and purpose to transform into mechanized agriculture, and therefore, we encourage to buy machinery as well as to do business with the application of the machinery. The plan is under way for those who wanted to establish rice mill and edible oil mill.

With the MEB Two-Step Loan, we are making to provide loans to buy machinery as well as other loans or agriculture sector. JICA requirement and constraint on SMEs are a bit high and rigid. When they have missed the chance, we offer them with SMEs Loan being provided by the MEB. If it is not an adequate funding, we would try to extend from our side. On the part of the business people in connection with agriculture and breeding, they should try to be in line with the standard rules and regulations to enable them to enjoy the possible loans.

Among other things, the most important aspect in our discussions is about that they have to be dedicated to their work, and work it on the culture of collective way. If such practice is developed, consequently, our national economy would grow faster. In conclusion, I promise that we would try to the best of our ability, and we also urged people to come together and work together inclusively.

Thank you.

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## Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued on 7:00PM Thursday 25 October 2018)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and a few cloud to partly cloudy elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF 26 October 2018:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Eastern Shan and Kayah states, fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, Southern Shan, Kayin and Mon states, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions, Kachin and Northern Shan states and isolated in the remaining regions and states. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4 - 7) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of isolated to scatter rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions, Shan and Rakhine states.

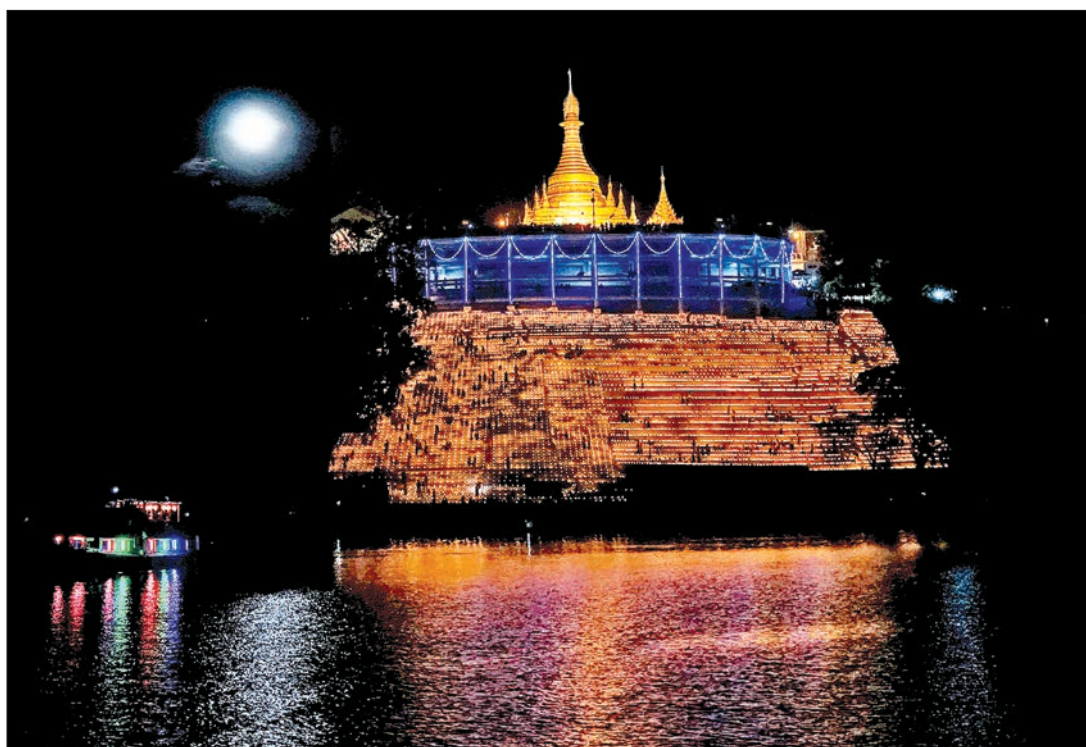
**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 26 October 2018:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25 October 2018:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25 October 2018:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

## Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

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



Lighting oil lamps during observances of Thadingyut at Magway Myathalun Pagoda in Magway.  
**PHOTO: THAN NAING OO (NGAPHE)**

## Magway Myathalun Pagoda holds Buddha Puja, 30<sup>th</sup> 9,000 oil lamp festival

ANNUAL Buddha Puja and 30<sup>th</sup> 9,000 light festival of historical Magway Myathalun Pagoda was held on the Full Moon Day of Thadingyut at the Maha Atula Yanthi hall on the platform of the pagoda.

Magway Region minister for social affairs Dr. Khin

Maung Aye ceremoniously opened the 9,000 oil lamp festival and the region ministers, region Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Zaw Myo Win, Hluttaw representatives, departmental officials and invited guests lighted the oil lamps.

Next Dr. Khin Maung Aye

and invited guests boarded a boat and observed the oil lamp festival from the Ayeyawady River.

The Buddha Puja festival will be held for 20 days and is expected to draw devotees and visitors alike. —Than Naing Oo (Ngaphe) ■

## MRTV band to entertain in Children Literature Festival (Thandwe)

BAND of Myanma Radio and Television (MRTV) will entertain at the Children Literature Festival, which will be held from 27 to 28 October in Thandwe, Rakhine State.

