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Filming of 'Aung San' launched in presence of State Counsellor; movie to hit screens in 2020



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, former President U Htin Kyaw, Union ministers and artistes look around costumes for characters in the Bogyoke Aung San Film displayed at the ceremony to launch the filming of 'Aung San' in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE 'Aung San' film based on the struggles of Myanmar national leader Bogyoke Aung San for independence is set to be on camera beginning 30 September.

State Counsellor Daw Aung

San Suu Kyi observed the inauguration ceremony of this film, held at Novotel Hotel in Yangon yesterday morning.

The ceremony was also attended by former President U Htin Kyaw, Union Minister for

Information Dr Pe Myint, Union Minister for Union Government Office U Min Thu, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko, Chairman of Union Peace Commission Dr Tin Myo Win, Yangon Region's Chief

Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Region's Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Kyi Min, Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe, the departmental heads and officers,

patrons, chairman and CEC members of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization, members of the film production committee, artists, technicians, donors and the invited guests.

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Joint Committee on Amending 2008 Constitution holds meeting 39/2019

MEETING 39/2019 of the Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the Joint Committee Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker Pyithu Hluttaw/ Deputy Speaker U Tun Aung (a) U Tun Tun Hein, Deputy Chairman

of the Joint Committee Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung, Joint Committee secretary Dr Myat Nyana Soe and members who were Hluttaw representatives from political parties and Tatmadaw Hluttaw representatives and officials from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.

— MNA ■
(Translated by Zaw Min)



Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution holds its meeting 39/2019 at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Launching Ceremony for Myanmar Services Trade Enhancement Project held

LAUNCHING Ceremony for Myanmar Services Trade Enhancement Project was held at Horizon Lake View Resort Hotel at 9 am in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the event, Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo said that Myanmar is successful in trade to a certain extent. Service industry must develop with trade. Towards that end, Myanmar Services Trade Enhancement project will be carried out from June 2019 to June 2022 to support GDP and job opportunities of Myanmar. Transparency is a necessity in service industry, and young entrepreneurs must be competitive in Myanmar economy.

Then, the Enhanced Integrated Framework(EIF) Executive Director, Dr Ratnakar Adhikari said that Myanmar is about to get LCD graduation which means getting out of the list of least developed countries. So it is important to engage more in service trade. Business sectors such as travel, banks, production of export items must be extend-

ed. Some relaxations are needed for trades in services. The EIF will assist service industry, which is a driving force for Myanmar to get out of Least Developed Countries. Since Myanmar has successfully implemented former projects, it is truly believed that this project will also be successful like its precursors.

Then, the Deputy Minister and the attendees had their group photo taken, and they looked around booths of exhibitions.

Then, discussions were made on the topic of Current Situation and Potential for E-commerce In Myanmar. During the secession, digitalized businesses, E payment, and technical support. The representatives then held talks on the components of the projects.

The project is to fund Myanmar under the EIF assisted by the World Trade Organization for trade development in the least developed countries. A total of US\$ 2.1 million will be funded for the project from 2019 to 2022.—MNA
(Translated by Alphonsus)

Union Minister for Commerce receives Australian Ambassador to Myanmar



Union Minister for Commerce Dr Than Myint and a delegation led by Australian Ambassador Ms Andrea Faulkner pose for photo in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Union Minister for Commerce Dr Than Myint received Australia Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Andrea Faulkner at the minister's office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting matters relating to increasing bilateral trade; ASEAN-Aus-

tralia Free Trade Agreement; increasing all round economic cooperation in the region; Myanmar agriculture products meeting quality standards and following Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) norms; technical cooperation in transport, basic infrastructure and logis-

tics sectors; plan for raising the capacity of staffs; implementation of Myanmar special economic zones and raising Ease of Doing Business ranking were cordially and openly discussed.

— MNA ■
(Translated by Zaw Min)

Industrial, infrastructure expo to be held from 9-11 Oct

THE Industrial and Infrastructure Event for Myanmar, which is the biggest expo in the country, will be held in October at Myanmar Expo (ME), Fortune Plaza, Thakayta Township, Yangon.

The event was announced at a media conference on 24 September at the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI).

The expo will bring together other trade shows such as build-

ing and construction, electrical power and renewable energy, Construction, Power and Mining Myanmar (CPMM 2019), Renewable Energy Myanmar 2019, International Precision Engineering, Machine Tool and Metalworking Exhibition (MTA Myanmar 2019), and international Industrial Subcontracting event (Subcon Myanmar 2019).

The Industrial and Infrastructure Event for Myanmar will be held from 9 to 11 October.

The expo will be open from 9 am to 5 pm on that days. More than 100 companies from nine countries and regions will showcase industrial machinery and equipment, building and construction and mining technology and equipment, machinery and solutions. The event will feature six international showrooms from China, Korea, Myanmar, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand.

— Ko Htet ■
(Translated by Hay Mar)



Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo addresses the Launching Ceremony for Myanmar Service Trade Enhancement Project in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

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Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko, in his capacity as the chairman of 'Aung San' Film Production Committee, briefed on preparations for the overall production of the film.

The production working committee for Aung San film was formed with 17 members by the order of Union Government Office on 24 November 2017. The working committee formed the seven sub-committees on 8 December 2017 to manage the production.

Thura U Aung Ko said that his committee has accepted K1.234398873 billion and US\$4,813 — K846. 895873 million and \$4,813 — from the previous Aung San Movie Team and K387.503000 million from Bogyoke Aung San Film Production Committee. He added the funds were being handled by the working inspection sub-committee in accordance with the financial rules.

The office of Bogyoke Aung San Film Production Committee was established at No. 131, KabaAye Road in Bahan Township, Yangon, on 28 January 2018 to prepare for the production.

