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## State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to visit Singapore

AT the invitation of Mr. Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, will visit Singapore in the near future to attend the 33<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit and Related Summits.—MNA ■



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands Mrs. Sigrid Kaag in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

## State Counsellor receives Dutch Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation

DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mrs. Sigrid Kaag, Minister for Foreign Trade and

Development Cooperation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, at 11:00 am on 8 November 2018 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

**Bilateral cooperation,**

**democratization, peace process, repatriation discussed**

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters pertaining to the promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between Myan-

mar and the Netherlands, democratization and peace process in Myanmar as well as developments on repatriation of verified displaced persons from Rakhine State.—MNA

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## Senior General receives Dutch Foreign Trade, Dev. Coop Minister

Commander-in-chief of Defence Services, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, received the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Netherlands, Mrs. Sigrid Kaag, at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

They discussed the Tatmadaw's participation with successive governments in achieving political transformations and its current stand on the multi-party democracy path.

They also spoke about the

government and the Tatmadaw's efforts for achieving internal peace, the status of repatriation in Rakhine State under the Myanmar-Bangladesh bilateral agreement.

The Senior General and the Dutch minister also spoke about the Tatmadaw lending its support to the Independent Commission of Enquiry, led by former Deputy Foreign Minister of the Philippines Ambassador Mrs. Rosario Manalo.—MNA ■ (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets with Dutch Minister Mrs. Sigrid Kaag in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**



Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein shakes hands with EU's MYPOL Project Consultant Mr. Ian White. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker meets EU's MYPOL Project Consultant

U Tun Tun Hein, the Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and Chairman of the Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) on Hluttaw Development, met with the EU's MYPOL Project Consultant Mr. Ian White at his office at the Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Ian White was accompanied by his fellow delegates.

During the meeting, U Tun Tun Hein and Ian White discussed matters pertaining to the rule of law, democracy, and human rights issues. They also discussed MYPOL's Project to support Myanmar Police Force reforms and strengthen the capacity of the Myanmar Police Force.—MNA ■ (Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

## Kayin State Day celebrated with traditional dance competition

AMYOTHA Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung attended the Don Dance competition (A Kayin traditional dance), held to mark the 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Kayin State Day, at Hpa-an, Thiri Field, on the evening of 7 November. The Kayin State Day is being observed from 7 to 11 November.

Children from government and private kindergarten schools in Hpa-an, the Eindu

Village women dance troupe, and cultural Don Dance group 1 performed at the event, which started at 6pm.

The main competition began at 8:30 pm. Nine dance troupes competed in the event. Participants included dance troupes from the village, the township, the district, and the border guard force, as well as private dance troupes. Kayin State Chief

Minister Daw Nang Khin Htwe Myint, State Hluttaw Speaker U Saw Chit Khin, State Hluttaw Deputy Speaker, state ministers, and departmental officials were also present. The dignitaries enjoyed the entertainment and competition, and then presented prizes to the competing Don Dance troupes.—Saw Myo Min Thein (IPRD)■(Translated by Zaw Min)



A Kayin dance troupe performing traditional Don Dance on stage, during a competition marking the 63<sup>rd</sup> Kayin State Day held in Hpa-An, Kayin State. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Low pressure over Gulf of Thailand likely to intensify

THE low pressure over the Gulf of Thailand is likely to intensify into a depression in the next 48 hours, according to the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

Currently, the low pressure extends over the Gulf of Thailand and the adjoining Malay

peninsula. It is forecast to move westwards, and is likely to reach the South Andaman Sea and the adjoining Southeast Bay of Bengal over the next 24 hours.

It is expected to then move west-northwest and intensify into a depression over the next 48 hours, the Meteorology and

Hydrology Department said yesterday at 6:30 pm.

The weather bureau added that the sky will be slightly cloudy over the North Bay and Central Bay, and partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.—GNLM ■

## Correction

A story on Page 2 of the 8 November edition of the Global New Light of Myanmar contained an error. In the first paragraph of the story with the headline "High-level regional conference on precursor control held in Nay Pyi Taw", the position of Deputy Minister for Home Affairs should read "Major-General Aung Thu". — Ed ■



# State Counsellor receives Italian Ambassador

DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mrs. Alessandra Schiavo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Italian Republic to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at 3:30 pm. on 8 November 2018 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

**Bilateral relations, culture, tourism, rural development discussed**

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters pertaining to promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Italy including culture, tourism and rural development.—MNA



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with Mrs. Alessandra Schiavo, Ambassador of Italy to Myanmar, in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Agreement to develop Kyaukphyu deep sea port signed

THE framework agreement on Kyaukphyu Special Economic Zone Deep Sea Port Project was signed by the Kyaukphyu SEZ Management Committee and CITIC Consortium at the Ministry of Commerce in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the ceremony, Myanmar Special Economic Zone Central Body Chairman, Union Minister for Commerce Dr. Than Myint and Ambassador of People's Republic of China to Myanmar, Mr. Hong Liang, delivered the opening speeches.

CITIC Group Chairman Mr. Chang Zhenming, and Kyaukphyu Special Economic Zone Management Committee Chairman and Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance



Deputy Minister U Set Aung (right) and Mr. Chang Zhenming (left) sign the Kyaukphyu Special Economic Zone Deep Sea Port Project Framework Agreement. **PHOTO: MNA**

tee Chairman Deputy Minister U Set Aung, CITIC Consortium representative and CITIC Group (Myanmar) Co., Ltd Managing Director Mr. Yuan Shaobin and Myanmar Trade Promotion Board Director General U Aung Soe, spoke to the media about the framework agreement.

Preliminary feasibility studies and site surveys for the Kyaukphyu Special Economic Zone Project were conducted in 2012 and 2013. A consultant company was selected through an international tender in 2013. Investors and developers were invited and selected through an international tender in 2014.

On 30 December 2015, a consortium led by CITIC won the tender to develop the deep sea port and industrial estate projects. The framework agreement aims to implement the Kyaukphyu Deep Sea Port project, according to international norms.

The Special Economic Zone is being set up for the economic development of Rakhine State, to create job opportunities for local residents, and to support the development of transportation and production.—MNA (Translated by Zaw Min)

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U Set Aung delivered messages of thanks.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister U Set Aung and Mr. Chang Zhenming signed and exchanged the Kyaukphyu Special Economic Zone Deep Sea Port Project Framework Agreement, in the presence of Union Minister Dr. Than Myint and the Chinese Ambassador Mr. Hong Liang.

Thereafter, Union Ministers from Myanmar's Special Economic Zone Central Body, Rakhine State Chief Minister, Deputy Ministers from the Central Working Body, the Dawei Special Economic Zone Management Committee Chairman, the Kyaukphyu Special Economic Zone Management Committee Chairman, the Joint Chairman and other members,

the CITIC Group Chairman, the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar, representatives from the CITIC Group, businesspersons, representatives from Myanmar Kyaukphyu Special Economic Zone Holding Public Company Limited, and other officials posed for a group photo.

Later, Special Economic Zone Management Commit-



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# Indonesian fishing boat seized in Kawthoung

THE Myanmar Navy seized an Indonesian fishing boat for illegally entering Myanmar's territorial waters on the Andaman Sea in Kawthoung District on 6 November.

A Navy vessel found the boat, bearing the name BIN TANG JAS, while patrolling the sea. After the Navy vessel approached them, the fishermen on the boat jumped into the sea. Officials report that one Indonesian fisherman drowned, while the remainder were saved by the Navy.

The 14 fishermen and the illegal boat were handed over to the Kawthoung Township Police Station on 7 November. Action will be taken against the fishermen, under Section 38 (A) (B) of the Fisheries Law.—

Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung) ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)



The arrested fishermen seen at Myoma Jetty. They were handed over to the Kawthoung Township Police Station on 7 November. **PHOTO: KYAW SOE (KAWTHOUNG)**

## Monywa hosts Community Forestry Development Workshop

THE Community Forestry Development Workshop, organized by the Sagaing Region Forest Department and Wildlife Conservation Society, was held yesterday at the Diamond Palace Hotel, Monywa, as an educational programme for the staff of the departments and related organizations involved in managing natural resources.

Sagaing Region Chief Minister Dr. Myint Naing, regional ministers, Hluttaw representatives, personnel from townships, districts and the region, civil society organizations and members of community forests and Forest Department staff were present at the workshop.

Sagaing Region Chief Minister Dr. Myint Naing stated, during his opening remarks, that forest resources are crucial to the

development of the regions, as well as the minimizing of poverty. Over 10 million acres are covered by forests throughout the region. The region has 161 reserved forests, 98 protected public forests and five environmental conserva-

tion areas.

Rural residents make up 83 per cent of Sagaing Region's population, and are highly reliant upon forests to make their livings. Additionally, 82 per cent of households are also relying on

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tion areas, totaling over 9 million acres of forest land. During the current government's period in office, 14 protected public forests were also established. Additionally, the government is making concerted efforts to establish 40 more protected public forest and six environmental conser-

vation areas. forests for energy and building materials. This being so, in order to fulfill the forest resource requirements for future generations, forests need to be systematically governed.

Moreover, the forest department is carrying out community forest activities, with the support

of NGOs and INGOs working in environmental conservation.

