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## State Counsellor receives Secretary-General of ASEAN



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi shakes hands with Secretary-General of ASEAN Dato Lim Jock Hoi in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

**D**AW AUNG SAN SUU KYI, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw at 4 p.m. on 27 May 2019.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on the recent developments in Rakhine State and on the possible areas of collaboration between Myanmar and ASEAN in resolving the humanitarian situation, as well as the outcomes and

implementation of the recommendations of Preliminary Needs Assessment conducted by the ASEAN Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ASEAN ERAT) comprising members from selected ASEAN member states, the AHA

Centre and the ASEAN Secretariat.

Present at the meeting were U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation, and senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA ■

2<sup>nd</sup> High Level meeting on ASEAN cooperation to repatriate displaced persons from Rakhine

**A** 2<sup>nd</sup> High Level meeting on ASEAN cooperation in the work process of repatriating displaced persons from Rakhine State was held at Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement assembly hall yesterday morning.

The meeting was jointly chaired by Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye and ASEAN Secretary-General Dato Lim Jock Hoi.

At the meeting Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye spoke of his appreciation for ASEAN's decision at the 33<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit meeting held in Singapore on November 2018 to cooperate and participate in the work process of repatriating displaced persons from Rakhine State. As per the decision an ASEAN delegation led by ASEAN Secretary General conducted a field visit to Rakhine in December 2018. From 4 to 13 March 2019, ASEAN Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ASEAN-ERAT) conducted an initial survey for repatriation of displaced persons from Rakhine State by visiting Nga Khu Ya Reception Center and Hla Phoe Khaung Transit Centre and prepared a report on it. These were the efforts of ASEAN said the Union Minister.

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## Eleventh-day meeting of Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 12<sup>th</sup> regular session

By Aye Aye Thant (MNA)

THE eleventh-day meeting of Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 12<sup>th</sup> regular session was held at Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning where Hluttaw informed of removal of a committee member; asterisk marked questions were raised and answered, Hluttaw approves Assessment Report after enacting 2011 Microfinance Law, Hluttaw informed of the receipt of 2019 bill amending Myanmar Investment Law, a motion discussed and approved.

### Removal of Pyithu Hluttaw Judicial and Legal Affairs Committee member

In the first agenda of the day Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker informed the Hluttaw of the removal of Pyithu Hluttaw Judicial and Legal Affairs Committee member Daw Soe Nwe Aye of Tada-U constituency as a committee member according to her submitted request.

### Asterisk marked question and answer session

In the asterisk marked question and answer session questions raised by U Aung Sein of Dawei constituency on a plan to repair a damaged section of Kanchanaburi to Dawei SEZ road, U Pa Htan of Matupi constituency on a plan to construct



Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung. PHOTO: MNA

village connecting road, U Shwe Hla @ U Shwe Hla Win of Thingangyun constituency on a plan to re-establish a park for the public, U Nay Soe Aung of Wuntho constituency on a plan to repair Sinkone-Wuntho road section and construct an approach road to Dee Doke Bridge on the road section and U Tin Tun Naing of Seikkyi/Khanaungto constituency on a plan to construct a bridge to connect Seikkyi/Khanaungto with Yangon were answered by Union Minister for Construction U Han Zaw. Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung also replied to questions raised by U Win Win of Minbu constituency on a plan to construct a flood shelter building to mitigate difficulties faced by Minbu (Saku) Township locals during flooding of Ayeyawady River and U Tun



MP U Aung Sein. PHOTO: MNA

Tun of Pwintbyu constituency on ministry's plan to transfer and accept self-help kindergarten schools in Pwintbyu township.

### Hluttaw approves Assessment Report after enacting 2011 Microfinance Law

Following the asterisk marked question and answer session Pyithu Hluttaw Banking and Financial Development Committee's Assessment Report after enacting 2011 Microfinance Law was discussed by U Mya Sein of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) constituency and U Tin Ko Ko Oo @ U Athut of Bilin constituency. After Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win and committee chairman Daw Khin San Hlaing provide additional explanation about the report, committee secretary U Tin Tun Naing tabled a motion



MP U Tin Maung Win. PHOTO: MNA

for the Hluttaw to approve and accept the report.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker then obtained the decision of the Hluttaw and announced the Hluttaw's approval of the report. Receipt of 2019 bill amending Myanmar Investment Law

Next Hluttaw was informed of the receipt of 2019 bill amending Myanmar Investment Law approved and sent without amendment by Pyithu Hluttaw and Bill Committee member U Sai Tun Aye read and tabled a report about it.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker then announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to table amendment motion to register their names.

### Hluttaw discuss and approve motion on electrifi-

### cation target

Afterwards a motion urging Ministry of Electricity and Energy to achieve 100 per cent electricity supply by 2030 with specific and firm policy guideline tabled by U Tin Maung Win of Seikkan constituency was discussed by U Aung Zaw Myint of Amarapura constituency, U Thaug Aye of Pyawbwe constituency, U Win Thein Zaw of Salingyi constituency, U Aung Kyaw Hein of Taninthayi constituency, U Nay Lin Tun of Bokpyin constituency, U Soe Paing Htay of Myeik constituency, U Aung Sein of Dawei constituency, U Sai Okkar of Laikha constituency, U Sai Sai Mai of Mongkai constituency, U Myint Kyi of Katha constituency, U Kan Myint of Thayet constituency, Daw Tin Tin Yi of Kyunsu constituency, Tatmadaw representative Maj. Zay Phyo, U Nay Myo Htet of Kyauktada constituency and U Kyi Moe Nang of Yedashe constituency and Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr. Tun Naing.

Following the discussion Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw's approval of the motion after obtaining the decision of the Hluttaw.

The 12<sup>th</sup> day meeting of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 12<sup>th</sup> regular session will be held today it is learnt.

(Translated by Zaw Min)

## Questions on cultural heritage raised in Amyotha Hluttaw

THE eleventh-day meeting of the Second Amyotha Hluttaw's 12<sup>th</sup> regular session was held at the Amyotha Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning. In the question and answer session of the meeting questions on cultural heritage was raised together with other questions and Hluttaw was informed of receipt of bills.

### QNA Session

In the question and answer session U Kyaw Kyaw of Rakhine State constituency 4, U Maung Kyaw Zan of Rakhine State constituency 9 and Dr. Sai Hsing Kyauk Hsam of Shan State constituency 6 raised questions concerning investigation on Buddha images vandalized in Mrauk U Lay Myet Hna pagoda, plan to put historical images in religious buildings of Rakhine cultural capital Mrauk-U under the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage Lists were answered



Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun. PHOTO: MNA

by Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Kyi Min.

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung replied to a question raised by U Kyaw Thaug of Sagaing Region constituency 1 on opening a district social welfare office in Sagaing while Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun responded to questions raised by Daw Ei Ei



Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Kyi Min. PHOTO: MNA

Pyone of Ayeyawady Region constituency 8 on a plan to provide education support material and assign dedicated teachers for KG, U Kyaw Tote of Mandalay Region constituency 7 on a plan to teach political science as a specialized subject in arts and science universities, U Zon Hle Htan of Chin State constituency 4 on a plan to open a government technical high school in Chin



Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung. PHOTO: MNA

State Falam Town, Daw Nang Moe Moe Htwe of Kayin State constituency 4 on a plan to build a new school building in Kayin State Hlaingbwe Township Shan Ywathit Town, Maethamu village tract, Kree Phoe Kwi village sub basic middle school, U Myo Htat @ Salai Myo Htike of Chin State constituency 12 on a plan to employ primary school teachers in Chin State Paletwa

Township and Dr. Zaw Lin Htut of Mon State constituency 9 on a plan to demolish a dangerous school building and constructing a new one in Mon State, Thaton Township, Bin Hline Ward, Ma-yanchaung Basic Education post primary school.

### Hluttaw informed of receipt of bills

Following the QNA session Hluttaw was informed of the receipt of Myanmar Communication Corporation Bill and 2017 Land Confiscation Bill and an announcement was made by the Speaker for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the bills to register their names.

Announcement was then made that the 12<sup>th</sup> day meeting of the Second Amyotha Hluttaw's 12<sup>th</sup> regular session is scheduled for today 28 May it is learnt. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

## President, State Counsellor send congratulatory messages to Indonesian President Joko Widodo

President U Win Myint and State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar have sent their congratulatory messages to H.E. Mr. Joko Widodo on his re-election as President of the Republic of Indonesia in the General Elections held on 17 April 2019.—MNA

## Union Supreme Court sits to pass judgment and hear cases

CHIEF Justice of the Union U Htun Htun Oo, Supreme Court judges U Myint Aung and U Mya Han of Special Appellate Bench sits at Union Supreme Court room number 1 yesterday morning and passed judgment on five (Certiorari) civil cases and heard one (Certiorari) criminal case and four other (Certiorari) civil cases. — Myanmar News Agency ■

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## Senior General inspects housing, egg farm, textile factory, new school structure in Dagon Seikkan Tsp



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects Myanma Thar Kaung Housing for War Veterans (Lay Daunt Kan) in Dagon Seikkan Township, Yangon. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visited Myanma Thar Kaung Housing for War Veterans (Lay Daunt Kan) in Dagon Seikkan Township, Yangon Region, yesterday morning.

The Senior General and entourage inspected the chickens in the egg farm of the housing compound and the construction of a textile factory, which will provide jobs for the families of the veterans.

In 2017, seven 6-storied 2-room buildings were constructed in the housing compound and three more began building in 2018, with 30 per cent currently complete.

Afterwards, the Senior General and entourage visited the basic education high school agriculture and livestock ward (1) nearby and inspected the completion of a three-storied steel structure school donated by families of the Tatmadaw

(Army, Navy and Air). According to news released from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the previous school building was weathered beyond repair and construction of the new building began in 2018 with donations of the Tatmadaw families. The building is 94 per cent complete and can house up to 1,850 students starting from the 2019-2020 academic year upon completion. —MNA (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> High Level meeting on ASEAN cooperation to repatriate displaced persons from Rakhine

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The ASEAN-ERAT report described the actual situation on the ground in Rakhine State and the government's systematic program set and readiness to conduct the repatriation work. The report was planned to be

submitted to ASEAN Summit on June 2019. Socio-economic development works in Rakhine State were being implemented by Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD) and the day's 2<sup>nd</sup> High Level meeting will discuss

future cooperation works said, the Union Minister.