Two licenses were applied for production of 'Aung San Film' on 13 December last year. The screen serials comprising 117 parts were completed on 7 June 2019. The dialogues of characters have been written and reviewed by the subcommittee for historical record. This subcommittee also approved the facts presented by the team of property designer which also collected items for the movie.

Meanwhile, the costume de-



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi poses for a documentary photo together with former President U Htin Kyaw, Union Ministers, government officials, artistes and actors who will act in 'Aung San' Film at the ceremony to launch shooting Bogyoke Aung San Film in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

signer team has already created the sample military dresses, and double-checked with those in the Defence Services Museum.

The Woseley car with number plate RC-2874 used by Bogyoke Aung San was repaired at Htoo Automobile Service to be used in the movie. It has been returned to its department on 20 May 2019.

Actor Ko Kyaw Kyaw Myo got horse-riding training from 7 am to 9 am at the Myanmar Equestrian Federation training ground from May 2018 to September. He also received English speaking training from Saya U Ye Htet (Thanlyin Mg Wint Wah) at National Theater (Yangon) from 10:30 am to 3 pm every weekend. He also learned Japanese speaking from

Dr Daw Su Zar Zar Htay Yi, the music lecturer who received her doctorate degree in music from Japan.

The Union Minister said the production committee was preparing for other needs such as hospital setting, a steam locomotive, a tram, Hai Lee Ship, and the residence of late Colonel Suzuki in Japan, as well as generators for shooting.

Director U Lu Min and U Soe Kyaw San visited Japan to study this residence and country scenes for the shooting. Director Academy Alinkar Kyaw Swa U Soe Moe and U Lu Min have selected the artists for the roles of Japanese characters.

Thura U Aung Ko said that it was ready to start the shooting and expected to screen the

film in 2020. He also expressed thanks for the assistance of all persons concerned, including the Ministry of Information, the Myawady Television, private broadcast media, and press.

Sithu Dr Bogalay Tint Aung, the patron of MMPO, expressed his appreciation for creating the film. He also said the movie will be a fitting tribute to the national heroes, and stressed that it needed to be correct in each process.

The film's Director U Lu Min also said that research for this film had given him a wider knowledge on Bogyoke Aung San. He also requested to see this film as a movie rather than historical record, action movie or biopic. It would present about independence struggles in Myanmar, the inception of Tatmadaw, Aung San as a youth and university student, his works as a University student leader, a politician, a military chief, a national leader, a state leader and an architect of the country's independence.

He also added the film was believed to give the message about how the young Aung San endeavoured for the independence of this country. He also added the members of various production committees tried hard to produce this film by following all the four levels of endeavor before they reached the last and fourth level with determined efforts.

Director Lu Min also expressed thanks to all the colleagues, supporters and beneficiaries of this film which was expected to be completed in

conjunction with the centenary of the Myanmar Motion Picture next year.

Then, the officials from Suzuki Motor Corporation donated K 500 million to the film production committee.

The State Counsellor posed for documentary photos, together with former President U Htin Kyaw, the Union Ministers, the government officials, artistes, technicians, and the MMPO members.

The State Counsellor and party looked around the display of costumes for characters in the film before greeting with artistes and family members of the Thirty Comrades who struggled for independence together with Bogyoke Aung San.

During the press conference, Movie Director U Lu Min, artistes and technicians replied to the media questions.

The film will be created by the production team, including story/script writing committee, Director Lu Min, Casting Director Alinka Kyawswa Artist Soe Moe, Production Designer Academy U Tun Aung Zaw, Art Director Academy Soe Kyaw San, together with the artistes Kyaw Kyaw Myo for the character of Bogyoke Aung San, Nant Zarchi Linn for Daw Khin Kyi, Academy Yan Aung, Academy Ye Aung, Academy Min Oo, Academy Khant Si Thu, Nai Nai, Nyo Min Lwin, Phay Zin, Moe Hay Ko and other supporting artists.— MNA ■

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Kyaw Kyaw Myo (L) who will act as Aung San and Nant Zarchi Linn who will act as Daw Khin Kyi are seen at the ceremony for launching shooting Bogyoke Aung San Film in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

7th Joint Committee of Myanmar–Singapore holds ministerial meeting

Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun and Singapore's Minister for Trade and Industry Mr Chan Chun Sing sign the Agreement on the Promotion and Protection of Investment between Myanmar and Singapore in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE 7th Joint Committee of Myanmar–Singapore Ministerial Meeting was held on 24 September 2019 at the Melia Hotel in Yangon.

The meeting was co-chaired by Myanmar's Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, U Thaung Tun, and Singapore's Minister for Trade and Industry, Mr Chan Chun Sing. A range of topics were covered – including bilateral cooperation in the investment area, SME development, aviation, agriculture, food, finance and legal services.

In addition, the Agreement on the Promotion and Protection of Investment between Myanmar and Singapore was signed at the meeting. This Bilateral Investment Agreement will create a more favourable,

friendly and predictable investment-enabling environment for investors from both countries. It will also further enhance the Myanmar-Singapore trade and investment relationship.

Singapore is a leading investor in Myanmar, contributing over one quarter of all Foreign Direct Investment into the country. The bilateral trade volume approached approximately US\$ 3.9 billion in Fiscal Year 2017-2018, with Singapore having been one of the key trading partners of Myanmar for the past several years.

The 7th Joint Committee of Myanmar–Singapore Ministerial Meeting was attended by 70 people –including senior officials from relevant Ministries, with representatives from both Myanmar and Singapore respectively.—MNA

Ethnic Affairs Union Minister receives CCPNT Chairman

UNION MINISTER for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin received Chairman of China Council for the Promotion of National Trade (CCPNT) Mr Lan Jun and party at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to local products of Myanmar ethnic peoples to be displayed at One Town, One Product Trade Fair which will be held in November 2019 in Changsha City, Hunan Province in China, and promoting and strengthening the two nations' bilateral trade relations by exchanging views among the Myanmar Ethnic Entre-

preneurs Association-MEEA, China Overseas Chinese Entrepreneurs Association and the Chinese Entrepreneurs Association in Myanmar.

