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Present on the occasion were U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation, and Director-General U Min Thein of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA

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## State Counsellor hosts dinner for three Myanmar organizations

STATE COUNSELLOR Daw Aung San Suu Kyi held a dinner reception for the chairpersons, secretaries and members of the Myanmar Calendar Advisory Group, Myanmar Central Thabin Association, and Myanmar Arts and Crafts Association at the Mingalar Thiri Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Union Ministers U Kyaw Tint Swe, Thura U Aung Ko and U Thaug Tun, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chariman Dr. Myo Aung, Deputy Minister U Kyi Min, departmental heads and officials attended the dinner reception.

Firstly, the State Counsellor had a commemorative photo taken with all in

attendance. Union Religious and Cultural Affairs Minister Thura U Aung Ko then gave a short speech where he explained the history and objectives of the Myanmar Calendar Advisory Group, the Myanmar Central Thabin Association, and the Myanmar Arts and Crafts Association. He said these three organizations were invited to voice their opinions for future plans to the State Counsellor during this meeting. He said the State Counsellor would ask questions on what she wished to understand deeply and provide appropriate suggestions and instructions as necessary.

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President U Win Myint accepts the Letters of Credence presented by Mr. Heuang seng Khamdalavong, Ambassador of the Lao People's Democratic Republic. **PHOTO: MNA**



## Committee on Supporting Peace and Stability in Rakhine State meets state cabinet, MPs, Political parties, CSOs

COMMITTEE on Supporting Peace and Stability in Rakhine State held a meeting with Rakhine State Cabinet in Sittway yesterday.

Attending the meeting at the government office were Committee on Supporting Peace and Stability in Rakhine State Chairman U Aye Tha Aung, who is also Deputy Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw, Committee Vice Chairmen Union Information Minister Dr Pe Myint and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, committee members Deputy Minister for the Office of the Union Government U Tin Myint, State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Colonel Phone Tint, Yangon Region Minister for Rakhine Affairs U Zaw Aye Maung, State MP U Maung Maung Ohn, state ministers and heads of state departments.

Committee Chairman U Aye

Tha Aung spoke at the meeting, saying this is the first meeting held by the committee since its inception on 14 March on orders from the Office of the President. Although this is the committee's first visit to Rakhine State, it has already met with Rakhine associations and political parties based in Yangon. The Chairman said this meeting will produce a report to submit to the Union Government from this meeting, and a report on the short-term and long-term tasks will be compiled as well. He said the suggestions made at this meeting will be put on record and will be included in the report based on their premises. He urged attendees to contemplate the conflicts that have occurred in Rakhine State. He said the State Government and the committee will hold a follow-up meeting accordingly.

Chairman U Aye Tha Aung



Committee on Supporting Peace and Stability in Rakhine State meets with Rakhine State Hluttaw Speaker. **PHOTO: MNA**

said the committee will open an office in Rakhine State and a working committee related to this will be formed as well, prompting attendees to participate in discus-

sions on these two matters.

Next, attendees discussed short-term and long-term plans and procedures to swiftly reduce the ongoing conflicts in Rakhine State, and the Chairman delivered a closing speech afterwards.

In the afternoon, Committee on Supporting Peace and Stability in Rakhine State and State Hluttaw Speaker, Chairpersons and secretaries of Hluttaw Affairs Committees and MPs held a meeting at the State Hluttaw Office. Rakhine State Peace and Stability Supporting Committee Chairman delivered the opening speech and the vice-chairpersons and members discussed tasks to undertake for implementing peace, stability and development in Rakhine State.

The Committee on Support-

ing Peace and Stability in Rakhine State held a coordination meeting with political parties, civil society organizations, and resident elders of Sittway at the state cabinet office in the evening.

The committee chairman said K100 million will be provided through the humanitarian organizations of Kyauktaw and MraukU townships for the IDPs housed within them. He said they will follow up with support programs for Yathedaung, Minbya and other townships soon.

This was followed by a discussion between the committee vice-chairmen, after which the political parties, CSOs and local elders in attendance openly discussed the future of Rakhine State's peace and stability. —

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Committee on Supporting Peace and Stability in Rakhine State holds the meeting with political parties, civil society organizations, and elders of Sittway at the state cabinet office. **PHOTO: MNA**

“ Today at this time, we are witnessing the transformation of an era and a system in accordance with democratic principles. This is just the beginning of the democratic transition. To make this transition process smooth and successful, it is very important for our peoples, government employees and civil servants to change their dogmatic mindset and habits. Those government institutions which are lagging behind in the transformation process will need to be put under tight management controls. The country's weak judiciary system would need to be strengthened. More efforts need to be exerted to stamp out corruption. More efforts need to be exerted to prevent human rights violations. More efforts need to be exerted to crack down illegal drug trade. We need to manage public funds properly so that there is no wastage. Measures need to be taken to return confiscated farmland to farmers and to give compensation to farmers for losses they have suffered in accordance with the law. We also need to improve the socio-economic life of farmers, improve the lives of workers and ensure that students gain access to higher education.

(Excerpt from the speech by President U Win Myint at the ceremony to take oath of office at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018)

“ That is why in the coming year 1380, our Union Government has decided to keep in high regard the need for “collective strength” to overcome our country's challenges.

(Excerpt from the speech by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of NLD Government on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018)

## State Counsellor hosts dinner reception for three Myanmar organizations



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi poses for the documentary photo together with members from Myanmar Arts and Crafts Association (Central) in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Next, U Tin Nwe (Sayar Nwe), Chairman of the

Myanmar Arts and Crafts Association, handed over a portrait of the State Counsellor to her. The State Counsellor then held open discussions

with members from the three attending organizations and enjoyed dinner together with them. —MNA  
(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

## Japan, Myanmar sign two exchange of notes on development assistance

THE signing ceremony for Exchange of Notes on rendering assistance to Myanmar by Japan was held at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Nay Pyi Taw.

The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaug Tun, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Thar Oo, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Set Aung, Permanent Secretaries and Directors-General of the Ministries concerned and Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Ichiro Maruyama and officials

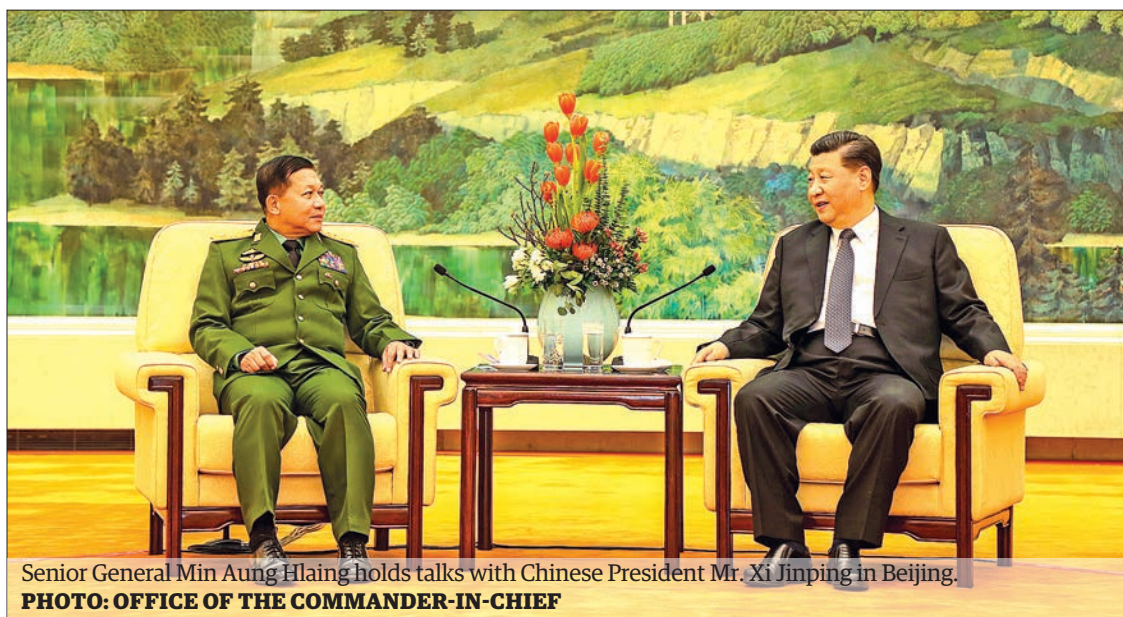
of the Japan Embassy.

Two Exchange of Notes were signed by Deputy Minister U Set Aung and Japanese Ambassador Mr. Ichiro Maruyama. According to the Notes, the Japanese Government will provide grants of Yen 444 million for the Provision of Agricultural Machinery and Construction Equipment in Rural Areas Project and Yen 2828 million for the Improvement of Aircraft Surveillance System Project in Myanmar.

