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President U Win Myint gives policy guidance to Myanmar Ambassadors to PRC, Japan



President U Win Myint gives policy guidance to Ambassadors U Myo Thant Pe and U Myint Thu at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on 20 August 2019. **PHOTO: MNA**

PRESIDENT U Win Myint of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar gave policy guidance to U Myo Thant Pe, appointed as Myanmar Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, and

U Myint Thu, appointed as Myanmar Ambassador to Japan, in his office at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning. — MNA (Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung) ■

Myanmar-Japan-US tripartite forum invites responsible investments



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi addresses the Myanmar-Japan-US Forum on Fostering Responsible Investment in Yangon on 20 August 2019. **PHOTO: THET AUNG**

AFORUM to discuss fostering responsible investment took place at Novotel Yangon Max Hotel in Yangon yesterday morning.

The Myanmar-Japan-US Forum on Fostering Responsible Investment was jointly organized by the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, the Japanese Embassy in Myanmar, the US Embassy in Myanmar, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the American Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar, the Japan External Trade Organization, the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the US Commercial Service in Myanmar.

The forum was aimed to inform the economic and investment reform moves of the country, the advantages for investments benefitted from the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP)

and the Myanmar Investment Promotion Plan (MIPP), and to invite responsible investment into the country.

According to the figures of Directorate of Investment and Company Administration, the investments from Japan and the United States to Myanmar have amounted to US\$1.2 billion and \$432.796 million respectively up to the end of July this year.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivered a keynote speech at the forum, saying that Myanmar economy has expanded, with GDP rising from US\$8.9 billion in the year 2000 to over \$71 billion in 2018. This has placed Myanmar amongst ASEAN's fastest-growing economies.

She also said that structural changes enabled by greater levels of foreign investment have seen the emergence of a new breed of vibrant companies and many of the larger, more established firms have come in from the cold.

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Gote Twin bridge: Traffic returns to normal as temporary bridge opens

WITH the opening of the temporary Bailey bridge, built to replace the Gote Twin Bridge on the Mandalay-Lashio-Muse Union Road, traffic returned to normal from 1 pm yesterday.

The Ministry of Construction built the Bailey bridge in five days after the Gote Twin Bridge was blown up by armed groups on 15 August.

The triple truss, single storey, two-

laned Bailey bridge measures 210 feet in length.

After the opening of the bridge, the authorities found two mines near the bridge and cleared them.

While the two mines were detonated, traffic was suspended, and vehicles were allowed back on the bridge from 5:30 pm — Khayan Soe Myint

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Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 13th regular session holds 12th-day meeting

THE 12th-day meeting of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 13th regular session was held at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. At the meeting questions raised by Hluttaw representatives were answered and a bill on animal health and livestock industry development was approved.

Plan to supply electricity to Pa Lon Htwee and villages nearby

U Ne Lin Aung of Mindat constituency first raised a question on a plan to construct a 33/11KV 3 MVA sub-station in Pa Lon Htwee Village to supply electricity to Pa Lon Htwee and villages nearby. Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr Tun Naing replied that 33 KV Mindat-Pa Lon Htwee power line survey and construction of a 33/11KV 5 MVA sub-station in Pa Lon Htwee village will be conducted in fiscal year 2019-2020 with Union fund to provide electricity to Pa Lon Htwee and nearby villages that were on the northern and northeast part of Mindat Township. There was also a plan to construct a 66/33



Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr Tun Naing. **PHOTO: MNA**

KV 5 MVA sub-station in Mindat and to lay a 22.5 miles long Mindat-Pa Lon Htwee power line in fiscal year 2020-2021 with Union fund, added the Deputy Minister.

Pardon and amnesty difference and policy on Presidential Pardon of 9 May 2019

U Nyan Tun of Zigon constituency raised a question on difference between pardon and amnesty and explanation on assessment policy behind the Presidential Pardon of 9 May 2019. Deputy Minister for Home



MP U Ne Lin Aung. **PHOTO: MNA**

Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Thu explained that the Presidential Pardon was granted in accordance with the 2008 Constitution and Criminal Law.

Pardons and amnesties were symbol of the country's stability as well as an act of merit on special days. According to the 2008 Constitution, it can be granted by the President with the support of National Defence and Security Council, said the Deputy Minister.

The detailed policy for pardons and amnesties were kept as secret for the country's stability but the pardons and am-



Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Thu. **PHOTO: MNA**

nesties were granted according to the Constitution and Criminal Law, said the Deputy Minister.

Plan to construct Police Hospital for Myanmar Police Force

In replying to a question raised by U Ye Lwin of Ahlon constituency on a plan to construct police hospitals in cities like Yangon and Mandalay to provide health care for police personnel and their families, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Thu explained that arrangements were made to employ a total of 2,610



MP U Nyan Tun. **PHOTO: MNA**

health care personnel in police commands and stations.

Starting from 16 November 2015, 200 university graduate police women were sent to a 3-year delivery nurse course while another 44 were sent to 2-year all-round midwife diploma course. A total of 90 police women who had completed the courses were now being deployed in police commands and stations. As this plan was being implemented, there was no plan to construct police hospitals for Myanmar Police Force, said the Deputy Minister.

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Second Amyotha Hluttaw's 13th regular session holds 12th-day meeting

THE 12th-day meeting of the Second Amyotha Hluttaw's 13th regular session held at the Amyotha Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning. At the meeting asterisk marked questions raised by Hluttaw representatives were answered by Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe. Also at the meeting, three bills and a motion were discussed.

Asterisk marked questions

In the asterisk marked question session, Dr Kyaw Ngwe of Magway constituency 10 asked if there was a plan to establish sub rural health centres in remote villages of Yesagy Township. Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe replied that of the remote villages in Yesagy Township, 23 were found to be populated sparsely and thus there was no plan to establish sub rural health centres there. However planning and organization setup group had already agreed to setup a sub rural health centres in



Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe.

Shwe Lan Village. Three villages of Moe Kwe, Htantabin and Baung Betan were reported to be heavily populated and were in remote places were travel by road was difficult. Assessments will be made so that an authorization to establish sub rural health centres in these three villages could be obtained in fiscal year 2020-2021 said the Union Minister.

U Lal Min Htan of Chin State constituency 10 asked whether there was a plan to upgrade Chin State, Matupi Town-



MP Dr Kyaw Ngwe.

ship, Lay Kan sub rural health centre in fiscal year 2019-2020. Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe replied that even though only 3 out of 6 criteria for upgrade was met arrangements will be made to upgrade it in fiscal year 2020-2021 to make health care within reach of local ethnic people.

Similarly questions raised by U Kyaw Tote of Mandalay Region constituency 7 on plans made to prevent measles outbreak in Myanmar, U Aye Min Han of Mon State constituency 1 on plan to setup policy on provid-



MP U Lal Min Htan.

ing complete health care service for the people, U Kyaw Thaung of Sagaing Region constituency 1 on plan to conduct required reforms to assign specific duties and assignments to consultant level doctors and U Lin Tin Htay of Mon State constituency 4 on plan to establish a sub rural health centre and construct a staff house in Mon State, Mawlamyine District, Chaungzon Township, Kawmupon Village during the fiscal year 2019-2020 were also answered by Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe.



MP U Kyaw Tote.

Discussion on three bills

Following the asterisk marked question session, U Tin Aung Tun of Magway Region constituency 5 and U Kyaw Kyaw Win of Rakhine State constituency 8 discussed a fifth bill amending the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law, a fifth bill amending the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law and a fifth bill amending the State/Region Hluttaw Election Law.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meeting with ambassadors, representatives of the respective embassies from Japan and the US at the Myanmar-Japan-US Forum in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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The State Counsellor also welcomed investors from Japan and the US, saying that the Thilawa Special Economic Zone near Yangon is pulsating with activity as some 108 companies, over half of which are Japanese, have invested in the Thilawa SEZ; the Suzuki Motor Company is in the lead producing a range of passenger cars and small trucks. The Japanese probiotic drink manufacturer Yakult also commenced operations in Thilawa earlier this month.

In her remark on the investments of the United States, she said the US investment has been supporting Myanmar's development through the energy capabilities, technologies and solutions provided by General Electric.

Another well-known US brand, Chevron Corporation, through its local subsidiary, has contributed to Myanmar's economic growth and development for over twenty years.

