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Vice President U Henry Van Thio continues Kayah State tourism promotion tour



Vice President U Henry Van Thio inspects maintaining of the waterways upstream and downstream of the Thanlwin Bridge (Pasawng) in Kayah State yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

NATIONAL Tourism Development Central Committee Chairman Vice President U Henry Van Thio who was in Kayah State, Loikaw Town went to the National Races Youth Development Training School (Bawlake) under the Education and Training Department of the Ministry of Border Affairs yesterday morning accompanied by Kayah State Chief Minister U L Phaung Sho, Deputy Ministers Rear-Admiral Myint Nwe, Maj-Gen Than Htut

and U Tin Myint and officials.

At the school hall the Vice President was given a briefing about the training school by Director U Thaug Htike.

In response to the explanation the Vice President remarked on accomplishing the aims of opening the national races youth development training schools and for students to learn their lessons well. The Vice President presented school uniforms, exercise books and foodstuffs for the

Meisei Trade Station was opened in 2016 and annual trade has increased each year.

students, State Chief Ministers presented cash support for the students and Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Than Htut presented

cash support for the school staff and then inspected the students' dormitory. The training school was established in 2015 and was teaching 185 students this year.

Next, the Vice President and party arrived at the View Point at mile post 118 of Pasawng-Meisei Road and inspected the nature based canoe/kayak ride resort site of Ardent Alliance Company.

From there they went to Thanlwin Bridge (Pasawng) where acting Director-General

U Win Hlaing of the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems explained about maintaining the waterways upstream and downstream of the bridge and Department of Bridge Director General U Shwe Lay explained about non-occurrence of water erosion at the base of the bridge and status of sediment deposit raising the river bottom from the time the bridge was completed in 2015 to date.

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Myanmar-India discuss cooperation in agro-sector

UNION Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu received Republic of India Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Mr Parshottam Rupala

at Nay Pyi Taw Hilton Hotel on 12 July.

At the meeting increasing Myanmar-India technical cooperation in agriculture sector, Advanced Center for Agricultural Research and Educa-

tion (ACARE), implementing training programme for Rice Bio Park, technical cooperation in Master, Post Graduate and short term courses,

status of Myanmar-India cooperation project works, practicing modern mechanized farm technologies, opening animal health care and management courses under My-

anmar-India memorandum of understanding on Rakhine State development were discussed.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Aid given to verified Myanmar nationals from Thailand

A CEREMONY to welcome and to give aids to the Verified Myanmar nationals from Thailand was held at Zwegapin hall in Hpa-an, Kayin State yesterday.

Present at the event were, Chief Minister of Kayin State Daw Nan Khin Htwe Myint, Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, ministers of Kayin state, directors-general and officials.

At the event, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye said verified Myanmar nationals are warmly welcome. The government now has three goals : rule of law and development of social economy, national reconciliation and internal peace and fostering a constitution suitable for a Federal Union. To realize these

aims, ministries are doing their jobs and laws and regulations are being enforced for rule of law in implementing projects, he said.

All ethnic peoples returning to the legal fold will have chance to build their own secure lives. The ministries will help with temporary livelihood. Vocational course will be given to them to get jobs. The Union Minister urged the people to collaborate with government to bring about internal peace.

Then, Daw Nan Khin Htwe Myint said that she is delighted that the verified Myanmar nationals had peacefully come back to the state. The peaceful secure social system will be handed down from generation to



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye presents cash to local people in Hpa-an Township, Kayin State yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

generation. Livelihood support and help to get jobs will be given.

Afterwards, Union Minister and the entourage distributed commodities to the verified Myanmar citizens. There were 102 household and each household was given K 125,000 for food and other commodities.

Kayin State Red Cross supervisory committee provided them with household materials and family Kit.

One verified Myanmar national gave words of thanks to the officials. Afterwards, Union Minister and entourage visited Department of Rehabilitation,

Drug Rehabilitation Center and discussed necessities with its officials. Then , he proceeded to Hpa-an Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Centre run by Myanmar Red Cross Society with the help of International Red Cross Committee. —MNA

(Translated by Alphonsus)

Researchers give talks on China-Myanmar Economic Corridor, Myanmar's strategy



Senior Researcher U Aye Maung Kyaw of Center for Myanmar Affairs Studies gives the opening speech at the discussion on international affairs in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

CENTER for Myanmar Affairs Studies has been holding discussion on international affairs at the headquarter of News and Periodicals Enterprise on Their Phyu street in Yangon. In this week's session, U Zaw Aung discussed China- Myanmar Economic Corridor and the change of Myanmar's regional strategy. These discussion sessions

are held by Center of Myanmar Affairs Studies with the aim of benefiting the public politically, economically and socially. The aim is also hoped to assist Myanmar democratic transition.

At the event, U Zaw Aung discussed challenges in building China- Myanmar Economic Corridor, MoU between Myanmar and China during new adminis-

tration, policies on collaboration, long term development projects and all level network, bringing about the change of Myanmar's strategic value in the region by implementing China Myanmar Economic Corridor and changes in politic and social generated by coincidence of Myanmar democratic transection and China's Belt and Road Initiative and col-

laborations.

U Zaw Aung said “ I have been researching Belt and Road Initiative since 2017. I listen to State Counsellor' speeches on her trip to China. I read, research and listen to news on developments in different places in 2 year period and also international articles and thesis about BRI.”

“ I mainly wrote articles in Myanmar Affairs. I noticed that different opinions of the projects were released, and they are different from the reality. I want to talk to the public about it. I would like the public to know that building basic institutions and trade are different. I want to inform the public of details by laying all data, I could get my hand on, on them.”

Then, Q and A section followed. Senior Researcher U Aye Maung Kyaw of Center for Myanmar Affairs Studies “There are many aspect of China Myanmar projects yet to be comprehended. To understand more of these

matter, discussions international affairs are held to share knowledge of them . There are now collaborations between two countries to cement the friendship. There are also misunderstanding form public and private organizations. These sessions are held to analyze what is right and wrong to do. We are sure these sessions will produce results”. Discussion about US-China trade war and consequences of Yemen was held on July 16th.

It is reported discussion on current international affairs will be organized occasionally.

U Zaw Aung is a holder of Master in International Development from Chulalongkorn University in Thailand. He has been writing articles for Myanmar Affairs and research papers.

Present at the event were, officials of Ministry Of Information, officials of Center for Myanmar Affairs Studies and the guests. —MNA

(Translated by Alphonsus)

Vice President U Henry Van Thio continues Kayah State ...

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The Vice President inspected the bridge and remarked on continuing the construction of retaining walls to prevent river bank erosion.

Afterwards the Vice President went to Meisei Trade Station where Director U Aung Thura from the Department of Trade explained about works conducted at the trade station.

Meisei Trade Station was opened in 2016 and annual trade was increasing year by year. Total value of trade conducted as of end June during 2018-2019 was learnt to be US\$ 299 million.

The Vice President also went to BP-13 on the Myanmar-Thai border and inspected the construction site of the border in-

spection station where officials provided explanations.

In response to the explanations the Vice President remarked on considering water supply and construction of retaining wall required for the border inspection station and to conduct the construction work on time and up to set standards and norms.

Following this the Vice President went to Meisei Township People's Hospital to provide cash support to the patients and inspect the construction of a new hospital building.

Later the Vice President left Meisei town by a motorcade and arrived back in Loikaw in the evening. — MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Vice President U Henry Van Thio inspects the students' dormitory of National Races Youth Development Training School (Bawlake) yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

FMES, Suu Foundation, Total E&P Myanmar (Yadanar CSR Program) sign MoU

THE signing ceremony of Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U) for co-operation between Federation of Myanmar Engineering Societies (FMES), the Suu Foundation and the TOTAL E&P Myanmar (Yadana CSR Program) was held yesterday in the Function Hall of the Myanmar Engineering Societies Building, Hline University's Campus, Hline Township, Yangon.

The event was attended by Union Minister for Construction U Han Zaw, Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo, permanent secretaries

from relevant ministries, patrons of the FMES, chairmen, Central Committee members, members of CEO, departmental heads, officials from the National Road Safety Council, officials from the Suu Foundation Project Office, officials from Total E & P Myanmar, officials from NGOs and INGOs and invited guests.

First, Union Minister U Han Zaw delivered an opening remark at the signing ceremony. Then Chairman of the FMES U Aung Myint explained about road and vehicle safety measures, Total E & P Myanmar of Operation, Project &

Technical Support Manager U Soe Thauang Myint, the Suu Foundation Project Officer Daw Mya Thinzar Khaing explained about the establishment of the Road Safety Audit and Road Safety Inspection in Myanmar. Next, Chairman of the FMES U Aung Myint, the Suu Foundation Project Officer Daw Mya Thinzar Khaing and the Total E & P Myanmar Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo signed the MoU in the presence of Union Minister U Han Zaw and Deputy Minister U Kyaw Myo. Following that, they posed for group photographs together.

Under the guidance of the ministry of Transport and Communications, the Suu Foundation has been carrying out road and vehicle safety projects with the support of the Total E & P Myanmar since 2017. Thus implementation process will be carried out as an act to introduce the Road Safety Audit and Road Safety Inspection system in Myanmar with a view to conducting road safety measures and reducing traffic accidents. Moreover the Federation of Myanmar Engineering Societies will implement the projects under the aegis of Total E & P Myanmar. — MNA ■ (Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



Union Minister U Han Zaw, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Myo and officials attend the signing ceremony of MoU between Federation of Myanmar Engineering Societies, Suu Foundation and Total E&P Myanmar in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Union Minister Dr. Aung Thu calls for speeding up rural area development projects

UNION Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr. Aung Thu met with officials from the Department of Rural Development on 12 July, 2019 in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting, Union Minister Dr. Aung Thu stressed the need for making more efforts in order to conduct rural development projects for the people while making an effort to adjust the budget allocation in line with regulations, policies and procedures of the financial administration. He said that it was also needed to pursue sustainable studies with a view to working at full capacity and it should be noticed that it was duty bound for the office staff to boost their productivity. All the officials-concerned were urged to share their knowledge on experiences and technologies to the new generation as a good legacy. Then Director-General of the Department of Rural Development U Khant Zaw explained about the implementation of the projects and on-going processes.

As of 2018-2019 FY, the Department of Rural Development has implemented the rural water supply projects to 1.8219 million people from

369,700 houses in 2323 villages out of 22 townships. Under the ICB-2 project, the department has implemented the rural electrification project to 1366 villages using a home power system, 35 villages using mini power system, 2367 villages using a home solar system with ICB-3 project and 19 villages using mini power system.

As for the Department of Rural Development, efforts have been made to construct the rural housing project in 174 villages out of 21 townships, the rural road measuring 264 miles and 2.69 furlong long that can be beneficial to 139,389 areas together with the construction of 23 bridges.

In addition to this, plans are under way to launch the village of emerald green projects in 944 villages in 2018-2019 FY. Moreover, the project has been conducted in 11,098 villages in 2014-2018 FY and which could cover 17.34 per cent of the whole villages of the country besides making contribution 2.076 millions people from 457,000 houses of 2,746 villages. — MNA

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Drug worth over K16 bln confiscated in Loikaw

Illegal drugs seen in front of the three vehicles in Loikaw Township yesterday. **PHOTO: POLICE FORCE**

ICE 500,000g, Ketamine 649,000g and Caffeine 1150,000g, worth over K16 billion were seized in Loikaw.

Acting on a tip-off, Anti-Narcotic Task Forces and local police stopped and searched three Dongfeng trucks moving along Namsang- Mongnai-Hsihseng-Loikaw road, at Y junction near Linpon village in Loikaw township.

There are 6 drivers and helpers on the trucks, including a man named Sai Aung Kyaw Moe who lives in West block, Mongpan township. It was reported by Myanmar police force that they are being charge under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Further investigation are being carried out to expose those involved in the case. — Myanmar Police Force

(Translated by Alphonsus)

Training course for Cub Scouting opens in Taunggyi

The Cub Scouting training course being conducted at the Brainworks TOTAL International School in Taunggyi yesterday. **PHOTO: MYANMAR SCOUT ASSOCIATION**

WITH a view to building self-confidence and becoming adventure lovers with helping spirits, the first training course for Cub Scouting was held by the Myanmar Scout Association in cooperation with scout trainers from

Singapore and Indonesia at the Brainworks TOTAL International School in Taunggyi, Shan State yesterday.

The training course for Cub Scouting was led by Mr. Lim Wei Yung, Chairman of Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee from Singapore and one trainer each from Singapore and Indonesia together with Myanmar Cub Scout trainer Daw Thit Thit Oo, Youth Programme Coordinator U Phyo Thura Win, International Affairs Coordinator U Kaung Myat Htoo and other senior trainers will coach promises, pledges, oaths and mottos of the scouts, basic techniques of craftsmanship,

colour choosing for the children, recycling plastic bottles, scouting knowledge and first aid for scouts. The training is being held for a period of three days, attended by a total of 69 children and ten trainers. In addition, a similar training course for Cub Scout was launched with the help of trainers from Thailand at the Brainsworks TOTAL International School in Yangon in the first week of February. There are 52 males trainees, 22 female trainees together with 10 trainers in the programme. —Myanmar Scout Association

(Translated by Win KoKo-Aung)

Missing girl found dead after boat capsizes in Mindon

ONE of four missing school girls was found dead near Kinponkai Village in Mindon Township, Magway Region on Saturday morning, police reported.