These grants will contribute to the further development of transportation and agriculture sectors in Myanmar and the enhancement of Japan-Myanmar bilateral relations.—MNA



A signing agreement ceremony for Exchange of Notes on rendering assistance to Myanmar by Japan held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Chinese President Mr. Xi Jinping in Beijing.  
**PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

## Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Chinese President Mr. Xi Jinping

DURING his goodwill trip to China yesterday, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing was received by Chinese President Mr. Xi Jinping at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday.

The Chinese President said Myanmar and China have had a deep relationship between both countries' political parties, governments, public, and militaries, with the military relations having grown noticeably closer. He said Myanmar was facing a lot of external pressure but the years of efforts from various leaders have led to visible developments for the country. He said China had always supported Myanmar and will continue to do so. He said he would increase military cooper-

ation between the two countries and strive to discover solutions to common problems together by implementing win-win tactics.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing then said he believed the Belt and Road initiative from China would be successful. He said this project contained a host of beneficial projects for Myanmar and the Tatmadaw would readily cooperate on them as well. He said the majority of Myanmar citizens live on rural areas and improving their socioeconomic status would require developing the nation's economy first. This was the reason why he requested support for developing Myanmar's economic opportunities.

They then discussed bilateral military relations, implementing peace along the border, and

the Tatmadaw's contribution to internal peace.

Afterwards, the Senior General and entourage laid flower wreaths at the Martyrs' monument in Tiananmen Square. They then visited a training school for the People's Liberation Army and observed the simulated training center and experimental center of equipment support technology.

In the evening, the Senior General and entourage were treated to a dinner reception by General Wei Fenghe, Minister of National Defence and member of the Central Military Commission, at the National Guesthouse, according to information released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. —MNA (Trans: Zaw Htet Oo)

## Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka arrives in Nay Pyi Taw

A DELEGATION led by Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka Mr. Tilak Marapana arrived in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday to attend the Meeting of the Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation between Sri Lanka and Myanmar that will be hosted by Myanmar.

The delegation was wel-

comed by Director-General U Chan Aye of International Organizations and Economic Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ambassador of Sri Lanka and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.—MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka Mr. Tilak Marapana welcomed by officials at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Union Minister Nai Thet Lwin attends 19<sup>th</sup> Kayan National Day Celebration

UNION Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin attended the 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kayah National Day Celebration held, at 8 a.m. yesterday, in Demawso Township, Kayah State.

First, attendees took up their respective places and saluted the National Flag and the Kayan National Flag. Afterwards Chairman of the 19th Kayan National Day Celebration Committee Khun Fransisco delivered an opening speech. Then Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin delivered a speech on the occasion of the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kayan National Day.

In his speech, he said that the Kayan Nation Day has been celebrating since 2001, and it was also acknowledged that the power of patriotism and unity

could be seen through their endeavour of holding the national day celebration. All the nationals residing in the union were duty-bound to safeguard their literature, culture and customs. Moreover it had been prescribed to get equal rights in language, literature, arts, culture, customs, religion, right of learning, right to receive medical treatment, getting employment rights and business in the Constitution of the State. As for the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs, efforts were being made to enjoy the fundamental rights of the Constitution while protecting the rights of the ethnic races in accordance with the prescribed laws.

He added that it would need to be proved that all the national brethren were residing in the

union through thick and thin and, unity is strength although there were some differences. These differences could be regarded as one of the basic fact that should not be neglected. Permissions were being granted to hold freely the cultural festivals and ceremonies of the ethnic races across the nation. At the same time, the State has supported to take place the celebrations, and which was as an effort to meet all the ethnic races at one place together and could foster friendships among the ethnic races. As for the Kayan national, they would grasp that kind of opportunity. In doing so, it was of great importance for the Kayan nationals to carry out the implementation process. The State has been striving to create a Democratic



Union Minister Nai Thet Lwin delivers the speech at the 19<sup>th</sup> Kayan National Day Celebration in Demawso, Kayah State. **PHOTO: MNA**

Federal Union while marching towards our goals through absolute trust, solidarity and resolute determination.

Next, State Chief Minister U L Phaung Sho, a representative on behalf of the Shan State Chief Minister and minister for Shan State's Kayan ethnic affairs U Khun Aye Maung delivered forward messages and then they

awarded the prizes. Afterwards, Chairman of the Kayan National Unity Committee Khun Shamu Ayelar concluded the celebration with a closing speech.

After the ceremony, all the attendees posed for commemorative photographs together while being entertained by ethnic national dances. — MNA (Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

# NRPC, KNU to meet in Nay Pyi Taw for implementation of peace process

WITH the aim of resuming peace talks and carrying out the implementation of the peace process in Myanmar, the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre (NRPC) will be meeting with the Karen National Union (KNU) at 10 a.m. on 11 April.

In the informal talks, the KNU side will be led by KNU General Secretary Pado Saw Tar Do Mu accompanied by Joint-Secretary – 2 Pado Saw Hla Tun, KNU Central Standing Committee member Pado Saw Hsar Gay, KNU's Saw Tar Ma Lah Thaw and Saw Tar Mu Lar, according to the press release

of the KNU.

The government side will comprise members of the NRPC and Vice-Chairman of the Peace Commission U Thein Zaw will attend, according to the Union Peace Dialogue Joint-Committee Secretariat member U Hla Maung Shwe.

U Hla Maung Shwe said that the list of KNU representatives was received last night. After receiving it, there was a group discussion with the government representatives, including members of NRPC, Vice-Chairman of Peace Commission, some other personnel. In addition to this, two Lieu-

tenant-Generals, who are also members of NRPC, would be participating in the meeting.

The Karen National Union (KNU) had temporarily suspended its participation in all on-going peace negotiations after the high-level talks with the government representatives and leaders of EAOs in Nay Pyi Taw on 15 and 16 October last year.

But, the KNU would present their opinions on how to approach the on-going peace process and their reasons for suspending the meeting at the next meeting, according to a press release of the KNU.

U Hla Maung Shwe said that there had been an NCA agreement between the two sides while striving to implement some pledges to make it a success. From the meeting, it would need to reach the Union Accord, thereby the process would be continued taking place as UPDJC and UPC meetings. Thus all these meetings would be held officially so that procedures could be carried out in the long run. The main thing was that it would be needed to be conducted in line with the rules of the NCA.

The delegation led by KNU general secretary Pado Saw Tar

Do Mu has already proposed to discuss the fundamental points of the disputes and the situation on the ground with the Tatmadaw Coordination Team.

The Office of the President formed the “National Reconciliation and Peace Centre (NRPC)” with the release of Order 50/2016 on 11 July 2016, as an effort to set necessary policies and guidelines for ensuring the successful implementation of the national reconciliation and peace process in Myanmar.— Ye Khaung Nyunt

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

## National Drug Control Strategic Plan (Draft) discussed in Nay Pyi Taw

Experts discussed and reviewed the National Drug Control Strategic Plan (Draft) at Shwe San Eain Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by officials from Central Committee Drug Abuse Control, senior officials from Myanmar Police Force, representatives from United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, experts and invited guests.

During the meeting, Police

Brig-Gen Win Naing delivered the opening speech followed by Police Colonel Oak Soe Tun explained the preparation of National Drug Control Strategic Plan (Draft).

Afterwards, experts evaluated relevant sections of the National Drug Control Strategic Plan (Draft), thereafter Police Brig-Gen Win Naing gave the conclusion speech.—MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



An expert explains the review of the National Drug Control Strategic Plan (Draft) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

## Ministry of Hotels and Tourism launches its new website

THE Ministry of Hotels and Tourism has launched its new website, www.tourism.gov.mm, which will offer videos, news, photographs and interviews about Myanmar's culture, traditions and tourist destinations, according to the website's launch ceremony held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The aim of the new website is to inform the world about Myanmar's real situation, to attract more tourists to the country, and to share ideal tourist destinations, festivals, cultures and traditions of Myanmar in accordance with the Digital Marketing Strategy of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Speaking at the website launching ceremony, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Ohn Maung said Myanmar is ready for globetrotters to visit conveniently.

As there remains many unrevealed tourist destinations, Myanmar has more potential than other countries in tourism industry. From natural wood lands to snow capped mountains, there are a lot of untouched natural environments. Moreover, Myanmar is one of the nations of lowest tourist crime record, the Union Minister said.

With the implementation of Look East Policy, the number of tourist arrival to the country has increased by 37 per cent from China and 9 per cent from Thai-



Union Minister U Ohn Maung addresses the new website launching ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

land this year compared with last year. At present, the Look West Policy should be revised to promote the image of Myanmar through advertising and broadcasting news, articles, videos and photos via website and social media. It is believed this will attract more tourists from Western European countries. The chief aim is to make the positive image of Myanmar widely known by the world, he added.

The Union Minister also said to present about Myanmar at the world tourism expos, to provide access of direct flights to the popular destinations of Myanmar, to permit visa exemption and visa on arrival, to create new tourist destinations and to promote tourism industry in balance by working together.