The Sagaing Region created the community forest in 1995. The region has established nearly 100,000 acres for the community forest business with 1,359 groups, including 15,280 members.

Further, he encouraged the public's participation in the effort of community forest development. The community forest is open to legal logging conducted by the public. He also urged the participants of the workshop to discuss a series of constructive suggestions.

The chief minister, personnel and participants later took commemorative photos. The two-day workshop is taking place 8 and 9 November. — Tun Ko Ko (Yinmabin) ■

(Translated by Ei Mon)

## Over 1,700 hotels receive licences thru October

A TOTAL of 1,704 licensed hotels, motels, guesthouses and inns are operating in Myanmar, as of the end of October, providing 68,167 rooms, according to statistics from the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

The ministry has issued 4,407 tour guide licences, 3,811 regional tour guide licences and 2,552 transport licences, as of October.

Further, 2,712 travel agen-

cies were issued permits by the ministry, including one foreign company, 41 joint ventures and 2,670 domestic companies.

Well-known tourism attractions in Myanmar are the cities of Mandalay, Yangon, Bagan, Inle, Kayin and Mon states, Myeik Archipelago, Chin Hills and beaches, such as Chaungtha, Ngwehsaung and Ngapali.

Additionally, tourists enjoy exploring cultural zones, such

as the sites in Bagan-NyaungU, the Innwa cultural site and Pyin Oo Lwin.

The Hotels and Tourism Ministry has created eco-tourism sites and community-based tourism (CBT) spots, establishing Thandaunggyi in Kayin State, Pa-O community-involved tourism in Shan State, the Kayah Cultural Community Tour, CBT with dolphins along the Ayeyawady River, the

Phoe Kyar elephant camp, Popa Mountain National Park, and Indawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary, among others.

Tourists arrive in Myanmar at the country's three international airports, as well as at border checkpoints, while travelling on bicycles and in vehicles. Tourists are also flocking to Myanmar via luxury cruise liners. —GNLM ■

(Translated by Ei Mon)



# Rise in dollar rate, but drug prices remain low: MPMEEA chair

By May Thet Hnin

THE rise in the US dollar exchange rate against Myanmar's currency has hiked up the price of imported medicines, yet drugs are being sold at rates lower than the prevailing price levels, said U Zaw Moe Khaing, Chair of Myanmar Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs' Association and chair and CEO of AA Medical Products Ltd.

"We have asked pharmacies, as well as importers, to see to it that customers benefit. They are voluntarily complying with our request. The rise in drug prices is reasonable, compared with the appreciation in the exchange rate. For example, the percentage of drug costs is significantly lower than the rate of the high exchange rate in May and October, with the exception of some pharmacies raising prices for out-of-stock drugs," he added.

Starting mid-July, the dollar exchange rate has remained above Ks1,400. It gradually rose to touch a record high of Ks1,640 per dollar. Now, it is fluctuating around Ks1,597.

The distributors of pharmaceuticals raised drug prices



About 85 per cent of medicines in the domestic market are imported. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH

by five per cent when the dollar exchange rate rose sharply.

About 85 per cent of medicines in the domestic market are imported. Their prices are directly linked to the dollar exchange rate. High drug prices, attributed to the volatile currency market, have embittered the public.

Drug importers and phar-

macies are also facing difficulties. If the floating dollar exchange rate spirals out of control, the small and medium entrepreneurs operating in the medical sector will not be able to survive, in the long run, said U Zaw Moe Khaing.

At present, the medical retail price is up by 10 per cent. However, the wholesale market

has seen a 30-per-cent increase, depending on the class of medicine.

"Medicine prices are pretty high. The prices vary, depending on the class of medicine. Some drug prices have risen sharply, while others have witnessed a slight increase. I cannot even purchase some medicines. I am not sure whether this is because

importers are factoring in the higher dollar rate or they have run out of stock," said U Ohm Myint, owner of a pharmacy in Mayangon Township.

With the rise in exchange rates, most importers are now accepting orders only upon complete payment. Earlier, they were allowing arrears of up to one month. Some buyers are finding this difficult, as they are unable to make a full payment immediately, and trading with full payment has decreased, added U Zaw Moe Khaing.

"We do not control the market. But some misunderstand that, owing to the decrease in trading with full payment," he said.

The appreciating dollar exchange rate has hiked prices of fundamental items, including medicines.

To regulate the dollar rate, the government is holding weekly discussions with the Central Bank of Myanmar, the Ministry of Planning and Finance, and the Ministry of Commerce. It also selling dollars to private banks and scrutinizing currency manipulation. ■

(Translated by Ei Mon)

## Myanmar, 10 countries agree to protect investments

By Nyein Nyein

MYANMAR has signed agreements for the promotion and protection of investments with 10 countries, according to the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC).

Countries with which agreements have been signed are the Philippines, Viet Nam, China, Laos, Thailand, India, Kuwait, Japan, Israel, and the Republic of Korea, the MIC reported.

Of these, the bilateral agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Republic of Korea for the Promotion and Protection of Investments came into force from 31 October.

Myanmar earlier had a bilateral treaty with South Korea for the promotion of investment, which ended on 5 June 2014. In accordance with Article 16, the new agreement

between Myanmar and South Korea began 31 October 2018.

"The investment agreement between South Korea and Myanmar came into effect from the end of October.

Myanmar has similar agreements with several countries.

Negotiations are also underway with other countries. We are almost at the stage of signing investment agreements with them, though some countries have failed to sign," said U Aung Naing OO, secretary of the MIC.

"Negotiations between Myanmar and Hong Kong for the agreement on promotion and protection of investments have been completed. They need only to sign the agreement", U Aung Naing Oo said.

"We have finished negotiations and are waiting to have the agreement with Hong Kong signed," he said.

Negotiations with Bang-

ladesh, Mongolia, Russia and Serbia are continuing for similar agreements.

Although the Myanmar Investment Law provides tax incentives and business opportunities, bilateral agreements for promotion and protection of investments include comprehensive provisions.

"Although the investment law has provisions to protect investors, they gain fuller protection under bilateral agreements.

This helps avoid obstacles and losses in doing business, provides more rights to investors, and ensures smooth and safe operations, with provisions to cope with any loss," U Aung Naing Oo said.

A bilateral agreement for promotion and protection of investments can strengthen trust among investors and promote business expansion, noted officials. ■

(Translated by Ei Mon)

## Border trade with ITCs reaches Ks 4.4 billion

THE value of border trade through the use of Individual Trading Cards (ITCs) has exceeded Ks4.4 billion in the current FY. Of this, the value of exports stands at Ks 846 million and the value of imports stands at Ks 3.5 billion, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

At Myanmar's border gates, the Myawady and the Mawtaung checkpoints saw the largest volume of trade, estimated at Ks 1.93 billion and Ks 1.51 billion, respectively, with ITCs.

The trade value via ITCs at border points stood at Ks513 million at the Tamu trade camp, Ks50 million at the Muse border gate, Ks2 million at the Tachilek trade camp, Ks90 million at Kanpiketee, Ks328 million at Kawthoung border town, Ks20

million at the Reed border trade camp, and Ks27 million at the Kengtung border trade camp.

The total trade value with ITCs was Ks22.5 billion between 1 April and 30 September, during the six-month interim period prior to the next 2018-2019 financial year. The Ministry of Commerce had issued 292 ITCs in the 2012-2013 FY, 261 cards in the 2013-2014 FY, 317 cards in the 2014-2015 FY, 146 cards in the 2015-2016 FY, 248 cards in the 2016-2017 FY, 168 cards in the 2017-2018 FY, 92 cards in the interim period prior to the next 2018-2019 FY, and 15 cards as of 26 October in the 2018-2019 FY.

Since their introduction, the ministry has issued a total of 1,069 ITCs.—Zwe ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

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## Union Peace Commission Chairman meets special envoy of Gov't of China



Union Peace Commission Chairman Dr. Tin Myo Win accepts cash donation from Chinese Special envoy Mr. Sun Guoxiang in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

DR. Tin Myo Win, Chairman of the Union Peace Commission, met with Mr. Sun Guoxiang, Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, at the National Reconciliation and Peace Center in Nay Pyi Taw at

10 am yesterday.

During the meeting, they exchanged views about the ongoing peace process in Myanmar.

Afterwards, Mr. Sun Guoxiang donated 300,000 USD from the People's Republic of China to the Union Peace Commission.

Dr. Tin Myo Win, in turn, presented a certificate of honor to Mr. Sun Guoxiang.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Chairman U Thein Zaw and officials of the Union Peace Commission.—MNA ■ (Translated by JT)

## Anti-Corruption Commission Chairman meets UNODC Country Manager

ANTI-Corruption Commission Chairperson U Aung Kyi received a delegation led by the Country Manager of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Mr. Troels Vester, in the reception hall at

the Anti-Corruption Commission in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed the agendas of anti-corruption programmes in 2019, matters related to prevention and

education, and organization of Corruption Prevention Units (CPU). They also exchanged views on the role of experts in improving anti-corruption processes.—MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin) ■



Anti-Corruption Chair U Aung Kyi holds talks with United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Country Manager Mr. Vester in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Deputy Minister for Commerce attends China Expo in Shanghai

Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo is attending the China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai, China, from 5 to 10 November.

