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## President U Win Myint accepts credentials from Chinese Ambassador



President U Win Myint accepts credentials from Mr. Chen Hai, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Mr. Chen Hai, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, presented his Letters of Credence to U Win Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential

Palace, Nay Pyi Taw at 10:00 a. m. yesterday.

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

## President U Win Myint accepts credentials from Bahraini Ambassador



President U Win Myint shakes hands with Bahraini Ambassador Mr. Ahmed Abdulla Ahmed Alharmasi Alhajeri at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Mr. Ahmed Abdulla Ahmed Alharmasi Alhajeri, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, presented his Letters of Credence to U Win Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the Credentials Hall of the Presiden-

tial Palace, Nay Pyi Taw at 10:45 a.m. yesterday.

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

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# Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives Deputy Governor of Tibet Autonomous Regional People's Congress



Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein meets with Deputy Governor of Tibet Autonomous Regional People's Congress Mr. Cheng Siqu in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

U TUN TUN HEIN, Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, received Deputy Governor of Tibet Autonomous Regional People's Congress of the People's Republic of China Mr. Cheng Siqu at the Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they cordially and openly discussed

and exchanged views on the bilateral relations which have reached the Comprehensive Strategic Cooperative Partnership Relations" advanced from China - Myanmar "Pauk-Phaw" Friendship, cooperation and collaboration in economic, education and culture between Hluttaws and peoples through

exchange of goodwill visits of leaders of the two countries.

Pyithu Hluttaw Secretary of International Relations Committee, U Bo Bo Oo, members of the committee and officials of Hluttaw office attended the meeting. — MNA ■

*(Translated by Alphonsus)*

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## Heads of Service Organizations appointed

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the following persons as Heads of Service Organizations shown against each of their names on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(1) U Myint Soe	Director-General Correctional Department Ministry of Home Affairs
(2) U Myat Thu	Director-General Fire Services Department Ministry of Home Affairs
(3) Daw Kay Thi	Managing Director Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank Ministry of Planning and Finance

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# Committee for Supporting Peace and Stability in Rakhine State holds coord meeting

THE Committee for Supporting Peace and Stability in Rakhine State held its coordination meeting at the meeting hall No.3 of the Yangon Region Government Office in Yangon yesterday.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the committee U Aye Tha Aung, Vice Chairmen Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, committee members Deputy Minister U Tin Myint, Deputy Attorney-General U Win Myint, Rakhine State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col. Phone Tint, State Hluttaw Representatives U Maung Maung Ohn and U Oo Than Naing, Rtd Deputy Minister U Nyi Hla Nge and Deputy Police Chief Police Maj-Gen Aung Naing Thu.

At the meeting, U Aye Tha Aung, Chairman of the committee and Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw, said that the committee would hear the

experts' proposals and suggestions on the armed conflict in Rakhine State. The committee would strive for including the internal conflicts of Myanmar and armed conflicts in Rakhine State in the final report while taking the experts' suggestions in the short and long-term measures to be taken. He also urged to make the suggestions openly at the meeting.

Next, Senior Researcher of Myanmar Studies Group U Aye Maung Kyaw, Writer U Than Soe Naing, Writer U Kyaw Win, Executive Director of JMC-U U Aung Naing Oo suggested the conditions of peace process between the government and the ethnic armed organizations, the long-term and short-terms schemes conducting for stability, peace and development of the Rakhine State. Chairman and Vice Chairmen of the committee then discussed the conditions of the on-going process at the



U Aye Tha Aung addresses the coordination meeting of the Committee for Supporting Peace and Stability in Rakhine State in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

meeting. In his closing remarks at the meeting, Chairman of the Committee and Deputy Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye

Tha Aung said he was aware of the fact that there were many discussions and suggestions to be made, and the discussions of the experts would be

beneficial to the committee. — MNA ■

*(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)*





Senior General Min Aung Hlaing donates the eyeglasses to a man with the Tatmadaw's mobile medical team providing healthcare services to the locals. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE C-IN-C OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

## Senior General observes rendering healthcare services to local people

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, and party went to Kaungpinsi Village and its environs, NyaungU Township, Mandalay Region, where they observed the Tatmadaw's mobile medical team providing healthcare services to the local people yesterday morning.

Next, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife observed the artesian well donated in 2014 and proceeded to Taungzin Village-tract, NyaungU

Township, where he held talks with local people and discussed regional development affairs.

Then Senior General Min Aung Hlaing provided foodstuff to the local people.

Following this, he offered cash donations for the construction of the Zinayadanar Pagoda, according to the news released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. — MNA ■

*(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)*

## Chairman of Committee for Supporting Peace and Stability in Rakhine State meets with members of state-level committees in Sittway



U Aye Tha Aung, Chairman of the Committee for Supporting Peace and Stability in Rakhine State, delivers the speech at the meeting with members of Rakhine State-level committees on supporting peace and stability at the Rakhine State Government Office in Sittway. **PHOTO: MNA**

CHAIRMAN of the committee for Supporting Peace and Stability in Rakhine State and Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye Tha Aung met with members of the Rakhine State committees on supporting peace and stability at the Rakhine State Government Office in Sittway yesterday.

Chairman of the committee U Aye Tha Aung and members of the committee left Yangon for Sittway by flight and arrived in Sittway in the evening.

They were welcomed by state ministers, State Advocate General and officials at the airport.

At the meeting with the state committees on support-

ing peace and stability, Chairman of the committee U Aye Tha Aung said the purpose of forming the committee he chaired was to deal with the conflicts in the Rakhine State in a timely manner and to submit the reports to the Union Government after taking the suggestions from the committee members.

U Aye Tha Aung urged members of the state-level committees to travel to the IDP camps and fulfill the requirements of the people displaced by conflicts.

He also urged the members of the committees to make efforts for helping the students so that they can continue their studies at the nearest schools,

for constructing buildings and shelters for IDPs and for assigning sufficient health workers to provide health services.

Next, secretary, members of the committee and State committee members discussed the conflicts in Rakhine State, arrangements for conducting field trips in the region, harmonizing two communities, getting suggestions and reviews from the relevant people, and taking measures to reduce the tension of the armed conflicts. Following this, the meeting was concluded with a closing remark by Chairman of the committee U Aye Tha Aung. — MNA ■

*(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)*

## Kaladan Bridge (Paletwa) inauguration slated for Feb 2020

Construction work on the Kaladan Bridge (Paletwa) will be resumed as soon as possible so that it can be inaugurated as per schedule on 20 February, 2020, said U Zaw Naing, Director-General, Myanma Insurance, yesterday.

He made the remarks at a press conference at the Ministry of Construction in Nay Pyi Taw on insurance provided by IKBZ for bridge materials that were destroyed in a fire.

U Zaw Naing said the insurance was arranged over two sessions. In the first session, the MP Yadanarwin Company was insured by Myanma Insurance, while in the second, beams and other related materials for the bridge were insured by the IKBZ, he said

“The first type is a comprehensive insurance and the second is war-risk insurance,”

he said.

“This ceremony is being held as the IKBZ is providing comprehensive insurance for the bridge and related construction materials, which were burnt, as these are the two types of insurance that can be arranged for the company and the construction materials,” he added.

Asked if the construction of the bridge would be on schedule and whether the facility would be opened on Chin State Day, as demanded by the people of the state, the Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin said: “Chin State Day falls on 20 February. We are working hard to open the bridge on 20 February, 2020. We will resume construction as soon as possible because we have received the materials for the bridge today.”—Aye Aye Thant ■

*(Translated by KZH)*



Myanma Insurance Director-General U Zaw Naing talks to the media at the press conference at the Ministry of Construction in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: AYE THAN**



## Experts discuss illegal satellite dishes, Online TV Channel issues



Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun delivers the speech at the opening ceremony of workshop on Illegal Satellite and Online TV Channel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

A workshop on Illegal Satellite and Online TV Channel was held at Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw at 9 am yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun, Hluttaw Representatives, Permanent Secretaries of Ministries of Information, Commerce and Office of Union Attorney-General, Head of the Departments, Myanmar Police Force, Chairman of Myanmar Broadcaster Association, directors, content providers, people from online media industry and invited guests attended the event.

At the opening ceremony, the Deputy Minister said the country has state-run Myanmar TV, Defence Service-run MWD, and channels launched through joint ventures with the Forever Group and SkyNet. Five more broadcasting networks have been given permission to operate after them, he added.

“But, several illegal satellite dishes receiving transmission from neighboring countries have had a huge impact on Myanmar society. They are a threat to the broadcasting businesses, which pay taxes to the country. Furthermore, they exert a great influence over the people, philosophy, religion, and culture,” he said.

“The next problem is online TV channels. It is hard to ascertain how many are out there. If we observe carefully, we will find that even though some channels abide by the rules, most of them don’t,” he added.