About 10 a.m. on 13 July, a rescue team found the dead girl, missing after a boat capsized on Friday afternoon.

The search for the missing school girls is being conducted by the township police, in cooperation with the region MP, fire fighters and philan-

thropic organisations, in an attempt to rescue the three remaining students.

A boat carrying 18 passengers from Paukaing Village in Mindon Township, Magway Region, was overturned at the convergence of Mindon Creek and Mu Creek at 2.45 p.m. on 12 July.

Township police have filed charges against boat driver Zar Ni Aung.—Mindon IPRD

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)Officials and villagers conducting a search for the missing school girls near Kinponkai Village, Mindon Township yesterday. **PHOTO: MINDON IPRD**

China imports over 36,000 tons of mangos from Muse border since May

MYANMAR exported over 36,000 tons of mangos to China through the Muse 105th mile border trade zone between May and early July this mango season, according to border traders.

China imported 21,678 tons of marketable mangos from Myanmar in May and 19,569 tons in June. From 1-25 June, Myanmar's exports of mango reached 12,837 tons. Between 26 June and 2 July, 1,584 tons of mangos were delivered to China. Myanmar has exported mangos to its largest neighbouring country since April this season. Mango exports through the Muse gate was highest in May. Currently, the Muse border saw a gradual decline in the export of mangos to China.

Mango growers are satisfied with stable mango prices, as there has been no significant change in mango prices throughout the mango season. The currency exchange rate stood at K215 per yuan in July, when the price of high-quality mangos hit 1,000, to 9,300 yuan per ton (equivalent to some two million in local currency).

The marketable varieties of mangos imported by China include Seintalon, Yingwe and Padamyangamauk, which are grown in Kyaukse, Ohnchaw, Paleik, Sagaing, ChaungU and Taunggyi.

There are some 250,000 acres of mango plantations throughout the country, and 200,000 acres of plantations can yield about 700,000 tons of mangos. Myanmar's mangos are mainly exported to China and India, followed by Bangladesh, Thailand, Korea, Singapore and Japan.

In a bid to ensure the systematic exports of pineapple, the pineapple exporters group from Lashio and Hsibaw townships met, at the fruit brokerage center of the Muse 105th mile trade zone on 21 June. Pineapple farmers have difficulty in exporting pineapple at Wantain. They reached an agreement on the sale of pineapple at the Muse 105th mile fruit wholesale center, which included watermelon, muskmelon and mango.—Khine Khant ■

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)



Right-hand drive Japanese cars are in high demand in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

Japanese right hand drive cars in high demand in Yangon

RIGHT-hand drive Japanese cars, and four-wheel drive wagons, are in high demand in Yangon during the raining season.

“Japanese right-hand drive cars are leading the automotive market, not only in Yangon but also in Mandalay and other regions. The Yangon market is seeing cars in good condition selling well and at higher prices. The Mandalay and Mawlamyine markets are also busy again. The cars with Yangon license are eas-

ier to sell. So, car buyers from all over the region are coming to purchase cars in Yangon,” said U Myint Kyaw, an automotive seller.

“The car price is still increasing in the market. Therefore, Japanese right hand drive cars are in high demand. But we don't have much profits from selling these cars, as we did previously. The four-wheel drive wagons, like CRV, Alphard and the Klugers, are in high demand

in the market. During one week, four or five cars are sold in our market”, he added.

Nissan saloons worth K 20 million are also selling well in the market. The second hand cars, called reconditioned cars, are also selling well. Some people are purchasing new cars under the installment system. Then, they dispose of them in the automotive market to get their money back.—SN ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Myanmar spends \$1.8 bln on import of CMP raw materials



Workers sew garment at a factory in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

MYANMAR'S imports of raw materials used by CMP (cut-make-pack) businesses exceeded US\$1.8 billion between October and July in the present Fiscal Year 2018-2019, up by over \$298 million from the year-ago period, the Ministry of Commerce reported this Friday.

At this time last 2017-2018 FY, Myanmar spent \$1.5 billion on importing CMP raw materials

from overseas trading partners.

In the week from 29 June to 5 July, CMP raw materials amounting to \$44.39 million were imported from partner countries, increasing by nearly \$5.8 million from the same period in the previous FY, when CMP imports were valued at \$38.6 million.

CMP is one of the four major groups of Myanmar's import products. Garment factories and

businesses manufacturing bags and slippers predominantly operate under the CMP system. The garment industry mostly imports raw materials from Japan, Korea, and some European countries, exporting finished goods to those countries.

Besides CMP raw materials, Myanmar also imports capital goods, intermediate goods, and consumer products from countries in Southeast Asia, Asia, Africa, Europe, and America.

As of 5 July in the current FY, Myanmar has imported \$4.37-billion worth of capital goods, \$5.20 billion worth of intermediate goods and about \$2.53 billion worth of consumer goods, totaling \$12.113 billion. Despite CMP raw materials, imports of capital goods, intermediate goods and consumer products have declined by over \$1.2 billion compared to the previous FY.—Shwe Khine ■

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

Myanmar earns \$12.7 bln from exports

MYANMAR exports to overseas countries in the current 2018-2019 Fiscal Year have touched US\$12.7 billion, an increase in value by over \$1 billion compared with the corresponding period of the previous fiscal, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The total export figures included \$3.57 billion by the public sector and \$9.14 billion by the private sector. Between 1 October and 5 July this FY, the country delivered \$7.08 billion worth of goods through maritime routes while goods amounting to \$5.63 billion were sent to the overseas traders via border points of entry.

Myanmar's export products can be categorized into seven major groups—agricultural, animal, marine and forest-based products, minerals, manufactured goods and other miscellaneous products.

Since October 2018, the country exported \$2.61 billion of agricultural products, \$313.57 million of animal products, \$611.56 million of marine products, \$1.21 billion of minerals, \$132.14 million of forest products, \$7.18 billion of manufactured goods, along with others with an estimated value of \$665.09 billion.

The ministry's annual statistical report indicated that the country's export during the 2018 mini-budget period stood at \$8.82 billion. The export value exceeded \$14.85 billion in the previous 2017-2018 FY, \$11.99 billion in the 2016-2017 FY, \$11.13 billion in the 2015-2016 FY, \$12.52 billion in the 2014-2015 FY, \$11.20 billion in the 2013-2014 FY, and \$8.97 billion in the 2012-2013 FY.—Swe Nyein ■

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

Floods hit upper Myanmar as Ayeyawady River passes danger level

Over 10,000 residents evacuated in Myitkyina

THE Ayeyawady River passed the danger level on 12 July as river water flowed into low-lying areas in Myitkyina, forcing over 10,000 residents to abandon their homes for temporary shelters yesterday.

The water level reached some 30 cm above its danger level on 12 July, following a torrential rainfall.

A flash flood affected over 2,000 households from wards in Myitkyina.

Local authorities set up 26 temporary shelters at religious buildings and transported flood victims to these shelters, and provided them with aid.

Flood in Sagaing

As the water levels of the Chindwin River and the Ayeyawady River are rising, some families in upper areas of Sagaing Region have also moved to temporary shelters.

About 45 people from 13 households in Kamti Township moved to a temporary shelter to escape the rising Chindwin River, along with 55 people from

nine households in Katha, as the water from the rising Ayeyawady River flowed into their areas.

“The two rivers have not yet reached the danger level in Kamti and Katha towns. We have provided cash for food to the victims and are raising alerts about flash floods in the area,” said U Sa Willy Frank, Head of the Sagaing Region Natural Disasters Management Department.

Torrential rain causes havoc in Hsawlaw, Myitkyina District

A torrential rainfall from 8 to 10 July caused landslides and flash floods in rivers, which destroyed bridges, causing havoc in Hsawlaw Township, Myitkyina District.

“The flash flood in the Maykha River caused erosion and landslides. Out of 700 acres of land to be reclaimed, about 200 acres were eroded by the flood,” said Daw Khaw Mar Oo, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative from the Hsawlaw Township Constituency-2.

Similarly, landslides were reported in villages and one bridge was washed away by the flood waters. —Kachin State IPRD ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



Flash flood in the Maykha River causes erosion and landslides in Myitkyina yesterday. **PHOTO: KACHIN STATE IPRD**



Houses submerged by floodwaters in Sagaing yesterday as water levels of the Chindwin River and the Ayeyawady River are rising. **PHOTO: KACHIN STATE IPRD**

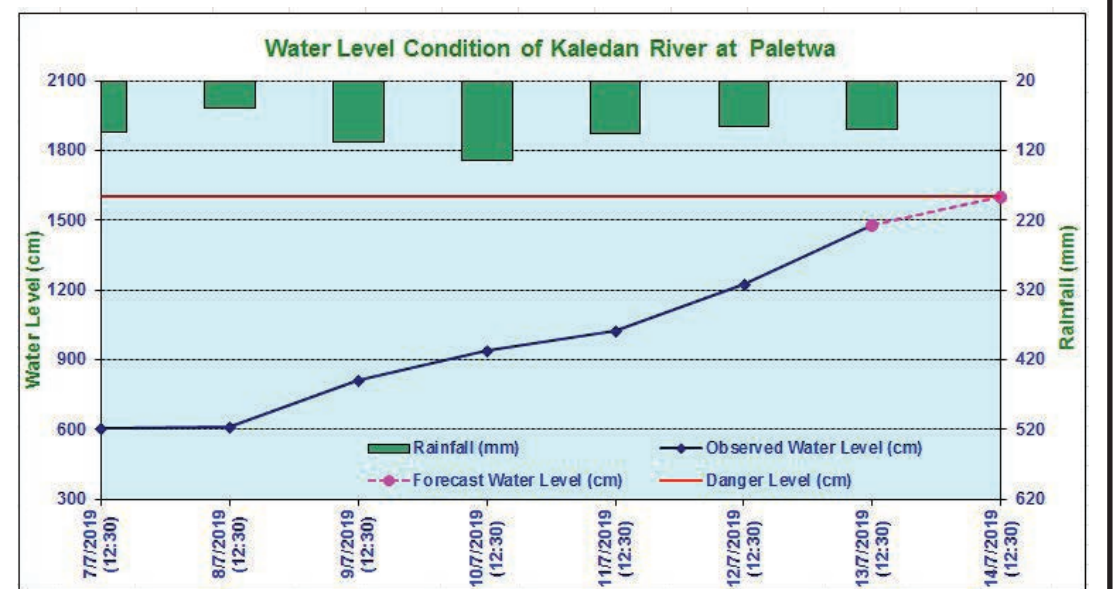


Flood Warning

(Issued at: 13:00 hrs M.S.T on 13-7-2019)

According to the (12:30) hrs M.S.T observation today, the water level of Kaledan River at Paletwa is observed as about (4) feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next (1) day.

It is especially advised to the people who settle near the river banks and low lying area at Paletwa Township, to take precaution measure.



IMF releases \$5.4 bn loan tranche to Argentina

WASHINGTON (United States) — The International Monetary Fund completed a review Friday of Argentina's economic performance, allowing the release of \$5.4 billion to the country in a loan program intended to help stabilize its economy.

The IMF board approved the fourth review of the South American country's performance under the loan deal signed last year.

"The Argentine authorities continue to show a strong commitment to their economic policy program, meeting all applicable targets under the Fund-supported program," said IMF Managing Director David Lipton in a statement, noting that financial markets have stabilized.

Lipton also said that inflation, while still high, had decreased and appeared to be on an overall downward path.

"The economy is beginning a gradual recovery from last year's recession," he said.

Despite the IMF's confidence, American credit rating agency Moody's changed Argentina's outlook on Friday from stable to negative.

Moody's based its decision



Despite the IMF's confidence, American credit rating agency Moody's changed Argentina's outlook from stable to negative. PHOTO: AFP

on "increased uncertainty" that Argentina would continue to implement policies that would stabilize its economy and its currency, it said in a statement.

President Mauricio Macri has faced increasing pressure over the misfiring economy with presidential elections set for October.

He was forced to impose austerity measures as authorities struggled to stabilize the currency and rein in inflation to ensure access to IMF funding.

Consumer inflation hit 3.1 per cent in May and has risen more than 19 per cent so far this year, while unemployment closed last year just over nine percent and the poverty rate rose to 32 per cent.

Argentina originally secured a \$50 billion financing package from the IMF in June 2018, before returning to the fund to ask for an additional \$6 billion and accelerated disbursements in exchange for tougher conditions. —AFP ■

Eternally stinky city? Rome garbage crisis sparks health fears

ROME (Italy) — Landfills in flames and rats feasting on waste in the streets have sparked health fears in Rome, as doctors warn families to steer clear of disease-ridden curbside garbage and locals launch a disgusting dumpster contest online.

Crowds of summer tourists are forced to navigate overflowing bins in the stifling heat, as the pungent perfume of neglected garbage draws scavenging animals and the threat of disease to the Eternal City and locals fume over the city's refuse management.

Rome's chief physician Antonio Magi has issued a "hygiene alert", telling AFP this could be upgraded to a health warning, with disease spread through the faeces of insects and animals banqueting on rotting waste. His warning prompted local prosecutors to open an investigation this week into the city's refuse collection.