They also discussed matters related to investments for boosting production of ethnic people's local products, sustainable business development in ethnic regions, working for an equal future and cooperation for economic and social benefits. The CCPNT Chairman and party also observed the display of traditional ethnic costumes in the ministry before the meeting.

— MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin and a delegation led by Chairman of China Council for the Promotion of National Trade (CCPNT) Mr Lan Jun pose for a photo in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

2019 Mid-year Gems Emporium fetches Euro 162.913 mln on 9th day

A TOTAL of 1,077 jade lots were sold out of the 1,300, numbering from 5212 to 6511 in open tender system of 2019 Mid-year Gems Emporium at Mani Yadana Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The sales on the 9th day

Merchants check jade stones at the Mid-year Gems Emporium 2019 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: HTEIN NAN NAW**

amounted to 162.913 million euros. Local and foreign merchants submitted bidding forms for the jade lots from number 6512 to 7811 which are in display for sales on 25 September.

They also purchased finished products of jade, jewelry, pearl and amber at the jewelry shops in Mani Yadana Jade Hall.— Myo Thu Hein

(Translated by Aung Khin)

'Aung San' film shooting inaugurated with religious rite

A RELIGIOUS rite for the start of 'Aung San' film shooting was observed in the prayer-hall near the Land of Victory at Shwedagon pagoda in Yangon yesterday morning.

The Buddhist monks

recited Parittas, and Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko, Deputy Minister U Kyi Min and officials, the artistes and supporting persons took part in the rites of Myanmar tradition.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko and artistes pose for a documentary photo at a religious rite for launching filming of 'Aung San' Movie in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Myanmar Investment Commission's work in July and August of 2019

Myanmar Investment Commission is permitting local and foreign investments according to Myanmar Investment Law.

Myanmar Investment Commission had permitted in July 2019 a total foreign investment including the increasing of investment totals US\$ 366.474 million and in August 2019 a total foreign investments including the increasing of investment totals US\$ 349.737 million.

Foreign investment permitted during July and August 2019 are as follow.

Sr.	Sector	July		August	
		No. of Investments	Capital US\$ million	No. of investments	Capital US\$ million
a	Transportation and communications sector	-	64.000*	-	-
b	Industrial sector	23	151.794	22	102.934*
c	Housing and building construction sector	1	87.500	1	37.000
d	Hotels and tourism sector	1	3.200	-	-
e	Animal husbandry and fishery sector	-	-	2	23.834
f	Other service sector	1	55.000*	1	185.870
g	Agriculture sector	1	4.980	1	0.099
Total		27	366.474	27	349.737

*Increase in the investment was included in the investment amount.

Myanmar Investment Commission had permitted in July 2019 Myanmar national investment totaling K 128,735.614 million and in August 2019 Myanmar national investment totaling K 100,184.485 million.

Myanmar national investment permitted during July and August 2019 are as follow.

Sr.	Sector	July		August	
		No. of investments	Capital Kyat million	No. of investments	Capital Kyat million
a	Transportations and communication sector	-	-	-	30,200.000*
b	Housing and building construction sector	1	100,693.850	2	25,733.000
c	Industrial sector	4	14,173.398	3	28,040.730*
d	Hotels and tourism sector	1	6,010.000	4	10,774.730*

e	Animal husbandry and fishery sector	2	4,000.000	-	-
f	Electricity sector	-	-	-	70.000*
g	Agriculture sector	2	500.000	-	-
h	Other service sector	3	3,358.366	3	5,366.025
Total		13	128,735.614	12	100,184.485

*Increase in the investment was included in the investment amount.

Increased number of jobs created by foreign investment during July and August 2019 are as follow.

Sr.	Sector	No. of jobs created for local workers	
		July	August
a	Agriculture sector	160	35
b	Animal husbandry and fishery sector	-	199
c	Industrial sector	15,849*	11,669*
d	Hotels and tourism sector	97	-
e	Housing and building construction sector	224	27
f	Other service sector	353	79
Total		16,683	12,009

Increased number of jobs created by Myanmar nationals investment during July and August 2019 are as follow.

Sr.	Sector	No. of jobs created for local workers	
		July	August
a	Industrial sector	314	234
b	Hotels and tourism sector	51	255
c	Housing and building construction sector	59	112
d	Animal husbandry and fishery sector	294	-
e	Agriculture sector	32	-
f	Other service sector	118	213
Total		868	814

Completed FMI City to be handed over to government in end-Sept

THE FMI Garden Development Ltd will hand over FMI City (Pa-daetharbin Myo Taw) to the Department of Urban and Housing Development (DUHD) under the Ministry of Construction on 30 September. The announcement

of DUHD on 23 September also said that the land was just a paddy field when work began in 1995, the 465 acres have been transformed into residences categorized as Cherry Avenue Lake, View Villas, Orchid Gardens and

Finger Lakes. It also includes a sports field, recreational area, shopping center, a wet market, a garden and restaurants.

Located 6 miles from Yangon International Airport and 9 miles from downtown Yangon,

the FMI City houses nearly 8,000 residents in 2,000 properties, accessible near Bayintaung Bridge in Hlinethayar Township.