“The consequences of ignoring these situation will be catastrophic. Thus, this workshop has been called to find solutions to these prob-

lems. This is not a debate, but a session for brainstorming, exchanging of views, and discussions. To analyze the result of these sessions, legal and business experts and all concerned organizations have been encouraged to attend,” the Deputy Minister said.

He also urged the attendees to discuss their views openly and to help find solutions.

Then, the Chairman of Myanmar Broadcaster Association, U Ko Ko said that the discussions should be extended to illegal satellite dishes and illegal online TV Channels. These illegal channels are working outside the law and by bypassing the law invading the country’s air territory, he said.

He also called for taking necessary measures in accordance with the broadcasting law, saying that every law guarantees to standardize, keep order, resolve dispute and protect freedom and rights.

U Ko Ko urged the participants of the meeting to discuss the issue based on the fact that the law is to protect freedom and right to produce good results at the workshop.

At the meeting, Deputy Chief Engineer of MRTV Daw Zin War Kyu acted as the coordinator, and Director of MBA U Min Min, Assistant Director of the Department of Trade, Daw Yee Yee Mon, Senior Executive Director of Shwe Than Lwin Media Company Limited, Dr. Thein Then Oo, Legal Expert of Canal Plus Myanmar Ltd, Daw Yee Yee Mon Myint, discussed based on their experiences in the areas of broadcast sector and gave suggestions to over-

come challenges and difficulties.

Then, under the title of “what could be done about illegal satellite”, with U Ko Ko of MBA as a coordinator, Director of Prosecution Department, Daw Yu Yu Khin, Deputy Director General of Department of Communication, U Soe Naing, Police Col Tun Nay Win, Deputy Director of Department of Trade Daw Aye Aye Win discussed ways for overcoming the challenges.

Afterwards, under the title of “current state of Online TV” Senior Chief Engineer of Shwe Than Lwin Media Co.,Ltd, U Thein Lin, Executive Producer of Kamaryut Media, U Nay Maung Than, General Manager of Forever Group Co.,Ltd, U Kyaw Kyaw, Secretary of MBA U Zaw Thet Maung and Director of MRTV U Zayar discussed.

With Deputy Director-General of MRTV (Retired) U Win Kyi as a coordinator, a discussion by Director of Department of Resource Management Daw Seint Seint Aye, Director of Department of Consumer Affairs U Swe Tint Kyuu, a member of MBA, U Ye Naing Soe, Police Major Nyin Chan Aung of Criminal Investigation Department and CEO U Thaug Su Nyein discussed under the title “how to tackle Online TV problem”.

Attendees’ questions followed and experts answered the questions.

A summary was drawn from the discussion by coordinators, Daw Zin War Kyuu, U Ko Ko, U Thein Lin and U Win Kyi. Deputy Minister delivered conclusion speech. — MNA

(Translated by Alphonsus)

### Apology

A headline on Page 4 of Tuesday’s edition of the Global New Light of Myanmar had a typing error. The headline should have read: ‘State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi receives Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister’. The GNLN regrets the error. —Editor

## Over 3,000 dengue cases, 12 deaths recorded nationwide since January

By Aye Yamone

IN the six months since January, 3,144 cases of dengue fever and 12 deaths have been reported across the nation. Of the total number of deaths, 8 have been recorded in Yangon Region, according to the region’s Public Health Department.

Between January and mid-June, Yangon Region reported 734 cases of the mosquito-borne disease, the highest number of dengue cases in the country.

In 2018, there were 3,649 dengue cases and 25 deaths in Yangon Region.

“When we conducted a survey on dengue deaths in 2018, we found that over 60 per cent of the patients had received medical treatment at private clinics one day after they caught the fever,” said Dr. Tun Myint, the

Deputy Director-General of the Yangon Region Public Health Department. He called for cooperation from private clinics in providing timely information about dengue cases to reduce the incidence of the disease in the region.

He urged medical superintendents of hospitals to release the required directives to allow collection of information on dengue cases from private clinics.

The ministry, along with other concerned ministries, will carry out a campaign to fumigate, and remove and clean water to prevent larvae from breeding and to educate the people.

Dengue fever mostly occurs in the months of June, July, and August in the rainy season.

(Translated by TTN)



Health workers fumigate classroom to kill mosquitoes that spread dengue fever. **PHOTO: THAKAYTA TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT**



## Pyithu Hluttaw's IR Committee Secretary meets Deputy Governor of Tibet Autonomous Regional People's Congress

PYITHU Hluttaw's International Relations Secretary U Bo Bo Oo met with Mr. Cheng Siqu, Deputy Governor of Tibet Autonomous Regional People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, in the meeting hall of the Hluttaw Building, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters concerning the strengthen-

ing the relations of Hluttaws between the governments of Myanmar and China, bilateral economic integration and investment, trade promotion, cooperation in education, health, socio-economics and regional development aiming to enhance the bilateral relations. — MNA

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



Pyithu Hluttaw's International Relations Secretary U Bo Bo Oo meets with Deputy Governor of Tibet Autonomous Regional People's Congress Mr. Cheng Siqu in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Vietnamese Deputy PM visits Shwedagon Pagoda



Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Vuong Dinh Hue pays homage to the Buddha Statue at the Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

A Vietnamese delegation led by Mr. Vuong Dinh Hue, Deputy Prime Minister and Member of the Politburo Committee of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on working visit to Myanmar paid homage to the Shwedagon Pagoda yesterday morning.

They offered flowers, water

and other offertories to the Buddha images, and looked around religious buildings.

Then, the delegation proceeded to HAGL Office Tower opened by Vietnamese businesspersons and viewed. HAGL is run by Vietnamese business men.

Afterwards, they met with the Vietnamese businesspersons working in Myanmar and gave a speech. Then, they had group photo taken. The delegation left from Yangon International Airport at night.—MNA

(Translated by Alphonsus)



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

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
2. With orders from the Office of the President, the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** relayed information on reports on drug-related offenses up to 15 June 2019 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

Sr.	Nature of report	Detail on seizure and illegal action taken
1.	Information received of Maung Kan who lives in Hmotaut Village, Homalin Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 9 June 2019, police searched a motorcycle driven by Maung Kan (a) Min Min Tun, 36, son of U Maung Sein, on the road of Hmotaut Village, Homalin Township, Sagaing Region, and arrested him with 'WY' stimulant tablets.  A case has been opened him with MaMaSa(Homalin) MaYa(pa)59/2019 under section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2.	Information received of Daw Than Myint who lives in Myaenitaung Village, Kyunsu Township, Taninthayi Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 10 June 2019, police searched the house of Daw Than Myint, 46, daughter of U Pe Hlaing, in Myaenitaung Village, Kyunsu Township, and arrested her together with 'WY' stimulant tablets.  A case has been opened her with NaMaSa(Kanhmaw)MaYa(pa)17/2019 under section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3.	Information received of Soe Thein who lives in Kalot Village, Chaungzon Township, Mon State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 15 June 2019, police searched the house of Soe Thein, 30, son of U Sein Thaung, in Kalot Village, Chaungzon Township, and arrested him together with ICE.  A case has been opened him with MaMaSa(Chaungzon)MaYa(pa)5/2019 under section 16(c) and 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4.	Information received of Phoe Cho who lives in Kyaukyetwin Ward, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 15 June 2019, police searched the house of Phoe Cho(a) Ko Ko Lwin, 29, son of U Myo Thant, in Kyaukyetwin Ward, North Okkalapa Township, arrested him and Pyae Phyo Tun, 20, son of U Hla Maung, together with 'WY' stimulant tablets and two swords.  A case has been opened them with MaMaSa(North Okkalapa)MaYa(pa)49/2019 under section 19(a), 21 and 22(b) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5.	Information received of Tint Swe Aung who lives in Nant Linkhan Village, Nawngkhio Township, Shan State(north), distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 9 June 2019, police searched the house of Tint Swe Aung, 42, son of U Aung Lwin, in Nant Linkhan Village, Nawngkhio Township, and arrested him with 'WY' stimulant tablets.  A case has been opened him with MaMaSa(Nawngkhio)MaYa(pa)52/2019 under section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
6.	Information received of Nay Lin Tun(a)Nga Pauk who lives in No 6 Ward, Kyaukme Township, Shan State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 12 June 2019, police searched the house of Nay Lin Tun(a)Nga Pauk, 34, son of U Thein Htay, in No 6 Ward, Kyaukme Township, and arrested him, and Zaw Min, 50, son of U Tun Aye, and Zaw Hmway Thein(a) Phoe Chun, 35, son of U Win Aung, who live in No 9 Ward, the same township, together with heroin.  A case has been opened them with MaMaSa(Kyaukme)MaYa(pa)32/2019 under section 16(a), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
7.	Information received of Win Hlaing who lives in Okkantaw Ward, Yaksawk Township, Shan State(-south), distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 13 June 2019, police searched a motorcycle driven by Win Hlaing, 33, son of U Kyi, who live in Okkantaw Ward, Yaksawk Township, accompanied with Kyaw Kyaw, 24, son of U Cho, and seized 'WY' stimulant tablets with them.  A case has been opened them with MaMaSa(Yaksawk)MaYa(pa)30/2019 under section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

3. Out of the information sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, so far a total of 658 cases have been opened files as of 15 June 2019. A total of 1034 people, including 869 men and 165 women had been arrested with seizures of 6172.8184 g of heroin, 73.72 g of ICE, 39709.74 g of opium, 329.6 g of low-quality opium, 19399.27 g of speciosa powder, 7833.19 g of speciosa, 1.5 liters of liquid speciosa, 301820 stimulant tablets, 8309.22 g of marijuana, 0.1 liters of opium tincture, 513.26 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 28.45 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 0.001 g of crushed ecstasy powder, 16 firearms, different kinds of 257 cartridges and 1 grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the ministry will report on further exposed cases.