In the meantime, furious Rome residents have launched

a contest on Twitter to find the most fetid dustbins.

Discarded pizza boxes or the remains of spaghetti lunches and fruit rinds draw opportunistic seagulls, rats and even wild boars to the streets of Rome, with wolves also spotted closer to the city's outskirts than ever before.

Adding to the indignation of Rome residents is the steep price they are paying for their garbage to rot in the streets.

The city spent more than 597 euros (\$670) per inhabitant on household waste treatment in 2017 — by far the highest in the country, ahead of Venice (353 euros) and Florence (266 euros), according to a report by the Openpolis Foundation.

But the city lacks infrastructure: of its three main landfills, one has closed and the others were ravaged by fire in recent months.

And two biological treatment sites have reduced their activities for maintenance work. —AFP ■

Hundreds of migrants occupy Paris landmark

PARIS (France)— Hundreds of undocumented migrants surged into the Pantheon in central Paris on Friday, briefly occupying the vaunted memorial complex to demand talks with the prime minister on regularising their status, activists said.

Around 700 migrants and their supporters joined the demonstration, with some pushing into the historic complex at around midday (1100 GMT) on Friday, a member of the ChapelleDebout collective said.

Footage posted on Twitter from inside the building's main dome showed hundreds of people waving papers in the air shouting "Black vests, black vests!" and "What do we want? Papers!"

The so-called "Black Vests" is a Paris-based migrant association that takes its name from the "yellow vest" anti-government protest movement.

As they went inside, tourists were evacuated from the

Pantheon, which is the final resting place of France's greatest non-military luminaries including the writers Voltaire, Victor Hugo and Emile Zola.

Outside, hundreds more were gathered under the watchful eyes of a heavy police presence.

In a statement, the Black Vest protesters said they wanted "papers and housing for everyone", describing themselves as "the undocumented, the voiceless and the faceless of the French Republic".

"We don't want to negotiate with the interior minister and his officials any more, we want to talk to Prime Minister Edouard Philippe now!" they wrote.

They stayed there for several hours until they were calmly evacuated through a back entrance mid-afternoon, AFP correspondents said.

"All of the people who gained entry to the Pantheon have been evacuated," Philippe tweeted early evening as a police source said 37 ar-

rests had been made.

'Rule of law'

"France is a country based on the rule of law which means respect for the rules that apply to the right to remain, respect for public monuments and for the memory they represent," he added.

Some leftist lawmakers came to the site to offer moral support to the migrants but Marine Le Pen, leader of the far-right National Rally, tweeted her indignation.

"It is UNACCEPTABLE to see protesting illegal aliens occupy, with wholesale impunity, this is the centre of the Republic," Le Pen said.

"Expulsion should be the immigrants' future — that is the LAW," she said.

"The Pantheon is a symbol of great men. Inside there are symbols representing the fight against slavery.

We are fighting against modern-day slavery," said Laurent, an activist from French rights group DroitsDevant.

Hundreds of migrants occupy Paris landmark

"Many people have been living without rights for years. We have done this to ask the prime minister for an exceptional regularisation. There has never been such a thing since (Francois) Mitterand took power" in 1981.

"It's about time we had one."

The "Black Vests" are known for staging headline-grabbing protests in sup-

port of the undocumented.

In June, they briefly occupied the headquarters of the Paris-based Elior Group which works in contract catering and property.

And a month earlier, its activists occupied terminal 2F at the city's Charles De Gaulle airport against "Air France's collaboration" in the deportation of undocumented migrants. —AFP ■



Hundreds of undocumented migrants entered the Pantheon in Paris while others stayed outside demanding that the French authorities move to regularise their situation. PHOTO: AFP

Reduce the impact of floods with preparations and foresight

WITH recent heavy rainfalls, the rivers in upper Myanmar have become swollen and some low-lying areas are inundated. Also, news of landslides and river bank erosions are often seen in the media.

Mid-July can be considered the beginning of the monsoon season. Therefore, we predict that towns and villages in lower Myanmar are expected to be hit by floods, as they were last year.

As the rainy season is beginning, preparations to minimize and prevent flooding are required.

In fact, changes in the weather are causing floods, an occurrence that was uncommon in the past.

These changes, which have not been seen before, will soon become the norm, and it will require the cooperation of the Union government, states and regional governments to uncover the reasons behind these floods.

If the causes are due to dwindling rivers, then river expansion projects to widen the channels must be carried out. Immediate repairs must also be made to damaged bridges to guarantee that the public has proper transportation.

We must conduct talks on health education and nutrition, offer training classes for vocational skills, and set rules to prevent flooding, drain blockages, and careless littering.

Weak response to the disaster can lead to misunderstandings about evacuation efforts.

While the people are facing floods, local authorities should make sure that the weather bureau reach at-risk communities ahead of time. That should be a priority.

Another important consideration is that people facing floods are urged not to believe any rumours when floods hit their areas. For instance, it is not correct that dams release water due to damage at dams. In the rainy season, all dams nationwide are monitored around the clock by engineers and staff. In fact, overflow water in dams goes through spillways into rivers.

The public is urged to keep a close watch on weather updates and warnings during the rainy season. In doing this, other resources include the Early Warning system, rescue and relief works, works on capacity building of relevant personnel, informing and educating the public, along with preparations for any disease outbreaks related to flooding and inundation.

Representatives from state and regional governments are obliged to coordinate with ministerial departments on works conducted, and to include in discussions if there are any requirements.



Change in electricity bill payments, and their view

Currently power is distributed for 45 percent of the population, up from 34 percent in 2016. So, we have to increase power generation for the remaining 55 percent.

Dr Tun Naing

By Shin Min

Professor Dr Aung Tun Thet, Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr Tun Naing, General Secretary of Myanmar Garment Entrepreneurs Association Daw Khaing Khaing Nwe, Miss Universe Myanmar (2016) Htet Htet Tun and U Ko Ko (Sethmu Tekkatho) took part in the talks on change in electric fee, and their view. MTRV aired the program, and the following are their discussions:

U Ko Ko (Sethmu Tekkatho): There are people who welcome or criticize the rise in power charges, that began on 1 July 2019. Some say the measure is appropriate, but some are concerned about it. Please, your comments, Deputy Minister.

Deputy Minister: Myanmar produces electricity from hydropower plants and gas plants. There is production cost. The government also buys power generated by private companies. So, there are two kinds of cost – the cost of producing power and the cost of buying power – in electrifying the nation. But the government is selling power to the people at a lower price than the cost. So, the government uses large amount of sums from its budget to subsidize the public power supply annually. The amount of subsidy grows together with the increase in public power distribution. Currently power is distributed for 45 percent of the population, up from 34 percent in 2016. So, we have to increase power generation for the remaining 55 percent.

We need extra budget for additional power distribution facilities and buying power from the private sector. The government's funds for other development programs will dry up, if the subsidy goes up too high. So, in my view, the time has arrived to increase the power fee. We have made detailed calculations in raising the electricity rates.

U Ko Ko (Sethmu Tekkatho): The Deputy Minister has sup-



ported the program. What is your economic point of view, Dr Aung Tun Thet?

As mentioned by the Deputy Minister, there is the sector of government subsidy between the overall production cost and the selling price. From the economic point of view, the ministry announcement of the price hike is just a part of the reforms. Normally, every country or institution reviews the subsidy every five years. After a review of the matter in 2014, the rate was fixed at a reasonable level. Both the views from the economy and political economy show the price hike as an appropriate measure.

A new program or policy may be beneficial, but it may also have disadvantages. But the point here is who gets the most benefits from the price hike program. In my view, it is the rich. They can pay for every electric apparatus that use. But the program may like marginalizing the grassroots. So I hope the government will channel the funds for subsidy into the funds to address the plight of the persons who have no electricity at all. In this way, the program will be less critical.

U Ko Ko (Sethmu Tekkatho): Dr Aung Tun Thet discussed

the matter from the economic angle. But there may be adverse impacts like the sharp rise the production costs of oth-

We need to generate more power. When our government was formed, only 34 percent of the population gets electricity. We have plans to raise the number to 50 percent at the end of this year, and 55 percent in 2020.

er sectors resulting from the price hike. So, entrepreneurs may worry about the program. So, your comments please, Daw Khaing Khaing Nwe.

Daw Kahing Khaing Nwe: I feel a missing part between the cost and the price. I appreciate the burden of the government in providing the subsidy. Under the new price, a business using 20,000 units will see 37 percent increase in its electricity bills. On

the other hand, there were blackouts. Our electricity bills went up every time a power outage occurred as we had to generate

alternative power from diesel generators during the time. So, as a responsible citizen, I would like to tell the government "OK go on, with your price-hike program, but no more blackouts, please."

My message is that every power cut pushes up the production cost of entrepreneurs. Likewise, families may also face a rise in their power bills, as they too have to ignite the mini generators during the power failures. So, this

matter should be addressed, as it is a challenge for the government.

U Ko Ko (Sethmu Tekkatho): As a candidate at the municipal elections, the current Miss Universe Myanmar and a public member, please express your view.

Htet Htet Tun: It is natural that people will be against every price hike. So, they may have expectations as well as questions. They want to know what they will get.

U Ko Ko (Sethmu Tekkatho): Deputy Minister, Sir, what benefits will the price hike likely to bring? How will you prevent the occurrence of blackouts?

Deputy Minister: First, we need to generate more power. When our government was formed, only 34 percent of the population gets electricity. We have plans to raise the number to 50 percent at the end of this year, and 55 percent in 2020. Additionally, we are encouraging local investors to participate more in the power generation sector. So, we are also trying to develop the power supply sector to further facilitate the functions of the entrepreneurs. The power demand is rising, and to meet it we must produce more electricity. Entrepreneurs selling

electricity to the government cannot tolerate any financial losses. So the government has to buy from them at the prices fixed in their favour. So there is a significant gap between buying price and selling price. There cannot be sudden changes, or quick benefits. The investors will assess the government's ability to buy their products. They want assurance for the business. They understand the government's burden of subsidizing the prices and in buying power at their favourable prices for a long time. So, more investors may appear, if the government does not need to use funds from its coffers anymore for further subsidization. It is the answer to industries.

As for the general public, we promise the best efforts to prevent of further blackouts from occurring. We need quicker response for the public. But there are some constraints on our part because of the subsidy that is drying up our funds for other projects. So, if there is no subsidy, we can allot more funds for staff employment, training, equipment and services.

Translation: TMT
To be continued



Announcement on road closure on Martyrs' Day

Some Yangon roads will be closed on 19 July on account of the 72nd Martyrs' Day ceremony at the Martyrs' Mausoleum in Bahan Township from 4 a.m. till the completion of the ceremony.

While roads will remain closed, bypass routes will be kept open for vehicles passing through West Shwegondine Road to the Link Junction, Dhammazed Road and Inya Road junction, Dhammazed Road and U Wisara Junction, West Shwegondaing Road and U Wisara Junction.

Arzarni Road, and the eastern, western, and southern archways of the Shwedagon Pagoda, Arzarni Street, and the northern archway of the Shwedagon Pagoda (Thwaysaykan Road) will also remain closed.

The Yangon Region Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee

Announcement on closure of Bogyoke Aung San Museum Road on Martyrs' Day

For the convenience of visitors headed to the Bogyoke Aung San Museum on Martyrs' Day (19 July), the Bogyoke Aung San Museum Road will be closed from 5 a.m. until the museum's closing time. Commuters are advised to use other routes while the road is temporarily closed.

Yangon Region Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee

'Notice for visitors to Bogyoke Aung San Museum'
You are respectfully requested not to bring the following items into the museum.

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| Various kinds of Flags | | Vinyls | |
| Bags, Slimbags, Wallets Etc... | | Bottles and Cans | |
| Cameras | | PVC and Steel pipes used as poles for Flags | |
| Matches/Matchboxes | | | |

Visitors to the Bogyoke Aung San Museum are requested not to bring drones or fly them.

Space odyssey for Wimbledon final coins

LONDON (United Kingdom)— Teenager Marni Johnson will flip the coin at the toss for the Wimbledon women's final on Saturday as high as she can but not as high as it has already been -- to space and back.

Both the coins for the women's and the men's finals — gold with tennis racquets on one side and '56' on the other to signify the number of expedition which went to the International Space Station (ISS) — spent 197 days in 2018 in space, giving Wimbledon another piece of sporting history.

Commander Drew Feustel, who has been on three missions, said the idea emanated from a conversation he and his wife Indira had with Philip Brook, chairman of the All England Club, a few years ago.

His father-in-law had suggested back in 2009 that he take tennis racquets — “we are a tennis playing family after all” — but cargo having to be light the idea was dropped.

“What could we take to space which could tie together space and science and the excitement of tennis and the pinnacle of the sport?” said the American astronaut on Saturday.

“Indi’ thought of the coins as they are low mass, low volume and the team here (Wimbledon) came up with this design layout and size and dimension.

“They eventually made it

to Houston, then to Russia and Kazakhstan and to the Soyuz craft and then space where they stayed for 197 days.”

Feustel, who placed them in two plastic bags as the boxes were too big, occasionally took them out to photograph with Earth as the backdrop.