A delegation led by the Deputy Minister attended a dinner hosted by China's President Xi Jinping on 4 November.

They also attended the CIIE, along with representatives from over 120 member countries and international organisations, at the National Exhibition and Conven-

tion Centre (Shanghai) on 5 November.

On 6 November, the Myanmar delegation visited the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization's national gallery display at the expo. They toured the precious gems exhibit, the food products exhibit and the travel companies' exhibit, set up by Myanmar at the expo.

In the afternoon, the Deputy Minister delivered a speech at the Conference for Sustainability of China-South

Asia Trade Exhibitions organized by the Regional Government of Yunnan Province.

The International Import Expo aims to balance trade imbalances between China and the rest of the world, and to accelerate business cooperation.

Over 3,500 regional and international companies, and 26 companies from Myanmar, are participating in the expo.—MNA ■ (Translated by Myat Thandar Aung)

## Comparison of tourists and business foreigners arrive at airports and border check-points

Sr.	International airports and Border entry/exit	2017 October		2018 October		Note
		tourist	business	tourist	business	
1	Yangon Airport	37,223	16,993	39,748	16,061	
2	Mandalay Airport	7,817	3,287	8,183	3,891	
3	Nay Pyi Taw Airport	69	320	258	239	
4	Myeik Airport	0	0	0	0	
5	Tachilek	347	197	3,045	96	
6	Myawady	892	343	953	597	
7	Kawthoung	223	82	330	93	
8	Htikey	122	31	31	10	
9	Tamu	0	0	96	14	
10	Rihkhawdar	0	0	3	4	
Total		46,693	21,253	52,647	21,005	

## Turtle conservation training conducted in Ngapudaw

A three-day sea turtle conservation training is being conducted by the Fisheries Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation in collaboration with Fauna and Flora International (FFI) (Myanmar Programme) at Thamee Hla Island in Ngapudaw, Ayeyawady Region, from 8 November.

Foreign experts, including FFI Manager Mr. Robert Paul Howard, Mr. David William Owens, Ms. Manjula Tiwari and Ms.

Sue Andrey, are conducting the training workshop at the camp. The workshop has 19 participants, including representatives from the Fisheries Department, representatives from water resource conservation groups, students from Patheingyi University, NGOs and teachers from Yangon University and Sittway University.

The camp will end on 10 November. Participants will learn about sea turtle conservation, in theory and practice at the camp. The theory sessions will be held in the evening. The practice sessions will take place on the Thamee Hla Beach, said U Phone Maw.—Kyaw Thu Hein (Hainggyikyun) (Translated by Hay Mar) ■

## Drugs seized in Kyauktaga Tsp

THE police have seized drugs, knives, and hardwood during a stakeout in Kyauktaga Township according to local police station.

When officials with the police and the Forest Department flagged down a Caldina near Myo Chaung-Sein Kant Lant road, close to 44 Miles Village in Kyauktaga Township, the driver at-

tempted to flee.

The driver has been identified as Win Zeya. He was travelling with two other men who are all residents of Myo Chaung Village.

The men reportedly shot policemen pursuing them with slingshots. One officer was hit and crashed his motorcycle.

Then, police fired

two warning shots. Win Zeya received fatal wounds, while the other men escaped.

Eight WY psychotropic tablets, three knives, 10 pieces of hardwood and a 5-inch hand saw were found in the car. A case has been registered and is being investigated.—GNLM ■ (Translated by Myat Thandar Aung)



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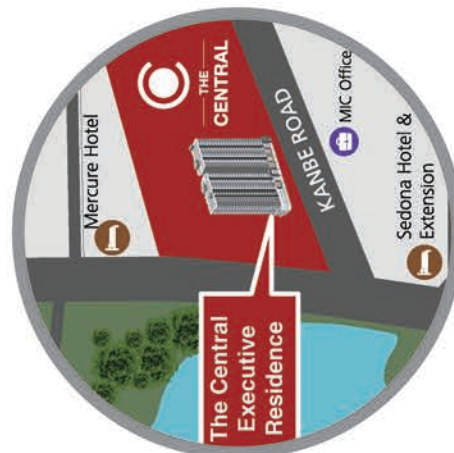
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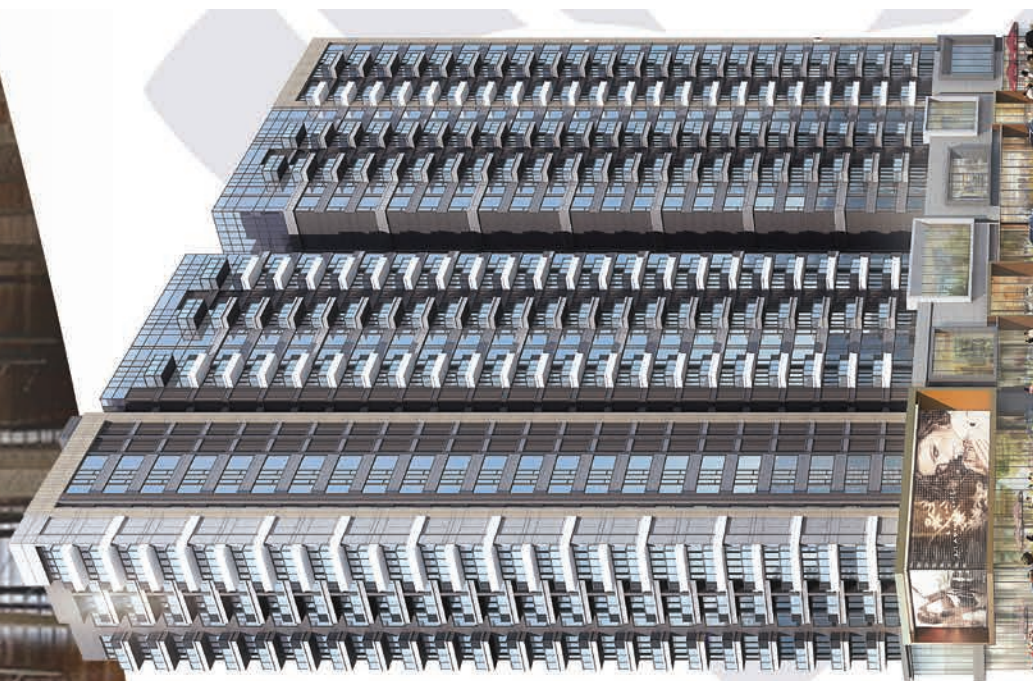
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A capable and committed civil service, founded on the principles of integrity, impartiality and accountability, is the backbone of democratic governance.

Hence, an administrative institution, such as the General Administration Department-GAD, which is directly dealing with the people, must avoid corruption and hampering the fundamental rights of the citizens of the country, while they are performing administrative tasks or implementing the rule of law to ensure that they are exercising their duties properly, without damaging the interest of the people.

Each and every one of us in public office or public service has a fundamental responsibility: to operate in the public interest. Identifying and striving to serve the public interest is the most important thing we can do.

To work in the interest of the people, and to provide services to them in accordance with the law, government employees are obliged to try to understand the difficulties the people are facing.

The nationwide One Stop Shops are playing an important role in providing basic services to the people.

There are 316 One Stop Shops (OSS) opened in townships across the country. The OSS seek to administer a smoother experience, when providing basic services for the public, while simultaneously preventing bribery and corruption, and encouraging best service provider practices.

Corruption has a corrosive effect on trust and on good governance, as well as on the reputation of the civil service and its staff. Moreover, corruption places the interests of the few above the interests of the many, and thus undermines the central principle of democracy: government on behalf of the people.

Additionally, to build a government machinery with great dignity, public servants who are dealing with the people should avoid taking measures only when they are instructed by superiors or pointed out by the media.

Employees of the General Administration Department must build themselves up to become model staff members, and people will rely upon the administrative machinery if it can guarantee community peace under the rule of law, allowing people to devote themselves to their livelihoods.

Hence, we would like to urge governmental employees to work hard to become good public servants, while helping the people by displaying sympathy and empathy. For only then will our people be truly proud of your service.

## Myanmar is ranked 73 in the process of Ease of Doing Business Index in 2018—Daw Hlaing Maw Oo, Secretary, Yangon City Development Committee

By Shin Min  
PHOTO: Aye Than

### Dialogue titled “Nation Building through Ease of Doing Business”

(Continued from previous article covered on 6 November)

**M**YANMA Radio and Television presents the dialogue under the title “Nation Building through Ease of Doing Business” in which Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo, Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation General Manager U Tin Aung, Yangon City Development Committee Secretary Daw Hlaing Maw Oo and Executive U Zeya Thura Mon of Myanmar Chambers of Commerce and Industry are participating in the talk show.

**Facilitator:** Please explain what the role Yangon City Development Committee is taking in Ease of Doing Business Index.

**Daw Hlaing Maw Oo:** Yangon City Development Committee is participating in the process called “Dealing with Construction Permits.” It is to deal with the construction permit in the most populous metropolis. In Myanmar, Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw are metropolises. Among the three cities, Yangon is the most populous and thus it measures what is the ranking in dealing with construction permit.

**Facilitator:** Regarding Dealing with Construction Permit carried out by YCDC, what is the rank of Myanmar set by International Financial Corporation (IFC)?

