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## Pyithu Hluttaw Office holds 7<sup>th</sup> Waso Robe Offering Ceremony



Pyithu Hluttaw Office holds seventh Waso Robe offering ceremony in the Hluttaw meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO:MNA**

**T**HE Pyithu Hluttaw office held its seventh Waso Robe offering ceremony in the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The ceremony was graced by Sayadaws and Sanghas led by Mahawithutarama Zaygone Monastery of Pyinmana, State

OVADACARIYA Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Agga Maha Pandita Agga Mahaganthavacakapandita Sasanadhaja Siripawaradhammacariya Bhaddanta Kawithara. First, the congregation received the five precepts delivered by the Mahawithutarama Zaygone

Monastery Sayadaw. Then the Sanghas recited Parittas discourses (Sutta to ward off harm) and Kamawa (selection from the sacred Pali texts). Following this, the reverend monks were offered Waso robes and other offertories, after which merits of the deeds were shared.

Also present at the ceremony were Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat, Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein and family members of the Pyithu Hluttaw's office. — MNA ■

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

## Low pressure forms in Bay of Bengal

**A**CCORDING to observations at 1.30 am yesterday, the low pressure area over the North-west Bay of Bengal and adjoining coastal area of West Bengal has moved North towards Odisha (India), said the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

The monsoon remains strong over the Bay of Bengal and weak to moderate over the Andaman Sea. The Low-Pressure Area will cause regionally heavy rains in Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states, and isolated heavy rainfall in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions today, with a 100 per cent degree of certainty. Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in the Lower Sagaing Region, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region and widespread in the remaining regions and states.

Squalls with rough seas are likely at times in Deltaic, the Gulf of Mottama, and along the Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speeds in squalls may reach 35 to 40 m.p.h. The sea will be moderate, elsewhere in Myanmar waters, according to the weather bureau.

Wave heights will be some 9 to 11 feet in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Rakhine Coast and about 4 to 8 feet off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts.—GNLM ■

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# Myanmar rectors' committee meets to share experiences

NATIONAL Education Policy Commission and Myanmar Rectors' Committee held an event to share experiences at the Yangon University Convocation Hall yesterday morning.

The Chairman of National Education Policy Commission, Dr Myo Kywal, and the Chairman of Myanmar Rectors' Committee, Dr Zaw Wai Soe, delivered keynote speeches.

Then, Rector of University of Information Technology, Dr Saw Sander Aye discussed under the title of Teaching for Tomorrow, Rector of Computer Science, Daw Mi Mi Thet Lwin under "Effect of Digitalization on Higher Education", Rector of University of Community Health, Dr Htin Zaw Soe "Internationalization", Rector of GTU Thanlyin, Dr Thingyi "Comprehensive University", Rector of University of Nursing, Yangon, Dr Myat Thandar "Internal Quality Assurance" and Rector of MU (1) Dr Zaw Wai Soe "Capacity Build-



Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi delivers the speech at the experience sharing event of Myanmar Rectors' Committee at Yangon University Convocation Hall in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

ing in Universities".

Then, Union Minister for Education, Dr Myo Thein Gyi called for effective coordination with the Students Union and University Teachers' Union on bringing about quality education, holding sporting events,

collaborating with private sector, opening graduate courses such as tourism management and fish farming, competence based recruiting, transferring and promoting teachers, launching website, signing up for a university course with e-payment,

reforming distance university education and speeding up collaboration with international organization.

Next, there was group discussion and the representatives of each group presented the outcomes of their discussions.

Then, Professor Dr Aung Tun Thet discussed under the topic of Education 4.0 and Industrial Revolution (IR 4.0).

Afterwards, the participants of the events developed plans for the future.—GNLM ■

(Translated by Alphonsus)

## Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw meets with departmental officials, farmers in Nay Pyi Taw

DEPUTY Minister for Agricultural, Livestock and Irrigation U

Hla Kyaw met with departmental officials and farmers at the Sai

Nai Agricultural Centre in Watlat Town, Shwebo District, Sagaing

Region on 26 July, 2019.

In his remarks at the meeting, Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw said that in order to promote the development of the agricultural sector, it was needed to be harmonious with technology, investment and human resource that could enhance the interests of the country and the farmers.

Then head of the regional Department of Agriculture U Win Hlaing Oo explained about the conditions of conducting the development of Agricultural Income Sector project in the Sagaing Region, production of high quality seed saplings and purity of seed production in the region, educational model farm and agricultural expansion for local growers, seed storage and seed cleaning machines.

Next, regional hlutaw repre-

sentative U Maung Maung Win said measures of agricultural development and requirements. The deputy minister made the additional remarks upon the presentation. Director-General of the Agricultural Department Dr. Ye Tint Tun and officials coordinated the proposals made by the growers at the meeting.

Following this, the deputy minister and party met with the government employees at the farmer education centre, where they discussed matters concerning the comprehension of the work process for the farmers, enjoying the benefits of the seed productions from start to finish aiming to enjoy the benefits, striving for rendering assistances for the regional development and other requirements.—MNA ■

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw meets with departmental officials and farmers at the Sai Nai Agricultural Centre in Watlat Town, Shwebo District, on 26 July. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Mouth and Throat Cancer rate increases due to Betel nut consumption

PERMANENT secretary for Ministry of Health and Sport, Dr Thar Tun Kyaw said that consumption of betel nut and tobacco products has been spreading among youths and there has been increasing rate of mouth and throat cancer.

He said that at the event to explicate taxation on cigarette, tobacco product and alcohol at Mingalar Thiri Hotel in Nay

Pyi Taw. He said that about 7 million people die yearly due to smoking and use of tobacco products and 3 million due to alcohol consumption, and health care promotion must be promoted for effective restriction on betel nut consumption.

Then, he carried to say that rate of teenagers, from age 13 to 15, smoking and using tobacco rose from 4.6% in 2007 to 8.3% in

2016. Teen alcoholism in Myanmar is on the same levels with those of other ASEAN countries. In Myanmar, about 12 billion charoots and cigarettes are consumed every year.

Even though the tax on cigarette and tobacco was increased, specific dedicated tax and surcharge tax are still not in practice. If practiced there will be negative consequences.

The event was attended by Hluttaw representatives, officials of ministries, locals and international social organization.

The chairman of Health and Sport Committee said that the result of increasing tax on cigarette, tobacco and alcohol in neighboring suggests that it can reduce the use of these tobacco-related intoxicating

substances.

At the event, they discussed saving lives by increasing tax on tobacco products, international experience and reforming taxation on these products, weakness and strength of taxation on them, policies on taxation of alcohol, taxation management and suggestion on policies and reformations. ■ (Translated by Alphonsus)

# Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits India's National Defence Academy in Pune, meets Myanmar trainees

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing who was in Visakhapatnam, India at the invitation of India's Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa, left for Pune, India, by Indian air force special flight on 26th July and visited the National Defence Academy-NDA in Pune.

First, the delegation led by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met with Myanmar cadets attending courses at the NDA.

He urged the cadets to acquire the skills and knowledge systematically during the training.

Afterwards, the Senior General met with Air Marshal IP Vipin, Commandant of the

National Defence Academy and discussed the training at the NDA.

Afterwards, an officer of the NDA gave a briefing about the NDA and Senior General Min Aung Hlaing raised questions.

Afterwards, the Myanmar military delegation led by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visited the Academy and observed the hostels and the mess hall for the trainees.

The delegation also attended a lunch hosted by the Commandant of NDA.

Afterwards, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party visited the TATA Motors Company in Pimpri, according to the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. — MNA ■

(Translated by KZL)



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets with Air Marshal IP Vipin, Commandant of the National Defence Academy at National Defence Academy in Pune, India on 26 July. PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE C-IN-C OF DEFENCE SERVICES

# Union Minister Nai Thet Lwin, regional ethnic affairs ministers meet to discuss future plans for upgrading National Races Village (Yangon)

UNION Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin attended the coordination meeting of the setting up the ongoing process for the development of the National Races Village (Yangon) in the meeting hall of the National Races Village in Yangon yesterday.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Minister U Hla Maw Oo, states/regions ethnic affairs ministers,

chairmen and members of self-administered zones, the permanent secretary, directors-general, chairmen and members of the Myanmar Ethnic Entrepreneurs' Association and departmental heads.

In his opening remarks at the meeting, Union Minister Nai Thet Lwin said that the National Races Village (Yangon) was established with the aim of strengthening the un-

ion spirits and enhancing the ethnic solidarity by studying the culture and customs of the ethnic races dwelling in Myanmar through the history of Myanmar.

Moreover, leaders of the government asked to make the public known about the arrangement of constructing recreation centres for children, men, women and senior citizens in addition to the Per-

sons with Disabilities and the blind. Moreover, considerable emphasis had been placed on fostering the union spirits rather than making money. That's why; the upgrading of the master plan could help assist the original purposes.

As the National Races Village becomes the symbol of all ethnic races, this is the place where traditional culture and customs can be showcased not only in Myanmar but also around the world. If we could display the musical instruments of the ethnic races in details in the village, on the other hand, we could preserve the traditions and culture of the races while creating new travel itineraries for the tourism industry as well. The minister also added that the states/regions ethnic affairs ministers, chairmen of self-administered zones and invited guests took part in the discussion on the development of the National Races Village (Yangon).

of the ethnic races from the self-administered regions in addition to the displays of eight ethnic races and the Salon race in the National Races Village. It was also needed to exhibit with the use of modern technologies. All the attendees were urged to make sound suggestions with a view to becoming a recreation centre and tourist destination.

Next, Deputy Minister U Hla Maw Oo clarified the ongoing process of the development of the National Races Village. Furthermore, states/regions ethnic affairs ministers, chairmen of self-administered zones and invited guests took part in the discussion on the development of the National Races Village (Yangon).

Following this, the Union Minister delivered a closing speech following the clarifications made by the deputy minister about the discussion. After the ceremony, states/regions ethnic affairs ministers, chairmen of self-administered zones, members and invited guests made an observation tour around the National Races Village (Yangon). — MNA ■

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



Union Minister Nai Thet Lwin addresses the coordination meeting of the setting up ongoing process of National Races Village in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

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## Ayeyawady basin receives new multi-purpose vessel

MYANMA Shipyards-AMECC Joint Venture Co., Ltd delivered the Ayeyawady basin new multi-purpose vessel BH-101 to the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (DWIR) under the Ministry of Transportation and Communication during a ceremony held at Myanma Shipyards-AMECC Joint Venture Co., Ltd on Bayintnaung road, Yangon, on 27 July.

Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung inspected the new vessel. The Union Minister and his team had photos taken in front of the vessel.

At the ceremony, the Union Minister delivered the opening speech, saying "I want to discuss the Myanmar National Transport Master Plan (2014) and National Logistics Master Plan (2017), which was formulated by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, with the assistance of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)."

"Concerning Myanmar National Transport Master Plan, we want to suggest that implementation of the project be done on a regular basis to be able to promote the maritime transport sector. And in regard to the National Logistics Master Plan, we



World Bank provides financing to the Ayeyawady Integrated River Basin Management Project.

**PHOTO: MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

have expected that our cargo demand in the transport sector will be increased three times by 2030", said the Union Minister.

The Ayeyawady Integrated River Basin Management (AIR-BM) project has been carried out since October, 2015, with the assistance of World Bank loans.

Also at the ceremony, a video on construction of the water vessel was shown to the union minister and officials.

DWIR has been assigned to carry out the AIRBM project. The water vessel was built with

the inspection performed under International Classification Society standards.

The Myanma Shipyards - AMECC Joint Venture Co., Ltd won the tender and contracted with DWIR on 6 April, 2018.

The vessel is 26.20 meters in length, 8.10 meters in width and 1.9 meters in height. The vessel was installed with two 500 horse power engines, built by Japan Yanmar Co., Ltd. The vessel also includes generators, a crane, a fire engine, a hydraulic system, and a marine navigation system.

The vessel can operate at speeds up to 10 miles per hour. The vessel was built at a cost of US\$ 2.1 million.

Before 2015, Myanma Shipyards was operating under the supervision of the government. In 2015, the Myanma Shipyards was turned into a business company, jointly with a Vietnamese company for development of shipyards. Since then, its name was changed to Myanma Shipyards-AMECC Joint Venture Company Limited.—GNLM ■ (Translated by Hay Mar)

## Myanmar migrant workers return via Kawthoung border gate



Thai authorities from the Immigration Department hand over seventy seven migrant workers on Friday. **PHOTO: KYAW SOE (KAWTHAUNG)**

THAI authorities from the Immigration Department delivered over 77 migrant workers by the water route via the Kawthoung border gate on Friday evening.

The Thai government had arrested the workers because they did not have work permits and had expired border passes.

The Township General Administration Department, the Immigration and Population Department, the Anti-trafficking in

Person division of the Myanmar police force, the Labour Department and the Disaster Management Department received the returnees.