The Ford Motorcar Company opened an assembly plant here in recent years, creating new jobs and serving the expanding domestic car market.

The Overseas Private Investment Corporation committed over US\$ 250 million through Apollo Towers, one of Myanmar's largest telecom tower companies, to finance the construction of over 1,800 telecommunications towers to satisfy the growing demand for modern communications infrastructure of Myanmar.

The State Counsellor then met with Japanese and the US ambassadors, representatives

of the respective embassies, UMFCFI, JICA, JETRO and the businesspersons of these two countries to ask about their experiences in doing business in Myanmar.

U Thaung Tun, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, made an opening remark on the forum. He emphasized on the relaxation of policies in investment sector, the registration of companies on Myanmar Companies Online (MyCO), the project and the land bank.

The Union Minister also added that Myanmar has seen the 77 per cent increase in investments, worth about \$2.3 billion, in the first half of this year.

Later, the two dialogues were held to exchange views on the challenges and new opportunities for the government in promotion of investment sector.

The first dialogue was participated by Union Minister U Thaung Tun, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Ichiro Maruyama, the US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Scot Marciel to discuss about challenges faced by private sectors in promoting their investments and the cooperation of Myanmar, Japan and the United States to help address these issues.

The second dialogue of Japanese and the US businesspersons focused on the role of local and foreign investors and challenges to promote investments in Myanmar market.

The forum was concluded in the afternoon with the closing remark of UMFCFI's President U Zaw Min Win. — MNA ■

(Translated by Aung Khin)



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi greets investors from Japan and US at the Myanmar-Japan-US Forum in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



Union Minister U Thaung Tun, Japanese Ambassador Mr Ichiro Maruyama, the US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Scot Marciel take part in dialogue at the Myanmar-Japan-US Forum in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw receives Thai Lower House First Deputy Speaker

SPEAKER of Pyithu Hluttaw, U T Khun Myat received Thai Lower House First Deputy Speaker 1, Mr Suchart Tonjaroen, at the Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, they discussed promoting collaboration between Hluttaws and people of Myanmar and Thai, Myanmar democratic transition, rights of Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand, investment and trade between two countries.

Present at the meeting were Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, U Tun Tun Hein, Secretary of International Relations Committee, U Bo Bo Oo and officials from the Pyithu Hluttaw Office.—MNA

(Translated by Alphonsus)

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat receives Thai Lower House First Deputy Speaker Mr Suchart Tonjaroen in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw receives Thai Lower House First Deputy Speaker



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein meets with Thai Lower House First Deputy Speaker Mr Suchart Tonjaroen in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

DEPUTY SPEAKER of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Tun Tun Hein received Thai Lower House First Deputy Speaker, Mr Suchart Tonjaroen at the Thabin Hall of Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they discussed promoting collaboration between governments and Hluttaws of Myanmar and Thailand and friendship between their people.

They also talked over current natural disasters in Myanmar and assistance given to Myanmar workers.

Present at the event were Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw's International Relations Com-

mittee, U Zaw Thein, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw's International Relations Committee Dr Than Win, Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw's International Relations Committee U Bo Bo Oo, and officials from the Pyithu Hluttaw Office.

Then, U Tun Tun Hein, Mr Suchart Tonjaroen and party had their group photo taken.

The delegation led by Mr Suchart Tonjaroen studied the 12th-day meeting of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 13th regular session.

U Tun Tun Hein hosted a lunch in honour of Mr Suchart Tonjaroen and his delegation at Aureum Palace Hotel in the afternoon.—MNA

(Translated by Alphonsus)

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee discusses 2019-2020 Union Budget Bill

PYIDAUNGSU HLUTTAW Joint Bill Committee held a meeting on the Union Budget Bill for 2019-2020 FY sent from the Union Government and the National Planning Bill for 2019-2020 FY, at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Chairman of the Joint Bill Committee U Tun Aung (a) U Tun Tun Hein, Vice Chairman of the Joint Bill Committee, secretary, joint secretary, committee members, the vice chairman of the Joint Public Account Committee, secretary and officials from



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee holds the meeting on the Union Budget Bill for 2019-2020 FY yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

the Ministry of Planning and Finance, the Office of the Union Attorney-General and the

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.—MNA (Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

Parliamentary committee holds coord meeting on fisheries

GOVERNMENT'S Guarantees, Pledges and Undertaking Vetting Committee of Amyotha Hluttaw held a coordination meeting with the officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Hluttaw representatives and businessmen of fisheries enterprises from Taninthayi and Ayeyawady regions, at the Amyotha Hluttaw Building No. 1-20 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, Chairman of the Committee U Thein Swe delivered the remarks and called for accomplishments of the Hluttaw affairs in line with the prescribed standards and questions that still remained to be implemented until 11st regular meetings of the first Amyotha Hluttaw.



Parliamentary committee holds the coordination meeting on fisheries in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Then members of the committees discussed their findings and Committee Chairman U Thein Swe coordinated their presentation made by the officials of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

The meeting was also attended by Secretary of the Committee U Kyaw Ni Naing,

members of the committees, representatives, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr. Khin Zaw, officials, business personnel of the fisheries enterprises and officials from the Amyotha Hluttaw Office.—MNA

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

Senior General returns after attending International Army Games-2019 in Russia

THE delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, which were in Russian Federation for closing ceremony of International Army Games-2019, returned from Moscow on August 19th, according to the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

Russian Deputy Minister of Defense Colonel General Alexander V. Fomin, Myanmar Ambassador to Russia U Ko Ko Shain and Myanmar Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air Force) Brig-Gen Kyaw Soe Moe saw them off at Domodedovo International Airport.

The delegation arrived in

Yangon yesterday afternoon. Lt- Gen Min Naung from Department of Defense (Army), Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Thet Pone, Russian Ambassador to Myanmar, Mr Andrey Baronov, Russian Military Attaché Colonel Eduard Okladnikov and officials welcomed them.

It was reported that during the trip to closing ceremony of International Army Games-2019, the Senior General met with senior officials of Russian defense service and discussed promoting collaboration between two countries, and visited monumental places in Russia. —MNA

(Translated by Alphonsus)



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing seen off by Russian Deputy Minister of Defense Colonel General Alexander V. Fomin and officers at Domodedovo International Airport.

PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF DEFENCE SERVICES

Myanmar hosts 23rd DGICM and related meetings

MYANMAR hosts the 23rd ASEAN Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of Ministries of Foreign Affairs Meeting (DGICM) and its related meetings, with an opening ceremony held at Hilton Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday morning.

The opening ceremony was attended by Permanent Secretary U Aye Lwin of Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, its Director-General U Htay Hlaing, officials from Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs, senior officers from the Asean Secretariat and Asean member countries and the dignitaries.

The consular officials and immigration officers of

ASEAN member countries hold the DGICM annually to share information, reports on immigration, border management, maintaining cooperation and better relations.

Permanent Secretary U Aye Lwin made an opening speech, saying that the three pillars of ASEAN have reinforced political harmony, economic integration and social responsibility of the bloc for the emergence of a public-centered community.

He added that the negotiations and the collective will of the nations have bound the Southeast Asian countries together and could gained trusts for other countries, leading to a strategic relation with dialogue partners.

While ASEAN is empha-

sizing on stronger economic cooperation to realize the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2025 and the Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

The 34th ASEAN Summit reaffirmed the key role of the bloc in establishing ASEAN community. The leaders of member countries also announced their expectations on 'Advancing Partnership for Sustainability'.

Myanmar has hoped the 23rd DGICM would create opportunities for cooperation and coordination, strengthen effective development and close cooperation and turn out abundant benefits from the dialogue.

After the speech, the senior officers of ASEAN member countries posed for documentary photos.

YBhg Dato Mohd Zulfikar Bin Ahmad, the leader of representatives from Malaysia that took the role of chairmanship for 22nd DGICM, handed over its role to Director-General of Immigration Department U Htay Hlaing for the 23rd chairmanship country.

The 23rd DGICM is held together with its related meetings of the 3rd ASEAN Heads of Major Immigration Checkpoints Forum (AMICF) and the 14th ASEAN Immigration Intelligence Forum (AIIF) on 19th August and the 14th DGICM + Australia Consultation.—MNA
(Translated by Aung Khin)



Participants pose for a documentary photo at the 23rd ASEAN Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of Ministries of Foreign Affairs Meeting (DGICM) in Nay Pyi Taw.
PHOTO: MNA

Thai parliamentary delegation concludes Myanmar visit



First Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of Thailand Mr Suchart Tonjaroen leaves Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

MR SUCHART TONJAROEN, the First Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of Thailand, and party concluded the two-day goodwill visit in Myanmar yesterday.