**Daw Hlaing Maw Oo:** Since Myanmar’s participation in the process of Ease of Doing Business Index in 2014, Dealing with Construction Permit has been in the process. At that time Myanmar’s ranking was 134 in Dealing with Construction Permit. In 2015 she was ranked 130; 74 in 2016; 66 in 2017 and in 2018 her rank is 73. Therefore, it is safe to say that she passed 61 ranks from 2014 to reach the current ranking. Preparations have also been made this year.



**Facilitator:** Please explain what efforts are being made to improve Getting Electricity Indicator.

**U Tin Aung:** As explained by the deputy minister, electricity includes in the ten indexes. Getting Electricity in Ease of Doing Business Index is of direct concern to us. Depending on four points they measure Getting Electricity. The main point is how electricity is delivered to consumers easily.

How they rank is that first, what steps are to be taken from the start of the process to the end by a person who want to get electricity. Secondly, how much time it will take to complete all the processes.

Thirdly, how much it will cost to get electricity. This is measured by calculating per capita income. Finally, how much of the available electricity is reliable and safe. Then, the ranking made through these four steps

contributes to Getting Electricity Index. Our department uses four yardsticks to measure getting electricity. First, steps: Is there many steps or less to enjoy electricity? Second, duration: Does it take too long to get electricity or not? How long it will take? Third, cost: Is the cost too high or normal or low against per capita income? Fourth, the reliability of the available electricity: Is there frequent power outage? Duration of the outage and frequency.

In getting electricity, the Ministry of Electricity and Energy is engaged in production, supply and distribution of power. Getting electricity includes power supply.

Categorically, about supply, there is three departments – Electric Supply Enterprise, Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation and Mandalay Electricity Supply Corporation. The three departments take responsibility for distributing electricity to the whole country.

They are also playing a key role in Getting Electricity Indicator.

Under the supervision of Ko Aung Thu of World Bank the indexes are developed. Currently, they are doing their surveys in Yangon area. Therefore, I have to participate in the talks.

**Facilitator:** Another topic is Green Business Reform. U Zeya Thura Mon, please identify your role in the reform being undertaken for emerging better economic environment.

**U Zeya Thura Mon:** As I am one of the Executives in the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), we are invited to attend national level meeting if a project is to be involved by UMFCCI. When we are invited we attend the meeting randomly or the one who is assigned or available to attend the meeting will be present at. I noticed an important fact at my first ever experience at the

meeting that if we attend the meeting randomly it will not work for a big project. Then I decided to participate in Doing Business sector although I have been participating in many sectors including SMEs in UMFCCI’s process. I’ve been engaging in the Doing Business for about over one year. Meetings led by the deputy minister and participated by indicator member and those from World Bank have been held once in every two weeks.

There is a reason why I decided to prioritize this. I have had an experience that our business value is measured by the doing business ranking. No matter what we are doing – joint venture or sale of business unit or assessment of property – but if our ranking in Doing Business is low, the customer will pay only 75 K or 50 K for 100 K worth goods. If the ranking is high the price may become high, may be 100 K worth goods

will get 120 K or 130 K. There is also the Future Value. I make calculation on it.

As far as I’m concerned regarding calculation, I’ve found out that if there is a gap of just one point, there will be a 10 percent gap in value different. As I’ve come to realize this situation and with a real sense of commitment to this job I’ve participated in it, not for the time being, not only for this year or the next year but as much as I can. I’ve decided to participate in this process in the coming years.

We are weak in information and data check. Because of that World Bank found missing information in our data. For example, at the meeting with the secretary, for the question of from which authority the permission is received to dig a well, WB recorded that the permission is received from Metropolitan Waterworks Authority.

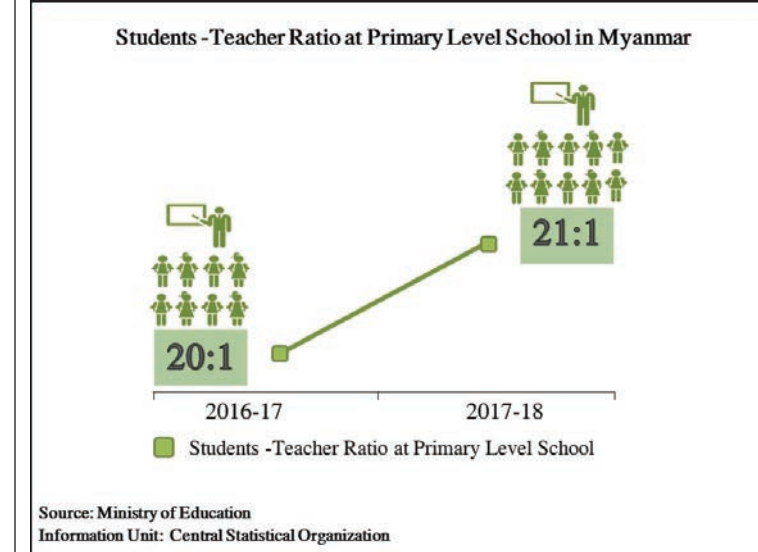
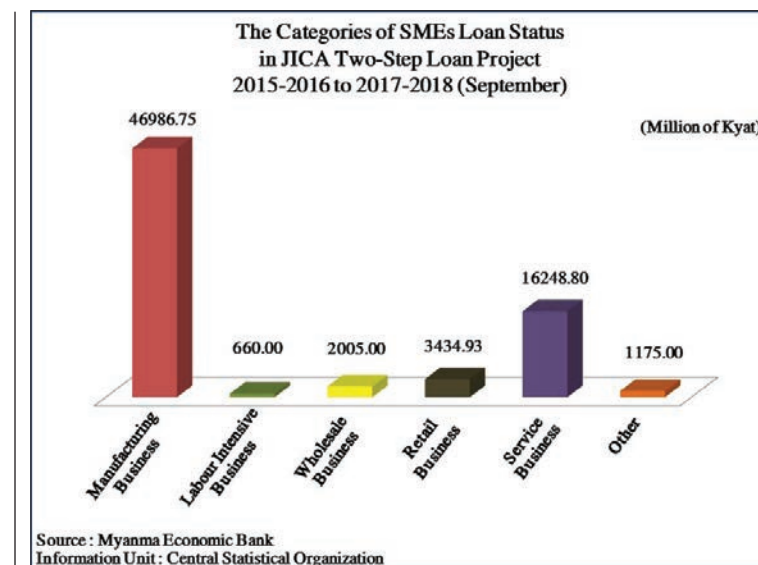
Then, the secretary pointed out that there is no such authority in Myanmar. As the recorded data do not exist in the country, we received low score.

The first step we need to take is to put a true reflection into the Data Record of WB. Secondly, remedial actions must be taken as a Quick Fix.

In some cases, there is a need to conduct Continuous Improvement. For example, if some can be remedied only through law amendment we are going to take action to amend the law. Some businesses need permission from the President or a certain ministry. In such a case, it needs time.

Regarding Credit Bureau mentioned in the talks of the deputy minister, the matter has been submitted since long. The deputy minister with the consultation of WB say it is important, the President promised to issue permission within a month, and it happened as he said.

(To be continued)  
(Translated by Wallace)



### Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued on Thursday 8 November 2018)

**SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS RECORDED AT 09:30 hrs MST:** During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthayi Region. Weather has been generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago and Ayeyawady regions, Rakhine State and partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states. Night temperatures were (3°C) below November average temperature in Yangon Region, (2°C) below November average temperatures in Ayeyawady Region, Shan, Rakhine and Kayah states and about November average temperatures in the remaining regions and states. The significant night temperatures were (7°C) in Haka, (9°C) each in Heho and Loilin. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Kawthoung (1.34)inches.

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

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** According to the observations at (13:30) hrs MST today, the Low pressure area over the Gulf of Thailand continuously move to Westwards and likely to reach South Andaman Sea and adjoining Southeast Bay of Bengal during next (24) hrs. It is forecast to move West- Northwest wards and likely to intensify into a depression during next (48)hrs.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF 9 November 2018:** Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, scattered in Kayin and Mon states and isolated in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions, Chin State. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions and partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Sea will be moderate to rough sea are likely at times Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35)mph. Sea will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (6-9)feet in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts and about (4-6) feet in Deltic and off and along Rakhine Coasts.



## Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe inaugurates annual TB meeting



Doctors and officials attend the annual TB evaluation meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE National Annual TB Evaluation Meeting (2017) was held at the Max Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe delivered a speech at the opening ceremony.

The Union Minister said it is important for people to be able to spot early symptoms, report them to the nearest health department, and to take prescribed medications. He noted that five digital mobile X-ray Rom vehicles

will be used to speed up identification of TB. While both TB and HIV treatments have been made available in all townships across the country since 2016, the country still needs to reach the 90 per cent mark in administering HIV scans for TB patients and ART (antiretroviral therapy) coverage.

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Drug Resistance Survey conducted in 2012-2013, Multi Drug Resistant TB – (MDRTB) was found in 5% of new TB patients, and in 27% of

recurring TB patients, said the Union Minister. He added that the treatment deficit for MDRTB was 43% in 2012, but significantly reduced to 17% by 2017.

