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## Republic of the Union of Myanmar Office of the President Message of Greetings from President U Win Myint on the occasion of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary celebrations of Kayin State Day

(7 November 2018)

**Dear esteemed ethnic brothers and sisters, and fellow citizens living in Kayin State,**

Today, the 7<sup>th</sup> of November marks the 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Kayin State Day which has been designated as an auspicious and truly significant day by the ethnic brothers and sisters and fellow citizens living in Kayin

State.

I am very happy and honored to have this opportunity to send this Message of Greetings to this auspicious and truly significant event. I send these greetings to all ethnic Kayin people and all ethnic brothers and sisters and fellow citizens living in the entire Union

to be blessed with auspiciousness and good fortune.

To mark this year's Kayin State Day, arrangements have been made to have 37 games including traditional pole climbing, and traditional boxing matches for five consecutive days.

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The congregation led by President U Win Myint, First Lady Daw Cho Cho, and State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attend the ceremony to offer Kathina robes to Sayadaws. **PHOTO: MNA**

**T**HE Union government held a Kathina ceremony yesterday morning at Sasana Maha Beikman, Uppatasanti Pagoda, in Nay Pyi Taw and was attended by President U Win Myint, First Lady Daw Cho Cho and State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

The event was graced by

members of the Sangha led by State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman Bhamo Monastery (Mandalay) Padana Nayaka Abhidhaja Maharattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhamo Sayadaw Dr. Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa. The event was also attended by Vice President U

Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than's wife Daw Nant Kyin Kyi, Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Chairman

U Myo Nyunt and wife, Union Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein and wife, Deputy Commander-in-Chief and Commander-in-Chief (Army) of the Defence Services Vice Senior General Soe Win and wife, Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein and wife, Union Ministers, Union Attorney

General, Union Auditor General, Union Civil Service Board Chairman, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman and their wives, Joint-Chief of Staff (Army/Navy and Air Force), Nay Pyi Taw Command commander, Deputy Ministers, Nay Pyi Taw Council members, departmental heads and officials. **SEE PAGE-3**

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We will also have competitions for “done” cultural dances, “zat pwes” and food stalls, product exhibition stalls and boat races. I have been informed that these festivities will be organized on a scale grander than previous years without losing touch with age old traditions. I therefore send good wishes and hope that all ethnic brothers and sisters would be able to participate in good cheer happily.

When the States/Regions were formed after Independence, deliberations were made in the Parliament to designate as Kayin State all the regions where the Kayin nationals were residing. Thus in accordance with the Amendment Act 62 of the 1951 Constitution, Papun region of Thanlwin District was constituted as Kayin State as an initial step. In continuation, according to Act 14 of the 1952 act to extend Kayin State, all the adjacent areas of Thanlwin District such as Kyarin Seikgyi Township, Kawkareik Township, Hlaingbwe Township, Hpa-an Township, and Thandaung Gyi Township were desig-

nated as Kayin State as a second step of extension. Again on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1960, Myawady Town was designated as Myawady Township and Kayin State was reconstituted with 7 townships namely Hpa-an Township, Papun Township, Hlaingbwe Township, Thandaung Gyi Township, Kawkareik Township, Kyarin Seikyi Township and Myawady Township.

Thus the 7<sup>th</sup> of November, the day on which the Union President signed the Amendment Act of the 1951 Constitution to designate Thanlwin District as Kayin State, has been designated as Kayin State Day. Since 1955 we have celebrated the Kayin State Day and this year marks the 63<sup>rd</sup> year.

If we look back at history, it may be found that 11 Kayin racial groups have been living in Kayin State together with other ethnic groups happily and in friendship since ancient times. However, after gaining independence because of the impact of political instability, there were long years of internal conflicts, as a result of which we were not able to do development works with full steam. Thus, our country

lagged behind in many sectors. The states where ethnic nationals live suffered more from the internal conflicts. At this time we are working for internal Peace and National Reconciliation to build a Union based on democracy and federalism.

Therefore, now is the time, for all ethnic Union nationals to take lessons from undesirable experiences of the past and march forth in unity with collective strength and joined hands for the emergence of a peaceful Union.

That is why our Union Government has been exerting strenuous efforts for internal peace and national reconciliation ever since the time we took over state responsibilities. For the emergence of a democratic federal republic we have conducted political dialogues and the Union Peace Conference - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Panglong for three times. We have now reached agreement on 51 fundamental principles of the Union Accord.

The sounds of guns have now almost fallen silent in Kayin State which has suffered heavily the brunt of internal armed conflicts. Ethnic brothers and sisters and all armed groups liv-

ing in Kayin State have worked ardently with courage for peace in Kayin State. They have made a bold decision and joined hands to work under the leadership of the Union Government in development projects with vision and enthusiasm. Because of this cooperation, Kayin State is now enjoying the fruits of peace and development.

Kayin State has the Thanlwin river and is rich with waterfalls, mountain streams, caves and the natural beauty of forests and mountains. These are good prospects for developing eco-tourism for foreign and local travelers. Furthermore, this is also an important region for border trade and commerce, being in the south-eastern flank of the country. Presently, since we are about to construct two Thai-Myanmar Friendship Bridges and many border trading posts, this will mean increased job opportunities for the local ethnic nationals.

As the Union Government has been implementing development projects all over the country, it has also been implementing projects for Kayin State development in areas such as transport, education, health, hu-

man resources, supply of electricity, development of SME's, and development of eco-tourism. Because of the efforts and cooperation of the local people, I believe that there will be continued sustainable development.

In striving for the transformation of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar into a stable, peaceful and prosperous Federal Democratic Republic, all ethnic nationals and Union citizens need to work strenuously with collective strength, hand in hand and cooperate to overcome all difficulties and challenges.

As Myanmar walks on the path of peace and development, I wish to urge all our ethnic brothers and sisters from Kayin State to continue working hard in unity, with hands joined together, for the emergence of a peaceful, beautiful and developed Kayin State. Furthermore, as I send this Message of Greetings, I pray that we would be able to successfully build the Federal Democratic Republic with the good foundations already laid down for peace and development.

Sd/-  
(Win Myint)  
President



## Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Ambassador of France to Myanmar

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat received Ambassador of France to Myanmar Mr. Christian Lechervy at the Pyithu Hluttaw guest hall, Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw at 1 pm yesterday.

During the meeting, matters relating to establishing relations and friendship between the parliaments of the two countries and legislative work process of the two parliaments were openly

discussed and views exchanged.

Also present on the occasion were Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein and officials from the Pyithu Hluttaw office. — MNA ■

## Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker receives French Ambassador

AMYOTHA Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than received Ambassador of France to Myanmar Mr. Christian Lechervy at the guest hall of the Amyotha Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday

afternoon.

**Promoting relations, economy, trade and investment, discussed**

During the meeting they cordially and openly discussed about promoting friendly relations

between Myanmar and France, strengthening relations between the two parliaments, promoting economy, trade and investment, development of the electrical and tourism sectors. — MNA ■





President U Win Myint and wife Daw Cho Cho offer Kathina robes to a monk at Sasana Maha Beikman, Uppatasanti Pagoda, in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi offers Kathina robes to Sayadaw Dr. Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa at Sasana Maha Beikman, Uppatasanti Pagoda, in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

# Union Government holds Kathina ceremony

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Before the start of the event, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi offered soon (a day meal) in an emerald bowl, flowers and water to Buddha image in the Sasana Maha Beikman.

Next, President U Win Myint and First Lady Daw Cho Cho, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and guests took the Five Precepts from State Sangha Maha Nayaka Chairman Bhamo Sayadaw and listened to the chanting of parittas by the Sayadaw and Sanghas.

The State Counsellor then presented offertories to State Sangha Maha Nayaka Chairman Mandalay Bhamo Monastery Padana Nayaka Abhidhaja Maharaththa Guru Abhidhaja

Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhamo Sayadaw Dr. Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa followed by Vice President U Myint Swe and wife, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than's wife Daw Nant Kyin Kyi, Chief Justice of the Union U Htun Htun Oo, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife who presented offertories to Sayadaw and Sanghas.

Later, Constitutional Tribunal Chairperson U Myo Nyunt and wife, Union Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein and wife, Vice Senior General Soe Win and wife, Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein and wife, Union Ministers, Union Attorney General, Union Auditor

General, Union Civil Service Board Chairman, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, Joint-Chief of Staffs (Army, Navy and Air Force), Nay Pyi Taw Command's commander and Deputy Ministers presented offertories to Sayadaw and Sanghas.

Finally, President and First Lady, State Counsellor and guests listened to the sermon of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Akyodawsaung, Yangon Region Thanlyin Minkyaung Pahtampyan Pariyatti Monastery chairman Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Sandima Bivamsa and shared merits for the donations.

After the event, President U Win Myint, First Lady Daw Cho Cho, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and guests offered soon to the Members of the



President U Win Myint, First Lady Daw Cho Cho, and State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and attendees offer soon to the Members of the Sangha at the Kathina Robe Offering Ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Sangha led by State Sangha Mahanayaka Chairman Bhamo Sayadaw.

In the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Kathina cere-

mony Ks 85,339,950 worth of offertories were donated. — MNA ■



Vice President U Myint Swe and wife offer Kathina robes to a Sayadaw at the Kathina Robe Offering Ceremony, Uppatasanti Pagoda, in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife offer Kathina robes to a Sayadaw at the Kathina Robe Offering Ceremony, Uppatasanti Pagoda, in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

## State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi receives Minister of the International Department of the Communist Party of China

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received H.E. Mr. Song Tao, Minister of the International Department of the Communist Party of China at her residence in Nay Pyi Taw at 5:30 p.m. yesterday.

Present at the meeting with the State Counsellor were Mandalay Region Chief Minister Dr. Zaw Myint Maung and Peace Commission Chairman Dr. Tin Myo Win while Minister of the International Department of the Communist Party of China was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador Mr. Hong Liang.

After the meeting the State Counsellor hosted a dinner for H.E. Mr. Song Tao. — MNA ■



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi receives Mr. Song Tao, Minister of the International Department of the Communist Party of China in her residence in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

## Union Minister for Office of State Counsellor receives Mr. Song Tao



Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe receives Mr. Song Tao, Minister of the International Department of the Communist Party of China in Nay Pyi Taw, on 6 November, 2018. PHOTO: MNA

AT THE invitation of Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe, a delegation led by Mr. Song Tao, Minister of the International Department of the Communist Party of China, arrived in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The Chinese Minister met U Kyaw Tint Swe at the Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor in Nay Pyi Taw.