At the Nay Pyi Taw Inter-

national Airport, they were seen off by Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Zaw Thein and the officials from Pyithu Hluttaw Office.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

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(19 August 2019)**Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information**

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
2. With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offences up to 17 August 2019 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

	Nature of report	Details on seizure and legal action taken
1.	Information received of Myint Tun who lives in Bailea Village, Phaungpyin Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 17 August 2019, police searched the house of Myint Tun, 32, son of U Ohn Shwe, who lives in Bailea Village, Phaungpyin Tsp, and arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened him with MaMaSa (Phaungpyin) MaYa (Pa) 112/2019 under Section 19(a) and 20 (a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2.	Information received of Win Myint who live in Asugyi Village, Mabein Township, northern Shan State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 13 August 2019, police searched the house of Win Myint, 47, son of U Hla Tint, who lives in Asugyi Village, Mabein Township, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulants tablets and heroin. A case has been opened him with MaMaSa (Mabein) MaYa (Pa) 69/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

3. Out of the information sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, so far a total of 726 cases have been opened files as of 17 August 2019. A total of 1132 people, including 952 men and 180 women had been arrested with seizures of 6703.2784 g of heroin, 1318.72 g of ICE, 39776.95 g of opium, 329.6 g of low-quality opium, 19609.27 g of speciosa powder, 7833.19 g of speciosa, 2.5 liters of liquid speciosa, 337972 stimulant tablets, 8363.22 g of marijuana, 0.1 liters of opium tincture, 513.26 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 29.15 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 0.001 g of crushed ecstasy powder, 18 firearms, different kinds of 257 cartridges and 1 grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the ministry will report on further exposed cases.

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

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

Upon acting on a tip-off, in Kachin State, police searched two women with a vehicle at the entrance of Myitkyina Township, on the road of Myitkyina-Mogaung, and arrested them with 3800 stimulant tablets and a vehicle. Police arrested a man with 110 g of opium in Manekhane Ward, Myitkyina Tsp. Police arrested a man with 1310 stimulant tablets and 0.2 g of heroin in Pinthar Village, Mogaung. Police arrested a man together with 138,000 stimulant tablets in Seikmu Village, Phakant Tsp. Police searched two vehicles at the Kyauk inspection gate in Momauk Tsp and arrested two men and a woman with 2,200 g of heroin and two vehicles. Acting on a tip-off, two men with a cycle were arrested in Aungmingala Ward, Lwejel Tsp. With information given to police, a man and a woman together with 950 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle were apprehended on the Many-Hanhtet road in Mansi Tsp. In Kayah State, police searched two men on a vehicle on the Dimawhso-Toungoo road, Lopu Village, Dimawhso Tsp, and arrested them with 193 stimulant tablets and a vehicle. In Kayin State, police arrested a man and a woman with 86 stimulant tablets in Barkep Village, Hpa-an Tsp. Two women with 973 stimulant tablets were arrested in No 5 Ward in Myawady Tsp. Acting on a tip-off, a man from the same ward was arrested with 21217 stimulant tablets. In Mon State, police searched a man with a motorcycle on the road of Mudon-Chaunghnakhwa, Kyonfite Village, Mudon Tsp and arrested 939 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle. Police also arrested two men with 489.9 g of speciosa on the road of Thetkaw Village. Police seizes 1,000 g of ICE floating in the sea to Daminseikpine seashore at Yathedaung Village in Thanbyuzayet Tsp. In Rakhine State, during the police naval patrolling near U Saw Hla island, the Naf River, Maungtaw Tsp, police tried to seize a man swimming in the river, and seized 18,500 stimulant tablets in the backpack but the suspect swimming away was not arrested. Police arrested a man and a woman with 2,605 stimulant tablets and 166.5 g of stimulant tablets crashed powder in South Myoma Ward. Police arrested a man with 68 stimulant tablets in Ohntapin Ward, two men with 40 stimulant tablets in Ywagyitaung Ward, another two men with 1,045 stimulant tablets and 0.6 g of

marijuana at an inn of Yupa Ward (north) and a woman with 43 stimulant tablets in Makyemyaung Ward, in Sittway Tsp. Police searched two men with a motorcycle on Saitphutaung Village road, Taungup Tsp and arrested them with 390 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle. In Shan State, police searched a man with a motorcycle on the Shweyinaye road, Kyaunggyisu Ward in Taunggyi, and arrested him together with 1210 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle. Similarly, police arrested a man with 11 g of opium block in Yayayekwin Ward. A man was arrested together with 1760 stimulant tablets in No1 Ward, Ayetharyar Town. Police arrested a man with 550 stimulant tablets in Honar Village, Shwenyaung Tsp. Police searched two men with a vehicle on the Loilem-Taunggyi road near Hotint Village, Loilem Tsp and arrested them with 501,000 g of ICE and a vehicle. Police arrested a woman with 3,860 stimulant tablets and 175 g of heroin in Lwelaung Village, three men with 1,720 stimulant tablets, 0.6 g of heroin, 616 g of ICE, a six-wheel vehicle and two motorcycles in No 12 Ward, Lashio Tsp. Police seized 708,600 stimulant tablets, 5,000 g of ICE, 3,000 g of low quality opium, 20,000 g of Vanillin powder, 16 l of dichloromethane, 2.45 l of propylene glycol, 20,000 g of chemical powder and instruments making narcotic drugs from an old hut and an underground room of a cottage near Manyonmaw Village in Kutkai Tsp. Police searched two men with a motorcycle in front of the Tarfalan bridge police outpost on the Yaksawk-Nawngkhio road, Nawngkhio Tsp and arrested them with 1,120 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle. A woman was arrested with 790 stimulant tablets in Panhnyu Village in Hsipaw Tsp. Police arrested a man with 1,490 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle on the Monghsat-Kengtong road, near Pukywe 2 Village, and seized an ownerless 4,899 g of opium in a bag beside of a road around Monekyet Village, Monghset Tsp. Police arrested a man with 1,600 stimulant tablets and 15 g of heroin in Patkhwe (lower) Village and another two men and a woman with 700 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle in Yanaungmyay Ward, in Tachilek Tsp. In Sagaing Region, police arrested a man with 180 stimulant tablets and 9.3 g of heroin in Moetargyi Village, in Katha Tsp. Acting on a tip-off, police arrested a man with 40 g of heroin in No2 Ward. Police arrested a man with 395 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle on the Bamauk-Mansi road near Pinhinkha Village, and another two men and two women with 6,000 stimulant tablets, 790 g of heroin in Makyeeegon Village, in Bamauk Tsp. Three men with 9.5 g of opium and 0.5 l of liquid of opium were arrested in Mingyite Ward, Kawlin Tsp. Another man from Ywama Village Phaungpyin Tsp was arrested with 10 tramadol capsules. In Taninthayi Region, police searched two men with a motorcycle junction of Welkyunmyothit Ward, Dawei Tsp and arrested them 110 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle. Acting on a tip-off, police arrested a man with 327 stimulant tablets in Nyaungyan (south) Ward and another man with 135 stimulant tablets in Shammalwelswe Ward. Police arrested a woman with 20 stimulant tablets and 120 g of speciosa powder in Khonephaunt Ward in Myeik Tsp. Acting on a tip-off, a woman from the same ward was arrested with 800 stimulant tablets. Police searched rafts in mangrove forest near Metaw Village Kyunsu Tsp, seized 3,760 stimulant tablets on a raft. Police from Kawthoung Township arrested a man with 100 g of ICE from Chaungwa Village and another man from Barliaw Village with 60 stimulant tablets. Acting on a tip-off, police arrested a woman with 815 stimulant tablets from Barliaw Village. In Bago Region, police searched a suspected Mark-II vehicle parking at the corner of Lake ring road and Panchidakha road, No 9 Ward, in Toungoo Tsp, and seized 19,780 stimulant tablets inside that car. Police searched a man with a motorcycle on a road of No17 Ward and arrested him with 200 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle. Police arrested three men with 164 stimulant tablets and 545 g of marijuana in Shwedagar Ward in Pyay Tsp. Another man from Thiri Ward, Innma Town was arrested with 107 stimulant tablets and 1 g of heroin. In Magway Region, police searched a man with a motorcycle on Gwaydauksan Village road Magway Tsp and arrested him with 998 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle. Two men were arrested with 1,007 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle in No 6 Ward, Pakokku Tsp. In Mandalay Region, police searched a man and a woman on a car parking on the Manawhayi road, between 65th and 66th streets, No 55 Ward in Channyathazi Tsp and arrested them with 250 stimulant tablets and a car and acting on a tip-off, police searched the suspects' house from Ward C, Pyigyidagun Tsp and seized 160 stimulant tablets and 338 g of crushed stimulant tablets.