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

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

Upon acting on a tip-off, police searched two men and a vehicle on the road of Lwejel-Mankaung, Lwejel Township in Kachin State and arrested them with 5700 stimulants tablets, 1220 gram of heroin and a vehicle. Police searched a man and a motorcycle on the road of Many Village, Mansi Township and arrested him with 920 stimulants tablets and a motorcycle.

A man was arrested with 2.3 g of opium in Isan Village, Loikaw Tsp in Kayah State. Two men were arrested with 206 stimulant tablets in No 5 Ward, Myawady Tsp in Kayin State. Police searched a man together with motorcycle on the road of Yanyoang Ward, Kyaikmaraw Tsp in Mon State and arrested him with 198 stimulant tablets, 1 g of ICE and a motorcycle. Five men were arrested with 399550 stimulant tablets and a motorbike in a warehouse on the road of Maungtaw-Angumaw road near Khayaymyaing Village, Maungtaw Tsp in Rakhine State. Acting on interrogation, a man was arrested in Sinchaseik Ward, MraukU Tsp. Police searched a man with motorcycle at the Kyikan Pyin inspection gate and arrested him together with 19500 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle. During patrolling along the Naf River, police arrested two men and a boat near Zeepin creek and seized 229500 stimulant tablets on the boat together with them. Acting on interrogation, a man was arrested in Yetwinpyin Village. Police searched three men with a car on the road of Kyauktalon-Sitskhaung, near Lwehsaung Village, Taunggyi Tsp in Shan State and arrested them with 1900 stimulant tablets and a car. Police searched a man with a motorbike at the mile post No 6 on the road of Taunggyi-Mongpyin, and arrested him together with 2000 stimulant tablets and a motorbike. A man was arrested together with 750 stimulant tablets in Shwebontha Ward, Shwenyaung Tsp. A man was arrested with 5960 stimulant tablets in Lethat Village, Hopong Tsp. Police searched a man with motorcycle at the mile post 44/1 on the road of Pinlaung-Nyaungshwe near Naungpi Village, Pinlaung Tsp and arrested him with 4000 stimulant tablets and a motorbike. Police searched a woman with motorbike on the Kehsi-Mongkai road, Kehsi Township and arrested her with 29250 stimulant tablets and a motorbike. A man was arrested with 5995 stimulant tablets in Swansaw Ward, Muse Tsp. Acting on interrogation, two men were arrested with 24000 stimulant tablets in the same ward. A woman was arrested with 3800 stimulant tablets in No13 Thayargon Ward, Namhkam Tsp. Police searched a man with a motorbike on the Hokho-Thekhaw road near Thekhaw Village, Nawngkhio Tsp and arrested him with 39890 stimulant tablets and a motorbike. Police searched a woman with motorbike in Magyipin Village, Mongmit Tsp and arrested her with 815 stimulant tablets and a motorbike. Police searched a man with motorbike on Mongmit-Mantung road, at the upper Nyaungni Village and arrested him together with 220 g of heroin and a motorbike. Police searched two men on a Kluger motorcar at the mile post 25/1 on the road of Mogok-Mongmit, arrested them with 880 g of heroin and the car. Police seized 196000 stimulant tablets, 1100 g of heroin on a motorcycle at the Thayetpin Khaungpauk junction, NgarO-Mabein road, near Pyachaung Village, Mabein Tsp. A woman was arrested with 15200 stimulant tablets and 5 g of crushed stimulant tablets in Nanhlan Ward, Hopan Tsp.



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

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Police seized 1725 stimulant tablets in a farm hut near Kyarsikyu Village, Laukkai Tsp. Acting on a tip-off, a man from that village was arrested with 1375 stimulant tablets. Police searched a man with a motorcycle on the road toward Ketwoo Village, Kengtung Tsp and arrested him with 1098 stimulant tablets, 0.5 g of heroin and a motorcycle. Police searched a house in Yepusan Village, Tachikek Township. The house owner went away. Police seized 5300 g of heroin and instrument used in making narcotic drugs from that house and police searched around the village and seized 2690000 stimulant tablets, 196300 g of stimulant tablets powder, 1050000 g of caffeine, 14000 g of heroin and equipment used in making narcotic drugs. Police searched a man with a motorcycle on Thida-Ghahe village road near Thida Village, Indaw Tsp, Sagaing Region and arrested him with 111 g of opium, 8.5 g of low quality opium and a motorcycle. A man was arrested with 21 g of heroin and 1300 g of opium in Pathet Village, Bamauk Tsp. A woman was arrested with 1900 stimulant tablets in Shwehti Village, Phaungpyin Tsp. Police searched three men on the road of Eainshepyin Ward, Dawei Tsp, Taninthayi Region and arrested them with 95 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle. Acting on interrogation, a man arrested with 128 stimulant tablets and a cycle from same ward. Two men were arrested with 85 g of speciosa powder in Shwebay Village, Myeik Tsp. Police seized 34 wet plastic bags containing ICE and 93810 g of ICE packed in 95 plastic bag, near Mali Island, Palaw Township and at the seashore of Kanetthiri Village, Thayetchaung Tsp. Police searched a man and a woman on the Yatkwetgyi No 3 road, Otthar Myothit, Bago Township, Bago Region and arrested them with 115 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle. A man was arrested 105 g of marijuana in No 5 Yatkwetgyi in Bago Township. Police searched two men on the Khapaung bridge, No22 Ward, Toungoo Tsp and arrested them with 111 stimulant tablets and a cycle. A woman was arrested with 787 stimulant tablets on the road of Myoma-Yesagy, Pakokku Tsp. Acting on interrogation, a man was arrested with 37 stimulant tablets in Shwechaung Village.

A man and a woman were arrested with 19,000 stimulant tablets and 330g of heroin on a passenger bus en route from Muse to Mandalay at 16<sup>th</sup> mile inspection gate in Patheingyi Township, Mandalay Region. Two other men were also arrested with 1,000 liter of Sulphuric Acid and a Canter vehicle at the 16<sup>th</sup> mile inspection gate, and another man who has connection with this case was also arrested in Mahaangmyay Township. Additionally, a man was arrested with 40 liters of Sulphuric Acid at No.7 Ward in Lashio Township, and another man with 20 liters of Sulphuric Acid and a Pickup vehicle on 66<sup>th</sup> street between 29<sup>th</sup> street and 30<sup>th</sup> street in Chanayethazan Township. An ownerless 12-wheel vehicle and plastic buckets containing 11,000 liters of Hydrochloric Acid and 500 liters of Sulphuric Acid on the vehicle were seized near AAA cement factory in Kyaukchaw Village. Two men were captured with 660g of heroin, 195 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle on PyinOoLwin-Mandalay road, and another man was also arrested with 700 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle at Chaungyi Village, Thabeikkyin Township. Another two men in the same village were also arrested with 65 stimulant tablets. A total of 1,200 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle were seized from two men on a road in No.1 Ward in Thazi Town.

Two women were arrested with 405 stimulant tablets and 0.25g of ICE at (Hta) Ward in North Okkalapa Township in Yangon Region, and two men were captured with 597 stimulant tablets at No.3 Ward in Pazundaung Township. In Dagon Myothit (North) Township, a man was arrested with 370 stimulant tablets on U Wisara road in No.41 Ward; another man and four women were captured with 903 stimulant tablets and a motor cycle in the same ward, and a man was arrested with 29g of ICE and an Insight vehicle on U Wisara road in No.42 Ward.

In Kamayut Township, 983 stimulant tablets and a bicycle were seized from a man on Saya San road in No.5 Ward, Kamayut Township. In Hline Township, 2,700g of Ketamine in a parcel that will be sent to US were confiscated at DHL headquarters (Yangon) in No.13 Ward.

In Pathein, a woman was arrested with 400 stimulant tablets in No.13 Ward. In

Myaungmya, a woman who came to Myaungmya Prison to see prisoner was arrested with 1,410 stimulants and 24g of ICE. In Wakema, two men were arrested with 73 stimulant tablets in Ye Kyaw Ward. two men and two women were captured with 380 stimulant tablets in A Pyaung Village, Pyapon Township, and a man was arrested with 580 stimulant tablets and a Fielder vehicle on Pyapon-Dedaye road in Dedaye Township.