He also said that, currently, there are three BSL-3 TB labs in Yangon, Mandalay and Taunggyi that scan for MDRTB. There are also 86 Gene-Xpert module machines available for rapid diagnostic testing for MDRTB across the country. The Union Minister congratulated officials, medical staff and associated organizations, for their contribution towards eradicating TB.

Next, Dr. Thandar Lwin, Deputy Director-General, from the ministry explained about Myanmar's status on TB, future plans, requirements, and necessary support.

This was followed by doctors presenting TB reviews and plans from their respective state or region. A TB official from WHO also gave a presentation about the disease. —MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw JB Comm discusses Sea Customs Act



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein addresses the meeting on the Bill Amending the Sea Customs Act. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee held a meeting over the Bill Amending the Sea Customs Act (2018) sent by the Union Government, at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D yesterday.

The meeting was attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and Joint Bill Committee Chairman U Tun Aung (a) U Tun Tun Hein, the deputy chairmen, secretaries,

joint secretaries and committee members from the Joint Bill Committee and Joint Public Accounts Committee, members from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission, officials from Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Finance and Planning, Union Attorney General Office, and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office. —MNA ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

## Union Minister Nai Thet Lwin meets China's Deputy Minister for SEAC



Union Minister Nai Thet Lwin holds talks with China's Deputy Minister for State Ethnic Affairs Commission in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin received Deputy Minister, State Ethnic Affairs Commission (SEAC) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), Mr. Li Chingping, at his office in the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

They spoke about matters relating to ethnic affairs, work conducted by their ministries, PRC's support to the peace process, and the establishment of a federal union and its continuance. They also discussed ways to encourage and persuade ethnic

nationals living in the border regions to resolve their grievances by participating in the peace dialogue, instead of taking up arms.

They additionally spoke about assistance and support to ethnic nationals for their socio-economic development and continued bilateral cooperation.

After the meeting, Mr. Li Chingping and officials accompanying him visited an exhibition on the ethnic nationals' culture and dress at the Ethnic Affairs Ministry. From there, they proceeded to the National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) in the afternoon, where

the museum's Deputy Director, Daw Aye Mi Sein, explained the exhibits. Mr. Li Chingping met with the Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs U Hla Maw Oo. They discussed bilateral cooperation and the status of work undertaken in the area of ethnic affairs, sharing experiences and information, exchanging visits, holding discussions, and implementing programmes together for the development of ethnic affairs.

The ministers talked about sending personnel from the two countries for training courses, so they can exchange experiences. They further spoke about arranging scholarships for personnel from the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs for training courses in universities under the SEAC.

The two ministers also discussed conducting cultural festivals jointly, to encourage cooperation from ethnic nationals living in border areas. Later in the evening, the Union Minister hosted a dinner for SEAC, which included the PRC Deputy Minister and his delegation. —MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

## NUS confers Alumni Award on Deputy CEO of KBZ

KBZ Bank's Deputy CEO, Daw Nang Lang Kham, received the Eminent Business Alumni Award 2018 from the National University of Singapore – (NUS), during a ceremony held by the university at the Conrad Centennial Singapore in Singapore on 7 November.

The awards recognize the university's graduates who have attained a high level of achievement in their fields of business and altruism in the public or private sectors. Also present at the ceremony were

Singapore's Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Dean and Faculty Board members of NUS, Singaporean businessmen and other invited guests.

At the event, a video of the recipients of the Eminent Business Alumni Award was shown, followed by separate opening speeches from DBS Group and DBS Bank Chairman Mr. Peter Seah, and Singapore's Minister for Foreign Affairs Vivian Balakrishnan. —GNLM ■

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



Daw Nang Lang Kham, Deputy CEO of KBZ Bank, accepts the Eminent Business Alumni Award 2018 from National University of Singapore. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**



# Fears for Russia probe as Trump fires Jeff Sessions

WASHINGTON (United States) — US Attorney General Jeff Sessions was fired by Donald Trump Wednesday, casting a cloud over the Russia investigation that has dogged the White House, a day after Republicans lost control over the lower house of Congress.

The move capped more than a year of bitter criticism by the president over his legal advisor's decision to recuse himself from the probe into Russian interference in the 2016 election, paving the way for the appointment of Special Counsel Robert Mueller.

In announcing the resignation in a tweet that thanked the former Alabama senator "for his service" — Trump right away named as acting attorney general Sessions' chief of staff Matthew Whitaker.

That set off immediate alarm bells: Whitaker has been overtly critical of the broad scope granted to Mueller's team to probe beyond allegations Trump's campaign colluded with Russia in 2016, into other ties between Trump, his family and aides, and Russia — an investigation the president calls a "witch hunt."

In an op-ed in August last year he publicly urged Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein — who oversees the probe — to "limit the scope of his investigation to the four corners of the order appointing him special counsel."

As acting attorney general, Whitaker now has the power to wrest oversight away from Rosenstein, and take charge himself.

Democratic Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer immediately called on Whitaker to recuse himself from the probe as his predecessor had, "given his previous comments advocating defunding and imposing limitations" on it.

## First casualty after midterms

Schumer and other leading Democrats were joined in their call for an unhampered probe by Republican Mitt Romney, a former presidential candidate and frequent Trump critic who won a US Senate seat in Tuesday's midterm.

Thanking Sessions for his service, Romney said that it was "imperative that the important work of the Justice Department continues, and that the Mueller investigation proceeds to its conclusion unimpeded."

Whitaker himself meanwhile offered little clue about his intentions in a bland statement to reporters thanking Trump for his appointment, praising his former boss as a "dedicated public servant" and adding he would work to leading a department that conformed to the "highest ethical standards."

Sessions was the first casualty of a cabinet shakeup that

had been expected from Trump following the midterm elections.

But his departure was anticipated since early this year, after he endured withering and repeated criticism from the president over the legally troubled ban on Muslim travelers Trump sought when he came into office, and over the Mueller probe.

"At your request, I am submitting my resignation," Sessions said in the first line of a letter addressed to Trump, released by the Department of Justice.

## Trump's first backer

Sessions was the first US senator to back Trump's presidential run in 2016, giving the New York real estate billionaire credibility against a broad field of Republican stalwarts.

The two were reportedly brought together by a shared wish to crack down on immigration. After taking office in January 2017, the former prosecutor launched tough law-and-order policies and a broad ban on Muslim travelers promised by Trump during the campaign.

He was in the vanguard of administration pushes to expand the ranks of federal law enforcement, fill courts with conservative judges, and crack down on Central American gangs such as MS-13. But the president was infuriated when in March 2017 Sessions recused himself from



US Attorney General Jeff Sessions was fired by President Donald Trump on Wednesday. PHOTO: AFP

the nascent Russia investigation, because of his own Russian contacts during the 2016 campaign. Instead, he gave Rosenstein that authority.

When Trump weeks later fired FBI director James Comey in anger at the Russia investigation, Rosenstein stunned the administration by naming Mueller, a former FBI chief, to lead the probe as an independent prosecutor. That structure, with Sessions recused and Rosenstein supervising Mueller, has insulated the investigation from outside interference.

Still, Trump has repeatedly accused Mueller of running an illegal investigation staffed by Democrats and threatened to shut it down.

## Indictments looming

Matters though were clearly coming to a head after Mueller racked up indictments against 34 people and three companies, in direct and spinoff cases. Eight guilty pleas have resulted, and

one jury trial conviction.

Most notably, several top Trump aides have agreed to cooperate: former national security advisor Michael Flynn; former campaign chair Paul Manafort; former vice chair Richard Gates; and former Trump Organization vice president Michael Cohen, long Trump's personal fixer.

Mueller was expected to unveil in the coming weeks new indictments, possibly against 2016 campaign consultant Roger Stone and Trump's son Donald Jr. Moreover, Mueller's team and the White House have been haggling for months over whether the president himself would answer questions.

Mueller is known to be examining whether Trump obstructed justice in firing Comey — and other acts.

In addition, the White House has shown concern that Mueller is investigating the finances of the Trump Organization, and links to Russia. — AFP ■

# Anger grows after deadly French building collapse

MARSEILLE (France) — A sixth body was found Wednesday in the rubble of two dilapidated buildings that collapsed in the French city of Marseille, where furious residents have accused authorities of ignoring warnings about the state of housing for the

poorest. As many as eight people are feared to have been killed when the buildings crumbled in a matter of seconds on Monday morning in Noailles, a working-class district in the heart of the Mediterranean port city. Several other buildings in the narrow

street have been evacuated amid fears of further collapse as "all the buildings lean against each other" on the sloping street, a firefighter involved in the search for survivors said.

Marseille prosecutor Xavier Tarabeux told a news conference Wednesday that a person living in one of the collapsed buildings phoned firefighters the night before the cave-in to say "that one of the cracks in her flat had widened".

She later called back to say "there wasn't any need to come round", he added. It was too early to say what caused the collapse, Tarabeux said. Firefighters had ordered 105 residents to leave the building, and on Wednesday escorted small groups back inside to fetch some of their belongings.

"It brings back my memories

of the war, when I was a child," said Yoanna, a 27-year-old Lebanese woman. "I've never had to leave an apartment so quickly."

After searching the rubble for a second night, rescuers had retrieved the bodies of four men and two women, Tarabeux told AFP earlier. "We're working hard, so there's still hope," a rescue worker told AFP at dawn on Wednesday as his team continued to search the wreckage with sniffer dogs. But Interior Minister Christophe Castaner had already warned on Monday evening that there was "little chance of finding air pockets" in the rubble.

