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Gov't takes steps to decentralize tourism sector

TO step up efforts for tourism development in Myanmar, the Union Government will form three committees that will steer the decentralization of tourism services in accordance with the new tourism law, said Vice President U Henry Van Thio.

He made the remarks in his capacity as the Chairman of the National Tourism Development Central Committee at the first meeting of the committee in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

“The old law, which was enacted in 1993 and practiced for about 25 years, allows only the government to manage hotels and tourism services, as the situation demanded in those years,” said the Vice President.

“The new law aims at allowing the private sector to operate hotels and tourism services. The new law is in conformity with the changing situation in the world and the country’s decentralization program, and it will give regions and states, including the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, the power to manage hotels and tourism services,” he said.

The central committee chaired by Vice President U Henry Van Thio was formed by



Vice President U Henry Van Thio addresses the National Tourism Development Central Committee (1/2019) meeting in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

the Union Government under Notification 4/2019, in accordance with the Myanmar Tourism Law, which was enacted on 17 September, 2018.

The new central committee includes six intellectuals and

private sector representatives.

Three committees will soon be formed in accordance with the new law. The National Tourism Development Committee will lay down policies and projects. Another committee, named the Tourism Committee, will coordinate between departments and organizations and develop tourist attractions and promote tourism nationwide. A regional committee will take over the task carried out by the ministry previously and will coordinate between government departments and private tourism services in the respective regions and states, and it will

be responsible for the security and safety of travellers.

“The new law demands greater cooperation and coordination between the departments and the private sector for the development of tourism, and it also serves as a foundation of the tourism sector for our future federal democratic Union,” said U Henry Van Thio.

The Vice President also urged union ministers and chief ministers, who are also members of the central committee, to make concerted efforts for the development of tourism.

“As the Hotels and Tourism Ministry shares its power,

the regional authorities need to improve hotel and tourism services so they meet international standards, set uniform rules and regulations throughout the country, promote the tourist attractions of Myanmar, and develop human resources in the tourism sector,” said the Vice President.

He urged local authorities to coordinate with each other during the transition period as power is transferred from the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism to regional authorities, as the rules and regulations of the new law have not yet come out.

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THE tenth-day meeting of the eleventh regular session of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning. At the meeting Pyidaungsu Hluttaw put on record the expansion and reorganizing of villages; Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Set Aung explained about ratifying ASEAN-Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA) and ASEAN-Hong Kong, China Investment Agreement (AHKIA); and decisions on bills were made.

Expansion and reorganizing of villages

As the first agenda of the day Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat submitted to the Hluttaw the matter of expanding and reorganizing villages in Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions sent by the President Office and an announcement was made of Hluttaw putting the matter on record.

Ratifying AHKFTA and AHKIA

Next, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Set Aung explained about the benefit of ratifying AHKFTA and AHKIA separately so that Hluttaw can approve it. After explanation of each agreement, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the matter to register their names.

Hluttaw decides on bills

Afterwards, Joint Bill Committee tabled paragraph wise motions on Consumer Protection Bill, Literature and Arts Copyright Bill and Gambling Bill 2018 in which the two Hluttaws were in disagreement. After the tabling of each motion, Hluttaw representatives discussed and approved the bills. The eleventh day meeting of the eleventh regular session of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will be held on 28 February it is learnt.—Aung Maw, Aye Aye Thant(MNA) ■ *Translated by Zaw Min*



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is being convened in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA



Members of Parliament arrive at the parliament building to attend the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting. PHOTO: MNA



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein delivers the speech during the event. PHOTO: MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives explained about MEITI processes

PYIDAUNGSU Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein attended an event explaining the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives about Myanmar Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (MEITI) held in Hluttaw Thabin Hall yesterday afternoon.

At the event, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives were introduced and explained about

MEITI processes; suggestions on oil and gas, mining, pearl, gems and jade sectors included in fiscal year 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 MEITI second and third reports.

Questions posed by Hluttaw representatives in attendance on EITI processes in Myanmar and matters covered in the EITI reports were then answered tripartite multi-stakeholder group.

The event was attended by Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Environment Conservation Dr. Ye Myint Swe, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives, tripartite multi-stakeholder group Vice Chairman, MEITI coordinator, EITI tripartite multi-stakeholder group members and invited guests.—MNA ■ *(Translated by Zaw Min)*

National Security Advisor U Thaung Tun meets with Chief Superintendent of Hong Kong Police Force

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and National Security Advisor U Thaung Tun received Chief Superintendent of Hong Kong Police Force Mr. Ronny Chan Man-tak and delegation on Tuesday at 4:30pm at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations.

Matters relating to the cooperation between Myanmar Police Force and Hong Kong Police Force were discussed.

The meeting was attended by officials from the Office of National Security Advisor and Head of Division of Police Training of Myanmar Police Force.—MNA ■



Union Minister U Thaung Tun holds talks with Chief Superintendent of Hong Kong Police Force Mr. Ronny Chan Man-tak yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

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The Vice President urged the participants of the meeting to discuss issues which need to be prioritized, in accordance with the new tourism law. Myanmar has been granting visa exemptions to visitors from Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, and Macau, as well as visa-on-arrival to Chinese and Indian air travellers.

Thanks to the new scheme, tourist arrivals in Myanmar in 2018 exceeded 3.55 million, an increase of 3.5 per cent compared with 2017, when the country welcomed 3.44 million tourists.

The Vice President also suggested the regional and state authorities to promote community-based tourism, ensure sustainable development of existing tourist attractions, explore more travel destinations, invite local and foreign investment into the tourism sector, lay down and

promoting traditional food and health care and security.

Members of the central committee Union ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, U Thant Sin Maung, U Thein Swe and Dr. Myint Htwe discussed matters related to security, direct flight to destinations, granting visa, opening border check points, granting visa exemption and providing health care services to tourists.

Following discussions by participants of the meeting, the Vice President called on the Union government, region and state governments and organizations related with tourism to cooperating with each other to be able to make the best use of the country's existing tourism resources.

He also urged to draw a Master Plan for tourism development to achieve success in the drive.—

MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe.



Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung.



Union Minister U Thein Swe.



Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe.

implement a modern marketing system, and promote cooperation between the government and private sectors.

Afterwards, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Ohn Maung discussed rules and regulations of the new tourism law, cooperation with governmental departments concerned in developing infrastructure, uplifting standards of accommodation, granting business license, cleanliness of travel destinations, conservation of cultural heritage,



Union Minister U Ohn Maung.

Senior General visits No. 17 Heavy Industry factory (Malun)



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects tractors at No. 17 Heavy Industry factory (Malun) in Magway. PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

TATMADAW Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and officials visited No. 1 Heavy Industries Enterprise No. 17 Heavy Industry factory (Malun) near Malun Village, Upper Minhla Township, Thayet District, Magway Region yesterday afternoon.

First factory officials explained about a brief history of the factory, manufacture and sale of compactor, trailers, mini-rice mill, tractor, tri-motor-

cycles and farm machineries in the meeting hall and then responded to questions raised by the Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief.

The Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief then toured the factory and shops and presented cash presents to the factory personnel.

Later in the evening Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla accompanied by officials paid

homage to the Shwebontha Muni Pagoda in Pyay District, Padaung Township, coordinated on conducting maintenance and repair works on the pagoda platform and presented cash donations for pagoda all-round maintenance works to the pagoda trustee, according to the news release of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.—MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

ULSG holds national-level talk on “Right for an early legal representation”

UNION Legal Supporting Group (ULSG) conducted a national-level talk on “Right for an early legal representation” at Kempinski Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone yesterday morning.

At the talk, ULSG Chairman U Nyan Win said, “The main aim of the day’s talk is for us to assist if a citizen doesn’t get its full rights for any reason. It is not to influence the court matter or to pressure the court. It is just to provide a citizen with the full right accorded. This is the duty and responsibility of our group.

Our country didn’t have this sort of group before. The talk is held with the help of relevant departments to serve the people. To date, our group had handled more than 50 cases and we’ll strive

toward doing more.”

