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## State Counsellor attends ASEAN Leaders' Interface meetings, 34<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit (Plenary) meeting



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attends 34th ASEAN Summit (Plenary) in Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi who was in Bangkok, Thailand to attend the 34th ASEAN Summit attended the ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) held at the Athenee Hotel,

Pimarn Siam Hall at 3:30 p.m. local standard time.

At the interface meeting Prime Minister of Thailand General Prayut Chan-o-cha (Ret.) delivered an opening remark and AIPA President Mr. Chuan Leekpi delivered a speech.

Next, the State Counsellor attended the ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of ASEAN Youth at 3:50 p.m. local time. At this interface meeting Prime Minister of Thailand General Prayut Chan-o-cha (Ret.) delivered an opening remark.

The State Counsellor was accompanied by Union Minister U Kyaw Tin and officials to these interface meetings.

Afterwards, the State Counsellor attended the ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of ASEAN Business

Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC).

At this interface meeting Prime Minister of Thailand General Prayut Chan-o-cha (Ret.) delivered an opening remark and ASEAN-BAC Chairman Mr. Khun Arin Jira delivered a speech.

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## State Counsellor attends ASEAN Leaders' Interface meetings, 34<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit (Plenary) meeting

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The State Counsellor was accompanied by Union Ministers U Thaung Tun and U Kyaw Tin and officials to this interface meeting.

Later at 5 p.m. local time, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended the 34<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit (Plenary) meeting held at the Athenee Hotel, Grand Hall.

The meeting was attended by heads of state and heads of government of ASEAN countries, the ASEAN Secretary-General and officials.

At the meeting Prime Minister of Thailand General Prayut Chan-o-cha (Ret.) delivered an opening remark on the 34<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit (Plenary) meeting.

The meeting then discussed and exchanged views on matters relating to establishment of the ASEAN community and increasing friendship

towards sustainable development.

Following this Prime Minister of Thailand General Prayut Chan-o-cha (Ret.) delivered a closing speech of the 34<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit (Plenary) meeting.

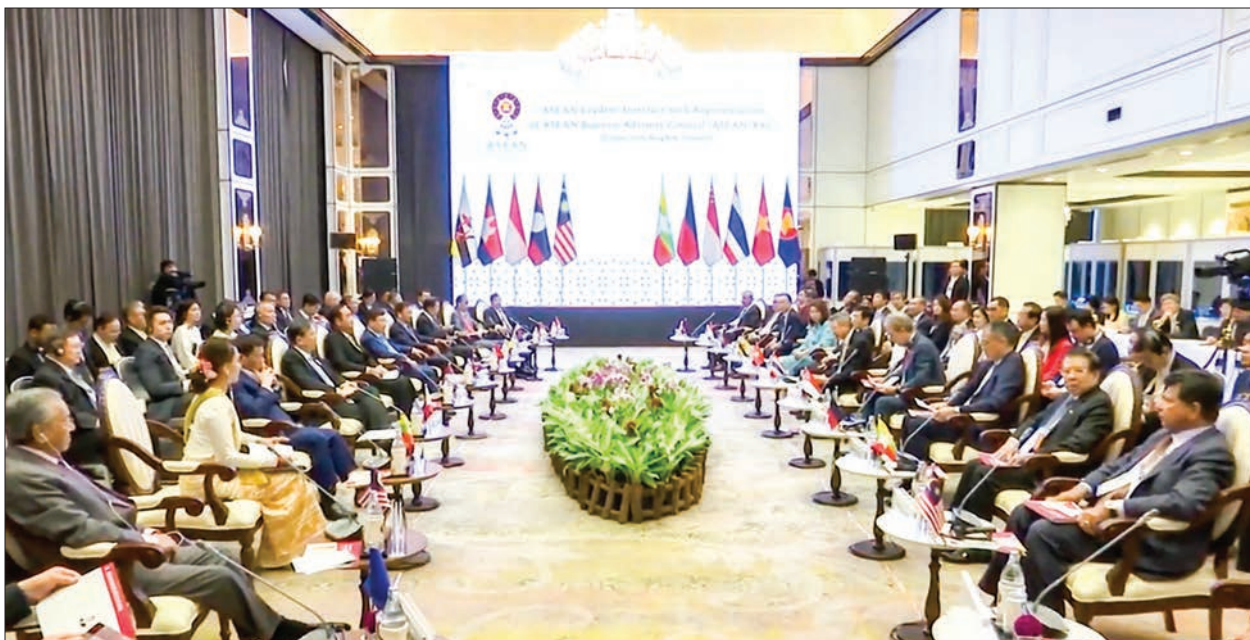
The State Counsellor was accompanied by Union Ministers U Thaung Tun and U Kyaw Tin, Permanent Representative of Myanmar to ASEAN U Min Lwin, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Myo Myint Than and officials to the 34<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit (Plenary) meeting.

Later in the evening the State Counsellor attended a dinner hosted by Prime Minister of Thailand in the Athenee Tower Crystal Hall for ASEAN heads of state and heads of government attending the 34<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit. — MNA ■

*(Translated by Zaw Min)*



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attends the ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) in Bangkok, Thailand. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attends the ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC) in Bangkok, Thailand. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Myanmar Society for Radiation Oncology holds 1<sup>st</sup> national conference

The opening ceremony of 1<sup>st</sup> National Conference of Myanmar Society for Radiation Oncology was held in Yangon yesterday morning.

At the event, Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe said that this conference will benefit the new generation of radiation therapist and oncologist and develop the field of radiation therapy as it will expose the therapists to new international technologies, developments and experience. Furthermore, it will also bring about a network of international radiation therapist and other medical technicians, which will give Myanmar radiation therapist more opportunities to interact with international organizations.

Radiation Oncology Departments in General Hospitals of Yangon, Mandalay, and Taunggyi are giving treatment to cancer

patients. In 2018, there were 10000 out patients and 7300 in patients at Cancer Treatment Unit. According to standards of International Atomic Energy Agency IAEA there must be 1 teletherapy unit, 1 oncologist 1 medical physicist and 2 radio therapist for a population of 250000. The country needs to work these standards.

He also expressed his desire that IAEA helps produce more technicians in that field and conduct skill training courses.

He added that the Ministry will give support for the development of Radiation Therapy and to meet the standards of IAEA.

Then, the Chairman of Myanmar Medical Association, Prof. Dr. U Ye Mya delivered key note speech.

Afterwards, Chairperson of Myanmar Society for Radiation Oncology Prof. Dr Daw Khin Cho

Win delivered her welcoming speech.

Prof. Shyam Kishore Shrivastava introduced Federation of Asian Organization For Radiation Oncology (FARO) and

Prof. Enrico Tangco, South East Asia Radiation Oncology Group (SEAROG).

Then, Union Minister and entourage look around the medicines and medical equipment

on display.

A total of 115 radiation therapists from Myanmar, Japan, India, Philippines and Thailand attended the event.—MNA ■

*(Translated by Alphonsus)*



Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe delivers the opening address at 1<sup>st</sup> National Conference of Myanmar Society for Radiation Oncology. **PHOTO: MNA**

# State Counsellor meets Indonesian President, Thai Prime Minister separately in Bangkok



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with President of Indonesia Mr. Joko Widodo at Athenee Tower, Bangkok, Thailand yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand General Prayut Chan-o-cha (Ret.) at Athenee Tower, Bangkok, Thailand yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi met separately with President of Indonesia Mr. Joko Widodo and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand General Prayut Chan-o-cha (Ret.) at Athenee Tower, Bangkok, Thailand yesterday.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Indonesian President Joko Widodo met at local standard time 2 p.m.

During the meeting State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu

Kyi congratulated President Joko Widodo on his reelection. She also thanked Indonesia for constructing a hospital in Rakhine State as humanitarian assistance for all communities. She also said that both countries faced the danger of natural disasters and support and assistance were given to one another while bilateral cooperation on defending against natural disasters was required. President Joko Widodo in turn said coordination would be con-

tinued to provide humanitarian assistance in Rakhine State and discussed about successfully implementing the process of repatriating returnees suggested in the preliminary assessment on repatriation of returnees by the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance (AHA Centre).

Afterwards State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Kingdom of Thailand Prime Minister General Prayut Chan-o-cha (Ret.) met at 2:30 p.m.

local time.

At this meeting matters relating to increasing Myanmar-Thailand bilateral relations and cooperation, signing management, maintenance and usage agreement of Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge 2 to increase bilateral trade and integrate connection, legalizing illegal migrant workers, progress in friendly resolution on repatriating displaced Myanmar nationals and Thailand's support towards im-

plementing the process of repatriating returnees suggested in the preliminary assessment on repatriation of returnees by AHA Centre was discussed.

Also present at the meetings were Union Ministers U Thaug Tun and U Kyaw Tin, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Myo Myint Than, Permanent Representative of Myanmar to ASEAN U Min Lwin and officials. – MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

## Union Minister U Kyaw Tin attends ASEAN FMs' Meeting, 19<sup>th</sup> APSC Meeting, 23<sup>rd</sup> ACC Meeting in Bangkok

UNION Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, who has already arrived in Bangkok, attended the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting (AMM) at the Grand Hall of the Athenee Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand, at 9 a.m. local time yesterday.

At the meeting, Union Minister U Kyaw Tin exchanged views on conditions of establishment of ASEAN Community, the affairs of ASEAN's External Relations, and regional and international affairs.

He then attended the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) Council Meeting, where he reviewed

the implementation processes of the APSC Blue print-2015 and discussed matters relating to conditions of sector-wise development and cooperative measures under the pillars of ASEAN's Political and Security Community

Next, he attended the 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC) Meeting, where he discussed matters pertaining to the conditions of work implementation processes laid down by the heads of the ASEAN nations at the 33<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit, measures being taken to make preparation for the 34<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit and its related meetings, the docu-



Union Minister U Kyaw Tin attends the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Political-Security Community Council Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand. **PHOTO: MNA**

ment approval/ issue/ record at the meetings and progress

made in the establishment of the ASEAN Community. —

MNA (Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

## Union Minister U Thaung Tun attends Special ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting on RECP

UNION MINISTER for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun, who has already arrived in Bangkok, attended the Special ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting on RECP in the Crystal Hall of Athenee Tower in Bangkok, Thailand yesterday morning at

9:00 a.m. local time.

Union Minister U Thaung Tun exchanged views on the prime aim of the completion of regional all-round economic cooperation in 2019 and progress of the negotiations at the meeting. — MNA (Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung) ■



Union Minister U Thaung Tun attends the Special ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting on RECP in Bangkok yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Tatmadaw holds press conference in Nay Pyi Taw Defence Services Museum

Tatmadaw held a press conference at the Defence Services Museum in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Present at the press conference were Tatmadaw True News Team Chairperson Maj-Gen Soe Naing Oo, Vice Chairperson Maj-Gen Tun Tun Nyi, secretary Brig-Gen Zaw Min Tun, high ranking Tatmadaw officers from Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office and local and foreign news media personnel.

At the press conference

efforts made for the peace process and conduct of Ethnic Armed Organizations (EAOs) during the ceasefire period, status of peace and stability works conducted in Rakhine State and AA group's destructive acts in Rakhine State were explained.

Questions raised by the news media were then answered by Tatmadaw True News Team according to news released by Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. — MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Tatmadaw True News Team replies to queries raised by media persons. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

## ALI Ministry holds ground breaking event for Foot-and-Mouth Vaccine Factory in Insein, to roll out one mln vaccines per year

MINISTRY OF Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation held a ground breaking ceremony

at the office of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Insein Township,

yesterday for a foot-and-mouth vaccine factory, launching a project for improvement of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease.

The Japanese Government has provided 1,417 million yen under the development assistance grants to construct the factory and buy laboratory equipment.

The event was attended by Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr. Aung Thu, Japanese Ambassador Mr. Ichiro Maruyama, Chief Representative of JICA Mr. Masayuki Karasawa, Hluttaw representatives, Permanent Secretary Dr. Khin Zaw, Director-General Dr. Ye Tun Win and representatives from the Yamashita Sekkei CM and

Takanaka Corporation.

First, Union Minister Dr. Aung Thu and Japanese Ambassador delivered opening speeches at the ceremony. Then the project director explained about the work process of the Foot-and-Mouth Vaccine Factory.

Next, the Union Minister, Japanese Ambassador, Permanent Secretary and officials-concerned performed the ritual of driving the stake into the ground where the factory would be constructed.

The vaccine factory would produce some 1,000,000 vaccines on a yearly basis using roller bottle culture method.

The vaccine factory is targeted to complete in July, 2020.