The Public Health Department is providing health care for them. Currently, the departments concerned are discussing arrangements to safely return the illegal migrant workers to their homes.—Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung) ■ (Translated by Hay Mar)

## Motorcycles and machinery available in instalment system

By Aye Yamon Oo  
RENT 2 Own Myanmar Co. Ltd will sell motorbikes and machinery under an instalment system, in cooperation with Shwe Minn Gan financing services company, officials said during a press conference held jointly by Rent 2 Own Myanmar Co. Ltd and Shwe Minn Gan financing services, held at Sule Shangri-La hotel, Yangon on 24 July.

"Our company will cooperate with the Rent 2 Own compa-

ny to extend our financing services. It was not easy to make such a daring decision. Before our cooperation, we had to negotiate matters in detail and it took us two whole years to reach an agreement," said Daw Hla Than Yee, the Director of Shwe Minn Gan financing services company.

Shwe Minn Gan financing services company is a branch business of Rakhine-based Inn Pauk Wa company limited. The company was founded in 1991

as a trading and manufacturing company in Myanmar.

Moreover, Shwe Minn Gan financing service company was given permission by the Central Bank of Myanmar in July to set up a non-bank financial institution. "We have a plan to provide other financial services under the supervision of the Central Bank of Myanmar. Through cooperation with Shwe Minn Gan, we can provide loans for our customers. But this loan

is not available to those who have already received other loans. In the future, our company will be able to provide more non-bank financial services," said Mr. Philippe Lenain, chairman of Rent 2 Own Myanmar Co. Ltd.

Rent 2 Own Myanmar Co. Ltd has 39 branch offices across the country and is connected with over 400 shops to provide loan services to more than over 100,000 customers. ■ (Translated by Hay Mar)

# PTTEP raises sales volume to 8.5% this year

PTT Exploration and Production Public Company Ltd has raised its sales volume of 318,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day (BOED) to 345,000 barrels, or 8.5 per cent, for 2019 from its natural gas and oil exploration blocks in Thailand and other countries.

After the PTTEP revised its five-year investment plan, it decided to increase the earlier target sales volume for the five years from 2019 to 2023. Now, the PTTEP targets to raise its daily sales volume of 345,000 barrels for 2019, 365,000 barrels for 2020, 380,000 barrels for 2021, 409,000 barrels for 2022 and 437,000 barrels for 2023.

According to the company's announcement, the PTTEP completed the acquisition of Murphy Oil Corporation in Malaysia in early July, resulting in

an increase in petroleum sales by approximately 48,000 BOED for the second half of 2019. This will significantly contribute to the 2019 target sales volume of 345,000 BOED.

Phongsthom Thavisin, Chief Executive Officer of the PTTEP, said the company has had success, not only in Thailand but in other countries, thanks to its business expansion strategy, which includes a plan to accelerate exploration of oil and gas in Myanmar, covering the Zawtika project.

Also, the PTTEP has revised the higher capital expenditure for the five-year period to US\$21.354 billion from \$16.105 billion.—Than Htike ■

*(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)*



PTT Exploration and Production Public Company Limited targets to increase its sales volume for five years term. PHOTO: MNA

## Myanmar to export 100,000 tons of rice to China in August through barter



Between 4,000 to 5,000 bags of rice are exported to China on a daily basis. PHOTO: THAN ZAW MIN (IPRD)

MYANMAR will export 100,000 tons of rice to China using the barter system beginning this August, according to U Saing Kyaw, secretary of the Rice Merchants Association of Mandalay.

Myanmar's Mandalay Rice and Paddy Development Public Co., and a Yunnan-based Chinese company, signed the agreement on 25 July in Mandalay to export 100,000 tons of rice within ten months.

Under the agreement, Myanmar merchants are able to export any kinds of both old and fresh long grain rice produced across the country to Chinese merchants, said U Saing Kyaw.

He added that a system of barter is an exchange of goods and services for other goods, without paying with money. According to the agreement, Myanmar will import fertilizer and farming gears, medicines and

related equipment, iron, steel and construction materials from China.

This system allows merchants to import commodities granted by the two governments.

There is an agreement between merchants to enjoy a five per cent discount on importing products from China.

The rice will be exported by the Mandalay Rice and Paddy Development Public Co., which is one of 11 companies allowed to export rice to China. The price of rice will be set in Myanmar.

U Saing Kyaw said the barter export of rice will benefit growers and rice millers, though it is difficult for merchants to sell commodities imported under this system. Currently, 4,000-5,000 bags of rice are exported to China on a daily basis.—Than Zaw Min (IPRD) ■ *(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)*

## Border trade value hits over \$8.34 bln in nine months

MYANMAR has earned US\$8.34 billion from border trade over the past nine months in the current fiscal year, exceeding over \$1.2 billion compared to the same period of last year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

From October 1 to July 19 in current 2018-2019 fiscal year, border trade valued hit \$8.34 billion while the same period of last year saw \$7.16 billion. Therefore, the amount this year has exceeded \$1.2 billion.

The total border trade value, as of July 19 this FY, included \$5.86 billion in exports and \$2.58 billion in imports.

Myanmar conducts border trade with China through the Muse, Lwejel, Kanpikete, Chinswehaw and Kengtung border points. The country carries out border trade with Thailand through the Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthoung, Myeik, Hteekhee, Mawtaung and Maese border gates. The cross-border trade camps between Myanmar and Bangladesh are Sittway and Maungtaung, whereas the country trades directly with India via the Tamu and Reed border gates.

Among all the gates, the Muse border gate sees the larg-

est volume and value of border trade, with an estimated value of more than \$3.98 billion this FY, followed by Hteekhee with \$2.05 billion and Myawady with \$766 million.

Myanmar mainly exports agricultural products, animal products, as well as forest products, minerals, fishery products and manufactured goods, among other things, while capital goods, raw industrial materials and consumer products are imported into the country.—GNLM ■

*(Translated by Hay Mar)*

## Maritime trade down 5.8% in current fiscal

MYANMAR'S international trade by sea totalled US\$19.536 billion as of 19 July in the current 2018-2019 Fiscal Year, with exports of \$7.51 billion and imports of \$12.03 billion, the Ministry of Commerce reported this Friday.

During the week, the total value of maritime sea declined by \$1.203 billion or 5.8 per cent, from the year-ago period. At this time last year, the country exported domestic products worth \$7.647 billion and imported for-

eign goods amounting to \$12.025 billion, totalling \$20.739 billion.

The country saw a decline in maritime trade value from both sectors. When compared with last year, the current export value declined by \$136.6 million while the current imports decreased by over \$1.067 billion.

Myanmar delivers goods from the sea routes as well as cross-border points of entry to Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa and some Western countries. Be-

tween 1 October and 19 July, this FY, Myanmar's overseas trade exceeded \$27 billion, including export of \$13.7 billion and import of \$14.5 billion.

Despite a decline in value of external maritime trade, the country's border trade saw an increase in value of \$1.19 billion against last 2017-2018 FY.—Shwe Khine ■

*(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)*

## Public announcement on seasonal influenza monitoring, preventive measures, response

**T**HE Ministry of Health and Sports collaborates in line with International Health Regulations 2005 with the World Health Organization, regional and affiliated organizations on administering communicable disease surveillance to prevent the rise of public health problems and epidemics.

The government, departments, public citizens and affiliated organizations have increased work on monitoring, patient treatments, raising health awareness, preventing and responding to the current seasonal influenza.

The seasonal influenza has been impacting regional countries and other across the globe. Myanmar has seen 281 cases of the virus this year, between 1 January to 25 July.

The table shows seasonal influenza contagions from January to 25 July, 2019, across the world:

No.	Country	Estimated population (mil)	A/H1N1 pdm 09 detected	A/H3	B	Total
1	China	1,433.70	48,086	19,542	24,245	91,873
2	India	1,366.40	5,684	1,936	226	7,846
3	Australia	25.2	558	3,794	1,134	5,486
4	Myanmar	54	340	26	23	389
5	B a n g l a - desh	163	290	338	725	1,353
6	Indonesia	257	173	224	257	653
7	Thailand	69.6	150	189	68	407
8	Laos	7.2	128	17	0	145
9	Singapore	5	116	85	5	206
10	Cambodia	16.49	110	14	54	178
11	Malaysia	32.29	70	71	145	286

The table shows seasonal influenza cases between 1 January to 25 July, 2019:

Number of people screened for seasonal influenza	Number of patients with seasonal influenza			
	Influenza A (H1N1) pdm09	Influenza A (H3N2)	Influenza B	Total
908	340	26	23	389

Upon examining the people who had contracted the influenza virus, we can see that although the death toll is not high, it is most dangerous elderly people and young children, especially those with compounded health problems. Of the 56 people who have died, 45% were from the 15-65 age group and 44 people died with comorbidity, making up 75% of the deceased. We have found that seeking medical attention too late, despite identification of early symptoms, have increased the death toll.

The table shows the results of medical examinations conducted on deceased patients confirmed with Influenza A(H1N1)pdm09:

Number of deceased patients with comorbidity	Number of deceased patients from age group with high fatality rate (elderly and young children)	Number of deceased patients due to seasonal influenza	Total deaths
58	7	7	72

117 patients with seasonal influenza have recovered from hospital treatment, as of 25 July 2019, and have been discharged while 44 inpatients are steadily recovering.

The table shows the results of medical examinations and number of deaths related to the seasonal influenza across the states and regions, between 1 January to 25 July 2019:

No.	State/Region	Population density per km <sup>2</sup>	Number of people examined	Number of people confirmed with seasonal influenza	Number of deceased confirmed with seasonal influenza
1	Yangon Region	716	450	209	56
2	Rakhine State	87	58	26	-
3	Ayeyawady Region	177	63	34	5
4	Kachin State	19	65	21	1
5	Nay Pyi Taw	164	67	30	-
6	Bago Region	124	46	15	4
7	Magway Region	87	26	14	1
8	Mon State	167	12	6	3
9	Sagaing Region	57	11	7	2
10	Shan State (North)	-	7	5	-
11	Mandalay Region	200	14	4	-
12	Taninthayi Region	32	6	3	-
13	Kayin State	52	65	5	-
14	Shan State (South)	-	7	6	-
15	Kayah State	24	6	6	-
16	Chin State	13	2	-	-
17	Shan State (East)	-	1	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>76</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>72</b>

Remark – 682 patients received medical examinations and 281 patients were confirmed with the virus. One patient is being investigated due to lack of a proper address.

State and Regional government have taken the following precautions and measures:

The Ministry of Health and Sports has arranged for hospital staff across the states and regions to be vaccinated first with the vaccines distributed by the ministry.

Providing health awareness on seasonal influenza in townships with diagnosed patients and screening for new patients, monitoring the virus and performing medical check-ups on family members.

Coordinating medical staff to cooperate with officials from the local General Administration Department, City Development Council and Education Department to conduct seasonal influenza awareness campaigns, arranging for news and demonstrative videos to be shown on LED boards, putting up informative posters in offices and crowded public places (e.g. stations, markets, schools, bus stops, shopping centres, YBS), and setting up IEC Corners.

Forming Rapid Response Teams to counteract the seasonal influenza.

Increasing teleconference sessions with emergency operation centers across the nation for more effective prevention techniques against the seasonal influenza.

The ministry uploads information in real-time on its website at [www.mohs.gov.mm](http://www.mohs.gov.mm) and the Facebook pages of MoHS and Myanmar CDC. The ministry urges the public to remain vigilant towards the seasonal virus and follow the guidelines published by the ministry.

Ministry of Health and Sports  
(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

## Illegal drugs worth K 545 mln seized in Myeik Township

POLICE anti-drug squad has seized illegal drugs worth K 545 million and arrested two suspects in raid in their house in Thankatho Ward, Kalwin Village-tract, Myeik Township. Police caught them with a seizure of 93,000 stimulant tablets

worth 5,450 million together with two kilos of ICE, two hand phones, one Hilux vehicle and one motorbike. Similarly, at around 9:30 a.m. yesterday, f police from the Kanmaw Police Station conducted a raid on the residence of Daw Mi Tin Shwe

in Kanmaw in Sakhon Thit Village, Sakhon Thit Village-tract, Kyunsu Township, where they seized 77.5 kilos of speciosa and she had been charged under the Anti-narcotic drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Ko Ye (Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



# Introduction of new services for business persons

AN EVENT to introduce new services for business persons was held at Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) in Yangon yesterday morning.

The launching event of the Employers Organization Department and Employers Service Suite was attended by Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Sett Aung, UMFCCI President U Zaw Min Win, local and foreign business persons, officials from embassies and officials from workers organizations.

At the event an executive director and a deputy executive director from Singapore and Malaysia, UMFCCI Joint Secretary General Daw KhineKhineNwe, officials from UMFCCI, officials from Singapore and Malaysia business owners association and officials from ILO Myanmar and Bangkok offices discussed subjects under the titles business owner associations in Singapore

and Malaysia, services from Myanmar and international businesses, occupational safety and health and Key Persons in establishing a good worksite relationship.

UMFCCI Secretary General U Aung Kyi Soe said today's event was to inform about study courses and paper reading sessions as well as increasing productivity, employer-employee relation, norms to follow and establishing networks."

He added that the event was held to establish a firm industrial relation system, good international practices for businesses, relevant workers laws and create an interesting market in Myanmar for foreign investment.