Next, ASEAN Secretary General spoke about lots of works being conducted by ASEAN in 2018 on Rakhine State affairs. Initial survey report's recommendations will be jointly implemented and a more complete

assessment will be made when the repatriation begins. In implementing the initial survey report findings, raising the capacity of the government servants will also be conducted. ASEAN will cooperate more in the ongoing Rakhine State stability and long term development works said the ASEAN Secretary General.

Afterwards, ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management – AHA Centre Executive Director Ms. Adelina explained about the initial survey findings report.

Later, Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin spoke of the usefulness of the report as well as cooperating with ASEAN in implementing the recommendations and the work process of the report. The report was beneficial not only for Myanmar but also for those who were being repatriated to Myanmar. This is a good example of cooperating with ASEAN and

the report will be distributed to ASEAN Foreign Ministers and development partner organizations, said Union Minister U Kyaw Tin.

UEHRD Committee's U Nyein Nyein Aye then explained about works implemented by UEHRD Committee and ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management – AHA Centre Executive Director Ms. Adelina explained about future work processes. This was followed by meeting attendees raised questions, provided suggestions and conducted discussions. At the meeting implementation program to implement findings and recommendations of ASEAN-ERAT group, arrangements made to conduct complete assessment and implementation plan on human resources development program toward disaster response were discussed. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye and attendees pose for a photo at the 2<sup>nd</sup> High Level coordination meeting at Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

## President's Office continues announcement of illegal drug arrests, seizures acting on tip-offs

THE Office of the President issued Press Release No. 20/2019 yesterday, publicly announcing the Ministry of Home Affairs' arrests and seizures in the fight against illicit drug trafficking up till 25 May.

The ministry made the arrests, acting on information, sent to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department of the Office of the President as of 25 May.

The full text of the press release will be reported in the 29 May issue of The Global New Light of Myanmar.— GNLM ■

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## Head of service organizations appointed

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Khaing Tun Oo, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Deputy Director-General), Union Minister's Office under the Ministry of Home Affairs as Director-General of the same office on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

## Japan, Myanmar sign the Exchange of Notes on development assistance for Human Resource Development Scholarship Project

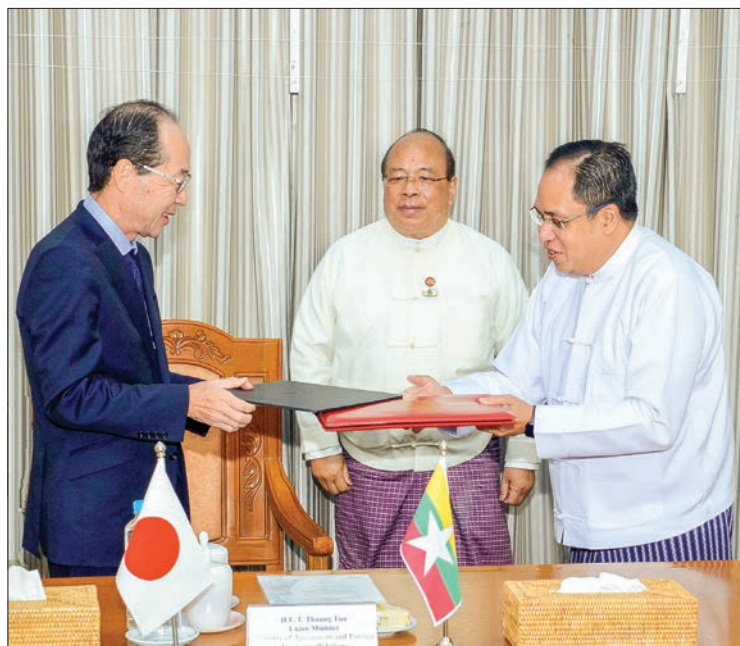
THE signing ceremony for Exchange of Notes on rendering assistance to Myanmar by Japan was held at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Nay Pyi Taw.

The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaug Tun, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Set Aung, Deputy Attorney General U Win Myint, Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Aung Nang Oo, Director General from Ministry of Education and Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar

Mr. Ichiro MARUYAMA and officials of the Japan Embassy.

The Exchange of Notes was signed by Deputy Minister U Set Aung and Japanese Ambassador Mr. Ichiro MARUYAMA. According to the Notes, the Japanese Government will provide grant of Yen 612 million for Human Resource Development Scholarship Project in Myanmar.

This grant will contribute to the enhancement of human resource development and socio-economic development of Myanmar.—MNA ■



Deputy Minister U Set Aung and Japanese Ambassador Mr. Ichiro Maruyama exchange documents at the signing ceremony in the presence of Union Minister U Thaug Tun in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee discusses tax management bill



Joint Bill Committee Chairman U Tun Tun Hein addresses the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

THE Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee held a meeting to discuss the Tax Management Bill at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall D yesterday.

Attending the meeting were Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein of the Pyidaungsu

Hluttaw, who is also Chairman of the Joint Bill Committee and Joint Public Accounts Committee, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Set Aung, vice chairpersons, secretaries, joint secretaries and members of the Joint Bill Committee, members of the Joint Public

Accounts Committee, invited Hluttaw representatives, and officials from the Office of the Union Supreme Court, Office of the Union Attorney-General and Office of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

## Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin receives Secretary-General of ASEAN, informs Myanmar's readiness to commence repatriation process



Union Minister U Kyaw Tin holds talks with Secretary-General of ASEAN Dato Lim Jock Hoi in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation, received Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw at 8:30a.m. on 27 May 2019.

During the meeting, the Union Minister informed the Secretary General of the recent concrete measures taken by the Government of Myanmar to create conducive environment

for the repatriation of verified displaced persons and Myanmar's readiness to commence the repatriation process as soon as possible. They also cordially discussed and exchanged views on the implementation of the recommendations of Preliminary Needs Assessment conducted by the ASEAN Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ASEAN ERAT), formulation of some ASEAN projects to

strengthen the capacity of Reception and Transit Centres as well as projects which can help to promote confidence, health, education and development before the commencement of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment and the positive role of ASEAN in facilitating the ongoing efforts of the Government of Myanmar for repatriation, resettlement and development in Rakhine States.—MNA ■

# Ministries of Home Affairs, Defence, Health and Sports explain third-year performances

**T**HE press conference on the third-year journey of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence, and the Ministry of Health and Sports answered to reporters in the Ministry of Information's meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

## Ministry of Home Affairs

U Khine Tun Oo, Acting Permanent Secretary of MoHA, said the Myanmar Police Force is working in line with the changing modern system and policies of the Union Government reflected in the 22 laws concerning them. He said they have established two additional district police offices, 17 new area police stations, six new police outposts, and four new border police forces for proliferating domestic security and peace.

He said they are cooperating with INTERPOL, ASEANPOL, EUROPOL and police forces from different countries to combat transnational crimes, environmental crimes, human trafficking and other criminal activities. He said a new Myanmar-Bangladesh Border Liaison Office and a new Myanmar-China Liaison Office were opened in the incumbent government's third year in office in addition to 13 other Border Liaison Offices with other neighboring countries.

The Ministry of Home Affairs set 11 directives across the country and handled 2,383 cases of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and arrested 3,339 suspects. They have opened 510 cases against human trafficking with The Anti Trafficking in Persons Law, arrested 1,458 suspects and rescued 889 people trafficked.

The Bureau of Special Investigation handled 528 cases handed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, cases handled as members of subnational investigation groups, and cases handed over by the Central Control Board on Money Laundering in the third-year. They investigated 136 economic crimes and 159 staff actions that went against the law.

The Correctional Department constructed two prisons and two lock-ups and expanded three prisons and a lock-up to address the crowded space of inmates. Authorities allotted



Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence, and the Ministry of Health and Sports hold press conference on their performances in third one-year period in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

K975 for each prison inmate and K1,000 for each lock-up inmate a day while increasing trip fees for released inmates to K35 per mile they had to return home and K1,000 per day for food.

Insein, Mandalay and Tharrawaddy prisons each received a 50-bed hospital for treating inmates and Insein Prison received a tuberculosis treatment center as well.

104 inmates took the matriculation exam in 2017-2018 academic year with 43 male and 4 female inmates passing the exam while 5 passed with three distinctions, 5 passed with two distinctions and 18 passed with one distinction. There were 171 inmates taking the matriculation exam for 2018-2019 academic year.

The prisons also arranged for inmates to receive distance university education. In the 2018-2019 academic year, 15 inmates were able to take the exam for the first year of their major, 8 for their second year, 4 for their third year, and one for their fourth year.

The Department of Fire Service inspected 6,831 high-rise buildings for construction and submitted K13,144,551 to the Union Government from their services.

The department also received Euro 50 million in Official Development Assistance from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development

and acquired 75 modern fire engines, rescue vehicles and assistance vehicles in addition to other equipment and apparatuses. They also sent domestic firefighters to firefighter academies in Poland to receive extensive trainings and capacity building.

## Ministry of Defence

Permanent Secretary Brig-Gen Aung Kyaw Hoe said the Ministry of Defence and United Nations Country Task Force on Monitoring and Reporting (UN CTFMR) signed an agreement on a plan of action for prevention of military recruitment of underage children on 27 June 2012 and a 13-member committee was formed. During the third one year term of the government, the government of Myanmar and UN CTFMR met twice in the Ministry of Defence and once in Yangon.

Monitoring visits were made to two infantry regiments and two non-combatant units. Multiplier courses on preventing recruitment of children were conducted by Military Commands and were attended by 1,520 officers and 6,163 other ranks. The courses were conducted Military Command wise once every two months.

Tatmadaw personnel found to have been recruited under the age of 18 years were also released from military duty according to Tatmadaw rules and regulations. 75 were released

back to their parents or guardians on 31 August 2018 and a further 32 were released back to their parents or guardians on 31 March 2019.

To prevent enlistment of under 18 years old, bone X-ray method was used to determine their ages. Using this method prevents recruitment of 1,636 under age recruits during the third one-year period. And it had prevented unusual recruitment of underaged recruits during the third one-year period.

A standing order had been issued for the Tatmadaw to respond and provide necessary assistant without waiting for any instruction or order whenever a natural disaster occurs. The Tatmadaw personnel were also undertaking tough trainings like other militaries as instructed by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in order to respond to any dangers including natural disaster that may befall on the country and its citizens.