Next, ULSG Secretary U Khin Zaw explained about the constitution of the group.

This was followed by ULSG members, international adviser, national adviser, secretary conducted talks about various topics on legal representation and attendees provided discussions and suggestions.

Attendees also discussed on the best way for ULSG to provide early legal representation, dos and don’ts to avoid corruption when providing legal representation and cooperation with relevant government departments and organisations.—Myo Myint (MNA) ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)



ULSG Chairman U Nyan Win and attendees pose for the photo at talk on “Right for an early legal representation”. PHOTO: MNA

Central Committee for Scrutinizing Confiscated Farmlands and Other Lands holds coord meeting 1/2019

VICE PRESIDENT U Henry Van Thio, Chairman of the Central Committee for Scrutinizing Confiscated Farmlands and Other Lands addressed the 7th coordination meeting 1/2019 of the Central Committee for Scrutinizing Confiscated Farmlands and Other Lands held at the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

The Vice President said the meeting was the central committee's seventh coordination meeting. Arrangements were made so that the central committee's 52 agenda policies were known widely and followed down to the grass roots level while much emphasis was placed towards requirements and suggestions made by the people and farmers whose lands were confiscated during the visits of the leaders and the central committee.

The country was an agriculture based country and farmers played a vital role in the agriculture sector of the country. The meeting was called to inform about notification 21/2019 dated 5 February 2019 from the Office of the President on reorganizing the central committee so that resolving of land matters that reflect on the image of the country could be conducted with increasing momentum. Monthly reports on the status of returning confiscated farmlands and other lands were submitted to the country's leaders. The President had commented on a report of works conducted until end December 2018 and the Central Committee needed to take the comment as a guideline and conduct works according to 52 agenda policies.

All levels of the committees for scrutinizing confiscated farmlands and other lands were to effectively handle complaints



Vice President U Henry Van Thio delivers the speech at the coordination meeting 1/2019 of the Central Committee for Scrutinizing Confiscated Farmlands and Other Lands in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

on land matters according to the policies and work processes. Some states and regions did not follow the central committee's policy and work processes and inadequate records were submitted resulting in the central committee returning the file back for re-assessing. At the moment ministerial departments were releasing lands that were not required or used and the aim was to return it back to the former owners or to reassign it to other ministerial departments that needed it. Therefore, ministerial departments receiving such lands were to conduct the land transfer matter until completion.

Excess and unused lands returned as state-own lands are to be used for the benefit of the people and if not used, to be kept on record and maintained. Some lands released by the ministerial departments were not received by the former owner due to some delays or it was not clear who the former owner was. In such cases, committee chairmen were to conduct field visits with officials so that there was no discrepancy between the assessment at the

grass roots level and the situation on the ground.

7,119 complaints had been received by the Central Committee and only 3,168 were resolved. More emphasis must be placed toward resolving the remaining 3,951 complaints.

Discussions were to be made on the latest situation of resolving complaints directly made to Nay Pyi Taw, State and Region Committee for Scrutinizing Confiscated Farmlands and Other Lands and the latest situation of works conducted by Nay Pyi Taw, State and Region on findings and reports of complaints received by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Enquiry Commission on Scrutinizing Confiscated Farmlands and Other Lands formed during the last Pyidaungsu Hluttaw term.

Information to the public need to be released on separate meetings that were held between representatives of State and Region and ministerial departments to resolve land matters submitted by State and Region governments. This was the seventh central level meeting to coordinate on the strengths and weaknesses of the central committee and committees at all levels and States and Regions were to conduct such monthly meetings without fail, said the Vice President.

Meetings of all levels of committees were to follow the instruction and guidance of the country's policy given by the country's leaders during their visits and the decision, policies and guidelines of the central committee. Only then would the reliance and trust of people

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and farmers whose land were confiscated be obtained.

Committees were to open separate committee offices down to the grass roots level, assign sufficient personnel and committee members and raise their work capacities through courses and workshops. Central Committee members were to discuss and suggest openly on the difficulties faced at the ground level and the matter of support provided by the Central Committee, said the Vice President.

Next Central Committee Secretary Deputy Minister for Office of the Union Government U Tin Myint explained about reorganizing the Central Committee, conducted, ongoing and future work plans of the Central Committee.

Afterwards Central Committee Joint Secretary Settlement and Land Record Department, Director General U Thet Naing Oo explained about works conducted by the Central Committee and re-assessment works conducted on confiscated farmland and other lands.

Nay Pyi Taw Council, State and Region Committee for Scrutinizing Confiscated Farmlands and Other Lands chairmen Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, State and Region Chief Ministers then explained about scrutinizing confiscated farmlands and other lands.

Union Minister U Min Thu, Dr. Aung Thu and U Ohn Win and Union Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo also joined in the discussion.

The Chairman of the Central Committee for Scrutinizing Confiscated Farmlands and Other Lands then gave comments and advice to ensure coordination based on the explanations and discussions.

The following officials attended the meeting: Union Ministers Lt-Gen Sein Win, U Min Thu, Dr. Aung Thu, U Ohn Win, U Khin Maung Cho and U Han Zaw, Union Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, states/regions Chief Ministers, central committee secretary, joint secretary, State/Region Committee for Scrutinizing Confiscated Farmlands and Other Lands secretaries and officials. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

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Supreme Court launches Court-Led Mediation Pilot Program

THE “Launching Ceremony on Court-Led Mediation Pilot Program” is held by the Supreme Court of the Union at Myanmar International Convention Center-II (MICC-II) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the ceremony, the Chief Justice of the Union U Htun Htun Oo, in his opening speech, stated that alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms were being used in many countries since years ago and ADR system plays a vital role not only for the public's access to justice but also for the business opportunity of the country. As Myanmar people are being familiar with the amicable dispute resolution mechanism, the Supreme Court of the Union has tried to set up the Court-Led Mediation System since its first judicial strategic plan (2015-2017).

Then the Supreme Court of the Union adopted a strategic initiative to develop Court-Led Mediation System in courts in its second judicial strategic plan (2018-2022). In accordance with this initiative, Court-Led Mediation Pilot Program will be implemented in Dekkhina District Court, Taungoo District Court,



Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo addresses the launching ceremony on Court-Led Mediation Pilot Program in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Takkone Township Court and Taungoo Township Court on 1st March 2019 in collaboration with JICA. This is the leading role of the Supreme Court of the Union in the implementation of ADR system in Myanmar as a need.

After that, the Chief Representative of JICA Myanmar Office, Mr. Karasawa Masayuki, gave an opening remark. He said that JICA will continue to cooperate with the Supreme Court of the Union for successful introduction of Court-Led Mediation System

at courts in Myanmar nationwide and hoped Court-Led Mediation System would be recognized as an effective dispute resolution by the Myanmar people.

Later, the Chairperson and members of Court-Led Mediation System Implementation Committee explained the Court-Led Mediation Pilot Program and the Court-Led Mediation System. They also replied the questions raised by the audience. Attending the ceremony were Chairperson of the Constitutions Tribunal of

the Union, Union Attorney General, Justices of the Supreme Court of the Union, Chief Judges of the High Courts of Bago and Mandalay Regions, Chairmen, Secretaries and Members of the Commission, and Committee of the respective Hluttaws, Heads and responsible officials of the governmental departments, Chief representative of JICA Myanmar Office, Chief legal advisor and responsible persons of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Mediation experts from

Japan, Representatives from UN and International Organizations, Lawyer Associations, Civil Society Organizations, Law Departments of the Universities, Medias, Judicial Officers of the Union Supreme Court, Judges and Judicial Officials from the Courts at different level.

Following this ceremony, the stakeholders' consultation meetings on Court-Led Mediation Pilot Program will be held at respective courts.—MNA ■ (Translated by Zaw Min)

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives Singapore Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission

PYITHU Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein received Mr. Koh Chee Chian, Deputy Chief of Mission, Singapore Embassy in Myanmar at Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker's Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting increasing bilateral friendship and cooperation and Hluttaw development matters were cordially and openly discussed and views exchanged.