Also present at the meet-

ing were Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Tin, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Myint Thu, Director-Generals of Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor U Zaw Htay and U Win Kyaw Aung, as well as Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Hong Liang, Director-General of International Department of Communist Party of China Ms. Sun Haiyan and other officials. — MNA ■

## MoEE signs power purchasing agreement with Powergen Kyaukse Company Ltd

THE MINISTRY of Electricity and Energy signed an agreement with Powergen Kyaukse Company Ltd yesterday to purchase power from the company's plant in Kyaukse to supply Kyaukse and Mandalay.

At the ceremony, held at the Hilton Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, the Power Purchasing Agreement was signed by Managing Director of the Electric Power Generation Enterprise U Khin Maung Win and Managing Director of the Powergen Kyaukse Company Ltd U Maung Kyay, in the presence of

Union Minister for Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing.

"At present, Myanmar's generation mix is hydro and natural gas, therefore the Union Government is planning to boost power production through establishing solar power plants and gas-fired power plants in the future," said the Union Minister, speaking at the ceremony.

The Kyaukse 145 MW Gas Engine Power Project is located in Balin in Singaing Township, Kyaukse District, and the plant, which will be run with

the Build-Operate-Own-BOO system operating between a foreign company and a Myanmar company, is expected to start commercial production in February, 2019.

Work on construction of the plant started in May 2018.

Also present at the ceremony were Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr. Tun Naing, members of the Hluttaw committees involved in electricity and energy development, and officials. —MNA ■

## Rakhine State Investment Fair meeting held

A coordination meeting for the Rakhine State Investment Fair was held at the Rakhine State Government meeting hall yesterday morning.

At the coordination meeting, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu said the meeting was called to coordinate and link the work of the (Rakhine) State Government and Myanmar Investment Commission, in preparation for the Rakhine State Investment Fair to be held at Ngapali beach.

As there are many investment opportunities in Rakhine State, it is important to imple-

ment them. That is why discussions about investments and a fair are organized to share investment opportunities. The Rakhine State Investment Fair is a very important programme for the development of the state and state government, related departments and the Rakhine people, who need to work together. Only then can Rakhine State have successful all-round development, said the Chief Minister.

State Minister for Planning, Finance, Tax and Economy U Kyaw Aye Thein and Directorate of Investment

and Company Administration Deputy Director General Dr. Marlar Myo Nyunt explained about the work of setting up an Investment Fair, while an official from Myanmar Survey Research explained about conducting an investment survey.

Afterwards, preparations to successfully hold the Rakhine State Investment Fair, and works to be done to encourage the attendance of local and foreign business persons were discussed, and the Chief Minister and state ministers coordinated matters with ministerial departments. — Tin Tun (IPRD) ■

## Export of manufacturing sector up by \$290 million in October this FY

THE value of exports in the manufacturing sector was worth \$487 million last month, which is a significant increase of over \$290 million compared with the same period in the last FY, according to data from the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar's manufacturing sector is largely concentrated in garment and textiles on a Cutting-Making and Packaging basis, which contributes to the country's GDP to a certain extent.

The CMP industry has emerged as very promising in the export sector. The export value of CMP was only \$850 million in the 2015-2016 fiscal year, but export income from the CMP industry tripled within two years, with \$2.5 billion

in the 2017-2018 FY, as stated at the Myanmar Global Investment Forum 2018 held on 12 September.

Meanwhile, garment producers are eyeing Myanmar for investment because of its inexpensive labour, which sometimes causes conflicts between garment factory employers and labourers, according to market observers.

There are currently over 400 garment factories in Myanmar, employing over 300,000 workers.

Of note, the manufacturing sector is likely to maintain the top position in attracting FDIs during the current FY. — GNLM ■

*(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)*



A file photo shows workers seen on a production line at a garment factory in Hlinethaya. PHOTO: PHOEH KHWAR

## Mung bean and pigeon pea prices increase by Ks 200,000 within four days

THE price of mung beans and pigeon peas have significantly increased, by Ks 200,000 per ton within four days, at Yangon's market.

The price of mung bean (RC) was Ks 759,000 per ton on 1 November, while mung bean (SQ/RC) was Ks 964,000 per ton, and the price of pigeon peas (RC) was Ks 612,000 per ton.

On 5 November, the price of mung bean (RC) reached Ks 962,000 per ton, while mung bean (SQ/RC) was sold for Ks1,157,000 per ton and the price of pigeon peas (RC) was Ks 820,000 per ton, according to the market survey.

A total of 555 mung bean (RC) boxes were sold within four days, according to daily bean price statistics.

On 3 November, the price of mung bean (RC) declined to Ks 853,000 per ton.

On 22 October, the price of mung bean (RC) was Ks 593,000 per ton, while the price of mung bean (SQ/RC) was Ks 800,000 per ton. The price of mung bean (RC) has increased by Ks 369,000 per ton, (SQ/RC) was up by Ks 357,000 per ton, and pigeon peas (RC) by Ks 346,000 per ton, after opening at the depot.

On 6 November 2017, the price of mung bean (RC) was Ks 485,000 per ton, (SQ/RC) was Ks

682,000 per ton and pigeon pea (RC) was 328,000 per ton. However, the price of mung bean (RC) increased by Ks477,000 per ton and (SQ/RC) by Ks 475,000 per ton on 5 November 2018.

Between 8 October and 5 November, 2,325 bean boxes were sold in the Yangon bean market, according to daily bean price statistics.

Meanwhile, the price of pigeon pea increased by Ks484,000 per ton on 5 November 2017, compared to the same period last year. On 25 October 2017, the price of pigeon pea (RC) saw a record decline to Ks 306,000 per ton.

The agricultural department has also urged cultivation of other crops, instead of pigeon pea in mid-2018. Therefore, the pigeon pea yield has declined.

Myanmar exported over 800,000 tons of pulses between January and October 2018.

"Local farmers are planning to cultivate summer paddy, if the price of mung bean is not stable in the market. But the price of mung bean has increased and local farmers will only plant mung bean," said Ko Kyaw, a mung bean grower from Kangyidaung Township.— Maung Sae Aung ■

*(Translated by Hay Mar)*

## Private sector sees slight decrease in import of capital goods, raw materials in October this FY

THE private sector saw a small decrease in the importing of capital goods and raw materials in one month of current fiscal year 2018-2019, compared to the similar period in the last FY, according to data from the Ministry of Commerce.

Meanwhile, the public sector saw an increase in the importing of capital and intermediate goods. Nevertheless, consumer goods remain the op-

posite, with a small decrease of US\$0.25 million in the public sector and increase of \$13.6 million in the private sector, compared to the last FY.

Imports of consumer goods, such as pharmaceuticals, cosmetics and palm oil, were estimated to reach \$300.6 million in October. Imports of capital goods, such as auto parts, vehicles, machines, steel and airplane parts, reached \$406.7 mil-

lion. Intermediate goods were made up mostly of imports, with petroleum products and plastic raw materials being the main imported items. The import value of raw materials was \$523.3 million.

Between 1 and 26 October, total imports were valued at \$1.23 billion, an increase of \$24 million compared with last FY. — GNLM ■

*(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)*

## MIC grants permits for 10 local enterprises

Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) recently approved permits and endorsements for 17 local and foreign enterprises during the Myanmar Investment Commission meeting (18/2018).

A press conference to review Permitted Enterprises was held on 2 November 2018 at the office of Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA), under the Ministry of Planning and Finance.

Seven foreign enterprises have their permits approved by the Myanmar Investment Commission and the respective investment committees of Bago Region and Kayah State.

MIC provided seven foreign direct investments worth US\$ 321.866 million, at their recent meeting. The investments will

be made for one industrial business, two livestock and fisheries businesses, one transport and communications business and three in other sectors, creating 1,054 local employment opportunities.

A total of 13 foreign enterprises received permits and endorsements, bringing in capital of \$339.789 million between 1 October and 6 November, creating 3,883 local employment opportunities. Also, FDI of \$ 363.139 million flowed into the country.

In the similar period, ten local enterprises with capital of Ks34,540.116 million including \$6.091 million were approved by MIC and the respective investment committees of Bago and Sagaing regions and Kayah State. The investments will be

focused on three industrial sectors, two hotel sectors and five other sectors, creating 593 jobs for local residents.

A total of 23 local enterprises received permits and endorsements, bringing in capital of Ks70,888.670 million including \$7.365 million between 1 October and 6 November, creating 1,868 local employment opportunities.

At present, 60 per cent of foreign investments are for businesses in Yangon Region, while Mandalay attracts 30 per cent of investments. Other regions and states receive only small portion of investments, according to statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration. — GNLM ■

*(Translated by Hay Mar)*

## MPA gets 3000-HP tugboat



New 300-HP tugboat docks at Health Jetty in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

MYANMA Port Authority got an over 3000-HP tugboat yesterday for its port works built by Myanmar shipyards –AMECC JV.Co.,Ltd, which is a joint venture company with the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

The new tugboat equipped with two 1582 HP engines was built at the cost of US\$3.4 million.

The boat is 32 meters long, 11 meter width and 5 meters draught, and can drive at 12 nautical miles per hour.

The boat was handed over to the department yesterday at the Health Jetty in Yangon in the presence of Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung.— MNA ■

*(Translated by JT)*

## Loan agreement for agro-economy value chain project signed

A CEREMONY to sign a loan agreement for an agro-economy value chain project that is based upon area weather conditions, with a loan from Asian Development Bank (ADB) and funding support from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), was held at Office No. 15, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon. The ceremony was attended by Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win, ADB Country Director Mr. Newin Sinsiri, Permanent Sec-

retaries and Directors General.

At the ceremony, Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw, Deputy Minister U Maung Maung Win and ADB Country Director Mr. Newin Sinsiri delivered the opening remarks.

Also, ADB Country Director Mr. Newin Sinsiri and Ministry of Planning and Finance Treasury Department Director General Daw Si Si Pyone signed the loan agreement for an agro-economy value chain project that is based upon area weather conditions.