“I have not given them up yet,” he said, staring fondly at them at Wimbledon on Saturday. “I literally had them in my pocket at the launch and coming back down to earth.

“I didn’t want any risk of misplacing them, this is the first time they have been here (Wimbledon).”

‘A little hypnotic’

It is not the only first for tennis in space for 53-year-old Feustel.

Feustel, who was friends with the first man to walk on the Moon in 1969, Neil Armstrong, came up with the idea of playing tennis on the ISS with the United States Tennis Association.

“It was challenging,” he conceded. “I am not the best tennis player in the first place so that in itself was tricky

“Tennis in space is very different to Earth, the ball does not bounce off the ground, it bounces off all surfaces.

“We had to modify some of the rules. We can’t hit it very hard as it just goes bouncing around, no one can get to it.

“In space it is a bit slow motion tennis.”



Rock bottom - Commander Feustel concedes astronaut rock group Max Q 'strive for mediocrity'. PHOTO: AFP

Some of the crew were not best pleased about the idea. “There were two weekends of tennis,” he said. “It was quite an endeavour, we had to clear the galley and take out our dinner table. “The crew members were not entirely crazy about it.”

Feustel did not restrict himself solely to tennis. “There are very few activities you can do in space, aside from playing cards, staring out the window or watching films,” he said.

“However, I played and

recorded in space a song ‘All Around the World’ written by Canadian band Tragically Hip.

“It is a kind of lullaby, the reason I like the song is it has the pace when Earth passes by, slow and melodic and a little hypnotic.”

Music is part of Feustel’s life back on Earth with an all astronaut band called ‘Max Q’, which was first formed by his predecessors in 1986.

“Most bands strive for greatness — Max Q strive for mediocrity,” he joked. —AFP ■

NASA’s camera spots Curiosity rover at Mars’ ‘Woodland Bay’

LOS ANGELES — The High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment (HiRISE) camera aboard the U.S. space agency NASA’s Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO) has spotted its Curiosity Mars rover in a new image taken from space, according to a release of NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory on Friday.

The picture, taken on May 31, shows Curiosity rover examining a location called “Woodland Bay.” It is just one of many stops the rover has made in an area referred to as the “clay-bearing unit” on the side of Mount Sharp, a 5-km-tall mountain inside of Gale Crater, according to JPL.

Vera Rubin Ridge cuts across the scene north of the rover; while a dark patch of sand lies to the northeast. Curiosity appears as a bluish speck.

At the time this image was acquired, the rover was facing 65 degrees counterclockwise from north, according to JPL. Mirror-like reflections off smooth surfaces show up as especially bright spots in HiRISE images. For the camera to see these reflections on the rover, the Sun and MRO need to be in just the right locations, said JPL.

Curiosity landed near Mount Sharp in the Gale Crater on Mars in August 2012 and reached the base of the mountain in 2014.

— Xinhua ■

Mediterranean sharks risk ‘disappearing’: conservationists

PARIS (France) — Sharks — the sea’s top predators for millions of years — are at risk of disappearing from the Mediterranean

as overfishing and plastic pollution choke populations of the endangered hunters, conservationists warned Friday.



Sharks have been around for more than 400 million years and the fish are particularly vulnerable to population decline due to their slow maturation and long gestation periods. PHOTO: AFP

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) said that more than half of shark and ray species in the Mediterranean were under threat, and that almost a third of them have been fished to the brink of extinction.

Its report, released ahead of Shark Awareness Day, singled out Libya and Tunisia as the worst culprits, with each country’s fishery hauling in about 4,200 tonnes of sharks a year — three times that of the next biggest Mediterranean fisher, Italy.

While some species are targeted for food, many of the sharks fished in the Mediterranean are bycatch caught up in nets set for other fish.

The WWF said it had recorded more than 60 shark spe-

cies entangled in fishing nets across the Mediterranean.

In addition, the explosion of plastic pollution is endangering shark populations, either through the animals ingesting or becoming enmeshed in refuse items.

Sharks have been around for more than 400 million years and are particularly vulnerable to population decline due to their slow maturation and long gestation periods.

WWF said a lack of international cooperation and regulation meant it was nearly impossible to actively monitor shark conservation efforts.

The IUCN Red List of endangered species counts 79 endangered shark and 120 endangered ray species.

But an even bigger problem could be difficulty in tracking sea-based populations; the IUCN says it currently lacks sufficient data on nearly 200 shark species to make a classification.

“Sharks are at risk of disappearing from the Mediterranean,” said Giuseppe Di Carlo, director of the WWF’s Mediterranean Marine Initiative.

“Their rapid decline is the most serious signal of the status of our sea and of irresponsible fishing practices.

“All Mediterranean countries are responsible for this. Sharks have been part of our sea and culture for thousands of years, we need to act quickly to ensure they remain in the future,” Di Carlo added. —AFP ■

30 killed in rain triggered-floods, landslides in Nepal

KATHMANDU — At least 30 people have been killed and 18 others are missing in floods and landslides caused by heavy rains that lashed Nepal, police said Saturday.

The fatalities, which occurred on Friday and Saturday, include three members of a family in Kathmandu who died after a wall of their house collapsed on them, police said in a statement.

Twelve injured people are being treated at various health facilities, according to the statement. A total of 1,175 people have lost their homes, according to the Home Ministry's National Emergency Operation Center.

Since Thursday, monsoon rains have battered 21 districts in eastern and central Nepal, submerging settlements, bringing down walls of homes, and

causing landslides that have blocked highways at 11 points, the center said.

Many localities in the nation's capital are waterlogged, with security personnel using rubber boats to rescue 108 people trapped in their houses.

Archana Shrestha, spokeswoman of the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology, said the heavy rains are expected to continue until Sunday.

The Home Ministry has issued warnings for people residing near several rivers including the Koshi River, which flows from Nepal to India's Bihar and is regulated by the Koshi Dam.

"Koshi rose above safe level at 6 a.m Saturday and the water level continues to rise," the ministry said in a text message issued to the public.



Vehicles travelling through water logged road at Banepa, Kavrepalanchok, Nepal on Friday, 12 July 2019. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

In the message, the ministry urged those residing in settlements in Sunsari and Saptari districts in eastern Nepal close to the embankments of Koshi River to stay on a high alert.

A total of 27,830 police personnel have been mobilized for rescue and relief work in affected areas, and also for clearing landslide debris from blocked highways. —Kyodo News ■

Britain sends second warship to Gulf after Iran tanker standoff

LONDON (United Kingdom)— Britain said Friday it was sending a second warship to the Gulf and raising the alert level in the oil-rich region as tensions spike after Iranian gunboats threatened a UK supertanker.

The decision was disclosed as US President Donald Trump stepped up his war of words with the Islamic republic, which breached part of a nuclear accord already rejected by Washington.

"Iran better be careful," Trump told reporters outside the White House. "They're treading on very dangerous territory. Iran, if you're listening, you better be careful."

British officials said the naval deployment was part of a pre-planned rotation and meant to ensure a continued British naval presence in one of the most important but volatile oil shipment

routes in the world.

But a source said the switchover was brought forward by several days and should see two of Britain's most advanced warships jointly navigating the waters off Iran for a period that might last a number of weeks.

A government spokesman said the HMS Duncan was "deploying to the region to ensure we maintain a continuous maritime security presence while HMS Montrose comes off task for pre-planned maintenance and crew changeover".

On Wednesday, HMS Montrose warned off three fast Iranian gunboats that UK officials said were trying to "impede" the progress of a British supertanker through the Strait of Hormuz in the Gulf.

Iranian officials have denied the incident ever happened.

The British government decided at the start of the week to raise the alert level for ships travelling through Iranian waters to three on a three-point scale, indicating a "critical" threat.

HMS Duncan is an air defence destroyer that carries a set of heavy Harpoon anti-ship missiles and has a company and crew in excess of 280.

Curbing Trump

After weeks of escalating tensions, Trump last month authorised an air strike on Iran over its downing of a US spy drone but backed away at the last minute.

Alarmed that Trump's hawkish stance could lead to war, the Democratic-led House of Representatives on Friday voted to bar funding for military operations against Iran unless they are in self-defence or explicitly authorised by Congress.

"Frankly, what it will prevent is what this president promised to the American people not to do — to get into another endless, costly war in the Middle East," said Representative Ro Khanna, the Democrat who led the measure. But the Senate, controlled by Trump's Republican Party, defeated a similar proposal.

Khanna's amendment was part of a broader defence bill, meaning that the two chambers will need to negotiate on the language. Michael McCaul, the top Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, called the amendment "reckless," saying

that the military should not be held up by a potentially lengthy legislative process.

"This will tie our military's hands at a perilous time. We need Iran and its terrorist proxies to think twice before they attack Americans, our friends or our interests," he said.

Gibraltar arrests

The Strait of Hormuz episode occurred a week after UK Royal Marines helped the Gibraltar authorities detain an Iranian tanker that US officials believe was trying to deliver oil to Syria in violation of separate sets of EU and US sanctions.

Iran has bristled at the arrest and issued a series of increasingly ominous warnings to both the United States and Britain about its right to take unspecified actions in reprisal. "If the enemy had made the smallest assessment they wouldn't have done this act," Iran's Revolutionary Guards deputy commander Ali Fadavi said on Thursday.

British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt called on Friday for "cool heads" to prevail as threats mount. "We want to do everything we can to make sure that we don't have an unintended escalation which could be very dangerous for the world," Hunt said.

The authorities of Gibraltar — a British overseas territory on Spain's southern tip — said on Friday that the Iranian supertanker was carrying 2.1 million barrels of light crude oil. —AFP ■



Sources said HMS Duncan's deployment was being moved forward by a number of days. PHOTO: AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

US VP Pence visits overcrowded migrant camp, deplores 'crisis'

WASHINGTON (United States) — US Vice President Mike Pence visited an overcrowded migrant camp in Texas on Friday, coming face to face with detainees held in horrific conditions and deploring an immigration crisis that he said was "overwhelming our system." Pence traveled to the Mexico border as protesters rallied in several US cities urging the government to shut down what they call "concentration camps."

The vice president visited the McAllen Border Station, where he was taken to a sweltering outdoor portal where 384 men were held in a caged area. —AFP ■

Children among 14 civilians killed in Syria strikes

BEIRUT (Lebanon) — Fourteen civilians, including six children and infants, were killed Saturday in air strikes in northwest Syria, targeted for months now by deadly regime and Russian bombardment, a monitor said.

Most of the children were among civilians killed when Russian aircraft raided an informal camp of internally displaced Syrians after midnight Friday, said the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. —AFP

51 injured as quake rocks southern Philippines

MANILA (Philippines) — Fifty-one people were injured and several homes, churches and other buildings damaged on Saturday when an earthquake sent terrified residents of the southern Philippines fleeing their homes before dawn, police said.

The 5.8-magnitude shallow quake struck the northeast coast of Mindanao island at 4:42 am (2042 GMT Friday), with the Philippine seismology office recording seven less intense aftershocks. —AFP ■

26 killed in deadly Somalia hotel siege



At least 26 people died in a suicide attack on a popular hotel in the southern Somali city of Kismayo claimed by Al-Shabaab militants. **PHOTO: AFP**

MOGADISHU (Somalia) — At least 26 people, including several foreigners, were killed and 56 injured in a suicide bomb and gun attack claimed by Al-Shabaab militants on a popular hotel in southern Somalia, a top regional official said Saturday.

A suicide bomber rammed a vehicle loaded with explosives into the Medina hotel in the port town of Kismayo on Friday before several heavily armed gunmen forced their way inside, shooting as they went, authorities said. The siege lasted for almost 12 hours and only ended on Saturday morning after clashes with security forces. Three Kenyans, three Tanzanians, two Americans, one British and one Canadian were among the 26 people killed in the attack, president Ahmed Mohamed Islam of the semi-autono-

mous Jubaland region told a news conference. "There are also two wounded Chinese citizens," he added. AFP confirmed with family members that at least four of the dead had dual nationality. "The security forces are in control now and the last terrorist was shot and killed", Mohamed Abdiweli, a security official, said. "There are dead bodies and wounded people strewn inside the hotel," Abdiweli said. He said authorities believed four gunmen, who one witness described as wearing Somali police uniforms, were involved in the attack. Shabaab, the Al-Qaeda-linked group, claimed responsibility for the siege describing it as "a martyrdom attack"

"There is chaos inside, I saw several dead bodies carried from the scene and people are fleeing from the nearby buildings," witness

Hussein Muktar said during the assault.

"The blast was very big," he added. The attack is the latest in a long line of bombing and assaults claimed by Al-Shabaab.

Witnesses said among those killed were a well-known social media activist and a local journalist.

"The relatives of local journalist Mohamed Sahal confirmed his death and I'm getting that social media activist Hodan Naleyeh and her husband also died in the blast," witness Ahmed Farhan said. The Somali journalists' union SJS confirmed the reporters' deaths. "It is a very sad day for Somali journalists," the union's secretary-general Ahmed Mumin said in a statement.

According to several sources, most of those staying in the hotel were politicians and traders ahead of upcoming regional elec-

tions. "The whole building is in ruins, there are dead bodies and wounded who have been recovered from inside. The security forces have cordoned off the whole area," said witness MunaAbdirahman.