**Union Minister Dr. Aung Thu inspects preparation for celebrating centenary of Yangon University**

In the afternoon, Union Minister Dr. Aung Thu, accompanied by Chairman of the Hardware Committee on renovating and upgrading the Yangon University U Nyi Hla Nge, Rector of the Yangon University Dr. Pho Kaung and faculty members, observed the preparatory arrangements for the centenary celebration of the Yangon University, and officials-concerned explained about the renovation works and procedures. Then the Union Minister stressed the needs for carrying out the implementation process and renovation works. —MNA (Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



Union Minister Dr. Aung Thu poses for a group photo with Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Ichiro Maruyama and officials from JICA. **PHOTO: MNA**

# Meeting of UEHRD committee's Task Forces held

A meeting between Dr. Win Myat Aye, UEHRD Vice Chairman (1), UEHRD committee members and Task Forces was held at the National Reconciliation and Peace Center in Yangon yesterday afternoon. Dr. Win Myat Aye is also the Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement. (UEHRD – Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine).

At the meeting, Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe said UEHRD was a national movement that included ministerial departments, responsible officials from the government and business persons from the private sector. Without the cooperation and participation of persons from all walks of life, UEHRD projects would not reach their respective goals. He thanked UEHRD committee members and all Task Forces for participating in this important venture on behalf of the State Counsellor and on his own behalf.

Next, Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye said that the UEHRD was an important initiative that came about due to the requirement of the country. It was a national movement implemented under the leadership of the Union Government with the cooperation of the people, private sector, local NGOs and CSOs, partner countries, United Nations agencies and INGOs. The goal of the Union

Government was establishment of a Democratic Federal Republic where the entire people achieve equality. Equality meant fulfilling where required and raising the development standard of certain states such as Chin and Rakhine State. Rakhine State was such a place required much needed development assistance. Complications and challenges had occurred or existed for close to 70 years and thus many difficulties were faced in creating changes. It was a pleasure to see that UEHRD committee task force leaders and members were working for the benefit of the people. ASEAN had conducted preliminary assessment to cooperate with Myanmar in the repatriation process and was implementing the three future work processes of raising the capacity of government departments, conducting repatriation works, distribution of news and information and implementing development works. It was important to show the world how UEHRD Task Forces were cooperating and coordinating with countries of the ASEAN region in Rakhine State. All were urged to participate in working for socio-economic development, social cohesion and rule of law in Rakhine State.

Afterwards, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UM-FCCI) secretary general U Aung Kyi Soe explained about how UM-



Meeting of Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine being convened in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

FCCI has been providing support for development of economic enterprises in Rakhine State with UEHRD Task Forces, Rakhine State Chambers of Commerce and Industry, merchants and industrialist association.

Later, U Toe Aung, Advisor to UEHRD Chairperson said that UEHRD initiative was a very important enterprise implemented by the Union Government. Although there were international criticisms about Rakhine State affairs, the criticisms could not increase further due to the UEHRD committee and Task Forces working hand in hand. Future work processes were to be conducted in accordance with

the present situation and efforts were made to provide news and information of works conducted to be made known internationally. The day's meeting was held in order to implement more UEHRD projects, he said.

This was followed by UEHRD Task Forces members making brief presentations about their respective tasks, difficulties faced and future works.

Chief Coordinator Dr. Aung Tun Thet then said UEHRD was facing a lot of international pressures and discussed about works conducted in Rakhine State with Task Forces.

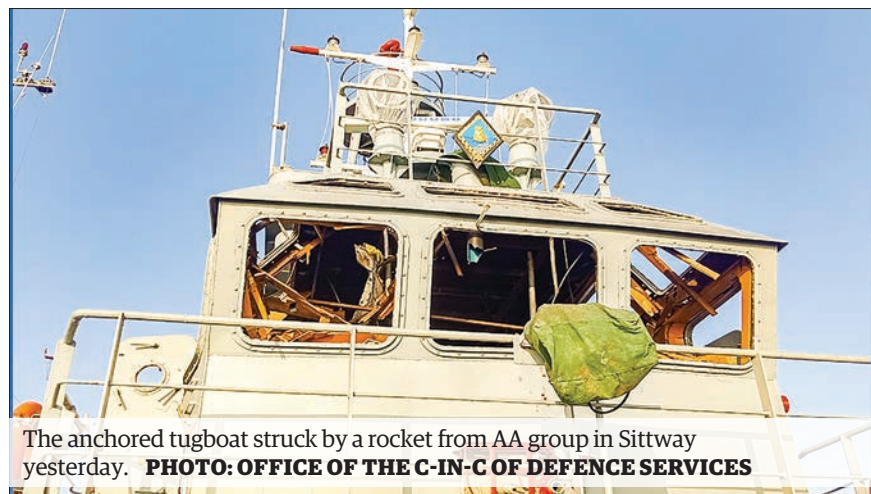
The meeting came to a close after Union Minister Dr. Win

Myat Aye delivered a concluding speech.

The meeting was attended by the following persons:

Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe from the Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye, Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, Secretary of the Committee, committee members, Chief Coordinator Dr. Aung Tun Thet, U Toe Aung, Advisor to the UEHRD Chairperson, Information and Communications Director U Kyaw Myaing, Chief Operation Officer U Nyi Nyein Aye and Task Forces leaders and representatives.— MNA ■

## AA attacks Navy tugboat, killing three, injuring one in Sittway, Rakhine State



The anchored tugboat struck by a rocket from AA group in Sittway yesterday. PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE C-IN-C OF DEFENCE SERVICES

AA group attacked an anchored tugboat, which was struck by a rocket while anchored in a river in Sittway yesterday, killing two soldiers and injuring one, according to the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

The AA group

launched three rockets at the tugboat of the Defence Services (Army) around 3.45 am. The attack damaged the rear of the ship.

Following the attack, members of the Tatmadaw conducted a security operation around the area where the AA group was positioned to fire the rock-

ets, and found one Type-63 mm rocket and two batteries and wires, which were used for firing the rockets.

The tugboat was anchored while on duty to provide rescue services to ships when their engines fail, and to assist people in Rakhine State

when disasters occur, according to the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

As AA has been carrying out destructive acts in Rakhine State, in an attempt to jeopardise the rule of law, the Tatmadaw beefed up security in the areas.— MNA ■



## Eight detained on suspicion of being AA members; arms, ammunition, aids discovered at monastery in MraukU Tsp

Security forces arrested eight villagers in MraukU on suspicion of being members of the Arakan Army-AA on 20 June.

The security forces conducting proper security operation near Waitharli Village in MraukU Township found the suspects — one from Makyarse Village, four from Pauktawpyin Village, one from Buywatnyo Village, one from Oakphokan Villager and one from Donthein Village — and detained them for necessary interrogation.

Acting on a tip-off, the security forces and local authorities searched Thinkyittaung Monastery east of Pauktawpyin Village on 21 June and discovered homemade guns, ammunition, improvised explosive devices and accessories, uniforms, military materials, WFP brand aids and other food, and medicines, according to the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.—MNA ■

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## Yangon circular railway upgrading project to be completed by 2022

AS part of the city development efforts, Myanmar Railways (MR) is upgrading the Yangon circular railway lines project, which is expected to be completed by 2022.

The project has been carried out with the use of budgets allotted by the Union government, in anticipation of providing better services to commuters. Currently, the Kyimyindine-Phayalan railroad section is being upgraded and efforts have been made by project officials to re-open the two-lane section this rainy season to run more frequently. Further improvements on this section will be carried out in October.

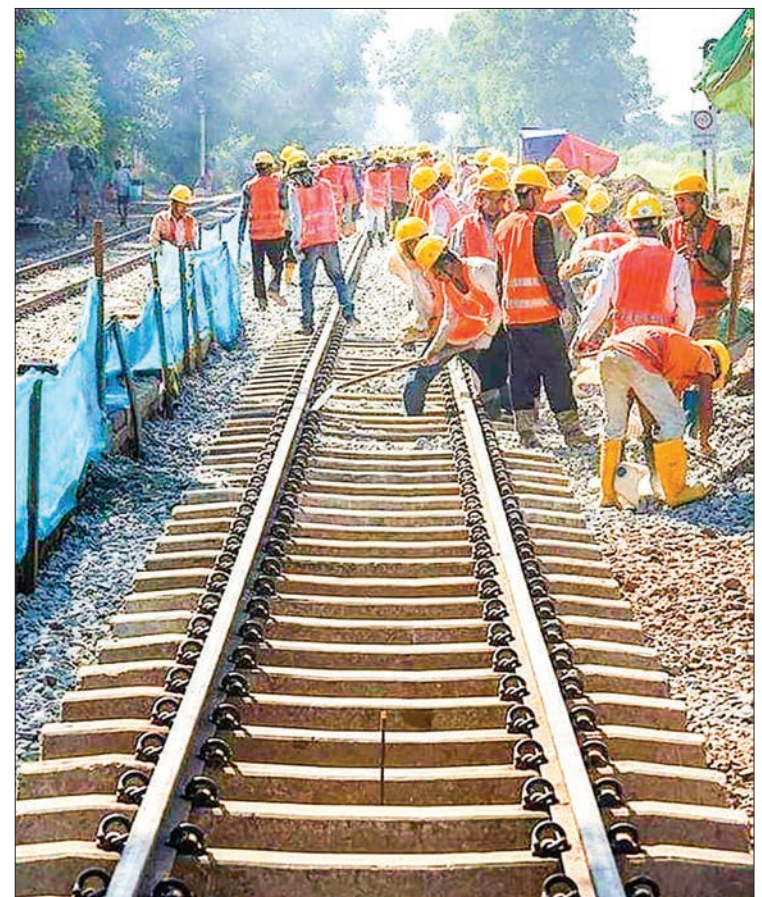
At the same time, the MR is attempting to finalise the upgrading of the Danyingon-Kyeikalae railroad section at the end of this month. Work in this section was initiated on 3 May, said U Kyaw Myo Lwin, an assistant manager of the Yangon Central Railway Station, adding that the upgrading of the Kyeikkalae-Mingaladon-Okkalapa railroad section

will continue until September. The entire project is targeted to be completed in 2022.

For the time being, the MR's officials and township authorities are jointly organising work to remove water between railroads, including on the Pyay and Ahlon railroad sections during this wet season.

Among the Yangon circular railway lines, the Insein-Yangon railroad section is the busiest, with a large number of commuters. While upgrading works are ongoing in a railway truck, trains are allowed to use the other track. The MR is trying to fully open this railroad section as quickly as possible. Railway officials have already requested that commuters be patient, as they are still upgrading the railway lines.

Initiated in February, 2018, the Danyingon-Insein railroad section was completely upgraded in December, 2018. The improvement of the Insein-Kyimyindaing railroad section started on 21 December, 2018,



Railway workers adjusting train tracks for the Yangon circular railway upgrading project. **PHOTO: THAN SOE**

and ended on 2 May, 2019.

The project to improve the Yangon circular railway lines was initiated on 21 February, 2018, and urban development work is expected to be completed in March, 2020. The project includes the construction of rail trucks, the upgrading of railroads, concrete drainage

channels between railroads, and other improvements.

The project, including the installation of railway signals, will be carried out with the use of US\$107 in loans granted by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). — Than Htike ■ / (Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

## Garbage-free alley garden project continues on 101<sup>st</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> streets



People participate in the garbage-free alley garden project in Yangon. **PHOTO:THEIN HTIKE**

THE garbage-free alley garden project has been continuously carried out on 101<sup>st</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> streets in Yangon region. Eight alley garden projects have been put in place since

2017 to promote healthy lifestyles and ensure Yangon remains attractive.

Currently, the block between 31<sup>st</sup> street and Bo Soon Pat Street has been 90 per

cent cleaned by the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC). Doh Eain, a CSO which works on the restoration of historical buildings and public spaces in Yangon, will continue to turn 101<sup>st</sup> street into a garbage-free alley garden. These days, alley gardens are being built with the participation of residents by the alley gardens committee, the ward administrators, YCDC and Hluttaw representatives.

Alley garden projects are receiving 80 per cent of their funding contributed by donors and 20 per cent by the public. Work on the projects is being carried out, in cooperation with the companies and embassies.

With the assistance of Doh Eain, the playground and small garden between TTC (Yankin) and 12 Lone Dan road was opened on 22 June by

Yankin Hluttaw representative Daw Zin Mar Aung and Township Departmental officials.

The first alley garden was opened in Hlaing Thayar Ward 20 in May.

Doh Eain began the alley garden project in the middle block between Seikkanthar road and 39<sup>th</sup> street, the middle block between 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> streets, the middle block between Bo Soon Pat street and 31<sup>st</sup> streets, the upper block between Shwebonthar street and 29<sup>th</sup> streets, the upper block between Maha Bandula street and 35<sup>th</sup> streets, the upper block between 41<sup>st</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> streets, the middle block between 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> street and the upper block between 30<sup>th</sup> street and Bo Soon Pat street.—Thein Heik ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

## Consumer goods import continues to decline this FY

THE import value of consumer products from October to mid-June in the current 2018-2019 Fiscal Year totalled US\$2.34 billion, registering a decrease of over \$167.6 million or 6.67 per cent, from this time last 2017-2018 FY, the Ministry of Commerce reported this Friday.