The FMI City was built on the land of DUHD and the foundation stones were first laid in

1994. After completing construction in line with State rules and regulations, DUHD will start management of the estate from 30 September. — Than Htike

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

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Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
2. With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offenses up to 21 September 2019 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

Sr	Nature of report	Details on seizure and legal action taken
1	Information received of Daw Chaw Sein who lives in Nyaungpintha Village, Hsinbo Township, Kachin State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 18 September 2019, police searched the house of Daw Chaw Sein, 46, daughter of U Kyaw Khin, who lives in Nyaungpintha Village, Hsinbo Township, and arrested her together with heroin. A case has been opened her with NaMaSa(Hsinbo) MaYa(pa)15/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2	Information received of Kyaw Sein Win who lives in Zigon Village, Hopin Township, Kachin State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 18 September 2019, police inspected a motorcycle near the Nang Mon mountain, 7-mile Village-tract, Hopin Township. It was ridden by Kyaw Sein Win, 41, son of U Sergyi and Kyaw Zin Aung, 29, son of U Aung Win, who live in Zigon Village, and arrested them together with heroin. A case has been opened them with NaMaSa(Hopin) MaPa (pa)54/2019 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3	Information received of Aung Tun Lin who lives in Thaugmyin Village, Indaw Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 15 September 2019, police searched the house of Aung Tun Lin, 45, son of U Nyo Hmaing, who lives in Thaugmyin Village, Indaw Township, and found him accompanied by Tin Maung Lwin, 34, son of U Aung Thein, Tharshin (a) Myint Shein, 48, son of U Aung Gyi who live in Lepyin Village. Police seized heroin from them. A case has been opened them with MaMaSa(Indaw) MaYa (Pa)93/2019 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4	Information received of Than Aung who lives in Sinnaing Village, Homalin Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 17 September 2019, police searched the house of Than Aung, 54, son of U Tun Yin, who lives in Sinnaing Village, Homalin Township, and arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened him with NaMaSa(Htamanthi) MaYa(pa)21/2019 under Section 19(a) and 20 (a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5	Information received of Cho Aye who lives in Chaikthin Village, Htigyaing Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 18 September 2019, police inspected a motorcycle near Thitsinin Village, Htigyaing Township. It was ridden by Cho Aye, 54, son of U San Win and Myo Min Tun, 31, son of U Aung Kyi, who live in Chaikthin Village, and arrested them together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened them with MaMaSa(Htigyaing) MaPa (pa)41/2019 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
6	Information received of Poe Nyi who lives in Leikhton Village, Katha Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 20 September 2019, police searched the house of Poe Nyi (a) Win Than, 40, son of U Tin Oo, who lives in Leikhton Village, Katha Township, and arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened him with MaMaSa(Katha) MaYa(pa)85/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
7	Information received of Win Nyunt who lives in Leikhton Village, Katha Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 20 September 2019, police searched the house of Win Nyunt, 49, son of U Tin Oo, who lives in Leikhton Village, Katha Township, and police found him accompanied by Kyaw Tint, 32, son of U Nwar Maung, who lives the same village. Police arrested them together with 'WY' stimulant tablets and heroin. A case has been opened them with MaMaSa(Katha) MaYa(pa)86/2019 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
8	Information received of Kyaw Thura who lives in Ohebo Village, Mawlaik Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 21 September 2019, police arrested Kyaw Thura, 33, son of U Khin Maung Hla, who lives in Ohebo Village, Mawlaik Township, Thein Ko (a) Myint Maung, 46, son of U Aung Tin, who lives in the same village, Kyaw Min Latt (a) Eai Toke, 36, son of U Chit Htay, who lives in Mawleikkalay village, and Lin Lin Tun (a) Kalargyi, 23, son of U Thaug Myint, who lives in Kintat Village, in the Maekazet Village's cemetery, Mawlaik Township together with heroin. A case has been opened them with MaMaSa(Mawlaik) MaYa(pa)43/2019 under Section 16(c), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

9	Information received of Naing Nge who lives in Myaynitaung Village, Kyunsu Township, Taninthayi Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 15 September 2019, police searched the house of Naing Nge (a) Htay Naing, 38, son of U Maung Thein, who lives in Myaynitaung Village, Kyunsu Township, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened him with NaMaSa(Kanhmaw) MaYa(pa)34/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
10	Information received of Ngapain who lives in Hsedawgyi Village, Madaya Township, Mandalay Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 19 September 2019, police searched the house of Ngapain, 22, son of U Soe Lwin, who lives in Hsedawgyi Village, Madaya Township, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened him with NaMaSa(Hsedawgyi) MaYa(pa)4/2019 under Section 16(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
11	Information received of Than Soe Oo who lives in Shwenantha 2 Ward, Hmawby Township, Yangon Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 15 September 2019, police searched the house of Than Soe Oo, 19, son of U Aung Moe, who lives in Shwenantha 2 Ward, Hmawby Township, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened him with MaMaSa(Hmawby) MaYa(pa)25/2019 under Section 19(a), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
12	Information received of Myo Min Aung who lives in Taungni Village, Taunggyi Township, Shan State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 17 September 2019, police searched the house of Myo Min Aung, 30, son of U Kyi Maung, who lives in Taungni Village, Taunggyi Township, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets on the road of Taungni Village, Taunggyi. A case has been opened him with NaMaSa(Shwenyaung) MaYa(pa)56/2019 under Section 16(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

3. Out of the information sent to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department, so far a total of 761 cases have been opened files as of 21 September 2019. A total of 1183 people, including 999 men and 184 women had been arrested with 6946.1084 g of heroin, 1318.72 g of ICE, 39776.95 g of opium, 329.6 g of low-quality opium, 19809.27 g of speciosa powder, 7833.19 g of speciosa, 2.5 liters of liquid speciosa, 340912 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 one grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the department will report on further exposed cases.
4. To seize further drugs and to arrest drugs dealers, people are urged to inform the Ministry of Home Affairs, region and state governments and to inform huge cases of drug trafficking and other suspicious cases directly to the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** of the Office of the President via following contact numbers:

Contacts

Landline No. — 067-590200

Fax Phone No. — 067-590233

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YCDC to seize unused plots in industrial zones

By Nyein Nyein

UNUSED plots in industrial zones in Yangon Region will be seized, if they remain undeveloped, said U Than, the Joint Secretary of the Yangon City Development Committee.