Present at the meeting were Pyithu Hluttaw Government Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee Chairman Dr. May Win Myint, International Relations Committee Chairman U Zaw Thein, Committee secretaries U Zone Taint and U Bo Bo Oo and officials from Pyithu Hluttaw Office.—MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein meets with Singapore Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Mr. Koh Chee Chian in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung meets with Singapore Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Mr. Koh Chee Chian. **PHOTO: MNA**

Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives Singapore Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission

AMYOTHA Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung received Mr. Koh Chee Chian, Deputy Chief of Mission, Singapore Embassy in Myanmar yesterday

afternoon.

AT the meeting Mr. Koh Chee Chian cordially discussed about his experience of serving in Myanmar.—MNA ■ (Translated by Zaw Min)

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Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
2. With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offenses up to 23 February 2019 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

Sr.	Nature of report	Details on seizure and legal action taken
1	Information received of Zaw Thet Oo (a) Bamar who lives in Myataung Village, Htigyaing Tsp, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 18-2-2019, police searched the motorbike rode by That Naing Phyo (a) Sat Kyar, aged 23, son of U Po and Zaw Thet Oo (a) Bamar, aged 39, son of U Nyunt Maung and found stimulant tablets bearing WY letters and heroin together with them. A case has been opened them with MaMaSa (Htigyaing), MaYa(Pa) 6/2019 under Section 19(a)/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2	Information received of Win Maung who lives in Thanga Village, Phaungpyin Tsp, Sagaing Region, selling narcotic drugs.	So far, one case has been opened as of last weeks, a total of 2 people, including 1 man and 1 woman, had been arresting and police seized them with opium. On 22-2-2019, police searched in the house owned by Win Maung, aged 66, son of U San Thein, together with Than Lwin Tun, aged 37, son of U Hla Dan, and found opium with them. A case has been opened them with MaMaSa(Phaungpyin), MaYa(Pa)24/2019 under Section 16(C)/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3	Information received of Ko Than Than who lives in Wettoo Village, Katha Tsp, Sagaing Region, selling and distributing illegal drugs.	On 23-2-2019, police searched the house owned by Ko Than Than, aged 53, son of U Paw Yin, where they found penicillin bottles sticking heroin with them. A case has been opened with NaMaSa(Innywar), MaYa(Pa)4/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4	Information received of Ma Mi Nwe, wife of U Aung Soe, who lives in Aung Zayar Ward, Meiktila Town, Mandalay Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 17-2-2019, police searched the motorcycle riding Tin Myo Thaug (a) Alia, aged 41, son of U Thaug Yin and Nay Min Htet, aged 27, son of U Nyunt Tin, and they were seized with stimulant tablets bearing 88/1 letters. It was learnt that they bought these illegal drugs from Mi Nwe (a) Ma Tin Than Nwe, aged 39, daughter of U Pyay Aye. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Meiktila) MaYa (Pa) 2/2019 under Section 16 (C)/20(a)/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5	Information received of Paing Paing and Zay phyo, who live in the Shwe Taung Bridge Road, Shwe Taung Ward, Mawlamyine Town, Mon State, selling and distributing illegal drugs.	On 22-2-2019, police searched room number (B/1) of the Pan Yeik Nyo Restaurant and found Paing Paing (a) Zin Ko Ko Paing, aged 22, son of U Khin Maung Lwin, and Zay Phyo (a) Kalar, aged 22, son of U Yin Htwe together with stimulant tablets bearing WY letters. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Myaing Tharyar) MaYa (Pa) 3/2019 under Section 16/(c)/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
6	Information received of Naing Lin Aung (a) Ahnge Kaung and Ahtu, who live at No. 11/2 Ward, Shwepaukkan Myothit Town, North Okkalapa Tsp, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 19-02-2019, police searched the house owned by Naing Lin Aung (a) Ahnge Kaung, aged 32, son of U Win Maung, and Phyo Kyaw Thu (a) Ahtu, aged 33, son of U Kyaw Htwe. But they absconded and police seized Ma Zu Zu Kyaw, wife of Phyo Kyaw Htoo (a) Ahtu, aged 23, daughter of U Kyaw Myint, with stimulant tablets bearing WY letters, heroin and marijuana. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Shwepaukkan) MaYa(Pa)5/2019 under Section 19(a)/20(a)/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
7	Information received of Khin Zaw, lives in Thitsar Street, Ward 2, North Okkalapa Tsp, Yangon Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 21-02-2019, police searched Khin Zaw (a) Khin Zaw Gyi's house and seized Ye Lin Aung, aged 39, son of U Myint Oo, Aung Thiha, aged 23, son of U Than Htike, Kyaw Thu (a) Sithu Aung, aged 31, son of U San Maung, and Myat Hla, aged 38, son of U Aung Zan Oo, together with stimulant tablets bearing WY letters. A case has been opened them with MaMaSa (North Okkalapa) MaYa(Pa) 23/2019 under Section 19(a)/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
8	Information received of Ko Nyi (a) Nyi Nyi Lwin from the Soe Metta Restaurant, Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda Hill-ock, Nanhu Village, Nyaungshwe Tsp, Shan State (South), selling and distributing illegal drugs.	On 19-02-2019, police searched the Soe Metta Restaurant and seized Ko Nyi (a)Nyi Nyi Lwin, aged 33, son of U Sein, and Nay Myo Tun, aged 24, son of U Tin Maung Tun with stimulant tablets bearing WY letters. A case has been opened them with NaMaSa (Nanpan) MaYa(Pa) 5/2019 under Section 19(a)/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Acting on a tip-off, police searched the house living U Kauk (a) Kyaw Swe, aged 42, son of U San Khaing together with stimulant tablets bearing WY letters. A case has been opened them with NaMaSa (Nanpan) MaYa(Pa) 6/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
9	Information receiving of Than Naing (a) Sulayman, lives in Ward 4, Taungmyo Ward, Hsipaw Tsp, Shan State (North) using and distributing illegal drugs.	On 19-02-2019, police searched house the house living Than Naing (a) Sulayman, aged 44, son of U Ba Hlaing, and seized them with stimulant tablets bearing WY letters. A case has been opened them with MaMaSa(Hsipaw) MaYa(Pa)8/2019 under Section 16(C) of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
10	Information received of Nan Aye Chaw (a) Ma Chaw, lives Nyaungpinkwin Village, Hsipaw Town, Shan State (North) selling and distributing illegal narcotic drugs.	On 22-02-2019, police searched the house living Nan Aye Chaw (a) Ma Chaw, aged 34, daughter of U Sai Nanda, Aung Htet Oo, aged 18, son of U Tun Aung, Sai Naw Hlan, aged 19, son of U Hla Win, Kyar Hote, aged 18, son of U Ar Kwee, San Phyo, aged 18, son of U Khin Maung Win, and Sai Myat San, aged 18, son of U Sai Than Oo with stimulant tablets bearing WY letters. A case has been opened with MaMaSa(Hsipaw) MaYa(Pa) 9/2019 under Section 19(a)/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Law.
11	Information received of using and distributing illegal drugs in Taunggyi Town, Shan State.	So far, 9 cases have been opened files as of last weeks, a total of 18 people, including 17 men and one woman, had been arresting and police seized them with heroin, stimulant tablets and opium blocks. On 20-02-2019, acting on a tip-off, police seized Kyaw Thuya (a)Salin, aged 40, son of U Sein Oo, with stimulant tablets bearing WY letters. A case has been opened with NaMaSa(Taunggyi) MaYa(Pa) 5/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Law. On 21-02-2019, acting on a tip-off, police seized Zaw Myo Aung (a) Gadone, aged 19, son of U Kyaw Myo Lwin, Aung Than Oo, aged 23, son of U Than Kyaw Htay with stimulant tablets bearing WY letters. A case has been opened with NaMaSa(Taunggyi) MaYa(Pa) 18/2019 under Section 19(a)/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Law.
12	Information received of people on the hillock 10, Ward 4, Kutkai Town, Shan State (North), selling illegal narcotic drugs.	So far, 43 cases have been opened files as of last weeks, a total of 48 people, including 44 men and 4 women, had been arresting and police seized them with heroin, stimulant tablets and opium blocks. On 23-022019, acting on a tip-off, police seized Kaw Sint Pan, aged 24, son of U Kaw Kyan Kyauk, with heroin. A case has been opened with MaMaSa(Kutkai) MaYa(Pa) 24/2019 under Section 19(ka) of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Law.