The project will increase

agriculture competitiveness in 14 townships in the central Myanmar dry zone regions of Magway, Mandalay and Sagaing, resulting in the establishment of an agro-economy value chain that has increased production capacity, is weather resistant, is of better quality, free from harmful effects with value added production, while increasing household income and production capacity, while using resources effectively.— MNA ■

*(Translated by Zaw Min)*



Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw, Deputy Minister U Maung Maung Win attends the signing ceremony of the loan agreement for agro-economy in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

## MoI to hold paper reading on research development in Yangon

THE Ministry of Information will conduct a paper reading on the topic “Research Development” on 10 November at No. 228, Central Press Building, Theinbyu Street in Yangon.

During the session, Dr. Aung Gyi, Dr. Toe Hla, U Aye Cho and Dr. Khin Aye (Maung Khin Min – Danubyu) will act as moderators. In the morning session, Dr. Khin Aye (Maung Khin Min – Danubyu) will read a paper entitled, “Conducting religion, literature and research work in Myanmar”, and researcher U Zaw Aung will read a paper on “Suggestions to Myanmar Research Development”.

During the afternoon session, Dr. Kyaw Win, a retired history professor, will read a paper entitled, “Judicial system in the reign of King Mindon from the Royal Order”. Dr. Toe Hla and Dr. Tin Hlaing (Bo Hlaing) will also read papers on “Reformation of Myanmar Research Association and its prospects”.

With the aim of fostering research development, research associations and the emergence of the Myanmar Research Society, the paper reading will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Visitors can join the reading sessions. For more information, contact the Information and Public Relations Department at [idprd.rnd@gmail.com](mailto:idprd.rnd@gmail.com), via phone number 01-387568 or Fax – 01 387568.— MNA ■

*(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)*

## Union Minister attends opening of youth training building at Hnget Aw San in Kawhmu Township



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye formally opens the Youth Training building at Hnget Aw San in Kawhmu Township. **PHOTO: MNA**

AN opening ceremony for a new building, donated by New Humanity Myanmar, was held at Hnget Aw San Youth Training School, Kawhmu Township, in Yangon Region, yesterday afternoon.

Speaking at the ceremony, Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye said the government, together with civil service organisations, non-governmental organisations, international organisations, foundations and the public, is striving to train the nation's youths and is grateful to New Humanity Myanmar's support. Continued cooperation and assistance are also invited for the newly expanded department

at the Department of Rehabilitation, said the Union Minister.

Next, Ambassador of Italy to Myanmar H.E. Mrs. Alessandra Schiavo and New Humanity Myanmar Resident Representative Mr. Maggi Livio delivered messages of greetings and opened the new building by cutting the ceremonial ribbon, while youths entertained with a ‘doe pat’ band, which included singers and dancers, accompanied by students playing a flute, drum, clapper and a cymbal. They then inspected the classrooms in the new building.— MNA ■

*(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)*

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar**  
**Union Election Commission**  
**Notification 167/2018**  
13<sup>th</sup> Waning of Thadingyut, 1380 ME  
(6 November, 2018)

**Eight Defence Services Personnel  
Pyithu Hluttaw representatives  
substituted**

According to a request made in accordance with Section 33 of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law to substitute eight Defence Services Personnel Representatives who are parliamentarians, the Union Election Commission has scrutinized and substituted the following eight Pyithu Hluttaw representatives shown

on the left column under the Notification 1/2016 of the commission dated 18-1-2016, the Notification 11/2016 of the commission dated 15-6-2016, and the Notification 61/2018 of the commission dated 15-5-2018 with those shown on the right column.

The Defence Services Personnel Representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw to be substituted were nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in the second Multi-party General Election held on 8 November 2015.

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| (1) BC 16561<br>Brig-Gen Win Ko Ko  | BC 22382<br>Col Han Thu        |
| (2) BC 29477<br>Lt-Col Min Thaw Aye | BC 31760<br>Lt-Col Tun Tun Win |
| (3) BC 26839<br>Lt-Col Kyaw Thiha   | BC 22385<br>Col Moe Min Thein  |

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| (4) BC 29149<br>Lt-Col Yan Naing Kyaw     | BC 28207<br>Lt-Col Zayar Min                  |
| (5) BC 33170<br>Maj Thet Moe Aung         | BC 26791<br>Col Kyaw Soe Lwin                 |
| (6) BC 33539<br>Maj Hnin Soe              | BC 36390<br>Maj Thant Zin                     |
| (7) Navy 3681<br>Lt-Cmdr Myo Ko Ko        | Navy 4089<br>Lt-Cmdr<br>Zaw Min Oo            |
| (8) BC 67540<br>Captain Daw Pyae Pyae Thu | BC 67517<br>Captain<br>Daw Khin Nyein<br>Chan |

*Sd/Hla Thein*  
*Chairman*  
*Union Election Commission*

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| (1) BC 18078<br>Lt-Col Khin Maung Ohn | BC 33752<br>Maj Win Min Thant  |
| (2) BC 34711<br>Maj Tint Lwin Aye     | BC 33520<br>Maj Kyaw Moe Thwin |
| (3) BC 29643                          | BC 21093                       |

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| Lt-Col Tin Lin Oo                      | Col Nyunt Win Aung                          |
| (4) BC 34877<br>Maj Zaw Tun            | BC 42548<br>Maj Zar Ni Htet Aung            |
| (5) BC 25168<br>Maj Khin Maung Cho     | BC 39687<br>Maj Kyaw Phyto Win              |
| (6) BC 29615<br>Lt-Col Aung Kyaw Zaw   | BC 23378<br>Lt-Col Nyan Shwe                |
| (7) BC 27370<br>Lt-Col Maung Maung Soe | BC 67491<br>Captain Daw Aye<br>Thinzar Kyaw |
| (8) BC 29110<br>Maj Myo Min Aung       | BC 28801<br>Maj Tin Latt                    |

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**Republic of the Union of Myanmar**  
**Union Election Commission**

**Notification 169/2018**

13<sup>th</sup> Waning of Thadingyut, 1380 ME  
(6 November, 2018)

**Thirty Defence Services Personnel  
representatives from Region and State  
Hluttaws substituted**

According to a request made in accordance with Section 33 of the Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law to substitute thirty Defence Services Personnel Representatives who are parliamentarians, the Union Election Commission has scrutinized and substituted the following thirty Region Hluttaw and State Hluttaw representatives shown on the left column under the Notification 3/2016 of the commission dated 18-1-2016, the Notification 28/2016 of the commission dated 14.11.2016, the Notification 26/2017 of the commission dated 30.10.2017 and the Notification 63/2018 of the commission dated 15.5.2018 with those shown on the right column.

The Defence Services Personnel Representatives of Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw to be substituted were nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in the second Multi-party General Election held on 8 November 2015.

**Kachin State Hluttaw**

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| (1) BC 20081<br>Col Thura Myo Tin | BC 23742<br>Col Nay Lin Tun |
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**Kayah State Hluttaw**

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| (2) BC 30640<br>Maj Myo Myint | BC 36359<br>Maj Aung Ko Ko |
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**Kayin State Hluttaw**

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| (3) BC 28288<br>Lt-Col Min Ye Htwe | BC 22798<br>Lt-Col Naing Win |
| (4) BC 36217<br>Maj Tayzar Aung    | BC 35985<br>Maj Zaw Latt Win |

**Sagaing Region Hluttaw**

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| (5) BC 21057<br>Maj Phone Myint Naing | BC 34787<br>Maj Soe Win Myint |
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**Taninthayi Region Hluttaw**

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| (6) BC 20586<br>Col Myint Swe | BC 27374<br>Col Aung Myo Min     |
| (7) BC 34836<br>Maj Ko Min    | BC 48746<br>Captain Kyaw Swa Win |

**Bago Region Hluttaw**

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| (8) BC 29148<br>Maj Phyto Min Thant | BC 40393<br>Maj Aung San Lin      |
| (9) BC 37701<br>Maj Win Han         | BC 39162<br>Maj Kyaw Thurain Aung |

**Mandalay Region Hluttaw**

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| (10) BC 26130<br>Lt-Col Nay Myo Wai  | BC 22701<br>Lt-Col Ye Myint  |
| (11) BC 33526<br>Maj Kyaw Myint Aung | BC 33532<br>Maj Myo Min Latt |

**Mon State Hluttaw**

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| (12) BC 19319<br>Col Win Naing Oo   | BC 26939<br>Col Nay Htut Oo      |
| (13) Navy 3700<br>Lt-Cmdr Thein Zaw | Navy 4219<br>Lt-Cmdr Nay Myo Tun |

**Rakhine State Hluttaw**

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| (14) BC 24327<br>Lt-Col Cho Oo | BC 27010<br>Lt-Col Win Bo |
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**Yangon Region Hluttaw**

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| (15) BC 30575<br>Lt-Col Thant Zin Hlaing | BC 29690<br>Lt-Col Than Lwin |
| (16) BC 28521                            | BC 39992                     |

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| Maj Maw Thurain                         | Maj Aung Nway Soe               |
| (17) BC 27403<br>Maj Myo Khaing         | BC 39599<br>Maj Wai Yan Lin     |
| (18) BC 36781<br>Maj Kyaw Kyaw Wyne     | BC 54557<br>Captain Ko Ko       |
| (19) Air 2854<br>Maj Myo Min Tun        | Air 3138<br>Maj Khaing Myo Tun  |
| (20) BC 27769<br>Captain Khin Maung Win | BC 52090<br>Captain Ye Yint Win |

**Shan State Hluttaw**

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| (21) BC 24956<br>Maj Zaw Tun             | BC 37462<br>Maj Soe Yan Naing          |
| (22) BC 26190<br>Maj Aung Myo Kyi        | BC 40046<br>Maj Pyae Phyto Aung        |
| (23) BC 24166<br>Maj Than Tun Oo         | BC 32257<br>Maj Aung Myo Min           |
| (24) BC 33522<br>Maj Aung Zaw Myo        | BC 40134<br>Maj Kyaw Zin Htike         |
| (25) BC 36133<br>Maj Phyto Wai Zaw       | BC 36137<br>Maj Myo Min Tun            |
| (26) BC 31656<br>Captain Myint Tun Naing | BC 56852<br>Captain<br>Pyae Sone Ko Ko |
| (27) BC 34908<br>Captain Soe Khaing      | BC 54467<br>Captain<br>Hlwan Moe Aung  |

**Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw**

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| (28) BC 37961<br>Maj Ko Ko Maung   | BC 33535<br>Maj Naing Htoo Aye |
| (29) Air 2880<br>Maj Wunna Soe     | Air 2859<br>Maj Zayar Myint    |
| (30) Air 3074<br>Maj Aung Kyaw Moe | Air 2953<br>Maj Myo Myint Aung |

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# Rays of hope for peace for our country

To end the decades-long armed conflict is not a simple or easy task. A step by step approach with magnanimous and farsightedness is sine qua non to end armed conflicts, which have continued since our independence in 1948. The task of carrying out three responsibilities: ending armed conflicts, internal peace and national reconciliation, is not easy or simple. But, we are committed to overcoming all the challenges ahead to achieve these goals.