Shabaab fighters have fought for more than a decade to topple the Somali government.

The militant group emerged from Islamic Courts that once controlled central and southern Somalia and are variously estimated to number between 5,000 and 9,000 men.

In 2010, the Shabaab declared their allegiance to Al-Qaeda. In 2011, they fled positions they once held in Mogadishu, and have since lost many strongholds.

But they retain control of large rural swathes of the country and continue to wage a guerrilla war against the authorities.

—AFP ■

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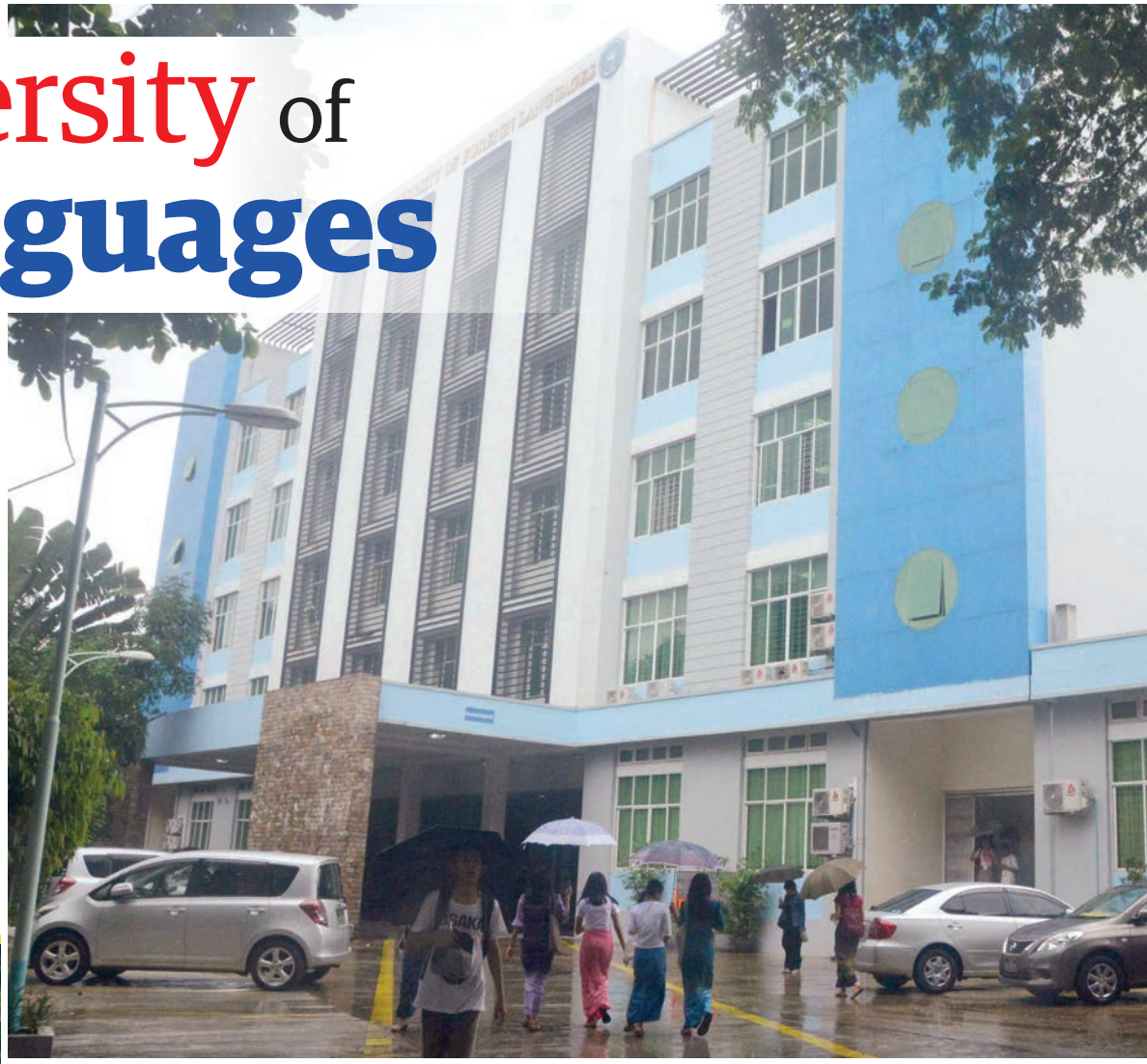
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Yangon University of Foreign Languages

By Thi Thi Min
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KNOWLEDGE of foreign language at this rapidly developing age is vital not only for social relation but also for job opportunities.

Yangon University of Foreign Languages has become a well known higher education centre where foreign languages are taught until the language skill can be used as a vocation. It had been producing many university graduates. Yangon University of Foreign Languages was established as a foreign language school in 1964. It became Yangon University of Foreign Languages (YUFL) in 1997.



YUFL Rector Dr Kyi Shwin said, "Nowadays many parents and students consider language as a basis for vocation or a career and thus many aim to attend YUFL and learn a language."

"YUFL has existed as IFL (Institute of Foreign Language) for a long time before becoming a university. In its early days as foreign language school and even as IFL, it had taught foreign languages to graduate students in morning or evening classes. Now it has become a university conducting regular courses like other universities," he added.

8 specialized courses

YUFL provides matriculated students 8 specialized courses covering English, German, French, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Thai languages. The four year courses give Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree and Master of Arts and doctorate courses are also available. A B.A. degree is a four year course giving degrees such as B.A. (English), B.A. (Japanese) etc. Course fees are same as the fees of courses given in all other Arts Universities said Dr Kyi Shwin.

University to be proud of in ASEAN

Master degree courses are available for all eight languages. Doctorate courses are available for Chinese and Korean languages. This is something to be proud of as there are only about two universities in ASEAN countries that provide doctorate courses for Chinese and Korean languages, said Dr Kyi Shwin.

In addition to this, a four, two and one year Myanmar language courses for foreigners are also available. These courses present a degree or a diploma, it is learnt.

Entrance requirement for this year

Students who passed the matriculation examination in 2019 must have a total score of 400 or above in order to at-

tend any course in YUFL for the coming academic year. If the application was for English language course, the applicant must score at least 65 in English at the matriculation examination, said Dr Kyi Shwin on this year's entry requirement.

total of close to 800 will be accepted for the eight language courses this year. Every year about 400 to 500 graduate from the university.

Once the KG+12 education system was in place, the current entrance system will be reviewed.



Dr Kyi Shwin (YUFL Rector)

Courses available for graduates of other universities

Part time and full time language courses were also available for graduates from other universities. Diplomas and course completion certificates were presented after completion of the courses. In addition to this, translation courses to translate from a foreign language to Myanmar language and Myanmar language to a foreign language are also being conducted, it is learnt.

Applications will be accepted from 24 June to 23 July and after selection is made, a list of students accepted for this school year will be announced in early October. Courses will start in December.

Excluding foreigners a

Foreign Languages University with high employment opportunity

Even though YUFL is a university teaching foreign languages, graduates from YUFL were being increasingly employed in government de-



Community water projects benefit 4,000 people in **Ayeyarwady Region**

SOME 4,000 people from five rural villages in Myaungmya District in the Ayeyarwady Region will have improved water supply following their participation in the Lien AID Community Water Management programme.

Non-profit organisation Lien AID, in partnership with the Department of Rural Development (DRD), local civil society organisation Karunashin, and water management committees from participating villages, have completed water projects in the villages of Dagon May, Dar Mya Chaung, Gyaung Shae, Me Kyaw, and Nyaung Chaung Lay. These projects have been generously co-funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore.

Village leaders and representatives from each of the five villages took ownership of the established community water services at a handover ceremony today at the Fuji 2 Hall in Myaungmya township. Singa-



PHOTO: LIEN AID

ter infrastructure constructed in each village varied based on proposals from the water management committees. In Dagon May, an old village pond damaged by Cyclone Nargis was rehabilitated, while new rainwater harvesting ponds were built in Dar Mya Chaung, Gyaung Shae and Mae Kyaw. The ponds are equipped with perimeter fencing and hand pumps to protect

ter Management programme to empower local actors in the Ayeyarwady to implement clean water projects and manage water resources in their communities. The programme establishes an inclusive, ground-up approach to the planning and delivery of rural water services in Myanmar.

When completed in early 2020, it is expected the Community Water Management pro-

engaging and empowering local actors in Myanmar to improve the health and well-being of children and communities through universal access to safe water and sanitation.”

Apart from the Community Water Management programme, Lien AID is also working on new initiatives to strengthen local water and sanitation systems in Myanmar. In Myaungmya last

partments, private and foreign companies.

Majority of the YUFL graduates enter the work force and contribute towards it with their language skills. A good command of English increases a person's employment opportunity in Myanmar and probably almost every country of the world. Anyone who can communicate in both English and Japanese enter our country's work force easily while more than 80 to 90 percent of graduates who majored in Japanese obtain an employment within three months of graduation. These are one of the many reasons attracting fresh students to YUFL.

YUFL being a university where education reforms were being conducted, language expert teachers were teaching the students while latest up to date international curriculum, books and teaching aids were being used.

YUFL Rector Dr Kyi Shwin urges students who attend YUFL to have lifelong aims appropriate with what was taught by the university. Only then can the teaching and learning system will be successful and the students will achieve good results and success in life.

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Chairman of Lien AID, Laurence Lien.



Officials pose for documentary photo. PHOTO: LIEN AID

pore's Ambassador to The Republic of the Union of Myanmar; Vanessa Chan; Chairman of Lien AID, Laurence Lien; Myaungmya Township Members of Parliament; the Myaungmya DRD; Chief Officers from Myaungmya Township Departments; Village Tract Administrators; and many Doh Yay heroes, attended the event.

The Chief Officer of Myaungmya Township DRD, U Nay Lin Soe shared, "The success of this project, which has been hugely beneficial to the rural communities, is due to the enthusiastic collaboration of all related stakeholders in their respective roles and responsibilities. I believe this kind of collaboration lays the ground for similarly successful future projects."

The type of improved wa-

ter infrastructure constructed in each village varied based on proposals from the water management committees. In Dagon May, an old village pond damaged by Cyclone Nargis was rehabilitated, while new rainwater harvesting ponds were built in Dar Mya Chaung, Gyaung Shae and Mae Kyaw. The ponds are equipped with perimeter fencing and hand pumps to protect

the water from contamination and overuse. In Nyaung Chaung Lay, a new 10,000-gallon rainwater harvesting and storage tank was built to complement existing water resources. 880 students and from 3 village schools in Dagon May, Me Kyaw, and Nyaung Chaung Lay, will also benefit from clean water and sanitation through improved water supply, latrines, and handwashing facilities in the schools. Workshops that were conducted for the village representatives and water management committee members will enable them to manage, operate, and maintain the village infrastructure to deliver sustainable water and sanitation services for their communities.

In late 2017 Lien AID launched the Community Wa-

ter Management programme will reach more than 25,000 people across 35 villages with improved supplies of clean water; and over 2,000 students from 20 village schools with improved latrines, handwashing facilities, and water supply within their schools.

Speaking at the handover, Lien AID's Chairman, Laurence Lien said, "Clean water and sanitation is essential for basic living. It is especially important for the healthy development of a child. Lien AID is honoured to have played a role in bringing water solutions in Myaungmya. We are heartened to see strong collaboration between township governments and villages in establishing sustainable clean water and sanitation services for at-risk communities. Our presence here reflects our commitment to

engaging and empowering local actors in Myanmar to improve the health and well-being of children and communities through universal access to safe water and sanitation.”

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Myanmar prepares for friendly matches in Japan

IN preparation for the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) U-19 Championship and Asian Football Confederation (AFC) U-19 Championship, head coach Soe Myat Min of the Myanmar U-18 national football team selected 25 outstanding players to play in the friendly match, plus train in Japan, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

The 25 players were composed of talented youths from the MFF Youth Academy and youth teams from Shan United, Yangon United, Ayeyawady United, Magwe FC and Southern Myanmar FC.

The Myanmar U-18 team will train for ten days at the J-Green Sakai training center

in Osaka, Japan from 16 to 25 July.

During the training, Myanmar U-18 team will play friendly matches against local Japanese youth clubs, said officials from the Myanmar Football Federation.

Team Myanmar will play against Cerezo Osaka U-18 team on 18 July, Osaka Sangyo University team on 21 July and Hannan University team on 24 July.

The U-18 Myanmar footballers will leave for Japan on 15 July.

The Myanmar squad will be led by eight members of the coaching staff, led by head coach Soe Myat Min.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)



Myanmar U-18 footballers train in Yangon prior to friendly matches to be played in Japan from 16 to 25 July. **PHOTO:MFF**

Ayeyawady United beats Dagon FC 1-0 in MNL Week-16

IN Week-16 of Myanmar National League play, Ayeyawady United defeated Dagon FC 1-0 with a single, early minute goal by Nanda Lin Kyaw Chit at the home stadium of Ayeyawady United in Patheingyi yesterday.

The win allowed Ayeyawady to maintain their standing near the top of the 2019 MNL rankings.