There are 29 industrial zones in Yangon Region, and about 60 per cent of the plots are being utilized, while the remaining plots are not being used. If they remain undeveloped after warnings, the plots will be seized.

“Yangon Region has 29 industrial zones, including the Thilawa Special Economic Zone (SEZ). Sixty per cent of the plots are being used by businesses to run operations, some are under construction, and on some, only warehouses and fencing have been built. The regional minister for Electricity, Industry and Transportation is collecting data, and the ministry has also

urged entrepreneurs to start operations on the plots at the earliest. If the plots remain undeveloped after the warning, we plan to seize them,” said U Than.

“At present, the responsibility of the management of land on industrial zones is with the YCDC. Therefore, it will keep supervising land operation activities,” U Than added.

Suggestions were invited from the public on the Industrial Zone Bill on 3 May. Twenty chapters and 80 sections have been embodied in the bill. As per Chapter 10 on investor obligations and exemptions, each and every construction project has to be completed by them within a fixed period. If they fail to do so, a reasonable reason must be provided to the respective industrial zone committee, along with the recommendation of the Industry Zone Management Committee. If the reason



Photo shows Hlinethaya Industrial Zone in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

is not sufficient, their business permit would be revoked, as per rules and regulations.

According to Chapter 11 of the Industrial Zone Bill, businesspersons who hold plots in industrial zones and leave them unused have to seek approval from the authority by forward-

ing their plans within six months of the law coming into effect. If they fail to complete the project within two years, the plots will be seized by the respective industrial zone committee, and 50 per cent of the land's value will be reimbursed to them.

Additionally, under Chapter

19 of the bill, business owners can face a maximum sentence of three years' imprisonment, if they violate any rules.

The amended Industrial Zone Bill was approved by the Pyithu Hluttaw on 3 September.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

About 190 petrol stations approved across Myanmar in 9 months

PERMISSIONS were granted for opening about 190 petrol stations across the country between December and September in the 2018-2019 financial year, according to official statistics released by the Ministry of Electricity and Energy.

There were 2,389 privately owned petrol stations across the country as of 27 December, 2018. Over the next nine months, the authorities issued licenses for opening 187 more petrol stations, which has

brought the number of private petrol stations to 2,576 as of 18 September.

As of 18 September, petrol distribution and sale licenses have been issued to 94 stations in Union Territories, 183 in Yangon Region, 631 in Mandalay Region, 211 in Ayeyawady Region, 257 in Bago Region, 177 in Magway Region, 224 in Sagaing Region, 28 in Taninthayi Region, 110 in Kachin State, 18 in Kayah State, 50 in Kayin State, four in Chin State, 131 in Mon

State, 38 in Rakhine State, 57 in Shan State (East), 193 in Shan State (North), and 170 in Shan State (South).

Myanmar imports 90 per cent of its fuel oil, while 10 per cent is produced locally.

Myanmar imported over 4.957 million tons of fuel, worth over US\$2.942 billion between October and August in the current fiscal, a decline of over 480,000 tons, worth over \$380 million, compared to the same period last year, according to statistics provided by the Ministry of Commerce.

The country also purchased over 3 million tons of diesel, worth \$1.797 billion, and 1.877 million tons of fuel oil, worth over \$1.144 billion, in the October-August period.

On 23 September, the price of one liter of fuel oil stood at K950 for diesel, K960 for premium diesel, K850 for Octane 92, and K940 for Octane 95 in the Yangon fuel market.

Petrol consumption in Myanmar has increased six-fold over the past five years. — Aye Maung

(Translated by Hay Mar)



An employee at a fuel station fills up a car's oil tank. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

Mung beans, pigeon peas prices stabilize

THE prices of mung beans and pigeon peas, which depend mainly on demand from India, are now stable and have touched a fresh record in the local market, according to Myanmar Pulses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association.

Although Myanmar planned to export the bean quota to India at the end of October, the price of beans has stabilized in the local market as Indian merchants are controlling bean purchases.

Currently, mung beans are priced at K770,000 per ton in the local market, while pigeon peas are fetching K840,000 per ton. Compared to the first week of September, the price of mung beans has increased by K50,000 per ton, and that of pigeon peas has risen by over K30,000 per ton.

Myanmar bean merchants have estimated that the production of beans grown in the monsoon season in India may decline because of bad weather conditions. There are plans to export mung beans produced

in Ayeyawady and Bago regions to India as well as Pakistan and Bangladesh. Meanwhile, pigeon peas grown in the central region as monsoon crops will be exported to India, which is their main market.

Myanmar has earned over US\$900 million from the export of pulses in the current financial year. The Ministry of Commerce is coordinating with those concerned to sell pulses and beans to India under a government-to-government pact.

India has announced that it will import 150,000 tons of mung beans and 200,000 tons of pigeon peas this year. Besides India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Dubai, Malaysia, Indonesia, Taiwan, Japan, and European countries are buying beans and pulses from Myanmar. But, the volume of beans and pulses purchased by the other countries is low, according to the Myanmar Pulses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association. — Aye Cho (Translated by Hay Mar)

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Students fundamental brick for democracy's foundation stone

THE first student protest that ignited the spirit of independence, the formation of the GCBA which was called Myanmar's first political party, the establishment of the prestigious Rangoon University which took the nation's educational tradition to the topmost levels, all these occasions will be reaching their 100th anniversary in 2020.