The total figures included \$33.8 million by the public sector and \$2.31 billion by the private sector. This FY saw a continuous decline in the imports of consumer goods by both sectors matched against the corresponding period last FY.

At this time last FY, Myanmar's import of consumer goods was pegged at \$2.511 billion, with over \$64 million by the public sector and almost \$2.45 billion by the private sector.

In the second week of this month, the public sector imported \$0.391 million worth of consumer products while the

private importers bought the same amounting to \$63.5 million, totalling \$63.88 million.

In the mini-budget period (April-September, 2018), the country's imports of consumer products were \$2.6 billion in total.

As per the ministry's annual report, the country's imports of consumer goods were \$1.245 billion in the 2011-2012 FY, \$1.4 billion in the 2012-2013 FY, \$2.3 billion in the 2013-2014 FY, \$2.9 billion in the 2014-2015 FY, \$3.5 billion in the 2015-2016 FY, over \$4 billion in the 2016-2017 FY and \$4.403 billion in the 2017-2018 FY.

Between 1 October through 14 June, Myanmar also imported \$4.03 billion worth of capital goods, \$4.82 billion of manufactured goods and nearly \$1.69 billion worth of raw materials used by CMP (cut-make-pack) businesses.—Swe Nyein

*(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)*

## Border trade increases by \$ 978 mln this year

BETWEEN 1 October and 14 June in this fiscal year (FY), the value of border trade reached US\$ 7.3 billion, recording an increase of \$978 million compared to the same period of last fiscal year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The total value of border trade, as of 14 June this FY, included \$5.2 billion in exports and \$2.1 billion in imports. Compared with the last FY, export earnings went up over \$1 billion, while the value of imports declined by \$26.9 million. This time last year, the border trade was valued at \$6.34 billion.

Myanmar conducts border trade with China through the Muse, Lwejel, Kanpikete, Chinswehaw and Kengtung border points. The country has carried out border trade with Thailand through the Tachilek, Myawady,

Kawthoung, Myeik, Hteekhee, Mawtaung and Maese border gates. The cross-border trade camps between Myanmar and Bangladesh are Sittway and Maungtau, whereas the country trades directly with India via the Tamu and Reed border gates.

During the same period last year, the Muse border trade camp recorded \$2.3 billion in export and \$1.25 billion in import. Muse border trade camp declined by \$7.36 million.

The country's agricultural products, animal products, fisheries, minerals and forest products are mainly exported, while capital goods, intermediate goods and consumer goods are imported.

Currently, some 80 per cent of the country's external trade is carried out via sea routes.—Zwe  
*(Translated by Hay Mar)*

## Nearly 5,000 acres of black sesame grown with GAP system in Aunglan



More than 1,000 local farmers from 34 villages grew nearly 5,000 acres of black sesame with the GAP system. **PHOTO: ZAYYADU (MAGWAY)**

NEARLY 5,000 acres of black sesame, in high demand by Japan and China, were grown using the GAP system in Aunglan Township this year, according to the Agricultural Department.

Last year, Aunglan Township planted only 1,500 acres of black sesame with the GAP system. "The black sesame grown with GAP can be sold for Ks 10, 000 more per basket than

ordinary sesame. Additionally, growing with the GAP system can produce more sesame. Last year, only 10 local villagers grew sesame with GAP. However, more than 20 local farmers are growing sesame with GAP this year," said a local farmer from Aunglan Township.

Last year, six villages from Aunglan Township grew 1,500 acres of sesame with the GAP

system. This year, more than 1,000 local farmers from 34 villages grew nearly 5,000 acres of black sesame with the GAP system, according to the Township Agricultural Department.

With continuous rain in Aunglan Township, local farmers are worried about their sesame plants being damaged by rain.—Aye Cho *(Translated by Hay Mar)*

## New investments in 2018-19 FY creates over 120,000 jobs

By Nyein Nyein

BETWEEN 1 October, 2018 and 14 June, 2019 the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) granted permission to 181 local and foreign enterprises which created over 120,000 new jobs for citizens, according to official data released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

During that period, the MIC gave the green light to 113 Myanmar citizen's investment projects, which created 13,296 employment opportunities for local residents. The manufacturing sector received the majority of the foreign investments, said U Aung Naing Oo, permanent secretary of the

Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations.

He noted that the government urges businesspersons to invest more heavily in the country's manufacturing industry, as labour-intensive industrial businesses will receive exemptions and relief.

Also, Myanmar has a strong labour force, and wages are less than those in other ASEAN member states, which is an incentive for foreign investors. Hence, greater investments in the country's manufacturing are expected.

In an attempt to reduce the migration of Myanmar workers to overseas countries, continued efforts are being made to increase FDI to the country's

labour-intensive garment and footwear industries, which operate under the cutting, making, and packing (CMP) system.

Myanmar is also a beneficiary of the generalised scheme of preferences (GSP) provided by the European Union. Usually, 60 per cent of the country's garment products are exported to the EU market. Thanks to the GSP, Myanmar has been granted tax exemptions for the export of garment products to the EU, resulting in more foreign enterprises being engaged in the country's manufacturing industry, U Aung Naing Oo added.

*(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)*

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# From classrooms to our country's future

OUR basic education schools begin their teaching year at the same time as when the monsoon enters our country.

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A school, however, should not be considered institutions only for teaching school children. In fact, our children's horizons are broadened at schools. Our schools also teach our children good habits, manners and knowledge about health, including personal hygiene. In the school environment, our children develop their esprit de corps by themselves, while taking part in sports and physical activities. While learning and making cultural arts, they come to love the arts and to know the value of the natural environment.

They gain most, not from the teaching at school, but from relations and cooperation with their friends.

In fact, a school is a place which produces a dignified life, which includes honesty, sympathy and benevolence.

Therefore, we should understand how important investment in schools is.

In other words, it is not wasteful spending. It is, in fact, a strategic investment in our country's future. It is important for every country's future to place its emphasis on the physical and mental development of children, and for them to achieve their full intellectual capabilities.

In fact, a school is a place which produces a dignified life, which includes honesty, sympathy and benevolence.

Hence, it is necessary to adopt a policy that envisions a definite goal to create a stable educational system to transform classrooms in which children will be happy, and to upgrade school facilities.

Further, teachers need to think of how to keep students happy in classes while they learn their lessons. Students will become educated if they are happy when they come to school. And if the educational system is correct and good, we will be able to catch up with other countries in a short time

Meanwhile, we should make every effort for children to develop early, so they might become valuable and important human resources of our Union.

Students in our country need to be good in a unique way, in comparison with other countries. They should be outstanding in education, as well as in morality and in team work. Our citizens need to be good at working together in groups. We need to produce youths who will make our society happy and to develop it. And teachers will play the major role in these endeavours.

# Creating jobs and boosting economic growth in Myanmar

By Lokethar

RECENTLY, it seems that there has been some misunderstanding in certain quarters about the "Unemployment" situation in Myanmar. As for the unemployment statistics quoted, it should be remembered that "Employment" and "Unemployment" percentages are in the context of the definition of the terms used in the surveys. In the "Labour Force, Child Labour and School-to-Work Transition Survey, 2015", the two terms are defined as mentioned below:-

"Employment": Persons in employment are defined as all those of working age who, during a reference period of seven days, were engaged in any activity to produce goods or provide services for pay or profit. They comprise :

- Employed persons "at work", i.e. who worked in a job for at least one hour,
  - Employed persons "not at work" due to temporary absence from a job, or to working-time arrangements (such as shift work, flexitime and compensatory leave for overtime)
  - Helping without pay in a household/family business
- "Unemployment": Persons in unemployment are defined



Workers at a construction site in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

as all those of working age who were not in employment, carried out activities to seek employment during a specified recent period and were currently available to take up employment given a job opportunity. Hence the low unemployment percentage figures.

Regarding the employment situation:-

The Industrial Zones in the major cities are increasing in size with the addition of new factories and industrial establishments. Thus they are creating many jobs and hence increasing employment.



Workers are sewing in a garment factory in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

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The Construction Industry is booming in all parts of the country and hence are providing jobs for many. Due to the construction of roads and bridges by both private and the Government, many jobs are created all over the country. In the aftermath of the Roads and Bridges construction, the Road Transportation Industry is helping to boost Trade and Tourism, all of which are providing jobs directly to many and creating job opportunities as well as self employment opportunities down the line.

Regarding trade with other countries, the mercantile marine trade has been increasing steadily and so has been the border trade with neighbouring countries thus increasing employment in the "Trade" sector. The challenge for us rather, is not unemployment but "labour underutilization". Many in the rural areas are not fully employed i.e they only work a few hours per day and that too not every day. A large proportion of such persons are unpaid family workers and hence do not earn direct wage incomes. That's the case with most labour intensive agro-based countries. The labour underutilization figure according to the Report is around 6%.

As the major proportion of

"under-utilized labour" is in the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries sectors, efforts are being made to address this problem through Rural Development Programs. It seems that now the Government has not left it entirely to the Government Rural Development Agency but is encouraging private public participation and development of rural economy including agro-based small and medium enterprises. These measures will of course need a certain "lead time" to become fully operational.

The Government's land reform program is also a major venture which will give back land to the farmers. This will further boost agriculture production and in the long run, increase wage employment in agriculture. Such reforms will, in time, contribute to further economic growth and raise rural incomes.

The reason why many young persons migrate to other countries in search of jobs is not because of the lack of job opportunities here but, as every one knows, because of the high wages they can earn for the same type of jobs, (i.e. as mostly unskilled manual jobs) in the receiving country. Here I might add that labour out-migration in Myanmar is also partly due to the "help" of the illegal recruiters.

Economic development and creating jobs is not only the responsibility of the Government. The Government, based on policy decisions can define the Economic Development Goals and draw up indicative economic development plans. However, in a democratic country with a free market economy, it's the responsibility of the private sector to be guided by these goals and plans in their economic activities. In fact it can be said that the private sector; whether in agriculture, manufacturing, trading or services; that primarily contributes to economic growth and job creation. The Government only has to help, facilitate and of course regulate the private sector so as to be in line with laid down policies and operate within the bounds of laws enacted by the Hluttaw as well as requirements under international laws.

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**Myanmar Daily Weather Report**  
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**BAJ INFERENCE:** Monsoon is weak to moderate over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 23rd June, 2019:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin and Chin States, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, scattered in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyarwady Regions, (Northern and Southern) Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4 - 7) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of increase of rain in Taninthayi Region, Kayin and Mon States.

**FORECAST FOR NAYPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 23rd June, 2019:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 23rd June, 2019:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 23rd June, 2019:** Likelihood of Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**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** 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



## 45 members of KKO (Breakaway) return to legal fold in Hpa-an



45 members of the KKO (Breakaway) group return to the legal fold bringing their arms and ammunition at the Tatmadaw column on 22 June. **PHOTO: MNA**

45 members of the KKO (Breakaway) group returned to the legal fold bringing their arms and ammunition at a Tatmadaw column on 22 June morning.

Led by Maung Myint, the 45-member troop of KKO (Breakaway) contacted the Tatmadaw column through Mizine Mountain Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sandarvara on 21 June while the Tatmadaw

troops were conducting security operations in the mountain following one engagement with the group and two landmines attacks, according to the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

Officials concerned has provided necessary aids to them.

The engagement happened while the Tatmadaw

troops were conducting demining in the Mt. Mizine after a villager identified as Saw Nya Min from Tokeyi Village, Mizine Village-tract, Hpa-an Township, stepped on an improvised explosive device planted by KKO (Breakaway) on 18 June on his way to collect jengkol fruits.—MNA

(Translated by Alphonsus)

## Air KBZ receives ATR-72-600 2019 Version Aircrafts

WITH a view to promoting tourism development and regional and international aviation industry with new aircrafts, the Air KBZ bought four new ATR 72-600 (2019 Version) aircrafts.

The first batch of the two planes MSN-1528 (XY-AMN) and MSN-1531 (XY-AMO) reached from France on 6 May, 2019; the second batch of MSN-1540 (XY-AMQ) plane on 17 June; the third batch of MSN-1534 (XY-AMP) plane arrived at the Yangon International Airport on 22 June respectively.

The Air KBZ Airlines is currently running with a fleet

of 10 planes, including four new aircrafts, and increasing the domestic flights to Nay Pyi Taw, NyaungU, Heho, Myitkyina, Tachilek, Lashio, Loikaw, Kalay, Thandwe, Sittway, Dawei, Myeik and Kawthoung besides operating Chartered Flights to domestic and international routes from the Yangon and the Mandalay International Airports. In addition to its services, plans are under way to operate direct flights to other cities in neighbouring countries. — Zaw Min Latt

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



Air KBZ receives new ATR 72-600 (2019 Version) aircraft. **PHOTO: ZAW MIN LATT**

## Science & Environment

### Climate activists rally, seek to occupy coal mine in Germany

VIERSEN (Germany)— Tens of thousands of climate activists noisily rallied in Germany Friday to demand action against global warming, now one of the hottest issues on the European political agenda.