Inter-ministerial coopera-

tion is very important to carry out tasks, and the aim will be affectively carried out if all related ministries work together, he added.

Afterwards, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism reported on the www.tourism.gov.mm website and future plans, after which a video was played on the popular destinations, cultures, traditions and cultural heritages in Myanmar.

The Union Minister then posed for commemorative photo with the attendees.

Also present at the event were Deputy Ministers U Aung Hla Tun and U Maung Maung Win, departmental heads, officials and invited guests.—MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

# AA attacks Security Police HQ in MraukU, takes families hostage

THE AA reportedly attacked the No. 31 Security Police Headquarters in MraukU on 9 April, killing three people, and taking four women and three children hostage from the family quarters.

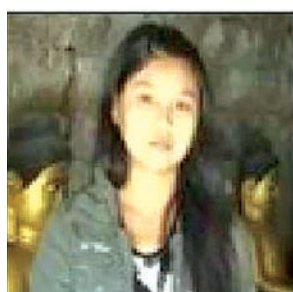
At 10:30 p.m. on 9 April, about 200 AA members approached the headquarters from the northern side, and carried out several close range attacks in the night.

The security forces managed to prevent AA group from reaching key areas. However, the AA group managed to enter the family quarters.

In the fighting, two police members were killed and seven were reported missing. The AA group shot dead one family member of a police official, and took seven people hostage — the wives of three personnel,

the mother of one police official, and three children.

The AA members retreated once the Tatmadaw troops arrived to back up the security forces at 4:10 a.m. The Tatmadaw have launched a search for the AA group. The Myanmar Police Force has denounced the AA attack on the family quarters, a civilian target, and the AA group taking family members of police personnel hostage. —MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



Daw Sabei Hlaing, 26, wife of Sub-Inspector Thae Zaw Aung



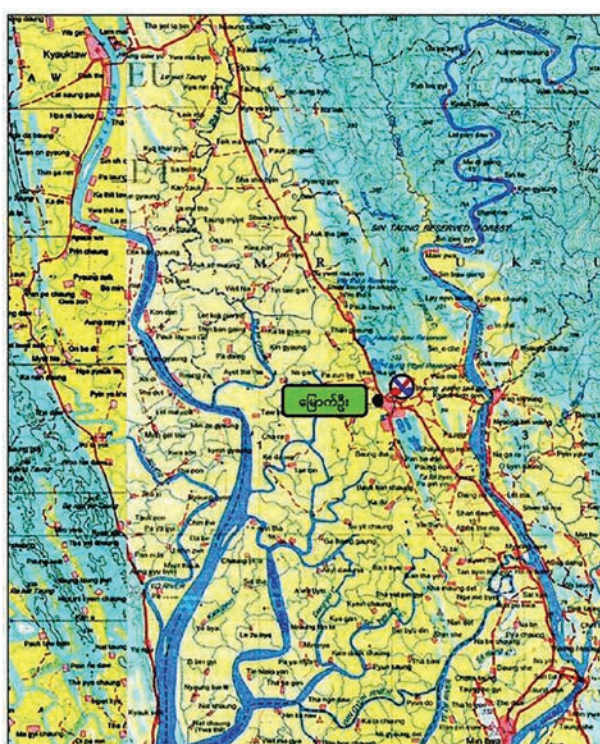
Daw Sabei Hlaing and daughter Ma La Yeik Cho.



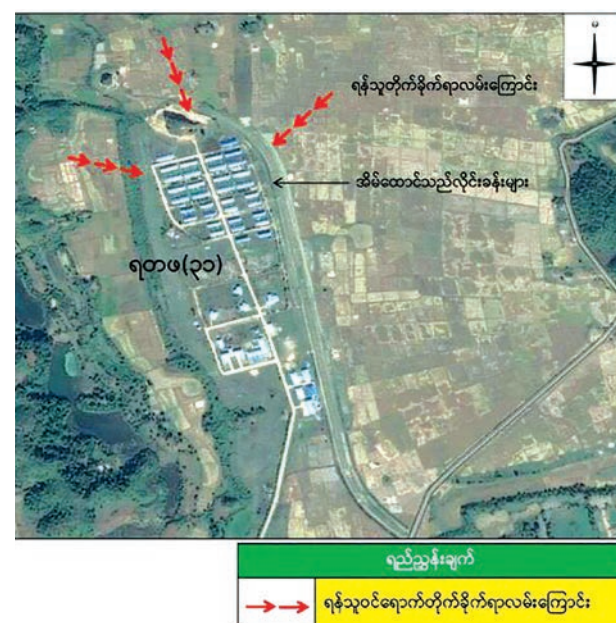
Dw Aye Aye, 56, Mother of Sub-Inspector Aung Ko Ko Myint and grandchildren Ma Hnin Hay Man Ko and Maung Aung Myint Myat Ko.



Ma Hnin Hay Man Ko, 6, daughter of Sub-Inspector Aung Ko Ko Myint. PHOTO: MNA



Map shows point of conflict.



Map shows the AA's trajectory in their attack on the family quarters of No. 31 Security Police Headquarters in MraukU.



Ma La Yeik Cho, 3, daughter of Sub-Inspector Thae Zaw Aung.



Daw Aye Aye, 56.



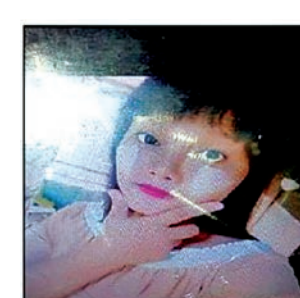
Daw Zin Sandar Soe, 29, wife of Sub-Inspector Aung Ko Ko Myint.



Ma Hnin Hay Man Ko, 6, daughter of Sub-Inspector Aung Ko Ko Myint.



Maung Aung Myint Myat Ko, 1, son of Sub-Inspector Aung Ko Ko Myint.



Daw Tin Lay Nwe, 19, wife of Constable Sithu Soe.

# Presentation on MSDP, Project Bank held in Kayin State

A presentation focusing on the Myanmar Sustainable Development Project (MSDP) and Project Bank was held yesterday at Hpa-an town in Kayin State, according to the Kayin State Government Office.

According to the presentation, the MSDP has been laid down based on existing projects and principles, and it includes three pillars, five goals, 28 strategies, and 251 action plans. The MSDP aims to implement strategic pro-

jects of the government, and Project Bank will include priority infrastructure initiatives which have been approved by the government, according to the presentation.

At the event, officials also detailed how Project

Bank will align with the MSDP, how they will be linked to other processes, and how MSDP and Project Bank will be implemented.

The Kayin State Minister for Electricity and Industry, U Soe Hlaing,

made the opening remarks at the presentation. Then, Daw Thidar Nwe, senior operations specialist with the MSDP, discussed how the MSDP and Project Bank work. Later, U Kyaw Maw Zan, a project evaluation spe-

cialist, outlined submission templates for project proposals. Thereafter, officials from Kayin State raised questions. — Saw Myo Min Thein (IPRD)

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

## Union Minister U Ohn Win receives FPI Country Director, Senior Project Manager



Union Minister U Ohn Win holds talks with the FOUR PAWS International's Country Manager Ms. Marina Ivanova and Senior Project Manager Mr. Mahdi Quatrameez. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION MINISTER for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Ohn Win received Austria-based FOUR PAWS International's Country Director Ms. Marina Ivanova and Senior Project Manager Mr. Mahdi Quatrameez, yesterday,

in the meeting hall of the Ministry's Office in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they discussed and coordinated matters relating to establishing the international-standard elephant conservation camp that will be opened at the Yenwe Forest Re-

serve in Bago Region, upgrading the Yadana White Elephant Garden on Min Dhamma Hill and carrying out conservation works for orphaned baby elephants.—MNA

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

## Union Minister for International Cooperation attends Groundbreaking Ceremony of the US Embassy Liaison Office in Nay Pyi Taw



Union Minister U Kyaw Tin delivers the opening speech at the groundbreaking ceremony of the Liaison Office of the US Embassy in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE groundbreaking ceremony of the Liaison Office of the Embassy of the United States of America was held on 10 April 2019, at 3:30 pm, at Hilton Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw. At the ceremony, the Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin and US Ambassador Mr. Scot Marciel, delivered their opening remarks.

In his opening remarks, Union Minister U Kyaw Tin congratulated the US Ambassador Mr. Scot Marciel for the groundbreaking ceremony of the US Embassy Liaison Office in the capital city of Nay Pyi Taw and welcomed the move as a significant first step towards relocation of the US Embassy to Nay Pyi Taw. It demonstrated the desire

of the US Embassy to work closer with the government of Myanmar, and the presence of its Liaison Office in the capital city will provide better opportunities for the Embassy to engage with the officials of various line Ministries and members of parliaments to further strengthen the bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries. The Union Minister also encourages all Diplomatic Missions and UN Agencies in Yangon to take similar steps to relocate their Office to the administrative capital to facilitate their closer engagement and coordination with the line Ministries.