Singers from the MRTV, winners from the Peace Music Festival, Kyaukse elephant dance and Thar Nge, Mel Madi and Pyae Phyo from Myanmar Idol will entertain the public. The entertainment programs will be started at 5 pm on both days.—Aung Min Han ■



**PHOTO: MNA**

## Eight houses burnt after hot air balloon crashes in Pyigyidagun Tsp

EIGHT houses were burnt after a hot air balloon crashed in Pyigyidagun Township. According to the investigation, the hot air balloon crashed onto a house of Daw Ni Ni Aung, between Yadanarbon and Min-

galar streets, Hsa ward, Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay Region on 24 October.

The fire quickly got out of control and spread to eight houses nearby. No one was injured in the accident but it took

48 fire engines and over 300 firemen to put out the blaze. At the moment the victims of the fire were staying temporarily at a religious building in the ward.—Maung Pyi Thu (Mandalay) ■

## Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye attends 3<sup>rd</sup> AMMW in Hanoi, Viet Nam



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye poses for a documentary photo with attendees at third ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Women (AMMW) in Hanoi, Viet Nam. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE third ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Women (AMMW) was held in Hanoi, Viet Nam on 24-25 October. Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye who is also chairman of Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs attended the meeting.

The Union Minister met with Viet Nam Minister of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs Mr. Dao Ngoc Dung at the hall of the ministry on 24 October. During the meeting they shared the appreciation for the friendly cooperation between Myanmar and Viet Nam and friendly meetings between leaders of the two countries, discussion on increasing women's participation in economy and political sectors to be discussed in the third AMMW, ASEAN countries implementing social protection works, Viet Nam establishing 8 national aims and working it out.

The Union Minister explained about the ministry's works and departments under it. In promoting gender equality, women's participation in politics is 26 per cent and is striving toward increasing women's participation in the business sector. During the incumbent government term, three aims were set. The ministry is carrying out social welfare services for unborn child to elderlies and redevelopment is being conducted not only for victims of natural disasters as well as for man-made disasters as well. Youth policy was drawn up and is working toward youth development. Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs was formed for women affairs development.

On the policy part there is a

national level strategic project and four technical work groups were formed to implement it. For the development of women in Rakhine State, vocational training, social protection and support provided, said the Union Minister.

The two ministers also discussed about sectors in which bilateral cooperation can be conducted.

Afterwards, the Union Minister attended a working dinner with ministers from ASEAN countries.

Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye attended the opening ceremony of 3rd AMMW in Sheraton Hanoi Hotel, Hanoi, Viet Nam yesterday morning.

At the event former Chairwoman Philippines Minister for women affairs Rhodora T. Masilang Bucoy delivered a welcoming speech and incoming Chairman Vietnamese Minister of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs Mr. Dao Ngoc Dung delivered an opening address and then accepted the transfer of Chairmanship. Next, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN H.E. Dr. Kung Phoak and Viet Nam Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Xuan Phuc delivered message of honour after which they posed for a commemorative photograph with ASEAN ministers and ambassadors.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> AMMW was then held where Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye explained Myanmar's work on social protection of women and girls, implementation of national level strategic project for women's development and Myanmar's social protection works. —MNA ■

## Migrant caravan resumes trek to US-Mexico border

MAPASTEPEC (Mexico)—Thousands of Central American migrants crossing Mexico toward the United States in a caravan have resumed their long trek, walking about 12 hours to their next destination.

The migrants, who have drawn near-daily Twitter tirades from US President Donald Trump, walked and hitched rides from the town of Huixtla, in southern Mexico, to Mapastepec, some 60 kilometers (40 miles) away.

Carrying their few belongings on their backs -- many with babies pressed to their chests or holding their children by the hand -- they left at dawn after taking a one-day break to rest, bathe and nurse aching and injured feet.

"I miss my country. I'm not doing this because I want to. No one wants to leave their home

to go to a place they don't know. But sometimes necessity pushes us to do this, because of what's happening in our countries," said Delmer Martinez, a migrant from El Salvador.

### Determined to reach US border

Fleeing violent crime, political unrest and poverty at home, the migrants say they are determined to reach the United States -- despite Trump's vows to stop them, and his threats to cut aid to Central American countries, as well as to deploy the military and close the southern US border.

There are now about 7,000 migrants in the caravan, the United Nations estimates -- though Mexican authorities put the number much lower Wednesday: 3,630. The vast majority are from Honduras.

In a show of solidarity, Mexicans watching the caravan pass



The Honduran migrants heading toward the US border left the Mexican town of Huixtla at dawn after taking a one-day break to rest. **PHOTO: AFP**

shouted out, "Keep it up, brothers!" and gave them food and water.

"Mexico! Mexico!" the migrants shouted in reply, bathed in sweat under the hot sun of the

southern state of Chiapas.

They have so far traveled about 100 kilometers from the Mexico-Guatemala border, where they crashed through a series of border gates Friday.