UMFCCI Joint Secretary General Daw KhineKhineNwe said, "For this department to develop further business owners need to know more about laws practiced internationally on resolving issues rising between employees and employers.



Launching event of Employers Organization Department and Employers Service Suite at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry. PHOTO: ZAW MIN LATT

The assistance of ILO was obtained in this. Experts from each sector and a committee formed will conduct researches and field studies to listen to businesses owners and based

on this training courses will be conducted."

Business owners department will provide necessary supports to conduct training courses, provide recommen-

dations and share news and information to create worksites where enacted labour laws were complied with and have a best workforce. — Myat Sandi ■  
(Translated by Zaw Min

## Authorities collect over K13 million in fines for tax stamp violations

BETWEEN January and June 2019, the Mandalay Region Internal Revenue Department collected K13.189 million in fines from 64 restaurants, gold shops and hotels that failed to put tax stamps on bills issued to customers, according to the department.

U Tun Tun Aung, director of the regional Revenue Department, said inspections are being made, not only in municipal areas, but also in other townships across Mandalay, taking action against those businesses that fail to comply with existing tax rules and regulations. Inspections are made daily, especially in seven downtown townships.

The public may contact authorities if they do not receive stamps on customer receipts.

The revenue department will reward customers who file official reports on law-breaking restaurants, shops and hotels to

authorities, and they will receive 10 per cent of collected fines as rewards. The department found a significant decline in the number of restaurants and hotels that break tax laws. According to the law, restaurants and hotels have to collect a five per cent commercial tax from customers and put tax stamps on bills issued to patrons. According to the department's annual statistical report, there were 200 cases relating to commercial tax in the 2016-2017 Financial Year. The number rose to 256 in the following FY.

According to the Commercial Tax Law, restaurants which fail to use tax stamps will face a fine of K200,000 for the first time, K500,000 for the second violation, K700,000 for the third and K1 million for the fourth violation.—Khine Hsat Wai

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

## Young asylum seekers in US easy prey for gangs

LOS ANGELES — Young Central American asylum seekers fleeing violence and poverty in their home countries are increasingly falling prey to the notorious MS-13 gang in the United States, authorities say.

The youngsters, most of them from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador, are proving to be easy targets for the gang which takes advantage of their vulnerability as immigrants.

"They are young victims who very likely left their countries in the hope that they would find security and prosperity in the United States," Los Angeles County district attorney Jackie Lacey said last week as she announced a sweeping indictment against 22 members of the gang.

"Instead, these victims had the misfortune of crossing paths with violent gang members who preyed on the vulnerabilities of their immigrant experience," he added. According to 2009 FBI statistics, MS-13 is one of the largest Hispanic street gangs in the US, operating mainly out of Los Angeles, where it was formed, as well as other states including Atlanta, Dallas and New York.

The gang, which is behind a number of heinous killings, is estimated to have 30,000 to 50,000 members worldwide, with be-

tween 8,000 and 10,000 in the US.

Authorities say the gang, which is involved in drug smuggling, prostitution rings, weapons trafficking and alien smuggling, focuses on extorting and threatening the Latino community in the areas where it operates, making new Central American arrivals — especially unaccompanied youngsters — ideal targets.

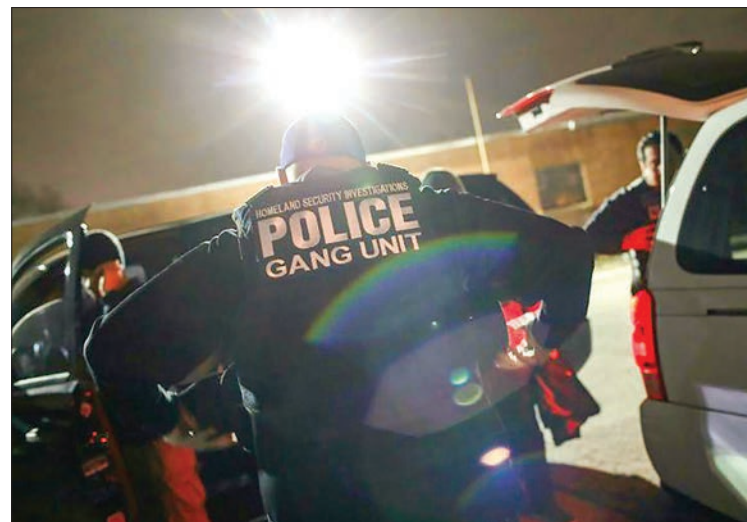
Mark Edberg, a professor at George Washington University, said many teen migrants end up in the US in communities where the same gang they were fleeing from catches up with them.

"They basically feel pressure to join because now they're here, they ran and they're still being

monitored by the gang," Edberg told AFP. He added that as the political discourse in the United States toward asylum seekers has gotten more toxic, social support for new arrivals has also decreased.

### Political ploy?

"With the political climate and (the hardships) facing parents and families, that increases the likelihood that these kids feel they have no other option" than joining a gang, Edberg said. "If you're 12 or 14 or 15, you understand that in that neighborhood the structure of power and prestige ... is connected to gang involvement."—AFP ■



A US federal agent taking part in an operation targeting gang members in New York. PHOTO: AFP

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## Agro rules enforcement save food safety, environment

**T**HE fruits and vegetables we eat everyday should be free from chemicals and should be safe for consumers. But, they are not free from chemical inputs such as fertilizers and pesticides before they arrive on the table. That situation has brought diseases and unnecessary consequences to the health of the people.

Pesticides are widely used in agriculture mainly to increase crop yields to cater to the increasing world population as well as to protect crops from pests and control insect-borne diseases.

The authorities also have responsibility to enforce strict rules on smuggling prohibited chemical inputs and to educate the farmers to ensure that they can use the chemical inputs in correct ways.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation has encouraged farmers to use its good agricultural practices (GAP) protocol in cultivating staple and export crops in an effort to boost the farmers' income and develop Myanmar's agriculture sector, which will contribute to economic growth.

Because, increased use of pesticides can result in contamination of the environment and the excess accumulation of pesticide residues in food products which has always been a matter of serious concern. Chemical residues in food and crops are directly related to the irrational application of pesticides in growing crops.

Accumulated pesticide residues in food products have been associated with a broad variety of human health hazards, ranging from short-term effects to long term toxic effects.

This situation has alerted us to enforce the GAP guidelines and the rules for utilizing chemical inputs for the agricultural sector to produce safe foods and to conserve the natural environment.

The health care burden caused by unsafe food has mainly fallen on the people and the government, not on those who produced the food. The unsafe food has directly resulted in losses of human resources.

Those who produce fertilizers and chemicals and those who import and distribute the chemical inputs are to take responsibility for the impact of chemical residues on crops.

The authorities also have responsibility to enforce strict rules on smuggling prohibited chemical inputs and to educate the farmers to ensure that they can use the chemical inputs in correct ways.

One of the best ways to prevent overuse of pesticides, harmful chemicals and chemical fertilisers is educating the farmers about their negative impact on human health and the local environment.

The education programme should ensure that farmers are aware that they are the first victims of such pesticides and chemicals and that fertility of their land will also degrade in the long-run.

## The road to helping Myanmar migrant workers

Interviewer : Maw Si  
Photo : Htein Nan Naw

There are brokers who lie to you about jobs in Thailand and then taking you through an illegal route to sell you as labour, deal in human trafficking or forcing you into factories and workshops. We're cooperating with everyone concerned to uncover these crimes.

U Win Shein  
Director General, Labour Department

CONTINUED FROM  
YESTERDAY'S ARTICLE

**T**HE following is an interview with U Win Shein, Director-General of the Department of Labour, on the work and assistance they have provided towards Myanmar migrant workers abroad, continued from yesterday.

**Q: Could you tell us the assistance provided for Myanmar workers in Thailand whose documents will expire soon.**

**U Win Shein:** Both countries have discussed about Myanmar workers currently in Thailand who are either undocumented or whose documents are about to expire. The agreement

The previous agreement between both countries for Myanmar workers currently in Thailand who are either undocumented or whose documents are about to expire was to provide them with the required documents. But now, the Thai government will only accept workers resent under the MoU system.

We negotiated with Thailand to extend the deadline for workers whose documents will expire in November 2019 and 31 March 2020 to 31 March 2022 but the Thai government will only extend the date to 31 De-

ember 2020. As a result, these workers will have to reenter Thailand under the MoU system when their documents become invalid.

**Q: Can you explain that reentry with the MoU system in detail?**

**U Win Shein:** Well, both countries signed an MoU on cooperation in hiring workers back on 21 June 2003 in Chiang Mai. Our foreign ministers signed that. Then on 24 June 2006, our labour ministers signed an MoU for cooperation on labour affairs and employment contracts during a meeting in Bangkok.

We are working with 106

vacancy announcements verified by their labour department. We submit it to the committee on education, health and human resource development and once they pass approval we move on to forming employment contracts.

We then send a list of Myanmar workers who have signed contracts to the Thai labour department so that they can apply for visas and work permits. And when they give the green light, we send our workers over to Thailand through the migrant worker office in Myawaddy.

**Q: What about sending workers to the fishery sector in Thailand? That's also with the**

Some of the most prevalent issues we have right now are workers losing large sums of money because brokers cheated them by demanding prepayments and then not sending them abroad.

overseas employment agencies for Thailand to send our workers legally under the MoU system. We have sent 707,472 workers to Thailand that way between June 2010 to May 2019.

The Thai labour attache sends us a list of employers and

MoU system, right?

**U Win Shein:** Fishermen from Taninthayi and Ayeyawady regions and Rakhine State are well experienced and can go legally work in Thailand under the MoU system too.

The MoU - U Turn system



Returnees are warmly welcomed by Myanmar officials.



Thai Government staff hand over Myanmar migrant workers to Myanmar officials.

allows for fishermen to reenter Thailand legally and so far, we have resend 95 workers.

**Q: What are some points of etiquette, do's and don'ts, for workers going abroad for employment?**

**U Win Shein:** I'd like to advise them to avoid brokers that don't have any legal license to send people overseas. Contact an authentic agency instead. Otherwise, you run the risk of having your pay docked, swindled or your person trafficked.

There are brokers who lie to you about jobs in Thailand and then taking you through an illegal route to sell you as labour, deal in human trafficking or forcing you into factories and workshops. We're cooperating with everyone concerned to uncover these crimes.

If you enter a country illegally then you will get prosecuted by that country's existing laws. So, be careful about that. Conversely, legal entry entitles you to the rights and protection outlined in that country's laws. As a result, it's easier for diplomats and Myanmar embassies to help you with any issues you may have over there.

Some of the most prevalent

issues we have right now are workers losing large sums of money because brokers cheated them by demanding prepayments and then not sending them abroad. This also leads to situations where the worker is sent somewhere different from where they were told, or workers not receiving clear explanations on their contracts leading them to unknowingly breach some rules.

Some people believe everything the brokers tell them and do anything they're told to. They may also return from Thailand because they're not fit for the work they have applied for. They may not have taken enough time to research that fact, so they come back having wasted their time and money. It's disheartening to see this taking place.

This is why we urge people to find employment directly through licensed agencies and the labour department can acquire the contact number and address from the service area.

We also urge workers to listen carefully to explanations on the employment contract from either the agencies, employer's representatives or the officials from the migrant worker offices

in Myawaddy and Kawthoung. Only sign the contract if you have fully understood it and accept it.

Now, there can also be problems arising from differences in language, geography and food. They can also run into misunderstandings with their employer or the workplace manager.

The majority of our people only get hired as general labour because they either lack basic education or the necessary skills for more sophisticated work, and as a result they get paid low wages. They may also develop health issues that prevent them from working for long periods.

**Q: What have you been collaborating on with other countries and organizations for workers' affairs?**

**U Win Shein:** Like I've said before, we negotiate worker's legal rights and protection in the country they will be working in. We're also collaborating with IOM, ILO and UN Women on the same migrant worker affairs. Similarly, we coordinate with our embassies and other relevant organizations on this matter.

Translated by Pen Dali

## Hepatitis C: We must support people who inject drugs in Myanmar

By Nu Nu Lwin

**O**N World Hepatitis Day, Médecins du Monde (Mdm) and its partner organizations, Save the Children International, Metta Development Foundation, National Drug User Network-Myanmar and Alliance -Myanmar urge expansion of Hepatitis C prevention and treatment services for people who inject drugs (PWID) and other people at high risk of infection.

According to the Ministry of Health and Sports (MOHS), an estimated 95,000 people in Myanmar inject drugs. More than half of them (56%) are living with hepatitis C virus (HCV), a deadly blood-borne infection. Despite the efforts of MOHS and partners, access to life-saving treatment remains extremely limited in Myanmar, particularly for PWID.

The new direct-acting antiretroviral (DAA) treatments can cure hepatitis C within 3 months, have less side effects and have become more affordable, but many barriers to prevention and treatment services for PWID remain. These include limited health literacy, low coverage of PWID-friendly health care services in remote areas and costs for required lab tests. Although the cost of treatment has decreased to around 1,500,000 MMK, this is still too expensive for many PWID.