Present also at the ceremony were Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Nyi Tun, senior

officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, US Embassy officials and other invited guests.

It was learnt that 16 Embassies have already reserved a total of 29 plots out of 88 plots of land allocated for Nay Pyi Taw Diplomatic Zone. Two Embassies have already leased lands and three Embassies have made or undergoing negotiations for exchange of land. The Embassy of the People's Republic of China has already opened its Liaison Office in Nay Pyi Taw since September 2017 and new United Nations Office housing various UN Agencies was inaugurated in Nay Pyi Taw in July 2018.—MNA

## Newspapers to be published in turn this Thingyan

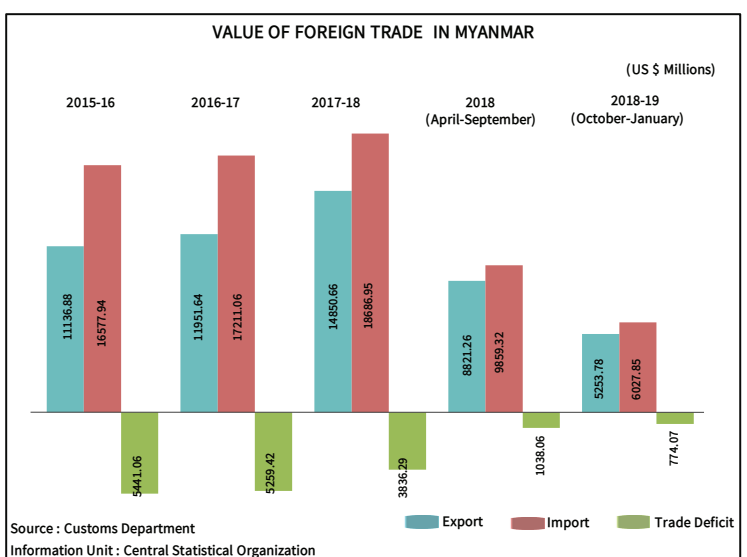
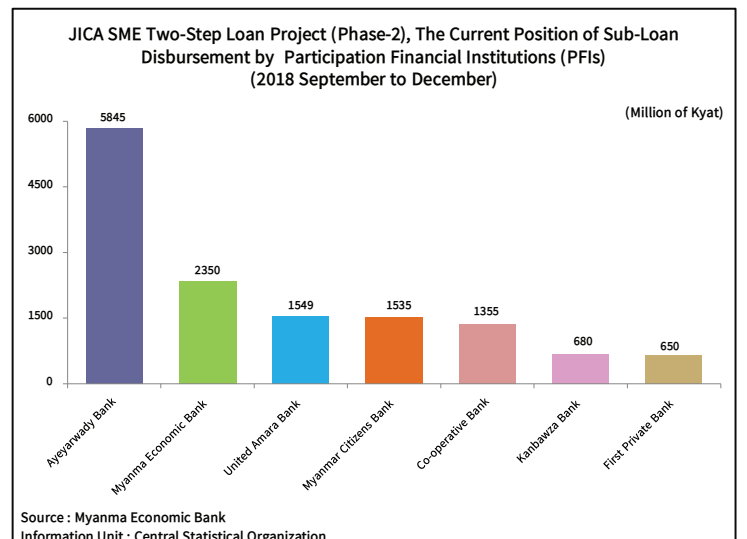
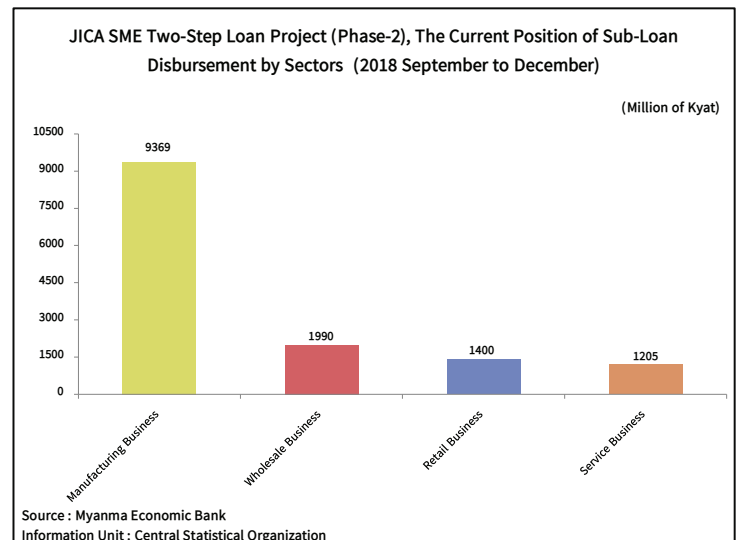
THE Ministry of Information, News and Periodicals Enterprise announced that daily newspapers will be printed in turns during the Thingyan Festival.

While the Mirror and the Global New Light of Myanmar newspapers will be printed on 13, 14 and 15 April, and the Myanmar Alinn will temporarily cease printing operations during this period.

While the Myanmar Alinn will resume operations on 16 and 17 April, the Mirror and the Global New Light of Myanmar will temporarily cease operations on those days.

Similarly, the Mandalay news sector from the Sub-Printing House (Mandalay) and the extra pages in ethnic language from the Sub-Printing House (Myitkyina) will temporarily cease printing operations on 13 April, the extra pages in ethnic language from the Sub-Printing House (Mawlamyine) will temporarily cease printing operations on 14 April, and the Shwe Pyi Rakhine Ponyeik sector from Sub-Printing House (Sittway) will temporarily cease printing on 17 April and will resume normal production after Thingyan holidays.

Advertisements will be received at the newspaper offices, which will remain open during Thingyan. All newspapers will resume normal production starting 18 April.—News and Periodicals Enterprise



# Taking into account different situations on ground key for resettling IDPs

**T**HE prolonged continuance of camps for the internally displaced in four states, Kachin, Kayah, Shan, and Rakhine, has posed a roadblock in the path of development of people driven out of their homes by conflict.

We are working to resolve the issue as quickly as possible, and for that, we need a comprehensive national strategy and adequate implementation mechanisms.

However, identifying and implementing sustainable solutions for the internally displaced persons and closing of camps pose a tremendous challenge.

We are aware of the urgent need to resolve humanitarian problems. The national strategy for shutting IDP camps must take into account the practicality and possibilities on the ground, as displaced persons are facing tremendous physical and psychological barriers to their development.

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The arrangement to resettle them needs to include security and the right to seek out opportunities and eke out a living.

Some IDP camps in Rakhine and Kachin states have been closed, in keeping with the wishes of the people there.

Projects have been conducted to help people develop freely through social protection, in keeping with the policy of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement of establishing an inclusive society that ensures basic human rights, in line with democratic norms, and which helps people live dignified lives.

We are all making efforts to help IDPs to return to their original homes peacefully. It is important for them to know that ultimately, they will return to their places of origin, and contribute to their stability and development.

A draft strategy to lay down common principals for all IDP camps is being drawn up, but thought needs to be given to their appropriateness and the differing situations on the ground need to be taken into account.

We can understand the feelings of people who had to move out of their homes. We are heading towards providing for the majority, and creating a safe community for the majority.

While the primary responsibility to address this issue rests with the Government and the people of Myanmar, objective and constructive contribution and support of all stakeholders is crucial for the successful and dignified return of the IDPs to their homes.

# Ministry of Border Affairs: Ensuring no lapse in border areas and supporting ethnic development of the various regions of Myanmar

“While successive governments have endeavored for development along the country’s borders, they have still lagged behind due to various reasons. Thus, the Ministry of Border Affairs was established to ensure there was no lapse in the border and ethnic development of the various regions of Myanmar.”

U Ye Naing, Permanent Secretary

**Interviewer: Naing Lin Kyi**  
Photos by Aung Zaw Myo (Border Affairs)

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**T**HE Ministry of Border Affairs was created to overcome the several shortcomings regarding border control and improving the standard of living of the border towns. In an interview with media representatives, the officials gave us a glimpse of the many accomplishments of the ministry during the 3rd year of the current administration.

The policies include (a) stability of border areas (b) development of socioeconomic life of people living in border areas and (c) development of human-resources of ethnic people residing in border areas.

These include projects such as: building infrastructures and roads/bridges, improving access to safe and clean water; increase



Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Aung delivers a speech at the graduation ceremony of the University for the Development of the National Races of the Union.

**Ministry of Border Affairs Permanent Secretary, U Ye Naing**  
**Q: What are some activities and policies the Ministry is working towards?**

**A:** We focus on areas that is difficult to travel, doesn't have much population and places that are far to reach with different dialects and languages spoken. The Ministry is currently working towards a functioning democratic federal system through the Myanmar Sustainable Development Program, a feat that the previous governments have failed to do so.