Halted at the final gate by hundreds of riot police, most of the caravan entered Mexico by swimming or taking rafts across the river that forms the border.—**AFP ■**



Streets were flooded in Escuinapa in Mexico's Sinaloa state as Hurricane Willa made landfall on 23 October, 2018. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Hurricane Willa weakens after slamming Mexico's Pacific coast

ESCUINAPA (Mexico)—Mexico cleared the debris and wreckage Wednesday strewn by powerful Hurricane Willa, but breathed a sigh of relief that damage from the Category 3 storm—now downgraded to a tropical depression—wasn't worse.

Willa, which had been a maximum Category 5 hurricane on Monday, slammed into Mexico's Pacific coast on Tuesday night with winds of 195 kilometers (120 miles) per hour and gusts of up to 240 kilometers per hour.

In Escuinapa, the town of 30,000 people where it made landfall, residents got down to work after surveying the wreckage left by the hurricane: roofs torn off

homes, a hospital and a church; trees ripped from the ground; roads blocked by debris and flooding; power and water outages. But with no reports of dead or wounded, those in the storm's path were mainly counting their blessings.

"There were a lot of material damages, but the most important thing is that there was no loss of human life," said Sinaloa state Governor Quirino Ordaz. Victor Aguilar, a hotel manager in Escuinapa, echoed that sentiment as he tried to figure out how to serve his 200 guests breakfast with no electricity or running water.

"We have a lot of repairs to do, but I'm not worried about

that," Aguilar, 76, told AFP.

The important thing is that "not a hair on anyone's head was hurt," he said.

### 'Power of nature'

Nearby, members of a Protestant church tried to salvage what they could from its wrecked remains, after the storm ripped off its roof and left the building in ruins. "It was a total loss," said the church's pastor, Samuel Vicencio. "What can we do faced with the power of nature?"

Businesses were slowly reopening in the town, though many still had their windows and doors boarded up with the plywood nailed in place as the storm approached.—**AFP ■**

## UK's border systems not ready in no-deal Brexit, warns parliament committee

LONDON—The chair of the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee warned Wednesday of the danger border checkpoints will not be ready if Britain crashes out of the European Union with no deal.

Politician Meg Hillier said in a statement issued by UK Parliament: "With continued uncertainty around the negotiations, it is particularly concerning how little information government has provided to businesses so they can prepare for any outcome. The government must urgently work with businesses -- time is fast running out." Hillier was commenting after the official National Audit Office (NAO) issued a new report on the British border showing slow progress has been made on preparations.

"The NAO's latest work on the UK border shows the slow progress made on preparations. Infrastructure at our borders will not be in place in the event of a no-deal and there is a real danger that systems will not be ready," said Hillier. Britain is scheduled to leave the EU next March, with proposals for UK-EU trade to continue until the end of 2020 as part of an imple-

mentation period. So far no final deal has been reached, with some politicians fearing no deal with Brussels will be reached.

British Prime Minister Theresa May has insisted she is confident a deal with the EU will be reached before Britain's exit from the bloc. In its report Wednesday, the NAO says there are risks to Britain's border operations if the UK leaves the EU without an agreement on March 29, 2019.

"Even with a withdrawal agreement, significant challenges lie ahead to ensure the UK border is fully functioning," said the NAO in its report.

It added: "Border management is fundamentally important to national security, effective trade, tourism, well-managed migration, healthy communities and the environment. Delivering an effective border after the UK leaves the EU is an enormous challenge, requiring significant coordination across government and with private sector organisations." The report said government papers from July 2018 stated that it was already too late to ensure that all traders were properly prepared for "no deal" outcome.—**Xinhua ■**

# Malaysia ex-PM and ally charged in \$1.6 billion graft case

KUALA LUMPUR (Malaysia)—Malaysia's former leader Najib Razak and an ally were Thursday charged with allegedly looting \$1.6 billion of public money, the latest accusations against figures from the scandal-plagued old regime. Najib has now been hit with 38 charges since losing power, most of them related to allegations that he and his cronies plundered vast sums from sovereign wealth fund 1MDB.

The scandal played a major part in prompting voters to oust his coalition at elections in May after six decades in power and elect a reformist alliance headed by Mahathir Mohamad.

Najib was jointly charged in a Kuala Lumpur court with ex-senior finance ministry official, Mohamad Irwan Serigar Abdullah, with six counts of criminal breach of trust. They denied all the charges. The crimes involved 6.6 billion ringgit (\$1.6 billion) of public money and allegedly took place between December, 2016



Former Malaysia's prime minister Najib Razak (C) is escorted by police to the courthouse in Kuala Lumpur on October 25, 2018. Malaysia's former leader Najib Razak and two of his allies will face corruption charges on October 25, as authorities target a growing list of figures linked to the scandal-plagued old regime. **PHOTO: AFP**

and December, 2017. Each charge is punishable by up to 20 years in jail. Local media reported that some of the money was used to pay debts owed by 1MDB to Abu Dhabi sovereign wealth fund

IPIC. The Malaysian fund slid into a massive debt hole as huge sums of money were allegedly stolen and used to buy everything from a super-yacht, to high-end real estate and pricey artworks.