Whenever national calamities like fire, storm, flood and inundation, earthquake etc. strikes in Myanmar, Tatmadaw provides timely rescue and rehabilitation works while families of Tatmadaw personnel also provide victims with cash, foods and consumer goods.

Tatmadaw provide security and helped evacuate 214 households to safety when there was a fire outbreak in nine states and regions. They also helped

clear four monasteries and 46 houses and provided relief assistance worth K4.9 million. Tatmadaw also provided security and helped evacuate 979 households, cleared six monasteries and 96 houses in a fire outbreak in eleven states and regions while relief assistance worth more than K2.6 million was provided.

When there was a collapse of a spillway in Bago Region, a train was left stranded by overflowing waters. Tatmadaw transported 50 train personnel and 1,209 passengers between Bago Region Yedashe Town and Swa Railway Station by 18 City Buses. Debris and silts covering a school was also cleared as well as affected roads.

Furthermore during 2019 a total of 302 students from University for Development of National Races (Ywathitgyi) were given basic military training at UTCs. Arrangements were made to provide basic military trainings to students from Degree College for Development of National Races (Yangon and Sagaing) during academic year 2018-2019. From 2015 to date a total of 9,460 students from these education institutes were provided with basic military trainings.

## Ministry of Health and Sports

Permanent Secretary Prof. Dr. Thar Htet Khine Win said the Ministry of Health and Sports appointed 3,988 new doctors, 516 dentists, 5,681 nurses, 3,005 midwives, 930 nurses, 2,408 medical experts, 381 assistant health officers, and 3,000 public health administrators (2) in the third year of the incumbent government.

MoHS expanded 21 station hospitals, 8 upgrades, 71 rural health departments and 20 branch departments with revised organizational structures.

He said they are only at 55% of the permitted workforce. MoHS hired around 10,000 more community health workers from nurses to mid-wives to hospital managers. Around 1000 more hospitals got additional beds, totaling up to 55,266 new beds along with 200 more additional community health centers/clinics built across the country.

## ARSA member arrested in Maungtaw

A MEMBER of the ARSA was arrested at 10.45 a.m. on 23 May in Maungtaw after he reportedly crossed over illegally into Myanmar from a camp for displaced people in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

The member of the terrorist group has been identified as Mamud Hashin, also known as Shin Mullah, 22. He was residing in Samarku Camp at Palaung Khali Village in Ukha, Cox's Bazar district.

During interrogation, he said that he had been residing in Kyikanpyin (South) Village in Maungtaw Township, and had left for Bangladesh after the August, 2017 terrorists attacks in the township.

Mamud Hashin said when he was at Samarku Camp, it was under the control of ARSA members Marjuharh, 35, and Akkara, 30. He was recruited to ARSA in early 2018.

In January, 2018, 20 youths from the Samarku Camp, including Mamud Hashin, and 30 youths from other camps received terrorist training at the camp for one month. Mamud Hashin said his membership number is ARSA-34, and he received

training in small arms, planting mines, and martial arts.

He also disclosed that the provisions for the training were sourced from camps for displaced people in Bangladesh, and ARSA supporters in Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Thailand, Myanmar, and some organizations.

About 40 terrorists who received training from ARSA are residing at the Samarku Camp, he said. There are about eight ARSA members in one accommodation unit, sharing the accommodation provided to other displaced people, he told police.

On 22 May, Mamud Hashin stabbed Akkara with a knife during a dispute and fled the camp. He gave 2,000 Taka to a fishing boat to take him to Myanmar. He was arrested by the security police while he was on his way to his uncle Zar Phaw Ahmad's home in Kyikanpyin (South) Village after crossing the border fence.

The Kyaingchaung Police have registered a case against him under Section 52/ (a) of the Anti-Terrorist Law, according to the Myanmar Police Force.—MNA (Translated by Tun Tun Naing)

## Health Promotion Unit of Public Health Department receives Dr. Lee Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health



Director of the Public Health Department Dr. Than Lwin Tun, Deputy Director Dr. Nan Naing Naing Shein, and Dr. Nyein Aye Tun accept the Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health Award at the WHO Headquarters, Geneva on 24 May. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Health Promotion Unit of the Department of Public Health under the Ministry of Health and Sports received the Dr. Lee Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health at the WHO Headquarters, Geneva, during the 72<sup>nd</sup> session of the World Health Assembly on 24 May.

The prize was awarded in recognition of the department's Community Health Clinics and its contribution to public health, including providing diabetes treatment and healthcare to aged people in rural areas,

where about 70 per cent of the country's population resides.

The Community Health Clinics for non-communicable diseases launched in 2018 and the community health clinic model cover 560 out of the 1,849 rural healthcare clinics nationwide. Mobile health clinics staffed by local health professionals, who live and deliver services within their communities, offer services not only at rural health centres, but also in hard-to-reach areas.

The Health Promotion Unit received the 2019 Dr. Lee Jong-

wook Memorial Prize for Public Health for their achievements, and shared the US\$50,000 prize with India's team.

The prize was accepted by Dr. Than Lwin Tun, the Director of the department, Deputy Director Dr. Nan Naing Naing Shein, and Dr. Nyein Aye Tun.

The awards ceremony was also attended by Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe and senior officials of the ministry.—MNA

(Translated by Tun Tun Naing)

## Ministries of Home Affairs, Defence, Health and Sports ...

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There were also 10,377 rooms built in the 2018-19 financial year to house our staff as well as plans to build more. The healthcare budget was increased when the new civilian government took over – the budget is currently K944 billion from the Union Government, K152 billion from international entities as well as K35.5 billion set to be loaned. From the budget, around K164 billion has been set to buy medical equipment and medicines.

Within 2018 alone, the public hospitals treated 3 mil-

lion in-patients and 12 million out-patients with 760,000 surgeries operated. The community health centers/clinics in villages had an additional 14 million people seeking consultation and treatment. Every month, the centers/clinics provide care and guidance for 70,000-80,000 mothers.

MoHS also opened a fertility center in the Central Women's Hospital and successfully birthed the first test tube baby on 12 June 2018. The Ministry also spent K420 million to install a state-of-the-art tele-radiology X-ray machines in 3 townships in Mon State. If the budget al-

lows, MoHS will install these machines in Kachin and Kayah as well since these are really useful for people who live far from such facilities.

MoHS has documented 99 kidney transplants, 33 heart transplants, 1 child heart transplant, 2,076 open heart surgeries, 12,983 cardiac cath labs, 1,077 brain and neurosurgeries, and 11 bone marrow transplants in the 3<sup>rd</sup> one-year period.

For HIV/AIDS, the Ministry was able to supply 166,121 patients with Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) available in 272 townships across the country. Additionally, the ministry was

able to test 1 million expectant mothers in 2018 for AIDS/HIV in an effort to prevent mother to child infections. Thanks to the public hospitals and clinics across the country, 135,435 TB patients were treated free-of-charge with 87% success rate. There are also 55 methadone dispensaries for drug users with plans to build 14 more.

Vaccination programs for infants are also in full force with 11 types of vaccines distributed around the country. The Union spends around US\$6.7 million every year to buy the necessary shots and is aiming for 100% coverage (we are currently at

80-90%).

Rabies is also another priority. The ministry spent over K14 billion within the past three years for vaccine shots and treated almost 190,000 people who have been bitten. This significantly lowered death by rabies to 70 people in 2018 from 99 in 2016. Field Epidemiology Training Programs – FETP are also being held for public health workers and epidemiologists for practical training in preventing communicable diseases.

Afterwards, the officials replied to questions from the media. — Tun Nanda Kyaw (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

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## School Enrolment Day ceremony (2019-2020) held in Nay Pyi Taw



Union Minister Dr. Myo Thein Gyi hands over exercise books to a student during a School Enrolment Day ceremony for 2019-2020 academic year in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Union Territory, Nay Pyi Taw held a School Enrolment Day ceremony for 2019-2020 academic year at B.E.H.S. 5 in Zabuthiri Township yesterday morning.

Present at the ceremony were Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi, Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Tin Tun, Hluttaw representatives, directors-general of MoE departments, the Nay Pyi Taw Education Administrator, district and township education officers, school principals, teachers, students and parents, invited guests and other relevant officials.

Firstly, the students of B.E.H.S. 5 opened the ceremony with the song 'Pyin-nyar-thi-dar-yadanar'.

Next, the Union Minister delivered a speech. He said the Ministry of Education is imple-

menting the National Education Strategic Plan (2016-2021) to improve the overall education system.

He said their policies include ensuring all school-age children can attend school with no discrimination, that there are no dropouts and no one gets left behind. He said they are working towards a free compulsory education system for children and to increase school enrolment rates.

The Union Minister said they have revised the curriculum so that students will acquire skills crucial for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, which include critical thinking, innovation, cooperation, diplomatic relations, curiosity-driven problem solving, and peaceful and fair co-existence.

The Union Minister then handed over free exercise books

and printed books to the education officers of Zabuthiri and Dekkhinathiri townships. Council member U Tin Tun also handed over books to township education officers.

Next, students from Pyinmana B.E.H.S. 5 sang 'Pyin-nyar-pan-khin' and this was followed by the directors-general and Hluttaw representatives handing over books to the township education officers and school principals.

Students from Pobbathiri B.E.H.S. 3 then sang 'Doe-in-doe-arr'.

After the ceremony, the Union Minister and entourage encouraged student enrolments in process in the classrooms, observed the exhibition rooms, and cordially greeted students and their guardians. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

## Myanmar Press Council announces websites, social media pages carrying false, fake, plagiarized news

MYANMAR PRESS COUNCIL issued press release No. 10/2019 yesterday disclosing the social media pages which have posted fake and fabricated news.

In the statement titled 'Announcing on-line web-sites and social media pages which have posted fakes news, false news and plagiarized news', the MPC said it mentioned about the issue related with false news and plagiarized news in its press release No.7/2019.

MPC added that thirteen agreements were reached at the meeting of Four Pillars of Democracy. Of them, the point-10 is for the media and related or-

ganizations to expose the false and fake news and to make them public.

MPC scrutinized the suspected web-sites and social media pages sent by the "monitoring team" with the Copy Rights and Registration Unit. Following are the web-sites and social media pages which are posting false/fake news and plagiarized news.