3. Out of the information sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, so far a total of 526 cases have been opened files as of 23-2-2019. A total of 833 people, including 699 men and 134 women have been arrested with seizures of 5740.43 g of heroin, 67.14 g of ICE, 38,656.94 g of opium, 329.6 g of low-quality opium, 18,795.28 g of speciosa powder, 7,273.99 g of speciosa, 21, 6604 stimulant tablets, 6028.27 g of marijuana, 0.1 liters of opium tincture, 378.06 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 3.45 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 0.001 g of crushed ecstasy powder, 16 firearms, 257 different bullets, and 1 grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the ministry will report on further exposed cases.

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4. In addition to the investigations and arrests conducted on drug related complaints mentioned above, the Tatmadaw and Myanmar Police Force have also carried out separate investigations on drug complaints, search and arrests at border gates, and searches of vehicles acting upon given information.

During the previous week, multiple arrests were made in the border regions and joint-surveillance gates.

A man was arrested with a seizure of 1330 stimulant tablets in Ywar Kaut Ward, Pynmana Town, Nay Pyi Taw. A man and a woman were seized with 5080 stimulant tablets and 187 g of heroin in Khat Cho village, Waingmaw Tsp, Kachin State. A man was arrested with a seizure of 1030 stimulant tablets and 31.6 g of heroin in Innmar-yan Village, Phakant Township, Kachin State. Two men and two women were seized with 39,000 stimulant tablets and two motorbikes. Acting on a tip-off, two men were arrested with a seizure of 23400 stimulant tablets, 1060 g of heroin, one vehicle near the Friendship bridge, Momauk Tsp.

Acting on a tip-off, a man was seized with 913 g of heroin, a motorcar at the Kyauksakhan inspection gate. Two men were seized with 56 stimulant tablets and a motorbike on the Hih seng Loikaw highway. A man was seized with 310 tablets of stimulant tablets in Taungthugone village, Hpa-an Township, Kayin State. A man was seized with 185 stimulant tablets, 2.5 g of ICE at the Barbugone Village, Kyaikmaraw Township, Mon State. Two men were arrested with a seizure of 3900 stimulant tablets and a motorbike. Acting on a tip-off, a man was arrested with a seizure of 200 stimulant tablets on the bus driving to Angumaw-Maungtau. A total of ownerless 74000 stimulant tablets were found in the ravine near the border post 38 of the border areas Maungtau. A woman was seized with 2 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder in the Myomataung Ward, Maungtau. Acting on a tip-off, a man was seized with 200 stimulant tablets in the Myomataung Village. A man was seized with 7 stimulant tablets in the Ward 5. A man was seized with 206 stimulant tablets in Letwedat Village. Two men were seized with 10 stimulant tablets and a motorbike in the Konetan Ward Sittway Tsp. Two men were seized with 241 stimulant tablets in the Satyonesu Ward. A man was seized with 9 stimulant tablets in Kayintaw Village Kyaukpyu. Two men were seized with 88 stimulant tablets Taungyin Village. A man was seized with 40 stimulant tablets and 135.2 g of opium blocks in Taunggyi Town, Shan State. Three men were seized with 42000 stimulant tablets and 3300 g of heroin at the Yaypu inspection gate, Lashio Township, Shan State. A man was seized with 18000 stimulant tablets, one motorbike in Kutkai Township, Shan State. A man was seized with 10000 stimulant tablets on the AD Van in Shan State. A man was seized with 2000 stimulant tablets and one motorbike at the Oriental Toll Gate. Two men were seized with 1700 stimulant tablets, 200 g of heroin and two motorbikes in Pinmalut Village, Katha Township, Sagaing Region. Two men were seized with 2125 stimulant tablets, 50 g of heroin and one motorbike on the Katha-Indaw Road. A man was seized with 117000 stimulant tablets, 860 g of heroin, one motor vehicle in Inndaw Township, Shan State. An ownerless 3919.2 g of raw opium was seized in the Moekaung Ward, Pinlaebu Town. A man was seized with 409 stimulant tablets

in Tamu Township, Sagaing Region. A man was seized with 1892 stimulant tablets, 111 g of heroin in the Phaungpyin Township. Two men were seized with 60 g of heroin and one motorbike in Koetaung Village, Homalin Township, Sagaing Region. Acting on a tip-off, two men were seized with 4000 stimulant tablets, 180 g of heroin. A man was seized with 982 stimulant tablets in Innlaycome Ward, Myeik Township. Two men were seized with 81.65 g of speciosa powder and one motorbike. A man was seized with 266 stimulant tablets and one motorbike in Pyuntansar Township, Bago Region. A woman was seized with 2186 stimulant tablets in Aunglan Township, Magway Region. A man was seized with 29 g of marijuana in the Satyonethit ward. A man was seized with 5100 stimulant tablets in Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Region. A woman was seized with 88.33 g of opium blocks in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Region. A woman was seized with 1000 stimulant tablets and 9 g of heroin on the taxi driving to Mandalay Region. A man was seized with 2288 stimulant tablets in Thabeikkyin Township. A man was seized with 3400 g of opium. A man was seized with 10 stimulant tablets and a motorbike in Hlegu Township, Yangon Region. A man was seized with 67660 g of ICE and one Kluger in Pauksaut Village. A man was seized with 1813 stimulant tablets and 14.5 g of heroin in Shwepyithar Township, Yangon Region. A man was seized with 457 stimulant tablets in Thakayta Township, Yangon Region. A man was seized with 10000 stimulant tablets, one motor vehicle. A man was seized with 219 stimulant tablets in Danubyu Tsp, Rakhine State.

There were two seizures of ammunitions. Two men are seized with 190 stimulant tablets and a motorbike together with 59 9mm bullets in Taungup Township, Ayeyawaddy Region.

Acting on a tip-off, two men were seized with 480000 stimulant tablets one M-20 pistol, one bullet caskets, and five bullets and a motor vehicle.

There have been 258 cases being opened between 17-2-2019 and 23-2-2019, and 297 men and 43 women have been arrested. Seizures were made of 8,942.22 g of heroin, 67722.76 g of ICE, 2 g of low quality opium, 7432.03 g of opium, 759082 stimulant tablets, 3 g of crushed stimulant tablets, 103.03 g of marijuana, 313.53 g of opium blocks, 0.098 liters of Toluene, 81.65 g of opium powder, 409 tablets of Diazepam tablets, one pistol, 144 cartridges and one bullet casket.

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

First Elephant Museum to open in Yangon

By Aye Yamone

MYANMAR'S first elephant museum will be opened near the Natural History Museum of the Yangon Zoological Garden in Yangon to commemorate World Wildlife Day, which will be observed on 3 March, according to the Forest Department.

The opening ceremony of the elephant museum will be held with another ceremony at which elephant tusks and other parts seized by the department will be burnt, according to a media conference held by the Forest Department on 26 February.

"We will destroy items meant for illegal trading which we seized as we cannot sell

them," said U Win Naing Thaw, the director of the Nature and Wildlife Conservation Division under the Forest Department.

"The elephant museum will not be huge, but it will have a lot of information about elephants. This information will be available in English and Myanmar languages. The museum will display messages to educate the public about how elephants can be protected," said U Thein Toe, the director of the Yangon Region's Forest Department.

The museum will be a part of the zoo's Natural History Museum and will operate under the supervision of the Forest Department.