Stigma towards drug use is also a big challenge. PWID are often arrested and harassed, driving them into self-stigmatization. They may exclude themselves from their families and society, limiting even more their access to health care and treatment. PWID take the worst of Myanmar's Hepatitis C



Mdm has started offering Hepatitis C prevention and treatment in Kachin in 2019. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

infections, yet they have very limited opportunities to access treatment.

In collaboration with Médecins Sans Frontières Switzerland (MSF -CH), Mdm has started offering Hepatitis C prevention and treatment in Kachin in 2019. Through this program, Mdm and MSF-CH will help improve access to treatment for Myanmar's most vulnerable populations. This effort is made possible thanks to generous support from private donors and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, under the leadership of the Ministry of Health and Sports.

Ko Htein Linn (not real name), injecting drug user who is taking Hepatitis C treatment from Mdm shared: "I have been knowing my Hep C positive status for a long time but I can't get the treatment due to my financial situation. Sometimes, I cannot go to hospital even in the situation of serious illness if I need to be hospitalized because I have no family to support me. Now that I get the treatment from Mdm, I feel lucky as my hope is becoming reality. There are a lot of friends in my environment who will be in a similar conditions and some are already dead. When I finish the treatment and will be healthy, I

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will go and encourage them to access the treatment and I would like to see more of these treatment program in the future”.

Myanmar has made important progress expand-

ing access to hepatitis C prevention and treatment services. However, if we are meet the global health strategy goals to reduce new infections by 90%, and to cure 80% of people living with hepatitis C by 2030, we must improve availability and accessibility of

hepatitis C prevention and treatment services, especially for PWID. We urge donors, local stakeholders, civil society, and the Ministry of Health and Sports to redouble efforts to provide hepatitis C treatment and care services for all vulnerable people in Myanmar.

## Brexit is a ‘massive economic opportunity’: PM Johnson

MANCHESTER (United Kingdom) — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Saturday said Brexit was a “massive economic opportunity” but had been treated under his predecessor Theresa May as “an impending adverse weather event”.

In a speech in Manchester where he pledged new investment in Leave-voting areas, Johnson promised to step up negotiations on post-Brexit trade deals and set up free ports to boost the economy.

“When people voted to leave the European Union, they were not just voting against Brussels, they were voting against London too,” he said. Johnson promised to give more powers to local communities, as well as boost broadband and transport infrastructure in a speech focused on domestic issues.

“Taking back control doesn’t just apply to Westminster regaining sovereignty



British PM Boris Johnson promised to step up negotiations on post-Brexit trade deals and set up free ports to boost the economy. **PHOTO: AFP**

from the EU, it means our cities and counties and towns becoming more self governing,” he said. “Leaving the EU is a massive economic opportunity to do things we’ve not been allowed to do for decades,” he said. Asked about the prospect of Brexit negotiations, Johnson said he was willing to engage with EU partners but only if the backstop clause was removed from the current divorce

agreement struck by May.

The backstop seeks to ensure a free-flowing post-Brexit border between British Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, an EU member state, in all eventualities.

“The approach of the UK government is not going to be disengaged or aloof or waiting for them to come to us, we are going to try to solve this problem,” he said.— AFP ■

## Huawei launches 1st 5G mobile phone for commercial use

SHENZHEN — Huawei on Friday launched its first 5G mobile phone for commercial use in Shenzhen, home to its headquarters, as the telecom giant seeks to usher in the fast-speed 5G mobile world.

He Gang, head of Huawei’s mobile phone division, said at the launching ceremony that Huawei Mate 20 X (5G) gained China’s first 5G network access license.

The smartphone, powered by the Balong 5000, Huawei’s first 7nm multi-code 5G chipset with the Kirin 980, is currently the world’s only dual-mode 5G cellphone that supports standalone/non-standalone (SA/NSA) simultaneously, He said. Huawei started taking orders for the handset, which is priced at 6,199 yuan (about 898 US dollars),



A staff presents Huawei Mate 20 X (5G) mobile phone at the launching ceremony in Shenzhen, south China’s Guangdong Province, 26 July, 2019. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

on Friday afternoon. The phone will hit the market on 16 August. On Friday, Huawei said its smart screens equipped with its own Hongmeng OS will hit the market soon as it seeks to enter the TV business. The smart screens can

connect multiple devices, even from multiple brands and also become a control center for smart home systems, said Yu Chengdong, chief executive officer of Huawei’s consumer business.— Xinhua ■

## Japan privately launched rocket fails after liftoff, crashes in sea

KUSHIRO — A small experimental rocket launched by a Japanese aerospace startup failed shortly after takeoff Saturday as its onboard computer detected abnormality and shut off the engine, and then crashed into the sea.

The MOMO-4 vehicle was Interstellar Technologies Inc.’s fourth rocket designed to carry out experiments, including releasing a heat-resistant paper plane from outer space.

Its predecessor in May became Japan’s first privately funded rocket to reach an apogee of more than 100 kilometers.

The launch of MOMO-4 at its test site in Taiki in Hokkaido was postponed a week ago due to a technical problem.

The rocket is the same model as MOMO-3, measuring

about 10 meters in length, 50 centimeters in diameter and weighing 1 ton.

After failed attempts in 2017 and 2018, the startup finally found success with its third launch in May, with the rocket reaching an altitude of around 113 km before falling into the Pacific Ocean.

Founded in 2013 by former Livedoor Co. President Takafumi Horie, Interstellar Technologies aims to develop low-cost commercial rockets to carry satellites to space.

The MOMO-4 was also loaded with a low-frequency sound sensor developed by Kochi University of Technology to observe phenomena associated with natural disasters, lightning, typhoons and volcanic eruptions, according to the company.—Kyodo News■



Photo taken 12 April, 2019, shows MOMO-3, a rocket developed by Japanese aerospace venture Interstellar Technologies Inc. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

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## State funeral for Tunisia's Essebsi as new polls loom

TUNIS — French President Emmanuel Macron and other foreign leaders attended Friday the funeral of Tunisian president Beji Caid Essebsi as the North African nation gears up for snap elections as early as September to defend the democratic gains of the Arab Spring.

Essebsi, the country's first head of state elected in nationwide polls, died Thursday at the age of 92, triggering fears of political unrest in a country seen as a rare success story following the Arab Spring uprisings.

Thousands of mourners lined the 20-kilometre (12-mile) road from the presidential palace in Carthage, where the body was laid in state, to the Djellaz cemetery in southern Tunis where Essebsi was to be buried.

Officers in full uniform carried the coffin draped in the Tunisian flag into a ceremonial room at the Carthage palace packed with dignitaries, placing



French President Emmanuel Macron was one of several foreign leaders to attend a state funeral for Tunisian president Beji Caid Essebsi in the capital Tunis. PHOTO: AFP

it on a dais.

Parliament speaker Mohamed Ennaceur, who was sworn in as interim president hours after Essebsi's death, paid tribute to the late leader describing him as "the architect of national reconciliation".

"He was determined to suc-

cessfully achieve democratic transition," in the birthplace of the Arab Spring uprisings.

Essebsi's widow and tearful family members were flanked by Macron, Spain's King Felipe VI, Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas and

other regional leaders.

Macron hailed a leader who "in these times of threatening obscurantism... was keen on keeping Tunisia enlightened, tolerant and committed to universal values."

Large crowds of Tunisians packed the cemetery for the final farewell to Essebsi, whose death coincided with the 62nd anniversary of the proclamation of a republic in the North African country.

"President Beji Caid Essebsi belongs to the Tunisian people and each Tunisian has the right to attend his funeral," the late leader's son Hafedh Essebsi said in a Facebook message on Friday.

The interior ministry said it was deploying a large number of security forces to guarantee a smooth ceremony, adding however that it would respect "spontaneous gatherings by citizens".—AFP ■

## Trump, Johnson eye 'substantial' trade deal in first call

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Friday he had spoken by phone with new British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and that discussions on a "very substantial" trade deal were already underway.

"I predict he'll be a great prime minister," Trump said, calling Johnson a "good guy" minutes after ending the conversation. "We're working on a trade agreement already," Trump said, adding: "I think it will be a very substantial trade agreement."

Trump said a bilateral deal with post-Brexit Britain could be "three to four, five times" bigger than current trade and once London is out of the Euro-

pean Union "we could do much more."

In London, a Downing Street spokesperson said Trump and Johnson had "both expressed their commitment to delivering an ambitious free trade agreement and to starting negotiations as soon as possible after the UK leaves the EU."

Johnson has touted Britain's future as an independent trading country striking numerous bilateral deals outside of the massive EU alliance, which collectively negotiates with Washington.

"They needed him a long time," Trump said of fellow conservative Johnson.—AFP ■



Anti-Brexit campaigners dressed as US President Donald Trump (R) and Conservative party leadership contender Boris Johnson take part in the March for Change 'No to Boris: Yes to Europe' demonstration in central London on 20 July, 2019. PHOTO: AFP

## Thousands protest in Colombia against killings of activists

BOGOTA — Thousands rallied across Colombia Friday to protest the killing of hundreds of human rights activists since the signing of a historic peace deal with FARC guerrillas.

Demonstrators gathered in major cities under the slogan "defending the peace" to denounce the deaths. 462 campaigners have been killed since 2016, according to the country's ombudsman.

"They are killing us but seeds of life and dignity are

being born," Luis Acosta said as he walked toward Bolivar square in the capital Bogota, which was packed with protesters.

Colombian president Ivan Duque joined a rally in the port city of Cartagena but was jeered by parts of the crowd, videos posted on social networks showed.

"Today we are united in a fight against violence and drug trafficking, which has fueled the organized armed groups

that have attacked social leaders in the country," Duque said earlier.

The rallies were called after the killing of activist Maria del Pilar Hurtado last month, in northern Colombia. A video of her son crying next to her body was widely shared in the country.

Some protesters carried banners of FARC, the former guerilla group, who signed a 2016 peace deal with authorities that ended half a century

of armed conflict and established them as a left-wing political party.

The group has criticized the lack of security guarantees for its members after the signing of the pact and said 140 ex-guerrillas and 31 relatives have since been killed.

Armed drug-trafficking groups, National Liberation Army rebels, and the armed forces are mostly responsible for the deaths, prosecutors said.—AFP ■

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Moscow police arrest hundreds at rally for fair elections

Moscow — Police arrested more than 500 people as they gathered in Moscow on Saturday to demand fair local elections, the latest in a wave of protests after authorities blocked opposition candidates from the ballot paper.

Around 3,500 people took to the streets for the unauthorised rally, according to official figures. Several of the arrests were violent and police used batons against protesters, AFP reporters at the scene saw. The demonstration came a week after the capital's biggest protest in years, when some 22,000 marchers called on officials to reverse rulings and allow opposition activists to stand for the city council in September.

Since then investigators have raided the homes and headquarters of several disqualified candidates, while top Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny was jailed for 30 days for calling the fresh protest. "Honestly, I'm scared," 42-year-old IT worker Alexei Sprizhitsky told AFP at the demonstration on Saturday.—AFP ■

### US Supreme Court allows Trump administration to use Pentagon funds for border wall

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court of the United States on Friday sided with the White House in lifting a ban backed by a lower court that had frozen the administration's efforts to tap Pentagon funds for border wall construction.

The decision, which split the court's bench along ideological lines, allowed the administration to move ahead with plans to use some 2.5 billion US dollars in military funds to replace existing fencing in the states of California, Arizona and New Mexico.

President Donald Trump celebrated the ruling on Twitter, calling it a "big win." The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), which opposes the funding for the wall, vowed to keep fighting.—Xinhua ■



An aerial view of a stranded Indian train in a flooded area between Badlapur and Vangani following heavy monsoon rains. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Indian navy rescues hundreds stranded on train in floods

NEW DELHI—Indian navy helicopters and emergency service boats came to the rescue of more than 800 people stranded on a train in floods near Mumbai on July 27.

The Mahalaxmi Express left Mumbai late on July 26 for Kolhapur but got only 60 kilometres (37 miles) before it became stranded after a river burst its banks in torrential rain covering the tracks.

The train was stuck for several hours in Thane district before authorities called in the Indian navy and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) with helicopters, boats, and divers.

Indian Railways said more than 600 people were rescued within four hours of the operation starting. There were nine pregnant women among at least 800 passengers, an NDRF spokesman told AFP. Aerial im-

ages showed boats taking people wearing life jackets away from the stricken train, trapped in a sea of muddy brown water that covered surrounding fields.

Ambulances and at least 37 doctors were deployed to treat passengers, who were also given food and water, Indian Railways said. A company spokesman added that a “special relief train” would take people to their final destinations. —AFP ■

## Eight killed as quakes hit far northern Philippines

MANILA —Eight people were killed and dozens injured when a series of earthquakes struck islands in the far northern Philippines early Saturday, terrifying locals and sparking an urgent search of collapsed homes.

The tremors hit the province of Batanes, a group of sparsely populated islets north of the nation’s largest Luzon island, toppling buildings and leaving deep cracks in roads.

Panicked residents fled their houses and patients were wheeled from hospitals as a precaution as aftershocks rattled the scenic archipelago.