There were five foreigners' cases; a Thai man who illegally entered was arrested with 22 stimulant tablets on a road in No.5 Ward in Myawady Township, Kayin State. In Tachilek Township in Shan State, a Thai man who illegally entered was captured with 110 stimulant tablets Wain Kyauk Ward, and another Thai man who illegally entered was also arrested with 1,000 stimulant tablets the road of Wanmine Village in Sam Sai (b) Ward. In Sagaing Region, an Indian man who illegally entered was arrested with 85 stimulant tablets and 0.01g of heroin near the Myanmar-India border in Tamu. A Filipina who will depart for Malaysia was also captured with 48,00g of Ketamine at Terminal-1 of the Yangon International Airport in Mingaladon Township.

There have been five seizures together with ammunition; A woman was arrested with 12 stimulant tablets and 1.62g of crashed stimulant tablets, and a man on connection with this case was then captured with a flintlock in Zaygone Village. Acting on a tip-off, a house in Mal Kyoke (1) Village, Monghsat Township was raided and 16,200 stimulant tablets, 191g of heroin, 18,000g of caffeine, a Winchester gun and a handmade air gun were confiscated but the owner of the house escaped. On 13 June, a house in Nar Kaung Mu Village, Mongton Town was raided and 115 stimulant tablets, 2,700g of Ketamine, 35 bullets of 9mm, 50 bullets of .38, a grip of small weapon were confiscated.

Acting on a tip-off, Par Khar Village in Tachilek was searched and ownerless gunny sacks containing 4,254,000 stimulant tablets, 1,900g of crashed stimulant powder, 900g of Ketamine, 5,000g of brown opium powder, an MK-10 gun, a M-22 gun and its 2 magazines, 159 bullets of 5.56, three guns of .22 and its 18,800 bullets, a 12-volt Winchester gun, its two magazines and 320 bullets, two pistols of 9mm and its two magazines, a pistol of .38 and its one magazine, a magazine of M-16 and four walkie-talkies on the roadside ditch of PaKha Village, Tachilek. A man and a woman were arrested with 15 stimulant tablets, a handmade gun and 50 lead balls in Pyin Sar Village in Pyin Oo Lwin Township, Mandalay Region, and a man was also captured with 215 stimulant tablets in the same village.

There have been two arrests with firing gun; During the house raid of old Mawleik Kalay (South) Village, Kalay Township in Sagaing Region, a man who defended with knife was shot and then killed, in which 5g of heroin and two knives were confiscated. Acting on a tip-off, two men who drive away with motorcycle on Mongmit-Twinng road near Thitkhwai in Thabeikkyin Township, Mandalay Region were shot, and they got minor injuries and arrested with 302.66g of opium and a motorcycle.

There have been 255 cases being opened between 9-6-2019 and 15-6-2019. The total number of 359 people, including 309 men and 50 women, were arrested with a seizure of 7,990,542 stimulant tablets, 198,209.82 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 11,911.579 of heroin, 93,843.55 g of ICE, 11,100g of Ketamine, 1,068,000g of caffeine, 1,732.96g of opium, 5,000g of brown opium powder, 8.5g of low quality opium, 145g of speciosa powder, 203.04g of marijuana, 11,000 liters of Hydrochloric Acid, 1,560 liters of Sulphuric Acid, 13 guns, 19,364 bullets, 50 lead balls, 8 magazines, a grip of a small weapon, four walkie-talkies and equipment for producing drug.

5. To seize further drugs and to arrest drugs dealers, people are urged to inform the Ministry of Home Affairs, region and state governments and to inform huge cases of drug trafficking and other suspicious cases directly to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department of the Office of the President via following contact numbers:

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## Authorities crack down on illegal fishing in Sagaing; 53 cases filed in 8 townships, 21 held

FIFTY-THREE cases involving illegal fishing have been registered in eight townships of Sagaing Region in the current fiscal year, with the authorities arresting 21 people in connection with the cases.

Officials have also confiscated 42 fishing boats and related items, 50 12-volt batteries and accessories, three mobile phones, and five unlicensed motorbikes and one car.

Of the 53 cases, the authorities have taken legal action in three cases

in Katha and one case in Sagaing, and prosecuted 10 cases in Katha and 17 cases in Sagaing. In addition, officials took legal action in four cases in Shwebo and one case in Homalin, while they prosecuted 7 cases in Shwebo, 5 in Htigyaing, two in Kanbalu, one in Myaung, one in Homalin, and one in YeU townships.

According to the Fisheries Department, between April and September, 2018, the authorities took legal action in one case in Shwebo, two cases

in Kanbalu, and one case in Homalin, and prosecuted one case in Katha, one in Sagaing, two in Shwebo, one in Htigyaing, 5 in Kanbalu, two in Myaung, one case in Homalin, and three cases in YeU townships. During the period, the authorities arrested seven persons for illegal fishing and seized three fishing boats, 33 12-Volt batteries and accessories, 167 fishing nets and other related items, and three unlicensed motorbikes. —Win Oo (Zeyartine) (Translated by Hay Mar)



Photo: Win Oo (Zeyartine)



## Promote healthier campuses with fresh air for all

**A**FTER launching a smoke-free campaign in October, the University of Yangon has declared itself a smoke-free campus this year.

Of the 18 universities offering courses in medicine under the Ministry of Health and Sports, 10 have been designated as smoke-free. Encouraged by the success of Dagon, Mandalay Yadanabon, and Dawei varsities, under the Ministry of Education, in their initiative to promote a healthier campus and reduce tobacco consumption and smoke, other universities have initiated smoke-free policies on their campuses.

The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health and Sports are working together to designate all schools, colleges, and universities across the nation as smoke-free areas. Schools and universities in Yangon Region are expected to be declared smoke-free in 2019.

To eliminate smoking in schools and campuses, all, especially faculty members and students, need to obey the policy.

The efforts reflect that the Union Government is committed to eliminating known health hazards and promoting healthy habits among students, patients, faculty, and staff.

Myanmar carried out surveys in 2007 and 2016 to collect data on the consumption of cigarettes, and the two surveys found that 21 per cent of boys and over 2 per cent of girls, aged 13 to 15, smoked. It was also found that one in five boys between the ages of 13 and 15 chewed betel along with tobacco.

In 2007, just 6.6 per cent of boys between the ages of 13 and 15 smoked cigarettes, but the number had jumped to 15 per cent by 2016.

Second-hand smoke (SHS) causes numerous health problems in infants and children, including more frequent and severe asthma attacks, respiratory infections, ear infections, and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

In Myanmar, 33 percent of women and 20 percent of men are victims of SHS.

Smoking and tobacco consumption are killing more than 65,000 people every year, which is 17.6 per cent of the mortality rate of the country.

A law on establishing smoke-free areas in schools and university campuses was enacted in 2006, but while some performed well, some failed to comply with the law. To eliminate smoking in schools and campuses, all, especially faculty members and students, need to obey the policy.

The Magway University of Medicine has successfully implemented the policy by laying down rules for smoking and non-smoking areas on its campus.

Cooperation from the regional and state governments, faculty members, and students is sine qua non to achieve the goal within a short time.

## Biting back: How health authorities can take immediate action against snakebite

*As global momentum to tackle snakebite envenoming grows, immediate action across the WHO South-East Asia Region is both possible and necessary*

By Dr Poonam Khetrpal Singh, Regional Director WHO South-East Asia

**S**NAKEBITE is a serious cause of disability and death in mostly poor, rural and hard-to-reach communities worldwide. Though just 250 of 3000-odd species of snakes are medically important, their impact can be devastating: Across the globe, snakebite envenoming is reported to cause the death of up to 138 000 people annually, while up to three times that number is estimated to suffer amputation, physical or psychological disability. The need to take action is clear, and core of the principle of leaving no one behind.

The WHO South-East Asia Region is particularly affected. Owing to the Region's sheer number of people (around 1.8 billion, or a little over a quarter of the world's population), its many farming communities and the presence of a large number of venomous snakes, communities Region-wide have long been vulnerable, with snakebite envenoming the cause of tens of thousands of deaths every year. The emotional, physical and financial costs are substantial, and cannot continue.

### The good news?

Global and regional momentum to tackle the problem is at a premium. In addition to the Region's own initiative and drive, last year's World Health Assembly



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(WHA) endorsed a resolution to address the problem of snakebite envenoming. Among other things, the resolution recognized the need to improve access to safe, effective and affordable treatments for all people everywhere. This was particularly crucial given global shortages of anti-venoms that have hampered efforts to date, and which WHO South-East Asia has been working to overcome by providing technical support and guidance on good manufacturing practices among other initiatives.