The museum will highlight

the important role played by wild elephants and elephant history. It will also focus on the different threats facing the giants of the jungle and their long-term survival plan.

The museum has been funded by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), Myanmar. The museum will be open daily and showcase the nature of elephants.

At least one elephant is killed in Myanmar by hunters every week. Hunters target not only wild elephants, but also those owned by the government and private individuals.

Currently, there are about 6,500 elephants in Myanmar, including 1,500 wild elephants and



Skeleton of an elephant displayed at the Myanmar's first Elephant Museum near the Natural History Museum of the Yangon Zoological Garden in Yangon. **PHOTO: MIN HTET**

about 5,000 elephants registered owners. by the government and private

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Tatmadaw columns capture AA training camp

ABOUT a hundred AA insurgents were reported to be active in hills on the east of the Kyauktaw-Mrauk U road, Rakhine State to establish a training camp and operation area and were obstructing, destroying, planting and exploding land mines on roads used by the public and forcibly recruiting villagers so Tatmadaw columns conducted appropriate security operation.

While the appropriate security operation was conducted, an engagement was made on 19 February and Tatmadaw columns were in hot pursuit of the retreating AA insurgent group. After 20 February there were eight more engagements with the AA insurgent group and a site where the AA insurgents planned to setup a training

camp was captured. The AA insurgent group retreated towards the east and south while Tatmadaw columns continued the pursuit.

During the engagements Tatmadaw had some casualties while 4 bodies of AA insurgents; 4 assorted arms, ammunitions and related materials; training accessories; 7 cans of liquors; walkie-talkie chargers; conduit pipes, glues, bamboo triggers, gun powder and fertilizers to make landmines; badges of Tatmadaw officer and soldiers; and AA arm badges were captured. Tatmadaw columns are continuing security operations for rule of law and regional stability in Rakhine State, according to news released by Office of the Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief.—MNA ■



Badges of Tatmadaw officer and soldiers seized from AA insurgents. PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Public urged to report incidents of people posing as Tatmadaw personnel, detention and mistreatments

IN a new released by Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief Office on the capture of AA insurgent group training camp, Tatmadaw badges, arm and collar insignias were also reported to be seized along with arms, ammunition and landmine accessories of the AA insurgent group.

Locals had also reported of village/ward administrators, villagers and students being

detained and mistreated by imposters wearing Tatmadaw uniforms, badges and insignia while social media outlets were seen to post propagandas of Tatmadaw mistreating the locals.

AA is conducting these activities to raise suspicion against the Tatmadaw, divide the Tatmadaw and the people and to destabilize the region.

Therefore, people are urged

to cooperate with Tatmadaw and security organisations for regional security and report with evidence to relevant police stations and military command headquarters of anyone imposing as Tatmadaw personnel, detaining and mistreating people said an announcement by Tatmadaw True News Information Team.—MNA ■ (Translated by Zaw Min)

Two suspected drug addicts, two accomplices arrested in Maungtaw



(From left to right) Kyan Thein Wai, Zaw Siti, Myint Soe (a) Khaing Kyaw Min and Tun Tun Kyaw (a) Aung Kyaw Thein. PHOTO: MNA

TWO suspected drug addicts and two accomplices were arrested together with 25 Yaba pills, over K2.4 million and a saving passbook with the balance of K50 million in Maungtaw on 25 February.

The security forces inspected a suspected vehicle parked in the Four-Mile Ward in Maung-

taw at 7 pm on 25 February and found the two suspects namely Myint Soe, also known as Khaing Kyaw Min, of Ward-6 Maungtaw, and Tun Tun Kyaw, also known as Aung Kyaw Thein, Ward-6 Maungtaw, using drugs.

The police also found Zaw Siti and Kyan Thein Wai together with 25 Yaba pills and related

items of drug using, K2.46 million and a saving passbook with the balance of over 5 million.

During the interrogation, it was found that the drugs are from Maung A Win Chay of Waithali Village in Maungtaw Township. In connection with the case, the police searched the house of Maung A Win Chay but they did not find drugs in the search.

File has been opened at the police station against the four suspects including Maung A Win Chay, the absconder, Mying Soe (a) Khaing Kyaw Min.

Tun Tun Kyaw (a) Aung Kyaw Thein is also an absconder in the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic case by the Maungtaw Myoma Police Station.—MNA ■ (Translated by GNLM)

Explosion in local battalion in Buthidaung kills wife of officer

A bomb explosion happened at an officer quarter in a local battalion in Buthidaung, Rakhine State, yesterday killing a wife of an officer. Daw Nan Moe Moe Zaw, 26, died in the explosion which occurred around 8 am.

The blast also destroyed the ceiling and window mirror of the quarter, leaving about 2,000 ball bearings, two batteries and one circuit. After investigation into the case, it is found that a car carrying household goods of an officer who transferred from Heho to Buthidaung was stopped by two unidentified men about 4 pm on 25 February and searched. Afterwards, the driver

and the conductor were interrogated by six men with a gun and they replied that the household things were owned by a teacher who moved to Buthidaung. The unidentified men asked the driver to call the officer turning on the mobile phone's speaker and the officer replied to call him when the car arrived outside the Buthidaung Battalion. The driver and the conductor were released at 8 pm and they arrived Buthidaung at 7 am yesterday.

While the household goods are arranged in order by the victim, the explosion happened.—MNA ■ (Translated by Nwe Nwe Tun)

Bomb explodes in bush fire in Kyaukpyu, injuring eight

AN explosion occurred in compound of Kyaukpyu Tsp GAD yesterday while the staff of the office are setting fire garbage and bushes, leaving eight injured.

The blast happened while the staff set fire the bushes at

the back of the office. In the investigation into the case, it was found that an unexploded old bomb buried in the soil exploded due to fire, according to the Myanmar Police Force.—MNA ■

(Translated by Tun Tun Naing)



PHOTO: MNA

Myanmar, Chinese firms plan to sign MoU for barter trade next month

TWO companies from Myanmar and China have agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for barter trade in March, according to a recent press statement released by the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

A delegation led by Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Soe Win, including representatives from the Republic of the Un-

ion of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the MRF attended the 2nd China-Myanmar Economic Corridor Forum held between 18 and 23 February in the Yunnan Province of China.

At the forum, Myanmar and China officials discussed matters related to the Kyaukpyu Special Economic Zone, the Muse-Mandalay Rail Project, and the

export of Myanmar's agricultural products to China. The delegation from Myanmar also met with a Kunming-based company to sign an MoU for barter trade for Myanmar's rice and broken rice.

Myanmar was allowed to export 100,000 tons of rice to China under a quota system in 2016. The Myanmar delegation asked China to increase the quota limit to 400,000 tons in 2019. Additionally, Myanmar merchants can export broken rice to China by entering into business-to-business contracts with their Chinese counterparts by seeking licences and paying tax.

China has pledged to support legal rice exports through the border trade channels and combat illegal rice trade.

"Myanmar is trying to adopt a barter trade sys-

tem, where participants in a transaction can directly exchange goods or services for other goods and services," said U Aung Htoo, the Deputy Minister for Commerce at an event to mark the World Pulses Day 2019 held on 10 February.

"China has imposed tight controls to check illegal trade in border areas. A certificate from China's food safety inspection mechanism — the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) — is required for legitimate exports. Those engaged in the supply chain need to prepare necessary measures," said the deputy minister.

The volume of rice and broken rice exports between 1 April, 2018 and 18 January, 2019 is estimated to have reached over 1.9 million metric tons, worth

about US\$642.7 million, according to an announcement by the MRF.

The value of rice and broken rice exports has dropped compared with the year-ago period.

The decline in trade through the border channel has been attributed to China's tight confiscation on some agro products, including rice, since the second week of October, 2018.

Meanwhile, maritime trade capacity is at times limited, owing to shipping problems, port logistics and financial constraints, coupled with currency fluctuation.

In the 2017-2018FY, Myanmar exported 3.6 million tons of rice and broken rice worth \$1.13 billion.