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Similarly a question raised by U Zon Taint of Chipwe constituency on plan to pay compensation for 24 acres of confiscated farmlands was answered by Deputy Minister for Defence Rear Admiral Myint Nwe. Questions raised by U Sai Ngaung Hsai Hein of Maukmai constituency on plan to provide electricity to village tracts in Maukmai Township and Daw Tin Tin Yi of Kyunsu constituency on plan to increase power generation of Kattalu Village mini-hydro power station in

Kyunsu Township were answered by Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr Tun Naing.

On a question raised by U Myint Wei of Gwa constituency on action taken on the escape of an illegal log carrying boat from police custody after it was transferred by forest department personnel Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Thu replied that the matter will be answered after a field inspection was conducted.

Animal health and livestock industry development bill

Following the question and

answer session Bill Committee member U Wai Hlaing Tun requested the Hluttaw to approve the 70 amendments made by the committee to the Animal health and livestock industry development bill tabled by Agriculture, Livestock Breeding and Rural Development Committee.

As there was no objection, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw's approval of the bill.—Mawsi, Hmwe Kyu Zin

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Second Amyotha Hluttaw's 13th regular session holds 12th-day meeting

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Discussion on a motion

Finally a motion urging the Union Government to restore and maintain ponds and reservoirs and construct new ponds and reservoirs for rural populace tabled by U Khin Win of Magway Region constituency 2 was discussed by U Soe Thein of Kayah State constituency 9, U Kyaw Thaug of Sagaing Region constituency 1, U Tin Aung Tun of Magway

Region constituency 5, Daw Ma Ma Lay of Shan State constituency 8, Daw Than Than Aye of Magway Region constituency 7, U Win Maung of Magway Region constituency 6 and U Kyaw Tote of Mandalay Region constituency 7.

The 13th-day meeting of Second Amyotha Hluttaw's 13th regular session is scheduled for 22 August.—Aung Ye Thwin, Aye Aye Thant (MNA)

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Information Minister opens newsroom of MOI website

UNION MINISTER for Information Dr Pe Myint presided over launching a newsroom of the ministry's website yesterday afternoon.

The Union Minister clicked on the website for inauguration of the newsroom.

Director-General of Information and Public Relations Department U Ye Naing briefed on the management for MOI website and renovation of the newsroom.

The Union Minister then gave advice on securing securing rights to state information and the easy flows of news and information. The officials are instructed by the Union Minister to do more research and



Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint opens the News Room of the website of the Ministry of Information yesterday. PHOTO: MNA



to ensure cyber security at the department.

The Research and Data

Division under the IPRD is has posted local and international news on its webportal and so-

cial media (Facebook, Viber, Twitter) that have attracted 1.4 million viewers while retaining

public access to information.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

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Police arrested a man with 50 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle on the Thamein Bayan road of Thinpangone Ward, Pyigyidagun Tsp. Another two men from the same ward arrested with 4,800 stimulant tablets. Police searched a man with a motorcycle between Thingatton Village and Kengtaung Village, PwinOoLwin Tsp and arrested him with 1,060 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle. Police arrested two men with 600 stimulant tablets, 20 g of heroin and a motorcycle on the Momeik-Twinngone road near Taunglae Village, Thabeikkyin Tsp, and another man with 24,000 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle at the same place.

Police arrested a man with 1,970 stimulant tablets in Thaphankyaung Village in Pyawbwe Tsp. In Meiktila Tsp, police arrested a woman with 90 stimulant tablets in Yanmyoang Ward, and acting on a tip-off, another man and woman from the same ward were arrested with 1,000 stimulant tablets hidden under an acacia tree near 3/6 milepost of Meiktila-Mahlaing road.

In Yangon, police arrested a man with 800 stimulant tablets in Kwetthit Ward, Insein Tsp and another two men with 565 g of marijuana and a motorcycle on the No 2 Main Road, No140 Ward, Dagon Myothit (south) Tsp. In Ayeyawady Region, police arrested two men with 91 stimulant tablets and a vehicle at the Maezale inspection gate of Nyaungdon Tsp. There has been a seizure of ammunitions. In Hlaingbwe Tsp, Kayin State, police searched a man and a woman with a vehicle on the Htilontarbaung road in Dhanyingon Village and

seized 20,000 stimulant tablets, 0.3 g of crushed stimulant tablets, a carbine gun its 25 bullets and its three magazines, a home-made gas gun, a wooden gunstock, three grenade and 10 pistol bullets from them.

There have been 236 cases being opened between 11 August 2019 and 17 August 2019, and 306 men and 39 women have been arrested. Seizures of 1,008,909 stimulant tablets, 3,672.8771 g of heroin, 507,736.11 g of ICE, 5,114.58 g of opium, 0.5 g of liquid opium, 3,000 g of low-quality opium, 11 g of opium blocks, 120 g of opium powder, 489.9 g of speciosa, 1,126.95 g of marijuana, 10 tramadol capsule, 507.3 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 20,000 g of chemical powder, 20,000 g of powder, 16 litre of dicloromethane, 2.45 l of propylene glyce liquid, and instruments making the drugs, two different firearms, 35 bullets, three grenade, and three bullet magazines and wooden gunstock.

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

Contacts:

Auto Telephone No. — 067-590200
Fax Phone No. — 067-590233
Email Address — antinarcotics@presidentoffice.gov.mm

'Love of humanity' essential for helping make lives of others better

ON 19th August, we celebrated World Humanitarian Day. The purpose of World Humanitarian Day is to raise awareness on the plight of civilians caught in conflicts across the world, and also to honour and raise support for humanitarian workers who risk, and sometimes lose, their lives to help others.

World Humanitarian Day was established in 2008 by the United Nations General Assembly and was first celebrated officially in 2009. The date — 19th August — was chosen as it marks the anniversary of the bombing of the Canal Hotel in Baghdad, in which the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Sergio Vieira de Mello, and 20 others had lost their lives.

For philanthropists to play a valuable role in Myanmar, their safety needs to be ensured. There is no substitution for philanthropy for the essential work we perform collectively as citizens.

Three days before World Humanitarian Day, news arrived of the killing of a philanthropist who tried to rescue those trapped in armed conflict.

The ambulance carrying the local philanthropic association leader and his colleagues was attacked, and some people were also injured in the attack.

People with "love of humanity" are donating their time, money, experience, skills, and talent to help those who are in trouble. In return, they deserve compassion and loving kindness from others, and their safety must be guaranteed.

In Myanmar, some philanthropic associations are registered and are offering their services systematically. Some have not yet registered and are not yet recognized as philanthropic organizations as they cannot provide services systematically.

Meanwhile, under the guise of philanthropic associations, some people are running illegal businesses, including smuggling of timber, which has tarnished the image of the philanthropy.

Even though such fake associations have arisen, their activities cannot hurt the true spirit of philanthropy, which involves giving the gifts of "time, talent, and treasure" to help make life better for other people.

For philanthropists to play a valuable role in Myanmar, their safety needs to be ensured. There is no substitution for philanthropy for the essential work we perform collectively as citizens.

Let's take preparatory measures for natural disasters

Dr. Myint Than
(Nyaunglebin)

EXTREMELY Severe Cyclonic Storm Nargis was an uncommonly destructive and deadly cyclone that caused the worst natural disaster in the recorded history of Myanmar. The cyclone made landfall in Myanmar on Friday, 2 May 2008. Nargis developed on 27 April in the central area of Bay of Bengal. Initially, the storm tracked slowly northwestward, and encountering favourable conditions, it quickly strengthened. Nargis rapidly intensified to attain peak winds of at least 165 km/h (105 mph) on 2 May, according to India Meteorological Department — IMD observations; the Joint Typhoon warning Centre — JTWC assessed peak winds of 215 km/h (130 mph). The cyclone moved ashore in the Ayeyawady Division of Myanmar at peak intensity after gaining extra strength near Haingyi Island.