Rescue crews have begun searching for any survivors trapped in pancaked structures.

The biggest of the quakes -- of magnitude 5.4 and 5.9 -- struck within hours of each other, according to the US Geological Survey.

Many people were still asleep when the first tremor struck around 4:15 am (2015 GMT Friday), followed just under four hours later by a second, stronger jolt.

At least three aftershocks followed, putting locals on edge.

Mayor Raul de Sagon told AFP that eight people had been killed and around 60 others were

hurt. The extent of their injuries was not immediately clear.

Batanes is pounded every year by tropical cyclones and typhoons that blast through the Philippines and homes are built of stone to survive the annual onslaught.

“We always experience typhoons so houses here are made to withstand strong winds,” he said. “But we were not prepared for earthquakes such as this.”

Police sergeant Uzi Villa added that the timing of the quake meant many people were at home when the first tremor struck.

“We saw houses shaking. Some of the walls of the houses collapsed and fell on the victims,” he told AFP.

“Some people died because they were sleeping soundly since it was still early,” he added.

The Philippines is part of the Pacific “Ring of Fire”, an arc of intense seismic activity that stretches from quake-prone Japan through Southeast Asia and across the Pacific basin.

The country’s most recent deadly quake occurred in April when at least 11 people were killed and a supermarket collapsed in a 6.3-magnitude tremor that hit a region north of the capital Manila. —AFP ■

## Two dead in Korean nightclub balcony collapse at world swim meet

GWANGJU (South Korea)—Two people died and 16 were injured, including eight athletes taking part in swimming’s world championship, after a balcony collapsed under the weight of party-goers at a South Korean nightclub, local police said Saturday.

The balcony at the Coyote Ugly club close to the athletes’ village was a mangled wreck after it gave way and plummeted around five metres (16 feet) onto people below, sending terrified clubbers running to the exit screaming.

“An internal balcony collapsed at a club in Gwangju,

killing two,” said Song Gi-ju, a detective with the Gwangju Metropolitan Police Agency.

“We have a total of 16 injured and among them 10 are foreigners. Of the 10, eight are athletes participating in the championships.”

Song said the two dead were locals and not involved in the swimming championships, adding that police were investigating the possibility the balcony may have been illegally constructed.

The eight injured athletes include three Americans,

two New Zealanders, one Dutch, one Brazilian and one Italian. Police said earlier that among the Americans was a male diver and a female polo player.

“A structure collapsed all of a sudden with people standing on it. Screams filled the area with broken parts flying all over, said a 32-year-old who was injured in the collapse, according to South Korea’s Kukmin Ilbo.

“The site of the collapse was at the centre of the club where customers were most heavily located,” said the party-goer, surnamed Kim. —AFP ■

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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY. NO. (026 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28-07-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

Phone No: 2301185

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M.V GSS YANGON VOY. NO. (1105 S/N)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V GSS YANGON VOY. NO. (1105 S/N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28-07-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA  
SHIPPING

Phone No: 2301185

### CLAIM’S DAY NOTICE

M.V HONG DE

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V HONG DE VOY. NO. (1906) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28-07-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of T.M.I.T-1 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S ELDER TRIUMPHANT  
SHIPPING LINES PTE LTD

Phone No: 2301928



# Development in Yangon Bus Service and Bus stops



Passenger waiting for a bus at the Saint John bus-stop. PHOTO: ZAW MIN

**T**HE following event occurs several months ago. Daw Aye Myint had been at a bus stop for more than 45 minutes but wasn't able to board a bus yet. Although four or five buses that she wanted to board had arrived, the buses stopped at some distance from where she was at the long bus stop and she wasn't able to board any of it.

She was at a bus stop on Sule Pagoda Road between Sule Roundabout and a pedestrian bridge on the junction with Anawrahta Road.

Yangon Bus Service (YBS) 3, 28, 29, 87, 36, 78, 61 and 12 serve this bus stop. Buses from this bus stop connect to either Yangon eastern districts or northern districts. As buses of various routes came into the bus stop the bus she wanted to board stopped along the long bus stop either at the front, middle or at the end depending upon other buses arriving around the same time. Daw Aye Myint was walking back and forth along the bus stop whenever the bus she wants to board came

and was unable to board the first four or five buses that came by due to shifting location where the buses stop. This was the daily problem she encountered and as her age closes in to pension age, she was unable to catch a bus that stops a bit far from where she was and only made it at a fortunate moment when a bus she wanted to board stopped right near where she was. She'd been praying to be over with this misery for long. After close to two and a half years of YBS operation, her prayers were being answered.

### Different entry lanes to a bus stop where multiple bus numbers stop

Yangon Region Government in cooperation and support of JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) was striving toward development of bus transport system and to reduce traffic congestion in Yangon.

As part of this cooperation and support work a pilot project for buses to stop systematically at designated portion of a bus stop was being tried out at the bus stop

where Daw Aye Myint was facing difficulties daily.

Specific bus entry lanes and stops at a part of a bus stop designated for each bus number allow passengers to wait at an allocated place for the bus he/she wanted to board. This eliminates Daw Aye Myint's tedious daily affair of running along the long bus stop trying to board a bus. Even at peak rush hour the new system seems to be working out without much of a problem or inconvenience to both the buses and the passengers.

This system was also being tested in several bus stops where multiple bus lines stop. Especially in bus stops where there are about 350 buses stopping at a bus stop in an hour: Thingangyun Sanpya Bus Stop where 16 bus lines stop and a bus stop in front of Gamone Pwint Department Store on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township where 14 bus lines stop are such bus stops where this system was being tested out. Here too the system seems to be working out well for the buses and passengers with a



A queue of passengers waiting at the 56 bus line gate. PHOTO: TIN WIN LAY



PHOTO: ZAW MIN

further expectation of easing to a certain extent the traffic jam that usually occurs there.

### Bus stop with queue lines

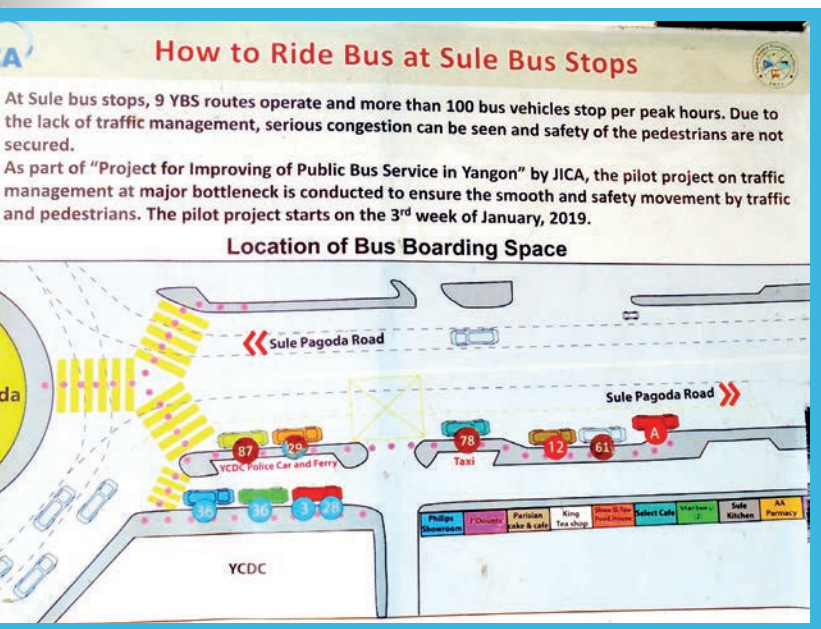
Another development is bus stop with passenger queue lines. Queue lines gave equal opportunity for passengers young or old to board a bus without the requirement to run or rush toward a bus. This system was being tried out successfully at YBS 56 bus stop in Thakin Mya Park.

As this system can be eas-

development or improvement will not come despite introduction of many methods and schemes. Enforcement might be required to force discipline by fines and penalties to drivers who were not disciplined.

### Modern buses and modern bus stops

The modern buses used by YBS were a great improvement for people taking public transport buses. As not all lines were covered by YBS, there were still



ily adopted in bus stops where only two to three bus lines stop, it can be implemented in many bus stops in Yangon. This will certainly improve and reduces the hassle of getting onto a bus faced by young and old alike.

### Rights of way for buses at exit and entry of bus stop

Designating rights of way for buses at exit and entry of bus stops tried out on Pyay Road Dadaphyu Bus Stop hopes to ease traffic congestion and road blockage at this bus stop. The car lane went around the bus stop allowing a bus to enter the bus stop and then rejoin the lane upon exit from the bus stop.

### Discipline of drivers and passengers and enforcement necessary

Despite these developments or improvement and many more to come, the bus drivers, passengers and other car drivers need to be disciplined. Passengers must not rush out onto the road forcing the bus to stop at the middle of the road. The buses also need to stop at designated place by the road side bus stop rather than the second lane or middle of the road so that the passengers can board or alight safely while the traffic is not blocked. Right of way must be provided to buses at the entries and exits of bus stops. If discipline was not maintained,

some lines run by old buses but this will be eventually phased out. Once the bus fare payment system can be migrated to smart card system, it will finally eliminate the problem of small change requirement of the passengers making it more convenient for the public.

An upgrade in a public transport system wouldn't be completed simply by putting in new buses and modifying bus routes. Modification or modernization of bus stops were also required and this was started with a French-Myanmar joint venture winning an exclusive 20-year contract to sell advertising spaces at modern bus stops constructed by the joint venture company. FMIDecaux — a joint venture between First Myanmar Investment Company (FMI) and JCDecaux, a worldwide outdoor advertising company based in France — signed a contract with Yangon City Development Committee in January 2018 to build 500 bus stops. These new bus stops feature an advertising displays and city information panels. Many were now built providing much needed conveniences to bus passengers and also showing the benefit of a well planned public private partnership. — GNLM Reference: "YBS bus stops that had become systematic" by Tin Win Lay (Kyimayindine)—Myanmar Alin 17 July 2019 issue

# Magway Govt. revs up regional development drive

By Kyaw Htike Soe



The bridge over the Mone Creek was formally opened by Magway Regional Chief Minister Dr. Aung Moe Nyo. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

**T**HE Bridge Construction Group-5 under the Ministry of Construction built a new bridge over the Yaw Creek in Ashae Kantwin Village, Seikphyu Township in Magway Region early this year. Locals from nearby areas used a wooden bridge in the past but it was completely damaged by two separate strong winds in 2010 and 2011, triggering a traffic delay for residents and travellers.

The local government gave a green light for construction of a new bridge crossing the Yaw Creek in the fiscal year 2017-2018 for the convenience of local people. The new bridge is of reinforced concrete type and is 900 ft. in length and 30 ft. wide. The bridge has a 3 ft. long pedestrian walkway on each side and can withstand up to 60 tons of weight. Construction of the bridge started on 5 June 2017 at a cost of Ks. 2,700 million funds from the Union Budget. The new bridge was commissioned into service. Residents from nearby areas can now use the new bridge in all seasons with greater ease, thereby contributing to socioeconomic development of the area.

The Bridge Construction Group-3 under the ministry also built a bridge over the Shwe Panpin Creek on the Taungwingyi-Natmauk Road in Myothit Township, Magway Region. The bridge was built with the regional government's funds in the fiscal year 2018-2019 and it is 180 ft. long, 24 ft. wide and has 3 ft. wide walkways on each side. The Department of Road began construction of the bridge's approach on 1 June and was opened to traffic on 10 June. The bridge was opened to pedestrians and vehicles with 60 tons of weight on 10 June, said U Nyein Chan, Senior Assistant Engineer from the Department of Road.

An inauguration ceremony of the Mone Bridge on the Minbu-Salin-Tanyaung Road has been held at the bridge in Pwintbyu Township, Magway Region recently. Construction of the reinforced concrete facility began on 21 May 2017 and was built by the Bridge Construction Group-5

under the Ministry of Construction. The bridge is 1300 ft. long, 24 ft. wide and has a 3 ft. wide walkway on each side of the bridge and it can withstand up to 60 tons of weight.

The Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation carried out water supply tasks in 123 villages in Magway Region where local people suffer from water scarcity. "Magway Region is located in arid zone of Myanmar and local people in these areas face water shortage almost every year due to extreme hot weather. The DRD has been undertaking 74 deep tube wells, 3 shallow tube wells, 2 manual wells, 6 earthen ponds, 5 fetching water systems and 33 other water supply tasks in the region by spending Ks. 2360.604 million since December 2018.

All projects have been 100 percent finished, said U Myo Aung, an official from the DRD. The DRD is prioritizing the availability of clean water in rural areas. The regional lawmakers and the township management committee chose the villages where residents can face water shortage on a prioritized basis. The department cooperates with NGOs, INGOs and donors and is also making arrangements to distribute water to people who may face water scarcity due to extreme hot weather. People in water scarcity-affected areas can ask for help from the DRD by phone any time, he added.

The DRD also constructed a rural power line from the National Grid has in Myaung Village, Mindon Township in Magway Region. The power line was built by the DRD under its fourth phase of the community-centered project. 21 concrete poles were erected to transmit electricity via the National Grid by spending Ks. 11.772 million funded by the World Bank. In addition, electricity supply tasks are being undertaken in the township with the financial assistance from the project and cash donated by local people, said an official from the DRD.