Rice exports reached an all-time high of over 3.5 million tons in the previous fiscal. In the current finan-

cial year, Myanmar has exported over 2 million tons only on account of foreign market conditions.

"The trade volume is likely to remain low due to tight confiscation by China and EU's ban on Indica rice. Therefore, more than 1 million tons of rice will be stockpiled. We have our concerns over the handling of the stockpile as storage capacity is insufficient," said U Chit Khaing, the chair of the Myanmar Rice Federation told the Agriculture and Market Information Agency.

Lack of storage capacity may result in rice bags getting damaged and illegal rice exports, said a merchant.

Myanmar plans to export about 4 million tons of rice in the 2019-2020FY, with estimated earnings of \$1.5 billion. — Ko Khant ■ (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

FDI inflows exceed \$1.8 bln in current fiscal

FOREIGN direct investment into Myanmar for the period between 1 October and 20 February in the current financial year exceeded US\$1.8 billion, according to the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC).

During the period, a total of 109 foreign enterprises received permits and endorsements to invest in the country, bringing in a capital of more than \$1.2 billion. Overall, foreign direct investment of \$1.69 billion flowed into the country in the Oct-Feb period, including over \$102 million in capital expansion and investments in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone.

Seventeen foreign enterprises received permits and endorsements with capitals of \$202.8 million at an MIC meeting held on

20 February.

The foreign enterprises were approved by the Myanmar Investment Commission and the Yangon Region Investment Committee. They will invest in the manufacturing, livestock and fishery, agriculture, electricity, and other service sectors, creating over 9,000 jobs. Existing foreign investors also recruited 1,000 new employees.

The MIC is targeting \$5.8 billion in foreign investments in the current fiscal year.

The region and state Investment Committees are allowed to grant permission for local and foreign investment proposals, where the initial investment does not exceed K6 billion or \$5 million. — GNLM ■ (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

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Kim Jong Un reaches Viet Nam for US summit after 4-day train trip

HANOI — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un arrived in Viet Nam on Tuesday after a four-day train trip, Kyodo News confirmed, a day ahead of his planned second meeting with US President Donald Trump. Trump and Kim are slated to hold their summit on Wednesday and Thursday in Hanoi. The venue and concrete schedule of the meeting have yet to be announced so far. Kim left Pyongyang by special train on Saturday afternoon, the Korean Central News Agency said, adding his sister and close aide Kim Yo Jong and Kim Yong Chol, a senior ruling party official who held talks with Trump last month, are among those accompanying Kim. A train that appeared to be carrying Kim was spotted crossing into the Chinese border city of Dangdong from North Korea late Saturday night. Kim became the first North Korean leader to visit Viet Nam since his grandfather, Kim Il Sung, did so in 1964. —Kyodo News

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personal deodorants and antiperspirants for personal use; cotton sticks for cosmetic purposes; soaps and detergents; toilet soap; facial washes; make up removing preparations; liquid soaps for laundry; laundry starch; seaweed gelatine for laundry use [Funori]; fabric softeners for laundry use; laundry bleach; stain removing benzine; paint stripping preparations; adhesives for affixing false hair; anti-static preparations for household purposes; de-greasing preparations for household purposes; abrasive paper [sandpaper]; abrasive cloth; abrasive sand; artificial pumice stone; polishing paper; shoe cream; shoe black [shoe polish]; rust removing preparations" all included in **International Class 3**; "Computer programs; application software; computer software, recorded; phonograph records; downloadable music files; downloadable image files; electronic publications; telecommunication machines and apparatus; electronic machines, apparatus and their parts; recorded video discs and video tapes; personal digital assistants in the shape of a watch; smartphones; spectacles [eyeglasses and goggles]; sunglasses; cases for eyeglasses and sunglasses; contact lenses; containers for contact lenses; game programs for arcade video game machines; game programs for home video game machines; electronic circuits and CD-ROMs recorded with programs for hand-held games with liquid crystal displays; exposed cinematographic films; exposed slide films; slide film mounts; decorative magnets." all included in **International Class 9**; "Kitchen utensils and containers, not including gas water heaters for household use, non-electric cooking heaters for household purposes, kitchen worktops and kitchen sinks; cooking pots and pans, non-electric; coffee-makers, non-electric; Japanese cast iron kettles, non-electric [Tetsubin]; kettles, non-electric; dinnerware, other than knives, forks and spoons; cookware; ice pails; sugar tongs; nutcrackers; whisks, non-electric; cooking skewers; coffee filters, non-electric; ice chests for household purposes; bottle openers, non-electric; ice-cooling refrigerators for household purposes; cooking strainers; pepper pots; sugar bowls; salt shakers; egg cups; napkin holders; napkin rings; hot pads [trivets]; trays; toothpick holders; kitchen containers for rice; colanders; cocktail shakers; Japanese style cooked rice scoops [Shamoji]; hand-operated coffee grinders and pepper mills; cooking funnels; drinking straws; Japanese style personal dining trays or stands [Zen]; food preserving jars of glass; drinking flasks for travelers; Surikogi [wooden cooking pestles]; Suribachi [articles of earthenware for household use]; bottle openers, electric and non-electric; cooking graters; tart scoops; chopsticks; chopstick cases; ladles and dippers for kitchen use; cooking sieves and sifters; chopping boards for kitchen use; vacuum bottles [insulated flasks]; rolling pins for cooking purposes; cooking grills; toothpicks; lemon squeezers [citrus juicers]; waffle irons, non-electric; cleaning tools and washing utensils; brooms; buckets made of plastic; dusting or cleaning cloths; washing brushes; clothes pegs [clothes pins]; washing boards; clothes drying hangers; rotary washing lines; dust-pans; dusters; mops; polishing cloths; scrubbing brushes; dustbins; gloves for household purposes; cosmetic and toilet utensils, other than electric tooth brushes; electric tooth brushes; manual cosmetic massage roller; powder compacts sold empty; combs; combs cases; soap holders and boxes; nail brushes; shaving brushes; shaving brush stands; eyebrow brushes; tooth brushes, non-electric; tooth brush cases; toilet cases; perfume sprays, sold empty; lip brushes; vanity cases, fitted; make-up brushes; make-up sponges; hair brushes; powder puffs; powder compacts; dental floss [floss for dental purposes]; industrial packaging containers of glass or porcelain; industrial packaging bottles of plastics; empty spray bottles; ironing boards; tailors' sprayers; ironing boards [Kotodai]; Hera-dai [fabric marking boards]; stirrers for hot bathtub water [Yukakibo]; bathroom stools; bathroom pails; mouse and rat traps; fly swatters; flower pots; hydroponic plant pots for home gardening; watering cans; feeding vessels for pets; brushes for pets; bird cages; bird baths; clothes brushes; boxes of metal for dispensing paper towels; soap dispensers; pill boxes for personal use" all included in **International Class 21**; "Advertising and publicity services; marketing research or analysis; providing information concerning commercial sales; promoting the goods and services of others through the administration of sales and promotional incentive schemes involving trading stamps; business management analysis or business consultancy; providing information concerning commercial sales; business management of hotels; employment agencies; auctioneering; import-export agencies; shorthand services; transcription; document reproduction; office functions, namely filing, in particular documents or magnetic tapes; compilation of information into computer databases; providing business assistance to others in the operation of data processing apparatus namely, computers, typewriters, telex machines and other similar office machines; publicity material rental; rental of typewriters, copying machines and word processors; providing employment information; providing information on newspaper articles; news clipping services; rental of vending machines; commercial information and advice for consumers in the choice of products and services; business research and surveys; business information for enterprises; marketing; administration of consumer loyalty programs; administration of a discount program for enabling participants to obtain discounts on goods and services through use of a discount membership card; web site traffic optimization; rental of advertising space; online ordering services; computerized file management; advertising, marketing and promotion services in the field of cosmetics; providing consumer information relating to cosmetics; retail services or wholesale services for cosmetics, toiletries, dentifrices, soaps and detergents; 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India says many militants 'eliminated' in air strike

NEW DELHI (India) — India said on Tuesday its warplanes attacked a militant camp where Pakistan-backed fighters were preparing suicide attacks on its cities, sending tensions between the arch-rivals to a new peak.