While successive governments have endeavored for development along the country's borders, they have still lagged behind due to various reasons. Thus,

access and quality of healthcare available in the area, provide electricity through power line, solar power and engines. The ministry also brings food and other resources such as affordable low-cost housing to IDPs, and armed groups who are willing to stop fighting.

There are several areas we give close attention to when giving out aid such as the 7 States and 2 Region that have borders and 6 self-administered zones totaling 167 Townships (30,000 villages) with the potential to cover up to 37 percent of the people.

The ministry has completed up to 608 miles of roads, 191 bridges (including 11 big bridges), 183 box culvert, 29 basic education schools,



President U Win Myint greets students from Batch 2 for the University for the Development of the National Races of the Union.

4 health centers, 30 drinkable water stations, 99 miles of clean water distribution pipes, 2 transformers, 1735 solar lights, 31 miles of electric cables and 8 hydro stations.

**Q: Any other huge accomplishments that the ministry has achieved within the past year?**

**A:** Well, there is one for instance in Kachin State, Putao Khaunglanphu area which took 12 days of trekking to reach. Food often doesn't reach there by ground transport and the ministry has to support food supply with airlifts. After the road was constructed, the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who is Chairperson of Central Committee to Implement the Development of Border Areas and Ethnic Nationals, visited there for the opening of the Maggwayza-Sanlotchat mountain top which was the hardest part of the road to travel. The Tatmadaw Senior General also greatly supported the construction with his visit and also supplied Tatmadaw helicopters and equipment.

The road, when completed, will stretch up to 64 miles and we are more than halfway done. It will also contribute to the overall development in the area by boosting tourism in the area as the area has quite the biodiversity and scenes with ice-covered mountain caps. Now that there is easier access, it

will hopefully attract more people. We expect to complete 16 miles this year.

**Q: Can you tell us a little bit about the road linking Northern and Southern Shan State?**

**A:** There are plans to build from Yatsawk, Kyauk Gu to Hsipaw, Nam Lan. The road is roughly 89 miles long. The construction in the North is taken care of by Department of Public Works while the southern part is built by the Ministry of Border Affairs. This road will greatly cut the time taken for supplies to reach the north.

**Q: What about for access to clean water initiative in Kayah?**

**A:** The work in Kayah State was for access to water in Panpat area. It was quite the challenge; we had to dig up to 100 feet underground, pump the water with pipes that are connected through mountains over mountains so that we can provide for 17 villages in a 50 square mile. We also had to build 38 water tanks along with over 13 miles of water pipes laid across.

**Q: What are some of your collaborations with international organizations?**

**A:** We collaborated with the Nippon foundation of Japan in Shan State, Bridge Asia Japan in Rakhine to build over 200 schools, 100 repairs along with cyclone shelters in Rakhine.

**Q: What are some challenges the ministry has faced along the way?**

**A:** The ministry has received several complaints on the quality of its work. This has mostly been due to the restricted funding and the nature of the job itself. We would like to give the best possible service to the citizens as possible. Often, our dreams are limited to the funding available. However, we hope to be able to improve and build on existing structures once they have been commercialized (eg. Being able to collect tolls). Another restriction was where the job often is. The terrain is hard to reach and often, the weather isn't ideal. For instance, it rained starting the whole of February when we were constructing the Kaung Lan

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Deputy Border Affairs Minister Maj-Gen Than Htut hands over solar panels for 6 villages in Bantbaw village-tract, Pa'O Self-Administered Zone.



State Counsellor and Chairperson of the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, at the opening ceremony of Maggwayza-Mt. Sanlutchat (33 miles 6 furlong) road section.

Pu road so we were only able to work when it didn't rain for three months in November, December and January.

**Q: Any additional comments you'd like to make?**

**A:** The Ministry is working towards development of border areas, socioeconomic life of people living in border areas and human resources of ethnic people residing in border areas. This is part of bringing the whole country up into development. This is a plan that has been planned for generations and we still have not succeed completely. However, we are working towards this goal and really appreciate the support from the public on developing all areas and aspects of the country.



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects the Maggwayza-Khaunglanphu road section.



Machines paving into the Maggwayza-Khaunglanphu road section.



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## DPRK embassy celebrates 107<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary for late leader

THE Embassy of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) commemorated the 107<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary for the late DPRK Leader Kim Il Sung at the Chatrium Hotel in Yangon yesterday.

The event of the birthday anniversary for the late leader was attended by Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo and wife. First, DPRK Ambassador

Mr. Jong Ho Bom and Deputy Minister U Kyaw Myo delivered their opening speeches.

Afterwards, the Deputy Minister and wife posed for a group photo together with the DPRK Ambassador and his wife and guests.

The DPRK Ambassador and wife then hosted dinner for the attendees.—MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



Deputy Minister U Kyaw Myo and wife welcomed by DPRK Ambassador Mr. Jong Ho Bom. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Officials of Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems facing corruption charges

THE Anti-Corruption Commission has filed a case of corruption against five officials of the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, following an investigation into complaints against them.

During the course of the investigation, the commission had found evidence of cor-

ruption committed by Director-General U Tun Lwin Oo, Deputy Director-General U Ko Ko Oo (Retd. And adviser), Director U Thaug Lwin (current Deputy Director-General), Deputy Director U Aung Kyaw Hmu (Current Director) and Director U Tun Naing Win.

The commission launched an investigation after receiving

complaints that the five officials were abusing their position by forcing regional and state offices of the department to pay huge amount cash as an aid to their head office.

In the investigation, it was found that they committed corruption by forcing the state and regional offices to send over K237 million from the funds for

the Union Budget and regional and state budgets in 2014, over K88 million in 2015, K129 million in 2017, K81 million in 2018 to the Head Office.

The Commission has filed a case against the officials under Section 56 of the Anti-Corruption Law. — MNA

(Translated by GNLM)

## Number of climbers visiting Putao tripled this year, says guide

THE number of mountaineers visiting Putao, the northernmost town in Kachin State known for its snowcapped mountains, has tripled this year to reach over 300.

"Most of the mountaineers are locals, and this year the number of climbers has tripled compared to the last two years. There were over 100 climbers for research. The number has crossed 300 this year. The mountaineers mostly visited during the November-March period," U Yaw Set, a mountain guide, told the Mirror newspaper.

There are several well-known snowcapped mountains in Putao, including Phonkanrazi, Phangranrazi, Phonyinrazi, Mathwayrazi, Malikhwayrazi, Gamlangrazi, and Hkakaborazi. Among them, the 11,900-foot Phonkanrazi mountain is the most popular among trekkers.

It takes about eight days to reach the top of Mt. Phonkanrazi, 11 days for Phonyinrazi, 12 days for Phangranrazi, 15 days for Mathwayrazi, and about one month for Hkakaborazi.

"Putao is surrounded by several of Myanmar's snow-



Kachin ethnic people in their traditional suits seen at the Myitsone Confluence in Myitkyina, southern Kachin State. **PHOTO: MYINT MAUNG SOE**

capped mountains, which add to its natural scenic beauty. So, it is considered as Myanmar's Switzerland by many visitors. The natural beauty of the icy, snowcapped mountains, the rare birds, and trees are the attractions of Putao. Therefore,

we hope more visitors will visit Putao township," said U Yaw Set.

Kachin, Rawang, Lisu, and Shan ethnic people mainly live in Putao, and visitors like to observe their traditional cultures. Earlier, taking a flight was the only way to reach Putao, but now

visitors can travel there by car.

Putao has seven snowcapped mountains, and the authorities are making efforts to put it on the world heritage list of the UNESCO. —Myint Maung Soe

(Translated by La Wonn)

## Farmers in Mon State facing financial hardships due to drop in rubber yield

FARMERS cultivating rubber on a manageable scale in villages in Thuwunnawati Town, Thaton Township, Mon State, are feeling the pinch from the fall in rubber yield this summer, in spite of a small increase in prices, said traders.

“Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS) rubber was fetching less than K800 per pound when the rubber tapping season started. The prevailing price of RSS rubber is K840 per pound. The rubber season is going to end, but the prices have not gone up significantly. Rubber farmers are not doing well financially,” said a

rubber businessman from Winpa Village. “Demand is on the decline for now. During the early latex harvest season, over 10,000 pounds of rubber are traded daily. Now, the demand has decreased to about 7,000 pounds per day. The highest price for rubber this year was K850 per pound,” said a rubber trader from Theinseik Ward.

“There are only ten rubber traders in Thuwunnawati Town. Rubber is delivered to markets in Yangon, Mandalay, Mawlamyine, and other towns by linking with companies,” said rubber traders.— Khun (Winpa)

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)



Dried rubber sheets are stacked up waiting to be sold in the market. PHOTO: KHUN (WINPA)

## Hong Kong-Myanmar trade reaches nearly \$60 mln during Oct-Feb period

THE value of trade between Myanmar and Hong Kong was valued nearly US\$60 million in first five months (Oct-Feb) of current fiscal year 2018-2019, with Myanmar’s exports surpassing imports, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar shipped goods worth \$51.29 million to Hong Kong, and imported goods worth \$7.86 million.