Shwe Panpin Bridge was built with the use of heavy machinery. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

## Myanmar faces scoreless draw with Singapore in AFF U-15 tourney

MYANMAR U-15 national football team played to a 0-0 draw against Singapore's U-15 team in the AFF U-15 Boys' Championship 2019, which was held in Chonburi, Thailand yesterday.

Both teams used their main players, including not only local stars but also skillful expatriate footballers in last night's match. The Myanmar team was headed by head coach Tosten Frank Spittler.

Myanmar lined up with goal keeper Htet Arkar Win, Htoo Myat Khant, Wai Yan Lin Thu, Lat Wai Phone, Kaung Khant, Kaung Htet Paing, Captain Htet Myat Lwin, Than Toe Aung, Wai Phone Myint Kyaw, Sai Sai Enn Htoo and Hein Htet Zaw Min.

The semifinalists in the 2018 AFF U-15 tourney, Myanmar dominated the match, but the systematic defense line of



Myanmar's Than Toe Aung (red) kicks the ball towards Singapore players (blue) during the group A match of the AFF U-15 Championship in Chonburi, Thailand. **PHOTO: MFF**

the Singapore team presented difficulties to Myanmar's strikers having clear passes and chances for goals.

Even at the nine minute mark, Myanmar had a chance for a goal, while Captain Myat Lwin passed many Sin-

gapore defenders and strongly kicked the ball towards the goal, but the ball was saved by the Singapore goalie.

The first half ended to a scoreless draw. In the second half, both teams changed tactics in an effort to get on the scoreboard. Myanmar made repeated efforts to score from the beginning of the half.

But the efforts of Myanmar's strikers were for naught, as Singapore's defenders and midfielders were too strong, making it difficult to pass the ball in the goal area. Myanmar missed their best chance at the 82 minute mark, while Myanmar had a free kick by Captain Htet Myat Lwin, though the ball went slightly up to the goal bar, missing the goal.

There were no more goals seen till the final whistle, as the match ended 0-0. The 0-0 result gives each team one point in the standings in Group A competition in the tourney.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

## Myanmar men's football team moved up in FIFA ranking

THE Myanmar national men's football team moved up three places to 135<sup>th</sup> in the FIFA men's ranking, according to a statement by FIFA on 25 July 2019.

Currently, Myanmar moved from 132 to 135 in the FIFA ranking, garnering 1084 points.

Myanmar now stands in the fifth place of the FIFA ranking among ASEAN nations.

In the top rank, Australia

has 1436 points and is placed 46<sup>th</sup>.

In second place, Viet Nam is 97<sup>th</sup> with 1232 points.

In the meantime, the Thailand team stands in third place in the 126 FIFA ranking with 1165 points.

The Philippines team is in the fourth position and ranked 126 with 1131 points.

Following Myanmar, the Malaysia team stands in sixth place among ASEAN nations

in the 159<sup>th</sup> ranking.

Meanwhile, Indonesia stands in seventh place and is ranked 160.

The Singapore team is in eighth place and ranked 162, while Cambodia in ninth place and ranked 170.

Laos sits in tenth place and is ranked 188, and Brunei is in eleventh place and ranked 192.

Timor Leste is in twelfth place with a 201 FIFA ranking.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

## Real Madrid confirm loans for Vallejo and Sanchez

MADRID — Real Madrid on Saturday made the loan of central defender Jesus Vallejo to Wolverhampton Wanderers official.

The 22-year-old will spend the coming season at the Premier League club, after the arrival of Eder Militao from Porto earlier this summer meant it would be even harder for him to get first team opportunities at the Santiago Bernabeu.

Vallejo has impressed when he has played, but injuries have limited his first-team opportunities to just 12 appearances in La Liga, as well as a handful of outings in the Copa del Rey.

“Real Madrid C.F. and Wolverhampton Wanderers FC

have reached an agreement over the loan of Jesus Vallejo for the forthcoming season in a deal running until 30 June 2020,” confirmed a statement on Real Madrid's website.

The club has also loaned 22-year-old defender Javi Sanchez to Real Valladolid. Last season saw Sanchez, who has been at Real Madrid for 14 years, make one league appearance for the club, as well as being a fixture in the club's B-team, Castilla.

Meanwhile, Madrid are also thought to be close to an agreement which would see striker Borja Mayoral return to Levante for another season on loan.—Xinhua ■

## Triple-jump king Taylor dreams of Tokyo record

DES MOINES (United States) — Triple jump king Christian Taylor believes the venue of next year's Olympics in Tokyo could inspire him to finally overhaul Jonathan Edwards' 24-year-old world record.

Taylor, 29, has dominated his event for much of the past decade, winning Olympic gold medals in 2012 and 2016 and World Championship crowns in 2011, 2015 and 2017.

But despite numerous attempts, Taylor has so far failed to surpass British jumper Edwards' world mark of 18.29m set at the 1995 World Championships

in Gothenburg.

Taylor admits that pursuit of the record, after a career in which he has won everything there is to win multiple times, is his last remaining goal. “It's why I'm in the sport,” Taylor told AFP. “I love track and field, but (the record) is the reason why I'm still competing.

“It's the only thing I have left.” Taylor has gone close to the record on several occasions, with his personal best a leap of 18.21m at the 2015 World Championships in Beijing.

However, the Vienna-based Taylor hopes that the crowd

energy in Tokyo next year can help him find the extra few inches needed to better the record, just as it inspired Mike Powell to break Bob Beamon's long-standing long-jump record at the 1991 World Championships. Twenty-eight years later, Powell's mammoth leap of 8.95m has never been bettered.

“Tokyo is clearly a place to jump,” Taylor said. “If I were to get the record at the Olympic Games, it would be the icing on the cake of my career. I definitely think the crowd energy is going to be there. I've just got to make sure I do my part.”—AFP ■



Real Madrid defender Jesus Vallejo (right). **PHOTO: AFP**

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# Why Students Should Have Ambitions



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**I**N the Oxford Advanced Learner's dictionary, "ambition" is defined as something which you want to do or achieve very much. In my opinion, it means a strong desire to achieve success, accomplishment and wealth. So, everyone should have an ambition to show that they have the best qualities. Students are more important than any other people because it is said that students of today are the leaders of tomorrow. Both the development and the future of a country depend on its students. Therefore, students should have ambitions not only for them but also for the country.

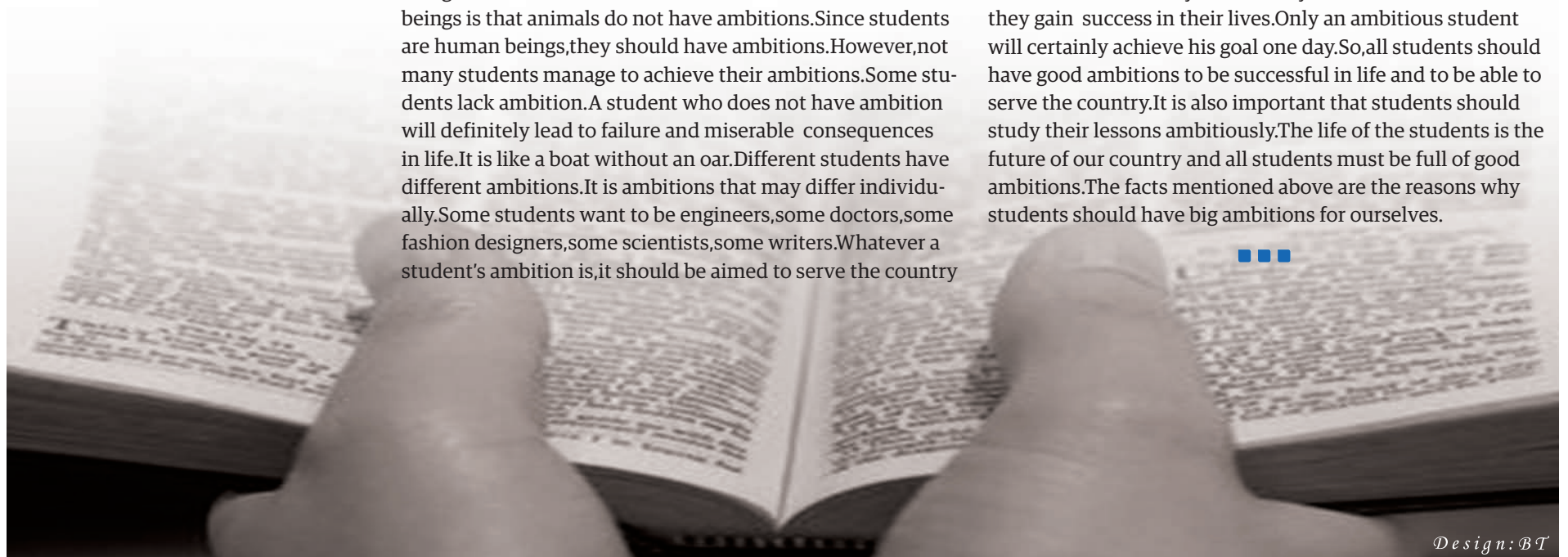
Not all living things have ambitions. They can be divided into three groups. They are animals, plants and human beings. One of the differences between animals and human beings is that animals do not have ambitions. Since students are human beings, they should have ambitions. However, not many students manage to achieve their ambitions. Some students lack ambition. A student who does not have ambition will definitely lead to failure and miserable consequences in life. It is like a boat without an oar. Different students have different ambitions. It is ambitions that may differ individually. Some students want to be engineers, some doctors, some fashion designers, some scientists, some writers. Whatever a student's ambition is, it should be aimed to serve the country

effectively.

There is no one who does not want to fulfil his ambition successfully. There are several duties that a good student has to carry out not only to achieve his goal but also to fulfil his ambition.

The most important duty to fulfil it is to attend classes regularly. Listening to the teachers' explanation thoroughly and doing the exercises carefully make the students easy to fulfil their ambitions.

Therefore, it is really important for all students to attend their classes regularly. The next good way to fulfil their ambitions is to spend the time usefully and systematically. Time is precious and it can neither be replaced, borrowed nor bought. So, students should try not to delay their work in order that they gain success in their lives. Only an ambitious student will certainly achieve his goal one day. So, all students should have good ambitions to be successful in life and to be able to serve the country. It is also important that students should study their lessons ambitiously. The life of the students is the future of our country and all students must be full of good ambitions. The facts mentioned above are the reasons why students should have big ambitions for ourselves.







By C. T. O

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

- 6. He told the girl that he hoped that she would get admitted to the Institute of Economics.
7. She requested Ko Ko to let her use his dictionary.
8. He told the girls not to make a lot of noises.
9. I told him to take that medicine regularly.
10. The captain ordered the soldiers not to go anywhere.
11. She requested me not to leave her alone.
12. The girl told her mother to give her a cup of milk.
13. He asked Ko Ko if he was interested in football.
14. The doctor asked her if she wanted to drink milk.
15. She asked him if he had forgotten what she had told him.
16. The manager asked her if she would come there again the next day.
17. He asked the headmistress if it was necessary to learn that passage by heart.
18. She asked Nyi Nyi if he had found the key that he had lost the day before.
19. He asked his wife where his new jacket was.
20. She asked him how long he had been reading in that school.
21. He asked me what it was that I wanted.
22. He asked mother when she would go to Maymyo.
23. I asked him who would look after the children while he was away.
24. The policeman asked the driver why he had not slowed down the car.
25. She exclaimed that the curry was very salty.
26. He exclaimed that the fruit was very sour.
27. Ma Ma exclaimed that the morning was very cool.

- 28. She exclaimed that it was a very lovely doll.
29. He exclaimed that it was a very funny story.
30. She exclaimed that it was a very fine car.
Verb Form လေ့ကျင့်ခန်းဆက်လုပ်ပါ
1. Nyi Nyi said that he (be) a seaman.
2. She said that she (not know) how to cook.
3. Ko Ko told her that he (be) to many European countries.
4. She told me that she (already have) her dinner.
5. The boy told his elder sister that he (play) with the kittens then.
6. Ma Ma told him that she (return) his notes the next day.
7. He told me that he (work) hard at his studies since the beginning of the year.
8. She asked me if I (need) any help.
9. He asked her whether she (attend) the special class on coming Sunday.
10. I asked him where he (live).
11. She asked him why he (be) absent from school for three days.
12. He asked Ma Ma why she (cry) then.
13. Our teacher said that the earth (go) round the sun.
14. He told me that he (kill) if I had not brought the police.
15. She said that she (be) very busy then.

Answers

- 1. Nyi Nyi said that he was a seaman.
2. She said that she did not know how to cook.
3. Ko Ko told her that he had been to many European countries.
4. She told me that she had already had her dinner.
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(A) Some & Any

- 1. Ma Ma wants some sugar. Does Ma Ma want any sugar?
2. He found something in the old house. Did he find anything in the old house?
3. Nyi Nyi took someone to the cinema. Did Nyi Nyi take anyone to the cinema?
Change the following into interrogative and negative forms:—အောက်ပါတို့ကို အမေးဝါကျနှင့် အငြင်းဝါကျအဖြစ်သို့ ပြောင်းပါ။

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- 1. Mother needs some more rice.
2. She bought some novels yesterday.
3. He met somebody at the station.
4. They go somewhere every summer.