In a separate incident, a building with three apartments also collapsed in the centre of Charleville-Mezieres in northeast France, with firefighters reporting no victims for the moment,

the local L'Union newspaper said.

One woman was rescued and around 50 more evacuated from neighbouring buildings, it said.

## 'People died for nothing'

The difficult rescue operation — and the fragility of the buildings — became clear when a third adjoining block partially collapsed on Monday evening.

Google Maps images taken in recent months showed large cracks in the facades of the buildings, only one of which was occupied. Those on either side were in such a poor state that they had been declared off limits and boarded up for a number of years.

City officials said building experts inspected the occupied building on 18 October and shoring up work was then carried out before residents were allowed back in. — AFP ■



Firemen are working and removing rubble at the site where two buildings collapsed, on 5 November 2018 in Marseille, southern France.

PHOTO: AFP



# Asian markets rally as investors see positive in US gridlock



PHOTO: AFP

HONG KONG (China) —Asian markets climbed Thursday, building on a global rally as investors bet that gridlock in Washington will clip Donald Trump's wings, preventing him from driving through measures that would likely push up US interest rates. Attention now turns to the end of the Federal Reserve's policy meeting later in the day, with its plans for hiking borrowing costs closely watched.

Bets the central bank would lift rates again next month and continue to do so through 2019 have been a major cause of worry on trading this year but with the chances of more Trump tax cuts greatly reduced, expectations have been tempered.

However, analysts do not expect the Fed to alter its most recent outlook

for the economy, with Ian Shepherdson of Pantheon Macroeconomics, saying: "The economic picture hasn't changed meaningfully since the September meeting, despite the gyrations in the stock market."

But with Democrats now controlling the House and ready to hold the president to account, observers expect them to push back against a number of his measures, though work with him on others such as infrastructure spending leading into the 2020 vote.

"With trade tensions to the fore over recent months and risk currencies in the spotlight, the US midterms were being seen through the prism of whether the outcome might embolden the president to go harder on trade or in effect if the elections would clip his wings," said

National Australia Bank economist David de Garis. "With the Democrats gaining control over the House, the latter scenario now might be a little more likely." However, Stephen Innes, head of Asia-Pacific trading at OANDA added the result "has left analysts debating what this will mean for policy going forward".

All three main Wall Street indexes ended more than two per cent higher. And the positive mood was reflected in Asia, where Tokyo went into the break almost two per cent up.

Hong Kong added 0.8 per cent, Shanghai gained 0.4 per cent and Seoul jumped 1.4 per cent, while Sydney rose 0.5 per cent. Wellington and Chinese Taipei put on 0.4 per cent each and Jakarta edged up 0.2 per cent.

## Seoul earmarks more than \$260 mn for rail, roads in North

SEOUL—South Korea has earmarked more than \$260 million to build new railways and roads in the North, an official said Thursday, as Seoul pushes ahead with cross-border projects despite international sanctions on Pyongyang.

The figure comes as Seoul and Washington follow increasingly divergent approaches to Pyongyang, with the South pursuing engagement while the US insists pressure on it

should be maintained until it denuclearises. South Korean President Moon Jae-in offered to help upgrade the North's outdated rail and road infrastructure and connect it with the South's in meetings this year with the North's leader Kim Jong Un. Seoul plans to spend about 295.1 billion won (\$264 million) on the schemes next year, an official at Seoul's unification ministry told reporters, with most of it—186.4 billion won—given freely and 108.7

billion won in loans.

"It is an estimate for now... we will continue efforts, including policy coordination with the US, to carry out the projects agreed between the two Koreas without a hitch," said the official who declined to be named. Security allies Seoul and Washington agreed last week to set up a new working group to co-ordinate policy amid growing concerns in the US over Moon's approach. — AFP ■

### Dollar edges back

Eyes will be on developments in Washington after Trump fired Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who had come under fire from the president over his decision to step aside from a probe into Russian interference in the 2016 election.

He was replaced by a loyalist, casting into doubt the ability of Special Counsel Robert Mueller—who had until now been insulated from White House interference—to complete the investigation.

The dollar clawed back slightly after Wednesday's sell-off, which came on

the back of lower expectations of more tax cuts. The greenback edged up against its major peers, with the pound continuing to gain support from hopes London and Brussels can hammer out a post-Brexit agreement as a deadline looms.

Oil prices remained subdued after data showing a surge in US stockpiles but they have been given support from reports OPEC will reduce output again next year. The cartel had started opening the taps again this year after a long-running cap agreement with Russia, which

had boosted prices, ended.

But with production now rising globally again — and the Iran sanctions seemingly having little impact owing to US waivers — Bloomberg News said ministers meeting in Abu Dhabi this weekend were considering the reduction.

"Saudi Arabia and Russia have increased production, and prices have come down \$15 a barrel," Hossein Kazempour Ardabili, Iran's representative to OPEC, said. "They have over-balanced the market" and have no choice but to cut about 1 million barrels a day. —AFP ■

### INVITATION FOR PRICE QUOTATIONS THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation  
China-aided Pilot Project of Poverty Reduction Cooperation in Myanmar  
**VEHICLE FOR JOINT PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE(JPMO)**

The Department of Rural Development (DRD) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation as implementation agency (IA) of Myanmar, is jointly implementing the China-aided Pilot Project of Poverty Reduction Cooperation in Myanmar with the grant provided by the Chinese Government.

The Joint Project Management Office (JPMO) intends to apply part of the financing towards payments under the Project Guideline and now invites eligible suppliers to express their interest in supplying of MG-006: **(1) ONE VEHICLE (Pick-Up)** with the following minimum specifications.

#### Specifications for Pick-Up(Double Cab)

No.	Specification	Minimum	Remark
1	Type	Double Cab(4x4)	
2	Manufacture Year	2017/2018	
3	Engine Power	3000CC	
4	Steering	Left Hand Drive	
5	Fuel	Diesel	
6	Fuel Tank Capacity	75 Liters	
7	Seat	4	
8	Transmission	5-6 Speed Auto	
9	Safety Airbag	Driver & Passenger	
10	Audio System	TV with DVD, Audio & Speaker with Bluetooth , USB and FM Radio	
11	Black Box	Yes	
12	Air Conditioning	Yes	
13	Head Lamp	Yes	
14	Front Fog Lamp	Yes	
15	Outside Rear View	Yes	
16	Power Mirrors/ Windows	Yes	
17	Central Locking	Yes	
18	Dimensions (LxWxH)	(5000x1800x1800)mm	
19	Ground Clearance	200mm	
20	Lamp	Head Lamp, Front Fog Lamp	
21	Tyres size	17"	
22	Color	White or Aluminum	

A complete set of the request for quotations and further information in English may be obtained by interested eligible bidders free of charge from the address given below during office hours from 09:30 to 16:00. The Quotations must be submitted sealed envelope by person to the address below on or before **Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 16:00** local time. Late bids will be rejected.

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# Metoo, Brexit, environment inspire new dictionary entries

LONDON — “Single-use” was named the Collins Dictionary word of the year on Wednesday, following a four-fold increase in usage since 2013 in a reflection of increased concerns about sustainability.

It edged out “MeToo” and “whitewash” to top the list of 10 new and notable words that “reflect an ever-evolving culture and the preoccupations of those who use it,” Collins said.

The wider 10 words of the year include ones inspired by Brexit, environmental concerns and the 2018 football World Cup.

“Single-use” describes items “whose unchecked proliferation are blamed for damaging the environment and affecting the food chain,” said Collins.

It said public awareness of plastic adrift in the oceans had led to a global campaign to reduce the use of once-only items.

Another environment-related word on the list was plogging: a Scandinavian fitness craze that combines jogging with picking up litter.

“Vegan”, a person who refrains from using any animal products, has become an increasingly mainstream lifestyle choice in recent years and so gets on the list.

“This has been a year where awareness and often anger over a variety of

issues has led to the rise of new words and the re-vitalisation and adaptation of old ones,” said Helen Newstead, Collins’ head of language content.

“It’s clear from this year’s words of the year list that changes to our language are dictated as much by public concern as they are by sport, politics, and playground fads.”

## Fancy flossing with gammon?

“MeToo”, the movement seeking to expose and eradicate sexual harassment, makes the top 10.

Brexit, the 2016 word of the year, has inspired two new words on this year’s list: “backstop” and “gammon”.

“Backstop” is defined as a system that may be used if no other arrangement is made.

The derogatory use of the word “gammon” — a type of cured pork — has gained popularity as a term of abuse directed at the most reactionary pro-Brexit supporters, who are typically white, male and middle-aged.

“Whitewash” — casting a white actor as an ethnic minority character” — also makes the list.

There’s a new term for manipulating others, often romantic partners, by continually feeding them false information until they doubt their sanity: “gaslight”.



“Single-use” topped the list as Collins Dictionary word of the year, reflecting public awareness of one-time use items and their damage to the environment. **PHOTO: AFP**

From the World Cup, “VAR”, an abbreviation of video assistant referee, makes the list.

The final word on the list is the “floss” dance craze.