To help deliver on the resolution, just last month, on the sidelines of this year's WHA, WHO released a strategy for the control of snakebite envenoming that pro-

vides a roadmap to reduce snakebite-caused death and disability by 50% before 2030. The roadmap will be rolled out in three phases, with an emphasis on developing strong, collaborative partnerships able to ensure long-term sustainability and continued commitment. To that end, coordinating investment and mobilizing resources to drive impact at the country and community level will be central to the WHO's work.

As the roadmap and the Region's own initiatives have made clear for many years, key interventions can be implemented with immediate effect. Ensuring that happens is critical to realizing the Region's Flagship Priorities

of combating neglected tropical diseases and accelerating towards universal health coverage, as well as its pursuit of several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including SDG 3 – 'ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages'.

Most urgently, health authorities across the Region should empower and engage communities on the issue by developing communication campaigns that contain messages on prevention, first aid and where and how to seek treatment. As sub-national programmes in several areas across the Region have demonstrated, well-designed outreach initiatives can have a remarka-

ble impact in reducing snakebite incidence. Where appropriate, trusted community leaders should be educated to disseminate key messages, mobilize buy-in and ensure all community members appreciate that the risk of snakebite envenoming can be mitigated effectively at the local level itself. At the same time, Member States should strengthen health systems to ensure snakebite envenoming can be treated in a timely and effective manner. Primary health care workers should be trained to identify and manage snakebite envenoming and, where appropriate (and until quality anti-venoms are available at the primary level), refer patients to better-equipped secondary and tertiary facilities. As part of this, Member States should develop

near- and long-term, and facilitate responsive, locally calibrated policy. Like other neglected tropical diseases, snakebite is often highly prevalent in specific areas and among specific communities, requiring concerted and ongoing action at the sub-national level. To ensure that happens, health authorities and civil society must secure a continued high-level commitment to achieving the roadmap's target and the public health imperative it represents: leaving no one behind. Achieving each of these outcomes is within the Region's grasp. WHO is committed to supporting the Member States in their quest to harness global momentum to tackle snakebite envenoming and overcome the barriers that have persisted for too long. As the global drive

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ways to cover the often-prohibitive costs of hospitalization, whether that means providing services free of charge or ensuring treatment costs are covered by insurance schemes.

Crucially, countries should make snakebite envenoming a notifiable disease. This will generate valuable data that can help guide interventions, both in the

to tackle snakebite envenoming grows, and systemic issues such as access to antivenoms are addressed, there is not a moment to lose in taking the steps needed to deliver immediate progress. Region-wide, the opportunity to do so must be grasped, and the health, well-being, and safety of all secured.



Anti-Snake Venom Production Centre in Hmawbi. PHOTO: MNA



Venom extraction from a snake. PHOTO: WHO



### Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2019)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Monsoon is strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2019:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Lower Sagaing Region, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Upper Sagaing and Magway regions, Kachin state, fairly widespread in Mandalay region and Kayah state and widespread in the remaining regions and States with regionally heavyfalls in Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states and isolated heavyfalls in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Occasional Squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40)m.p.h. Wave height will be about (9 -12)feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Strong monsoon.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2019:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2019:** Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2019:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

## Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

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# Wastewater treatment plant at Monywa industrial zone 60% complete

THE wastewater treatment plant in the leather and vermicelli section of the Monywa industrial zone is now 60 per cent complete, said U Wei Tint, who runs a vermicelli business and is the chair of the wastewater treatment plant construction committee.

The plant was scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.

"At present, the construction is 60-per cent complete. We still need to install machines and equipment. Those machines have arrived in Yangon. In early June, mechanic experts worked on further operations. The committee signed an agreement with a Denmark delegation to construct the wastewater treatment plant by 31 December, 2019. They are scheduled to complete construction by the end of October so that they can start trial operations in November and December. We have made a dam to separate industrial effluents and pond water," said U Wei Tint.

A year ago, 15 businessmen from the Monywa industrial zone joined hands to set up the wastewater treatment plant. The Asian Foundation contributed K40 million to them for laboratory analysis of sewage and pollution and



Wastewater treatment plant is seen in Monywa industrial zone. **PHOTO: MYO WIN TUN (MONYWA)**

for the wastewater treatment process.

"Upon completion, the treatment plant will ensure a healthy environment in its surrounding area. Currently, there are 15 factories that produce industrial wastewater. If three factories which have suspended operations resume business, they will join the wastewater treatment cycle," said public relations officer of the committee U Kyaw Myint.

The plant will be 200-400 feet wide. Wastewater produced

by nine vermicelli factories, one paper factory, and five leather factories will be stored in a lake and then, it will travel to the plant through pipes and pumps. Thereafter, it will undergo filtering and testing and finally, the treated water will be added to the ponds.

"The construction of the plant is estimated to cost K1,500-2,000 million. Therefore, it could not be financed by the 15 businesses as they could bring in only K750 million. Fortunately, they linked with an

organization funded by the Denmark government and received a contribution of K750 million. The Denmark delegation also provided a K170-million biogas generator and other equipment valued at K40 million," said U Wei Tint.

After the wastewater treatment plant is complete, it will be operated in three shifts. Training courses will also be conducted for employees. — Myo Win Tun (Monywa)

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

# Embankment along Chindwin riverbank in Budalin Township to be completed soon

THE construction of an embankment along the Chindwin riverbank in Budalin Township to check flooding, erosion, and riverbank collapse is 75-per cent complete, according to the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems for Sagaing Region.

The 750-foot-long riverbank embankment is being built in Shwesaryay Village with K30 million allocated by the regional government in the current fiscal year. It is being constructed by the Chan Aye Yeik Construction Company.

The Man Zeyar Construction Company is building a 300-foot-long riverbank embankment along with the Indaw river supply project

at a cost of K10 million.

"The Chindwin River floods every year, and the villages along the river suffer the effects of erosion and riverbank collapse caused by the rising water levels. Therefore, the Sagaing Region Government has undertaken projects to construct embankment along the riverbank with the aim of reducing erosion, flooding, and river collapse," said Daw Yin Min Tun, Assistant Engineer, Sagaing Region Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River System.

A group of officials from the Township Management Committee and the Township Supervising Committee and representatives of the constituency of



Officials check the construction of embankment along the Chindwin riverbank in Budalin Township. **PHOTO: TOWNSHIP IPRD**

Budalin Township has inspected work on the embankment in the

township. — IPRD  
(Translated by La Wonn)



## K16 bln from draft budget to be diverted for Yangon Region development

By Nyein Nyein

UNDER the budget for Yangon Region for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, proposed allocations of K16 billion in the draft budget for constructing a criminal courts complex, headquarters for the regional police force inside the Yangon Region Hluttaw compound, and purchase

of a ship to provide transportation facilities to Cocogyun Township will be diverted for regional development.

The budget for regional development project was passed on the second day of the ninth regular session of the Yangon Region Hluttaw.

The draft budget had allocated K6 billion for the

construction of the criminal courts complex, K5 billion for the regional police force headquarters, and K5 billion for the purchase of the ship for the hard-to-reach Cocogyun Township.

“Thirty-three MPs had vehemently opposed the proposals during debate. The budget has, therefore, been

reserved for regional development works, including road and electricity infrastructure under capital receipt,” said U Myint Thaung, the Minister for Planning and Finance for Yangon Region.

According to a resolution passed by the Hluttaw, the proposed allocations for the three projects will now be used

for development activities, he said, adding that the 33 MPs have approved the new budget allocation.

Yangon Region drafted a budget of K772.048 billion for the 2019-2020 Financial Year, with estimated expenditure of K772.048 billion, said U Myint Thaung.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

## Old Danyingon market to be shut down by 21 June

By Aye Yamone

THE old Danyingon market located in Insein Township will be shut down by 21 June, the day after the remaining 1,087 shopkeepers are scheduled to move to the new market, said U Than, the joint secretary of the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC).

The new Danyingon wholesale market for fruit, vegetables, and flowers market is being developed on 82.78 acres of land to meet metropolitan needs, in accordance with Sections 20(A) and 77 of the 2013 Yangon City Development Committee Law and Sections 186(A) and 325 of the existing 2018 Yangon City Development Committee Law.

“This project is being implemented according to the law. As per the contract, the project must be finished within 30 months. Actually, this project should have been completed in 2018. But, it is yet to be completed. We still need to complete Phase-3 because some shopkeepers are still opening shops outside without moving to the new market,” he added.



Growers trading at Danyingone wholesale market for fruit, vegetables and flowers in Yangon.

PHOTO: ZAW GYI

The Danyingon market is owned by the YCDC, and shopkeepers rent the stalls from the YCDC markets department on an annual contract.

“They have to move out of this old market. Sure, we won't allow them to stay here any more. The committee will also take the

responsibility of the cleaning service. We have to finish the construction in accordance with the contract. If we cannot get the shopkeepers to move out, our project will be delayed,” said U Than. A total of 1,087 shop owners who still need to move out will be resettled in the new market. The

rents will be also reduced in the new market.