Answers

- 1. Does Mother need any more rice? Mother does not need any more rice.
2. Did she buy any novels yesterday? She did not buy any novels yesterday.
3. Did he meet anybody at the station? He did not meet anybody at the station.
4. Do they go anywhere every summer? They do not go anywhere every summer.

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)



# Their Names Live On!

PHOTO: AFP



By Sandy Derek  
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**H**ARK! The ringing of the sirens comes to pass. Honor! Our great general and the eight fallen comrades! For a minute at 10:37 a.m. on July 19, people of the nation, regardless of race and religion, creed and color, come together to stand still in the moment of silence and pay respects to the nine martyrs.

The nineteenth of July has never been an ordinary day. Really, it is a grand day of commemoration. Assuredly, in the hearts of the citizens of Myanmar, the tragic events that took place on that fateful day of 1947 will forever be engraved.

It was a day of gloom. It was a day of sorrow. Grey clouds of grief loomed over the whole of the nation as soon as its citizens caught wind of the appalling news. The nation's people wept and mourned for their loss. Alas! No tears could bring the departed back to life.

The assassination of General Aung San and eight comrades—Thakin Mya, Dedoke U Ba Cho, Abdul Razak, U Ba Win, Mahn Ba Khaing, Sao San Tun, Ohn Maung, and Ko Htwe—shocked the entire nation. A group of armed men in uniform had gunned them down as they were holding a cabinet meeting at the Secretariat. It was not a tale so easy to accept. They were some greatest fighters of independence for colonial Myanmar after all. The country still under the British colonial rule was indefinitely thrown into a state of turmoil

and chaos.

When the man behind the scenes was finally revealed, the public was angered by the betrayal of their own kind. All had been planned by a rival political group that colluded with the British as it became tempted by power and authority. The alleged mastermind turned out to be Galon U Saw.

Myanmar was only to see the light of bright days six months later when it was granted its hard-fought independence on the fourth of January in 1948. It goes without saying that the efforts and ambitions of the independence leaders had paid off and come to fruition. Ultimately, 19 July was also designated a public holiday known as Martyrs' Day.

Still, one is sure to make a fatal mistake if one thinks that all it demanded was a sacrificed life to be recognized as a martyr. Rather, isn't it solely true patriotism, selfless endeavors and love for his country that have given rise to one?

It has been seventy-two years that people of Burma have observed this holiday. Customarily, on Martyrs' Day, high-ranking government officials visit the Martyrs' Mausoleum to pay tributes and lay wreaths. The entire ceremony would be broadcast nationwide.

As I pay my respects to these heroes, I could feel burning pride and awe, instinctively accompanied by an inexplicable sense of loss. Indeed, though these martyrs have already passed on, yet their names for aye live on!



PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR



Bogyoke Aung San Museum in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR



Secretariat Building welcomes the public on Martyrs' Day. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

**W**ITH climate change impacting the world, including Myanmar, the planet is facing depletion of its natural resources, deforestation, ecosystem degradation, reduction in biodiversity, scarcity of water resources, and water and air pollution.

Of the environmental issues experienced at the international level, pollution by plastic waste is one of the major problems, and it has to be addressed throughout the world.

The Ayeyarwady River is suffering from extreme plastic pollution according to a new study by Fauna & Flora International and Thant Myanmar, a nonprofit organisation fighting plastic pollution in Myanmar.

Water samples along the river from Mandalay to Pyay taken by experts found that 119 tons of plastic waste is entering the river every day. The most polluting area is the Delta Region, which is responsible for around 32 tons per day, followed by Yangon where approximately 29 tons of plastic waste enters the river per day.

These findings were discussed by experts and policy makers in Nay Pyi Taw at a workshop on the 9th of July.

Keynote speaker, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Dr. Ye Myint Swe, who opened the workshop titled "Plastic pollution in Myanmar: Focus on the Ayeyarwady River", said plastic pollution was damaging the beauty of Myanmar and affecting people's health.

At the World Environment Day 2018 in Nay Pyi Taw with the theme "Beat Plastic Pollution", President U Win Myint called for policy changes in order to adopt good practices that help reduce the use of single-use plastic, encourage the use of alternative products and materials and discourage littering.

#### Microplastics study

A related study conducted by the Fridtjof Nansen research vessel found that Myanmar's coastlines are also heavily polluted by microplastics – small pieces of plastic that break off from larger plastic items over time.

The researchers found that the ocean surrounding Myanmar – especially in the Bay of Bengal – is heavily polluted with contamination rates



PHOTO: Aung Thant Khine

# Plastic crisis in Myanmar:

## New survey reveals 119 tons of plastic enter Ayeyarwady River every day

By Nat Ye Hla

PHOTO: Phoe Khwar



PHOTO: Aung Thant Khine

on Myanmar's coasts reaching up to 28,000 micro plastic particles per square kilometer, which is 8,000 more micro plastic particles per square kilometer than off India's coasts.

"The crisis is pressing but solutions exist," said Friedor Jeske of Thant Myanmar and one of the key researchers behind the study presented in Nay Pyi Taw. "It is up to all of us; policy makers, producers and civil society, to find the right solutions for Myanmar, put them into action and make sure we stop the plastic pollution before it gets worse."

The workshop successfully stimulated and contributed to the



PHOTO: Aung Thant Khine

general debate on how to tackle the urgent plastic pollution issue Myanmar is facing.

"We know the plastic pollution crisis is a global crisis but this is the first time we have quantified Myanmar's contribution to this crisis. We must work with policy makers to find solutions that tackle plastic pollution at its source so we can stop this pollution damaging our coastal ecosystems," said U Zau Lunn of Fauna & Flora International.

At the workshop, large scale producers of plastic packaging such as Nestlé, Unilever and Coca-Cola gathered to form an industry-led movement to step up the recycling of plastic. This initiative can be supported by policy makers by requiring producers to use recycled plastic in their products. Reducing packaging was another option discussed with these companies. The Environmental Conservation Department is currently in the process of drafting their "Master Plan for Solid Waste Management".

Myanmar authorities has called for using recycled waste products, a system practised by most of the developing and developed countries, to help the country achieve its goal of sustainable development.

Meanwhile, environmentalists called for ensuring systematic waste management based on technology and resources by using good international practices and undertaking systematic waste collection, as well as disposing of waste through effective ways.

According to the UN Environment research for plastic pollution, some 500 billion plastic bags are being used every year globally, of which 50 per cent are single-use plastic bags. Some 10 per cent of all the waste disposed of each day is plastic waste, while 8 million tonnes of plastic waste enters the sea annually.

Local NGOs and environmentalists conducted campaigns in Myanmar occasionally to raise awareness about plastic pollution and to make efforts to eradicate plastic pollution, and reduce the production and usage of disposable plastic goods due to their negative effects and threats to marine pollution, aquatic life and human health.

If we fail to control this plastic waste, the amount of plastic in the sea is estimated to surpass the fish population by 2050. These findings must be taken into account by all countries, because plastic waste pollution in the sea and damage of marine life threatens an important food source and impacts human health. — GNLM



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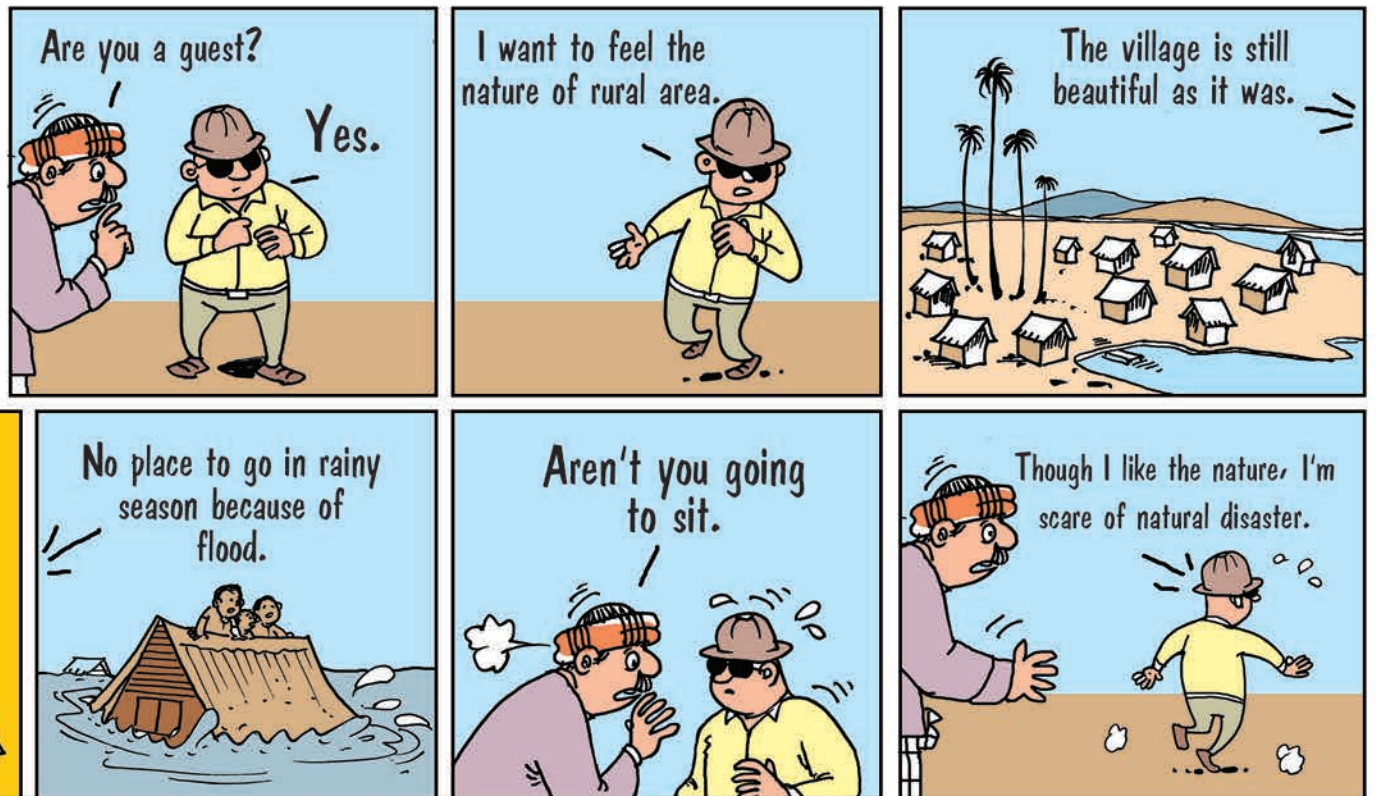
The most polluting area is the Delta Region, which is responsible for around 32 tons per day, followed by Yangon where approximately 29 tons of plastic waste enters the river per day.

# SUNDAY COMICS



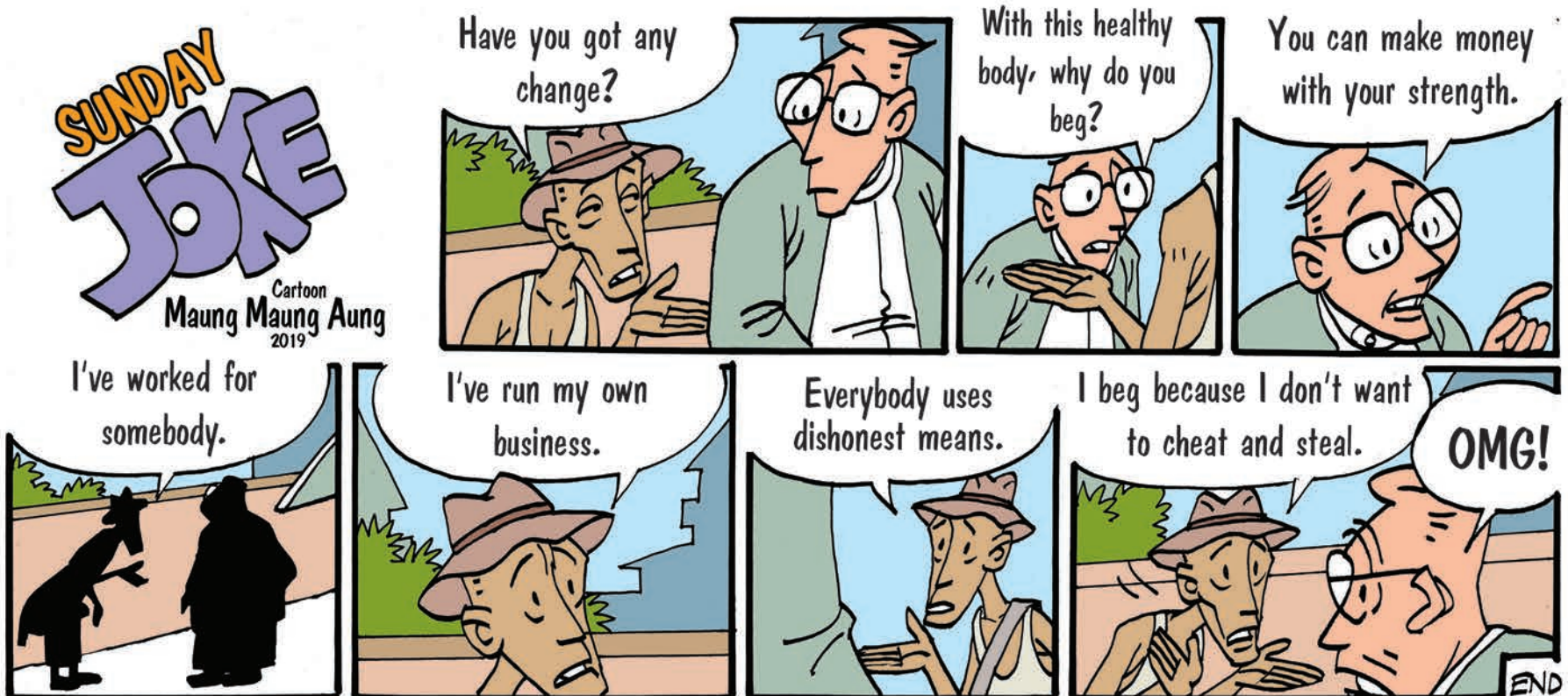
## PEOPLE WILL BE PEOPLE

Cartoon  
Maung Shwe Win



## SUNDAY JOKE

Cartoon  
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# What do precious stones say?