Myanmar is a complex nation, and its complexities are compounded by the fact that people expect the Union Government to overcome all of these challenges in as short a time as possible.

A meeting for reviewing the framework for political dialogue and guidelines to proceed was held at the National Reconciliation and Peace Center (NRPC) on Shwe Li Street in Yangon from 1 to 3 November. The meeting was aimed at seeking suggestions for the framework of a political dialogue, and sending them to the UPDJC meeting for approval.

Participants included members of government and Tatmadaw groups, armed ethnic organizations who signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), and political parties.

During the meeting, they discussed methods to negotiate for amending the framework of political dialogue and guidelines for the work to be done.

Two agreements reached at the meeting are: to hold the Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee-UPDJC meeting every two years and the secretariat meeting every month, and that the two agreements will be submitted to the UPDJC meeting for approval.

The peacemaking process was carried out in the past with a bottom-up approach by holding mass meetings at grass root levels first, then national level political dialogues. The outcomes of the meetings were delivered, step by step, to the work committee and the UPDJC meeting.

But, as of today, a way which works between the decision makers of the groups and suggestions from the bottom is to be practiced as part of the efforts for gaining hopeful outcomes for peace.

The peace process is continuing and the UPDJC is making strenuous efforts for peace, and these efforts can be seen as rays of hope and peace for our country.

All of us basically want peace, rather than war. We want harmony, rather than conflict. This is the aspiration shared by all our peoples: peace, stability, harmony and progress.

This is not a large agenda, but it is a difficult one.

# Do quality control by yourself

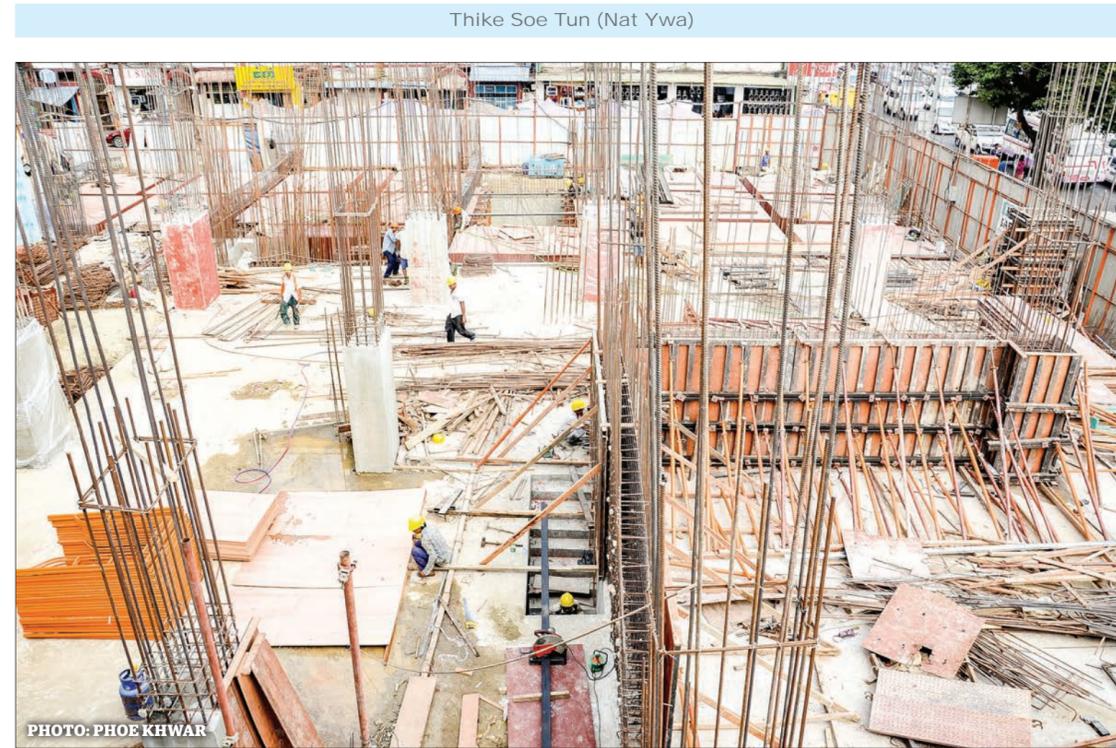
Generally speaking, the quality controllers in the construction sector seldom pinpoint faulty sections in the structure. In large cities and towns, there are skillful examiners to look into the erratic portion of the building. However, in smaller towns, the quality control is being carried out by the officials from administrative department and engineering department. Therefore, it is seldom to find the imperfect construction work.

The inspection and quality control could only be made on simple face value such as the height of the foundation, the roofing, the materials in use, and the balance of the structure. Even such simple inspection on ground may have found faulty constructions such as lesser and smaller foundation base; the narrow and shallow drainage; and the short-ages use of quality materials. If the structure is found to be erratic with the original construction proposal, then it should be demolished and rebuild in accordance with the approved proposal. That is the way it should be.

## Make sure in line with the norm

At the juncture, a series of unreasonable justifications and excuses covering the faults would come up from the part of the construction companies. It is usual and customary errors among the smaller and starting companies. However, established construction companies are not as bad as them.

Some constructors are not the engineers themselves, and they have no expertise to manage over the engineers and the workers. If and when the main focus is based on gaining heavy profit, then overall construction project is sure to fall into chaos. In fact, the construction business needs heavy investment to operate in



the initial period.

The written compliance at the time of tender submission is quite impressive as it may usually mention all the good things about the proposed construction. The officials of the tender selection team may have chosen the best and finest tender submission among the contenders. Moreover, they would surely ask the winning constructor to fulfil in accordance with the norm and standard mentioned in the original proposal.

When the construction actually started, each and every step is usually found to be minor, cheaper and smaller than the original submission and proposal. Beginning from the cement to the brick and to the iron rod, the quality is inferior.

When the quality inspector has seen this, he is sure to point

out the faulty portion. Some parts could be rectified, but some may not be able to fix it back unless the structure is being demolished. Nothing could be done, but complaining, fumbling and grumbling.

The situation is in dilemma as it could not order to demolish and rebuild again. A constructor may have undertaken two to three construction sites simultaneously, and that if an erratic site is being ordered to rebuild, then the possible consequence of trouble is unthinkable for that particular site.

## With lesser supervision, more faults popped up

One might suggest supervising and watching constantly over the construction process, which is not possible under the circumstances. The inspection team, the engineers, and the work charge might be busy in one way or other due to various reason including their social matters. Therefore, constant observation is not possible. The construction work is in progress only in the hands of the unskilled and unprofessional workers.

In some places, the local people come up with full cooperation in the project. They examined the bricks, sands and materials and demanded for quality substances.

They are helpful on their skillful expertise, but not in every step of the construction.

## Undertaker has the responsibility

When one could not watch constantly at the construction site, then the faulty portions may grow. It is unclear and confusing to whom it is to be blamed. Based on the accountability and responsibility, the liability lies on the construction company. However, the company usually responded with variety of unacceptable justifications. If it is to be summed up, the actual undertaker has the final responsibility. Perhaps, it is not suppose to be the responsibility of the construction company, but the blame comes upon the quality controlling team. Maybe, it is partly true. The unstable and soft promise given by the undertaker to fix the error has been taken lightly with a feeling of embarrassment or restraint through a sense of delicacy. Things get complicated and mixed up with many people. Some people were sandwiched in the tricky problem, while some got away with profits and benefits.

The guarantee method and system is too bad. The durability of the building is normally given

only for two years. If there is damage within two years, necessary repair is to be done free of charge. When the damage is occurred due to natural disaster, it should be excused.

However, the damages were seen over the walls, the ceilings, and the concrete flooring during two years period. The problem should be solved by fixing the wear and tear.

In the cases of worse situations, the concerning companies are black listed. For that matter, the companies in question submitted fresh applications with the new names. Later, it is learnt that the persons are also put up in the black list. In fact, the inspection and examination for the quality of structure only after the completion of the building is not practicable and realistic.

The responsible construction company must undertake from the beginning by telling firmly to the actual people working at the site how to proceed in the construction with standard procedures and norm. If it is not up to the agreed standard, then it is to be compensated by the implementer as agreed in the terms and conditions.

It is better that the construction companies must uphold the

dignity, pride and self-respect in their performance of standard work. The construction company must stand tall and able to defend the quality inspection of the examination team. The company must work into a perfect condition to maintain its reputation and status.

In reality, the inspecting team could come to the site only three to four times, where they could have seen or may not have seen the faulty portions. Perhaps, the team may say or point out nothing due to restraint by the bad feeling of offending. The best solution for that case scenario is to carry out to the best of their ability on the part of the actual constructors making the work perfect.

Another important aspect is that the actual constructors must be firm in telling the main company that only the standard and quality materials would be accepted to meet the agreed design and structure. If the main company asked to use inferior quality for profit sake, it should never be accepted. The actual constructors must maintain their prestige and name. If the company insisted to use minor quality, then the actual implementers should advise the main company to find someone else in such inferior business.

## Check quality control by oneself

Naturally, the people are engaging in business for making profits. Normally, eight percent is allowed to gain in trade. If someone wanted more than the norm, then it would never be fair. Regarding the inspection and examination, if there is no fault in the work, it would be the best situation. When the building is perfect at all time, then the name of the constructor would be successful forever.

The work progress is to be examined and inspected not by others but by one own self. Perhaps, one may pass the exam or otherwise. The main reality is to pass one owns examination. If one is not satisfied with its own performance, then one has to repeat to meet one's satisfaction.

Whatever case it may be one owns construction quality is to be examined and inspected by oneself, and embrace greater success and stepped into the aspired destination.