Myanmar mainly exports

precious stones, agricultural products, fishery products, and garments to Hong Kong, while it imports telecommunications equipment and optical goods.

Bilateral trade between the two countries stood at \$238 million in the mini-budget period (April to September this year), \$385.63 million in the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year, \$234.46 million in the 2016-2017 FY, \$316 million in the 2015-2016 FY, \$343.8 million in the 2014-2015 FY, \$502.7 million in the

2013-2014 FY, \$27.28 million in the 2012-2013 FY, and \$51 million in the 2011-2012 FY respectively.

Myanmar showed a keen interest in strengthening economic ties with Hong Kong through its second Myanmar Investment Promotion Seminar held in late 2018, at the Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong.

Hong Kong is one of the world’s leading financial centers and logistics hub, and serves as an international legal and dis-

pute services center for Asia. It has positioned itself to play a prominent role in facilitating trade and investment and economic integration between Hong Kong and ASEAN countries, including Myanmar.

Economic interaction between Myanmar and Hong Kong has been increasing rapidly. Hong Kong has emerged as the third-largest investor in Myanmar, following Singapore and China. As of February 2019,

169 enterprises from Hong Kong have brought foreign direct investments of \$7.9 billion to Myanmar, according to the FDI data of the existing enterprises by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

Myanmar has granted visa exemption to Hong Kong and Macau SAR passport holders from 1 October this year to promote tourism. — GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

## Animal products exports touch \$274.67 mln in first half of current fiscal year

MYANMAR’S exports of animal products from 1 October to 29 March in the current financial year touched US\$274.67 million, a sharp increase compared with the corresponding period in the 2017-2018 FY, when income from livestock trade was registered below \$52 million.

Animal products exports are mainly driven by the private sector, which income from the public sector amounting to less than \$1 million.

Starting from last week of February, cattle exports to China through border channels have been falling and over 5,800 heads of cattles were being kept in the farms in Muse. Drop in export is attributed to confiscation by China. This being so, some Chinese mer-

chants manipulated the prices and offered lower than actual price.

Normally, a large cow is selling for over K2 million, while a small one is priced below K2 million.

According to the Commerce Ministry’s notification released on 9 October 2017, alive cattle was allowed to be exported with an aim to create free market economy system, encourage legal export and protect the interest of the farmers and maximize the earnings of the breeders.

The Commerce Ministry issued licences to 50,264 heads of buffaloes and 413,781 heads of oxen and cows as of 28 March in the 2018-2019 FY. A total of 44,640 heads of buffaloes and 331,120 oxen and

cows were exported as of 29 March, 2019.

The exported cattle are required over five years of age with vaccination certificates, health certificates, and farming registration certificates. According to the 2018 cattle census, there are a total of 11.5 million heads of cattle in the country. Myanmar is exploring new export markets for cattle.

An increase in export value of the animal products group can help reduce trade deficit.

Myanmar’s exports include agricultural products, animal products, minerals, forest products, finished industrial goods, and other marketable products. — Ko Htet

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

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## Hundreds of Bangladeshi 'extremists' to surrender to police

DHAKA — Hundreds of Bangladeshi left-wing "extremists" will lay down their arms on Tuesday (April 9) in what police say is the largest surrender of its kind in decades in the South Asian nation.

More than 600 insurgents were expected to turn in homemade weapons and firearms to Bangladesh's home minister and police chief at a formal ceremony at a sports stadium, officials said. "The government will work to help rehabilitate them so they can return to society," Sheikh Rafiqul Islam, police chief in the restive north-western district of Pabna, told AFP.

Bangladesh's western regions have been wracked with conflict since the 1970s until quite recently, with left-wing movements including Maoist outfits and tribal groups fighting the state from jungle redoubts.

Bangladesh describes them as "extremists" and blames them for the assassinations of political figures and journalists, as well as deadly attacks on the armed forces and police. Their resistance waned with the formation of Bangladesh's elite police unit in the mid-2000s, which forced the various insurrection movements into retreat through a

brutal crackdown. Rights groups have accused the Rapid Action Battalion police unit of extrajudicial killings of left-wing figures in the country's west and north-west. Islam said the surrender would be the largest since 1997, when several thousand tribal fighters from the jungle-clad Chittagong hill tracts bordering Myanmar laid down their arms in a peace deal with the government. Two years later, 400 other militants surrendered and were appointed to Bangladesh's reserve police force. Two months ago, roughly 100 methamphetamine traffickers turned themselves in under an amnesty struck with local authorities. The government announced a no-holds-barred war on drugs last year to purge Bangladesh of alleged dealers and methamphetamine kingpins. Their main target was to curb the smuggling of "yaba", a cheap and addictive methamphetamine pill trafficked to the country by the hundreds of millions.

Police said 24 "god-fathers" were among the traffickers who surrendered in Teknaf, a key border gateway for smuggling yaba into Bangladesh from Myanmar.—AFP ■



Samples L-R show new Japanese 10,000, 5,000 and 1,000 yen banknotes. PHOTO: KYODO

## Japan to have new banknote featuring Hokusai's "Great Wave" in 2024

TOKYO — Japanese banknotes will be redesigned for the first time in two decades in 2024 with one of them featuring possibly the country's most iconic art piece in the world — ukiyo-e master Katsushika Hokusai's "The Great Wave off Kanagawa," the government said Tuesday.

The famous woodblock print from the "Thirty-six Views of Mt. Fuji" series by Hokusai (1760-1849) that depicts a large frothy wave with Japan's highest peak in the background will be printed on the reverse side of the 1,000 yen bill, Finance Minister Taro Aso said in a news conference.

In the first design overhaul since 2004, Japan will also introduce new 10,000 yen and 5,000 yen bills with cutting-edge anti-counterfeiting protections. All of the three bills will be with portraits of well-known figures in Japan's modern history. In order of value, they are industrialist Eiichi Shibusawa (1840-1931), who is widely known as the "father of Japanese capitalism," educator Umeko Tsuda (1864-1929) and physician and bacteriologist Shibusaburo Kitasato (1853-1931).

The red-brick Tokyo Station building, which was originally built in 1914, and wisteria flowers will appear on the reverse sides of the new 10,000 yen and 5,000 yen bills, respectively. The announcement of the new banknotes comes as Japan prepares to usher in the new Reiwa era when Crown Prince Naruhito ascends the throne on 1 May following his father Emperor Akihito's abdication the previous day.

"We will revamp the designs to ensure counterfeit prevention," Aso said, adding new materials will also be used for the 500 yen coin.

In a bid to strengthen the notes' security, both the 10,000 yen and 5,000 yen bills will incorporate a hologram, the former showing a three-dimensional portrait of Shibusawa and the latter of Tsuda. Aso said the three people appearing on the new banknotes were picked because they are well known in the country through history textbooks.

"I believe they are suitable for Bank of Japan notes under the new era name for their endeavors in overcoming various challenges that we continue

to face today, including fostering new industries, women's empowerment and technological advancement," he said. The new bills will be put in circulation in the first half of fiscal 2024 and the 500 yen coin in the first half of fiscal 2021.

The Arabic numerals denoting the value of the bills will be larger than the Chinese characters that show the amount, unlike the current notes, to make them more instantly recognizable for those who are not able to read the characters, including foreign travelers.

Shibusawa contributed to the establishment of hundreds of leading companies and the first modern bank in Japan, named The First National Bank, which is currently Mizuho Bank. Ken Shibusawa, a descendant of Eiichi and chairman of Tokyo-based Commons Asset Management Inc., told Kyodo News he is pleased to see Shibusawa "become widely known at home and abroad" through the new bill. Tsuda is remembered as a Christian and pioneer in education for women in the country. She established what is now Tsuda University in Tokyo.—Kyodo News ■

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# Ministry of Border Affairs: Ensuring no lapse in border areas and supporting ethnic development of the various regions of Myanmar

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## U Thein Htay Oo Director General, Education and Training Department

**Q: Can you explain to us the purpose of setting up the Education and Training Department?**

**A:** The Education and Training Department was founded on 1999, June 30th with two main aims: to educate ethnic people residing in border areas through basic and tertiary education along with vocational training and improve human resources of people in the area. There is the Education and Training Department headquarters, University for Development of National Races in Sagaing, two degree colleges for ethnic youth in Yangon and Sagaing, one central training school, 45 border youth development training centers, 9 mechanical schools and 5- women's vocational training schools.

cational training schools.