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- 2.Dagaung
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- 4.မြန်မာ့သတင်းဦး သတင်းထူးများ @ ThaDinSar-1
- 5.Myanma Thadinsone
- 6.Zeekwat
- 7.Shwe Wiki
- 8.Shwe Mon
- 9.Yuyalay
- 10.ApannPyay
- 11.ACHITLWIN-

- 12.Lwin Pyin,
- 13.Hlataw.com
- 14.တိုလီမိုလီကုမ္ပဏီ Company
- 15.Thadinhtoo
- 16.သမီးလေးဖတ်ပို့ Knowledge
- 17.Myanmar Breaking News
- 18.MyanmarLive လတ်တလောမြန်မာ့သတင်းများ
- 19.TawThu
- 20.Apyo Lay (မြစ်ရပ်မှန်သတင်းထူးများဟုအမည်ပြောင်းထားသည်)
- 21.Nanmalgyi
- 22.Focus Myanmar-Latest Updates in Myanmar
- 23.Lat Khat Than
- 24.Burmese-asia-Media News & Entertainment
- 25.သုတကြွယ် Thutastar
- 26.Daily Feed
- 27.Myanmar News Plus
- 28.Achitlwinpyin-news Daily Time
- 29.The Lifestyle Myanmar
- 30.Beautiful Myanmar and
- 31.OK news.—MNA

(Translated by KZH)

## Japan's NHK films documentary on traditional cotton industry

A team from Japan's NHK World has made a documentary feature about traditional cotton textiles produced in Mongpyo Village, Nyaungshwe Township.

The team shot a scene for the film, Cotton Bagan on 26 May. The NHK team interviewed youths who have set up textile businesses in Taunggyi, and shot scenes in the town on 25 May.

The film also explored traditional dyeing and weaving at Inle Lake and will also shoot production of clothes at Thaphan Village in Meiktila Township, and cotton souvenir shops in Bagan NyaungU.

The feature film has been produced as part of the Asia Insight program on NHK World. —MNA (Translated by TTN)



An elderly lady spins cotton threads into spools in a village near Inle Lake. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Body of missing climber found

A SEARCH team on 24 May found a suspected body of a woman climber who fell some 600 meters to her death on Mount Phangran Razi in Kachin State on 6th April.

"The body was brought to Putao Hospital for autopsy. We have informed her parents and they are on the way to Putao. Her body is expected to be cremated here," said U Joseph, who guided the search team of the Myanmar Hiking and Trekking Team led by Vice Chairman U Kyin Oo.

Ma Seint Htet was part of a group of 21-member trekking team The Summitter reached the peak on 12 April morning six days after they began the journey.

She fell on the way back. Her body was discovered during the second search operation.

The scaling of the 14,095 feet high Phangran Razi Mountain was the first hiking trip for the team. —Myint Maung Soe

(Translated by GNLM)



Seint Htet. **PHOTO: JUSTICE FOR SEINT HTET FACEBOOK PAGE**

# The global waste problem

ACCORDING to one Burmese idiom, 'a spark on litter burns the whole spire down', which means, sometimes issues that seem insignificant can grow into colossal problems, without warning. The problem of waste is one such issue.

Waste has led to clashes between countries from both the East and the West. Five years ago, Canada shipped 1,500 tons of waste, packed in 69 containers, to the Philippines. The archipelagic country was highly offended and demanded that Canada take care of its own waste.

At a time when most types of garbage decomposed easily, littering wasn't a big issue. But now, in a world of plastics and products which can take decades or even centuries to decompose, waste has become a global problem.

Recently, a blocked underground sewage in Sangyoung, Yangon, was cleaned and tons of waste which had accumulated over years was removed. Plastic water bottles and Styrofoam boxes made up most of the waste.

Careless littering causes sewer lines to back up and rainwater to flood the streets, and plastic waste is often the chief culprit.

According to recent news reports, the microplastic density is now higher in the oceans linked to northern Rakhine compared with the Ayeyawady Delta and its connected oceans, while old fishing nets and other kinds of waste are being salvaged from underwater coral reefs in the Myeik Archipelago.

Plastic products thrown into the sea years ago break into tiny pieces, about 5mm in size, called microplastics, under the effect of the tide, the sun, and the environment.

Sea creatures ingesting them in large amounts, mistaking them for food, end up dying. No one, not even the mighty whales, dolphins, seals, and other large residents of the deep are safe from plastic waste.

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch (GPGP) is the largest of the five offshore plastic accumulation zones in the world's oceans. It is located halfway between Hawaii and California and formed gradually as a result of oceanic or marine pollution, gathered by ocean currents.

Researchers from The Ocean Cleanup project have claimed that the patch extends over 1.6 million square kilometres, which is thrice the size of France. An estimated 90,000 metric tons, totalling 1.9 trillion pieces, of plastic can be found in the patch. We are not sure when exactly this gyre of marine debris was formed, but it was only brought to attention 30 years ago.

We must implement systems to carefully dispose plastic and Styrofoam products in each township across the nation, and be ever vigilant to prevent waste from foreign countries entering our homes.



# Improving national image through tourism

By Zin Zin (Tourism)

THE Definition of Tourism varies source by source, person by person. There is no consensus concerning the definition of tourism. Nearly every each institution define "Tourism" differently. But according to the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) it is as follows:

"Tourism is a collection of activities, services and industries which deliver a travel experience comprising transportation, accommodation, eating and drinking establishments, retail shops, entertainment businesses and other hospitality services provided for individuals or groups traveling away from home"

Tourism is the world's third largest export business, generating 10.4 percent of the global GDP. According to the data, people mostly travel for leisure, recreation and holiday. The number of global travellers is increasing year by year, and it reached 1.4 billion in 2018. Based on the tourist population of 2018, UNWTO predicts a three to four percent rise in the number of global travellers in 2019. Thanks to the better airlines that are charging reasonable fees, the number of tourists from India, Russia, Asia and Arab countries which are the emerging markets will rise. UNWTO expects a stronger "Responsible Travel" because of the prevailing new travel visions including "travel to change and to show," "the pursuit of healthy options," and "multigenerational travel."

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The historic Hsin Gyone Fort (Inn Wa Fort) has attracted tourists. PHOTO: KYAW ZEYA



The Maha Aung Mye Bonzan Monastery built by Queen Me Nu in 1818, wife of King Bagyidaw, is a fine example of Burmese monastery architecture during the Konbaung dynasty and one of the tourist attractions in Mandalay. PHOTO: KYAW ZEYA

## Changing market strategies

Unlike in the past, the marketing strategies are significantly changing in today's world. Marketing is a continually evolving discipline and as such can be one that companies find themselves left very much behind the competition if they stand still for too long. One example of this evolution has been the fundamental changes to the basic Marketing mix. Where once there were 4 Ps to explain the mix, nowadays it is more commonly accepted that a more developed 7 Ps adds a much needed additional layer of depth to the Marketing Mix

with some theorists even going further. The 7 Ps are: Product, Price, Place, Promotion, People, Process, and Physical Evidence.

Systematic management is a requisite for gaining more market share, and today the societal marketing concept has become more popular. The societal marketing concept adopts the position that marketers have a greater social responsibility than simply satisfying customers and providing them with superior value. Instead, marketing activities should strive to benefit society's overall well-being. Various strategies and plans are



Bagaya Monastery built entirely of teak wood in 1834 is one of tourist attraction in Mandalay. PHOTO: KYAW ZEYA

being adopted to improve relationship with customers. Marketing 4.0 or the act of moving from traditional to digital is the much-needed handbook for next-generation marketing. Marketing 4.0 is a marketing approach that combines online and offline interaction between companies and customers, according to Philip Kotler, an American marketing expert.

Inclusiveness of the changing market concept is important. Today's marketing 4.0 includes advertising, promotion, getting in touch with the people and direct sales as well as the broader role of the digital marketing. Digital marketing encompasses all marketing efforts that use an electronic device or the internet. Businesses leverage digital channels such as search engines, social media, email, and other websites to connect with current and prospective customers are also included.

## Technical market promotion

Global countries are using various kinds of media for advertising and market promotion. So, we need to develop our tourism industry through digital prioritization in accord with the 2018 motto of the UNWTO - Tourism and the Digital Transformation. Tourism industry must transform it into a digital pioneer. Only then will it become the digitalized tourism sector, which has the competitive ability.

Today's tourists are sharing their experience through the social media and user generated contents, which are digital platforms. The government and all private

organizations should try to adopt personalized services for customers through the online.

## Situation of the leading countries in tourism

These countries are launching market promotion activities through the digital platforms. They are posting their advertisement in well-designed responsive websites and the social network Medias (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.). The most successful websites include Tourism Fiji, Visit Korea, Tourism New Zealand, and Tourism Western Australia of the Asia Pacific region. According to Meltwater, the best Instagram for 2018 include Travel Alberta, Visit California, Visit SLO, Tourism New Zealand, and Visit Singapore. According to Mensfield Website, Discover Los Angeles, Tourism Toronto, Sweden Aibnb, #InLove-WithSwitzerland, Let Nova Scotia Surprise You, and Experience the Philippines are the best video advertisement for 2017.

Thailand, a neighbor of Myanmar, also is a successful tourist destination. It hosted over 38 million visitors in 2018. The promotion activities conducted by the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TA) through the amazingthailand website and social network accounts are satisfactory.

## Improving national image through tourism

Myanmar possesses breathtaking natural sceneries, interesting cultures and traditions, amazing ancient religious buildings, and the hospitality of the locals. So, it

has all the characteristics to attract a large number of tourists. But false accusations of some countries have dimmed our national image, hitting the tourism industry hard. Only 3.55 million tourists visited Myanmar in 2018. It is not a satisfactory number.

The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism has been making all-out efforts for the development of the industry. It is taking part in the international tourism shows, hosting internal tourism exhibitions, cooperating with international tourism bodies, assigning tourism ambassadors and distributing leaflets and promotion videos. The Ministry also introduced Digital Marketing in 2018.

The Myanmar Tourism Federation (MTF) and its sister organizations formed expert organizations for broader marketing activities. They are also using digital platforms including website and social media. The Ministry has upgraded its website [www.tourism.gov.mm](http://www.tourism.gov.mm) into a well-designed responsive website on 10 April 2019. The country is posting attractive photos, videos and articles on the social media in accord with its theme - Myanmar Be Enchanted. The Ministry is also trying to improve the country's image by distributing authentic online information about Myanmar.