Centenaries have always been celebrated as special occasions in Myanmar history. The 1920 student protest in Yangon erupted against what they perceived as an unfair education system that the British colonials wanted to implement. The protest was able to give inspiration all the way to our reclamation of independence.

In that sense, the student movement was the driver for opposition against the colonial administration and political traction. They were the spark that lit the fuse and their actions reverberated through the upper echelons of the British administration.

From then on, Myanmar's political scene took off and people began giving it more consideration. This upsurge in public political interest became one of the driving forces that led Myanmar to regain independence.

The next step was the second student protest in 1936 that grew into an armed

revolution. Students and student unions have always been a part of the most important roles in our struggle for independence in Myanmar's history.

The student union of Rangoon University brought about such luminaries as Ko Nu, Ko Aung San, Ko Hla Pe, Ko Ba Hein, Ko Hla Shwe, Ko Thein Pe, Ko Kyaw Nyein, Ko Ba Swe and Ko Aung Kyaw, all of whom were instrumental in Myanmar's bid for independence.

And they too gave birth to the leaders of Myanmar's Tatmadaw such as Bo Aung San, Bo Kyar, Bo Yan Aung, Bo Zeya, Bo Ye Htut, Bo Yan Naing and Bo Min Kaung.

Furthermore, just before the military takeover in 1962, the top political leaders of the nation were all from student unions. And in line with history, young students have been making sacrifices up to the democracy movement.

Now too, we have to rely on the strength of our students as the foundation of democracy and national development. They need to be given support, encouragement and opportunities as they are the next generation that will be leading this great nation of ours.



The World and Myanmar Tourism

By Maung Nay

THE 2019 World Tourism Day soon falls on 27th September; this year, the celebrations will be held in New Delhi, India. Every year, the World Tourism Day is held on 27th September among the international Community for fostering the importance of tourism and its social, economic, political and cultural value. The third Conference of World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) was held in Spain, thus leading to celebrate every year starting from 1980. The theme for World Tourism Day is recommended by WTO Executive Council.

This year, the theme for WTD is: "Tourism and Jobs: A better future for All." The theme is intended to create more job opportunities; only when more job opportunities are created in the tourism sector, then it would be beneficial for the future of millions of people across the world. In fact, tourism plays a key role in creating job opportunities. Probable chances and challenges must be carried out in job markets and technique sectors on this Day.

The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

UNWTO consists of 158 member countries; 6 groups of partners and cooperating allied 500 organizations, interested persons from private, educational and tourism sectors are an international organization. The UNWTO is mainly responsible for du-

rules of conduct, objectives of sustainable developments, the WTO has tried to reduce probable evils and poverty rate for global sustainable developments by means of tourism besides socio-economic benefits. In addition, policies of techniques education and training programs concerning tourism are conducted in over 100 countries as well as competition in tourism sector, marketing, sustainable development on the policies of tourism will get improved for the development of tourism.

According to the report released in 2018 by World Tourism Organization, the world tourism sector generated 1.4 billion which is 7% of world total exports. Exports of international tourism amounted to 1.7 trillion. The total number of tourists are 57% who travel by air and the rest 55% go for their vacations whereas 13% travel for business purposes. According to the 2017 report of UNWTO, exports in chemical sectors generated \$ 1983 billion,

fuel sectors: \$ 1960 billion; tourism: \$ 1586 billion; food: \$1466 billion; and industrial sectors: \$ 1470 billion respectively. In 2018, America Continent received 217 million tourists with incomes of \$ 333 billion, Europe received 713 million tourists with incomes of \$ 517 billion, Africa with 67 million tourists with incomes of \$ 38 billion; Middle East: 60 mil-



lion tourists with incomes of \$ 73 billion; Asia Pacific region: 345 million tourists with incomes of \$ 433 billion.

The general characteristics of Tourism Market In tourism market, general characteristics of four out five tourists happen to be local tourists. For instance, four out five European tourists are the ones who tend to tour Europe. In addition, money spent during the trips is mentioned in the following: China: \$ 277.3 billion; the US: \$ 144.2 billion; Germany: \$ 94.2 billion; England: \$ 75.8 billion; France: \$ 47.9 billion; Russia: \$ 34.5 billion; Canada: \$ 33.3 billion; Korea: \$ 32 billion; Italy: \$ 30.1 billion standing respectively. If the policies and intentions of the World Tourism Organization are extracted, developments of responsible, sustainable developments of tourism, emergence of smooth transportations, and creations of job opportunities by means of tourism, reduction in poverty and others are found.

Myanmar Tourism

Myanmar where tourism has been developing rapidly should be observed in accordance with international standards and indexes without losing sight of the world tourism. The Tourism Ministry has outlined tourism sectors from 2013 to 2020, and in all its plans, the focus has been on our country's multicultural heritage and scenic beauty.

With warm welcome comes the creation of business chances and job opportunities. Myanmar is a good location and hopes to become a better destination. While Myanmar is laying down its responsible tourism policies, wide participation of local populace is necessary to raise socio-economic developments in their regions. Eighteen community-based tourism planning are being carried out in 42 vil-

lages in States and Regions such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Shan, Magway, Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi. In addition, seven planning are also implemented in seven villages.

In addition, abundant productions, distinctions and qualities related with tourism are allowed to compete by exhibiting foods and demonstrations of handicraft souvenirs. Similarly, professional trainings concerned with tourism sectors are given to improve the qualifications of those working in service sectors. The health and security of tourists, protection associations are being formed. These activities resulted in winning the Social Responsible Tourism Award in Berlin, Germany in 2017 by the Pa-O community-based tourism.