Terrible losses

The natural disaster killed at least 138,000 persons and destroyed USD 10 billion worth of property. Failure to provide help in time had also increased the number of death and the amount of property lost. In one incident, the father survived, but lost all his three children and wife, as he could not hold them till morning.



The school building is submerged by flood in Myeik. PHOTO NAN THAR YE HTAIN WIN

Worst floods

Cyclone season occurs in the northern Indian Ocean between April and December every year. Most of the cyclones appear during the period between May and November. In 2015, Komen was the worst cyclone. It appeared on 7 July, and intensified into a 75 km/h (45 mph) cyclonic storm. Komen dropped torrential rainfall from 16 June to 30 July in 11 regions and states of Myanmar, causing floods that killed 27 people and hit another 150,000. It destroyed about 170,000 homes,

according to the estimated records. The cyclone might trigger the biggest flood in Myanmar. July alone received 600 millimeters or two feet of rain. As the rains were heavy in the upper parts of Myanmar, there were floods in many areas. Chin and Rakhine states and Sagaing and Magway regions were declared disaster-hit zones.

Another tragic event

This year, Mon State, Taninthayi Region and Kayin State face unprecedented floods. The worst is the landslide that triggered by

the downpours in Thanbyugon ward, Thaephyugon village, Paung Township, Mon State. About 14 homes collapsed due to the landslide. A total of 65 persons died and 27 were injured by the landslide. A station hospital in Mottama was inundated. Mawlamyine, Ye and many other towns were facing floods. Chairman of Natural Disaster Management Committee Vice President U Henry Van Thio, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye and officials arrived at the areas together with relief aids on 11 August. They also made arrangements to facilitate the flow of aids to the disaster-hit areas, in addition to providing direct assistance to the victims. Floods can cause a lot of damages. They can trigger landslides, cause erosion, destroy crops, humans and animals and cause other losses.



Firemen carrying out rescue operations in landslide affected area in Paung. PHOTO KO HEIN (IPRD)

Direct impacts

Floods have a lot of direct impacts on the human society. They can cause loss of human lives and farm animals and property. They can also destroy towns and villages, transport and communication facilities, cut off power lines, halt production industries and cause clean water shortages due to contamination. In many cases, floods are followed by epidemics, as waterborne diseases are easy to spread. But it will be difficult to evacuate people or transport or treat victims amidst the floods which make every infrastructure

landslide in Mon State is the worst tragedy Myanmar people have faced after the Nargis Cyclone. A large number of people perished in a single catastrophe. It shows that we are still weak in taking natural disaster preparatory measures. We must always be aware of the natural disasters of every kind. It may be difficult to prevent a natural disaster, but we can take preparatory measures to mitigate the impacts. The most important requirement is the awareness that we all should have.

Prevention

Public knowledge of the seasonal natural hazards and preparatory measures should be disseminated. Moreover, regular simulation drills in connection with natural disasters should be conducted in wards, villages and towns, and emergency evacuation programs should be laid down. Infectious diseases prevention, together with search and rescue programs and life saving measures including first aid treatments must be made available during

unusable. The worst is that floods may even cause famine and national economic loss. They can also destroy the natural environment by falling a large number of trees. Moreover, because of floods,

The worst is the landslide that triggered by the downpours in Thanbyugon ward, Thaephyugon village, Paung Township, Mon State. About 14 homes collapsed due to the landslide.

poisonous creatures like snakes may come out of their holes and cause harm to man.

Indirect and long-term impact

Generally, economic losses occur in the aftermath of floods. Many of the crops, businesses and factories were destroyed beyond repair during the inundation. Loss of transport facilities has made everything worse. There will be shortage of crucial goods and rise in commodity prices. Jobs were also lost, and many people are suffering from chronic mental problems due to loss of their family members or property or both. Floods may also turn residences into chronic wet houses which can cause ill health and are unfit for living.

We can say that the recent

every critical period.

So that search and rescue works and emergency evacuation, together with disease prevention, treatment and transport programs will be ready in case a natural disaster hits an area.

The strength of social organizations is required in providing disease treatment, drinking water supply, protection and rehabilitation for the victims.

A study of the disaster management cycle shows the vitality of preparatory measures against a natural disaster or pre-impact as it is called. Preparations include the effective response programs, the ability to handle and control the situation well, rehabilitation plans to mitigate loss and sufferings to the most possible degree.

(Translated by TMT)

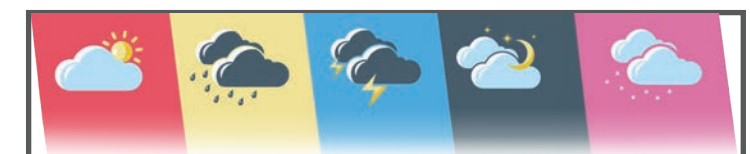
Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Notification 161/2019

5th Waning of Wagaung, 1381 ME
20 August, 2019

Public Announcement for abolishing of political party

1. The Union Election Commission permitted the Confederate Farmers Party to establish as a political party with the registration No. 92 of the Notification (27/2015) dated on 2 July, 2015.
2. In accordance with the Political Parties Registration Law Section 24 (c), the Union Election Commission suspended the registration of the Confederate Farmers Party for six months starting from 9th January, 2019 to 8th July 2019 and directed the party to resolve its internal problems. However, it is found that the party failed to resolve its internal problems and failed carry out to elect the executive committee members of the party in accordance with the party's charter. Therefore, after the issued was discussed at the Plenary Meeting of the UEC 26/2019 on 16 August, 2019 and in accordance with the Political Parties Registration Law's Section 24 (e), the Confederate Farmers Party shall be abolished.
3. It is hereby announced that the registration of the Confederate Farmers Party which was registered the Union Election Commission has been abolished as from on 20 August 2019.

(Hla Thein)
Chairman
Union Election Commission



Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 20th August, 2019)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate to strong over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weak to moderate elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 21st August, 2019: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Shan and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfalls in Kayin and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30-35) m.p.h. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (7-9) feet Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts and about (4-7) feet off and along Rakhine Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 21st August, 2019: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 21st August, 2019: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Chief of Hluttaw Advisory Group receives Thai Lower House Dy Speaker

DAW SU SU LWIN, Chief of the Hluttaw Affairs Capacity Building Advisory Group received a delegation led by Mr Suchart Tonjaroen, the First Deputy Speaker of Thailand's House of Representative, at the Thabin Hall of the Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they cordially exchanged views on matters related to boosting friendship and cooperation between the Hluttaws of Myanmar and Thai, development of Hluttaws and the 40th AIPA General Assembly that will be held in

Thailand.

The meeting was also attended by Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Zaw Thein, Chairman of the Amyotha Hluttaw International Relations Committee Dr Than Win, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives Daw Pyone Kathy Naing and U Bo Bo Oo, Amyotha Hluttaw representatives U Maung Maung Latt and Daw Naw Hla Hla Soe and officials from the offices of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Pyithu Hluttaw. — MNA ■

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



Chief of the Hluttaw Affairs Capacity Building Advisory Group Daw Su Su Lwin meets with First Deputy Speaker of Thailand's House of Representative Mr Suchart Tonjaroen in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Deadly AA landmine damages 3 police vehicles

AA LANDMINE attack killed two police personnel and wounded three more as well as damaging 3 police vehicles.

The incident occurred near Pat Kwet Village and Pyine Taw Village between Kyauktaw and Ponnagyun towns in Rakhine State yesterday morning.