I wish the people to have knowledge of the broader endeavours the government and the private organizations are making through innovative means for the development of tourism industry.

(Translated by TMT)



## Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2019)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Monsoon is moderate over the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and a few cloud to partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2019:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Yangon and Taninthayi regions, Mon State, fairly widespread in Mandalay and Ayeyawady regions, Kayin state, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Upper Sagaing, Magway and Bago regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin and Kayah states and isolated in the remaining Region and State with isolated heavy falls in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4 - 6) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Thundery activities in the Deltaic areas.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2019:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2019:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2019:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

## Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

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

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## DHF outbreak likely to increase this year in Kayin State

CASES of dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) are likely to increase in Kayin State this year compared with the year-ago period, according to a state-level DHF prevention seminar, held at the Kayin State Public Health Department on 26 May.

At the seminar, Kayin State Hluttaw Speaker U Saw Chit Khin delivered a speech, while State Public Health Department Head Dr. Zaw Lin explained the importance of raising awareness about DHF, as well as measures being taken to prevent it.

According to official statistics, 935 people contracted dengue hemorrhagic fever in 2018 in Kayin State, which resulted in one death. DHF broke out mostly in Hpa-an Township, and spread to other towns and villages. The outbreak of dengue hemorrhagic fever was reported chiefly in June, July, and August. There were about 90 cases of DHF between January and 27 May this year. Therefore, the Public Health Department and related organizations have discussed conducting awareness training courses for local people to help



An awareness talk on the dangers of dengue haemorrhagic fever is held at the Kayin State Public Health Department on 26 May. **PHOTO: SAW MYO MIN THEIN (IPRD)**

them learn how to prevent the disease from breaking out.

"We have already made arrangements to conduct township-wise awareness training courses, and to launch community-based and school-based activities. We will raise awareness in schools in Hpa-an Township, beginning 27 May, with the help of the Public Health Department,

social organizations, and the Education Department," said Dr. Min Myo Kyi, the assistant director.

The Aedes mosquito can be recognized by white markings on its body. It mostly breeds in water bottle caps, old tires, and vases, and is active during the day. Therefore, people must protect themselves from mosquito bites during the day. The signs

and symptoms of dengue hemorrhagic fever are high fever with headache, joint and muscle pain, vomiting, and rashes. Patients suffering from DHF need to undergo emergency medical treatment if they lose consciousness and their body temperature falls. —Saw Myo Min Thein (IPRD)

(Translated by Hay Mar)

## Myanmar golden deer population up in Chatthin sanctuary

THE number of Myanmar golden deer at the Chatthin wildlife sanctuary has increased to 1,409 between 2017 and 2019, according to the sanctuary's administration team.

"The golden deer is a rare species found in Myanmar, mostly in the Shwesettaw and Chatthin wildlife sanctuaries. A total of 1,409 golden deer were recorded in the Chatthin wildlife sanctuary. We are trying to promote the rate of re-

production of the golden deer. There were over 3,000 deer in the sanctuary in 2000. We conducted a census in 2015 and found their rate of reproduction is relatively slow," said U Min Swe, the administrator of the Chatthin wildlife sanctuary.

The slow rate of reproduction of the golden deer is linked to hunting, environmental damage, threat from people, and timber logging.

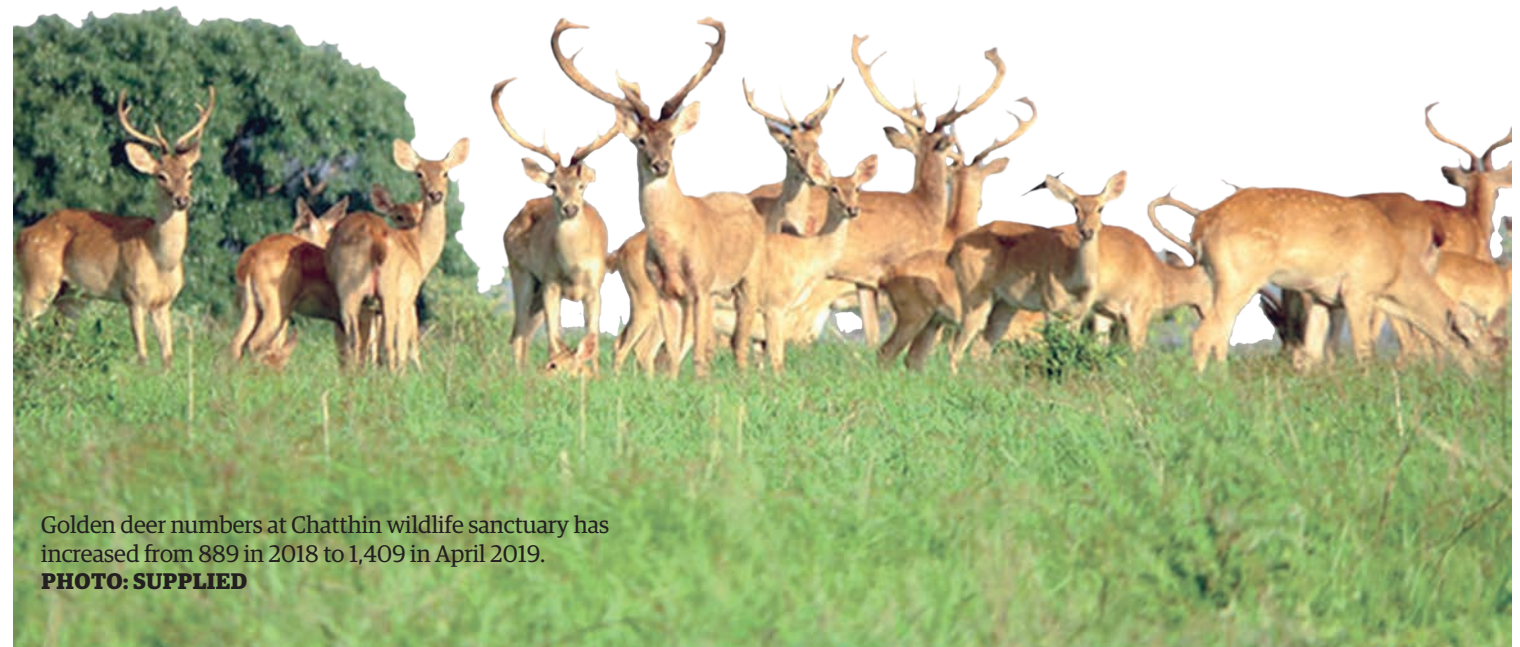
The authorities have been taking legal action against those found hunting golden deer in the Chatthin sanctuary. There are more than 40 villages around the sanctuary.

A total of 1,501 golden deer were recorded in 2012, 1,126 in 2013, 671 in 2004, 506 in 2015, 480 in 2016, 728 in 2017, 889 in 2018. The number of deer stood at 1,409 as on April, 2019.

The Chatthin wildlife sanctuary was established as

a forest protection area on 19 June, 1941 over 66,560 acres of land. However, about 2,295.58 acres of farming land, village land, and religious precincts, which belonged to three villages, were excluded from the sanctuary. Now, about 4,264.42 acres remain. They are located in Kanbalu Township in Kanbalu district and Kawlin Township in Katha district.—Aye Cho

(Translated by Hay Mar)



Golden deer numbers at Chatthin wildlife sanctuary has increased from 889 in 2018 to 1,409 in April 2019.

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## Sugar re-export companies asked to report actual trade volume within two months



Local farmers harvest sugarcane in this summer in Thanbo Village-trace in Meiktila District. **PHOTO: CHAN THAR (MEIKTILA)**

THE Trade Department has asked 141 companies which re-export sugar to provide the actual trade volume figures within two months, according to a recent announcement released by the department on 24 May.

Companies which fail to furnish the figures will face legal action, according to the Commerce Ministry.

Re-exported sugar is not intended for the domestic market as it can hurt domestic sugar producers. The import list needs to tally with the volume of re-export, and authorized companies need to strictly adhere to the prescribed rules and regulations. Inspections will be conducted to check whether

they comply with the rules or not. Companies found selling sugar meant for re-export in the domestic market will face legal action.

The Commerce Ministry allowed Myanmar merchants to re-export sugar in the 2015-2016 fiscal year to help them earn hard currency, improve trade, and create job opportunities.

Myanmar merchants import sugar mostly from Thailand and India, along with Brazil, Qatar, and the UAE. It is then re-exported to China through the Sino-Myanmar checkpoints, as Myanmar sugar millers are unable to produce quality sugar that meets the export criteria due to lack of advanced refining machinery.

More than 700,000 tons of sugar, valued at \$394 million, was exported in the 2015-2016FY. During the 2016-2017FY, 2 million tons of sugar, worth \$1.12 billion, was exported. Starting from 22 September, 2017, sugar re-export was suspended.

In August last year, the Ministry of Commerce declared a temporary ban on sugar re-export to regulate the forex market as it could weaken the Kyat value. China has suspended the importation of some agro products, including sugar and rice, through the border since the second week of October, 2018.

—Ko Khant

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

## Animal products exports touch \$292.4 mln over seven and half months

MYANMAR'S exports of animal products between 1 October, 2018 and 17 April, 2019 in the current financial year touched US\$292.4 million, a sharp increase compared with the corresponding period in the 2017-2018FY, when income from livestock trade was registered only \$84 million.

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

At present, cattle exports to China are on the decline owing to suspension of trade and some cattle are struck at Muse gate.

A large cow is selling for over K2 million, yet trade sus-

pension led the Chinese traders to the price manipulation and offering low price of around K1 million.

Livestock trade was allowed in late 2017 and decentralized cattle export to the respective region and state governments. Nevertheless, the power was transferred from regional government to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation as there are certain difficulties in movement of cattle in the country, according to the ministry's announcement released on 22 May.

Between the 2017-2018 FY and 28, March of the current FY 2018-2019, over 464,000 heads of

cattles were allowed to be sent out of the country. Yet, actual export was registered over 375,000 heads of cattles. The exported cattle are above five years old 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. The authorities have issued cattle export licenses to more than 300 companies in Magway Region. There are around 5,000 companies holding cattle export licenses across the country.—GNLM

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(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

## Sugar can only be exported in the form of syrup: Union Minister

By Aye Yamone

CHINA is importing sugar from Myanmar only in the form of syrup as the refined sugar produced here does not meet its quality standards, said Dr. Than Myint, the Union Minister for Commerce.