The US Department of Justice, which is seeking to seize assets allegedly bought with looted 1MDB money in America, alleges that a total of \$4.5 billion was misappropriated from the fund.—AFP ■

## Questions mount over delay after Cathay Pacific admits huge data leak

HONG KONG—Hong Kong carrier Cathay Pacific came under pressure Friday to explain why it had taken five months to admit it had been hacked and compromised the data of 9.4 million customers, including passport numbers and credit card details.

The airline said Wednesday it had discovered suspicious activity on its network in March and confirmed unauthorised access to certain personal data in early May. However, chief customer and commercial officer Paul Loo

said officials wanted to have an accurate grasp on the situation before making an announcement and did not wish to “create unnecessary panic”. News of the leak sent shares in Cathay, which was already under pressure as it struggles for customers, plunging more than six percent to a nine-year low in Hong Kong trading. And local politicians slammed the carrier, saying its response had only fuelled worries.

“Whether the panic is necessary or not is not for them to de-

cide, it is for the victim to decide. This is not a good explanation at all to justify the delay,” said IT sector lawmaker Charles Mok.

And Legislator Elizabeth Quat said the delay was “unacceptable” as it meant customers missed five months of opportunities to take steps to safeguard their personal data.

The airline admitted about 860,000 passport numbers, 245,000 Hong Kong identity card numbers, 403 expired credit card numbers and 27 credit card num-

bers with no card verification value (CVV) were accessed.

Other compromised passenger data included nationalities, dates of births, phone numbers, emails, and physical addresses. “We have no evidence that any personal data has been misused. No-one’s travel or loyalty profile was accessed in full, and no passwords were compromised,” chief executive Rupert Hogg said in a statement Wednesday.

### Probe launched

But Mok said the public needs to know how the company can prove that was the case.

“Such a statement doesn’t give people absolute confidence that we are completely safe, and it doesn’t mean that some of this data would not be misused later,” Mok told AFP. He also pointed out that the the European Union’s new General Data Protection Regulation says any such breach should be reported within 72 hours. Hong Kong’s privacy commissioner Stephen Wong expressed “serious concern” over the breach in a statement Thursday and said the office would initiate a compliance check with the airline.—AFP ■



The Cathay Pacific passenger data compromised by hackers included passport and ID card numbers, credit card information, phone numbers, emails and physical addresses. **PHOTO: AFP**

## N.Z. becomes 4<sup>th</sup> nation to ratify Pacific free trade deal

SYDNEY—The New Zealand government on Thursday announced that it formally ratified a \$10 trillion Pacific-wide free trade agreement involving 10 other countries. The country’s Parliament passed legislation late Wednesday, with support from all parties except the Greens, paving the way for ratification of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Japan, Mexico and Singapore already ratified the deal, also known as the TPP-11, earlier this year. Trade Minister David Parker said in a statement that the importance of the agreement has grown over recent months “with the rapid escalation of protectionist measures around the world.”

“New Zealand’s ratification means that from day one our businesses will be able to take advantage of improved trading conditions and lower tariffs,” Parker said. Prior to the agreement, New Zealand did not have a trade agreement with Japan, Canada or Mexico.

Formerly known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership, the TPP-11 deal was signed in March after the United States withdrew from the original agreement early last year.—Kyodo ■

## Gun battle leaves 9 militants dead in N. Afghanistan

MAIMANA (Afghanistan) — At least nine militants have been killed and three others injured as clash broke out in Dawlat Abad district of Afghanistan’s northern Faryab province on Wednesday, spokesman for police in the restive province, Abdul Karim Yurash said on Thursday. The clash, according to the police spokesman, flared up after Taliban militants stormed some security checkpoints in Pul-e-Bazaar Qala area of Dawlat Abad district on Wednesday afternoon and police returned fire triggering gun battle. According to Yurash, nine militants have been killed in the clash and a few more sustained injuries. The official also said one security personnel was killed and two others injured.—Xinhua ■

## Paradise lost: Tourist spots in danger of being loved to death

MANILA—The Philippines' most famous resort island Boracay re-opens Friday after a six-month clean-up intended to fix the damage done by unrestrained mass tourism. Here are some other global hotspots that authorities have moved to protect:

### Bali, Indonesia

Officials on the holiday island, Indonesia's top tourist destination, declared a "garbage emergency" last year after the palm-fringed Kuta beach was swallowed up by mountains of trash. Indonesia, second only to China as the world's biggest contributor to marine debris, deployed 700 cleaners and 35 trucks to remove roughly 100 tonnes of debris each day from Kuta and two other popular beaches to a nearby landfill.

### Easter Island, Chile

Known for its 900-odd human figures standing up to 10 metres (32 feet) tall, the isolated Pacific island severely curtailed visitor numbers in August this year due to concerns over the remote Chilean territory's environmental sustainability. Tourist stays on the island, believed to have been settled by the Rapa Nui people around the 12th century, were cut to 30 days from 90, after the population — along with

the crime rate — doubled in a few decades. Those who wish to live on the island are now required to be a parent, partner or child of the Rapa Nui people.