“The words in this year’s list perhaps highlight a world at extremes

— at one end, serious social and political concerns, and at the other, more light-hearted activities,” said Newstead.

The list will join the online version of the dictionary and be considered for inclusion in future print editions.—AFP ■

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M.V KUO TAI VOY. NO. (113 N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V KUO TAI VOY. NO. (113 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9-11-2018 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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## 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:

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| 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)  
Building No. 27, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar  
Phone : +95-9424685463, +95-9797137280



# Old Master? Cave paintings from 40,000 years ago are world's earliest figurative art

TOKYO (Japan)—A painting of an animal in an Indonesian cave dates from at least 40,000 years ago, making it the world's oldest piece of figurative art, new research has shown. The painting in Borneo, possibly depicting a native type of wild cattle, is among thousands of artworks discovered decades ago in the remote region. But it was only using technology called uranium series analysis that researchers have finally been able to work out just when they were painted.

The discovery adds to a growing body of evidence that cave painting did not emerge only in Europe, as was once thought. "We can see that figurative art developed and evolved more or less at the same time in Asia and in Europe," researcher Maxime Aubert told AFP.

In 2014, researchers dated figurative art on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi to 35,000 years ago, but some of the paintings examined by Aubert and his team in nearby Borneo were produced at least 5,000 years earlier. Aubert, an associate professor at Australia's Griffith University, worked with a team in remote and inaccessible caves in the East Kalimantan area of Borneo to date the paintings.

The team, whose research was published in the journal *Nature* on Wednesday, looked at multiple layers of artwork



The painting in Borneo, possibly depicting a native type of wild cattle, is among thousands of artworks discovered decades ago in the remote region. PHOTO: AFP

painted on top of each other.

The bottom-most and oldest layer featured paintings of animals, mostly a local type of cattle, as well as hand stencils in a reddish colour. On top of those artworks were hand stencils in a mulberry colour grouped in patterns and embellished with lines and dots, as well as small stick-like human figures in the same colour. The final layer featured people, boats and geometric designs.

## 'An intimate window'

Aubert and his team employed a technique called uranium series dating, which involves

analysing layers of the mineral calcite that formed on top of the painting over the years, as well as the material underneath the art. They removed samples smaller than one centimetre (half an inch) across from the artworks and found one painting of an animal had been produced at least 40,000 years ago, and possibly nearly 52,000 years ago.

"To our knowledge, the large animal painting... is the oldest figurative rock art image in the world," the team's study said. The painting is in fact one of the earliest-known representations of any kind of

an animal, dating from a similar period to mammoth-ivory figurines found in Germany, the study added.

For many years, cave art was thought to have emerged from Europe, where famed pieces have been discovered and dated in Spain, Italy and France.

But the Indonesian paintings challenge that theory.

"It now seems that two early cave art provinces arose at a similar time in remote corners of Palaeolithic Eurasia: one in Europe and one in Indonesia, at the opposite end of this ice age world," said Adam Brum, an archeologist involved in the study, in a press release issued by Griffith University.

The second layer of artwork dates to around 20,000 years ago, and suggests an interesting evolution in the artwork of the era. "Around 20,000 years ago, painting becomes of the human world, not the animal world. We see the same thing in Europe at more or less the same time," Aubert told AFP.

He plans to carry out further testing of other artwork in Indonesia, as well as pieces in Australia, and said he felt a personal connection to the past when examining the paintings.

"It's amazing to see that. It's an intimate window into the past."—AFP ■

## From Elizabeth to Lisbeth—Claire Foy's transformation

LOS ANGELES (United States)—When director Fede Alvarez chose Claire Foy to star in the latest film in the "Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" series, he had no doubt the 34-year-old actress would easily transform herself into the intrepid cold-as-ice hacker Lisbeth Salander. After all, the British actress has experience playing a fearless woman with ice running through her veins when needed — Queen Elizabeth II. "I saw 'The Crown' one day and I was like, 'That's it, this is all Lisbeth,' because as crazy as that sounds, there is so much in common with the challenges of playing someone like Lisbeth or Elizabeth," Alvarez told AFP in a recent telephone interview from Rome. Fresh off her Emmy-winning turn as the British monarch on Netflix's popular drama, Foy is tackling one of the heroines of modern crime fiction—Salander, a Swedish hacker—in "The Girl In The Spider's Web." The film, which opens Friday in US theaters, follows Salander as she is hired to hack into a defense program that can control the codes for the world's nuclear weapons. The role—previously played by Noomi Rapace and Rooney Mara—represents a departure for Foy, allowing the actress to showcase a different, darker side. But the Uruguayan director says her regal role prepared her well. "They are very similar characters," Alvarez said. "The queen is never allowed to show she's angry or sad, always keeping a straight face in front of very different situations... and Lisbeth doesn't allow herself to show her true emotions — she's pushing those emotions deep inside her."

## Mixed reviews

"Spider's Web" is based on a novel by David Lagercrantz, who was chosen to continue the so-called "Millennium" series begun by the late Stieg Larsson. The film has been met with mixed reviews, with industry magazine *Variety* saying fans are likely to be disappointed with the way Salander is portrayed. "The Girl in the Spider's Web... is more vested in fiery external explosions than internal pain, reducing Salander to a quirky Batgirl-like figure, soft-pedaling her feminism, practically eliminating her queerness, and tossing in an American so the US can save the world," it said. —AFP ■



## IN PICTURE

## Highlight of Ljubljana Fashion Week

A model presents a creation of designer Celeni during Ljubljana Fashion Week in Ljubljana, Slovenia, on 6 November 2018. PHOTO: XINHUA



## Harvard scientists say first interstellar object may be “alien probe”

LOS ANGELES—A new study of Harvard scientists suggested that “Oumuamua,” the first interstellar object discovered within our solar system last year, may have been an alien probe sent to investigate Earth. Oumuamua, which means “a messenger from afar arriving first” in Hawaiian, was discovered on 19 October, 2017 by astronomers at the University of Hawaii.

On 19 September, it sped past the Sun at about 315,400 kilometers per hour (kmh), fast enough to escape the Sun’s gravitational pull and break free of the solar system, never to return.

A new paper by researchers at the Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics raises the possibility that the elongated dark-red object, which is 10 times

as long as it is wide and traveling at speeds of 196,000 mph (315,364 kmh), might have an “artificial origin”. The paper is scheduled for publication in The Astrophysical Journal Letters on 12 November.

“Oumuamua may be a fully operational probe sent intentionally to Earth vicinity by an alien civilization,” according to the paper.

Abraham Loeb, one of the co-authors and chair of the astronomy department at Harvard University, told Xinhua on Tuesday. Oumuamua showed unusual features since its discovery. “These features make Oumuamua weird, belonging to a class of objects that we had never seen before.”

Oumuamua deviates from a trajectory that is solely dictated by the Sun’s gravity. This could

have been the result of cometary outgassing, but there is no evidence for a cometary tail around it, he told Xinhua via email.

“The excess acceleration of Oumuamua was detected at multiple times, ruling out an impulsive kick due to a break up of the object,” he said.

Scientists researched on extra force exerted on Oumuamua by sunlight. In order for it to be effective, Oumuamua needs to be less than a millimeter in thickness, like a sail. This led us to suggest that it may be a light-sail produced by an alien civilization,” Loeb said. “The evidence about Oumuamua is not conclusive but interesting. I will be truly excited once we have conclusive evidence,” he told Xinhua.—Xinhua ■



S7 Space is developing its own reusable rocket based on the conceptual design of the Soyuz-5 carrier. PHOTO: TASS

## S7 Space to modernize Sea Launch floating spaceport for reusable rocket

MOSCOW—S7 Space plans to modernize the Sea Launch floating spaceport after switching to the launches of its reusable rocket from it, Company CEO Sergei Sopov told TASS on Wednesday.

“The spaceport will be modernized for the new carrier rocket,” he said. Today all the equipment on the command vessel and the launching platform has become obsolete, the chief executive said.

“It was developed 20 years ago. The platform’s remaining service life is another 25 years. Within this period, the launches of Zenit rockets that have been ordered and are in the process of production and also of our new carrier can be carried out,” he said. “The later we make the new carrier, the less time will be left for its operation from the Sea Launch platform,” he pointed out.

“But, naturally, the spaceport’s service life, like the service life of any complex technical facility, can be considerably extended in case of its major repairs and modernization,” the chief executive said. S7 Space is considering several ways of recovering the first stage of its future reusable rocket after launch.

“On the list of likely options we have a hypersonic parachute capable of withstanding reentry heat, or special wings. We will make up our mind during the design phase as a result of more accurate calculations and research,” he said. In his opinion at this point it looks like a parachute system will be less costly. “But if this solution is chosen, landing the re-entry stage safely on a small pre-prepared site will be a great problem due to strong side winds,” Sopov said.

Non-reusable rockets have become uncompetitive and a private company has no chance

to survive on the space launch market without reusable vehicles today, he said.

“Without it [the reusable carrier], we simply won’t be able to survive on the commercial market. It is not even funny to compete with reusable and cheap offers entering the market with a non-reusable carrier,” he said. In the opinion of S7 Space chief, “a non-reusable rocket is as effective as a non-reusable aircraft.”