While anti-coal activists tried to reach and occupy a massive open-cast lignite mine, elsewhere the “Fridays for Future” student movement staged their biggest international rally so far.

At least 20,000 young activists from 17 countries flocked to Aachen near the Dutch and Belgian borders for a huge show of force of the school-strike movement launched by Swedish teenage activist Greta Thunberg.

“Climate justice without borders,” read one banner at the head of the colourful and festive rally. Another demanded: “Raise your voice, not the sea level.”

Many of the young activists planned at the weekend to join the “Ende Gelaende” (EG) an-



Young climate activists hold their biggest “Fridays for Future” demonstration yet, in Aachen, western Germany. **PHOTO: AFP**

ti-coal protest, whose members were already playing a cat-and-mouse game with police as they tried to reach the Garzweiler mine.

The German phrase “Ende Gelaende” means that something is irrevocably finished — similar to “end of story” — which is how the protesters feel about

the fossil fuel age.

‘Government failing’

“We are unstoppable, another world is possible,” the EG protesters chanted as they walked toward the 48 square kilometre (19 square mile) mine where building-sized excavators churn through what resembles a moonscape.— AFP ■

### Chan Zuckerberg Initiative awards 68-million-USD to fund human cell-mapping project

SAN FRANCISCO — A company created by Facebook co-founder Mark Zuckerberg and his wife Priscilla Chan on Friday announced the awarding of 68 million U.S. dollars to fund a global project to map all cells in the human body.

The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI), a limited liability firm based in the Redwood City, California, said the fund will support the ongoing global project the Human Cell Atlas (HCA) and its selection of 38 collaborative science teams to map the human body cell by cell.

The three-year grant will be shared by the 38 teams from 20 countries and multiple disciplines that cover medicine, software engineering and computational biology. The participants will focus on mapping specific tissues, such as the heart, eye, or liver, in the healthy human body, said the CZI.

“The global Human Cell At-

las effort is a beacon for what can be accomplished when experts across scientific fields and time zones work together towards a common goal,” said CZI Head of Science Cori Bargmann.

The result of the research and tools created from it will be shared freely among other researchers and research institutes, said the CZI, which is also working with the European Bioinformatics Institute, the Broad Institute, as well as the University of California, Santa Cruz. The CZI has previously funded 85 projects to create collaborative computational tools in support of building the HCA, as well as 38 pilot projects to help establish best practices and data analysis technologies for constructing the atlas. The interdisciplinary collaborations will accelerate progress toward a first draft of the Human Cell Atlas, Bargmann said.

— Xinhua ■

## In Picture ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand



Foreign ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member states and ASEAN Secretary-General Dato Lim Jock Hoi (1st R) pose for a group photo during the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand on 22 June 2019. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

## Johnson domestic 'row' rocks UK leadership race

LONDON (United Kingdom) — Britain's leadership contest was rocked on Saturday by reports that police were called to a late-night "row" between frontrunner Boris Johnson and his partner, just hours before campaigning opens to win over grassroots Conservatives.

The Guardian said officers were alerted early on Friday after a neighbour said there had been a loud altercation involving screams, shouts and bangs at the south London property, shortly after Johnson had secured his place in the final run-off to become prime minister.

The paper said late Friday Johnson's partner Carrie Symonds could be heard telling the former London mayor to "get off me" and "get out of my flat". London's Metropolitan Police said it responded to a call from a local resident but that "all occupants of the address... were all safe and well".

Johnson is the runaway favourite to beat Jeremy Hunt, but will face questions over the incident on Saturday when he and Hunt kick off a month-long nationwide tour to win over the grassroots Conservatives, who have the final say. Whoever takes the Tory party leadership in the week beginning 22 July — and therefore becomes

prime minister — will then face the looming Brexit deadline of 31 October.

The battle is likely to feature pledges from both contenders to take Britain out of the European Union safely and in one piece, succeeding where outgoing Prime Minister Theresa May repeatedly failed. But the race might ultimately turn into a popularity contest between Johnson — pugnacious but affable with a tendency for gaffes — and the more diplomatic, low-key Hunt.

The "row" was splashed across the front pages of most newspapers on Saturday, and while bookmakers were still betting for Johnson, pundits warned the incident could harm his chances. "Much will depend on the next 24 hours and whether the audio said to have been recorded by a concerned neighbour emerges," said The Times

newspaper. "At the very least it will ensure a leadership race that had started to look like a formality might in fact be something of more consequence."

### Fearing Farage

After the MPs whittled down the original field of 13, it is now up to the 160,000 or so paid-up Conservative members who select the centre-right party's next leader. According to Times commentator Matthew Parris, the group comprises "classic shire Tories", as well as poorer urban workers who are anti-European and more populist in their views. The winner will need to succeed where May failed in pushing a deal with the EU through parliament, or face the prospect of leaving without a deal, which MPs have warned could collapse the government and trigger a general election.—AFP ■



The leadership battle is likely to feature pledges from both Johnson and Hunt to get Britain out of the European Union safely. **PHOTO: AFP**

## To mark 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary, IKBZ Insurance donates 1,000 bicycles to school children

To mark its 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary, IKBZ Insurance, in cooperation with the Lesswalk philanthropic organization, donated 1,000 bicycles on 19 June to school children who are living in rural communities and facing difficulties in getting to school due to the far distances they must travel each day. The donation seeks to ensure that school children in rural areas are able to reduce the time they have to spend when walking to school on foot, and help them to find more time for learning, as well as reducing late arrivals to school and decreasing the dropout rate. The donation is also meant to support much of the future development of the education sector of Myanmar. Lesswalk founder U Mike Than Tun Win said he took pride in working together with a responsible company like IKBZ. The purpose of the donation, he noted, is to help needy students in rural villages remain on the right path to become educated.

U Nyo Myint, Vice Chairman of IKBZ, said believing that education plays the most important role in the future of Myanmar, IKBZ made the contribution to assist in improving the social economy of Myanmar through the insurance sector, in cooperation with Lesswalk. He pledged to provide insurance services based upon the values of loving kindness, courage and diligence, as practiced by the IKBZ.

In April, 2019, IKBZ Insurance introduced Edusaver Product for parents, to ensure the education and a better future for their children, whatever their financial status is.



## Russians hit out at Kremlin ban on flights to Georgia

MOSCOW (Russia) — Russia's travel industry and ordinary Russians hit out Saturday at a decision by the Kremlin to suspend flights to Georgia as a politically motivated move that has little to do with safety concerns.

President Vladimir Putin signed a decree banning Russian airlines from flying to pro-Western Georgia from 8 July late Friday in response to anti-government rallies in the ex-Soviet neighbour.

The protests were sparked by a parliamentary address in Tbilisi by a Moscow lawmaker earlier this week.

The Kremlin said the ban was to "ensure Russia's national security and protect Russian nationals from criminal and other unlawful activities."

Authorities recommended travel companies stop selling holiday packages to Georgia and advised Russian tourists to return home.

Many ordinary Russians bristled at the Kremlin's latest initiative, while key players in the industry said they were blindsided by the move.

"Tourism in Georgia is on the rise, and the decision has shocked the whole industry," Aleksan Mkrtychyan, head of Pink Elephant, a chain of travel agencies, said in a state-



President Vladimir Putin signed a decree banning Russian airlines from flying to Georgia from 8 July in response to anti-government rallies in the ex-Soviet neighbor. **PHOTO: AFP**

ment.

### Industry losses

The ban during high season is expected to hit the travel industry in both countries hard and become a major nuisance for Russian holidaymakers.

Russia and Georgia fought a brief but bloody war in 2008 and tensions between the two governments remain high.

Georgia — known for its picturesque Black Sea resorts, rich national cuisine and generous hospitality — has emerged as one of the most popular destinations for Russian tourists over the past few years, with more than 1.3 million visiting last year.

Irina Tyurina, a spokeswoman for the Russian Tourism Union, refused to say whether the ban was justified, adding she did not comment on political matters.

But the general consensus within the industry was that Georgia was not a dangerous destination, she said.

"Georgians have traditionally treated Russians well," Tyurina told AFP.

It was too early to estimate any potential industry losses stemming from the ban, she said.

According to the transportation ministry, the issue was discussed at a meeting chaired by Deputy Prime Minister Maxim Akimov on Saturday.

Airline customers were returning their tickets "en masse," the ministry said.

"This ban is silly," Margarita Semyonova, a 19-year-old student, who visited Georgia last year, told AFP, suggesting that everyday Russians and the Georgian travel industry would suffer.—AFP ■



Hong Kong has been shaken by massive anti-government rallies this month. PHOTO: AFP

## Hong Kong police vow to pursue HQ siege protesters

HONG KONG (China)—Hong Kong police on Saturday vowed to pursue anti-government protesters who launched a 15-hour siege of their headquarters as historic rallies aimed at ousting the city's pro-Beijing leader evolve.

Thousands of largely young protesters surrounded the headquarters throughout Friday and into the small hours of Saturday morning, the latest manifestation of angry demonstrations roiling Hong Kong. The international finance hub has been rocked by the worst political unrest since its 1997 handover to China.

Millions have marched this month to oppose a hugely unpopular proposed law that would have allowed extraditions to the Chinese mainland. Officers also used tear gas and rubber bullets last week to clear protesters during another massive demonstration outside the city's parliament, fanning widespread anger at the police. The spark for the current wave of protests was an attempt by chief executive Carrie Lam to

pass the Beijing-backed extradition law, which she has now postponed following the huge public backlash. But the demonstrations have morphed into a wider movement against Lam's administration and Beijing after years of sliding political freedoms.

### Guerrilla protests

Protest leaders plan to hold another huge rally on July 1 but student-led groups — communicating through encrypted messaging apps — have begun embracing spontaneous, fast-moving acts of civil disobedience.

"We need to flow like water", one protester called Chris told AFP, espousing a famous philosophy from martial arts superstar and Hong Kong legend Bruce Lee.

It was unclear if demonstrators would rally in large numbers for a third weekend, with the streets quiet and popular protest sites nearly devoid of people on Saturday.

Eric, a 22-year-old office

worker and protester, said he would wait to see what directions came through on social media in the coming days. "There are many camps and each person has their own way of resistance," he told AFP. During Friday's demonstrations outside police headquarters, large crowds of protesters blockaded entrances, taped over CCTV cameras and shouted at police.

Many chanted "release the righteous" and "shame on police thugs" — references to those detained during violence last week between demonstrators and the police. Opposition groups have demanded an investigation into allegations of police brutality and the release of those detained during the clashes.

Officers remained inside their fortified building throughout Friday.

The protest was noisy but peaceful — with the exception of thrown eggs and demonstrators shining laser pens at the windows. —AFP ■

## Venezuela should release jailed opponents: UN rights chief

CARACAS (Venezuela)—UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet called on Venezuela to release jailed dissidents Friday and said the crisis-wracked country faced a "serious" humanitarian situation.

Her comments came at the end of a three-day visit to the country on the invitation of embattled President Nicolas Maduro, who has faced allegations of cracking down on political opponents amid rampant hyperinflation and shortages of basic goods. "I call on the authorities to release all those who are detained or deprived of their liberty

for exercising their civil rights in a peaceful manner," said Bachelet, referring to the hundreds of Maduro government opponents who are currently incarcerated. The UN rights chief met relatives of these detainees, many of whom are accused of "conspiracy" to overthrow the government. She also spoke with relatives of people who died during the anti-Maduro protests of 2017.

Rights groups had pushed Bachelet to raise the issue of 715 people they say have been jailed for political reasons, a claim Maduro's government rejects. —AFP ■

## Trump says he called off Iran strikes at last minute

TEHRAN (Iran)—President Donald Trump said Friday the United States was "cocked & loaded" to strike Iran but pulled back at the last minute because it would not have been a "proportionate" response to Tehran shooting down an American drone.

The downing of the drone — which Iran insists violated its airspace, a claim Washington denies — has seen tensions between the countries spike after a series of attacks on tankers the US has blamed on Tehran.

Under pressure to respond to the high-stakes incident near the strategic Strait of Hormuz, Trump said the US was prepared to hit "3 different sites" Thursday night but that he scrapped the strikes "10 minutes" before they were to have been launched.

"I asked, how many will die. 150 people, sir, was the answer from a General," the president tweeted, saying he concluded it would not have been "proportionate to shooting down an unmanned drone."

According to excerpts of an interview with NBC's "Meet the Press" conducted Friday morning at the White House, Trump said he had not given final approval to strikes against Iran, and that no planes were in the air.