Yesterday's match was exciting, as players from both teams played well. Ayeyawady United lined up with keeper Kyaw Zin Phyo, Ye Lin Htet, Tin Win Aung, Aung Kaung Mann, Zaw Min, Nanda Lin Kyaw Chit, Soe Moe Kyaw, Kekere Moukailou,

Akwa Raphael Success, Lwin Moe Aung and Keith Nah.

Meanwhile, Dagon FC fielded keeper Yan Aung Lin, Kyaw Kyaw Htet, Aye Ko Ko Maung, Than Lin Aung, Myo Min Zaw, Aung Khine Tun, Zaw Lwin Oo, Nyi Nyi Min, Samuel Kojo Abbey, Rraore Alassane and Patrick Gilles. At the two minute mark, Ayeyawady United's Nanda Lin Kyaw Chit scored the opener.

Down by a goal, Dagon FC mounted a concerted comeback effort to equalize their goal.

But the massive defense of Ayeyawady blocked every opportunity created by Dagon strikers.

The first half ended 1-0, in favour of Ayeyawady United.

The match was scoreless in the second half, as both teams could not convert numerous opportunities into goals.

Also, there was Dagon United's colorful tactic, with its opening attack in the second half, in which they played better than in the first half and put more pressure on their opponents. But Ayeyawady's defenders blocked every scoring opportunity by Dagon FC. Yesterday's win put Ayeyawady United in second place in the league table with 30 points.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)



Ayeyawady United's Raphael Success (Red) tries to penetrate the Dagon FC's defenders during the Week-16 Myanmar National League match at Patheingyi Stadium yesterday. **PHOTO:MNL**

Try harder to be victorious: Yangon United's Kaung Htet Soe

YANGON United striker Kaung Htet Soe said he will try harder to ensure victory for his team, Yangon United, in the match against Zwegapin United today at Yangon United Sports Complex.

The striker said he is not pleased with his performance on the pitch, saying he needs to improve his communications with his teammates. In their previous meet in the first round of the Myanmar National League, Yangon United played to a 1-1 draw with Zwegapin United. Striker Kaung Htet Soe also expressed his feelings about the opponent's team, noting that "Zwegapin United has

much local talent, along with former players of Yangon United. But we have prepared well for the match and I believe that we can do what our coach wants." "Yangon United has loyal football fans who support the team at every match. So we will do the best to give our fans what they want. I would like to welcome the fans to come support the team", he said.

Currently, Yangon United is on top of the table, garnering 30 points from 15 plays, 9 wins, 3 draws and 3 losses, while Zwegapin United placed eighth after 15 plays, 3 wins, 6 draw, and 6 losses.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Atletico will take Griezmann grievance to FIFA: press

MADRID (Spain)— Atletico Madrid will challenge the amount Barcelona paid to acquite Antoine Griezmann's transfer, Spanish media reported on Saturday.

Sports daily AS said Atletico will go to FIFA, the governing body of world football, to argue that Barcelona owe more than the 120 million euros (\$135 million) release clause deposited by a lawyer for the player on Friday.

AS wrote that Atletico wants to have both Barcelona and Griezmann punished. Contacted by AFP on Saturday, the club refused to comment. Atletico complained that Barcelona and Griezmann negotiated the deal before the

buy-out price dropped from 200 million euros at the start of July. "Atletico Madrid believes that the termination of the contract took place before the end of last season," the club said in a statement on Friday, adding that Griezmann had made that clear in his actions and words.

Atletico said in a statement that Griezmann had gone to the headquarters of Spanish Football League to "unilaterally" break his contract after Barca met the release clause, and added they had already "begun appropriate procedures" to defend their "rights and legitimate interests". —AFP ■

History of the most useful utensil of man

ALMOST everyone knows that with the all-round development of the human society, the utensils, devices and technologies come into existence in the world more and more. Among many things, here is the one which is quite impossible if it is not in everyday use. People are using it in their daily routine. Everyone, every place, every school, every office or everywhere needs and uses it daily. I think the reader, yourself, also use it at least for a word or a signature in everyday life. It is not a high-priced one and so it is within everyone's reach. It can be bought even in a small shop in a ward of a town. Are you eager to know its name as well as about it? I am going to tell you. Its name is 'Ballpoint Pen' which can be seen in one's pocket or on a table in your house.

Ballpoint pen is a pen that has, as its name says, ball at its point which rotates when dragged across the writing surface and leaves behind ink that comes from the reservoir of the pen. Ball at the point can be of different diameter and can be made of brass, steel, or tungsten carbide. It is today the most widespread writing instrument and has literally changed the way we write.

Trying to invent a pen which can write on leather, an inventor John J. Loud invented the first ballpoint pen and patented it in 1888 in America. This pen had a small steel ball which was placed so it could not fall out nor fall in but it still could rotate freely. This invention was not commercially viable and could not be used for writing. Because of that patent lapsed in time.

After that, many tried to improve on the design but did not deliver the ink evenly or overflow and clog the pint. In the early 20th century, László Bíró, a Hungarian newspaper editor, tried to make a pen that would dry quickly and without smudges. He noticed that ink used in newspaper printing dried quickly so he and his brother György, who was a chemist, started experimenting on a workable pen. They combined viscous ink and ball-socket mechanism to make a ballpoint pen that would not allow for an ink to dry out in pen but it would still leave the mark behind when used. The first working ballpoint pen was presented at Budapest International Fair in 1931. They filed for patents in France and Britain in 1938. In 1941 Bíró brothers and a their friend, Juan Jorge Meyne fled to Argentina and opened there Bíró Pens of Argentina - factory that made ballpoint pens and sold them in Argentina as "Birome". This ballpoint pen was licensed and made in Britain as a "Biro" for RAF (Royal Air Force or British Air Force) aircrews which used it at high altitudes (fountain pens used to leak ink when used too high).

After the Second World War, others tried to sell their ballpoint pens but with limited success. Milton Reynolds saw

a ballpoint pen when he was on a business trip to Buenos Aires in 1945 and, when he returned to America, redesigned it so he could obtain an American patent. His ballpoint pen, manufactured in his Reynolds International Pen Company and called "Reynolds Rocket" was the first commercially successful ballpoint pen. It was sold under the ad that said that it won't need refilling for 15 years. Gimbel's department store in New York City sold few thousand ballpoint pens just in one week. Eversharp Co., a maker of mechanical pencils, also made their own pen and started selling it. Britain saw its first commercially successful ballpoint pen in the same year made by Miles Martin Pen Company. Market soon became saturated and Reynolds' company folded in early 1950s.

At the same time, Paper Mate pens started manufacturing and distributing their own pens in Canada by changing to their new ink formulas. Also, Parker Pens released The Jotter which used tungsten-carbide textured ball in its point and was cheaper which resulted in several millions sold pens in just a first year. Ballpoint pens started to take over the world. But that was a bad time for Eversharp Co. whose pen division was sold to Parker Pens and later folded completely. '50s were also time when Marcel Bich (later shortened his name to Bic) licensed ballpoint pen from Bíró and started manufacturing his pens according to Bíró's design. His ballpoint pens are now recognized across the world.



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(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

L. "If pattern"

- 1. If I am Sophocles, I am not mad. If I am mad, I am not Sophocles.
2. If he takes this train, he will arrive there in time for dinner.
3. If she had plenty of money, she would buy that house.
4. If he had needed the money, he would have sold the car.
5. If the bell rings, the rats come out.
6. If Ko Ko decides to marry her, he will take on this job.
7. If she did not take good care of him, he would leave her one day.
8. If he had sold that house, he would have made a net profit of K 40,000.

M. Present Participle

- (is, are, was, were မပါဘဲ ing ပုံစံသုံးစွဲခြင်း)
1. He found a child sleeping in his bed.
2. She has a son working as a teacher in this town.
3. They boy sitting between the two ladies is my friend Nyan Lwin Oo.
4. The girls helping the teacher in the garden are interested in agriculture.

N. Past Participle

- (is, are, was, were မပါဘဲ Past Participle သုံးခြင်း။)
1. This is a book written by Min Kyaw.
2. He is looking for a letter left by his grandfather.
3. This is a song composed by a University teacher.
4. The man wanted by the police was killed last night.
5. The shoes made by that factory are of good quality.

LESSON 26

Direct and Indirect Speech:- (Reported Speech)

Direct and Indirect Speech ကို ယခင်သင်ခန်းစာများတွင် တစ်ကြိမ် တင်ပြခဲ့ဖူးပါသည်။ Direct and Indirect Speech မှာ အင်္ဂလိပ်စာတတ်မြောက်အောင်

လေ့လာရာတွင် အရေးပါသဖြင့် အသေးစိတ်ထပ်မံလေ့လာနိုင်ရန် ဤသင်ခန်းစာတွင် တင်ပြထားပါသည်။
ဖတ်စာအုပ်တွင် ဝတ္ထုများမှ ဇာတ်ကောင်များပြောသည့် စကားများကို တစ်ဆင့် ပြောစကားအဖြစ် ပြန်ရေးရာတွင်လည်းကောင်း၊ မိန့်ခွန်းများကို သတင်းစာများတွင် တစ်ဆင့်ပြောစကားအဖြစ် ပြန်ရေးရာတွင်လည်းကောင်း များစွာအသုံးဝင်ပါသည်။
Verb Form (ကြိယာပုံစံ) လေ့လာရာတွင်လည်း အရေးပါ ပါသည်။ Noun Clauses (နာမ်ပုဒ်စု) လေ့လာရာတွင်လည်း အထောက်အကူပြုပါသည်။

- သေသေချာချာ လေ့လာပါ။
ပုံစံ (B) ချုပ်ဖြင့် တင်ပြသွားပါမည်။ ပုံစံ (A) ကို နမူနာများဖြင့် လေ့လာပါ။
1. Ma Ma said, "I have no class today."
2. Kyaw Kyaw said, "I have been looking for a job for six months."
(က) အထက်ပါပုံစံ (A) တွင် ပြောသူသာရှိပြီး အပြောခံရသူမရှိသဖြင့် said ကိုပင် ပြန်သုံးရသည်။
(ခ) စာကြောင်းနှစ်ကြောင်းကို THAT ဖြင့် ဆက်ရသည်။
(1) Simple Present Tense ကို Simple Past Tense အဖြစ်သို့ ပြောင်းရသည်။
(2) Present Perfect Tense နှင့် Simple Past Tense ကို Past Perfect Tense အဖြစ်သို့ ပြောင်းရသည်။
(3) Present Future Tense (will) ကို Past Future Tense (would) အဖြစ်သို့ ပြောင်းရသည်။
(ဂ) အချိန်ကာလအပိုင်းအခြားနှင့် နေရာကို "အနီး" မှ "အဝေး" သို့ ပြောင်းရသည်။
(ဃ) နာမ်စားကိုလည်း ဆီလျော်သလို ပြောင်းရသည်။

- ဆက်လက်လေ့လာပါ။
3. Father said, "I shall come back home early tomorrow."
4. Mother said, "I don't know how to bake a cake."
5. Ko Ko said, "I am drawing a picture now."
(B) ပုံစံ (B) တင် အပြောခံရသူ ရှိသဖြင့် said to အစား told ကို သုံးရသည်။
- စာကြောင်းနှစ်ကြောင်းကို that ဖြင့်ပင် ဆက်ရသည်။
- နာမ်စားများ ပိုမိုများပြားလာသဖြင့် ယင်းတို့ ပြောင်းလဲပုံကို အထူးဂရုစိုက်ရန် လိုသည်။
1. Nyi Nyi said to her, "I have read your poem."
2. Juliet said to Romeo, "Please take me with you."

- 2. She said to Nyi Nyi, "I don't think you will get through."
3. He said to me. "I am trying to buy a train ticket."
4. She said to her friends, "I want to be a nurse."
5. Ko Ko said to her, "If you lend me K 200, I shall teach you how to play the guitar."
6. Our class teacher said to us, "I am proud of you."
(C) ပုံစံ (C) တွင် Order or Request အမိန့်ပေးစကား သို့မဟုတ် တောင်းပန်စကားကို ပြောင်းခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။
- အမိန့်ပေးသည်ဟု သေချာလျှင် said to နေရာတွင် ordered သို့မဟုတ် commanded သုံးနိုင်သည်။
- တောင်းပန်သည်ဟု သေချာလျှင် said to အစား requested သို့မဟုတ် begged ကို သုံးနိုင်သည်။
- အမိန့်ပေးခြင်း သို့မဟုတ် တောင်းပန်ခြင်းဟုတ်မဟုတ် မခွဲခြားနိုင်လျှင် told ကိုပင် သုံးရသည်။
- urged (called on) တိုက်တွန်းသည်။ advised အကြံပေးသည်စသည့် စကားလုံးတို့ကိုလည်း ဆီလျော်သလို သုံးနိုင်သည်။
- ဒုတိယစာကြောင်းရှေ့တွင် to ထည့်၍ ဆက်ရသည်။ Don't ပါလျှင် not to နှင့် ဆက်ရသည်။
1. The major said to the soldiers, "Wait here till I come back."
2. She said to Ko Ko, "Please do me a favour."
3. Mother said to Ko Ko, "Don't drive too fast."
4. My friend Tun Tun said to me, "Drink a lot of water every morning."
5. I said to her, "Don't be angry with me."
6. Juliet said to Romeo, "Please take me with you."