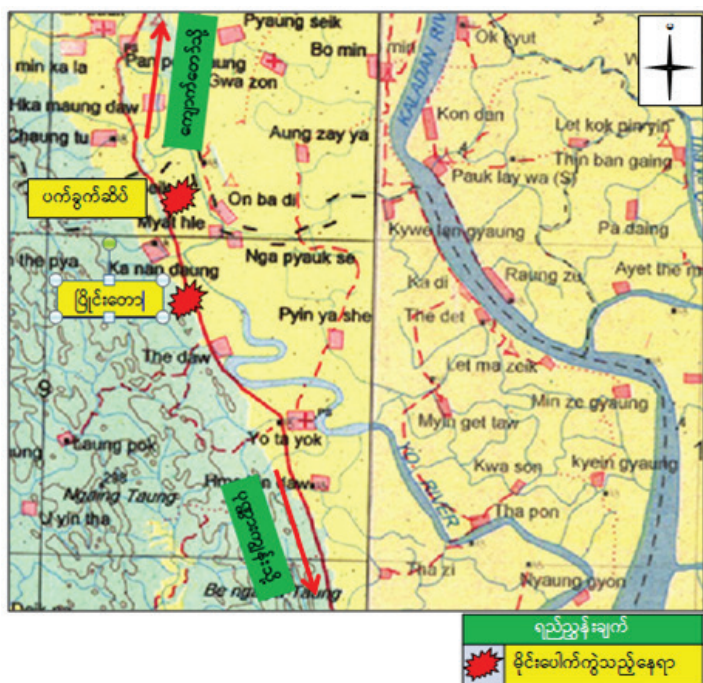
A column and a company led by a police major were returning to Sittway by police vehicle on Yangon-Sittway Union Highway after conducting rule of law and security operations MraukU Town, in Rakhine State.

Near Pat Kwet Village and Pyine Taw Village about 16 miles away from Ponnagyun Town, the vehicles were hit by an AA landmine attack.

The attack killed a police officer and police personnel, wounded three police personnel and damaged three police vehicles.

Tatmadaw columns were clearing the area around the place where the landmine attack occurred according to the Myanmar Police Force. — MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)



The map shows the site where the land mine blasted. PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF DEFENCE SERVICES

International Trade Provisional figures for FY 2018-2019 (October to July)

Provisional figures for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 (October to July) shows international trade during this period at US\$ 29,211 million with US\$ 14,047 million export and US\$ 15,164 million import. During the same period in FY 2017-2018 (October to July) export, import and total international trade volume was US\$ 13,198 million; 16,033 million and 29,231 million respectively. As such export increases US\$ 850 million, import decreases US\$ 869 million and total trade volume decreases US\$ 19 million.

Following is the item wise export figure comparison for the two years. Values are in million US\$.

Sr.	Item	2018-2019 (October-July) Provisional figures	2017-2018 (October-July)	Comparison (+/-)
1	Agriculture products	2,814.696	2,521.773	292.923
2	Animal products	328.906	158.662	170.244
3	Aquatic products	642.436	603.285	39.151
4	Mineral and mining products	1,288.460	1,776.648	-488.188
5	Forest products	143.314	161.715	-18.401
6	Finished industrial products	8,130.991	6,658.146	1,472.845
7	Other products	698.684	1,317.487	-618.803
	Total	14,047.487	13,197.716	849.771

Following is the item wise import figures comparison for the two years. Values are in million US\$.

Sr.	Item	2018-2019 (October-July) Provisional figures	2017-2018 (October-July)	Comparison (+/-)
1	Investment products	4,771.161	5,485.390	-714.229
2	Raw material for production	5,676.046	5,837.966	-161.920
3	Consumer products	2,738.990	3,037.943	-298.953
4	CMP	1,977.831	1,671.991	305.840
	Total	15,164.028	16,033.290	-869.262

Sun Outage may disrupt television broadcast

SUN Outage may cause disruption to TV and radio channels broadcast by Myanmar Radio and television through Thailand-6. This can take place from September 25th to October 6th. Signal disruption will last 3 to 15 minutes.

Sun outage is the result of

the sun aligned with satellite and the TVRO satellite. It is common that sun outage disrupts the signal from satellite temporarily.

Sun outage occurs every year. It usually takes place one time in March and one time at the end of September or begin-

ning of October.

The phenomenon depends on size and location of TVRO Satellite, as well as differences in when the sun outage happens and how long signal disruption happens.

— Mg Lu Maw ■

(Translated by Alphonsus)



Traffic returns to normal on Gote Twin Bridge on the Mandalay-Lashio-Muse Union Road on 20 August 2019. PHOTO: KHAYAN SOE MYINT (NEWS ON PAGE-1)

Nipa palm thatch businesses flourishing in Chaungzone



Workers making Nipa palms thatches in Chaungzone Township, Mon State. PHOTO: TOWNSHIP IPRD

WITH the price of nipa palm thatches rising in Chaungzone Township, Mon State due to high demand from Yangon, Bilin, Kyaukhto, and Mudon townships, nipa palm businesses are earning a good income, according to locals.

“I have been in this business for a long time, and I have never seen prices as high as the current level. Now, nipa palm thatches are selling well even in the rainy season. Previously, nipa palm thatch businesses were flourishing only in the early monsoon period. Nipa palm thatch makers are doing well now due to the high demand for nipa palm thatches,” said a nipa palm thatch business owner.

Normally, nipa palm thatch businesses are suspended during the rainy season. The price of 10

nipa palm thatch sheets was K350, but now, it has increased to K500 due to high demand.

“Earlier, we used to suspend our businesses during the rainy season. But now, the owners of nipa palm farms are doing well and workers are not difficult to find. At least, one third of the profits are left over after the payment of wages and input costs. Over 6,000 sheets of nipa palm thatches can be produced per day, depending on the harvest,” said Daw Win Win Maw, a nipa palm thatch business owner.

“During the rainy season, it is difficult to get jobs and some farm owners do crop farming. In our village, nipa palm farm owners are continuing their businesses even in the rainy season, and we

are earning between K7,000 and K8,000 per day by making nipa palm thatches. Therefore, we have a convenient source of livelihood even in the rainy season,” said a nipa palm maker.

Most of the residents in the villages of Chaungzone Township are doing well with the nipa palm thatch business. Earlier, when the Balukyun-Chaungzone bridge had not been constructed, the Mudon, Ye, and Kyaikkhame townships were purchasing Chaungzone nipa palm thatches only through marine transport. Now, the bridge has made it convenient for the townships to purchase nipa palm thatches from Chaungzone. —IPRD

(Translated by La Wonn)

Myanmar Phar-Med Expo to be held next month in Yangon

THE 7th International Exhibition and Conference on Pharmaceutical, Medical and Laboratory Industry for Myanmar will take place from 5 to 7 September at the Rose Garden Hotel, Yangon. The expo will be open from 9 am to 5 pm 5 to 7 September.

Over 100 exhibitors from 15 countries, including Italy, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, China, and India, will showcase their products at the expo, which is expected to host around 3,000 trade visitors.

The expo will cover the latest innovations and technologies in hospitals, diagnostics, pharmaceutical, medical, and

rehabilitation centres. It will also host a B2B Matching Program and a Seminar Program. Government associations and experts will conduct informative discussions on topics related to the pharmaceutical industry at the expo.

The Myanmar Phar-Med Expo 2019 is committed to continue providing participants a rich experience, said organizers.

Registrations for the expo are free, and forms are available on the website: www.pharmed-expo.com/myanmar/en/register-to-visit-2.html. —GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

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One-day trips to Pwintbyu, Saku arranged for tourists

ONE-DAY trips are being arranged for local and foreign travellers keen on exploring the cultural heritage of Pwintbyu and Saku townships in Magway Region, said Daw San San Myint, the trip coordinator from My Apex Tour Company, Magway Region.

"Although there are many Bagan-style buildings in Magway Region, few local travellers visit the region. Therefore, we are making arrangements for one-day trips for local and foreign travellers so they can visit Yokesoan Kyaungs in Saku and Pwintbyu townships, and observe the unique traditional hairstyle, known as sayitwaine, worn by young girls in Yayboatgyi Village of Pwintbyu Township. Currently, the trip plan is being drawn by My Apex Tour Company in Magway Region with the help of with Yangon tour companies. The tour companies will initially visit the regions to include them in their trip plans. I will be



Yokesone Kyaung with woodcarvings is the oldest surviving monastery. PHOTO: MIN HTET AUNG (MAN SUB-PRINTING HOUSE)

responsible for drawing the trip plans and explaining the historical background of places covered by the trip," she added.

"Although local and foreign travellers are visiting Magway Region, they are not aware of the Saku Yokesone Kyaung in our village. After an attempt was made by local residents a year ago, some

local and foreign travellers as well as experts have begun visiting the Saku Yokesone Kyaung. And what is more, the local residents are now planning to form a Cultural Heritage Conservation Committee," said U Zaw Myo Oo, a local resident from Saku Township.