Translated by UMT (Ahlon)



## Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued on Tuesday 6th November, 2018)

**SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS RECORDED AT 09:30 hrs MST:** During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin State, isolated in Taninthayi Region and weather has been generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw and Magway Region and partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states. Night temperatures were (3°C) below November average temperatures in Northern Shan State, (2°C) below November average temperatures in Mandalay, Bago and Yangon regions, Eastern Shan and Kayah states and about November average temperatures in the remaining regions and states. The significant night temperatures were (6°C) in Haka, (8°C) in Heho and (9°C) each in Pinlaung and Ranthlo. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw (0.71)inch, Kawthoung (0.35) inch and Putao (0.08)inch.

**BAY INFERENCE:** According to the observations at (15:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over the Southwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining Equatorial Indian Ocean still persists. Weather is a few cloud over the North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF 7 November 2018:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin State, isolated in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi regions, Chin State. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw, Magway and Bago regions and partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (3 - 6) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in Taninthayi Region.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 7 November 2018:** Generally fair weather.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 7 November 2018:** Partly cloudy.

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 7 November 2018:** Generally fair weather.

## Low pressure area Condition

(Issued at (19:00) hours MST on (6- 11 -2018)

According to the observations at (18:30)hrs MST today, the low pressure area over the Southwest Bay of Bengal and Sri Lanka and adjoining Equatorial Indian Ocean still persists.

## EARTHQUAKE NEWS

A slight earthquake of magnitude (3.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter in inside Myanmar (about (3)miles north-northeast of Myitkyina), latitude 25.42°N, longitude 97.40°E, depth (10) kilometers about (8) miles southwest of Myitkyina, seismological observatory was recorded at (14)hr (11)min (56)sec MST on 6 November 2018.

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## Office of the President

## Press Release No. 22/2018

12<sup>th</sup> Waning of Thadingyut, 1380 ME  
(5 November 2018)

## Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
2. With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offenses up to 3 November 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 sales of illegal drugs on the road to gold mining area in Gaungtone Chaung, Mine Naung Village, Ma Hmone Kie Group, Mohnyin Tsp, Kachin State.	On 1-11-2018, while police were patrolling on the road to gold mining area in Gaungtone Chaung, a motorcycle Kenbo-125 driven by Tin Min, 47, was stopped for investigation. Police arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Lonetone) MaYa(Pa) 74/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2	Information received of sales of illegal drugs by Ko Kyaw Lin and Ko Naing living in Group (12), Narnet Taw Ward, Loikaw Tsp, Kayah State.	On 31-10-2018, police searched Kyaw Lin's house at No. Ta/839 (Kha), Group (12), Narnet Taw Ward, Loikaw Tsp. Police arrested Kyaw Lin, 31, together with WY psychotropic tablets and further investigation led to search of Maung Naing's house who sold drugs to Kyaw Lin. Although police didn't find drugs, a case has been opened against two suspects with MaMaSa (Loikaw) MaYa (Pa) 54/2018 under Section 19-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3	Information received of Tun Naing (a) Thay Tar from Kyaung Kone Village, Indaw Tsp, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 1-11-2018, police searched Tun Naing (a) Thay Tar's house in Kyaung Kone Village, Indaw Tsp, and arrested Tun Naing (a) Thay Tar, 45, together with heroin. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Indaw) MaYa(Pa) 121/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4	Information received of U Tin Soe and U Than Zaw from Ngaw Chel Village and Thiha Aung from Tharsi Village, Pinlebu Tsp, Sagaing Region selling illegal drugs.	On 1-11-2018, police searched Tin Soe's house in Ngaw Chel Village, Pinlebu Tsp. Police discovered Tin Soe, 42, and his younger brother, Than Zaw, 37, together with WY psychotropic tablets and heroin. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Pinlebu) MaYa (Pa) 139/2018 under Section 19-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law. On 2-11-2018, police searched Thiha Aung (a) Nyi Nyi's house in Tharsi Village, Pinlebu Tsp. Police discovered Thiha Aung (a) Nyi Nyi, 36, together with heroin. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Pinlebu) MaYa (Pa) 140/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5	Information received Ko Soe Moe Khaing and Ko Soe Moe Min from Kyauk Pasat Village, Wuntho Tsp, Sagaing Region selling illegal drugs.	On 1-11-2018, police searched Soe Moe Min's house in Kyauk Pasat Village Wuntho Tsp. Police discovered Soe Moe Min, 32, together with opium. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Wuntho) MaYa(Pa) 76/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law. Similarly, police searched Soe Moe Khaing's house and discovered Soe Moe Khaing, 28, and Phoe Toe (a) Maung Toe, 34, from the same village, together with heroin. A case has been opened against those 2 men with MaMaSa (Wuntho) MaYa(Pa) 79/2018 under Section 16-C/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

6	Information received of Aung Naing Lin from Htantaw Aung Yadanar Ward, Monywa Tsp, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 2-11-2018, police searched Aung Naing Lin (a) Lin Lin's house at the corner of Thukha Chanthar Street and Chanmyae Aung Street, Area (3), Htantaw Aung Yadanar Ward, Monywa Tsp, then discovered Aung Naing Lin (a) Lin Lin, 42, together with '88/1' psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Monywa) MaYa(Pa) 16/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.
7	Information received of Ko Thein Lin living in Sel Lan Village, Htigyaing Tsp, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 3-11-2018, police searched in Ko Thein Lin's house in Sel Lan Village, Htigyaing Tsp. Police arrested Ko Thein Lin, 40, and Ma Tin Pyone, 38, from Zee Kone Village, together with WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Htigyaing) MaYa (Pa) 42/2018 under Section 19-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances Law.
8	Information received of U Khel living in No. 110, 3rd street, Myan Aung Ward, Kan Gyi Area, Myeik Tsp, Taninthayi Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 31-10-2018, police searched in U Khel's house in No. 110, 3rd street, Myan Aung Ward, Kan Gyi Area, Myeik Tsp. Police arrested U Khel (a) Khin Maung Swe, 60, together with WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Myeik) MaYa (Pa) 193/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances Law.
9	Information received of Si Thu Tun living in Zay Tan Ward, Yaksawk Tsp, Shan State (South), selling illegal drugs.	On 28-10-2018, police searched in Si Thu Tun's house in No. A/180, Area 4, Aye Yeik Thar Street, Zay Tan Ward, Yaksawk Tsp. Police arrested Si Thu Tun, 25, together with WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Yaksawk) MaYa (Pa) 49/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances Law.
10	Information received of Kyaw Min living in Pone Inn Village, Indaw Tsp, Shan State (South), selling illegal drugs.	On 31-10-2018, police found Kyaw Min, 49, on the road to Pone Inn Village and Kyaukgu Village then discovered WY psychotropic tablets from him. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Kyaukgu) MaYa (Pa) 8/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances Law.

3. Out of the information sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, so far 369 cases have been opened as of 3-11-2018, and 488 men and 92 women have been arrested with seizures of 5,116.76 g of heroin, 22.01 g of ICE, 38,387.31 g of opium, 329 g of low-grade opium, 11,850.99 g of opium powder, 3,973.99 g of speciosa, 169,418 stimulant tablets, 3,696.03 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, 12 firearms, 194 different bullets, and 1 grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the ministry will report on further exposed cases.
4. In addition to the investigations and arrests conducted on drug related complaints mentioned above, the Tatmadaw and Myanmar Police Force have also carried out separate investigations on drug complaints, search and arrests at border gates, and searches of vehicles acting upon given information. During the previous week, multiple arrests were made in the border regions and joint-surveillance gates. In front of Basic Education High School, Han Tel Ward, Bhamo Tsp, Kachin State, one man and one woman were arrested with 6,825 stimulant tablets and one motorcycle. Near Nant Tein Village, Phakant Tsp, one man was arrested with 4,800 g of opium from Shwe Ka Chin Express on the road Monywa-Phakant. In Mabein Tsp, Shan State, a motorcycle was stopped for investigation on the road Mabein to Ngar Oh then two men were arrested with 143,000 stimulant tablets and one motorcycle. In Napha Village, Lashio Tsp, a motorcycle driven by one woman was stopped for investigation then the woman

was arrested with 2,000 stimulant tablets and one motorcycle. In Mhan Pyin Village, near Cornerstone Metal Refinery Factory, two men and one woman were arrested with 31,200 g of opium and two motorcycles. In Kongyan Tsp, Laukkai District, at the junction near Tar Shan Village, 2 men were arrested with 1,280 stimulant tablets, 40 g of heroin and 26 g of ICE and one motorcycle. Near Loisan Village, Namsang Tsp, on the road to Namsang to Moe Nel, a Alphard car was stopped for investigation and 2 men and one woman were arrested with 9,790 stimulant tablets and one car. In Kholan Sub-Tsp, Kunhing Tsp, a Honda Fit en-route to Kunhing Tsp was stopped for investigation then one man was arrested with 80,000 g of ICE and one car. In Han Sein Village, Pinlaung Tsp, one man was arrested with 10,000 g of opium. In Wan Mine Village, Kengtung Tsp, one man was arrested with 198,000 stimulant tablets, 300 g of opium, one motorcycle and one Fortuner car. In Ward 4, Kengtung Tsp, four men and one woman were arrested with 3,520 stimulant tablets. In Nawngkhio Tsp, on the road to Nawngkhio- Goatwin, near Mile post (80/4), one motorcycle was stopped for investigation then two men were arrested with 4,920 stimulant tablets and one motorcycle. In Pone Tun Ward, Tachilek Tsp, on the road to Kyaung Taung Village, one motorcycle was stopped for investigation then one man was arrested with 4,000 stimulant tablets and one motorcycle. Further investigation led to the arrest of one man with 4,000 stimulant tablets, 75 g of opium and one motorcycle. In Pike Thel Village, Kyauktaw Tsp, Rakhine Region, one man was arrested with 56 stimulant tablets and 16.33 g of marijuana. In Meyathtar Seik Ward, Buthidaung Tsp, while police were investigating at the sea port, 975,000 stimulant tablets were discovered under the fish and ice in four ice boxes while unloading from "Aung Kyaw Moe" passenger/cargo ship. While police were on patrol in the Naf River, In Maungtaw Tsp, a suspected boat was found near U Saw Hla Island. The suspects rowed the boat and runaway. When police fired a warning shot and tried to arrest them. But, they jumped out of the boat and swam away. 9,640 stimulant tablets and a boat were confiscated. In Toungoo Tsp, Bago Region, 287 g of heroin and 38,665 stimulant tablets were discovered in the confiscated Mark II car, without license which is allocation for University of Computer Studies (Taungoo) while the car was sent to the wiring workshop for repair. In Myo Thit 2 Ward, Chanmyatharzi Tsp, Mandalay District, Mandalay Region, two men were arrested with 2,183 stimulant tablets. In Kyaukse Tsp, one man was arrested with 2,800 stimulant tablets and ammunition near Panglong Bridge and also with three incidents. In Loikaw Tsp, Kayan State, near Saung Kan Village, a Majesta Crown car driving on the road Moe Byal-Loikaw was stopped for investigation then one man from the car was arrested with 10,000 stimulant tablets, one car, one pistol, 18 bullets,