### Dubrovnik, Croatia

Dubrovnik, which boasts an old walled city, saw cruise ship arrivals shoot through the roof after it was used as a backdrop in the smash television drama series "Game of Thrones", causing congestion as tourists made a beeline for the shoot locales. Mayor Mato Frankovic told AFP the authorities plan to cut cruise ship numbers coming into the Adriatic port, while deploying cameras to count the number of people entering the old town.

### Venice and Florence, Italy

Venice authorities are trialling a system that forces visitors to make a reservation if they want to go to the popular Saint Mark's Square during peak hours.

They are also fining tourists 500 euros (\$585) for bathing or having picnics in the city's famous canals.

In Florence, officials have resorted to hosing down public spots such as church steps where many visitors congregate to eat picnics. This aims to prevent people from sitting on the wet pavement.—AFP■

## Saving the precious wood of Gabon's forests from illegal logging

Oyem (Gabon)—In Gabon the majestic kevazingo tree, its tropical hardwood highly valued in Asia for upmarket furniture, is also held to be sacred by generations of forest dwellers in equatorial Africa.

Chopping down the kevazingo tree, which can grow to more than 500 years old, has been outlawed in Gabon since March, but that hasn't eased environmental fears.

A loophole in the law allows the sale of the prized wood if felled trees were abandoned or seized from illegal loggers which environmentalists say only encourages further exploitation.

The ban on felling the trees is intended to "limit



An aerial view shows Nkok, a special economic site in Gabon dedicated to the transformation of wood, some 30 kilometres from Libreville. PHOTO: AFP

trafficking in this wood", explains Simplicite Nteme, the national director general of waterways and forests, which cover 85 per cent of the west African

country. But for Martial, a 54-year-old resident of Oyem, capital of the northern Woleu-Ntem region, little has changed.

"They tell us that

kevazingo is no longer cut, but we see lorries loaded with kevazingo logs leaving the forest to go to the capital Libreville," he told

AFP—AFP ■

### CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V KUO TAI VOY. NO. (112N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V KUO TAI VOY. NO. (112N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26-10-2018 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S SILKAGO LOGISTICS PTE LTD

Phone No: 2301185

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### News Release

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS of a 388 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant in Ahlone Township, Yangon Region.

TTCL Power Myanmar Company Limited (TPMC) is planning to build a 388 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant supplied in Natural Gas. The project consists of three main components, which includes the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) power plant, the LNG receiving facility, and natural gas (NG) pipeline. The Project will be located in Ahlone, Dala, and Seikgyikanaungto Townships.

As part of the approval process, TPMC is undertaking an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study. The purpose of the EIA is to understand how the Project may impact the environment and the people living and working close to the Project area and identify ways to manage any changes that may occur through the development of mitigation measures.

Public Participation meeting to present the result of the scoping phase will be held in Ahlone, Dagon, Lanmadaw, Seikkan Township on 29<sup>th</sup> October as well as in Seikgyikanaungto and Dala Townships, Thanlyin and Kyauktan in October 2018.

More info about TPMC and the Project can be found at <http://www.ttcl.com>



### EMBASSY OF INDIA, YANGON

### NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR EMPANELMENT OF AGENCIES FOR SUPPLY OF VEHICLES

Embassy of India invites Expression Of Interest (EOI) from vehicle dealers for empanelment of agencies for supply of vehicle whenever Embassy of India, Yangon intends to procure vehicle for the various projects implemented in Myanmar with grant assistance of Government of India.

2. Details of formats can be downloaded from Embassy's website, [www.embassyofindiayangon.gov.in](http://www.embassyofindiayangon.gov.in).

(Dr. Muthukumarasamy B.)  
First Secretary (Development Cooperation)

# ‘We’ve got the power!’ In DRC, rap moves to take on rumba

KINSHASA (DR Congo) —It is a conflict at once cultural, generational and political: rap music in DR Congo is staging a frontal assault on rumba, accusing its ageing stars of only singing of love and other banalities.

DRC’s growing army of rappers say their urban lyrics reflect a gritty realism edged with angst as one of Africa’s biggest and most unstable nations heads towards a troubled presidential election.

At the back of a courtyard in Bandal, a popular and trendy district of the capital Kinshasa, a DJ called DDT has opened Kinshasound, a recording studio which is about the size of a toilet.

At the mixing deck, beat maker Kratos is playing around with a mix of ethnic rhythms caught somewhere between the big sounds of the Bronx and the driving drumbeats of Afrobeat or Afro-Trap.

This tiny studio has attracted rap artists like Sista Becky,



Congolese hiphop enthusiasts have flocked to Kinshasound, one of Kinshasa’s few local recording studios at the heart of a wave of new rap music. **PHOTO: AFP**

Alesh and Magneto, who electrified the crowds at last month’s Red One urban music festival in Kinshasa. But Kinshasound has also attracted other visitors — among them officials responsible

for music and events at the national censorship board who shut it down in August, DDT explains.

It was eventually reopened after a series of negotiations, which involved handing over

some cash.

And their complaint? That DDT was producing “obscene songs which were an offence to common decency” and violated a law on censorship dating back

to 1996.

## ‘The boss got no heart’

“I asked them which (lyrics were problematic) and they didn’t know what to tell me,” DDT said — although he himself has a pretty good idea.