China does not allow imports of refined sugar produced in Myanmar. At present, it is purchasing sugarcane through the Laukkai border gate. Therefore, locals are planting over 100,000 acres of sugarcane in Laukkai region.

“Chinese traders have said they won't accept solid sugar, but sugar syrup made of 55 per cent sugar and 45 per cent water. Now, we have a machine to produce sugar syrup. Therefore, sugar entrepreneurs must be made aware of the quality demanded by China,” said Union Minister Dr. Than Myint. At the 27<sup>th</sup> regular meeting held on 22 May at the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, which was attended by Vice President U Myint Swe and entrepreneurs, Dr. Than Myint had said: “Although according to some authorities, sugar is in abundant supply in the market, people are being forced to buy sugar at a high price because it is scarce in the market.”

The annual demand for sugar in China is nearly 16 million tons. However, it produces

around 10 million tons of sugar and has to import around 6 million tons.

“Sugarcane fiber (bagasse) can be used in the generation of electricity. Ethanol acid needs to be extracted from the sugar syrup produced in sugar mills. Then, it needs to be added to imported fuel to produce energy. We have adopted the policy of mixing 10 per cent ethanol acid in fuel, like foreign countries. Thus, we are solving the molasses problem faced by sugar mills. To add value to by-products, the policy needs to be adopted, like in other countries,” said U Win Htay, the Vice Chairman of the Myanmar Sugar and Sugarcane Products Entrepreneurs Association.

Myanmar Sugar and Sugarcane Products Entrepreneurs Association submitted a report to the government on 22 May, asking it to take the necessary measures to increase GDP, improve incomes of local sugarcane farmers, ensure the sustainable development of SMEs, seek markets for export of sugar, and check illegal imports of sugar through the Myawady border gate.

The association has also asked the government to grant loans as well as invite foreign investors to build sugar refineries in the country.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

## SMEs to be registered officially in Sagaing Region

ENTREPRENEURS who have completed vocational training and are currently involved in small and medium enterprises will be granted SME licenses once they seek registration, according to the SME Department.

“The Sagaing Region Government is providing loans for operating businesses and other development programs to registered businesses. There are many types of SMEs, including those involved in baking, cane

weaving, making jade beads, and furniture. Entrepreneurs who have registered their small-scale industries can set up cooperatives to offer co-op loans. This way, they can deal with financial and technical requirements,” said U Lin Htut Moe, the head of Sagaing Region's Small-Scale Industries Department.

Currently, there are 1,345 SMEs registered in Sagaing Region.—Win Oo (Zeyatime)

(Translated by La Wonn)

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## Monywa Stock Investment Seminar to be held on 9 June

A STOCK Investment Seminar will be held on 9 June in Monywa town to promote better understanding of the stock market among the public and help people open security accounts for trading on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX).

At the seminar, Economist U Khin Maung Nyo will speak on the topic of a good investor, and U Thet Tun Oo, the senior executive manager of the YSX, will talk about the exchange and its prospects.

“The YSX was launched three years ago with the view to improve the private sector. We will disseminate the rules and regulations of the stock exchange at the seminar,” said U Thet Tun Oo.

“The seminar will educate the public about the financial reviews

and future prospects of YSX-listed companies and the benefits of stock trading,” said U Zaw Zaw Moe, deputy chairperson, Sagaing Region Retailers Association.

The YSX has increased the trade matching time from two to four per day. In addition, it has held a promotional event to attract new investors and encourage existing investors to trade more actively. The YSX has sought the government’s support for getting more public companies to participate in the stock market and help more institutional investors, such as financing companies, investment banks, and insurance companies to emerge.

In 2016, the shares of just three companies — First Myanmar Investment, Myanmar

Thilawa SEZ Holdings, and Myanmar Citizens Bank — were traded on the exchange. One more public company, the First Private Bank, was listed on the YSX in 2017. Last year, TMH Telecom Public Co. Ltd debuted on the exchange.

More than 2.5 million shares of three-listed companies, worth an estimated K70 billion, were traded on the YSX in 2016. In 2017, in spite of the stock trade volume increasing to 2.6 million, the value of traded shares was just K22 billion. In 2018, 2.3 million shares of five companies, worth K11.5 billion, were traded on the exchange, according to the annual report of the YSX. — Myo Win Tun/GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

## Toungoo District Law Officer, Swa Police Inspector sued for corruption

THE Anti-Corruption Commission has opened cases against Toungoo District Law Officer U Maung Maung Aye and Swa Police Station’s Police Inspector Nay Lin Aung with Section 56 of The Anti-Corruption Law in Toungoo and Yedashe police stations yesterday.

U Maung Maung Aye allegedly solicited K3 million from the defendant, identified as Maung Paing

(a) Ye Htet Paing, from Aye Thar Yar village, Yedashe Township, Bago Region, in a case opened on 25 March 2018. He took the bribe to lift charges from Maung Paing, his grandfather and one unidentified individual but only let other two off while continuing to press charges against Maung Paing.

Police Inspector Nay Lin Aung allegedly solicit-

ed K300,000 from Maung Paing’s sister through their lawyer who entertained him at pubs and KTV houses.

The case against Maung Paing was originally opened by the father of Ma Toe Toe Wai who was dissatisfied with Maung Paing and his daughter’s elopement and marriage certificate. —MNA (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

## Over 200 cocaine bags found in stomach of Japanese who died on plane

LOS ANGELES — More than 200 bags of cocaine were found in the stomach and intestines of a Japanese man who died on a flight from Mexico to Japan last week, Mexican officials said Monday.

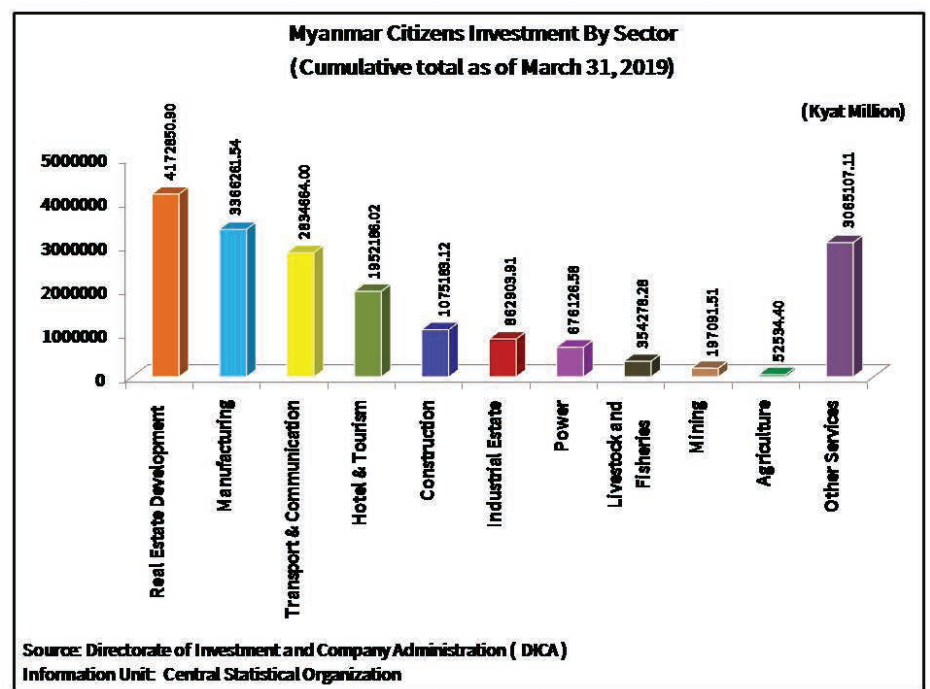
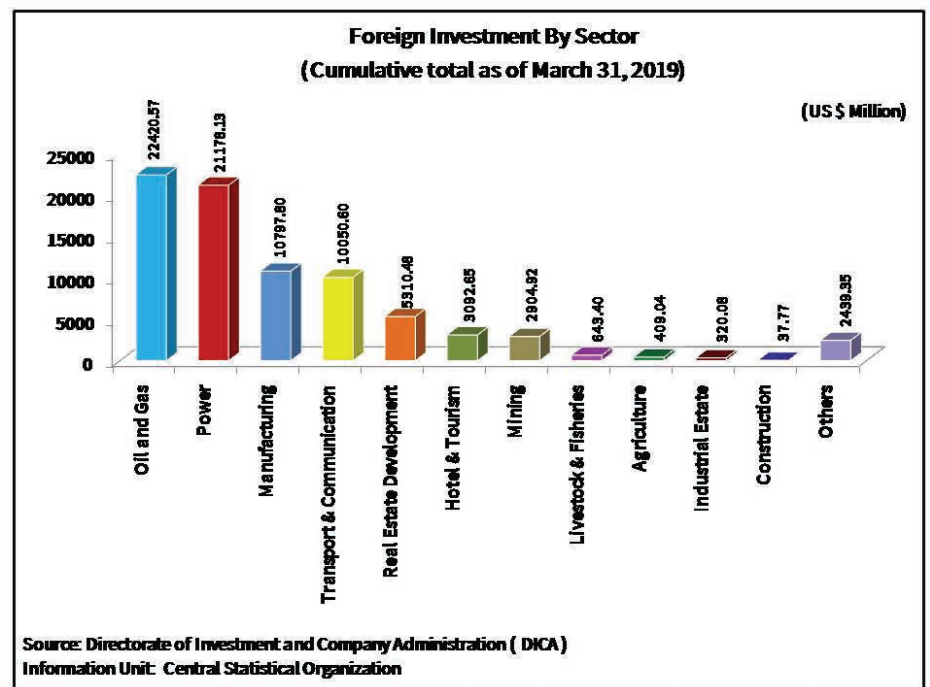
An autopsy revealed that the 42-year-old man had swallowed a total of

246 bags. The man died Friday from cardiac arrest caused by a drug overdose, the law enforcement officials said. The man took a flight from the Colombian capital Bogota to Mexico City, where he boarded a flight to Narita airport near Tokyo.

The man complained

of feeling ill shortly after takeoff. He was pronounced dead after the flight made an emergency landing at an airport in Sonora, northwestern Mexico.