2 bullet cases and one grenade. In Tadar Oo Village, Kyondo Tsp, Kayin State, one man was arrested with 70 stimulant tablets and one grenade. In Ward 4, Hpa-an Tsp, two men were arrested from a Toyota Corona car stopped beside of the Thanlwin River , together with 126 stimulant tablets, one pistol brass blowpipe, one gun barrel, one gun handle, one bullet. There have been three cases involving foreigners. In Tamu Tsp, Sagaing Region, one Indian man who illegally entered Myanmar was arrested with 11 stimulant tablets, 0.2 g of heroin, 60 tablets of Buprenorphine. In Myoma 12/A Ward, one Indian man who illegally entered Myanmar and 5 Myanmar men were arrested with 47 stimulant tablets, 0.6 g of heroin, 4 g of marijuana, nine tablets of Alprazolam and nine capsules of Tramadol. In Won Kyauk Lone Village, Tachilek Tsp, Shan State, two Thai men and two Thai women who illegally entered Myanmar and one Myanmar citizen were arrested with 75 stimulant tablets and one motorcycle. In Yangon Region, at the Central Post Office, a parcel sent from foreign contained drugs then investigation led to the arrest of 2 men who came and collect for parcel and one man who ordered to collect the parcel contained 950 tablets of Ecstasy, one Mark II car and one KIA car. Further investigation led to the confiscation of 70 g of ICE and 30 g of Ketamine at one of the parcel collectors' house in Dawbon Tsp. There have been 249 cases being opened between 28-10-2018 and 3-11-2018, and 300 men and 43 women have been arrested. Seizures were made of 974.2g of heroin, 80,433.1 g of ICE, 46,830.3 g of opium, 5.3 g of low-grade opium, 366 g of opium powder, 1,447,334 stimulant tablets, 0.05 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 424.94 g of marijuana, 60 g of opium blocks, 950 tablets of Ecstasy, 60 tablets of Buprenorphine, 9 tablets of Alprazolam, 9 tubes of Tramadol , 30 g of Ketamine, 4 pistol, , 19 different bullets, 2 bullet cases, 2 grenades, 1 pistol brass blowpipe, 1 gun barrel and 1 gun handle.

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 via following contact numbers:

**Contacts**

- Auto telephone No. — 067-590200
- Fax Phone No. — 067-590233
- Email Address — [antinarcotics@presidentoffice.gov.mm](mailto:antinarcotics@presidentoffice.gov.mm)

## MNA welcomes its 7<sup>th</sup> aircraft



ATR 72-600 XY-AML aircraft under a ceremonial water arch upon its arrival at Yangon International Airport yesterday. **PHOTO: MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

MYAMAR National Airlines welcomed its additional ATR 72-600 XY-AML aircraft at the Yangon International Airport yesterday.

The airline adds the aircraft to its fleet size, with the hope of expanding its wings in local routes.

Union Minister for Transport and Communicatins U

Thant Sin Maung and officials inspected the plane yesterday.

The inauguration ceremony continued at the Hanger Hall of the Yangon International Airport. Director-General from the Department of Civil Aviation U Min Lwin expressed words of congratulation on the arrival of the aircraft, followed by CEO of

the Myanmar National Airlines U Than Tun expressed his thanks.

The ATR 72-600 XY-AML aircraft is the 7th ATR 72-600 Series for MNA.

MNA is planning to expand its domestic and international services. — MNA ■ *(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)*

## 29 cigar boxes, 25 cartons confiscated in Maungtaw

WHILE Security Forces from Myingalar Nyunt Police outpost were on patrol in Area (2), North of Maungtaw Township at 1pm yesterday, they discovered 29 ownerless cigar boxes labeled Marble and 25 cartons worth

of Ks 3,540,000 intoal inside a bush in Pyuuma creek between Taman Thar Village and Mingalar Nyunt Village. A case has been opened by the police. — MNA ■ *(Translated by Myat Thandar Aung)*



Cigar boxes confiscated in Maungtaw Township. **PHOTO: MNA**

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# Myanmar Reform Measures to Improve the Ease of Doing Business on Track, says Deputy Minister of Commerce

THE Doing Business Report 2019, published on October 31, 2018 saw Myanmar's "Distance to Frontier" score, which measures Myanmar's performance against the top country in each indicator, improve from 44.21 to 44.72 (the top country in each indicator is ranked at 100).

Myanmar's overall ease of doing business ranking (which compares Myanmar to other countries) remained the same at 171.

Each year the World Bank publishes an Ease of Doing Business Report which ranks 190 countries across 10 indicators: Starting a Business; Dealing with Construction Permits;

Getting Electricity; Registering Property; Getting Credit; Protecting Minority Investors; Paying Taxes; Trading Across Borders; Enforcing Contracts and Resolving Insolvency.

Despite the lack of upward movement in the ranking, H.E. U Aung Htoo, Deputy Minister for Commerce and Chair of the Doing Business Reform Working Group (DBRWG), re-mained upbeat.

"Myanmar has improved its overall performance" He said. "However, other countries have done the same or more, which is why Myanmar's ranking remains unchanged.

"What Myanmar

has done successfully over the last year is put in place a robust framework for reform. I am confident that, the hard work and commitment of all involved, this will bring significant and sustained improvement in the ease of doing business in future years. This is a long term commitment, and we need to aim for continual improvement."

"The prize will be an environment where it will be significantly easier to do business, cutting red tape and allowing businesses to do what they do best. This will send an important signal to investors, both local and foreign, and will help encourage the

formation of new companies, creating jobs and lifting people out of poverty."

He said that the measures the government has taken over the last year include: the formation in January 2018 of the Doing Business Reform Working Group, which reports to the Private Sector Development Committee, chaired by the Vice President, H.E. U Myint Swe; the drawing up of a comprehensive reform action plan; the strengthening of inter-agency coordination; the preparation of an awareness strategy to engage the private sector and the public; and the development of a website, which will go

live by the end of 2018.

The Doing Business Report 2019, published on 31 October 2018, recognized two reforms undertaken by Myanmar during the reporting period: making it easier to start a business by reducing by half the cost of registering a company (from 1 April 2018); and increasing the reliability of electricity supply and the transparency of tariff information. Myanmar now records and publishes details of every power outage, including time, duration, location and the reason for the outage (planned, unplanned and for load shedding).

"The cut-off date for reforms to be captured in the Doing Business

Report 2019 was the end of April 2018", the Deputy Minister pointed out. "This means that a number of re-forms implemented recently are not reflected in this report.

These include: the provisions of the new Companies Law coming into effect on 1 August 2018; the launching on the same date of the electronic companies registry (MyCO), which allows companies to register online; and reductions in the number of procedures to obtain a construction permit and get an electricity connection.

In addition, a new Insolvency Law was introduced into Parliament in October 2018.—MNA ■

## WORLD NEWS

### Ally of ex-Malaysian PM charged in \$63mn graft case

KUALA LUMPUR (Malaysia) — An ally of former Malaysian prime minister Najib Razak was charged with graft on Monday, the latest figure from the toppled scandal-plagued government to be targeted in an anti-corruption drive.

Since its shock victory in May elections, the government of Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad has filed dozens of corruption charges against Najib, his wife Rosmah Mansor and a string of other ex-officials associated with the long-ruling former regime.

On Monday, Musa Aman, the influential former chief minister of the eastern state of Sabah, was charged with 35 counts of graft for allegedly receiving \$63 million in bribes while awarding timber concessions. He was one of many entrenched politicians from the United Malays National Organization (UMNO) party to be unseated at the polls by a Mahathir-led reformist alliance.

Musa, 67, was arrested by anti-graft officials and brought to a Kuala Lumpur court where he pleaded not guilty to the charges.

"I will fight this case to clear my name," Musa told reporters as he exited court after being released on a bail of two million ringgit (\$479,000).

Musa formerly headed UMNO in Sabah, Ma-

laysia's second biggest state that is rich in oil, gas and timber. He is the older brother of former foreign minister Anifah Aman.

The once-powerful UMNO, the main party in the Barisan Nasional coalition that had ruled Malaysia since its independence from Britain in 1957, has been rocked by desertions after its humiliating defeat. — AFP

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## Myanmar Investment Commission Announcement of Service Fees

According to the section 26 of Myanmar Investment Law and rule 214 of Myanmar Investment Rules, the 7 types of services fees have been added to the existing types of fees which have been collected by the Myanmar Investment Commission as follows:

No.	Service	Fees (Kyat)
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2.	Certify Copy of Endorsement	500,000
3.	Certify Copy of the Amendment of MIC Permit	100,000
4.	Certify Copy of the Amendment of Endorsement	50,000
5.	Certify Copy of the Decisions of MIC Permit/Endorsement	25,000 (per page)
6.	Copy of the approval letter of MIC	25,000 (per page)
7.	Copy of proposal form/endorsement application form	5,000 (per page)

Myanmar Investment Commission

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## Wind farm 'predator' effect hits ecosystems: study

PARIS (France) — Wind farms act as a top “predator” in some ecosystems, harming birds at the top of the food chain and triggering a knock-on effect overlooked by green energy advocates, scientists said on Monday.

Wind is the fastest-growing renewable energy sector, supplying around four per cent of global electricity demand.

Close to 17 million hectares — an area roughly the size of Tunisia — is currently used for generating wind energy worldwide, and researchers warned that developers had “greatly underestimated” the impact the technology has on wildlife.

In new research, an international team of scientists studied the effects of wind turbine use in the Western Ghats, a UNESCO-listed range of mountains and forest spanning India's west coast region and a global “hotspot” of biodiversity.

They found that predatory raptor birds were four times rarer in areas of plateau where wind turbines were present, a disruption that cascaded down the food chain and radically altered the density and behaviour of the birds' prey.