A "very large number" of militants from the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) group were killed in the nighttime attack, according to the foreign ministry, while Pakistan said its fighter jets scrambled to force the Indian jets back and that there were no casualties.

The escalation came after a 14 February suicide bombing claimed by JeM that killed 40 troops in In-

dian Kashmir, setting off a chain of threats and counter-warnings between the nuclear-armed neighbours.

"A very large number of Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorists, trainers, senior commanders and groups of jihadis who were being trained for fideyean (suicide) action were eliminated," Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale said.

"Credible intelligence was received that JeM was attempting another suicide terror attack in various parts of the country," he told a press conference in New Delhi, describing the threat as "imminent".

Pakistan's military spokesman Major General Asif Ghafoor said on



Indian residents participate in a demonstration to support Indian armed forces in Ahmedabad on 26 February, 2019, following an Indian Air Force (IAF) strike launched on a Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) camp at Balakot. PHOTO: AFP

Twitter that the Indian Air Force had violated the Line of Control that divides Indian- and Pakistani-ad-

ministered Kashmir. "Facing timely and effective response from Pakistan Air Force (the Indian

jets) released payload in haste while escaping near Balakot. No casualties or damage." The military

spokesman also tweeted images of what he said was the Indian payload, showing what appeared to be pieces of metal and displaced soil in a heavily forested area. India's foreign ministry also said the camp was at Balakot, but gave no further details and the exact location of the camp remained unclear.

Balakot is in Pakistan's northwestern Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province, just a few kilometres from the Line of Control. A strike in Pakistani territory outside of Kashmir would be a major escalation between the rivals, analysts said. Beijing called on the nuclear-armed neighbours to "exercise restraint".—AFP

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Workshop on reforming GAD held in Nay Pyi TawUnion Minister U Min Thu delivers the speech at the workshop on reforming General Administration Department in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

A workshop on reforming General Administration Department (GAD) of Ministry of Office of the Union Government was held at Grand Amara Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

In his address to the workshop Union Minister for Office of the Union Government U Min Thu spoke of the importance of the workshop toward the work of reforming GAD. Suggestions on reforming the GAD will be the outcome of the three-day workshop and it can be designated as the first preparatory step.

Second point is the basis on which the reform works are to be based. To what dimension and what sectors are to be included. What should be the priority? Required long term work processes are to be thought out and decided. Discussions on the vision, appropriateness of this vision to the po-

litical and administrative system of a democracy federal union had to be made. The Union Minister proposes the establishment of a Good Governance as the department's vision.

The main missions of GAD are at the moment designated as rule of law, peace, development and serving the public.

Once the aims and missions are set, law, rules, notifications and procedures are to be reviewed. Handbook for GAD personnel need to be produced.

The workshop should focus on subjects such as executive power, assigning the employees of the General Administration Department in carrying out human resource management, building their capacity, changes and reforms for training.

Union Minister U Min Thu urged the employees to carry out

reforms with added momentum to become a model for reforms in Myanmar, just as the "General Administration Department is a model for reforms.

He also stressed the need to take balance approach to changes and reforms, urging the employees to give priority to the issues that they can really handle.

After the General Administration Department was moved under the administration of his ministry, the first three-month period of 2019 is considered as the period for stability of government machinery, he said.

The workshop is one of the steps taken for speeding up reforms.

He also urged the members of the advisory board of the ministry to explain the One State-One Township Project at the workshop and to select three

prioritized townships for the pilot project.

The General Administration Department has been existed as a strong institution and as the backbone of the administration system of the country for many years.

"Our employees must carry out reforms which are in conformity with the political system leading to a democracy federal Union while building an administrative system which faces the people," he said.

Following his opening address, Union Minister U Min Thu took the documentary photos together with the attendees.

The three-day workshop will focus on carrying out reforms in term of essence and characteristics and reaching the services at the village/ward level.—MNA
(Translated by GNLM)

Illegal fish farms to be fined K30,000 per acre: Dr. Aung Thu

By Aye Yamone

DR. AUNG THU, the Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation said his ministry will impose a fine of K30,000 per acre on illegal fish farms, and after the farmers pay the fines, they will be granted permits to farm fish legally. He made the remarks at a seminar on development of the fish farming industry, held on 24 February at the Myanmar Fisheries Federation in Yangon.

"We have already discussed fines of K30,000 per acre for farmers found breeding fish illegally prior to this announcement. In fact, we have already announced our decision to impose fines for illegal fish breeding. Now, we just need to impose fines on entrepreneurs engaged in illegal fish farming in the Ayeyawady and Mandalay regions," said Dr. Aung Thu.

"Fish farmers are now re-

quired to produce environmental impact assessment (EIA) and social impact assessment (SIA) certificates," he said.

"The government will now be strict with the four provisions listed under Section 19 of the Farmland Law. These provisions are: paying the prescribed fine, utilizing the farmland in the prescribed manner, and evicting from the farmland and removing buildings constructed on the farmland without permission," he said.

The fine will not be imposed on fish farms that have already obtained the EIA and SIA assessment certificates, he added.

"We have already negotiated to impose a fine of only K30,000 on existing entrepreneurs engaged in illegal fish farming. Those who want to dig new fish breeding ponds need to apply for a permit at the Fisheries Department. We will grant the permission without any charge. But it doesn't mean

that digging fish breeding ponds will attract a fine of only K30,000. We will take action if we find local fish breeders continuing to dig ponds not in accordance with the law," the Union minister said.

Although laws that can impact the fish farming sector, including the Farmland Law, the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Law, and Protection of the Farmer Rights and Enhancement of their Benefits Law were submitted to the Hluttaw, only two were amended in 2018.

From now on, local farmers will have to apply for use of land, giving reasons if they want to use land for purposes other than farming. If local farmers construct buildings on farmland to conduct other business, they will have to pay 30-per cent tax on the land at the prevailing market rate.

"I am very glad that the Union Minister has negotiated

with the other region and state governments in this regard. We believe that fish and prawn farming will develop in the future with the support of the government," said U Win Kyaing, the general secretary of the Myanmar Fisheries Federation.

"Entrepreneurs had submitted their concerns to the Union Minister in September 2018, stating that if the Mandalay Region government imposes a fine of K1 million per acre for digging illegal fish farming ponds, it would inconvenience entrepreneurs engaged in fish breeding," he said.

There are about 490,000 acres of fish and prawn breeding farms across the country, including more than 200,000 acres of fish farms, more than 2,000 acres of crab farms, and more than 200,000 acres of prawn farms. However, the government has officially permitted fish farming on just 130,000 acres of land.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Public urged to report incidents of people posing as Tatmadaw personnel, detention and mistreatments

IN a new released by Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief Office on the capture of AA insurgent group training camp, Tatmadaw badges, arm and collar insignias were also reported to be captured along with arms, ammunition and landmine accessories of the AA insurgent group.

Locals had also reported of village/ward ad-

ministrators, villagers and students being detained and mistreated by imposters wearing Tatmadaw uniforms, badges and insignia while social media outlets were seen to post propagandas of Tatmadaw mistreating the locals.

AA is conducting these activities to raise suspicion against the Tatmadaw, divide the Tatmadaw and the people and to destabi-

lize the region. Therefore, people are urged to cooperate with Tatmadaw and security organisations for regional security and report with evidence to relevant police stations and military command headquarters of anyone imposing as Tatmadaw personnel, detaining and mistreating people said an announcement by Tatmadaw True News Information Team. —MNA

Obituary

Lt. Col Tha Tun (Rtd., Age 96, Kyauk Phyu) OTS (Batch 3); BC.5806

Loving husband of (Daw Kyu Yin) and Father of Daw Thazin Thatun- (Commander Aung Chit), Daw Swe Swe Thatun-U Aung Bakyu, U Maung Maung Thatun- Daw Mie Mie Khaing, Daw Kyi Kyi Thatun @ Daw Cherry Thatun and Daw Su Su Thatun, Grandfather of 8 and Great grandfather of 3 Passed away at Kan Thar Yar Hospital on (25-2-19). A graduate of offices Training School, Myanmar and Mons officer Cadet School, Aldershot, UK, U Tha Tun lived a life of service and dedication to his beloved country.