**Q: Can you elaborate more on the 3 areas of capacity building the ministry is working on?**

**A:** So the three areas are regarding basic education, tertiary education and vocational training. There is a total of 45 border youth development training centers who houses free of charge youth from 5th to 10th grade. There is a total of 29470 students that have attended the school so far with 2367 students accepted into colleges. There was a total of 6679 people in attendance for the youth training school in the 2018-2019 school year. There is one University for Development of National Races, two degree colleges for ethnic youth and one central training school for tertiary education.

**Q: What are the benefits of the degree colleges for ethnic youth?**

**A:** We give out B.Ed

for qualified youth and they also have a chance to further pursue their masters and PhD. Just last year, the degree colleges have 165 B.Ed graduates, 11 masters. The graduates then move on to work as teachers in the Ministry of Education with

The Ministry of Education have employed more than 10000 students as high school teachers after they have graduated from the degree school.

assignments to the relevant areas/towns. During the 2018-2019 school year, there were 1629 students in the Bachelors program and 25 pupils in the 2 year masters program. Fifteen of the relevant ministries along with the development councils also hire out of the schools to work in their respective ministries as government officials. We have had a total of 3870 graduates. Students can

also attend the masters and doctorate programs. We a total of 601 masters and above graduates from the school so far and last year, 2325 students were enrolled in the school. To this date, we have trained over 13740 students total with 570 alone in the last

year through 8 different training courses.

**Q: Can you explain to us about the vocational schools?**

**A:** Vocational schools equip the students with real life skills they can use to generate income later on. We have a total of 9 schools for ethnic youth that teaches classes such as welding workshops, phone repairs classes, bike repair classes, and the

basics of wiring a house. Last year, we had a total of 711 students. There are also 45 vocational schools for ethnic women that teaches them to sew, use modern sewing machines or use traditional methods for cloth. The schools also conducted hospitality training courses such as how to mix drinks, greet guests and cook, teaching up to 6010 students in the 45 schools during the 2018-2019 school year.

**Q: What about job prospects?**

**A:** The Ministry of Education have employed more than 10000 students as high school teachers after they have graduated from the degree school. They are employed at 15 relevant ministries along with State/Regional development councils as government employees. The vocational training centers have also produced 1378 graduates that are now working in

car repair shops, bike service centers, welding shops and electricity companies. For women, up to 21955 graduates were surveyed to have found jobs and are now working at private garment factories. Certificates are also given along with help in finding employment in Yangon. For instance, 29 garment factories have signed graduates from these schools to work for them. The Pathein and Pakokku training centers for hospitality and tourism also opened December 2017 and has trained up to 387 students.

The Education and Training Department has taken recommendations from the Ministry to keep working on capacity building in the ethnic youth community to help develop the resources of the state and benefit the region as a whole.

(Translated by Myat Thu)

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# Import substitutions to adjust trade

By Aung Khin

**M**YANMAR has stood as a supplier country of natural resources or raw materials for decades, benefiting some other countries with capacities to produce finished and value added products.

Natural resources of Myanmar were exploited legally or illegally for decades. Over time, Myanmar still largely relies on the exports of raw materials and natural resources. Capable traders have less interest in production of finished products through industrial sector. In consequence, the country is experiencing the outflow of living natural resources. They are human beings in the form of migrant workers.

Actually, migrant workers contribute to the growth in countries of destination, and their countries of origin have lost their brains. ASEAN has seen a significant increase of intra-regional migration between 1995 and 2015, accounted for 96 per cent of the total number of migrant workers in the regional bloc. The stronger economies in the bloc are facing more demand of skilled labours although these countries have posed restrictive measures on migration procedures in the perception that migrant work-

ers would have negative impacts on their economies. Practically, these countries understand that foreign workers are key drivers for some receiving countries.

Most of Myanmar migrant workers are working in 3 D jobs of the receiving countries. It is not too late to retrieve our home-grown work forces and brains. Development of manufacturing sector is very crucial for getting these migrant workers back to home. It will also help production of import substituted products in the country.

By adopting long-term policies, these domestic products must have competitive qualities with the import items. In the short term, it will not generate considerable profit. The more quality products the country can produce, the more income the industry will gain. As a consequence, the country could prevent the outflow of workers, and could call back Myanmar migrant workers abroad.

In this regard, both the State and the private sector need to update the existing policies on production of import substituted goods, and make assessment on the development.

Believe it or not, Myanmar people are consuming even im-

ported eggs, crops and vegetable. The underlying reasons for this include the country cannot produce sufficient amount quality produce for domestic consumptions, while lacking work force and technologies in many areas of the country.

Experts have suggested Myanmar to produce valued-added foods from its raw items such as rice, beans and peas. Imported rice or bean powders can be found on the shelves of shopping malls and grocery stores. Bottles of soy milk, juice and other household commodities in foreign brands are largely found there.

Few local products can compare with their foreign counterparts in terms of quality or packaging to attract the customers. In supply chain of consumer products, more vocational training schools need to emerge for production of better quality items. It will result in more immediate effects than those from formal education.

Network of production sector is very wide. It needs cooperation of State and private agencies, from packaging to finding markets for the products. Local entrepreneurs remark the major challenges for their products include financial investment and



Myanmar migrant workers returning via the Myawady-Mae Sot border crossing checkpoint on 8 April, 2019. PHOTO: PWINT THITSA



A woman buying fresh fruits in a supermarket. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR



Packages of peas being seen in a supermarket. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

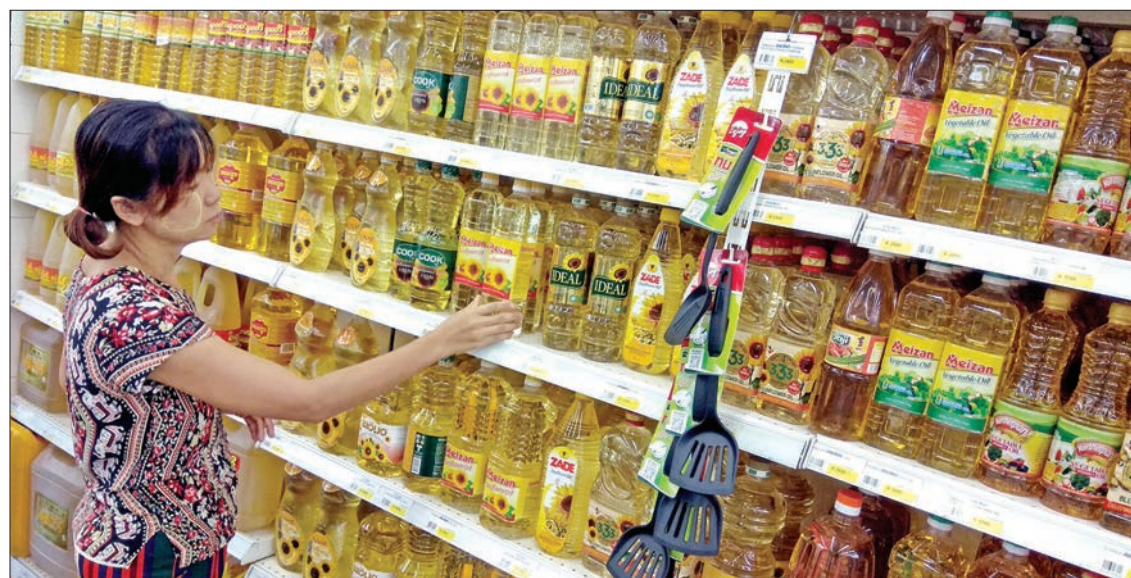
a wider market. However, penetration of local products into the international market is related with other sectors such as banking, currency, tariff and trading.

Some experts have suggested formation of export promotion body for effective cooperation between the government and the private sector in agriculture, industry, trade and economic policies.

For the long term, Myanmar needs to move forward to industrialization to develop and expand its export markets. The industrialization will also promote

comparative advantages in production. Then, the local industry could create more employment opportunities.

Effective import-substitution policies would also prevent brain-drain problem and influx of migrant workers to the other countries. Specialists from relevant sectors need to cooperate in detailed implementation of these policies as import-substitute businesses can reduce trade deficit levels and create more employment opportunities in the country.



Edible oil bottles display on shelves in a supermarket in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

# UNODC-supported Alternative Development Coffee from Myanmar launched in French Parliament

Brian Hansford,  
Chief of Communication, UNODC HQs

**I**n a pivotal moment for Myanmar's burgeoning specialty coffee industry, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and French coffee company Malongo today launched a new line of coffee, Shan Mountain Coffee, in the French Parliament. The product is the result of a partnership agreement between Malongo and UNODC-supported Green Gold Cooperative. The launch of this coffee is a key step in bringing peace and environmental sustainability to Myanmar's Southern Shan State.

The much-lauded emergence of Myanmar as a coffee producer is supported by UNODC's Alternative Development Programme, co-financed by two main donors, Finland and Germany, and with the additional support of Switzerland, that is giving resources directly to the Cooperative.