"But they would have been pretty soon. And things would have happened to a point where you wouldn't turn back or couldn't turn back," he said, adding that he did not want war with Iran, but if it came to pass, there would be "obliteration like you've never seen before."

The US president had struck a combative tone in initial comments Thursday about Iran shooting down the Global Hawk surveillance aircraft, but as the pre-dawn incident whipped up fears of open conflict, Trump moved to dial back tensions.

Iran vowed Friday to defend its borders after downing the drone, with the commander of the aerospace arm of its elite Revolutionary Guards saying the aircraft was warned twice before



Tehran insists that a US Global Hawk surveillance drone was within its airspace when it was shot down, a claim the US denies. PHOTO: AFP

it was engaged over the Gulf of Oman.

And it denied a report that Trump had warned it via Oman of an impending attack unless it was willing to negotiate.

The US special representative on Iran, Brian Hook, accused Tehran of rejecting diplomatic overtures to deescalate regional tensions.

"Iran needs to meet diplomacy with diplomacy, not military force," Hook told reporters in Saudi Arabia.

Amid the tensions, Trump late Friday nominated Mark Esper to be Secretary of Defense, one of the most powerful posts in the US government and a key advisor to the president as Washington navigates the dispute with Iran.

The US hasn't had a full defense secretary since the resignation of James Mattis in December last year. Esper, who this week was elevated to acting Pentagon chief, still needs to be confirmed by the Senate. On the streets of Tehran, anxiety over a potential war was added to residents' concerns over crippling US sanctions. "For me, the situation is already worrying because the economic state of the country is bad, and the possibility of war frightens me," said Amir, a shopkeeper who withheld his last name. —AFP ■

# Three dead, more feared buried in Cambodia building collapse

PHNOM PENH (Cambodia)—At least three people died when an under-construction building collapsed at a Cambodian beach resort early Saturday, officials said, with fears an unknown number of others may still be buried in the rubble. The seven-storey building in the beach town of Sihanoukville, owned by a Chinese company, collapsed with workers inside.

“We have pulled out a body and we see two more bodies still stuck between debris,” Yun Min, the governor of Preah Sihanouk province, told AFP.

More than a dozen others were injured, officials said, with at least two in hospital in a serious condition. Images showed excavators digging into the flattened debris in the hunt for other workers feared to be trapped inside. The building belonged to a Chinese national who rented the land from a Cambodian owner.



Dozens are feared buried in a building collapse in the Cambodian beachtown of Sihanoukville. **PHOTO: AFP**

Thul Phorsda, police chief of Sihanoukville city, confirmed the death toll and said a Chinese woman was being “detained for questioning” over the fatal accident, but declined to give further details.

With the rescue attempt stretching into the afternoon, authorities remained unable to say how

many people were working at the time in a country where informal labour is common. Governor Yun Min said around 50 workers would normally have been on the site at the time.

“We have rescued 20 so far... we still can’t say exactly how many are trapped in the debris,” he said, adding some may not

have been at work at the time of the accident.

In a Facebook post, Information Minister Khieu Kanharith put the number buried at “more than 30”, while Ministry of Labour suggested it could be fewer than 10. “Authorities are working to save them carefully,” the statement added.—AFP ■

## Philippines agree to joint China probe over boat sinking

MANILA (Philippines)—China and the Philippines agreed to conduct a joint inquiry over the sinking of a Filipino fishing boat by a Chinese vessel in disputed waters, President Rodrigo Duterte’s spokesman said Saturday.

The June 9 incident, when the two boats collided in the South China Sea, has sparked public outrage.

Manila has accused the Chinese trawler of abandoning the vessel’s 22 Filipino crew members -- later rescued by Vietnamese fishermen -- but Beijing has rejected this.

China states the trawler merely “bumped” the vessel, and tried to rescue the fishermen—but was “afraid of being besieged by other Filipino fishing boats”.

Duterte accepted the Chinese

government’s offer to conduct a joint investigation into the incident, presidential spokesman Salvador Panelo said in a statement, “to determine what really transpired”.

The probe team should include “highly qualified and competent individuals, with the Philippines and China having one representative each, and a third member coming from a neutral country”, Panelo added.

A Chinese foreign ministry spokesman had also called on Thursday for a joint probe—where each country could “properly handle the matter through friendly consultations”.

While Manila has filed a diplomatic protest against Beijing, Duterte has urged calm over the incident, setting aside the Philippines’ terri-

torial row with China to court trade and investments.

“To be clear, we are by no means relinquishing any inch of our sovereign rights, nor compromising the rights of our 22 fishermen. We are demanding justice for our countrymen, and we are using all legal means toward that end,” Panelo said.

The incident—which has fed into outrage over China’s expansive claims to the waterway—occurred off Reed Bank, a fish and natural gas-rich area of submerged coral reefs.

It is claimed by China, Viet Nam and the Philippines.

Brunei, Malaysia and Taiwan also have claims to all or part of the flashpoint sea, a key waterway for trillions of dollars in global trade each year.—AFP ■

## 2 dead, 4 missing as rainstorms hit southwest China

GUIYANG—Two people have died and four are missing after heavy downpours hit a county in southwest China’s Guizhou Province, local authorities said Saturday.

As of 3:30 p.m., a township in Yanhe Tujia Autonomous County received the maximum precipitation of 176.8 mm with the county seat receiving 165.7 mm, causing severe damages to crops and infrastructure.

The torrential rain is estimated to have damaged 751 hectares of crops. The direct economic loss hit 14.93

million yuan (about 2.2 million U.S. dollars), including 9.25 million yuan in agriculture and 5.68 million yuan in infrastructure.

The heavy rain, which started Friday, has also lashed other parts of Guizhou, causing closures of scenic spots and disruption of train services.

The rain is forecast to last until Saturday night in the northern, central and southern parts of Guizhou and until Sunday in its western regions.—AFP ■

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# Yangon teeming with future projects

By Zaw Min

**Y**ANGON is where the majority of businesses and investments were situated and in addition to having good road, water and air transport, trade can be conducted easily locally as well as internationally. That was why a great numbers of projects were being implemented in Yangon as it is developing as a business capital of Myanmar.

## Total of 80 projects

A total of 80 projects were identified in the Yangon Investment Forum held in Yangon in May. Yangon Region government had included these 80 projects in the project bank and had introduced it to local and foreign businesses.

The projects consist of new town project, housing projects, establishment of new industrial zones, a new Yangon port etc. in which the Yangon Region government is also participating in. Following are some of the projects.

## New Yangon City Development

New Yangon Development Company

the river is a strategic initiative to introduce new development land for growth. Much of the recent expansion of Yangon had been towards the north and the north-west. This project would be a major push towards expanding to the west in phase 1 and thereafter to the south in phase 2.

The project mission is to establish New Yangon as a hub of growth and innovation at par with other cities in Southeast Asia by harnessing local potential based on international best practices.

Some of the key goals of New Yangon City include:

- Creating a future ready industrial ecosystem that allows for incremental growth towards higher-order sectors
- The city should be home to over 900,000 jobs in fully built state which include primary, secondary and tertiary sector jobs
- The implementation framework should allow participation of private sector

This project is the most ambitious of all the projects lined up for Yangon Region and would have the biggest impact on its future.



PHOTO: OXLEY HOLDINGS

Ltd. (NYDC) proposes to develop a New Yangon City to the west and south of Yangon. NYDC is 100% owned by the Yangon Region Government and is an entity incorporated under the Special Companies Act. It was established to undertake the development of New Yangon City. For Phase 1 of the Project, works in the New Yangon City is split into six groups based on the types of facilities to be developed consisting of bridges, roads, power, industrial zone, water and wastewater. Phase 1 is developing 88 sq. km. of land west of central Yangon across Kyimyindine Township in Seikkyi/Khanaungto, Twantay, Hlinethayar townships in Yangon Region. The expansion of Yangon city across

## APSEZ container terminal

Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) is India's largest ports developer and an operator company. It had built, acquired and developed ports infrastructure and services across India. Its ten strategically located ports and terminal represent 24% of India's port capacity. The company signed an agreement in May 2019 to develop and operate a container terminal at Yangon Port which is APSEZ's first container terminal outside India.

The BOT (build, operate, transfer)/ lease agreement was signed for 50 years and extendable twice for ten years each. According to a statement by APSEZ the

two phase project will build a terminal that has a capacity to handle 0.8 million TEUs (twenty foot equivalent unit) of containers. The estimated cost for implementing Phase I of 0.5 million TEUs was between US\$ 220-230 million and Phase II expansion to 0.8 million TEUs is expected to cost between USD 55-60 million. The first phase of the project will be completed by June 2021.

The terminal will have a quay length of 635 meters with capability to handle three vessels at a time. The terminal was projected to generate employment for over 1,100 local people.

APSEZ said it would introduce its operating and technological expertise to Myanmar by using modern equipment to

ensure efficient handling of containers, thereby reducing the average turnaround time of vessels.

APSEZ container terminal will develop Yangon ports cargo handling capacity significantly.

## Yangon Railway Station Project

Myanmar Railway reportedly selected in February 2018 a consortium of Myanmar, Chinese and Singaporean firms to undertake a massive redevelopment of Yangon Central Railway Station. When the selection was made it was dubbed as the country's largest property projects to date with an estimated US\$ 2.5 billion price tag.

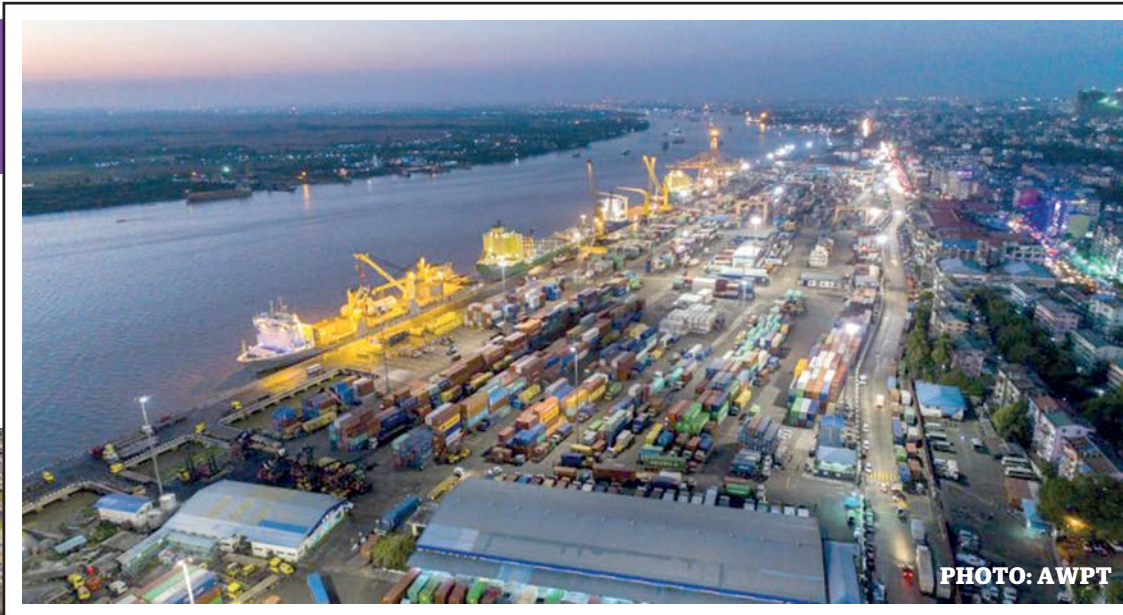


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PHOTO: NYDC

A member of the consortium Singapore-listed Oxley Holdings said the project is a mixed development project comprising a new central transportation hub that integrates rail and mass transit, surrounded by amenities of housing and commerce cover approximately 25.7 hectares, or 63.5 acres of which 1.09 million square meters of floor space will be developed. The project site is around Yangon Central Railway Station in Yangon's city centre. The consortium estimates that the project will create 100,000 jobs for local construction workers during the construction stage and many more once completed.

#### Yangon Elevated Expressway

A Pre-Bid Conference on Phase 1 of the Yangon Elevated Expressway project was held in May 2019 at Nay Pyi Taw where International Finance Corporation and applicants who meet qualification criteria for the project attended the conference. Phase 1 of the project is 27.5 kilometers long and the entire 47.5 km long project will be implemented through a public private partnership. Tender winning applicants will be announced in 2019 June/July. The project aims to reduce traffic congestion in Yangon and improve connectivity for businesses and communities. The project is expected to begin in 2020 July and construction is expected to be completed in 3 years. The 47.5 km road will connect downtown Yangon, Yangon Port, Yangon International Airport, Mingaladon Industrial Park and the Yangon-Mandalay expressway.

#### Yangon Elevated Railway

In December 2018 a Union level official said a detailed feasibility study was being conducted to build an elevated railroad in Yangon. The official said two elevated railways were being considered and the matter was being coordinated with Japan International Cooperation Agency. Even though it was still under discussion, the official said the project will be implemented.