The Danyingon wholesale fruit, vegetable, and flower market, which is a joint venture between the YCDC and the Myanmar Agro Exchange Public Ltd, is located near the Danyingon railway station in Insein Town-

ship. “Our market is a wholesale market. Vegetables from across the country flow into the Danyingon station. Then, they are distributed across Yangon City. If the market is closed, Yangonites will have trouble finding fresh food and vegetables. So, we will continue to sell them in the market. We need to abide by the law, like other markets in Yangon region. There is an old and a new Bogyoke market now as well,” said U Soe Kyaw, a vegetable market representative.

The shops in the new market will be required to pay monthly rents. Shopkeepers will not be allowed to buy shops so that they can be brought under the control of the YCDC. In addition, farmers will be able to sell their products directly to customers. Upon completion, the new market is expected to emerge as a high-standard one in which only fresh and clean vegetables and fruits are sold.

Since the previous government's term, the new Danyingon wholesale market has been planned as a centre for export of agricultural products to China.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

## MIC clears proposals from 12 foreign investors, six domestic enterprises

THE Myanmar Investment Commission, at a recent meeting, approved investments of US\$46.78 million from 12 foreign enterprises and endorsed six domestic investment projects with estimated capitals of K19.7 billion including \$7.97 million.

Two businesses were approved by the MIC and the proposals of 10 enterprises were endorsed by the Yangon Investment Committee. All the investments will flow into the manufacturing sector and are expected to create 5,946 jobs for local residents.

The manufacturing sector attracts the largest share of foreign investments in Yangon Region. Those enterprises are engaged in manufacturing of pharmaceuticals, vehicles, container boxes, and garments on cutting, making, and packing (CMP) basis.

Meanwhile, the proposals of six domestic enterprises were endorsed by the MIC and the Investment Committees of Kayin and Kayah. The domestic projects will be executed in the manufacturing, hotels, and other

services sectors, creating over 360 jobs.

Between 1 October, 2018 and 14 June, 2019, 181 foreign enterprises obtained permits and endorsements to invest in Myanmar, pulling in the capital of \$1.79 billion. Overall, foreign direct investments of \$2.56 billion have flowed into the country so far, including the expansion of capital by existing enterprises and investments of over \$201.9 million in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone.

During the same period,

113 domestic enterprises have invested K841.28 billion including 309.2 million in the country. Total domestic investments have exceeded K1,059 billion including \$ 375.368 million, including expansion of capital. The Myanmar Investment Law allows the regional and state Investment Committees to endorse local and foreign proposals, where the initial investment does not exceed K6 billion, or \$5 million, with the aim to simplify the verification of investment projects. — GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

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## US piles pressure on Iran with new troop deployments

WASHINGTON (United States) — China and Russia warned Tuesday about escalating Middle East tensions after Washington said it would deploy 1,000 more troops to the region and renewed accusations that Iran was behind a tanker attack.

The US moves came as Iran set a 10-day countdown for world powers to fulfil their commitments under a nuclear deal abandoned by Washington, saying it would otherwise surpass the uranium stockpile limit mandated by the accord.

Tensions between Tehran and Washington have escalated ever since the US quit the deal, with Washington bolstering its military presence in the region and blacklisting Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards as a terrorist organization. On Monday, Washington further upped the ante.

"I have authorized approximately 1,000 additional troops for defensive purposes to address air, naval, and ground-based threats in the Middle East," acting Pentagon chief Patrick Shanahan said in a statement.

"The recent Iranian attacks validate the reliable, credible intelligence we have received on hostile behavior by Iranian

forces and their proxy groups that threaten United States personnel and interests across the region," Shanahan said.

The United States has blamed Iran for last week's attacks on two tankers in the Gulf of Oman, a charge Tehran denies as "baseless."

### New tanker attack images

The Pentagon released new images on Monday that it said showed Iran was behind the attack on one of the ships.

The US argument centers on an unexploded limpet mine on the Kokuka Courageous tanker ship that it says was removed by Iranians on a patrol boat.

"Iran is responsible for the attack based on video evidence and the resources and proficiency needed to quickly remove the unexploded limpet mine," the Pentagon said in a statement accompanying the imagery.

The US released a grainy black and white video last week it said showed the Iranians removing the mine, but has not provided an explanation for why they allegedly did so while the US military was in the area.

The images released Monday show the site where the



An image released by the US Department of Defense on 17 July 2019 shows damage from an alleged limpet mine attack on a tanker in the Gulf of Oman. **PHOTO: AFP**

unexploded mine was allegedly attached, the Iranians on a patrol boat who are said to have removed it, and damage from another device that did explode.

In Moscow, President Vladimir Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov urged all sides "to show restraint." "We would prefer not to see any steps that could introduce additional tensions in the already unstable

region," he told journalists.

And China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi warned all sides "not to take any actions to provoke the escalation of tension in the region, and not to open a Pandora's box."

He urged Washington to "change its practice of extreme pressure" but also called on Tehran not to abandon the nuclear agreement "so easily."—AFP ■

## HK leader apologises for extradition crisis, vows to stay on



Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam offered her 'most sincere apology' for the turmoil that has gripped the city in recent weeks. **PHOTO: AFP**

HONG KONG (China)— Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam apologised Tuesday for the political unrest that has shaken Hong Kong, but the pro-Beijing chief executive refused to bow to demands for her resignation.

The semi-autonomous territory has been plunged into its biggest crisis in decades, with millions of people taking to the streets to demand the withdrawal of proposed legislation that would have allowed extraditions to mainland China.

Lam suspended the bill on Saturday after two massive rallies that saw isolated bouts of

violence between the police and some protesters.

But that failed to quell public anger, and an even bigger rally Sunday drew over two million people, organisers said — more than a quarter of the population.

"I personally have to shoulder much of the responsibility. This has led to controversies, disputes and anxieties in society," Lam told a press conference.

"For this I offer my most sincere apology to all people of Hong Kong."

Activists have demanded the bill be withdrawn fully, for Lam to step down, and for police

to be investigated for using tear gas and rubber bullets against protesters. They have also asked for all charges to be dropped against anyone detained during the protests.

But Lam gave no indication she was prepared to step down, saying instead she wanted to "continue to work very hard... to meet the aspirations of the Hong Kong people". Lam tacitly suggested, however, that the extradition bill was unlikely to be revived given the public sentiment.

"I will not proceed again with this legislative exercise if these fears and anxieties could not be adequately addressed," she said. "If the bill... (does) not make the legislative council by July next year, it will expire... and the government will accept that reality."

### Public rage

Protest organisers were unmoved by Lam's latest public statement, and slammed her for failing to address their demands. "Her attitude is arrogant,"

said Jimmy Sham of the Civil Human Rights Front, an umbrella organisation of various groups participating in the protests.

Sham said organisers will now convene to decide on their next steps. Critics of the extradition legislation fear it will entangle the people of Hong Kong in China's notoriously opaque and politicised justice system, and threaten Beijing's critics.

The city's formidable business community was also spooked about the law damaging Hong Kong's reputation as a safe business hub.

The crisis has left Lam on shaky ground, and the latest press conference will do little to ease the pressure on her, said political analyst Dixon Sing.

"It's really difficult for her to govern," said Sing. "Especially if she wants to bring in any more controversial policies that might need public support." Lam has been criticised by opponents — and even members of her pro-Beijing camp in the legislature — for the handling of the protests.—AFP ■

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### US Federal Reserve begins two-day meeting on interest rates

WASHINGTON (United States) Under intense scrutiny from the White House, the US central bank opened its two-day policy meeting on Tuesday to decide the course of interest rates.

The Federal Reserve's policy panel — the Federal Open Market Committee — is not expected to move the benchmark lending rate, but Wednesday's announcement will be closely watched for hints it could soon be willing to do what President Donald Trump has demanded: cut rates to boost the economy.

"The FOMC meeting began at 10:30 a.m. EDT as scheduled," a Fed spokesperson said.—AFP ■

### Trump says having 'extended meeting' with Xi at G20 summit

WASHINGTON (United States) US President Donald Trump said Tuesday he had a positive phone conversation with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping and that they will hold an "extended meeting" next week at the G20 summit.

Trump's tweet set a more upbeat tone for his talks with Xi at the summit in Japan after growing questions over whether the world's two leading economies will be able to resolve their differences and end an extended trade war. "Had a very good telephone conversation with President Xi of China. We will be having an extended meeting next week at the G-20 in Japan. Our respective teams will begin talks prior to our meeting," Trump said.—AFP ■

### 2 militants, 1 trooper killed in Indian-controlled Kashmir gunfight

SRINAGAR An Indian army trooper and two militants were killed Tuesday in a fierce gunfight in restive Indian-controlled Kashmir, police said.