The plastic bags were approximately 2.5 centimeters long and 1 cm wide.—Kyodo News ■



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# Coal-hungry S Africa introduces carbon tax

JOHANNESBURG (South Africa) — South African President Cyril Ramaphosa has signed into law a carbontax to cut emissions in the continent's worst polluter, the treasury said Monday, drawing cautious praise from

environmentalists.

The tax, a rare step for an emerging economy, will be levied from June 1 on greenhouse gases from fuel combustion and industrial processes and emissions.

“President Cyril

Ramaphosa has communicated the urgent need for action around the climate crisis,” WWF said in a statement, describing it as a landmark moment for South Africa.

“While there is still much to be done for the

tax to become more effective, we recognise this is a significant first step.”

The tax was first planned in 2010, but has been delayed by opposition from business and industry in a country struggling with low growth and

unemployment near 28 per cent.

“Climate change represents one of the biggest challenges facing humankind, and the primary objective of the carbontax is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in a sus-

tainable, cost effective and affordable manner,” the treasury said in a statement. It said the tax was part of South Africa's efforts to meet the global climate change agreement negotiated in Paris in 2015.—AFP ■

## Speed bumps on German road to lower emissions

BERLIN — Germany has in recent years polished its “green” image abroad, but the country was only recently forced to admit it will miss a self-imposed 2020 climate target.

With Berlin set to miss the next decade's goals too unless lawmakers take bold action, here are some reasons why carbon reduction has proved tricky even for

a wealthy country with an environmentally conscious electorate.

### Car-land

The car industry is a pillar of German economic prosperity, juicing export profits and employing 800,000 people.

After a long rearguard action in Brussels against tougher emissions limits

on Volkswagen, Daimler or BMW's fleets, Berlin remains reluctant to follow Britain and France in setting a cutoff date for new combustion engines.

Even the “dieselgate” emission cheating scandal has failed to dent politicians' cosiness with the car, as leaders warned against measures that could harm ordinary drivers, such as

bans from city centres for the most polluting vehicles.

Conservative transport minister Andreas Scheuer recently blocked plans for a nationwide speed limit on the country's famed Autobahn motorways, which the environment minister had proposed to slash both pollution and road deaths.—AFP ■

## Unseasonably high temperatures continue across Japan

TOKYO — Unseasonably hot weather continued in Japan on Monday, with the mercury topping 30 °C for a fourth straight day in central Tokyo, a new record for May, the weather agency said.

Among 926 monitoring posts across the country, 340 saw temperatures rise above 30 °C. Ichihara in Chiba Prefecture, near Tokyo, marked 35.7 °C, followed by Obihiro in northern Japan's Hokkaido and Ishikawa in Fukushima which both logged 35.5 °C.

The mercury rose to 31.7 °C in downtown Tokyo, according to the Japan Me-

teorological Agency. Western Japan is expected to get some relief from the heat from Monday afternoon with the arrival of a moist air mass, it added.

In the Hokkaido town of Saroma, which marked 39.5 C on Sunday — a record-high temperature for any time on the northern main island—the mercury hit 32.6 °C. At 83 locations in the prefecture, temperatures climbed above 30 °C.

Hokkaido Railway Co. canceled more than 55 train services Monday due to the risk of track distortion caused by the heat.—Kyodo News



People use umbrellas and jackets to shield themselves from the intense sun near the Imperial Palace in Tokyo on 27 May 2019. Temperatures rose well above 30 C in many parts of Japan the same day. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

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# Fight for top EU jobs begins after European elections

BRUSSELS — The tussle for top EU jobs got under way Monday after European Parliament elections delivered a fragmented result, with gains for eurosceptic and green parties as the traditional mainstream groups took a hit.

The main centre-right and centre-left groups lost their combined majority in the 751-seat parliament in the face of a challenge by eurosceptic and nationalist forces of Marine Le Pen, Matteo Salvini and Nigel Farage — although the populist wave was less than some had predicted.

There were big wins for the Greens, who posted double digit scores across Europe's biggest countries, and the Liberals, with both parties likely to play a major role in any future parliamentary coalition. Each previous EU election since the first in 1979 has seen turnout fall, but figures from across the 28-nation bloc were at a 20-year high of 51 percent, suggesting this year's culture clash has mobilised both populists and those who oppose them.

Boosted by French President Emmanuel Macron's Renaissance Movement, the Liberal ALDE group will finish with more than 100 seats, and it is expected to push hard to win the plum European Commission presidency for its candidate Margrethe Vestager. Britain will send



A view of the inside of the European Parliament hemicycle where journalists are attending the European elections results in the European Parliament in Brussels on 26 May, 2019. PHOTO: AFP

a large contingent of eurosceptic MEPs to a parliament they want to leave in a few months, after Farage's single-issue Brexit Party trounced the main parties, while Salvini's League was Italy's biggest party and Le Pen's National Rally squeaked ahead of Macron.

Holger Schmieding, chief economist at Berenberg bank, said the vote had left Europe "slightly more fragmented and polarised", and there had been a shift from the two main groups to the liberals and greens, partly

as a response to the rise of the populist right.

"To simplify a complex picture: whereas some voters care a lot about migration, many others see climate change as the key issue," Schmieding wrote in a briefing note.

## Looking for broad appeal

As the dust settles on the vote, attention now turns to the fight to land the top EU roles for the next five years: presidencies of the commission and the European Council, the speaker of par-

liament, the high representative for foreign policy and head of the European Central Bank.

These jobs will be picked by the national leaders of EU governments, with the first formal clash set for Tuesday, when they will meet for a summit dinner in Brussels.

But Macron fired the starting pistol on the haggling Monday as he announced a series of one-on-one meetings with other leaders in the hours before the summit, notably Spain's Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez — one of

Sunday's big winners — and German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Merkel has said she will back Manfred Weber, the lead candidate of the centre-right European People's Party (EPP), which suffered significant losses but remained parliament's biggest bloc with 180 seats.

But Macron is set against Weber — a longstanding MEP seen as lacking in charisma or appeal beyond the corridors of Brussels — and other national leaders share his scepticism.

With the centre-left Socialists and Democrats (S&D) projected to win 147 seats, down from 185, the two mainstream parties will no longer have a majority and will have to reach out to the liberals and greens to pass legislation — and approve a new commission president.

Sebastien Maillard of the Delors Institute said the mixed result of the election meant no political group was strong enough to force through their pick to succeed Jean-Claude Juncker at the head of the commission.

"No lead candidate can claim to have a majority, so that opens the game up," Maillard told AFP.

"A man or woman must be found who has enough broad appeal that they can achieve a consensus between these forces." —AFP ■

## French police arrest three over Lyon blast

LYON (France) — French police have arrested three people over an explosion in the heart of the southeastern city of Lyon last week which injured 13 people, authorities said Monday.

The suspected bomber, a 24-year-old Algerian citizen, was arrested along with his mother and another Algerian student who is a family friend, Paris prosecutors said in a statement.

The suspect is an IT student previously unknown to police, Lyon's mayor Gerard Collomb said.

Police have also questioned his sister but she has not been arrested, the Paris prosecutors added. Prosecutors had on Friday opened an investigation over "attempted murders linked to a terrorist organisation". Police had been hunting for a man seen cycling near the scene of the blast who was wearing a green top and Bermuda shorts, and carrying a dark rucksack. He had been the target of an extensive manhunt since late Friday when an explosive device filled with screws and

ball bearings was placed in front of a bakery near the corner of two crowded pedestrian streets in the historic centre of Lyon. Police circulated photos of the suspect on Twitter, leading to "several dozen" calls from people with information.

## Victims hit with shrapnel

Sources close to the inves-

tigation suspected the explosive was acetone peroxide, or APEX, a volatile compound used in deadly Paris attacks that happened on November 13, 2015. Investigators recovered small screws, ball bearings and batteries along with a printed circuit and a remote-controlled trigger device. Officials later said the charge was relatively weak. —AFP ■



French police officers and forensics are at work to search for evidences in front of les IFS residence on 27 May, 2019 in Oullins, near the home of a suspect arrested earlier over an explosion in the heart of the southeastern city of Lyon last week which injured 13 people. PHOTO: AFP

## Trade imbalance likely high on agenda at G-20 finance chief meeting

TOKYO — Japan's top currency diplomat said Monday that issues of trade imbalance, intellectual property protection and government subsidies will be raised as key agenda items when finance chiefs from the Group of 20 major economies gather next month.

"We'll address not only the bilateral trade imbalance between China and the US, but also...issues like how to protect intellectual property rights...how to address market-distorting subsidy provisions," Masatsugu Asakawa, vice minister of finance for international affairs, said in a meeting of think tanks of the G-20 member states called Think 20.

The escalating US-China trade spat is threatening to slow global growth, while concerns remain that the abuse of intellectual property rights and subsi-

dies are hampering fair and open competition in the global market.

At a two-day meeting in the southwestern Japan city of Fukuoka from June 8, Asakawa said the finance ministers and central bank governors will also discuss new international taxation rules for multinational companies such as Google, Apple, Facebook and Amazon to prevent tax evasion.

Infrastructure projects in developing countries will also be high on the agenda amid fears of some countries being saddled with heavy debt under China's financing program.

Asakawa will attend the meeting as a member of Japan's delegation led by Finance Minister Taro Aso. The minister will chair the meeting ahead of their leaders' summit in late June in Osaka, western Japan. —Kyodo News

## Indonesian police reveal broader plot behind poll-related protests

JAKARTA — Indonesian police on Monday revealed a broader plot behind election-related protests that broke out in Jakarta last week and turned violent, saying four “national figures” and a pollster executive had been targeted for assassination.

The protests took place Wednesday, a day after the announcement of the final results of last month’s presidential election, and involved supporters of presidential candidate Prabowo Subianto, who was de-

feated by incumbent President Joko “Jokowi” Widodo.

National Police spokesman Muhammad Iqbal refused to disclose the identities of the targeted figures, but said they did not include the president. He said the order to kill came from “someone whose identity has been known” to authorities.

According to Iqbal, six suspects, including a woman, have been implicated in the plot, in which firearms had been bought and sold and a

lot of money had been distributed to carry out the plan.

The suspects have been arrested and charged under a 1951 emergency law covering possession and delivery of illegal firearms, and could face life imprisonment if convicted.

Last week, the General Election Commission declared Jokowi the winner of the April 17 election, defeating Prabowo by a double-digit margin.