In particular, the team observed an explosion in the raptors' favourite meal, fan-throated lizards, in areas dominated by the turbines. Furthermore, they saw significant changes in lizard behav-



Wind farms are known to be harmful to birds, disrupting their migration patterns and causing above average death rates. **PHOTO: AFP**

our and appearance, living as they were in an essentially predator-free environment.

“What was remarkable to us were the subtle changes in behaviour, morphology, and physiology of those lizards,” Maria Thaker, assistant professor at the Indian Institute of Science's Centre for Ecological Sciences and lead study author, told AFP.

As the levels of raptors fell around the turbines, so too did the rate of predatory attacks the lizards had to deal with.

As a result, the team found that lizards living in and around wind farms had lessened their vigilance against possible danger.

Simulating “predator attacks”, humans in the study could get up to five times closer to a lizard in the wind farm zones than one living away from the turbines before the

creatures fled.

### 'Be smart with green energy'

After testing, the lizards near windmills were found to have lower levels of a stress hormone, something that must have emerged in the two decades since wind farms were built in the Western Ghats.

Wind farms are known to be harmful to birds, disrupting their migration patterns and causing above average death rates.

Thaker said her research, published in the journal *Nature Ecology & Evolution*, showed that wind farms replicated the role of the top predator in the food chain by keeping the raptors at bay.

“They trigger changes to the balance of animals in an ecosystem as if they were top predators,” she said.

“They are the ‘preda-

tors' of raptors — not in the sense of killing them, but by reducing the presence of raptors in those areas.”

As man-made carbon emissions continue to rise, Thaker said wind energy was vital in mitigating the effects of climate change.

But with evidence that the impact of wind farms reaches further into Earth's ecosystems than previously thought, she called for greater consideration of the environmental impact of the vital green energy source.

“It took decades for scientists to realise that wind-turbines were negatively affecting animals that fly,” Thaker said.

“We need to be smart about how we deploy green energy solutions. Let's reduce our footprint on the planet and put turbines in places that are already disturbed in some way — on buildings for example.”

—AFP ■

### The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Electricity and Energy Electric Power Generation Enterprise Invitation for Prequalification Hydropower Plants Rehabilitation Project

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2018

Loan Agreement No: MY-P22 dated 25th April, 2017

IFP No: EPGE/HPR/Package3

1. The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received a Loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency toward the cost of the Hydropower Plants Rehabilitation Project in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The Project intends reduce the unplanned power outage and improve the remaining life of the power plants by rehabilitating the equipment of Baluchaung No.1 Hydropower Plant, Kayah State and Sedawgyi Hydropower Plant, Mandalay Region.

The works in contract packages 3 intends to rehabilitate and to improve the performance of substation facilities in both plants.

It is intended that part of the proceeds of this Loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract resulting from the bidding for which this prequalification is conducted.

2. The Electric Power Generation Enterprise intends to prequalify contractors and/or firms for Rehabilitation of Relevant Substation and Transmission Line Facilities in Hydropower Plants Rehabilitation Project.

The subjected Substations are two stations in the two Hydropower plants. For convenience, the facilities and functions as substation in these power plants are defined as substations in this document as follows:

Power plant name	Definition of plants in this Document
Baluchaung No.1 Hydropower plant	Baluchaung No.1 Substation
Sedawgyi Hydropower plant	Sedawgyi Substation

The project comprises Package 3 and other two packages as follows:

Package 1	Baluchaung No.1 Hydropower plant Generation facilities rehabilitation
Package 2	Sedawgyi Hydropower plant Generation facilities rehabilitation

3. It is expected that Invitation for Bids will be made in January 2019.
4. Prequalification will be conducted through procedures in accordance with the applicable Guidelines for Procurement under Japanese ODA Loans, and is open to all Applicants from eligible source countries.

5. Interested eligible Applicants may obtain further information from and inspect the Prequalification Documents during the office hour at;

Address: Project Director of Hydropower Plants Rehabilitation Project, Renewable Energy and Hydropower Plant Department Electric Power Generation Enterprise (EPGE), Ministry of Electricity and Energy (MOEE) Building No. 27, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

Phone : +95-67-8104269, +95-67-8104270

Facsimile number : +95-67-8104273

E-mail : [renewablebranch@gmail.com](mailto:renewablebranch@gmail.com)

6. A complete set of the Prequalification Documents may be purchased by interested Applicant(s) on the submission of a written Application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of 300,000 Kyats.

Address : Procurement Department  
Electric Power Generation Enterprise (EPGE),  
Ministry of Electricity and Energy (MOEE)  
Building No. 27, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

Phone : +95-67-8104279

Time : from 10:00 to 15:30 hr on November 6th (Tuesday) ~ 19th (Monday) 2018. (Myanmar Standard Time)

7. Applications for prequalification should be submitted in sealed envelopes, delivered to the following address before 15:00hr on December 18th, 2018 (Myanmar Standard time) and be clearly marked “Application to Prequalify for Hydropower Plants Rehabilitation Project Package-3”

Address : Yadanar Hall  
Ministry of Electricity and Energy (MOEE)  
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# Project nears end for sustainable freight, logistics in Mekong

By May Thet Hnin

THE project for Sustainable Freight and Logistics in Mekong countries, funded by the European Union and the German development agency GIZ, is nearly finished, said Daw Pyai Pyai Pwint, national project coordinator of GIZ.

Five countries making up the Great Mekong Subregion, including Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos, Viet Nam and Thailand, have been simultaneously carrying out this project during the term February 2016 - January 2019. The project for the five countries has received financial

support of 2.4 million euros. The EU contributed 90 per cent of the funds, while the remaining 10 per cent is supported by German government and the project is implemented by GIZ.

The project focused on safe fuel handling, safely transporting dangerous goods, formulating business plans for small and medium enterprises working freight and logistics, and education about green freight policy, are being carried out.

The Ministry of Transport and Communications and the Road and Transport Administration Department are primarily carrying out this project, and

the GIZ has already provided technical assistance to them. Additionally, more than 150 entrepreneurs operating small and medium enterprises had access to trainings, said Daw Pyai Pyai Pwint. A national workshop, "Promotion of Logistics Alliance and Policy Development", was held yesterday as part of this project at the office of the Myanmar International Freight Forwarders' Association (MIFFA). Officials from Mekong Institute also delivered remarks.

Sanga Sattanun, project manager of the Mekong Institute, explained about the web-

site, which contains data and profiles of entrepreneurs from five countries. It was noted that Myanmar freight forwarders require capital to keep up with other countries with advanced technology. Also, another impediment is infrastructure constraints for transportation, said Quan Anh Nguyen, Program Specialist of Mekong Institute, who spoke about policy development. After this workshop, GIZ will submit policy recommendations to the government to ensure a sustainable freight and logistics industry in Myanmar. ■

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

## WWII sites called most popular in Katha Tourist Zone

ENGLISH and Japanese tourists primarily visit sites of famous World War II events in the Katha Tourist Zone, according

to officials.

"Most English, American and Japanese tourists are interested in the Katha Tour-

ist Zone. They are, in fact, the relatives of soldiers who fought battles which took place during World War II. So, relatives of soldiers visit Katha, where their grandparents served", said U Nyo Ko Naing, the secretary of the Katha Region Heritage Protection Association.

The Katha tourism zone includes Katha, Indaw and Banmawk Townships, and is expected to be extended to other townships.

"Tourists are interested to visit these three townships. Due to well-known literature, tourists visit some of the famous places described in the novel "Burmese Days", written by George Orwell.

Tourists visiting remote towns can be seen with maps describing locations from the novel", said U Nyo Ko Naing.

"Some tourists are here to have a look at the sites from Operation Thursday launched in 1944. Also, tourists are interested in visiting Man Htuang village, which was built from parts of airplane bodies in Bamauk Township. "Some parts of airplanes are still found in those areas. White City was also constructed in Katha Township. In 2016, No 77 Brigade Commander erected a memorial stone, in cooperation with the Myanmar government", noted U Nyo Ko Naing.—Myo Win Tun (Monywa)



PHOTO: MYO WIN TUN (MONYWA)

## Illegal teak confiscated from Chindwin River

ILLEGAL Tanmalan teak was confiscated from the Chindwin River near Khawae village, Mawlaik Township, Sagaing Region on 5 November.

Acting on a tip, a combined team comprising of officers and staff from the township forestry department searched near Khawae village and discovered 20 illegal Tanmalan teak, weighing 4.5496 tons, in the Chindwin River.

At present, authorities have confiscated illegal Tanmalan teak. The owner of the illegal timber has yet to be arrested, according to the officers of Township Forest Department.—Mawlaik Tharlay  
(Translated by Hay Mar)



Forestry Department officials seized Tanmalan teak near Chindwin River in Sagaing Region on 5 November. PHOTO: MAWLAIK THARLAY

## Yaba pills seized on passenger bus in Taze Tsp

YABA pills were confiscated from a passenger riding a bus in Kway Tat Sone village, Taze Township on 4 November.

Officials report that a combined team, including officials and staff from anti-narcotic police force Unit 18 and Taze Township police station, stopped a passenger bus heading for Meiktila from Taunggyi and discovered 495 Yaba tablets carried by a passenger identified as Min Zaw Oo, 45, from Mawlamyine Town.

Police have filed charges against him under the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Laws.—Thein Myint Kyaw (Meiktila) ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

## A machine makes water out of air - Watergen's atmospheric water generator

HANOI (Viet Nam) — Imagine you could quench your thirst with water that doesn't originate from a river, spring or lake, but comes directly out of the blue sky, from the air that surrounds you. What sounds like a science fiction movie is already a reality, and it is potentially for everyone.

The new technology, developed by Watergen, an Israel-based tech company, is currently being showcased in Viet Nam's capital city Hanoi. And this is how the air-to-water magic happening inside the machine works: The atmospheric water generator takes in ambient air through a filter, and cools at its dew point, extracting water through condensation. The water is then purified, mineralized, and is ready and safe to drink.

### Drinking water for homes, buildings and whole villages

Watergen's medium scale generator GEN-350 can produce an average of 600 liters of clean drinking water per day. It comes with a built-in reservoir and a water treatment system. In Viet Nam, with its high air humidity,



Watergen's atmospheric water generator. PHOTO: AFP

the machine can extract even more water, says Watergen President Michael Mirilashvili: "Here in Viet Nam, in the three locations where we tested the technology, it performed even better than we expected."