A local media reported in January 2019 about a foreign company proposing a US\$ 1.5 billion elevated railway in Yangon. In February 2019 Yangon Region minister for Kayin Ethnic Affairs Naw Pan Thinzar Myo who leads the Yangon Region Government's plan to carry out projects in Yangon region this year confirmed of welcoming an initiative to construct an elevated railway if the Union Minister decides to pursue it. She explained that the matter was submitted to the regional investment committee and the matter will be submitted to Myanmar Investment Commission and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. According to the company's proposal, the elevated railway system will ferry 300,000 commuters daily. There were currently 2.8 million regular commuters using motor vehicles and 100,000 using the existing train. If the elevated railway system will ferry 300,000 commuters, there'll be at least 400,000 commuters using trains by then and this will definitely ease the daily commute of several million Yangonites.



## Magway Airport to wake up after slumbering for 13 years

**M**AGWAY Airport was constructed in 2001 and put into service on 6 June 2003. In the beginning, flights ran twice a week. After 2006, no planes land in the airport anymore. After slumbering for 13 years, it will be awakened with twice-weekly Myanmar National Airlines flights starting from 25 June 2019.

Magway lies on the Yangon-Sittwe-Yangon flight path and Yangon-Sittway-Yangon flights on Tuesday and Saturday lands in Ann so it was decided that these flights will land in Magway on Tuesday and Saturday too. Initially the plan was to use Caravan airplanes with capacity for 12 passengers but finally it was decided to use the larger ATR-72.

ATR 72-600 aircrafts with seating capacity of 60 passengers will be used and flights will take off from Yangon between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Yangon-Magway airfare will be Ks 68,000 or US\$ 73. Tickets will be available online starting from 20 June said U San Htwe, Chairman of Myanmar Hotelier Association (Magway Zone).

When Magway Airport resumes flight operation, Foreign Independent Tour (FIT) or tour companies can arrange tours on Yangon to Magway flights. Visitors can stay in Magway hotels, motels and inns and visit nearby tour locations. There'll be more foreign visitors as well as local visitors who will stay overnight in Magway said Magway Region Head of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Myint Sein.

An official from immigration department assigned to Magway Airport also commented on expecting to see air travellers as there are universities and institutes in Magway as well as government officials and merchants who'll be travelling on official or business matters.—Zeyatu (Magway)

Translated by Handytips



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## AFF Futsal Cup: MIU FC misses finals after loss to Sanvinest FC of Viet Nam



MIU FC's futsal star Pyae Phyo Maung (No.14) delivers the ball to his team mates during the semi-finals of the AFF Futsal Cup 2019 against Sanvinest Sanatech Khanh Hoa FC of Vietnam at the futsal stadium of Korat, Thailand yesterday. **PHOTO: MIU FC**

MYANMAR'S IMPERIAL UNIVERSITY (MIU) FC of Myanmar suffered a loss to Sanvinest Sanatech Khanh Hoa FC of Vietnam 0-6 in the semi-finals of the AFF Futsal Cup 2019 at the futsal stadium in Korat, Thailand yesterday.

Due to the loss, MIU failed to advance to the final of the tourney and will only fight for third place with Down Town FC of Cambodia on 23 June.

Sanvinest FC made an all-out effort from the start, with an opening goal by MIU's Pyae Phyo Maung.

The goal motivated MIU to play more aggressively, with fast attacks, but Sanvinest goalkeeper Mai Thanh Dat blocked every MIU opportunity for goals.

Again, Sanvinest scored their second and third goals at the 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> minute with a goal by Nguyen Thanh Hung, and the first half finished at 3-0 in favor of Sanvinest FC.

The second half saw domination by Sanvinest with their better understanding by their players.

Sanvinest Mai Thanh Dat

became the first goalkeeper this year to score, when his shot came off the cross to bounce off MIU keeper Yan Paing Hein in the 27<sup>th</sup> minute.

Sanvinest completed the rout with two more goals by Tran Van Thanh at 34 minutes and Tran Minh Tuan just before the final whistle.

The 0-6 loss will result in the MIU team competing for the third place position.

Also, home team Chonburi trounced newcomers Down Town Sport of Cambodia 17-0.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

## AFC U-16 Championship 2020 Qualifiers: Myanmar faces Republic of Korea

MYANMAR U-16 national football team will face Asian football powerhouse Korea Republic U-16 team in the AFC U-16 Championship 2020 Qualifiers (East Zone), which is scheduled for September, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

Myanmar U-16 has been placed in Group K, together with Korea Republic, Thailand, Myanmar and Chinese Taipei. All matches are scheduled to be played at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon.

Korea Republic U-16 will play against Chinese Taipei U-16 at 3pm on 18 September.

Myanmar U-16 will play

against Thailand at 6pm on 18 September. Chinese Taipei U-16 will play against Thailand U-16 at 3pm on 20 September. Myanmar U-16 will take on Korea Republic U-16 at 6pm on 20 September.

Korea Republic U-16 will play against Thailand U-16 at 3pm. Myanmar U-16 will play against Chinese Taipei U-16 at 6pm on 22 September. There will be 11 groups from Group A to K competing, and the best team from each of the 11 groups, plus four of the best second placed teams, will qualify for the AFC U-16 Championship 2020, according to the Asian Football Confederation.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)



Myanmar U-16 striker Khun Kyaw Zin Hein (No. 17) celebrates after scoring his goal at the 2018 AFF U-16 Football Championship's opening match between Myanmar and Timor-Leste in the Gelora Joko Samudro stadium in Indonesia on 29 July. **PHOTO: MFF**

## 'People don't know us': Wanyama and Kenya out to impress

CAIRO (Egypt)— Kenya's unimpressive record at the Africa Cup of Nations reads just one win in 14 matches, but Victor Wanyama and co. are eager to make a splash as they return to the tournament after a 15-year absence.

The Harambee Stars have never progressed beyond the first round of the continent's flagship event in five attempts, and will be up against it in a group that pits them alongside a fancied Senegal and talented Algeria.

As the lone representative from one of Europe's top leagues, Wanyama will shoulder the bulk of responsibility as captain of a youthful Kenyan squad that embarked on a three-week boot camp in France to shed dis-

tractions at home in preparation for their Egyptian adventure.

The tenacious midfielder, who turns 28 next week, is looking forward to the occasion after ending the season on a bitter note following Tottenham's Champions League final defeat by Liverpool, a match he watched from the bench despite starting both legs of the semi-finals.

"It is a very big disappointment not winning the final, but we have to move on," Wanyama told AFP during Kenya's training camp in Marcoussis, France's national rugby training facility. "It can happen. We cannot stay on that. We have to move on and focus on other things.

"For me it is a relief to get

back and have something to focus on, to forget about the final. With the national team, it is something that we have to focus on. We have a very big tournament ahead of us."



Victor Wanyama will captain Kenya in the country's first Africa Cup of Nations appearance since 2004. **PHOTO: AFP**

Kenya's last trip to the tournament, in 2004, coincided with their only win to date — a consolation 3-0 victory over Burkina Faso in a group stage exit.

Their passage to Egypt for

this edition was ignited by a surprise victory on home soil over Ghana, one of the continent's top performers.

### Lifelong dream

"It has always been my dream. I think all the players dream to get to the Afcon tournament. It is a big tournament. Everyone will be watching. We are happy to get in this stage and hopefully we can be doing this, qualifying every time," said Wanyama.

"That has been our target first to get to Afcon. Now we have achieved our dream. We need to showcase what we can do as well, to go out there and to show what Kenya is all about as well, fight together and try to get results.— AFP ■

# Hero of the heart



By Sandy Derek  
Grade 11, ICEC

As a child, I had often been asked, “Who is the person you admire the most?” It was really a baffling and time-consuming question. Most of my peers then would have chosen world leaders and aspiring inventors to become their inspirational figures. Only, the answer came to me with time. “It’s my father!” Indeed, while words such as caring, doting, generous, intelligent, kind, and responsible may be used to describe my father, it is his presence that has been a vital part of my routinal life.

When we have taken many things in our day-to-day life for granted, rarely do we realize the crucial parts of it that keep it running. It is going on at a certain rhythm, but may cease to do so at one point. Nothing stays the same. Change is inevitable. However, as Earth’s most intelligent species, humans have learned to live and coexist, all the while leaving traces of significance on one another’s existence.

Perhaps, dear reader, you might be wondering why I have included such a vague sentiment. In that case, allow me to tell you more about my father—about the true hero who had worked round the clock to make sure I have been on the right track, the same hero who has a hand in my every achievement. Indeed, not all heroes need otherworldly powers. All they require is a special trait to leave an everlasting imprint on another’s being.

My father may be simply a man of the norm in the eyes of others. How can a mere law-abiding citizen possibly catch the attention of passers-by? By all means, father has been the most influential figure in my life. He has only taken that permanent spot for as long as I can remember. Like most households, father is the breadwinner and the decision-maker of the family. He has started our family of four and carefully maintained its happiness with his wittiness and clever management. My father is a man of strong will and fortitude. The hardships he has braved time and time again have created a near-omnipotent man that I know as my father today.

Without a doubt, in times of need, my father has also been my closest consultant. When I am to make life-changing choices, I have no qualms in putting his advice into practice for he knows what is best for his daughter. His words of wisdom reflect in my every movement. His sound guidance has ultimately shaped me into who I am.

They say that sons try to imitate their fathers while daughters have set them as their role models in heart. “I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren’t trying to teach us. We are formed by little scraps of wisdom,” and so a great thinker has stated. Usually, fathers may not show their affection openly. Rather, are we not showered with the warmth and love of our mothers at all times? In fact, our fathers care about us even much more than we have ever imagined. Truly, fathers will always be a part of our everyday. They are the ones capable of making a momentous impact on the directions of our sails after all. Thus, the whole world ideally celebrates Father’s Day to recognize and thank fathers for their efforts in successfully nurturing young minds of the future.





By C. T. O

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

(b) ထိုကဲ့သို့ပင် when, after, before, till, until, as soon as, no sooner ... than, so long as, as, so-that, because, if, unless စသည့် စာကြောင်းဆက်စပ်သည့် တည်ဆောက်ထားသော ကြိယာဝိသေသန ပုဒ်စု (Adverb Clauses) များမှာလည်း Complex Sentences များဖြစ်သည်။ အောက်ပါတို့မှာ Complex Sentences များဖြစ်သည်။

- 1. When she comes, she will come alone.
2. They ran away as soon as they saw the policeman.
3. He went to bed after he had studied his lessons for two hours.
4. Look before you leap.
5. I shall wait here till she comes back.
6. He will not marry her until he gets a job.
7. As you sow, so shall you reap.
8. The problem was so difficult that he could not solve it.
9. We must give children the best of everything because they are our future.
10. Although she is pretty, she is not proud.

ထိုကဲ့သို့ပင် that, who, what, when, where, why စသည့် စာကြောင်းဆက်စကားလုံးများဖြင့် တည်ဆောက်ထားသော နာမ်ပုဒ်စုများ (Noun Clauses) မှာလည်း Complex Sentences များဖြစ်သည်။ အောက်ပါတို့မှာ Complex Sentences များဖြစ်သည်။

(a) ဝါစက (predicate) တစ်ခုတည်းဖြင့် တည်ဆောက်ထားသော ဝါကျသည် Simple Sentence ဖြစ်သည်။ (Compound Sentence နှင့် Complex Sentence တို့တွင် အနည်းဆုံးဝါစကနှစ်ခု ပါဝင်သည်။)
(b) မိမိဘာသာ လွတ်လပ်စွာရပ်တည်နိုင်သော ပုဒ်စု (Independent Clauses) အနည်းဆုံးနှစ်ခုကို and, so, but, or, either-or, neither-nor, also, yet စသည့် Co-ordinating Conjunctions (စာကြောင်းဆက် စကားလုံး) ဖြင့် ဆက်ထားသော ဝါကျများသည် Compound Sentences များဖြစ်သည်။
(c) နာမ်ပုဒ်စု (Adjective Clauses) ကြိယာဝိသေသနပုဒ်စု (Adverb Clauses) နှင့် နာမ်ပုဒ်စု (Noun Clauses) တို့ဖြင့် တည်ဆောက်ထားသော ဝါကျများသည် Complex Sentences များဖြစ်သည်။

လေ့ကျင့်ခန်းလုပ်ကြည့်ပါ။

State which of the following sentences are Simple, which are Compound and which are Complex Sentences.