Refusing to accept the official vote count,

Prabowo has alleged electoral fraud and challenged it before the Constitutional Court, demanding the court to disqualify Jokowi and declare himself president.

Security has been tightened in the capital since early last week, with soldiers and police officers seen on the streets and at many buildings. Some main roads in Jakarta are still closed as Prabowo’s supporters still plan to stage more rallies.

—Kyodo News ■



Thailand’s Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha gives a speech during the Palang Pracharath Party’s party campaign rally in Bangkok, Thailand, 22 March 2019. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

## Thailand’s pro-junta party eyes closing deal on coalition gov’t

BANGKOK — The pro-junta Palang Pracharath Party on Monday formally invited key political parties to join a coalition government it hopes to form next month, a move expected to pave the way for junta leader Prayut Chan-o-cha’s continued premiership.

Palang Pracharath, the second-largest party in the 500-seat House of Representatives following the March 24 general election, is expected to secure a slim majority with such allies as the Democrat Party, the fourth-largest in the chamber.

Palang Pracharath’s delegation, led by party leader Uttama Savanayana, visited the Democrat Party’s headquarters on Monday to ask the royalist party to join the coalition government to be led by it.

Democrat Party Secretary General Chalermchai Sri-on said after the talks that the party will make its stance clear before voting to choose the next prime minister. Although the party, which was last in power in 2011, has yet to finalize its stance, developments over the weekend clearly reflected an emerging bond it and Palang Pracharath.

Former Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai, a Democrat, was elected the house speaker with the support of Palang Pracharath and other parties likely

to join the Palang Pracharath-led coalition.

The two deputy speaker positions have gone to Palang Pracharath and the Bhumjaithai Party, which also has been invited by Uttama to join a coalition led by the pro-junta party.

“I am confident if Palang Pracharath leads the government, it will be stable coalition government,” Bhumjaithai Party leader Anutin Charnvirakul said, adding that he will give his answer at the soonest.

The other parties that have made clear their intentions to join the Palang Pracharath-led government include two midsize and 11 small parties. But Palang Pracharath is seeking more allies to stabilize the new government.

The Pheu Thai Party, a political vehicle of ousted Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, won the most seats in the lower house but fell short of winning a majority. It has also vowed to form a government with its anti-junta allies, such as the Future Forward Party.

But its chance of selecting the prime minister is slim as 500 members of the lower house and 250 members of the junta-appointed Senate will together choose the prime minister under the country’s junta-crafted 2017 Constitution. —Kyodo News



Hundreds of people hold a demonstration in front of the Election Supervisory Agency building in Jakarta, Indonesia on 21 May, 2019. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

## Four dead, at least seven injured in three separate blasts in Nepal capital

NEW DELHI — Three separate blasts that occurred between Sunday afternoon and evening in Nepal’s capital Kathmandu left four people dead and injured at least seven others, Nepalese police said.

Although no one has taken responsibility for the blasts, police spokesman Bishwo Raj Pokharel told Kyodo News that there is strong evidence that a radical breakaway group of former Maoist rebels may be behind the

blasts.

“Pamphlets of the group were recovered from the blast sites,” Pokharel said, adding, “Two of the injured people are members of the group.”

A blast near a barber shop in the Sokedhara area in northeastern Kathmandu killed one person, while two others injured in the blast died later while being treated.

Another blast inside a private residence in the Ghattekulo area in cen-

tral Kathmandu killed one person who was later identified as a member of the radical Maoist group, Pokharel said.

A third blast near Thankot in western Kathmandu injured two people. Police suspect all three explosions happened accidentally while members of the group were transporting explosives to various places around the capital.

The group, led by Netra Bikram Chand, a former Maoist insurgent

commander, has called for a general strike on Monday to protest arrests of the group’s members.

In March, the government announced the group had been listed as a criminal organization and banned its activities. Since then, many of its members have been arrested. The group often uses violence as a tactic to make people cooperate with its announcements of general strikes.

—Kyodo News ■

## Preliminary footballers for Myanmar national team selected to play against Singapore team

THE head coach of Myanmar national team Miodrag Radolovic selected preliminary players for Myanmar national team for a match with Singapore team in FIFA international friendly match on 11 June at the invitation of Football Association of Singapore.

The match will be played at the National Stadium, Singapore. The head coach Miodrag Radolovic selected 26 players in total preliminarily.

The selected players include goalkeepers, Kyaw Zin Htet (Yangon United), Kyaw Zin Phyo (Ayeyawady United), Naing Zeyar Tun (Zwekapin United) and Pyae Lian Aung (Yadanarbon FC).

Defenders are Soe Moe Kyaw (Ayeyawady United), Zaw Lin (Ayeyawady United), Zaw Min Tun (Chonburi FC), Pyae Phyo Zaw (Yangon United), Win Moe Kyaw (Magwe FC), David Htan (Shan United), Thein Than Win (Yadanarbon FC), Nanda Kyaw (Shan United FC) and Chan Nyein (Rakhine United).

Midfielders, Yan Aung Kyaw (Yangon United), Aung Hlaing Win (Sagaing United), Yan Naing Aung (Hantharwady United), Hlaing Bo Bo (Yadanarbon FC), Ye Ko Oo (Yadanarbon FC), Suan Lam

Mang (Shan United), Maung Maung Lwin (Yangon United) and forwards, Kyaw Ko Ko (Samutprakan), Aung Thu (Muangthong United), Than Htet Aung (Sanutsakhon FC), Zin Min Tun (Shan United), Sithu Aung (Chonburi FC) and Win Naing Soe (Yadanarbon FC).

“Training will be undertaken starting from tomorrow (28 May). Some selected players are playing in quarterfinals and semifinals of their clubs’ matches.

Therefore, training with all selected players will start on 3 June. After training programme, finally selected players will be released,” the head coach Miodrag Radolovic said yesterday.

A goalkeeper and two players from the preliminary selected players will be left out. There will be 23 players in final selection.

Training will be undertaken with only seven players today. On 3 June, all selected players are to take training, Media are invited to gather news on that day.

Media can contact MFF Media and Marketing Department (Ph: 09 970 20 4949) or media@mff-ma.com for gathering news.—GNLM ■

## Paddy fields of dreams: the Myanmar teen making way in women’s football

YANGON—Myanmar U19 striker San Thaw Thaw fled from her family’s paddy fields to follow her footballing dreams, inspired by her girlhood hero Wayne Rooney.

One of five daughters, the 18-year-old grew up in Nyaung Tone township in Ayeyarwaddy division obsessed with football in a country that often frowns on women playing sport.

Although her parents wanted her to go to university she had other ideas, with her grandfather, an ex-player, the only family member to support her ambitions.

Five years ago San Thaw Thaw left the muddy rice fields to take up a place on the U14 national side in Yangon and in 2016 was spotted and recruited by former Myanmar player Than Than Htwe, now coaching Zwe Ka Pin United.

“Most of my friends from my village have got married and are working in the paddy fields,” San Thaw Thaw told AFP. “But I’m playing football in Yangon and I’m meeting lots of new people.”

However, San Thaw Thaw is only too aware of the challenges for girls wanting to follow their footballing aspirations in Myanmar.

“It’s difficult for us to compete with other countries,” she says of women’s football in Myan-



This photo taken on 3 May 2019 shows Myanmar’s U-19 football player San Thaw Thaw posing for a photo at a training field in Yangon. Myanmar U19 striker San Thaw Thaw fled from her family’s paddy fields to follow her footballing dreams, inspired by her girlhood hero Wayne Rooney. **PHOTO: AFP**

mar, though the country punches above its weight and is ranked 44<sup>th</sup> — above Ghana, Cameroon and Slovakia.

“They’ve been training since they were seven or eight years old. We start at age 14 or 15.”

In April the side reached the third round of the AFC Olympic qualifiers.

But this success did little to excite Myanmar’s public, which follows the action in England’s Premier League far more closely

than any matches at home — particularly women’s football.

San Thaw Thaw says she does not get disheartened even though only “one or two” fans come to cheer on the team.

Her dream is to play in Europe and she devotes all her free time to extra training, admitting she can be a little too competitive at times — something she shares with her hero Rooney.

“We’re both aggressive. We give everything to beat our rivals,” she says.—AFP ■

## Hamilton talent saved us from defeat says Mercedes boss

MONACO (Principality of Monaco) — Lewis Hamilton’s individual ability ‘saved’ Mercedes and delivered the team’s emotional tribute victory to Niki Lauda at Sunday’s dramatic Monaco Grand Prix, according to team chief Toto Wolff.

Without his “performance of a champion” drive on badly-worn and incorrectly-chosen medium compound tyres, in which he resisted near-incessant pressure from Max Verstappen’s Red Bull, the Silver Arrows’ season-opening winning streak may have been over.

“Obviously, it was the wrong call,” admitted Wolff, referring to the decision to fit ‘mediums’

instead of ‘hards’ at Hamilton’s pit-stop after only 10 laps.

“We thought the tyre would make it to the end.

“But, of course, it didn’t. He saved us. His driving saved us. It is something that we really need to analyse now.

“We calculated that the medium would make it, if we changed on lap 15 or 16, with the right management. It seemed a straightforward strategy.

“It didn’t seem like a huge stretch, but then we realised 20 laps into it that some graining was appearing on the front left — and he started to complain.

“Under-steer resulted from the graining and it was clear it

would be very, very difficult to make it to the end....

“Everybody knew it would be a huge stretch and, probably 20

laps from the end, he had nought percent rubber left and with massive under-steer at slow speeds.

“You could see that around



Mercedes’ British driver Lewis Hamilton points at the name of late Formula One legend Niki Lauda on his helmet after winning the Monaco Formula 1 Grand Prix at the Monaco street circuit on 26 May, 2019 in Monaco. **PHOTO: AFP**

the Loews hairpin — the car wouldn’t turn anymore... We were close to losing and if it was a normal track — like in Montreal — you lose that race.”

Hamilton secured his third Monaco victory career 77th by resisting every attack from Verstappen, behind him on hard tyres, with one of the greatest stints of defensive racing ever seen on the unforgiving streets of the Mediterranean circuit.

His agitated radio exchanges with engineer Pete Bonnington punctuated the contest and allowed him relief from his concentration during what he later described as the hardest race of his life.—AFP ■