Among the responsible tourism policies, one of the main fac-

the creation of job opportunities for 135 1800 people in a position to catch up the scheduled 1.49 million people in the main (2013-2020) in Myanmar Tourism sector. In addition to the regions where tourists come en masse, new destinations should be arranged to reduce overtourism in order to distribute the tourist arrivals equally in States and Regions. Overtourism can damage natural and cultural heritage. This heritage can be protected by creating jobs in villages in the states and regions to ensure tourism helps improve the socio-economic conditions of the local people.

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tions such as Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan and Inlay; different and beautiful spots should be created in States and Regions such as Shan, Kayah, Taninthayi, Rakhine and Kayin to reduce overtourism in one area. Thus affecting serious conditions on environment and the traditional culture

In conclusion, according to the statements released by World Tourism Organization, tourists from China, Germany, Russia and Italy spend a lot of money during their trips. Exploring tourism sectors in these countries is a good task indeed. In addition, as the arrival of tourists by air



tors is to manage tourism sector; the sector is being carried out in States and Regions; local committees are formed to allocate authorities from 17 September, 2018 by promulgating the tourism laws. Tourism of sustainable developments is the one which tries to affect less evils on environment and traditional culture and let leave a better future for the local

could be prevented.

In addition, in order not to decrease the number of tourists for market stability, the trademark of Myanmar tourism is "Myanmar, Be enchanted" to compete with the changing times. According to the research evidences for Myanmar by the World Travel and Tourism (2019), 5.9% of total workforce is from tourism with

is 57%, it is necessary for them to pay a visit the famous places in the country with without hindrances and also for 55% for holidaymakers. New sites and beaches should be explored to attract the tourists and holidaymakers, thus balancing supplies and demands and creating job opportunities.

Translated by Arakan Sein



Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 24th September, 2019)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is cloudy over the North Bay and monsoon is weak over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 25 September, 2019: Weather will be partly cloudy in Eastern Shan and Kayah States. Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in (Northern and Southern)Shan State, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kayin and Mon States, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfalls in Lower Sagaing and Magway Regions, Kachin and Chin States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (3-7) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of withdrawal of Southwest monsoon from Deltaic areas.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25 September, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25 September, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25 September, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

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YCDC to discourage people from feeding pigeons; to raise awareness on issue

By Nyein Nyein

THE Yangon City Development Committee will discourage citizens from feeding pigeons by raising awareness on the health hazard posed by the practice, with the help of vinyl stickers and posters, said U Min Aung, the Head of the Veterinary and Slaughtering Department of the committee.

“We will put up vinyl posters, asking people not to feed pigeons. First, we will carry out awareness campaigns on the health hazards of pigeon droppings and infestation. Then, we will collect fines from the public. They will be punished and even face a prison sentence if they continue to feed pigeons. But, there has been no such case until now. We will place the vinyl stickers in each township to encourage people not to feed pigeons,” said U Min Aung.

Pigeons are drawn to an area when people put out food for them, posing a threat to human health and contributing to environmental pollution, he said.

“The pigeons will surely flock to any place where there



Woman feeding pigeons in Botahtaung Township in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

is a food source. To discourage pigeons, food must be cleared up as proximity to pigeons can be dangerous for human health. Besides, pigeon droppings are unsightly and can cause damage to parked cars and surroundings and be a nuisance to passers-by. Complaints have been filed with the YCDC, seeking removal of pigeons. However, we cannot kill

them under the law. However, pigeons will migrate to other places if there is no longer any food source. If pigeons do not inhabit crowded places of Yangon, it will be good for the public,” said U Min Aung.

“Under the existing law, sellers of pigeon food can face fines and/or a prison sentence. However, we will deal with this

problem by persuading sellers and feeders. The YCDC is liable to remove only dogs, rodents, and crows. But, they will remove other animals which can spread diseases,” said U Kyaw Min, the Head of the YCDC’s Administrative Department. He said public cooperation is needed to end the practice of feeding pigeons.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Tourist arrivals up at Mayanchan jetty in Mandalay as visitors throng Ayeyawady River



Tourist boat with tourists at Mayanchan Jetty in Mandalay Region. PHOTO: THAN ZAW MIN

THE number of tourist arrivals at Mayanchan jetty in Mandalay Region has been on the rise as the Ayeyawady River has been a major draw for visitors, according to the Private Vessel Supervisory Committee.

Every month, Mayanchan jetty is thronged with international visitors, most of them arriving by car. Tourists are mostly visiting Mingun, Inwa, Bagan regions and the Ayeyawady dolphins’ protection zone on motor vessels to explore the scenic views along the Ayeyawady River.

The Mayanchan jetty is receiving over 300 tourists per days, and tourist arrivals may increase in October, November, and December. Most of the tourists are Chinese and some are from European countries, said Ko Kyaw Khine Lin from the foreigner transport vessel association.

According to data from the committee, 90,000 tourists visited sites around the Ayeyawady River on motor vessels in August. — Than Zaw Min

(Translated by La Wonn)

Tea Leaf festival, local products exhibition to be held in Pindaya Town

THE 2nd Laphet or Tea Leaf Festival will be held from 11 to 13 November at the Pindaya historical cave in the Danu Self-administered Zone in southern Shan State.

The festival will be organized by the Pindaya Tea Cluster under the supervision

of the Myanmar Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producers and Exporters Association (MFVP) and other associations.

At the festival, tea leaves and fruits, which are the main local products of Pindaya Township, local handicrafts,

traditional foods, bio-fertilizers, agro products, and ethnic costumes will be exhibited. Additionally, traditional dance performances will be included in the entertainment program.