“We are basically putting out a lot of popular songs,” he says, referring to one track released late last year by Alesh called “Mokonzi o’a Motema Mabe”—which means “The boss got no heart” with a chorus that includes the phrase: “Stealing is not good”. The track came out as the Democratic Republic of Congo was in the grip of a political crisis over the contentious rule of President Joseph Kabila. He refused to step down at the end of his mandate and repeatedly delayed the elections — although a date has now been set for a vote on 23 December.

For the censors, the track went too far and they banned it, although only for a time.—AFP ■



# After 'historic' quarter, Tesla looks to Europe, China

SAN FRANCISCO (United States)—Electric car maker Tesla on Wednesday reported an “historic” quarterly profit driven by demand for its mass market Model 3, as the company looks beyond its US home base to Europe and China. Tesla chief executive Elon Musk said he expects the company to stay profitable from this point forward, and appeared to calm fears about his behavior, company debt, and snags ramping up production line efficiency.

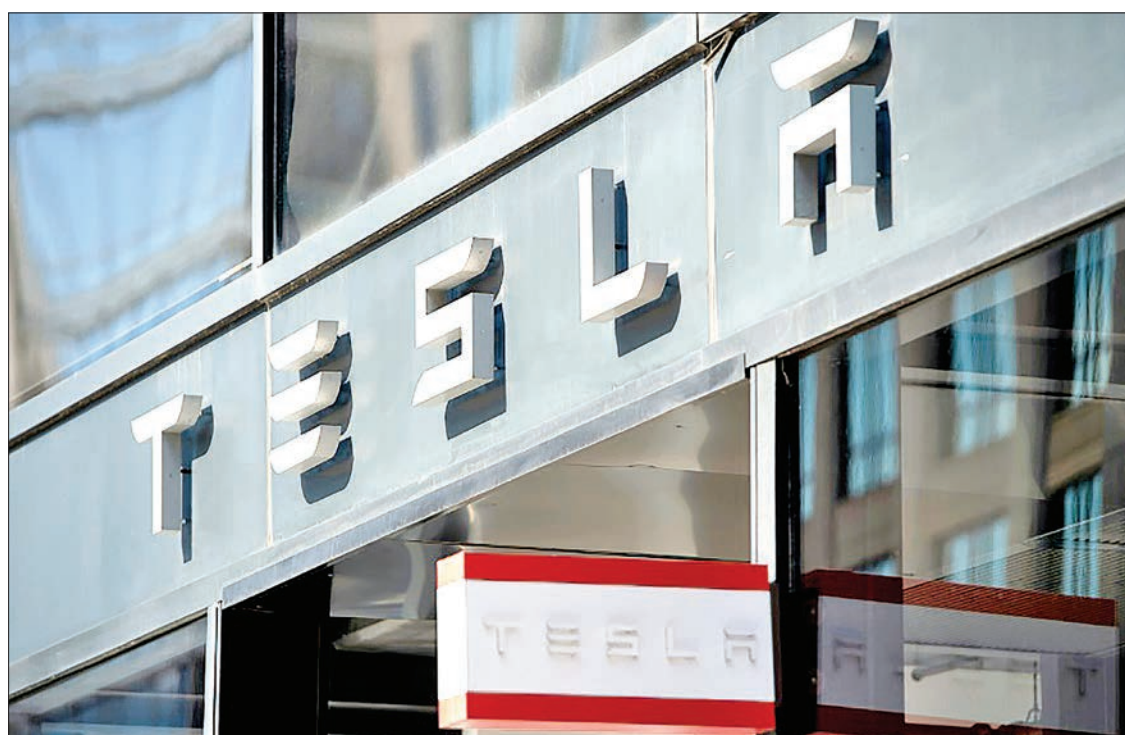
Musk said he expected Tesla to make even more Model 3 vehicles in the current quarter, and to begin delivering the cars in Europe and China early next year.

“I am incredibly excited about what lies ahead,” Musk said in an earnings call with analysts.

Tesla said net income reached \$311.5 million on revenue that more than doubled year-on-year to \$6.8 billion in the quarter that ended 30 September.

The earnings beat Wall Street expectations that Tesla would take in less money in the quarter and log another loss.

Shares in the company leapt 9.8 per cent to \$316.80 in after-market trades that followed release of the earnings figures for its fiscal third quarter. For the same period a year ago the company reported a loss of \$619 million. “Q3 2018 was a truly historic quarter for Tesla,” said the flamboyant Musk, who also heads SpaceX. “Model 3 was the best-selling car in the US in terms of revenue and the 5<sup>th</sup> best-selling car in terms



Shares in electric car maker Tesla leapt in after-market trades following the company's quarterly earnings report.

PHOTO: AFP

of volume.” Tesla's assembly line produced an average of 4,300 cars weekly in the quarter, nearing a goal set a while back by Musk. Tesla has also improved efficiency, ramping up the gross margin on Model 3 vehicles to more than 20 per cent, according to Musk. He

expressed confidence that Tesla would remain profitable, despite using cash to pay off notes.