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What causes misunderstanding between parents and children



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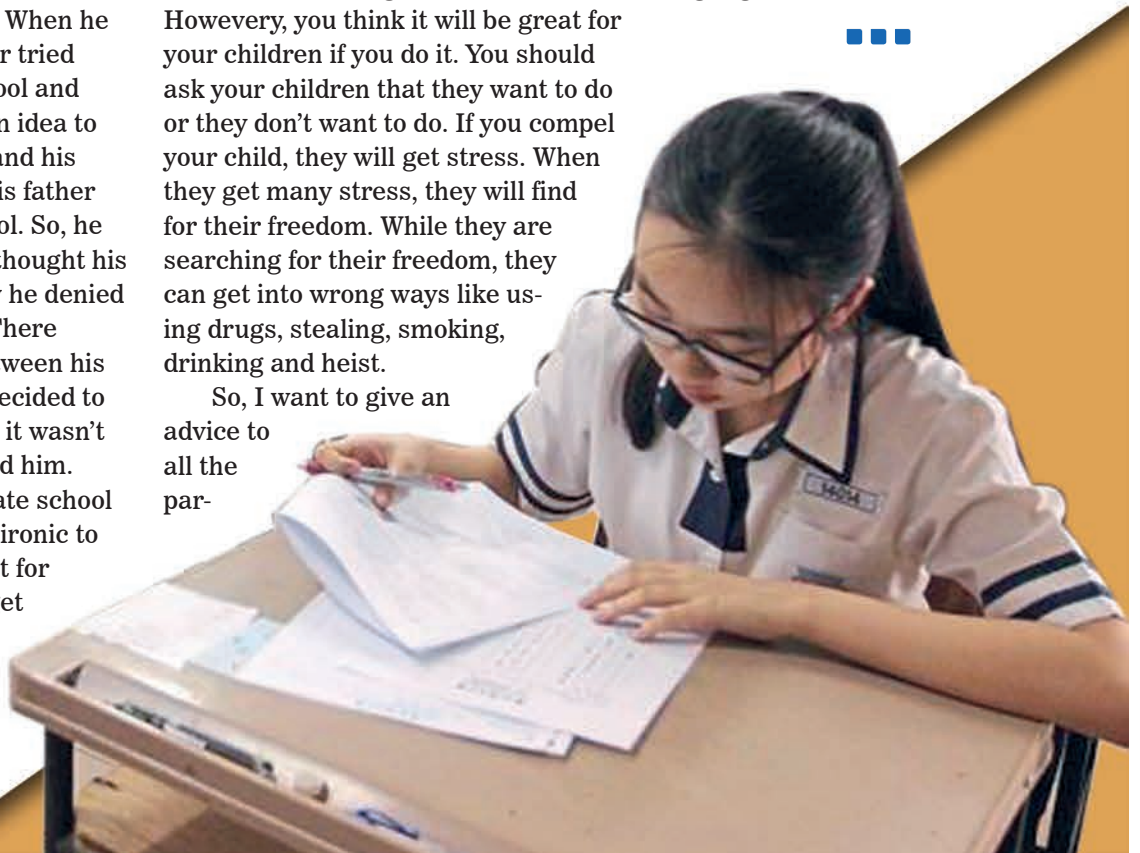
THERE is a township called Dagon. In Dagon, there is a couple coming from the countryside. They settled in Dagon in 1996. They have worked very hard to build a family life. In 2002, they got a baby. They called the boy Badang. When he was 5, they sent the child to the school. He was a bright and outstanding student. He passed the exams with distinctions. When he was at high school, his father tried to send him to a private school and he didn't accept it. He had an idea to study with his own teacher and his idea would be destroyed if his father sent him to the private school. So, he violently denied. His father thought his friends were the reason why he denied to go to the private school. There was a misunderstanding between his father and him. Finally, he decided to go to the private school. But it wasn't the school that his father told him. He decided to go to the private school because he wanted to make ironic to his father. But it wasn't great for him. He didn't endeavor to get a great result for matriculation examination because he was hangout with his new friends that he met in new private school. He was totally destroyed by his new friends. When

the result of matriculation examination came out, he didn't get enough marks to go to the university that he had wanted to go.

All of this happened because of the misunderstanding between the child and the parents. The parents do the things that they think doing this will be good for their children. Then they do it without asking their child's wish. However, you think it will be great for your children if you do it. You should ask your children that they want to do or they don't want to do. If you compel your child, they will get stress. When they get many stress, they will find for their freedom. While they are searching for their freedom, they can get into wrong ways like using drugs, stealing, smoking, drinking and heist.

So, I want to give an advice to all the par-

ents to discuss with your children. Don't try to coerce your children. Ask them what they want to do. Ask them what is their wish. If we know about our children more deeply, if we can understand our children, if we can fulfill our children's wish, our children might get the life that they want. They might have confidence for their jobs. They might get the successful life.



Kayah State offers prospects for tourism development

By Nat Ye Hla

WITH beautiful scenic views, an unspoiled environment and the traditional culture of its ethnic hill people, Kayah State offers great opportunities for development of its tourism industry.

Salon, Ywanku, Kateku, Pinmasaung and Dawki villagers in Panpat Village-tract have attracted over 10,000 local and foreign visitors every year since they turned away from relying on traditional farming to community-based tourism in 2016.

Kayah State has the potential for extensive development in the hotels and tourism sector because of its beautiful and green forests, spectacular mountain views, gorgeous rivers, and abundant waterfalls.

Major attractions of Kayah State include Taungwe Pagoda, Ngwe Taung Dam, Htee Pwint Lake, Kan Kumat Sint, Kyat Cave, Htee Sel Kha waterfall, and Kwaing Ngan spring water.

The Directorate of Hotels and Tourism has also listed the Htee Parunu natural cave in Prusho Township, Ye Ni Pauk cave in Bawlake Township, Tananlaw cave in Pasawng Township and Loinanpha mountain in

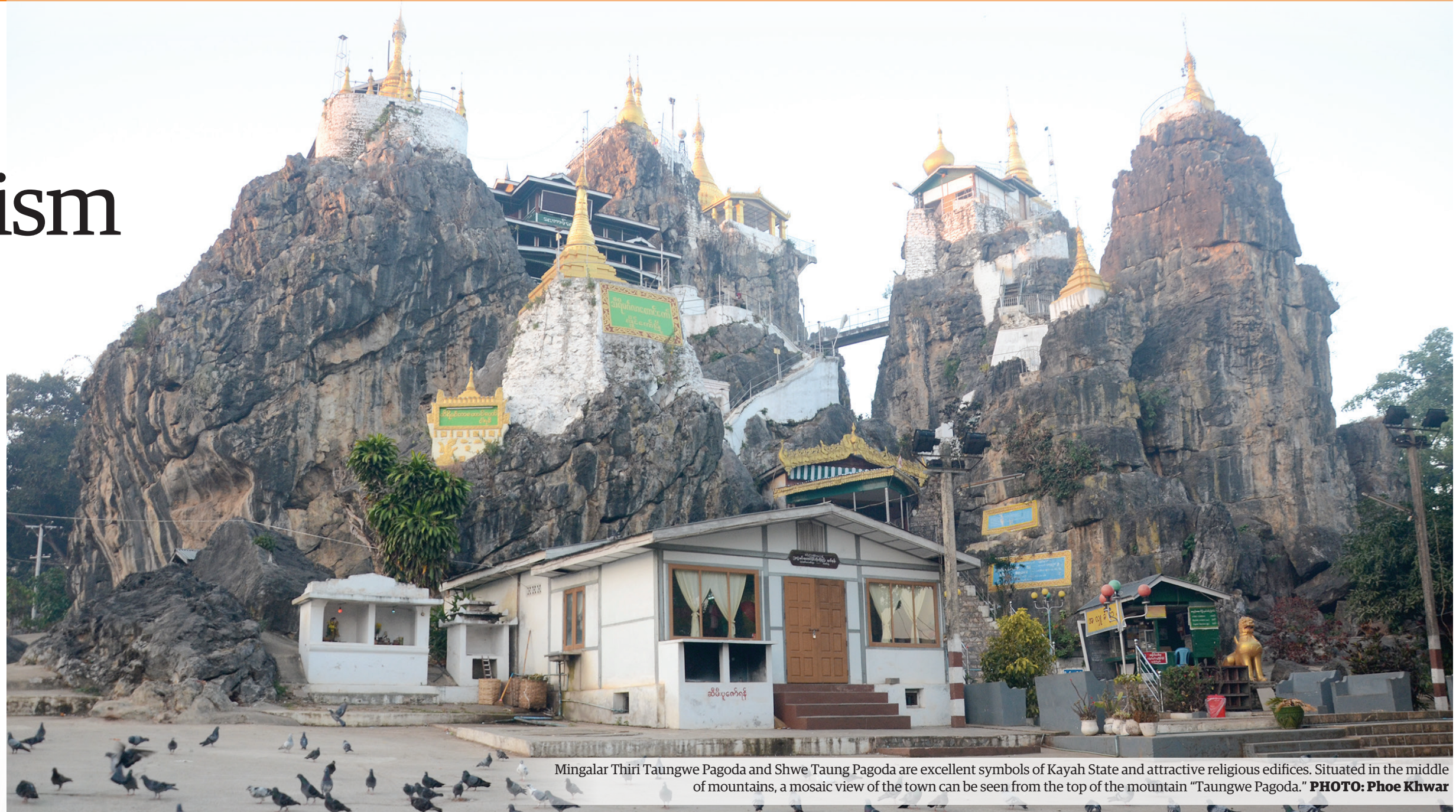
Dimawhso Township as tourist destinations.

The hotels and tourism sector should be given the first priority in development, because the state government is working to upgrade the BP 13 border entry with Thailand to become an international checkpoint.

Tourism in Kayah State is booming and domestic travelers visiting the state increased by up to 97 percent, while the number of foreign travelers rose by 41 percent last year, compared to the previous year, according to the 2018 Kayah State Investment Opportunity Survey.

Loikaw, a small town in the hill region, situated at 2950 feet above sea level, has a natural water-fall and lakes. Also, lakes located 14 miles south of Loikaw are believed to be those ones mentioned in the legend of Dwemenaw and her sisters. Dwemenaw is said to be the youngest of seven daughters of the King of the Land of the Mt Silver.

As for travellers, they can visit the Biluchaung Hydro Power Plant, supplying electricity to many regions throughout the country, located in the Lawpita mountain resort camp. The region has clean and sufficient water resources, which come from Biluchaung flowing from Inlay Lake in Shan State, Ngwe Taung Dam, Great Pe-khon Lake on the border of Shan and Kayah states.



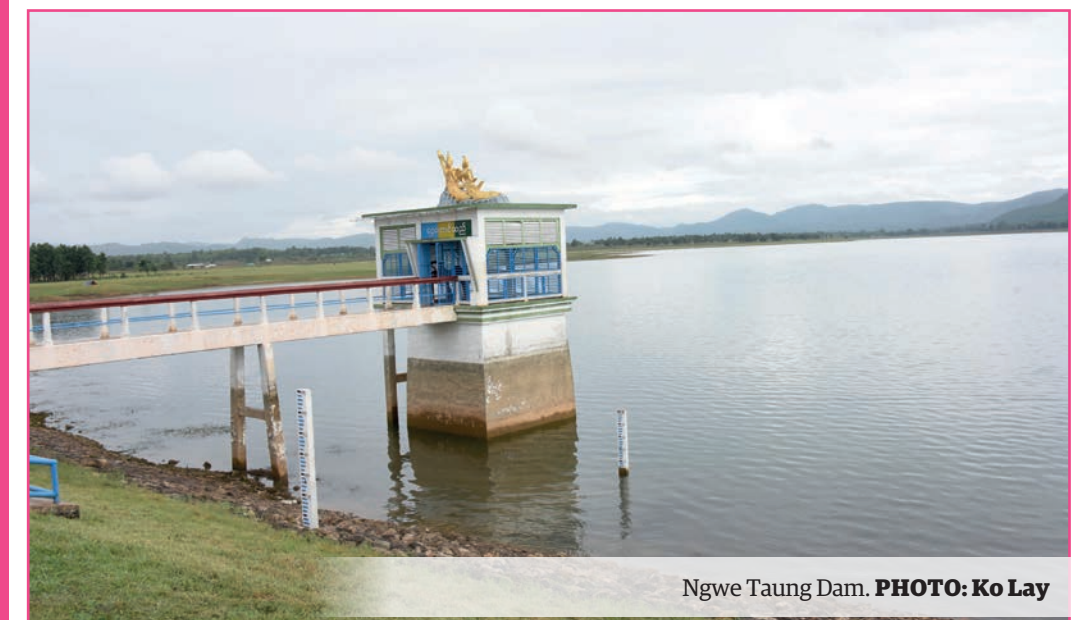
Mingalar Thiri Taungwe Pagoda and Shwe Taung Pagoda are excellent symbols of Kayah State and attractive religious edifices. Situated in the middle of mountains, a mosaic view of the town can be seen from the top of the mountain "Taungwe Pagoda." PHOTO: Phoe Khwar



A Kayan woman weaves traditionally at her home. PHOTO: Ye Naung (Phekon)



A Kayan woman sells souvenirs in a community-based tourism village.