President of the French Parliament Richard Ferrand (second from the right) at the launch of Shan Coffee. **PHOTO: UNODC**

The programme's objective to develop sustainable livelihood alternatives for opium growing communities has enabled participating farmers to independently cultivate, refine and commercialize high quality coffee that can be exported to one of the most competitive international markets. The establishment of the farmer-run Green Gold Cooperative ensures that these farmers will indeed see the fruits of their labour for many years to come.

"In Shan State, this programme has not only provided livelihoods and increased confidence in governance, but also promoted environmental sustainability, land tenure rights, and contributed to creating an enabling environment for peace," said Miwa Kato, Director of Operations for UNODC. "The partnership between the Malongo Coffee company and the Green Gold Cooperative in Myanmar

demonstrates how both public and private interests can merge to benefit small farmer communities," she added.

"Malongo is a private company, our involvement in such a project is not about charity or helping coffee producers, it is about business. But we want to set up another kind of business where the added value is shared between the actors of the supply chain, where producers can live with dignity from their work, where consumers are faithful and satisfied with the quality," said Jean-Pierre Blanc, Director General of Malongo Coffee Company.

Green Gold began the partnership with Malongo to bring to market alternative development coffee in 2017. Under this long-term (five year) partnership agreement, Malongo will buy up to 600 tonnes of coffee per year from more than one thousand beneficiary farmers.



Shan Mountain Coffee at Malongo store in Paris. **PHOTO: UNODC**

## New hotel project in Kayin State creates 56 job opportunities for residents

Kayin State Investment Committee on Friday approved a new foreign direct investment with the capital of US\$2.592 million flowing to hotel sector, creating about 56 employment opportunities for residents, according to the committee.

The newly invested hotel project will be carried out by Hpa-an Traditional Ltd on 2.48 acres of land plot near Hpa-an-Tawpon Road in Tawpon Village, Hpa-an

Township, Kayin State.

At the meeting No.3/2019 on 5 April, the committee approved the investment project in line with the Myanmar Investment Law passed in 2017 following discussion on the submission of endorsement application from the investor.

Present at the meeting were Chief Minister of Kayin State Daw Nang Khin Htwe Myint, cabinet members, members of

the investment committee and the investor.

According to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration, Myanmar approved new FDI amounting to \$1.7 billion in the current financial year. As of this February, the country's hotel and tourism sector saw the inflow of new investment with the capital of \$6.34 million. — Nay Myo Lwin (Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

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## Wade, Nowitzki sign off, Johnson stuns Lakers

LOS ANGELES (United States)—Dwyane Wade and Dirk Nowitzki bade emotional farewells to the NBA on Tuesday as the regular season neared its finale with Magic Johnson's resignation plunging the Los Angeles Lakers into fresh turmoil.

Miami Heat star Wade and beloved Dallas Mavericks forward Nowitzki both played their final games at home after a combined total of nearly 40 years in the sport. While Wade's last home game for the Heat had been planned, Nowitzki only finally confirmed his exit on Tuesday after 21 seasons with Dallas. "As you guys might expect, this is my last home game," Nowitzki told the crowd at the American Airlines Center.

"I've put you guys on a hell of a ride with a lot of ups and downs and you guys always stuck with me and supported me, and I appreciate it," the 40-year-old added. The German power forward is the most successful European ever to grace the NBA, ranking sixth on the all-time scorers list with more than 31,000 points.

After watching Nowitzki become the oldest player to score 30 points in the Mavs' 120-109 defeat of Phoenix, Dallas owner Mark Cuban told the veteran forward: "I promise we'll put up the biggest, most badass statue ever."

### 'I love y'all'

There was a similarly heart-felt send-off in Miami, where the Heat were eliminated from playoff contention despite beating the Philadelphia 76ers 122-99. "I love y'all, man," Wade told the crowd after scoring 30 points in the loss. "I thank you guys for dancing with me this year. I thank y'all for your patience this year. I thank

y'all for the love," the 37-year-old three-time NBA champion said. Miami were eliminated after Detroit defeated Memphis 100-93.

Elsewhere Tuesday, Golden State, who have already locked up top seeding in the Western Conference, suffered a scare when Stephen Curry was withdrawn from his team's 112-103 win over the New Orleans Pelicans with a sprained ankle.

At the other end of the Western Conference standings, however, the Los Angeles Lakers look poised for a chaotic off-season after president of basketball operations Johnson abruptly quit his front office role.

The Lakers have stumbled from one disappointment to the next this season despite signing LeBron James last year in a blockbuster move. They failed to reach the playoffs for a sixth straight season. Johnson, who played a pivotal role in persuading James his future lay in Los Angeles, said he was quitting after growing weary of his responsibilities. He said he had not enjoyed the process of hiring and firing personnel. "I had more fun when I was able to be the big brother and the ambassador to everybody," he said. "I had more fun on the other side than on this side."

Johnson also hinted that he was uncomfortable about the prospect he would be required to sack coach Luke Walton after the conclusion of the regular season. "Tomorrow I would have to affect someone's livelihood and their life," Johnson said. "And I thought about that. And that's not fun for me. That's not who I am." The Lakers meanwhile paid tribute to Johnson in a brief statement. —AFP ■



Dwyane Wade signs off from Miami with a 30-point display. PHOTO: AFP

## Myanmar enters third round of AFC Women's Olympics Qualifiers



Myanmar star footballer Win Theingi Tun (No. 7) celebrates after her hat trick against India helped the Myanmar team secure a place in the third round of the Tokyo Olympic Qualifiers. PHOTO: MFF

MYANMAR has advanced to the third round of the 2020 AFC Women's Olympics Qualifiers after a 3-3 draw against India in a decisive group match in the second round of the qualifiers, held on Tuesday at the Mandalay Thiri Stadium in Mandalay. The qualifiers will decide which teams take part in the Tokyo Olympics in 2020.

A hat trick by brilliant Myanmar striker Win Theingi Tun, with two goals in the first half and one goal in the second half, helped Myanmar end the match

against India with a draw.

Myanmar was placed in Group A, along with India, Nepal, and Indonesia, in the second round of the qualifiers. Myanmar faced no losses and ended the group stage with two wins and a draw. Myanmar beat Nepal 3-1, trounced Indonesia 6-0, and drew 3-3 against India. Although both India and Myanmar had notched up 7 points, Myanmar had an advantage of four goals from the previous group matches and therefore, it has successfully

advanced to the next stage of the qualifiers for the Tokyo Olympics.

As the Group A winner, Myanmar will join Group B winner Viet Nam and Group C winner Chinese Taipei in the third qualifying round, along with five other teams – the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Korea, China, Thailand, and Australia. The details of fixtures will be released next by the Asian Football Confederation, according to the organizers of the qualifiers. —Lynn Thit (Tgi)

## Shan United U-19 retain top spot in national league standing table

TAUNGGYI-based Shan United U-19 F.C., also known as Shan Warriors, have retained their first place in the standing table of the Myanmar National League U-19 after 10 matches.

The team has garnered 28 points in the tourney, with 9 wins and a draw. Southern Myanmar F.C. are second in the standing

table. They have notched up 25 points, with 8 wins, one draw, and one loss in ten matches played.

Mandalay-based Yadanarbon F.C. is placed third in the table with 20 points from 6 wins, two draws, and two losses. Meanwhile, Patheingyi-based Ayeyawady F.C. is fourth with 17 points from 5 wins, 2 draws, and 3 losses.

Yangon-based Yangon United also has 17 points and has been placed fifth with 5 wins, 2 draws, and 3 losses.

Today, Shan United will play against Yadanarbon as part of the U-19 Myanmar National League tourney at 4 pm at Salin Stadium in Yangon. —Lynn Thit (Tgi)

## Magic Johnson steps down as Los Angeles Lakers chief

LOS ANGELES (United States)—Magic Johnson stunned the basketball world on Tuesday, abruptly resigning from his management role with the Los Angeles Lakers and plunging the ailing NBA franchise into fresh turmoil.

In a dramatic announcement which came shortly before the Lakers' final game of the season, an emotional Johnson said he was stepping down after a two-year reign as president of basketball operations with the 16-time NBA champions.

The 59-year-old Lakers legend's decision followed a disappointing campaign which saw the once-mighty Los Angeles franchise fail to make the playoffs for a sixth consecutive year. "Today, I'm gonna step down as the president," Johnson told reporters at an impromptu press conference. Johnson had been saddled with the task of reviving the Lakers and played a pivotal role in persuading LeBron James to join the team last year in a blockbuster move.

However, the Lakers' re-

vival stalled this season when James was injured, triggering a slump which saw the team fall from playoff contention. Johnson also attracted criticism for an unsuccessful pursuit of New Orleans Pelicans star Anthony Davis, a move which was widely reported to have destabilized the Lakers locker room.

He told reporters he was stepping down in order to preserve his friendship with Lakers owner Jeanie Buss, describing her as "like a sister." —AFP ■