## Trading up big

“Model 3 is attracting customers of both premium and non-premium brands, making it a

truly mainstream product,” Musk said, adding that the company's “earnings profile has flipped dramatically.”

The vast majority of cars traded in by Model 3 buyers are non-premium models priced new at less than \$35,000.—AFP ■

# Can eating organic food lower your cancer risk? Hard to prove

WASHINGTON (United States)—A new, much-ballyhooed study showing that the most avid consumers of organic food had fewer cancers than those who never eat such products illustrates the difficulty of establishing cause and effect when evaluating diet and health.

It is effectively impossible to prove beyond a doubt in a laboratory that any given food reduces the risk of developing an illness as complex as cancer.

“Diet is complex,” Nigel Brockton, the director of research at the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR), told AFP.

“We would never make a recommendation based on one study, even though it's statistically significant.”

Researchers, like the French team behind Monday's study, must then follow a large test group and wait for cancers to develop in some of the subjects.

They then hope that after the fact, they can isolate a specific behavior among all those who are sick that made the difference.

Thousands of studies on diet and illness have been conducted for decades.

Even the findings of the largest are sometimes disputed, like one in 2013 that purportedly showed the sweeping benefits of



Consumption of organic produce, like these at an organic supermarket in western France, is on the rise, but can scientists really prove the health benefits? PHOTO: AFP

the so-called Mediterranean diet in combatting heart ailments.

That study was retracted from the prestigious New England Journal of Medicine earlier this year over criticism of the methods used.

Only one major study on the nexus between organic food and cancer had been carried out before the latest effort published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) Internal Medicine.

That 2014 research, known as the Million Women Study, used a test group of 600,000 British women. It found no overall difference in cancer risk between those who ate organic food and those who didn't. It only found that organic

food lovers had a reduced risk of developing non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

## Questionnaires and self-reporting

So then, how does one approach the new study by the French team?

It is certainly more detailed than the Million Women Study, though it looked at 69,000 women—roughly 10 percent of the sample size.

The hypothesis is that the organic food enthusiasts consume fewer pesticides in their fruit, vegetables and grains, thus reducing their risk of cancer, as some pesticides are suspected of being carcinogenic.—AFP ■

# Facebook simplifies Messenger app

SAN FRANCISCO (United States)—Facebook on Tuesday announced an overhaul of its Messenger smartphone app in an effort to simplify the service for its 1.3 billion monthly global users. The social network began rolling out a redesigned version featuring three tabs instead of nine, saying it was “going back to its roots” seven years after the standalone app's launch.

“We build one feature after another; they're piling up,” Messenger chief Stan Chudnovsky said of the service, which has grown from a simple messaging app to one that lets users make

video calls, send money and more. The updated tabs allow users to navigate between their conversations under “Chats,” stories and contacts at “People,” and “Discovery,” which is devoted to games and exchanges with businesses.

Facebook has positioned Messenger as a tool for businesses to efficiently handle customer questions or concerns.

Talking to customers via the app is free—but businesses can also pay for Facebook ads that let customers start a conversation or visit their page with one click.—AFP ■

# Trump's 'Space Force' to be built in stages by 2020

WASHINGTON (United States)—A new US “Space Force” will soon take shape but will at least initially be a step below the proposed sixth branch of the military envisioned by President Donald Trump, his vice president said on Tuesday.

The White House does not foresee the creation of an independent space force before 2020, said US Vice President Mike Pence, who heads the National Space Council, a government body that was revived last year after a decades-long hiatus.

Pence said the president will soon ask Congress to gather

military and civilians working on space security into a unified command, similar to the military's special forces. “The National Space Council is making recommendations to the president to essentially begin with establishing a unified Space Command, much in the way that we established a Special Forces command,” Pence said at a space conference organized by the Washington Post.

“Let's begin by bringing everyone under a unified command,” he said, adding that he'd also like to see a Space Development Agency tasked with new technologies.—AFP ■

## AFF Suzuki Cup 2018 trophy on tour in Yangon



The officials of the MFF and Suzuki (Myanmar) Motor Co., Ltd pose for a group photo together with 2018 AFF Suzuki Cup. PHOTO: MFF

A ceremony to introduce Myanmar football enthusiasts to AFF Suzuki Cup 2018 Trophy Tour to Yangon was held at Myanmar Plaza, Yangon.

AFF Suzuki Cup 2018 Trophy Tour kicked off in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in the middle of September and it will head to Manila, Bangkok, Hanoi and Jakarta after Yangon. Now it has been on tour in Yangon. Mr. Asano, Managing

Director of Suzuki (Myanmar) Motor Co., Ltd, made an opening address on the occasion. U Ko Ko Thein, General Secretary of Myanmar Football Federation, delivered an address, as well.

Afterwards, U Ko Ko Thein gave a gift to the official of Suzuki (Myanmar) Motor Co., Ltd. Then, AFF Suzuki Cup 2018 was conveyed to the stage. The officials of the MFF and former Myanmar

selected footballers had a group photo taken together with the 2018 AFF Suzuki Cup on the stage.