Ngwe Taung Dam. PHOTO: Ko Lay

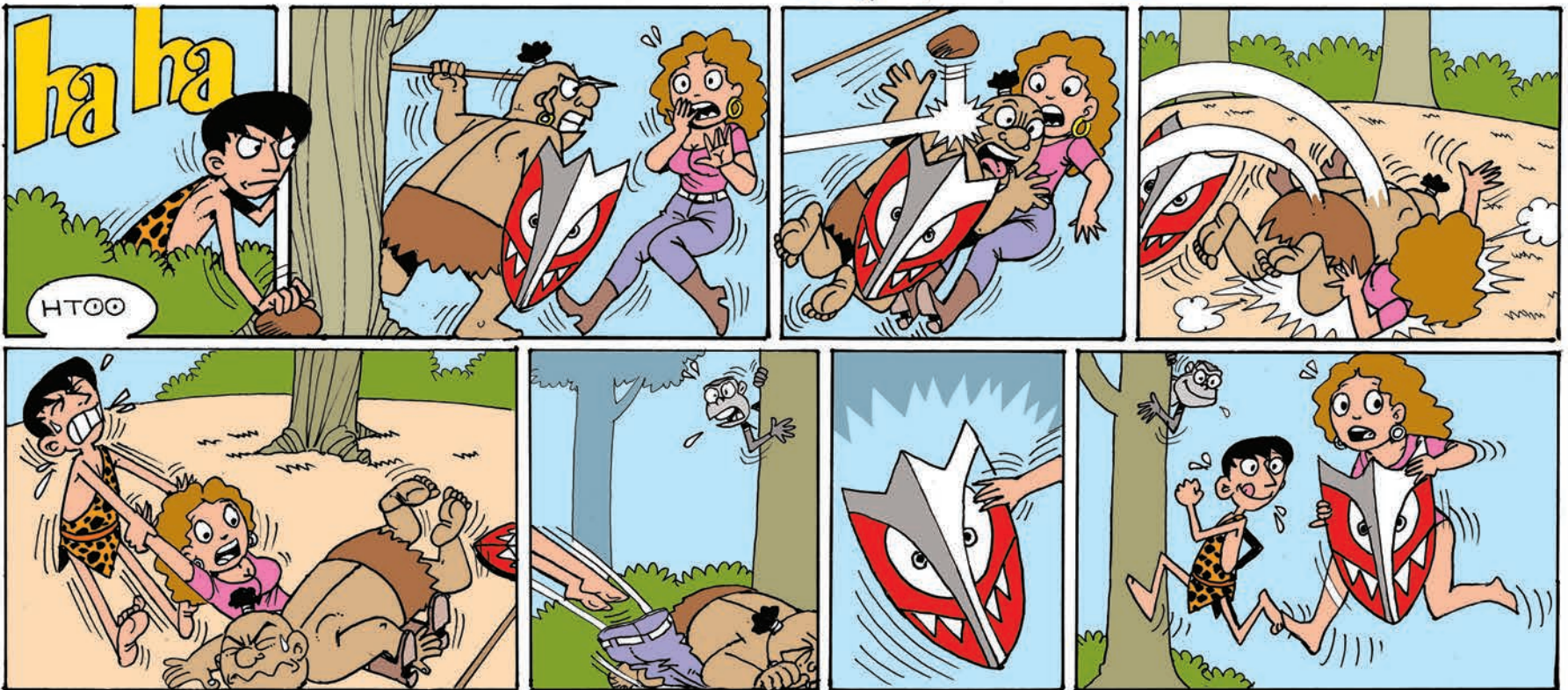


A resort offers canoe and kayak boat services in Pasawng. PHOTO: Ko Lay



Htisekha waterfall in Loilemlay. PHOTO: Ko Lay

SUNDAY COMICS



PEOPLE WILL BE PEOPLE

Cartoon
Maung Shwe Win



SUNDAY JOKE

Cartoon
Maung Maung Aung
2019





“Respect”

naturally goes to those who don't lie



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THE word “lie” is defined in a book that an intentionally false statement or an intentional untruthful declaration to another person. The synonyms of lie are untruth, falsehood, deception and etc. Fake news and misinformation should also be included in the synonyms of lie.

The rise of fake news in the world of today is dangerously very large. According Dawson McAllister, there are eight types of lies – white lies, broken promises, the lie of fabrication, the bold-face lies, the lying in exaggeration, lies of deception, plagiarism and compulsive lying.

There are also other forms of lying such as lying from a person to another person and a group of people, lying from a group of people to a person and another group, and etc.

There was also a childhood tale about a piper who was told lies by the people of a town.

In the story, a rat-catcher

was hired by the town of Hamelin to lure rats away with his magic pipe. When all of the rats drowned in the river, the people in the town refuse to pay for this service. The piper attacked back by using his instrument's magical power on the children of the town, leading them away as he did the rats. The people of the town suffered a lot for their “collective lie” or “broken promise.”

In the story, a group of people committed the “broken promise” against a person. Nobody likes being told lies, but most people are harder to not tell lies in their daily life. From the moment we learned to speak, our parents and teachers taught us that we should be honest. Most people don't seem to follow this teaching since everyone tells lies in one way or another.

Even if everybody tells lie, we should be honest as possible as we can because honesty is our moral duty.

A few weeks ago, a Facebook story was widely shared by many users praising the whole Myanmar first student for his rejection to advertising companies.

After the student has passed the matric exam with the whole Myanmar first grade, advertising companies

contacted him to advertise their products, especially brain boosting supplements. What the companies want from him is to act in their advertising channels like that he has consumed their products before the exam so he passed with highest mark in the whole country.

The student rejected all of the offers from the companies, saying that he doesn't want to tell any lie for the products what he really didn't consume.

In the time of telling lies is common, he received much respects and praises for his act of not telling lies, so that's why it is true that respect naturally goes to those who don't lie. Besides, not telling any lie is worthy of great respect, while lying is worse.



There is a place
Where someone lives
It's also a land
Where anyone can stand.

There is a shield
Called roof
Where people stand
With group.

A giant comes there
The numbers on his head instead of hair
He has a name called YBS.
But he's not from cyclists' club.

In order to transport people
He must have many wheel chairs
Instead, he has many seats,
But only with four needs.

His needs are wheels
But we have to pay 200 Ks for a deal
He starts his job from the morning
While carrying people, he never feels sorry.

Y.B.S

By John
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(2019)



INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SCHEDULE



| 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 | | YANGON TO DHAKA | | | | | DHAKA TO YANGON | | | | |
| 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 | | FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | | FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| 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 | | BG061 | 14:15 | 16:00 | 1,3,6 | | BG060 | 10:45 | 13:30 | 1,3,6 | |
| 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 | | YANGON TO DUBAI | | | | | DUBAI TO YANGON | | | | |
| TG2302 | 11:30 | 13:25 | 3,4,5,7 | | PG707 | 13:45 | 14:45 | Daily | | YANGON TO SEOUL INCHEON | | | | | SEOUL INCHEON TO YANGON | | | | | YANGON TO DUBAI | | | | | DUBAI TO YANGON | | | | |
| PG708 | 15:20 | 17:20 | Daily | | PG703 | 16:45 | 17:35 | Daily | | FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | | FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | | FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | | FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| 8M331 | 16:30 | 18:15 | Daily | | TG305 | 17:50 | 18:45 | 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 | |
| UB-017 | 17:25 | 19:20 | Daily | | 8M332 | 19:15 | 20:00 | Daily | | YANGON TO TAIPEI | | | | | TAIPEI TO YANGON | | | | | MANDALAY TO BANGKOK | | | | | BANGKOK TO MANDALAY | | | | |
| PG704 | 18:20 | 20:20 | Daily | | PG705 | 20:40 | 22:00 | Daily | | FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | | FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | | FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | | FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| TG306 | 19:45 | 21:40 | Daily | | UB018 | 20:20 | 21:15 | Daily | | C17916 | 10:45 | 16:20 | 1,2,3,4,6 | | C17915 | 7:00 | 9:50 | 1,2,3,4,6 | | PG710 | 14:05 | 16:30 | Daily | | PG709 | 11:55 | 13:20 | Daily | |
| YANGON TO DON MUEANG | | | | | DON MUEANG TO YANGON | | | | | YANGON TO KUNMING | | | | | KUNMING TO YANGON | | | | | MANDALAY TO DON MUEANG | | | | | DON MUEANG TO MANDALAY | | | | |
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| DD4231 | 8:05 | 9:50 | Daily | | DD4230 | 6:20 | 7:05 | Daily | | CA416 | 12:15 | 15:45 | Daily | | MU2011 | 8:20 | 12:10 | 3,7 | | FD245 | 12:45 | 15:00 | Daily | | FD244 | 11:00 | 12:15 | Daily | |
| FD252 | 8:30 | 10:15 | Daily | | FD251 | 7:15 | 8:00 | Daily | | MU2012 | 13:10 | 20:05 | 3 | | CA415 | 10:45 | 11:15 | Daily | | MU2030 | 16:10 | 19:25 | Daily | | MU2029 | 14:55 | 15:10 | Daily | |
| SL201 | 9:25 | 11:15 | Daily | | SL200 | 7:35 | 8:25 | Daily | | MU2032 | 16:00 | 19:50 | Daily | | MANDALAY TO KUNMING | | | | | KUNMING TO MANDALAY | | | | | | | | | |
| FD254 | 17:30 | 19:15 | Daily | | FD253 | 16:10 | 17:00 | Daily | | YANGON TO BEIJING | | | | | BEIJING TO YANGON | | | | | NAY PYI TAW TO BANGKOK | | | | | BANGKOK TO NAY PYI TAW | | | | |
| FD258 | 19:25 | 21:15 | Daily | | FD257 | 18:05 | 18:55 | Daily | | FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | | FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | | PG722 | 19:35 | 22:30 | 1,2,3,4,5,7 | | PG721 | 17:00 | 18:55 | 1,2,3,4,5,7 | |
| SL207 | 20:45 | 22:45 | Daily | | SL206 | 18:55 | 19:45 | Daily | | CA906 | 23:50 | 5:50+1 | 1,3,5,7 | | CA905 | 19:30 | 22:50 | 1,3,5,7 | | AIR LINES CODES | | | | | | | | | |
| DD4239 | 21:00 | 22:45 | Daily | | DD4238 | 19:30 | 20:15 | Daily | | YANGON TO HANOI | | | | | HANOI TO YANGON | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| YANGON TO GUANGZHOU | | | | | GUANGZHOU TO YANGON | | | | | YANGON TO HANOI | | | | | HANOI TO YANGON | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 8M711 | 8:40 | 13:15 | 2,4,5,7 | | CZ3055 | 8:30 | 10:20 | 3,6 | | VN956 | 15:25 | 17:55 | Daily | | VN957 | 15:25 | 17:55 | Daily | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CZ8472 | 17:30 | 22:00 | 1,5 | | CZ8471 | 14:40 | 16:30 | 1,5 | | YANGON TO HO CHI MINH | | | | | HO CHI MINH TO YANGON | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| YANGON TO SINGAPORE | | | | | SINGAPORE TO YANGON | | | | | YANGON TO TOKYO | | | | | TOKYO TO YANGON | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| UB001 | 7:30 | 12:00 | Daily | | SQ998 | 7:55 | 09:20 | Daily | | NH814 | 21:45 | 6:50+1 | Daily | | NH813 | 11:15 | 16:05 | Daily | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8M231 | 8:20 | 12:50 | Daily | | 3K581 | 8:55 | 10:25 | 1,2,5,6,7 | | YANGON TO DOHA | | | | | DOHA TO YANGON | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SQ997 | 10:35 | 15:10 | Daily | | UB002 | 13:15 | 14:45 | Daily | | FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | | FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3K582 | 11:15 | 15:50 | 1,3,4,5,7 | | 8M232 | 13:50 | 15:20 | Daily | | QR919 | 7:40 | 11:55 | 1,3,4,6,7 | | QR918 | 20:00 | 5:30 | 2,3,5,6,7 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| UB003 | 16:15 | 20:45 | Daily | | MI518 | 15:15 | 16:40 | 1,2,3,4 | | YANGON TO CHIANG MAI | | | | | CHIANG MAI TO YANGON | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MI519 | 17:35 | 22:10 | 1,2,3,4 | | SQ996 | 15:15 | 16:40 | 5,6,7 | | FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | | FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SQ995 | 17:35 | 22:10 | 5,6,7 | | MI520 | 16:10 | 17:35 | 3,4 | | PG724 | 13:10 | 15:05 | Daily | | PG723 | 10:40 | 12:35 | Daily | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MI521 | 18:30 | 22:55 | 3,4 | | 3K583 | 16:55 | 18:35 | 1,3,4,5,7 | | YANGON TO HONG KONG | | | | | HONG KONG TO YANGON | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3K584 | 19:15 | 23:50 | 1,2,5,6,7 | | UB004 | 21:45 | 23:15 | Daily | | FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | | FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| KA251 | 1:05 | 5:25 | 1,2,3,4,6,7 | | UB8028 | 13:05 | 14:50 | 3,5,7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| UB8027 | 7:25 | 12:05 | 3,5,7 | | KA250 | 21:50 | 23:45 | 1,2,3,5,6,7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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