“Creating a non-reusable carrier means not simply marking time but is a road backwards,” Sopov said. It is not a matter of the method of recovering the spent rocket stage but largely a matter of “its service life, in the first place, the cycles, the repairability and the labor intensity.”

“Today all the rocket’s assemblies and systems [in Russia] are non-reusable, i.e. unfit for their repeat use,” Sopov said.

### New carrier rocket and the floating spaceport

S7 Space is developing its own reusable rocket based on the conceptual design of the Soyuz-5 carrier (being developed by Energia Space Rocket Corporation). The company has dubbed the new rocket “Soyuz-7” and “Soyuz-7SL” (Sea Launch). The S7 Space design office for launch vehicles is headed by Igor Radugin who has recently joined the company after quitting Energia Space Rocket Corporation.

The Sea Launch is a compound comprising the sea and space rocket components, and also the ground infrastructure. The sea component includes the Odyssey floating launch platform and the assembly-command ship used for assembling rockets and exercising control of pre-launch operations. The vessels are based in the state of California, the USA.—Tass ■

## 26 pct of Cambodian Internet users experience online harassment: survey report

PHNOM PENH—Twenty-six percent of all Cambodian Internet users, aged 15-65, experienced some forms of online harassment, said a recent survey report released here on Wednesday by regional ICT policy think-tank LIRNEasia.

Speaking during the report launching ceremony, Helani Galpaya, chief executive officer of LIRNEasia, said 2,100 individuals were surveyed from 100 villages in Cambodia’s 25 provinces.

“The report found that online harassment was higher among women,” she said. “Cyberstalking was a concern among female social media users in Cambodia.”

According to the report, she said 29 per cent of women and 23 per cent of men, who used social media platforms, experienced online harassment such as calling offensive names, receiving unwanted material, and online bullying. The report indicated that 85 per cent of Cambodian mobile



PHOTO: XINHUA

phone owners, aged 15-65, used some kinds of app on their mobile phone. “This was the highest app use among all Asian and African countries surveyed,” Galpaya said. “In addition, 45 per cent of social media users indicated that they always verify the truthfulness of content on social media before sharing it.” The Southeast Asian nation has the population

of approximately 16 million. Cambodian Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications Secretary of State Kan Channmeta, who took part in the event, said the Internet penetration rate in the kingdom is now 75 per cent of the population and is expected to reach 95 per cent by 2020. Most of the Internet users get online via their smartphones.—Xinhua ■

## Caterpillar, fungus in cahoots to threaten fruit, nut crops: study

CHICAGO—Researchers at the University of Illinois (UI) have found that *Aspergillus flavus*, a fungus that produces carcinogenic aflatoxins that can contaminate seeds and nuts, and navel orange-worm caterpillar work in concert to overcome plant defenses and resist pesticides. The study has been newly published in the Journal of Chemical Ecology. They did tests to measure caterpillar mortality and time to pupation in a variety of conditions. The tests included a caterpillar strain that was susceptible to pyrethroid pesticides and another that was re-

sistant. And the tests revealed that the caterpillars developed much more rapidly in the presence of the fungus, regardless of the natural or man-made toxins that were also present. Larvae exposed to the plant defensive compound xanthotoxin developed nearly twice as fast when the fungus was also present. Larvae fed a diet containing xanthotoxin or bergapten, another phytochemical in the same class as xanthotoxin, also lived much longer in the presence of the fungus than when exposed to the chemicals alone.—Xinhua ■



## Myanmar beat Bangladesh 5-0 in Round-1 qualifiers for Tokyo Olympic

MYANMAR women's national football team beat Bangladesh women's team 5-0 in an opening match of Round-1 qualifiers for Women's Olympic Football Tournament Tokyo 2020 at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon yesterday.

Myanmar lined up with goalkeeper Zar Zar Myint, Ei Yadanar Phyo, Khin Than Wai, Wai Wai Aung, Khaing Thazin, Nge Nge Htwe, Win Theingi Tun, July Kyaw, Khin Mo Mo Tun and veteran strikers Khin Malar Tun and Khin Moe Wai.

Myanmar was headed by its brilliant head coach U Win Thu Moe.

Myanmar played aggressively from the kick-off with both counter attacks and middle passes.

Myanmar gained an ice-breaker at 33 minute-mark. The opening goal was scored by Win Theingi Tun over a corner sup-

port from her team mate.

Myanmar secured their second goal at 43 minute-mark by Myanmar women football star Win Theingi Tun. The opportunity came from an error of a Bangladesh defender.

The first half was ended with 2-0 win for Myanmar. Myanmar apparently got better in the second half. Myanmar made the third goal at 60 minute and the goal was scored by its veteran player Khin Moe Wai.

By taking an opportunity over the ruin of the Bangladesh defense line, Myanmar put the fourth goal at 83 minute by young player Le Le Hlaing.

Again, just before the end of the match, Myanmar's Yee Yee Oo quickly scored the fifth.

The match ended with 5-0 win for Myanmar as there were no consolations for Bangladesh.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■



Myanmar(red) player vies for the ball with Bangladesh (green) player at Thuwunna Stadium in an opening match of Round-1 qualifiers for Tokyo Olympic at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO:MFF**

## Myanmar to try best in AFF Suzuki Cup

MYANMAR is preparing for the AFF Suzuki Cup 2018, where they have been placed in Group A against Viet Nam, Malaysia, Laos and Cambodia.

Myanmar needs its utmost effort in playing all the group matches as Myanmar is placed in the group together with two ASEAN stars Malaysia and Viet Nam.

The previous international

match result of Myanmar was a 3-0 loss to Bolivia in a friendly that was played at the Thuwana Stadium in Yangon – with goals from Luis Haquin in the fifth minute, Marcelo Martins at 25 minute and Henry Vaca at 68 minute respectively.

“Myanmar got a chance to play against a South American team. This is good opportunity for our team and I believe

Myanmar can do all its best in upcoming AFF Suzuki Cup Tournament,” said a football fan from Mandalay. Myanmar will play against Cambodia on 12 November at Mandalay Thiri Stadium in Mandalay, Viet Nam on 20 November at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon and Malaysia on 24 November at Bukit Jalil National Stadium, Kuala Lumpur respectively.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

## Myanmar U-23 to meet 2016 winners Japan, Timor Leste and Macau in 2020 AFC U-23 Qualifiers

MYANMAR national U-23 men's football squad will host qualifier matches for the Group-I of 2020 AFC U-23 Championship in Thuwunna Stadium from 22 March to 26 in 2019.

The official draw ceremony to mark the journey to AFC Championship Thailand 2020 qualifiers was held at AFC House in Malaysia on 7 November.

The Qualifiers have divided the 44 participating teams into two zones of west with 24 teams east with 20 teams.

The Group-I host Myanmar is in the east zone together with hosts Mongolia of Group-G, Cambodia of Group-H, Malaysia of Group-J and Viet Nam of Group-K.



Maung Maung Lwin wearing No 11 white jersey of Myanmar U-23 celebrates after scoring a leading goal against North Korea in Asian Games in Indonesia. **PHOTO: MFF**

The 11 group winners and four best second-placed teams among all groups will qualify for the Finals, with the host nation

of the Finals receiving automatic qualification. The 2020 Qualifiers will be held from 22 March to 26 in 2019.—Htut Htut (Twantay) ■

## Host Myanmar stands first on 23 medals in 7<sup>th</sup> South East Asian Open Archery Championship

HOST Myanmar stood first on 10 golds, 6 silvers and 7 bronzes, brining the total number of 23 ones in the 7<sup>th</sup> South East Asian Open Archery Championship following the last day's events of archery on 7 November.

Myanmar hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> South East Asian Open Archery Championship in Kyaikkansan Archery Ground from 2 to 7 November, in which five countries including host Myanmar took part. The archery championship consisted of Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Thailand, Laos and host Myanmar. Myanmar won the first place on 10 golds, 6 silvers and 7 bronzes, followed by Thailand with the second place on 4 golds, 5 silvers and a bronze and Hong Kong with the third place on 3 golds, 3 silvers and 5 bronzes after the last's day event of archery.

The officials concerned of the respective organizations awarded prizes to the winners and presented trophies to the winning countries.—Htut Htut (Twantay) ■

## AFF Suzuki Cup 2018's 26 live matches available on SkyNet paid channel

SKYNET Direct to Home (DTH), a domestic Satellite television pay TV operator, will telecast 26 live matches including the ones of Myanmar national men's football squad representing AFF Suzuki Cup 2018.

The pay TV operator has had an exclusive right to live telecast all AFF Suzuki Cup matches. The group matches of AFF Suzuki Cup will be shown two matches per day starting from 8 November to 25.

The first leg of semifinals will be shown on 1<sup>st</sup> December and 2<sup>nd</sup> and the second leg on 5 December and 6. The first leg of the final will be held on 11 December and the second leg on 15 December.

The tournament was divided into two groups of five teams. The Group-A is comprised of Myanmar, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Cambodia and Laos and the Group-B of reigning champion Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore and Timor Leste. Myanmar will play two home matches against Cambodia and Viet Nam and away ones against Laos and Malaysia. Myanmar will play against Laos in Mandalay Thiri Stadium in Yangon on 12 November and Viet Nam in Thuwunna Stadium on 20 November.—Htut Htut (Twantay) ■