The wooden Saku Yokesone Kyaung was constructed during

the Yadanarbon period. It was renovated with 172 wooden pillars. The Hmankin Yokesoan Kyaung was constructed in 1242 ME by U Sai and Daw Ngwe. The structure includes 136 wooden pillars and three brick steps.—Min Htet Aung (Man Sub-printing house)

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Brand new cars popular despite high demand for right-hand drive vehicles

WHILE brand new cars sold under instalment plans are popular among buyers, the demand for right-hand drive vehicles is still high and they are commanding good prices in the market.

According to the market, car dealers are hoping for the implementation of the Yangon Vehicle Quota Certificate (YVQC) system, which was been discussed by the vehicle import supervisory committee and for-

warded to the authorities.

"Sales of right-hand drive cars have remained high amid news of the YVQC, with prices ranging from K20-68 million, depending on the model year. Vehicles assembled locally under the SKD system and sold under instalment plans are ranking second in terms of trade," said a car dealer.

Starting from early August, the Yangon automobile market has cooled as dealers from out-

side Yangon have not come to purchase vehicles on account of heavy rainfall and flash floods in lower Myanmar.

However, in Mandalay, the market has witnessed regular trade. Dealers usually prefer a Yangon licence to other towns.

According to the automobile market, the price of second-hand cars with right-hand drive vehicles shot up in late 2018 after the authorities announced plans to implement a

new car import policy in 2019, under which, imports of right-hand vehicles would be barred.

At present, the market for new cars is also booming, with buyers showing some interest in vehicles assembled locally under the Completely Knocked-down (CKD) and Semi-Knocked Down (SKD) systems. Eighteen companies have been permitted to assemble cars locally so far.—Ko Htet

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

MIC: No intention of interfering in education businesses

By Nyein Nyein

THE Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) does not intend to interfere in education businesses, and is solely concerned with regulating investment, said U Thant Sin Lwin, the director-general of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

The commission wants education businesses to apply for permits in order to screen them and check whether they are paying taxes and are registered with the MIC or not, he added.

The director-general of DICA made the remarks in re-

sponse to the controversy over "MIC interference" in the education sector.

"It has been said that the MIC is interfering in education businesses. Some of them do not even hold a registration. They have set up companies and are running businesses without registration. They need to seek a permit from the MIC. We will issue permits to them after obtaining approval from the Ministry of Education and the concerned educational organizations. We will not give a green light to them just for boosting investment. We will not allow them to draw up a curriculum on their own," said U

Thant Sin Lwin.

"We can easily monitor and supervise the businesses if their registry status is valid. We cannot do anything to unregistered businesses. Under the Myanmar Investment Law, the MIC can take legal action against businesses permitted by the commission," he said.

"The MIC will clear investment proposals in the education sector after screening school criteria, school rank, and curriculum. The screening process will be changed once a law drafted by the Ministry of Education comes out. Prior to the law's institution, we are processing applications

as per existing rules and regulations of the related education council," he added.

Last year, the DICA released 17 criteria for private educational services.

The MIC began allowing foreigners to set up wholly-owned educational enterprises in the country from April, 2018, as per a DICA notification. Following the liberalization of the education sector to foreign investment, investors from Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, the US, and the UK have expressed interest in investing in Myanmar, according to the DICA.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Asia-Pacific nations rush to conclude trade deal amid tensions



Ministers from 16 Asia-Pacific countries begin talks in Beijing on 3 August, 2019, aimed at concluding the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership agreement. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

BANGKOK — Amid concerns over rising trade tensions and uncertainty about global economic growth, officials of 16 Asia-Pacific countries have voiced their commitment to speeding up negotiations for an Asia-wide free trade pact, with the hopes of concluding it by November, Thailand said Tuesday.

The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership is being negotiated among the 10-member Association of

Southeast Asian Nations, Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea and New Zealand.

Auramon Supthaweethum, director general to the Trade Negotiations Department under the Commerce Ministry, announced Tuesday that a Southeast Asian nations economic ministers meeting and a RCEP ministerial meeting will be held Sept. 3-10 in Bangkok.

She said ministers will attempt to complete the RCEP negotiations in the

hopes the trade pact will help promote trade growth in the region.

“The 16 Asia-Pacific countries have acknowledged that they need to conclude the talks so that the pact can be implemented as soon as possible to promote trade growth amid uncertainties about global growth,” Auramon said. The RCEP talks began in 2013, and the initial goal was to wrap them up in 2015. But the deadline has been postponed repeatedly.—Kyodo News ■

Over 3 mil. freelancers in Japan amid rise of flexible working styles

TOKYO — Up to 3.41 million people, accounting for about 5 percent of Japan’s total labor force, are estimated to be working as freelancers, according to a recent survey conducted by the government.

Analysts expect the

number of freelancers to grow amid the government’s push for more flexible working arrangements to address the country’s labor shortage, as more companies are allowing employees to take on second or side jobs to

increase their incomes.

The government plans to take steps to support such self-employed workers, including submitting a bill to the Diet next year for a new law aimed at enhancing transparency in business prac-

tices.

The government recognizes the need to assist freelancers who tend to be pressured into disadvantageous contracts when negotiating with companies, officials said.—Kyodo News ■

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The Yangon Region Chief Minister answers the queries raised by journalists. PHOTO: SAN KYAW OO (IPRD)

Yangon Region sees big inflow of foreign direct investment

By Kyaw Htike Soe

THE Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) approved 17 foreigner-invested projects worth US\$ 122.818 million in the last week of July this year. The MIC permitted 17 foreign investment projects worth US\$ 123.818 million in Yangon and Bago Regions, Shan and Rakhine States, according to a source from the MIC.

Most of the investment came to the industrial and agricultural sectors, creating nearly 9,600 job opportunities for Myanmar citizens. Arrangements are being made to attract more foreign direct investments in the industrial sector under its Investment Promotion Plan, said U Thant Sin Lwin, Acting Director-General of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration under the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations. “We are currently making efforts to woo foreign entrepreneurs to invest in the industrial sector. Five committees were set up under the plan and the industrial sector promotion committee was also formed separately so as to support foreign investment in the industrial sector,” he added.

More than half of foreign investment inflows into Yangon Region this fiscal year came from China, said an official from the Yangon Region Investment Committee. “Yangon Region welcomed 113 foreign investment projects in the current financial year in which 65 projects were from China. China topped the list of foreign investors in Yangon Region,” he said. He continued that foreign investment in Yangon Region during this fiscal year totaled over US\$ 210 million



Myanmar’s Urban and Housing Development Department signed an agreement with Korea Land and Housing Corporation to jointly establish a US\$ 110-million industrial complex in Hlegu Township 7 August. PHOTO: SUPPLIER



The Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) meeting (13 2019) convened at the meeting room of the MIC on the morning of 13th August 2019 in Yangon. **PHOTO: DICA**

and the majority of foreign investment flowed to manufacturing and industrial sectors. “Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein said that he wants to make Yangon into an environmentally friendly and livable city. In addition he also pledged to implement a plan to promote foreign investment in the region, he added.

The regional investment committee also approved six foreign investment projects in accordance with the Myanmar Investment Law in late July. The permitted foreign investment projects are valued at US\$ 11.545 million and can create up to 4,868 job opportunities. 124 foreigner-invested projects

and 17 Myanmar citizen-invested projects worth US\$ 210.360 million and Ks. 33978.966 million flowed into Yangon Region from 1 October 2018 to 24 July 2019, creating 72,375 job opportunities for local people, according to the data from the regional investment committee. The regional investment committee also approved eight foreigner-invested projects and one Myanmar citizen-invested project that will be implemented in Yangon Region. The decision was made during the investment committee’s monthly meeting held on 13 August.

The FDI to be channeled into Yangon is worth US\$ 10.239 million while the capital of Myanmar citizen-invested venture is valued at Ks. 1.675 billion. The approved projects are expected to create up to nearly 6,000 job opportunities for local people, according to the regional investment committee. “Some foreign companies want to invest in garment sector which can employ many people.

At the same time, we are trying out utmost to create a more attractive and foreign in-



Yangon Region Minister for Kayin Ethnic Affairs Naw Pan Thinzar Myo. **PHOTO: SAN KYAW OO (IPRD)**

vestor-friendly business environment in the region, Yangon Region Minister for Kayin Ethnic Affairs Naw Pan Thinzar Myo told the reporters after the investment committee’s meeting.