The 2018 AFF Suzuki Cup will be showcased in Myanmar for three days. It will be on tour in Manila, the Philippines on October 27, in Bangkok, Thailand on October 28, in Hanoi, Vietnam on October 30 and in Jakarta, Indonesia on November 4. —Htut Htut (Twantay) ■

## Myanmar Archer ranked sixth in Youth Olympic Games-2018

MYANMAR Archer Ma Pyae Sone Hnin ranked sixth place in the Girl's Single 60M Archery category of the Youth Olympic Games-2018, held from 6 to 18 October, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. A total of 32 archers from 32 nations took part in the category. After deservedly gaining the sixth place at the Argentina Olympic, Ma Pyae Sone Hnin arrived back in Yangon on Wednesday. On her arrival, she was welcomed by Vice Chairman of the Myanmar Archery Federation U Kyaw Oo and officials, students from the Institute of Sports and Physical Education (Yangon) at the Yangon International Airport.

Evidently, Chairmen of the Myanmar Archery Federation Dr. Khin Shwe and U Zay Thiha awarded Ma Pyae Sone Hnin with Ks 2 million, according to the Myanmar Archery Federation. Myanmar participated in the Archery and Sailing categories at the Argentina Olympic. —MNA ■

## Children Grassroots Football Festival to be held in Pathein

UNDER the supervision of Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) and Myanmar National League (MNL), sponsored by Myanmar Post and Telecommunication (MPT), a grassroots football festival for children under-14 will be held at Ayeyawady United Stadium in Pathein, Ayeyawady Region at 3pm on 26 October (today).

The Grassroots Football Festival will be held under the titles of MFF-MPT Grassroots Football Festival 2018 and MPT U-14 Football Tournament 2018. About 250 children from basic education schools in Pathein Township will participate in the festival, according to the Myanmar Football Federation. Gifts will also be presented to the children after the festival, according to the MFF. "It is a wonderful festival for our children, and they all will enjoy the festival. We hope the MFF can hold more such festivals in Pathein", said a football fan.

Similar festivals were held in other cities in different states and regions including Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Mawlamyaing, Monywa and Sittway, according to the MFF.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

## Armstrong manager Bruyneel banned from cycling for life

NEW YORK—Lance Armstrong's former US Postal team manager Johan Bruyneel has been handed a life ban from cycling by the Court of Arbitration for Sport. Bruyneel, 54, was the team manager for all of Armstrong's seven Tour de France victories from 1999-2005 -- triumphs that were erased in the US superstar's stunning fall from grace amid revelations of the biggest drugs scandal in cycling history.

"I want to stress that I acknowledge and fully accept that a lot of mistakes have been made in the past," Belgium's Bruyneel wrote in an open letter posted on his Twitter account after the Swiss-based CAS rendered its decision on Wednesday. "There are a lot of things I wish I could have done differently, and there are certain actions I now deeply regret. The period I lived through, both as a cyclist and as a team director, was very different than it is today."

Wednesday's decision was

the culmination of a case that began in 2012, when the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) charged Bruyneel as part of its investigation into Armstrong.

Three team doctors and trainer Michele Ferrari were accused of possessing, trafficking in and administering prohibited substances.

The American Arbitration Association slapped Bruyneel with a 10-year ban in 2014, when the World Anti-Doping Agency responded with a demand that he be banned from the sport for life—as Armstrong was in 2012.

In its conclusion to the long-running and complicated case, CAS noted that the AAA panel concluded in 2014 that "the evidence establishes conclusively that Mr Bruyneel was at the apex of a conspiracy to commit widespread doping on the USPS and Discovery Channel teams spanning many years and many riders." — AFP ■

## Barcelona triumph without Messi as Dortmund pummel Atletico

BARCELONA—overcame the absence of an injured Lionel Messi to defeat Inter Milan 2-0 in the Champions League on Wednesday, while Borussia Dortmund signalled their intent with a 4-0 demolition of Atletico Madrid. Mohamed Salah

lah scored twice as Liverpool strolled past Red Star Belgrade, but Paris Saint-Germain needed a superb stoppage-time equaliser from Angel Di Maria to rescue a point at home to Napoli.

Barca collected a third win from three Group B outings as Rafinha, filling in for Messi after the Argentine star fractured his arm at the weekend, volleyed in the opener on 32 minutes at Camp Nou.

Philippe Coutinho rattled the crossbar in the second half before Jordi Alba sealed the points seven minutes from time to leave Barca on the brink of a spot in the last 16.

Bundesliga leaders Dortmund, who were missing in-form striker Paco Alcacer, delivered the performance of the evening as they handed last season's Europa League winners Atletico their heaviest defeat under Diego Simeone.

Axel Witsel fired Dortmund ahead shortly before half-time at Signal Iduna Park, with substitute Raphael Guerreiro netting twice in the final quarter-hour either side of a goal by teenage England international Jadon Sancho.

Dortmund top Group A with a maximum nine points, although Atletico still remain favourites to progress alongside them after Thierry Henry's Monaco and Club Brugge drew 1-1 in the other game. — AFP ■



Johan Bruyneel(C), pictured with US Postal team cyclist Lance Armstrong (L) in 2001, engaged in "widespread, systemic doping," the Court of Arbitration for Sport ruled.

PHOTO: AFP