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**P**RECIOUS stones are one of the most valuable national treasures which seem adorable with their unique colors and symbols. People cherish them as it is normally believed that these gemstones can bring luck, courage, protection, and love to the wearers.

The gemstones are of different symbols. For instance, the red ruby symbolizes “courage, life force”, pearl which is known as “the gem of the moon” refers to “self-care, healing”, jade means “purity, harmony, balance”, and gold has the meaning “prosperity, glamour” etc. In fact, gem stones are the gift of nature.

In our motherland, Jade from Kachin State, Ruby and sapphire from Mogok area, Pearl from Myeik Archipelago, Gold from Yamaethin in Mandalay Region, Kalaw in Shan State, the regions near Ayeyarwaddy river meet international standard and have the quality to penetrate the international market. Precious stones are in fact, a great way that can earn a lot of foreign money. These precious gemstones have diverse sources, some are found as a big rock, some as flakes on river banks, some are produced in the oysters. Nevertheless, these gemstones are of great value as the way they appear. However, the more these gemstones can produce a lot of money, the more the opportunists and businessmen cast covetous eyes on them. I am sure that the gemstones which originate in Myanmar would wish only for the benefit of Myanmar citizens, but not to ruin their lives and to damage the environment and the land as over digging the jade mines, the gold mines have negative effects on Myanmar citizen’s lives, Myanmar land.

Another fact is Myanmar precious gemstones, though they are produced from a big rock, oysters, etc, the place of their birth is Myanmar’s land, territory as this Myanmar proverb highlighted (The root of a plant may be tracked down to the soil). Everybody knows that today, Myanmar citizens can be proud of our motherland as the land of natural resources because our martyrs attempted relentlessly to make Myanmar a sovereign country. Their bloods, their sweat, their efforts, their courage are embedded in this motherland. Because of their gratitude, these gemstones become our property at all.

In sum, if we dig out the meanings of “gemstones in Myanmar”, there may be the things they highlight. They are different in shape, different in hue, different in the place they are dug out, different in size, however, they are the same in the territory they exist, they are the same in making our nation proud, they are the same in making every individual feel safe, lucky, secure. It is the way that they pay gratitude to the motherland they exist. The thing I would like to point out is that we, Myanmar citizens, living in different parts of Myanmar, worshipping different religions, having different languages, if we find out the common one we belong to the sovereign country “Myanmar” which becomes our own through the blood stains of heroic Bogyoke Aung San and many ethnic leaders. Thus, it is our national duty to be united in defending this sovereignty, and fight the threat of the opportunists inside the border and outside the border of our nation to manipulate our huge natural resources, belongings.



# The colour of outer space

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**T**HE colour of outer space is mingled with the vapour of rain backed by the black massive clouds.

The girl has got to the wide fields under the drops of heavy rain. She has left school due to her all-round situations in life. She feels very sorry for it and so do her teachers and her friends. Her mother is heart-broken for her daughter. However, she cannot afford to resist the tortures of the way of the mundane world. As her father has recently passed away, the situations of her life becomes upside down. However, this girl is really required to keep the family stable in house whole expenses of food, clothing and shelter. She is going to start smiling among the paddy plants soon. She is going to be happy in putting hands to collect the land crabs from the holes. There will be an increase in number of female farmers who are the real benefactors.

Oh! Dear readers...

I would like to ask you a query. Are you learning in Grade X? Are you in one of the classrooms in a University? Is it enjoyable in attending the certain classes? Do you go well with your teachers and classmates? Are you annoyed in the subject which makes you confused? Don't you like the major you have to take? Are your parents encouraged you?

Are you in the situation in which you have to attend the class as a part-time student as you are one of the stuffs of a company? There will be those who are OK in everything. Otherwise, there might be those who are not convenient in one condition or the others. Nevertheless, it will be really enjoyable and heartily satisfactory with just a condition in which you have a chance of being in a classroom and going on your respective studies. Then, you have an opportunity to hoist a flag of success in your new sky of tomorrow. Moreover, you are able to afford to construct everything especially including your dream.

The girl becomes skillful in transplanting paddy and pulling out the rice seedlings. She is able to keep her mother's kitchen very well. She is the clever and valuable daughter at the moment. However, in her leisure, she seldom pulls out the old text books when she was in G IV. She often attentively listens to the faint sound of the school bell, which drifts from far away village while she is in the paddy fields. She still visualizes her school life, not vividly seen, which was a few years ago. There is a slight yearning in her bosom which does not mean whenever it rains heavily.

The colour of outer space will be what you are going to guess yourselves.

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## INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SCHEDULE



YANGON TO BANGKOK				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
PG706	5:50	8:10	Daily	
8M335	7:40	9:25	Daily	
UB-019	7:45	9:40	Daily	
TG2304	9:50	11:45	Daily	
PG702	10:30	12:30	Daily	
TG2302	11:30	13:25	3,4,5,7	
PG708	15:20	17:20	Daily	
8M331	16:30	18:15	Daily	
UB-017	17:25	19:20	Daily	
PG704	18:20	20:20	Daily	
TG306	19:45	21:40	Daily	

YANGON TO DON MUEANG				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
DD4231	8:05	9:50	Daily	
FD252	8:30	10:15	Daily	
SL201	9:25	11:15	Daily	
FD254	17:30	19:15	Daily	
FD258	19:25	21:15	Daily	
SL207	20:45	22:45	Daily	
DD4239	21:00	22:45	Daily	

YANGON TO GUANGZHOU				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
8M711	8:40	13:15	2,4,5,7	
CZ3056	11:25	15:55	3,6	
CZ8472	17:30	22:00	1,5	

YANGON TO SINGAPORE				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
UB001	7:30	12:00	Daily	
8M231	8:20	12:50	Daily	
SQ997	10:35	15:10	Daily	
3K582	11:15	15:50	1,3,4,5,7	
UB003	16:15	20:45	Daily	
MI519	17:35	22:10	1,2,3,4	
SQ995	17:35	22:10	5,6,7	
MI521	18:30	22:55	3,4	
3K584	19:15	23:50	1,2,5,6,7	

YANGON TO HONG KONG				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
KA251	1:05	5:25	1,2,3,4,6,7	
UB8027	7:25	12:05	3,5,7	
KA275	17:20	21:45	5	

BANGKOK TO YANGON				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
TG2303	7:55	8:50	Daily	
PG701	8:50	9:40	Daily	
TG2301	9:35	10:30	3,4,5,7	
8M336	10:40	11:25	Daily	
UB020	11:00	11:55	1,3,5,6,7	
PG707	13:45	14:45	Daily	
PG703	16:45	17:35	Daily	
TG305	17:50	18:45	Daily	
8M332	19:15	20:00	Daily	
PG705	20:40	22:00	Daily	
UB018	20:20	21:15	Daily	

DON MUEANG TO YANGON				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
DD4230	6:20	7:05	Daily	
FD251	7:15	8:00	Daily	
SL200	7:35	8:25	Daily	
FD253	16:10	17:00	Daily	
FD257	18:05	18:55	Daily	
SL206	18:55	19:45	Daily	
DD4238	19:30	20:15	Daily	

GUANGZHOU TO YANGON				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
CZ3055	8:30	10:20	3,6	
8M712	14:15	15:50	2,4,5,7	
CZ8471	14:40	16:30	1,5	

SINGAPORE TO YANGON				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
SQ998	7:55	09:20	Daily	
3K581	8:55	10:25	1,2,5,6,7	
UB002	13:15	14:45	Daily	
8M232	13:50	15:20	Daily	
MI518	15:15	16:40	1,2,3,4	
SQ996	15:15	16:40	5,6,7	
MI520	16:10	17:35	3,4	
3K583	16:55	18:35	1,3,4,5,7	
UB004	21:45	23:15	Daily	

HONG KONG TO YANGON				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
UB8028	13:05	14:50	3,5,7	
KA250	21:50	23:45	1,2,3,5,6,7	
KA252	22:20	00:10+1	4	

YANGON TO KUALA LUMPUR				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
AK505	8:25	12:40	Daily	
MH741	11:30	15:50	Daily	
OD551	12:25	16:45	1,4,7	
MH743	16:15	20:30	1,4,6,7	
OD553	23:55	4:20+1	2,3,5,6	

YANGON TO SEOUL INCHEON				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
KE472	23:30	7:15	Daily	

YANGON TO TAIPEI				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
CI7916	10:45	16:20	1,2,3,4,6	

YANGON TO KUNMING				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
CA416	12:15	15:45	Daily	
MU2012	13:10	20:05	3	
MU2032	16:00	19:50	Daily	

YANGON TO BEIJING				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
CA906	23:50	5:50+1	1,3,5,7	

YANGON TO HANOI				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
VN956	15:25	17:55	Daily	
VJ918	18:55	21:20	Daily	

YANGON TO HO CHI MINH				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
VN942	13:00	14:25	1,3,4,5,7	

YANGON TO TOKYO				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
NH814	21:45	6:50+1	Daily	

YANGON TO DOHA				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
QR919	7:40	11:55	1,3,4,6,7	

YANGON TO CHIANG MAI				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
PG724	13:10	15:05	Daily	

KUALA LUMPUR TO YANGON				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
AK504	6:45	7:55	Daily	
MH740	9:10	10:25	Daily	
OD550	10:15	11:30	1,4,7	
MH742	13:55	15:05	1,4,6,7	
OD552	21:45	22:55	2,3,5,6	

SEOUL INCHEON TO YANGON				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
KE471	18:15	22:10	Daily	

TAIPEI TO YANGON				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
CI7915	7:00	9:50	1,2,3,4,6	

KUNMING TO YANGON				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
MU2011	8:20	12:10	3,7	
CA415	10:45	11:15	Daily	
MU2031	14:30	15:10	Daily	

BEIJING TO YANGON				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
CA905	19:30	22:50	1,3,5,7	

HANOI TO YANGON				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
VN957	15:25	17:55	Daily	
VJ917	16:30	17:55	Daily	

HO CHI MINH TO YANGON				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
VN943	9:30	11:05	1,3,4,5,7	

TOKYO TO YANGON				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
NH813	11:15	16:05	Daily	

DOHA TO YANGON				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
QR918	20:00	5:30	2,3,5,6,7	

CHIANG MAI TO YANGON				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
PG723	10:40	12:35	Daily	

YANGON TO SHANGHAI				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
MU2099	22:15	1:35+1	2,4,6	

YANGON TO DHAKA				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
BG061	14:15	16:00	1,3,6	

YANGON TO DUBAI				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
EK389	2:20	5:40	5,7	

MANDALAY TO BANGKOK				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
PG710	14:05	16:30	Daily	
PG714	19:10	21:35	1,3,5,7	

MANDALAY TO DON MUEANG				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
FD245	12:45	15:00	Daily	

MANDALAY TO KUNMING				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
MU2568	10:20	13:25	1,3,5,7	
MU2030	16:10	19:25	Daily	

NAY PYI TAW TO BANGKOK				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
PG722	19:35	22:30	1,2,3,4,5,7	

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AK = Air Asia	NH = All Nippon Airways			
BG = Biman Bangladesh Airlines	PG = Bangkok Airways			
CA = Air China	QR = Qatar Airways			
CI = China Airlines	SL = Thai Lion Air			
CZ = China Southern	SQ = Singapore Airways			
DD = Nok Airline	TG = Thai Airways			
FD = Air Asia	TR = Tiger Airlines			
KA = Dragonair	UB = Myanmar National Airlines			
KE = Korea Airlines	VN = Vietnam Airlines			

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