- Funeral Service is scheduled for 10:00 Am on February 27, Wednesday at YaywayCemerery. Family of the deceased invites you to a meal offering.
- Commemorating the 7th day of his Passing on Sunday (3-3-19) from 8:00-11:00 Am at Yoma Cottage, Myint Zu Street, Aung Chan Thar Toe Che (2), Thanlyin Township, Yangon, Myanmar.

Climax scenes of Line Walker-2 shot in downtown Yangon

LINE Walker-2 crew shot final scenes near the Sule Pagoda in Yangon for the film yesterday.

To film the climax scene of car crash, explosion and overturns, the authorities moved the bus stops near the City Hall for public safety.

Scenes for the film Line Walker-2 were shot at the Shwedagon Pagoda, YMCA Hall in Yangon and near the City Hall and on the Sule Pagoda Road yesterday.

Some scenes to be

shot in the Philippines were also filmed at National Races Village in Thaketa Township.

When shooting in Yangon, authorities took steps to prevent traffic jams and to maintain overall safety.

Shaw Brothers Pictures International Ltd. Started filming major scenes for Line Walker-2, a sequel to their very successful Line Walker movie, in Yangon on 15 February.

Shootings, explosions, cars racing against each

other, crashes, and helicopters flying are included in this film.

The chance to help in filming a movie that will boost the image of the country was a great opportunity, said an official.

The Yangon Region Transport Authority (YRTA), YBS services, traffic police, and other departments were working together to redirect traffic and ensure there are no traffic jams.—Htin Paw Win (Kama Yut) ■ (Translated by Zaw Min)



The crew of the Line Walker-2 shooting team film scenes for the movie in the downtown Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: ARKAR SOE



A climax scene of the Line Walker-2 movie is filmed in downtown Yangon. PHOTO: ARKAR SOE



One of the scenes for the Line Walker-2 in downtown Yangon. PHOTO: ARKAR SOE

Sagaing to invite experts to verify Stone Age culture in Twintaw

WITH evidence indicating a Stone Age settlement in Twintaw area, Budalin Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Region, the region's Department of Archaeology and National Museum has invited archaeologists to research the findings.

"The departments of Archaeology and Nation-

al Museum in Bagan and Sagaing worked together to conduct an inspection in Twintaw area. A local resident identified as U Maung Zaw donated ancient artifacts and received a reward. During the inspection, authorities found traces of a Stone Age settlement. They submitted their findings to the

Ministry of Religion and Culture, seeking to conserve cultural heritage. The Ministry planned to buy 57 acres of land from farmers, with the agreement of the Sagaing Region government. However, it was limited by department budget, and the department managed to buy only 7 acres. Re-

search activities have not started and will be continued depending upon the budget," said U Tin Maung Htway, the assistant director of Sagaing Region's Department of Archaeology and National Museum.

As the Sagaing Region government is executing culture-based

tourism businesses, it is focusing on the discovery and collection of ancient artifacts.

"We believe Stone Age culture developed in Twintaw area after the discovery of ancient artifacts and trace evidence, such as fragments of human bones and giant burial stones. Burial customs

and practices from the era have been discovered. The research will be led by the Sagaing Region's Department of Archaeology and National Museum, with cooperation from archaeologists," said U Tin Maung Htway.—Myo Win Tun (Monywa) ■

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Simeone faces UEFA investigation after controversial celebration



Atletico Madrid's Argentinian coach Diego Simeone reacts during the Spanish league football match between Club Atletico de Madrid and Villarreal CF at the Wanda Metropolitano stadium in Madrid on 24 February, 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**

PARIS (France) — UEFA announced on Monday they have started disciplinary proceedings into improper conduct by Atletico Madrid coach Diego Simeone.

The Argentinian celebrated his side's first goal in their 2-0 Champions League last 16 first win over Juventus on February 20 by grasping his genitals and thrusting out his groin.

Simeone apologised for his behaviour the following day and said it was to recognise the courage his team showed in the victory.

Juve's Massimiliano Allegri and the Italian club also face disciplinary action for the late kick-off of the game in the Spanish capital. Atletico also face charges that their fans blocked stairways and threw objects during the match. No date for the hearing has been set by the governing body. The second leg of the tie will be played in Turin on 12 March. —AFP ■

Tuchel hopeful Neymar will return to training in March

PARIS (France) — Paris Saint-Germain coach Thomas Tuchel said on Monday he hopes Neymar will return to training after the Champions League last-16 second leg against Manchester United on 6 March.

The world's most expensive player has been sidelined since 23 January with a foot injury he sustained in a French Cup win over Strasbourg and was originally ruled out of action for 10 weeks.

PSG anticipate he will be back in time for a potential Champions League quarter-final in April.

Neymar has been in his native Brazil since 20 February as part of his recovery process. He missed the French club's 2-0 first leg victory.

"It's important for us that he comes back to Paris before facing Manchester United to help us and to support us. I hope that after the game he could start training and help us," the German said.

"It's difficult to speak to him because of the time difference but we write to each other. I know he feels good when he's in Brasil," he added.

The French champions have won seven games and lost once during Neymar's absence.

Last season, Neymar missed

three months after injuring the same metatarsal, returning just in time to play in the World Cup in less than stellar form.—AFP ■



Paris Saint-Germain's Brazilian forward Neymar (c) attends the French L1 football match between Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) and FC Girondins de Bordeaux at the Parc des Princes stadium, in Paris on 9 February, 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**



Tottenham Hotspur's Argentinian head coach Mauricio Pochettino looks on during the English Premier League football match between Burnley and Tottenham Hotspur at Turf Moor in Burnley, north west England on 23 February, 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**

Spurs boss Pochettino charged by FA with improper conduct

LONDON (United Kingdom) — Tottenham manager Mauricio Pochettino was on Monday charged with improper conduct by the Football Association following his side's defeat to Burnley.

The Spurs boss became engaged in a lengthy and heated exchange with referee Mike Dean after the full-time whistle at Turf Moor on Saturday.

Pochettino had watched his men slip to a 2-1 defeat, which damaged their Premier League title aspirations.

A statement from the FA read: "Mauricio Pochettino has been charged with two breaches of FA Rule E3 following the game against Burnley on Saturday 23 February, 2019.

"It is alleged the Tottenham manager's language and/or behaviour at the end of the

fixture — both on the pitch and in or around the tunnel area — amounted to improper conduct.

"He has until 6:00 pm (1800 GMT) on Thursday 28 February, 2019 to respond to the charge."

Pochettino did not reveal what was said or the reason for the strength of his feelings, with the only contentious decision appearing to be the awarding of a corner that led to Chris Wood's opening goal.

The outburst was out of character for Pochettino, who said before the charge was announced he would not contest any disciplinary action, admitting he may have "crossed the line".

Third-placed Spurs are on 60 points, five points behind Manchester City and six adrift of leaders Liverpool. All three sides have played 27 games.—AFP ■

Ex-Arsenal midfielder Abou Diaby announces retirement

PARIS (France) — Former France and Arsenal midfielder Abou Diaby announced his retirement from football on Monday citing injury problems which have followed him throughout his career.

"I'm retiring from my professional career. For a certain amount of time it has been hard for me to get back onto the field. I have had quite a few injuries. I decided to retire because my

body could not keep up," he told television channel RMC Sport.

Diaby, 32, played for Arsenal between 2006-2015 and won the FA Cup twice, and represented France 16 times, including at the 2010 World Cup when "Les Bleus" crashed out at the group stage.

He moved to Marseille in 2015 but his last match came the following year and he left in 2017 having made only six appearances.—AFP ■