The gunfight broke out in village Marhama of Anantnag district, about 40 km south of Srinagar city, the summer capital of Indian-controlled Kashmir.—Xinhua ■



## Egypt's former president Morsi quietly buried in Cairo

CAIRO (Egypt) —Egypt's first democratically elected president Mohamed Morsi was buried Tuesday, as calls mounted for an independent investigation into the causes of his death after he collapsed in a Cairo courtroom.

The Islamist leader, who was overthrown in 2013 after a year of divisive rule and later charged with espionage, was buried at a cemetery in eastern Cairo's Medinat Nasr, one of his lawyers said.

Abdel Moneim Abdel Maksoud said family members had washed Morsi's body and prayed the last rites early Tuesday morning at the Leeman Tora Hospital. That lies near the prison where Egypt's first civilian president, a prominent Muslim Brotherhood member, had been held for six years in solitary

confinement and deteriorating health.

The prosecutor general's office said the 67-year-old leader had collapsed and "died as he attended a hearing" Monday over alleged collaboration with foreign powers and militant groups. Abdel Maksoud told AFP that only around 10 family members and close Morsi confidants were present at the funeral, including himself.

An AFP reporter saw a handful of mourners entering the cemetery complex, accompanied by police officers, but journalists were prevented from entering the site. The graveyard is in the same suburb as the largest massacre in Egypt's modern history, the August 2013 crackdown on Islamist sit-ins at two Cairo squares, weeks after Morsi's ouster by the military.

Over 800 people were killed in a single day as security forces moved against protesters demanding Morsi's reinstatement. The attorney general's office said Morsi, who appeared "animated", had addressed the court Monday for five minutes before falling to the ground inside the defendants' glass cage. Another

of Morsi's lawyers, Osama El Helw, said other defendants had started banging on the glass, "screaming loudly that Morsi had died".

The attorney general said Morsi had been "transported immediately to the hospital", where medics pronounced him dead — a version confirmed by a judicial source.—AFP ■



Former Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi, who died on 17 June, 2019, had been in prison since his ouster nearly six years ago. PHOTO: AFP

### Lost Statement

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## Death toll up to 13 in SW China earthquake: ministry

BEIJING — Thirteen people died and 199 were injured after a 6.0-magnitude earthquake hit southwest China's Sichuan Province at 10:55 p.m. Monday, the Ministry of Emergency Management said Tuesday. As of 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, 20 people trapped by debris had been rescued while 731 had been evacuated, according to the ministry.

Safety inspection and rescue efforts are underway, with firefighters rushing to the quake-hit regions to conduct rescue and search operations.

The China Earthquake Administration deployed 80 people in the quake-hit regions for real-time monitoring and damage assessment.

Meanwhile, the ministry and the National Food and Strategic Reserves Administration have dispatched 5,000 tents, 10,000 folding beds and 20,000 quilts to the areas. The 6.0-magnitude quake had affected a total of 142,832 people and demolished 73 houses as of 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, the ministry said. —Xinhua ■

### Scoping of EIA for Exploration Drilling Project in Offshore Block M5 by TOTAL Exploration & Production Myanmar (TEPM)

TOTAL Exploration & Production Myanmar (TEPM) is planning to drill one exploration well in Block M5. The well will be located in approximately 70m water depth and around 17km from Preparis Island and 135 km from the nearest mainland coastline of Ayeyarwady Region at Hainggyi Kyun. This campaign is scheduled to start Q1 of 2020.

Under the Environmental Conservation Law and Environmental Conservation Rules of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, TEPM is required to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study to obtain an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) for the proposed activities. The Scoping of EIA Studies have commenced and are being conducted by Environmental Resources Management (ERM) and Environmental Quality Management (EQM) on behalf of TEPM, in accordance with the Myanmar EIA Procedure (2015). Associated stakeholder engagement has been undertaken at the national and local levels in Ayeyarwady Region. Further engagement as part of the EIA Study will be conducted in the end of June 2019.

Information on the project is available at TEPM's webpage [www.total.com/en/myanmar](http://www.total.com/en/myanmar). Any queries, comments, or suggestions on the Project and the EIA Study can be provided in writing to [u.aung-zaw-win@external.total.com](mailto:u.aung-zaw-win@external.total.com).

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# Myanmar Airways International – An airline with perfect safety record



**A**IRLINERATINGS.COM, a one-stop airline safety and product rating review website delivers safety ratings for more than 435 airlines around the world. AirlineRatings.com was developed to provide everyone in the world a one-stop-shop for everything related to airlines, it was formed by a team of aviation editors, who have forensically researched nearly every airline in the world.

Recently Myanmar Airways International has been awarded the highest 7-star safety ranking from AirlineRatings.com. The rating was awarded due to a recent audit by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) of Myanmar's oversight of its airlines.

ICAO was created to promote the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation throughout the world. It sets standards and regulations necessary for aviation safety, security, efficiency, and regularity, as well as for aviation environmental protection.

Myanmar Airways International has a perfect safety record in the modern era and is an IOSA — the International Air Transport Association Operation Safety Audit — audited airline. MAI is

the only recipient in Myanmar of the IATA Operational Safety Audit Program (IOSA) Operator. IOSA was first introduced in 2003 to curb the disturbing trend in airline accidents that could be attributed to simple processes and maintenance programs. Since it was introduced airlines that have completed IOSA have up to a three-fold safer safety record than airlines that do not do the audit.

The ICAO's 32nd General Assembly in 1998 adopted a resolution to begin implementing the USOAP (Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme) from 1999. The programme was verified under the comprehensive systems approach for audit (CSA) in 2010. That same year, the ICAO conducted checks at airlines of member countries under the continuous monitoring approach (CMA) for the development of capacity and safety of the airlines. Myanmar passed the verification of the ICAO's Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme in 2010. At the time, the ICAO team had asked Myanmar's Department of Civil Aviation (DCA) to take some actions. In 2013, the team visited Myanmar to follow-up on the action taken on suggestions made by the ICAO Coordinated Validation Mission

By Zaw Min

(ICVM). Myanmar passed with effective implementation (EI) of 65.92 per cent.

ICAO conducted a safety audit in Myanmar from 10 to 21 December 2018, under the ICAO's USOAP. This visit was the third time an ICAO team conducts verification under the CMA in Myanmar and it was after this audit that Myanmar Airways International has been awarded the highest 7-star safety ranking from AirlineRatings.com.

The predecessor to MAI was Union of Burma Airways (UBA) founded by the government in 1948. UBA initially operated domestic services only but added limited international services to neighboring destinations in 1950. The name was changed to Burma Airways in 1972 and then to Myanma Airways in 1989 after the country was renamed from Burma to Myanmar. International services of Myanma Airways were transferred to MAI which was set up in 1993.

MAI was created as a joint venture between Myanma Airways and a Singapore based company. It had a management team of many former Singapore Airlines personnel and starts its services with a new Boeing aircraft, all-expatriate cockpit crews and improved training for

flight attendants. In 2002 the airline obtained a new International Air Transport Association (IATA) airline designator codes and joined both IATA Multilateral Interline Traffic Agreement (MITA) and IATA Clearing House. In 2010 the KBZ group obtained an 80% share of MAI making it a local company and by 2014 MAI became a 100% complete member of the KBZ Group, a Myanmar national owned private company.

In addition to being a member of IATA Clearing House and IATA

MITA, and the only recipient in Myanmar of the IATA Operational Safety Audit Program (IOSA) Operator. MAI has been awarded "2014 ASEAN Business Awards" as the National Winner (Myanmar) for Most Admired ASEAN Enterprise, ASEAN Centricity by ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC).

MAI aircrafts were operated by an internationally experienced team of skilled personnel. Safety and comfort of passengers have always been its first priority and



PHOTOS: MAI



# Mandalay Region attracts local and foreign investments

By Kyaw Htike Soe



to this date MAI has been able to keep 100% safety and accident free record in its aviation history and record book.

In July 2012, MAI signed agreement with Air France Industries for maintenance & engineering services, technical assistance on-site training and component support services. In April 2013, MAI has signed a code share and partnership memorandum of understanding the Korean Air and Asiana Airlines, in January 2014 signed a code share agreement with Malaysia Airlines. In November 2014 signed a code share agreement with Garuda Indonesia and in May 2017 signed a code share agreement with Sri Lankan Airlines. MAI and Royal Brunei Airlines also signed a code share agreement that came into effect on December 2017.

MAI flies between Yangon and Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Gaya, Kolkata and between Mandalay and Bangkok. MAI started its charter flight to Korea and Japan in March 2013.



**F**OREIGN investments in Mandalay Region from January to early June this year amounted to more than US\$ 73 million, according to a senior official from the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration's Mandalay branch.