အောက်ပါတို့အနက်မှ မည်သည့်စာကြောင်းများသည် Simple မည်သည့်စာကြောင်းများသည် Compound မည်သည့်စာကြောင်းများသည် Complex Sentences ဖြစ်သည်ကို ဖော်ပြပါ။

Simple ဆိုလျှင် စာကြောင်းအဆုံးတွင် (s) ဟုရေးပါ။ Compound ဆိုလျှင် (cp) ဟုရေးပါ။ Complex ဆိုလျှင် (cx) ဟုရေးပါ။

- 1. Men make houses and women make homes.
2. The old house on the hill belongs to the fat man talking with your father.
3. Life lies between tears and laughter.
4. A woman worries about the future until she gets married.
5. Beauty and brain do not go together.
6. Fools build houses and the wise buy them.
7. True love is like a ghost; everybody talks about it but nobody has ever seen it.
8. Time cures all sorrows.
9. The sweetest songs are those that tell of the saddest thoughts.
10. I killed Caesar not because I love him less but because I loved Rome more.

Answers

- 1. Men make houses and women make homes. (CP)
2. The old house on the hill belongs to the fat man talking with you father. (S)
3. Life lies between tears and laughter. (S)
4. A woman worries about the future until she gets married. (CX)
5. Beauty and brain do not go together. (CP)

- 6. Fools build houses and the wise buy them. (CP)
7. True love is like a ghost; everybody talk about it but nobody has ever seen it. (CP)
8. Time cures all sorrows. (S)
9. The sweetest songs are those that tell of the saddest thoughts. (CX)
10. I killed Caesar not because I loved him less but because I loved Rome more. (CX)

ယခုဆက်လက်၍ Simple, Compound နှင့် Complex Sentences

များ တစ်ခုမှတစ်ခုသို့ ပြောင်းပုံကို လေ့လာပါ။

(a) Simple Sentence မှ Compound Sentence သို့ ပြောင်းခြင်း။

နမူနာများကို လေ့လာပါ။

- 1. She is too fat to run. (S)
She is very fat, so she cannot run. (CP)
2. In spite of his working hard, he did not pass the examination. (S)
He worked hard but (he) did not pass the examination. (CP)
3. Besides eating her food, Ko Ko took her money. (S)
Ko Ko not only ate her food but also took her money. (CP)
4. The book being expensive, she could not buy it. (S)
The book was expensive and so she could not buy it. (CP)

LESSON 25

Simple, Compound နှင့် Complex Sentences များတစ်ကြောင်းမှ တစ်ကြောင်းသို့ ပြောင်းလဲပုံကို ဆက်လက်လေ့လာပါ။

(A) Compound Sentence မှ Simple Sentence သို့ ပြောင်းခြင်း။

- 1. He read the letter and then signed it. (CP)
After reading the letter, he signed it. (S)
(He signed the letter after reading it.)
2. The curry was very salty and so he could not eat it. (CP)
The curry was too salty for him to eat. (S)
3. They are wealthy but they do not live a comfortable life. (CP)
In spite of their great wealth, they do not live a comfortable life. (S)
4. We must eat or we cannot live. (CP)
We must eat to live. (S)

(B) Simple Sentence မှ Complex Sentence သို့ ပြောင်းခြင်း

- 1. She is our Chemistry teacher. (S)
သူမသည် ကျွန်တော်တို့၏ ဓာတုဗေဒဆရာမဖြစ်သည်။
She is a teacher who teaches us Chemistry. (CX)
သူမသည် ကျွန်တော်တို့ကို ဓာတုဗေဒအသင်ပေးသော ဆရာမဖြစ်သည်။
2. I hope to pass with flying colours. (S)
ကျွန်တော် ဂုဏ်ထူးများနှင့် အောင်ရန် မျှော်လင့်သည်။
I hope that I shall pass with flying Colours. (CX)
ကျွန်တော်ဂုဏ်ထူးများနှင့် အောင်လိမ့်မည်ဟု မျှော်လင့်သည်။
3. She is too busy to take a bath. (S)
သူမ ရေမချိုးနိုင်လောက်အောင် အလုပ်များသည်။
She is so busy that she cannot take a bath. (CX)
သူမ အလုပ်များလွန်းသည့်အတွက် ရေမချိုးနိုင်ပါ။
4. Tell me your address. (S)
မင်းရဲ့ လိပ်စာ ငါ့ကိုပြောပါ။
Tell me where you live. (CX)
မင်း ဘယ်မှာ နေတယ်ဆိုတာ ငါ့ကို ပြောပါ။
5. I know her age. (S)
ကျွန်တော် သူမ၏ အသက်ကို သိသည်။
I know how old she is. (CX)
သူမအသက် ဘယ်လောက်ရှိပြီဆိုသည်ကို ကျွန်တော် သိသည်။
6. She was glad to see me. (S)
သူမ ကျွန်တော်ကို တွေ့ရ၍ ဝမ်းသာသည်။
She was glad when she saw me. (CX)
သူမ ကျွန်တော်ကို တွေ့သောအခါ ဝမ်းသာခဲ့သည်။
7. She is proud because of her beauty. (S)
အလှကြောင့် သူမ မာနကြီးသည်။
She is proud because she is beautiful. (CX)
လှပသောကြောင့် သူမ မာနကြီးသည်။
8. Only soldiers can use this road. (S)
စစ်သားများသာ ဤလမ်းကို သုံးနိုင်သည်။
If you are not a soldier, you cannot use this road. (CX)
သင် စစ်သားတစ်ယောက်မဟုတ်လျှင် သင် ဤလမ်းကို မသုံးနိုင်။
9. He wanted to know her date of birth. (S)
သူ သူမ၏ မွေးနေ့ကို သိလိုသည်။
He wanted to know when she was born. (CX)
သူမကို ဘယ်တုန်းက မွေးခဲ့သည်ကို သူသိလိုသည်။

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)



# Let's create happiness with what we have



**By Khin Moh Moh Aung**  
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**N**OWADAYS, we, all human beings, are living in the world which is full of competitions. Some people compete how rich they are. Some compete how good they are. And some compete how beautiful they are. Some of them use their children to compete with each other. As we are not holy persons, it is true that we cannot live free from fury, worries, nervousness, and greed. As I am one of the ordinary persons, I do have to deal with them. I would like to be happier, prettier, and richer. But, I could change my thoughts when I saw some people who have to work in rough places. They have to start work from the time their eyes open only for filling their stomach. However, they do not wish

to quit from those places. They can content with their own lives.

Goldie Hawn said, "The only thing that will make you happy is being happy with who you are, and not who people think you are". If we do not compare with others and compete with others, I think we can be happy more than we think. We cannot deny that everybody wants to be happier, more beautiful, more affluent and wants more what they possess. It is true that some of the people are wealthier, prettier, more famous and they can possess more luxurious things. However, their happiness is lesser and lesser. It is because they do not let go of their restricted

mind. Actually, simple life and simplicity can create happiness.

We cannot receive happiness if our minds are full of pessimistic thoughts. As the world is made up of different people with dissimilar behaviors and minds, everyone's thoughts cannot be the same. When we encounter people whose thoughts are not the same with us, we should put ourselves in their shoes. I believe it will make us free from stresses and waves of anger. By thinking something in an optimistic mind, we can escape from evil things that can destroy our happiness. We do not need much money, Luxury things and beauty to possess happiness. We just need to bring out our already-have optimistic mind. We find it unnecessary to seek happiness outside of ourselves. So, what I would like to say is that "Let's create happiness with what we have".





Scenic view of Mt. Popa, an extinct volcano, looking down at Popa Taungkalat. PHOTOS: CHAN THAR (MEIKTILA)

## Trekking in forests, seeing **Popa Taungkalat** in the clouds, guarantees life-long memories

By Chantha (Meiktila)

**W**ITH the first two or three rainfalls of the monsoon season, the high temperatures in central Myanmar have fallen and local residents are at last feeling some relief from the heat. The early rain during the monsoon season reminds me of my annual trekking to Mt. Popa in central Myanmar.

I started to make preparations, including for my motorbike and cameras, and called my colleagues, who have also fallen in love with trekking.

In fact, this year is the fifth consecutive year that I am going on a trekking trip. I still remember my first experiences, five years ago, of trekking to the peak of Mt. Popa, which is 2417 feet high.

I believe that a trekking a mountain makes me healthy. Another reason why I went trekking is because I can take photos that are different from our daily scenes. Being a photographer with the Meiktila District Information and Public Relations Department also encouraged me to make the trip.

It was in the rainy season about five years ago that I took my first trek to Mt. Popa, along with members of the Meiktila University Hiking and Trekking Association.

To see the idyllic view of Popa Taungkalat or volcanic plug, which is mistakenly known as Mt. Popa from the mountain, has become a life-long memory. Clouds are floating under us and around the Popa Taungkalat.

It was on 15 June, 2019 that I set off on my fifth consecutive trip, along with six colleagues, leaving Meiktila, which is some sixty miles from Kyaukpadaung where the mountain is located. We left our motorcycles at the foot of the mountain and went trekking in the forests, continuing to the peak of Mt. Popa.

I have no words to express

my feelings as I walked in the forests in the cool weather, especially for me, since I had been living in hot weather throughout the summer.

During my fifth trip, I noticed that the number of trees was decreasing. Maybe, I think, because of forest fires, which occasionally happen there. We also did not see butterflies, which are believed to be rare species in the South East Asia region and are facing extinction.

But, we did find birds making nests in rocks on the mountain.

After two hours of trekking, we reached the retransmission station of the Myanmar Radio and Television, which is about 30 minutes trekking from the peak of the mountain. We stayed there for one night.

“Vegetables are ready for dinner,” one of my colleagues cried, and in his hands he held tender roots and leaves he found in nearby forests. Trekking over two hours, and eating fresh and tender roots and vegetables with fish paste, gave us appetites.

Next morning we proceeded to the peak of the mountain, located 4081 feet above sea level. We also did not miss the chance to visit a pagoda at the top of the mountain. The wind blew very strong, while we were standing near the crater of the extinct volcano. Visitors have tossed coins to the bottom of the crater, which is believed to be 2000 or 3000 ft deep. I thought I would go down into it on my next trip.

Winter is also a favourite season and the trekking in the cold weather attracts students and tourists.

The Popa area is well known as the oasis of the arid region of Myanmar. There are rare species of flora and fauna in the forests of Mt. Popa, which is actually an ancient volcano that sits beside a huge 737 metre dramatic looking volcanic plug.

Mt. Popa has always welcomes local and foreign travellers, including botanists and biologists, to enjoy the natural environment and considerable biodiversity.



Popa: Welcoming sign board. PHOTOS: CHAN THAR (MEIKTILA)



One of the most sacred places in Myanmar is Popa Taungkalat – incredible monastery perched on the top of cliff. PHOTOS: CHAN THAR (MEIKTILA)

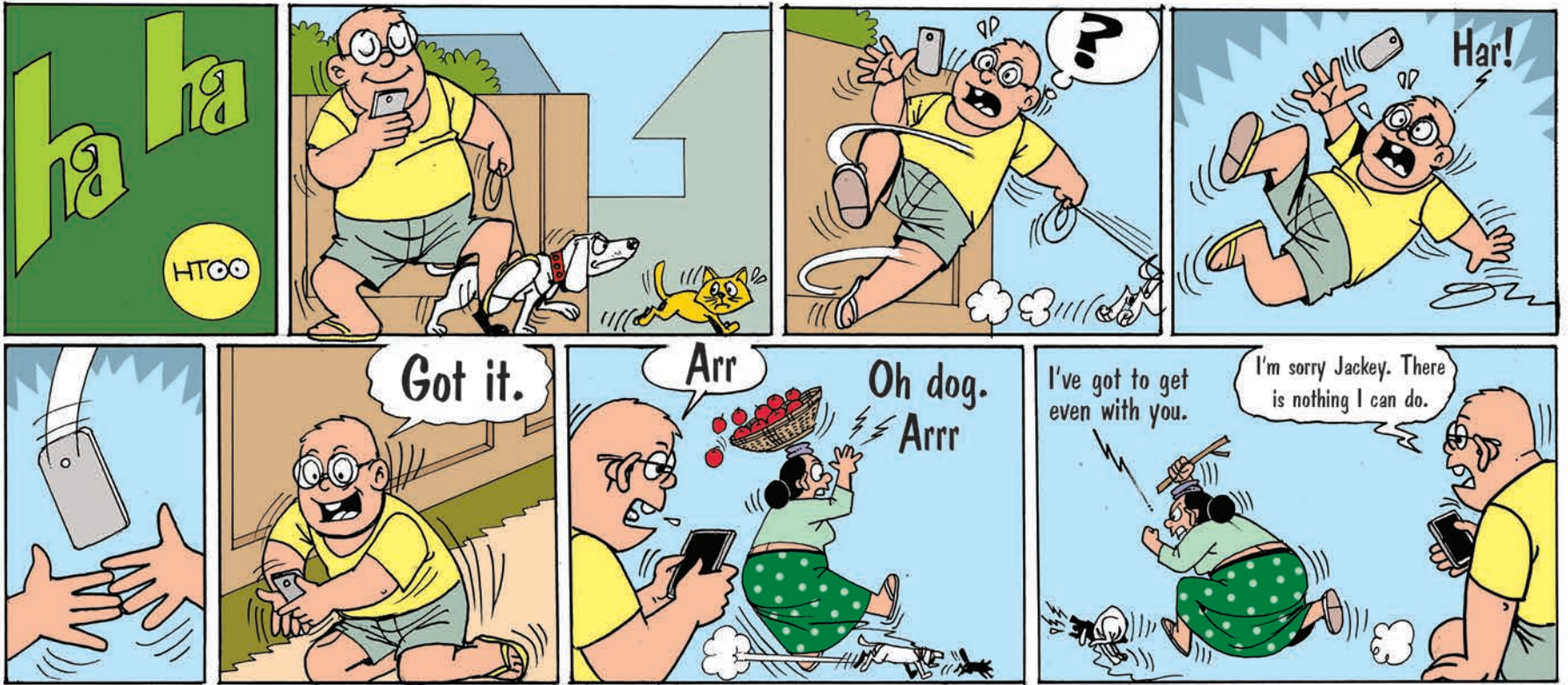


The Mount Popa offering breathtaking views of the area with woods and pagodas atop steep cliff faces. PHOTOS: CHAN THAR (MEIKTILA)