A large scale unit can extract up to 5000 liters per day. It is designed to provide water to approximately 2500 people per day, and it can be installed on a rooftop and connected directly to the building's water grid. A

small generator, GENNY, can provide drinking water for homes and offices, it generates 25 to 30 liters per day. The machines only need electric infrastructure to operate, and can be installed anywhere.

Watergen wants to take its technology even further: "Our scientists already developed the technology that implements the Watergen core technology inside cars, busses, trains and all kinds of transportation", Mirilashvili

says. The running vehicle will generate the power for the atmospheric water generator, to provide drinking water on the go anywhere at any time. Mirilashvili also points out that the use of atmospheric water generators could drastically reduce plastic waste.

### Access to safe water during droughts

In Viet Nam, a country still suffering from water shortages

and poor water quality, the demand for clean water solutions is increasing, says Ambassador of Israel to Viet Nam, Nadav Eshcar: "Viet Nam is one of the countries most affected by global warming, suffering from droughts in the South and Central region in recent times. In Israel, we already have solutions, which we are introducing here".

Watergen's generator has already been in use in numerous countries around the globe, in India, the United States, Latin America, China, Russia and several African countries, to name a few. It is also being listed as one of the Technology Pioneers in 2018 by World Economic Forum.

The water generator presented at the event "Israel in the heart of Hanoi" is a gift from Watergen to the Hanoi People's Committee. It will be on display in Ly Thai To square in the city center for a month, allowing Hanoi's citizens to take a sip from the sky.

The exhibition coincides with a celebration of 25 years in diplomatic relations between Israel and Viet Nam. —AFP ■

## Worldwide web inventor wants new 'contract' to make web safe

LISBON (Portugal) — The inventor of the worldwide web on Monday called for a "contract" to make internet safe and accessible for everyone as Europe's largest tech event began in Lisbon amid a backlash over its role in spreading "fake news". Some 70,000 people are expected to take part in the four-day Web Summit, dubbed "the Davos for geeks", including speakers from leading global tech companies, politicians and start-ups hoping to attract attention from the over 1,500 investors who are scheduled to attend.

Tech firms now find themselves on the defensive, with critics accusing them of not doing enough to curb the spread of "fake news" which has helped polarise election campaigns around the world and of maximising profits by harvesting data on consumers' browsing habits. British computer scientist Tim Berners-Lee, who in 1989 invented the worldwide web as a way to exchange information, said the internet had deviated from the goals its founders had envisaged. "All kinds of things have things have gone wrong. We have fake

news, we have problems with privacy, we have people being profiled and manipulated," he said in an opening address.

Berners-Lee, 63, called on governments, companies and citizens to iron out a "complete contract" for the web that will make the internet "safe and accessible" for all by May 2019, the date by which 50 percent of the world will be online for the first time.

### 'Going through a funk'

He has just launched Inrupt, a start-up which is building an open source platform called "Solid" which will decentralize the web and allow users to choose where their data is kept, along with who can see and access it.

Solid intends to allow users to bypass tech giants such as Google and Facebook. The two tech giants now have direct influence over nearly three quarters of all internet traffic thanks to the vast amounts of apps and services they own such as YouTube, WhatsApp and Instagram.

Employees of Google, Facebook and other tech giants have in recent months gone public with

their regrets, calling the products they helped build harmful to society and overly addictive.

Tech giants are also under fire for having built up virtual monopolies in their areas. Amazon accounts for 93 per cent of all e-book sales while Google swallows up 92 per cent of all European internet-search ad spending.

"I think technology is going through a funk... it's a period of reflection," Web Summit founder and CEO Paddy Cosgrave told AFP. "With every new technology you go through these cycles. The initial excitement of the printed press was replaced in time by a great fear that it was actually a bad thing. Over time it has actually worked out OK." Among those scheduled to speak at the event is Christopher Wylie, a whistleblower who earlier this year said users' data from Facebook was used by British political consultancy Cambridge Analytica to help elect US President Donald Trump — a claim denied by the company. Another tech veteran who has become critical of the sector, Twitter co-founder Ev Williams, will on Thursday deliver the closing address. —AFP ■

## MIT researchers develop drone fleet system to find lost hikers in lush forest

WASHINGTON — Researchers from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) developed an autonomous system for a fleet of drones to collaboratively search lost hikers in forests.

In a paper to be presented at the incoming International Symposium on Experimental Robotics conference, the researchers described the drones using only on-board computation and wireless communication, requiring not GPS, according to MIT's official website.

Helicopters and drones can't get a glimpse through the thick tree canopy and ordinary autonomous drones that can bob and weave through trees demand GPS signals that can be unreliable in forest.

The new technique equipped each quadrotor drone with laser-range finders for position estimation, localization, and path planning.

The drone can create its own 3-D map of the terrain. Algorithms help it recognize unexplored and already-searched

spots, so it knows when it's fully mapped an area.

Then, an off-board ground station combines individual maps from multiple drones into a global 3-D map that can be monitored by human rescuers.

When located, the drone would tag the hiker's location on the global map and rescuers could then use this information to plan a rescue mission.

"Essentially, we're replacing humans with a fleet of drones to make the search part of the search-and-rescue process more efficient," said the paper's first author Tian Yulun, a graduate student at MIT.

The researchers tested multiple drones in simulations of randomly generated forests, and tested two drones in a forested area within NASA's Langley Research Centre.

In both experiments, each drone mapped a roughly 20-square-metre area in about two to five minutes and collaboratively fused their maps together in real-time. —Xinhua ■



## Midfielder Maung Maung Lwin wants Myanmar to reach AFF Suzuki Cup semifinals

MYANMAR midfielder Maung Maung Lwin is poised to give it everything he can help his side reach the AFF Suzuki Cup semi-finals for the second successive tournament.

The 23-year-old Yangon United player was part of the team that produced the country's best ever performance at the AFF Suzuki Cup when they reached the 2016 semifinals. But Myanmar was defeated by champions Thailand in the semifinals.

The midfielder was part of Myanmar's U-23 side that recently returned from the Asian Games in Indonesia after put-

ting on a strong showing that saw them finish level on four points with continental powerhouses Iran and Saudi Arabia, as well as DPR Korea. Myanmar had only to exit by the narrowest of margins because of a low-grade goal difference.

Maung Maung Lwin scored in the draw with the Koreans and the tournament is likely to have instilled further confidence ahead of the hotly anticipated AFF Suzuki Cup, where many of the players that lined up in Indonesia will turn out for their nation at senior level.

In 2016, I didn't expect to be

in the line-up at all," admitted Maung Maung Lwin, who has scored two goals for his country since making his debut in 2015.

"Our first match was against Viet Nam [at home] and we lost 2-1, but it was such a sensational feeling. We tried our best to get to the semi-finals, which we managed to do, before we lost to Thailand and unfortunately had to leave the tournament. "I was very happy that we could get that far and now, in 2018, we will again be giving it everything we have to be part of the semi-finals", said Maung Maung Lwin. —Htut Htut (Twantay) ■

## Myanmar wins over Cambodia with 11-2 in second Futsal match of AFF MNC Futsal Championship 2018

MYANMAR Futsal men's squad won over Cambodia with a larger margin of 11-2 in its second Futsal match of AFF MNC Futsal Championship 2018 held at Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 6 November.

No sooner did the match start than Myanmar put more one-sided pressure on its opponents' Cambodia because Myanmar has been in badly need of more goals. Naing Lin Tun Kyaw, Pyae Phyo Maung (2) and Pyae Phyo Maung (3) scored three goals each for Myanmar and Kyaw Soe Moe, Aung Zin Oo, Nyein Min Soe and Naing Ye Kyaw one goal each. Cambodia gave two equalizers. Myanmar is

now in badly need of more goals because it lost to host Indonesia in the first match by more goals.

At the post-press conference, head coach U Htay Myint said "All our players tried to the best of their ability throughout the match. In spite of not seeing a number of goals we want, I am satisfied with the performance of the players. We need to try to see a win against Malaysia. We will have to watch video on matches Malaysia had played. We will have to mend the blunders in the matches we played while we are watching videos on the matches we played." —Htut Htut (Twantay) ■



Myanmar player (white) vies with Cambodian player (blue) for a ball in a Futsal match in Indonesia. photo: MFF

## 21 countries to participate in 2<sup>nd</sup> Taolu World Cup in Myanmar on 17 November

A TOTAL of 84 players from 21 countries are going to participate in 2<sup>nd</sup> Taolu World Cup to be held in Myanmar, said a source of Myanmar Wushu Federation.

The International Wushu Federation holds Taolu World Cup every two years and decided to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Taolu World Cup to be held in Myanmar.

Host Myanmar, India, Spain, Ukraine, Italy, Malaysia, Switzerland, Singapore, Taiwan, China, Russia, Hong Kong, Japan, Macao, Philippines, France, Indonesia, United States of America, Viet Nam, Brazil and ROK are named to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Taolu World Cup.

Myanmar will host 2<sup>nd</sup> Taolu World Cup in National Indoors Stadium-1 (Thuwunna) from 14 to 18 November and give away 22 gold medals to the winners. According to competition rules, four participants from each



Myanmar Wushu players are in a training session. PHOTO: MWF

country will take part in the event.

Myanmar Wushu contingent is comprised of four players—two men's players are Nyein Chan Ko Ko and Thein Than Oo and two women's players, Sandi Oo and Aye Thitsar

Myint. Each player is allowed to participate in two categories of the event.

Myanmar will be the first time to take part in the world-level Wushu tournament after 2010. It is hoping to achieve success as it is a host country. This tour-

namment will be the second time international one for Myanmar Wushu team during 2018. Myanmar Wushu team participated in 18<sup>th</sup> Asian Games held in Indonesia during August and Nyein Chan Ko Ko secured a bronze medal. —Htut Htut (Twantay) ■

## Fixtures of AFC U-20 Futsal Championship 2019 Qualifiers come out

THE fixtures for Asian zone qualification of AFC U-20 FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2019 in which Myanmar Futsal men's squad take part have come into sight.

Thailand will host Asian zone qualification of AFC U-20 FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2019 in Bangkok Arena Futsal field from 5 to 9 December. Myanmar is in the Asian zone together with host Thailand, Indonesia, Viet Nam and Malaysia. Myanmar will play against Malaysia on 5 December, Viet Nam on 6 December, Thailand on 7 December and Indonesia on 8 December. It will be a round-robin format. Three top teams in the tournament will advance the last stage of the AFC U-20 FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2019. —Htut Htut (Twantay) ■