Countries such as China, Japan, France and Republic of Korea invested in the five projects during these period, said the director of the DICA's Mandalay branch. Investments from foreign countries in the Mandalay Region saw US\$ 73.988 million while Myanmar citizen's investments in the region were valued at Ks. 126,297 million. "We gave the green light to local companies for making investments which are valued at some Ks. 126297 million in the region and the majority of foreign investment in the first five month of this year flowed to electricity generation and manufacturing sectors," she said.

Five foreigner-invested projects and five Myanmar citizen-invested projects were approved by the Mandalay Regional Investment Committee with the permission of the Myanmar Investment Commission. The director continued that foreign investments contributed to the creation of job prospects for local people, thereby increasing their income and socioeconomic status. Foreign investments in Mandalay Region for the year 2018 totaled over US\$ 1.146 bil-



lion. The Myanmar Investment Commission permitted 21 foreign investment projects worth US\$ 1146 million in the region during the period from April 2017 to March 2018.

Most of the investments from China, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan, Netherlands and France came to the industrial sector, she added. The Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) expects that the region will attract more foreign direct investment (FDI) in the next year. Under the Myanmar Investment Law, foreign investors can lease land from the government for 50 years.

An international cargo port is being built in Mandalay with financial assistance of the Japan International Cooperation

Agency (JICA), according to the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (DWIR). The DWIR and JICA signed an agreement for the development of the project that will be built with ¥6,033 million provided by the JICA. "We have already conducted environmental impact assessment (EIA) and Social Impact Assessment (SIA) for the project. The developers are Japanese companies and construction of the inland port may take around two years, said an official from the DWIR.

Construction of the project started in December last and the intention of the project is to transport commodities faster than before and to modernize the Mandalay Port which is the second major port in Myanmar,

in order to promote inland water transport systems. The project is part of the International Transport Strategy Projects that was drawn up in 2014 with the help of the JICA. Field assessment for the project was conducted from August 2013 to February 2014. Mandalay Port will experience a lot of traffic after the project is completed under the JICA guidelines. Land compensation will be paid within two weeks," he added.

The facility, located near Shwehlabo Monastery, will be 180 meters in length and the approach road is 304 meters long. It will also include a container yard measuring 8,550 square meters, a port control office, machinery to load cargo on and off ships and a security office. ■■■



## MPT MNL II: With 9 goals, Sullivan Taylor is top scorer at end of Week 8

SULLIVAN Taylor of Chin United F.C. is the top scorer in the MPT Myanmar National League II 2019 so far, according to the league's Facebook page.

At the conclusion of Week 8 of the tourney recently, Taylor had netted nine goals. By the end of Week 7, he had racked up six goals. He then scored a hat-trick against ISPE F.C. (Institute of Sports and Physical Education) in Week 8.

SaiZsai Mon of Royal Thanlyin F.C. and Zaw Moon Aung of ISPE F.C. are tied in the second place with five goals each, followed by Aung-Myat Thu of Chin United in the third place with four goals.

After the Week 8 matches, Chin United is at the top of the standing table with 17 points and followed by ISPE F.C. in the second place. Myawady F.C. is in the third place with



Sullivan Taylor. PHOTO: MNL

15 points. Kachin United F.C. is in the fourth place with 13 points, while Mawyawadi F.C. is in the fifth place with 12 points. Royal Thanlyin F.C. has earned 11 points and is

in the sixth place, followed by University F.C. with 4 points. Silver Stars F.C. is at the bottom of the standing table with no points scored so far. — Kyaw Khin

## Ineos rocked as Thomas crashes out of Tour de Suisse

LAUSANNE (Switzerland)—Six days after losing Chris Froome for the Tour de France, Team Ineos were holding their breath Tuesday over Geraint Thomas's shoulder as he was rushed to hospital for tests after crashing out heavily at the Tour de Suisse.

The accident happened 30km from home on stage four with reigning Tour de France champion Thomas in a good position for overall victory in the nine-day Tour warm up in the Alps, but was left ashen-faced, dazed, badly grazed and nursing his right shoulder.

Ineos said on Twitter that Thomas "has been forced to abandon the #TourDeSuisse. He was alert and speaking to the team after the crash and will be taken to hospital for checks".

Ineos later reported that Thomas had "abrasions to his shoulder and a cut above his right eye," which were visible as he gazed into space sat on the road where he fell.

### Safety precaution

"He was part of a two-man crash," Ineos said after it appeared Thomas was brought

down by Astana's Andrey Zeits.

"There was a lot of road furniture about and a rider crashed in front of Geraint," Ineos sports director Gabriel Rasch said.

"He got a little cut over his eyebrow which was bleeding. The doctor felt it was safest to take him to the hospital for further checks. "We'll have to wait until they check him properly and then we'll know more."

Rasch suggested the tough as teak champion had wanted to get back in the saddle. "I think all riders are the same. They want to go back to the bike and race. But thankfully we have a doctor in the car and it's his decision to make." Ineos described Thomas as clearly disappointed, but said he "was quickly sat up and speaking to team and race medical personnel at the roadside". Thomas, a highly popular Tour de France winner in 2018, came down heavily in the peloton's high-pace pursuit of an escape.

Medics swiftly removed the 33-year-old's helmet and gingerly examined the road rash on his back and gently manipulated his shoulder before making a decision to take him to hospital.

Even if the Welshman has not fractured his collarbone, the crash will severely hinder his chances of reaching peak fitness for a defence of his title starting on July 6.

The incident comes less than a week after his Ineos teammate, four-time Tour de France champion Froome broke a leg, hip, elbow and ribs in a horrific fall in the Criterium du Dauphine.

Froome, 34, was airlifted to hospital in Saint-Etienne for emergency surgery after slamming into a wall at high speed during practice last Wednesday ahead of the fourth stage of the race in central France.

Tuesday's stage on the Tour de Suisse was won by Italian Elia Viviani of Deceuninck-Quick Step, who outsprinted Aussie Michael Matthews and Peter Sagan, who held on to the yellow jersey. Ineos still have Colombian protege Egan Bernal in the running for victory here, he showed true class when winning Paris-Nice in March, and the 22-year-old all rounder is the bookies favourite for victory in France this July.— AFP ■

## Week 15 of MPT MNL (U-21) 2019 to be held on 23, 24 June

THE Week 15 matches of MPT Myanmar National League (U-21) 2019 will be held on 23 and 24 June at different venues, according to the league's Facebook page.

On 23 June, Shan United F.C. will play against Chinland F.C. at the South Dagon venue, Ayeyawady United F.C. will take on Sagaing United F.C. at the Padonmar venue, and Southern Myanmar F.C. and Yadanarbon F.C. at the Sa Lin venue.

On 24 June, MFF Youth will compete against Yangon United F.C. at the South Dagon venue, Hantharwady United F.C. will play against Magwe F.C. at the Padonmar venue, and Zwegapin United F.C. will take on Dagon United F.C. at the Sa Lin venue. All the matches will be held at 3:30pm of respective day.

### MPT MNL (U-19) 2019

For MPT Myanmar National League (U-19) 2019, Week 15 matches will be held at 3:30pm on 19 (today) and 20 June at different venues.

On 19 June, Magwe F.C. will play against Sagaing United F.C. at the South Dagon venue, Yadanarbon F.C. will take on Dagon F.C. at the Sa Lin venue, and Shan United F.C. will compete against Yangon United F.C. at the Y.U.S.C venue.

On 20 June, Chilland F.C. will compete against Southern Myanmar F.C. at the South Dagon venue, Ayeyawady United will play against Rakhine United F.C. at the Padonmar venue, and Zwegapin United F.C. will take on Hantharwady United F.C. at the Sa Lin venue.— Kyaw Khin

## Sharapova makes winning return in Mallorca

MADRID (Spain)—Maria Sharapova made a winning return from injury on Tuesday by beating Viktoria Kuzmova 7-6 (10/8), 6-0 to reach the second round of the Mallorca Open.

The five-time Grand Slam champion has not played since the end of January after taking time out to recover from a shoulder injury but edged a tight opening set against Kuzmova before strolling through the second.

Victory on the grass will come as a timely boost to morale for Sharapova, with the start of Wimbledon now less than two weeks away. Angelique Kerber could now await Sharapova in round two, with the top-seeded German up against Belgium's Ysaline Bonaventure later on

Tuesday.

Kerber has struggled for form herself this year but is likely to offer a sterner test than Kuzmova, the Slovak ranked 46<sup>th</sup> in the world and who is still only 21. Sharapova's own ranking has dipped to 86 during her absence, meaning the Russian needed a wildcard to enter the draw in Mallorca, her fourth tournament this year. A tense first-set tie-break required Sharapova to save two set points before clinching the frame and Kuzmova never recovered, a limp second set ending with a half-volley dropped into the net. Earlier, another former major champion crashed out as France's Caroline Garcia came from behind to beat Victoria Azarenka 1-6, 6-4, 7-5.— AFP ■



Maria Sharapova on her way to beating Viktoria Kuzmova. PHOTO: AFP