Translated by Nat Ye Hla

# SUNDAY COMICS



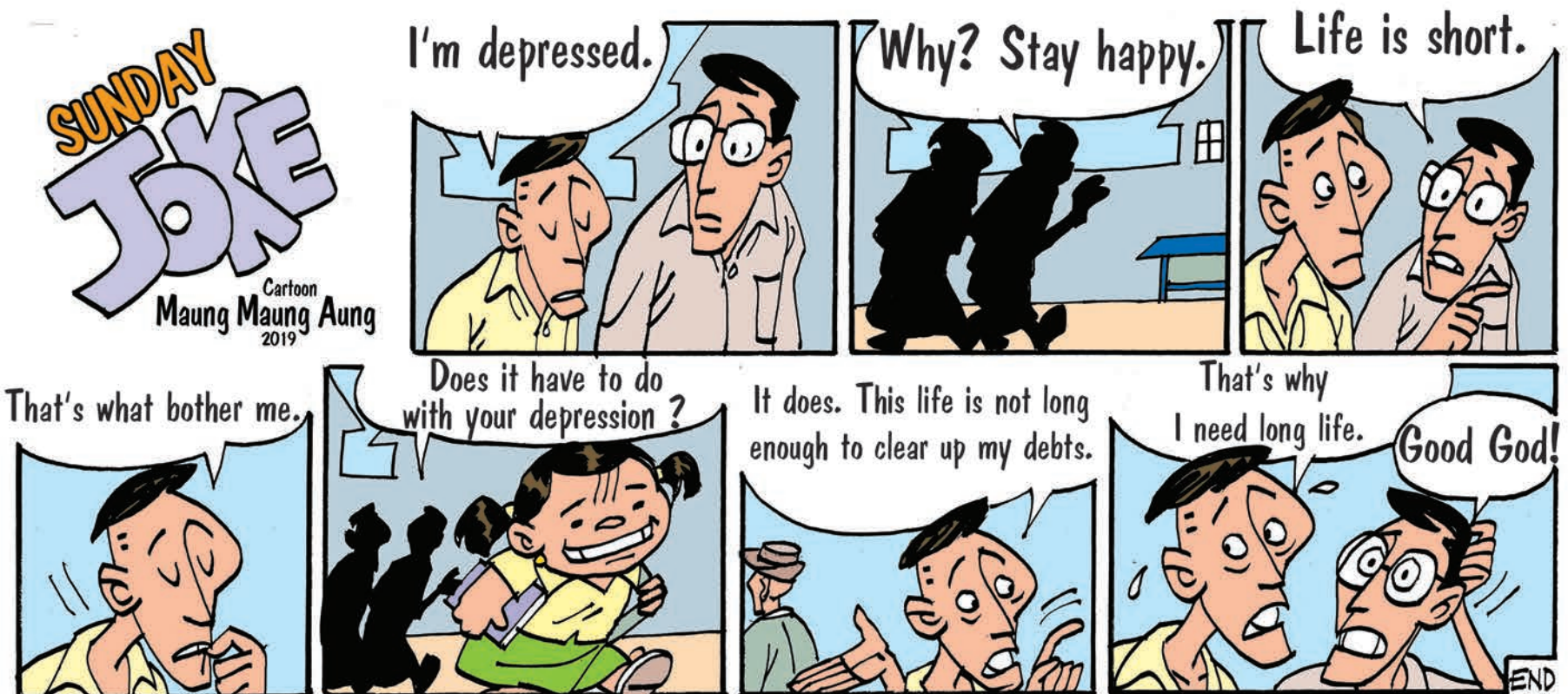
## PEOPLE WILL BE PEOPLE

Cartoon  
Maung Shwe Win



## SUNDAY JOKE

Cartoon  
Maung Maung Aung  
2019



# The **Futures** who should have full intellectual capabilities



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**A** FEW years ago, I enjoyed working as a teacher in a philanthropic association. One day of the beginning of the school year, a teacher from the association told me with sorrow that a student who was clever and would be a bright one could not come to school. At that time, the education was not free of charge. Some of the teachers of the association met and discussed about that case whether the student could not afford the school fees or the expenses of stationary and school uniforms. They finally decided that they would support the necessary aids and make the student go on her studies. Then, the teachers finally got the student's house.

Although it was called 'house', it was just a frail little tent. Its roof and wall seemed not to be able to protect the weather very well. In the talk with her father, the teachers became aware of her mother's next marriage with the other young man. The teacher thought that her father seemed to give up the pounding of mundane of the world as they saw his reddish face smearing with the vapour of alcohol. The father said the reason that his daughter could not be sent to school

was not due to the school fees or the other school expenses. He said that the main reason was due to food, clothing and shelter.

"I cannot afford to serve the duties of the whole family alone," he said, "with the aid of the wages for a day of my

they saw the vague look in their student's eyes welling up with tears.

After a couple of year, they heard the news of the marriage of their student before her marriage age.

I sometimes guess such sorrowful things. How can we



daughter, we make our lives continue. Even if you support all her school expenses and she could continue her studies, the daily existence of the rest of the family members will meet many difficulties as she was the only person to support the family." The teachers became realized that the poor fund of their association could not afford it and they retreated successfully.

When they left the tent,

raise the standard of education only with the budget. If there are no students in the school compound, the budget will be just in name. I have heard some information about education from my friend who lives in Japan. In the school enrollment season, if a child does not get to school, the troupe of the responsible personalities of the government get to the house of the respective child and make

the query to give a hand. They help the problem solving the difficulties of the child's family. There are many differences in task of teaching. In Japan, the security of the students is taught to the children: not to accept the food that is brought by unknown one and not to eat it; not to come along with those who are not familiar and offer to do so; to throw the waste with discipline; to take heed of self-cleanliness; to be able to shop; to wash hands after using toilet; etc. In addition, they are taught to have self-confidence. In Japan, there is no final examination but entrance examination is essential. The students are not often seen off in a car before and after school. Their elders have to use bicycles or their own foot. They are not let to come up to near the school. They never carry the children's utensils about school in order that the children come to rely upon themselves.

In Myanmar, especially in urban areas, some parents are extreme and their children are more. The child who can afford going to school in a car of luxury does not want to school with other low model ones when their own car get broken down. They make the driver who is

the same age of their father or grandfather carry their tiffin carrier or haversack, instead they are not rely upon themselves. This is the image and habit of lowering and degrading the one who lacks money by the one who can afford spending much.

We are left behind the neighbouring countries not only in education but in health, economics, social affairs and everything. No matter how much notification are made to enroll the school by the government, the children who do not have food to eat and who do not have to wear clothes will never get to schools. Then, the budget will become the budget only. In the country, there are necessities in every corner, the education should be the thing that enlightens one's intellectual ability. What is more, the education should lead and teach every student the excellent qualification in relationship, opinion, creativity, ability of thinking and so on before they play on the worldly stage called the society. I do not want to see the scene of their toppling down on the worldly stage as soon as they leave the classroom and get onto it.



# It's rare to find such a love

He is a man of principle I believe  
And always there to sort out issues I weave.  
He serves as a role model not only to me  
But also to the rest of the family.

He toils with might and main  
And never complains of the pain.  
He stands by me through harsh times  
In the face of ominous signs.

In the world of mine, he is a hero  
Rising from the depths of zero.  
He always proffers a helping hand  
And vanishes troubles in a flick of his wand.

He brings home radiant smiles  
And never puts us down for a little while.  
This unconditional love binds  
And such a love is rare to find.



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YANGON TO BANGKOK					BANGKOK TO YANGON					YANGON TO KUALA LUMPUR					KUALA LUMPUR TO YANGON					YANGON TO SHANGHAI					SHANGHAI TO YANGON				
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PG706	5:50	8:10	Daily		TG2303	7:55	8:50	Daily		AK505	8:25	12:40	Daily		AK504	6:45	7:55	Daily		MU2099	22:15	1:35+1	2,4,6		MU2100	2:35	8:50	3,5,7	
8M335	7:40	9:25	Daily		PG701	8:50	9:40	Daily		MH741	11:30	15:50	Daily		MH740	9:10	10:25	Daily											
UB-019	7:45	9:40	Daily		TG2301	9:35	10:30	3,4,5,7		OD551	12:25	16:45	1,4,7		OD550	10:15	11:30	1,4,7											
TG2304	9:50	11:45	Daily		8M336	10:40	11:25	Daily		MH743	16:15	20:30	1,4,6,7		MH742	13:55	15:05	1,4,6,7											
PG702	10:30	12:30	Daily		UB020	11:00	11:55	1,3,5,6,7		OD553	23:55	4:20+1	2,3,5,6		OD552	21:45	22:55	2,3,5,6											
TG2302	11:30	13:25	3,4,5,7		PG707	13:45	14:45	1,3,5,6,7																					
PG708	15:20	17:20	1,3,5,6,7		PG703	16:45	17:35	Daily																					
8M331	16:30	18:15	Daily		TG305	17:50	18:45	Daily																					
UB-017	17:25	19:20	Daily		8M332	19:15	20:00	Daily																					
PG704	18:20	20:20	Daily		PG705	20:40	22:00	Daily																					
TG306	19:45	21:40	Daily		UB018	20:20	21:15	Daily																					

YANGON TO DON MUEANG					DON MUEANG TO YANGON					YANGON TO SEOUL INCHEON					SEOUL INCHEON TO YANGON					YANGON TO DUBAI					DUBAI TO YANGON				
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DD4231	8:05	9:50	Daily		DD4230	6:20	7:05	Daily		KE472	23:30	7:15	Daily		KE471	18:15	22:10	Daily		EK389	2:20	5:40	5,7		EK388	9:15	17:25	1,3,5,7	
FD252	8:30	10:15	Daily		FD251	7:15	8:00	Daily																					
SL201	9:25	11:15	Daily		SL200	7:35	8:25	Daily																					
FD254	17:30	19:15	Daily		FD253	16:10	17:00	Daily																					
FD258	19:25	21:15	Daily		FD257	18:05	18:55	Daily																					
SL207	20:45	22:45	Daily		SL206	18:55	19:45	Daily																					
DD4239	21:00	22:45	Daily		DD4238	19:30	20:15	Daily																					

YANGON TO GUANGZHOU					GUANGZHOU TO YANGON					YANGON TO HANOI					HANOI TO YANGON					YANGON TO SINGAPORE					SINGAPORE TO YANGON				
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CZ3056	11:25	15:55	3,6		8M712	14:15	15:50	2,4,5,7		VJ918	18:55	21:20	Daily		VJ917	16:30	17:55	Daily		8M231	8:20	12:50	Daily		3K581	8:55	10:25	1,2,5,6,7	
CZ8472	17:30	22:00	1,5		CZ8471	14:40	16:30	1,5												SQ997	10:35	15:10	Daily		UB002	13:15	14:45	Daily	

YANGON TO HONG KONG					HONG KONG TO YANGON					YANGON TO TOKYO					TOKYO TO YANGON					YANGON TO DOHA					DOHA TO YANGON				
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KA251	1:05	5:25	1,2,3,4,6,7		UB8028	13:05	14:50	3,5,7		NH814	21:45	6:50+1	Daily		NH813	11:15	16:05	Daily		QR919	7:40	11:55	1,3,4,6,7		QR918	20:00	5:30	2,3,5,6,7	
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YANGON TO CHIANG MAI					CHIANG MAI TO YANGON				
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PG724	13:10	15:05	Daily		PG723	10:40	12:35	Daily	

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CI = China Airlines	DD = Nok Airline	FD = Air Asia		
CZ = China Southern	KA = Dragonair	KE = Korea Airlines		
UB = Myanmar National Airlines	VN = Vietnam Airlines			

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