The Urban and Housing Development Department (UHDD) under the Ministry of Construction of Myanmar and the Korea Land and Housing Corporation from the Republic of Korea sealed a deal to jointly set up an industrial complex in Hlegu Township, Yangon Region on 7 August. Under the agreement, an industrial zone named “the Korea-Myanmar Industrial Complex” will be developed on nearly 600 acres of land in NyaungHna Bin Village, Hlegu Township at an estimated cost of about US\$ 110 million. The industrial complex will include SMEs, heavy industry and a vocational training school and will support the development of industrial, export and human resource sectors in Yangon Region.

As many as 200 Korean firms are expected to make investments in the industrial complex which will create 50,000 to 100,000 job opportunities for local people and generate US\$ 10 million in taxes annually. In addition, the local government inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a consortium from Hong Kong and Taiwan to establish a US\$ 500-million industrial zone on 2,200 acres of land in Htantabin Township.

Construction of the project is slated to start by the end of September this year and is expected to create around 100,000 job opportunities.



An official explains about the function of the 4KUHD Canon Cinema C200 Video Camera. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

Canon Cinema EOS experience

CANON constantly producing high quality camera held a “Canon Cinema EOS Experience” event to demonstrate and try out a high quality video camera. The event was held at Wyndham Hotel in Yangon on 16 August.

A 4KUHD Canon Cinema C200 Video Camera was displayed at the event for demonstration and trying out. The video camera was an affordable solution for film and video production.

The 4K UHD camera can shoot video files at 120 fps and video files can be edited without diminishing the video quality. It gave clear and crisp videos that are four times better than a Full

HD (1080 Mega Pixel).

At the event academy award winning director Alinkarkyawswar Bagyi Soe Moe show a video shot with Canon Cinema C200 Video Camera to the attendees, explained about distinct functions of the video camera and shared his experience on using the camera.

Within a month from 16 August the camera will be available in Yangon, Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw and other cities at a special rate together with gifts including CFast 128 GB Memory Card.

Canon products were imported and distributed in Myanmar by Myanmar Golden Rock International Co., Ltd.—GNLM



Canon cameras displaying at the event. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**



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AFF Women's Championship: Myanmar advances to semifinal

THE Myanmar women's national team have advanced to the semifinal of the AFF Women's Championship 2019 in spite of a 0-4 loss to Viet Nam yesterday in the last match of the group stage, according to the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF).

The goals for Viet Nam were scored by Pham Hai Yen at the 13th and 16th minutes, Thai ThiThao at the 43rd minute, and by Nguyen ThiTuyet Dung, off a penalty, at the 63rd minute.

Myanmar played three matches in the group stage,

winning two and losing one. Myanmar beat Indonesia 7-0 on 16 August, and trounced Cambodia 10-1 on 18 August.

Both Viet Nam and Myanmar from Group B have advanced to the semifinals. Viet Nam is the winner in Group B, with 9 points from three wins, and Myanmar is the first runner-up, with 6 points from two wins and one loss.

The group stage matches for Group A have not finished yet. Four matches remain to be played on 21 and 23 August. At present, host Thailand is at the

top of the standing table with 6 points and 17 goal differences, and Philippines is in the second place with 6 points and 10 goal differences.

The best goal scorer so far has been Myanmar's Yee YeeOo with seven goals, followed by Viet Nam's Huynh Nhu and Nguyen ThiBichThuy with five goals each.

The semifinals for the tourney are scheduled to be held on 25 August, and the final and third place matches will be played on 27 August. — KyawKhin



A Myanmar player (red) prepares to kick the ball during the group stage match of the AFF Women's Championship 2019 against Viet Nam in Thailand on 20 August. PHOTO: MFF

Gamers risk health in bid to be eSports millionaires

SHANGHAI(China)— A record \$33.5 million is up for grabs but professional eSports players like those competing in The International in Shanghai this week pay a physical price with deteriorating eyesight, digestive problems and wrist and hand damage.

At first, Evgenii "Blizzy" Ri looks perplexed at the notion: "It's impossible, how can you get injuries when you play games?"

Then the 24-year-old from Kyrgyzstan discloses that a doctor urged him to take six months off to give his failing vision a badly needed rest.

Ri plays for NatusVincere, or NAVI, and this week is competing in The International, a world championship said to have the biggest prize pool in the history of eSports.

NAVI and 17 other teams will play the multiplayer battle game Dota 2 in front of thousands of fans at a major indoor stadium while hundreds of thousands more will watch online.

If NAVI triumph on Sunday, Ri and his team-mates will become instant millionaires — but success could come at a price.

"I didn't worry before but now I feel like my eyes are really... I can't see so much," said Ri, who practises up to 12 hours a day.

"Ten years I've been playing computers so they are a bit... I've just got bad vision.

Ri has been told to wear glasses but he does not find them comfortable and said that his deteriorating eyesight does not hinder his performance because the screen is up close.

A doctor recommended simple eye exercises — moving them up and down, left and right — but he admits that he does not do them.

"Actually he also told me not to play the computer for six months to get back my vision, but I didn't listen.

"I need to play."

'My body is so sore'

According to several players in Shanghai, the most common health complaint for pro gamers is Carpal Tunnel syndrome.

Not unique to gamers, it happens through repetitive hand and wrist motions and is characterised by numbness, burning and tingling of the thumb, index, middle and ring fingers.

In severe cases surgery is required. Some gamers talked about wrist injuries so severe they had to quit and lower back problems related to sitting for too long, day after day.—AFP ■

Myanmar to play friendly match to prepare for World Cup qualifiers

THE Myanmar men's national football team will play a friendly match against the Chinese men's national team on 30 August as part of preparations for the 2022 FIFA World Cup qualification.

Myanmar head coach MiodragRadulovic has preliminarily selected 35 footballers for the national team, according to the Myanmar Football Federation's Facebook page on Monday.

The selected players began training in Yangon on Monday, and will leave for China on 26 August to play the friendly match.

The preliminary lists include goalkeepers Kyaw Zin Htet, Kyaw Zin Phyo, Pyae Hlan Aung, San Satt Naing and Pyae Phyo Aung, and defenders Zaw Min Tun, Soe Moe Kyaw, Zaw

Lin, Zaw Ye Tun, PyaePhyo-Zaw, David Htan, Kyaw Zin Lwin, Shwe Hlaing Win, Aung Wunna Soe, Nanda Kyaw, Thein Than Win, and Hein Thiha Zaw.

The selected midfielders are Yang AungKyaw, Lwin Moe Aung, Yan NaingAung, Tin Win Aung, Zon Moe Aung, Hlaing Bo Bo, Maung Maung Lwin, Than Htet Aung, Kyi Lwin, Si Thu Aung and Suan Lam Mang, while forwards are Kyaw Ko Ko, Aung Thu, Win Naing Soe, Than Paing, Aung Kaung Mann, Pyi Moe, and Kaung Si Thu.

The Myanmar football team will play against Mongolia on 5 September, Kyrgyzstan on 10 October, Japan on 26 March, 2020, and Tajikistan on 9 June, 2020 in Group F of the World Cup qualification. — KyawKhin

Manchester United 'disgusted' by racist abuse of Pogba

LONDON (United Kingdom)— Manchester United said they "utterly condemn" the racist abuse their World Cup-winning midfielder Paul Pogba received after he missed a penalty in the 1-1 draw with Wolverhampton Wanderers on Monday.



Paul Pogba received racist abuse on social media after missing a penalty against Wolves. PHOTO: AFP

The 26-year-old Frenchman has missed four penalties since the start of last season — the most by a Premier League player — while team-mate and fellow penalty-taker Marcus Rashford has converted all four of his attempts in that time. Pogba was assailed

on social media, becoming the third player in England to have received racist abuse in the past week due to missing a penalty.

United said they were "disgusted" by the abuse and "utterly condemn" it. "The individuals who expressed these views do not represent the values of our great club and it is encouraging to see the vast majority of our fans condemn this on social media also," the club said in a statement.

"Manchester United has zero tolerance of any form of racism or discrimination and a long-standing commitment to campaigning against it through our #AllRedAllEqual initiative. "We will work to identify the few involved in these incidents and take the strongest course of action available to us. We also encourage social media companies to take action in these cases."—AFP ■