The festival is aimed at developing the society and business sectors of southern

Shan State. The booths will be sold in the first week of October, and ethnic people, international visitors, and businessmen are expected to participate in the event. — Khin Myo Nwe (Pindaya)

(Translated by La Wonn)

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Trump says Rouhani meeting not scheduled as speculation swirls

UNITED NATIONS (United States) — US President Donald Trump said Monday he could not rule out a meeting with Iranian counterpart Hassan Rouhani at the United Nations this week, but no encounter was yet scheduled.

Speculation has been rife over whether the leaders of the two arch-foes would finally meet on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York, with France's Emmanuel Macron trying to broker what would be a historic rendezvous.

The chances of this happening have seemingly diminished in the wake of a dramatic attack on Saudi oil facilities blamed by the United States on Iran, which denies being involved.

"I never rule anything out," Trump told reporters, but added that he had "nothing scheduled at this moment."

Macron is cautiously hopeful for a breakthrough and is seeking



All eyes are on US President Donald Trump and his Iranian counterpart Hassan Rouhani who are both in New York for the United Nations General Assembly. **PHOTO: AFP**

to bring the two together, having consulted informally with Trump on Monday, then meeting for more than 90 minutes with Rouhani that evening.

"The path of de-escalation is narrow but more necessary than ever, and it was time for Iran to take it," Macron told Rouhani in

the meeting, according to a statement from the French presidency.

Macron plans to meet with the US president again on Tuesday, and told reporters earlier on Monday, "I'll do everything I can so that conditions are created for discussion."

However Trump responded

to his efforts by saying "we don't need a mediator."

The Iranians "know whom to call," he said.

'Not closing the door'

Tehran and Washington have been at loggerheads since May last year when Trump abandoned a 2015 nuclear deal and began reimposing sanctions on Iran in a campaign of "maximum pressure." Following the Group of Seven summit in France in August, though, Trump spoke openly of his willingness to meet his Iranian counterpart face-to-face, if the conditions were right.

Trump is fond of the optics of high-profile meetings — his summits with North Korea's Kim Jong Un are testament to that — and a summit would mark a diplomatic coup a year ahead of his re-election bid.

He tempered his enthusiasm, though, after the devastating

September 14 attacks on Saudi oil installations that Washington and Riyadh have, to varying degrees, blamed on Tehran.

The attacks heightened tensions and renewed fears of a military escalation in the region.

"Did the chances of a meeting increase with these strikes? No, we have to be clear, we can see that things are getting tense," Macron said Sunday en route to New York. "The two main players are there," he added, referring to Rouhani and Trump. "Something can happen."

Diplomats hope a meeting would help de-escalate tensions in the Gulf that have flared since May when the United States ended all waivers in its unilateral sanctions that seek to stop Iran from selling any oil. Iran has responded by reducing its commitments under the nuclear deal and Trump has deployed military assets to the region.—AFP ■

Nissan, ex-CEO Ghosn charged in US with hiding \$140 mn from investors

WASHINGTON (United States)— US securities regulators on Monday charged Japanese automaker Nissan and its former CEO Carlos Ghosn with hiding more than \$140 million in Ghosn's expected retirement income from investors.

Ghosn will pay \$1 million in fines to settle the matter and will be barred from serving as a corporate executive for 10 years, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) said in a statement.

Nissan will pay a \$15 million fine.

The SEC also charged ex-board member Greg Kelly with aiding in the fraud. He agreed to a \$100,000 fine and a five-year corporate officer ban.

But Ghosn, his former right-hand man Kelly, and Nissan neither admitted nor denied the SEC's allegations.

Attorneys for Ghosn welcomed the deal, saying it allowed him to focus on fighting similar allegations in Japan.

The SEC said Ghosn, 65, working with Kelly and other subordinates, devised ways to disguise large amounts of Ghosn's compensation.

The machinations allegedly stemmed from a shift in Japanese policy in 2009 that required disclosure of indi-



Nissan's former CEO Carlos Ghosn will pay \$1 million in fines to settle with US securities regulators over what they said was a fraud related to his expected retirement income. **PHOTO: AFP**

vidual director compensation above 100 million yen, a little more than \$1 million at the time. "Ghosn became concerned about criticism that might result in the Japanese and French media if his total compensation became publicly known," the SEC said.

Ghosn directed subordinates to lobby the Japanese government to rescind the policy.

When that failed, "Ghosn and Nissan subordinates took steps to conceal from public disclosure a substantial portion of Ghosn's compensation," the SEC order said.

Ghosn and Kelly allegedly "fraudulently inflated" Ghosn's pension allowance by more than \$50 million and created a "false disclosure" to disguise the increase, the SEC said in an order.

Subordinates of Ghosn falsely told the company's chief financial officer that another big set of payments under a long-term incentive plan went to many Nissan employees and not primarily to Ghosn, the order said.

Ghosn also instructed an employee to change the currency in which Ghosn's pension would be paid.—AFP ■

Degas and his dancers: New show demolishes myth

PARIS (France)— It has always been assumed that Edgar Degas worked in the wings and rehearsal rooms of the Paris Opera to produce his staggering pictures of its dancers.

But, like the ballets themselves, it turns out that his behind-the-scenes masterpieces were a brilliant illusion. "All his scenes of the Opera are phantasmagoric," said Henri Loyrette, former head of the Louvre and Musee d'Orsay in Paris. A huge new show at the Orsay put together by the French art historian reveals that Degas hardly ever sketched in the theatre, never mind backstage. While "the painter of dancers" haunted the opera and its ballet for nearly 40 years, drinking in all the glamour and the grime,

the socially awkward introvert remained mostly in the shadows.

It was from there that he observed dancers and their predatory "patrons" as well as the mothers who often pimped their daughters to rich and powerful men, Loyrette said. In fact, experts cannot find any evidence that Degas got a backstage pass until later in his life. Instead he created "his own Opera... through the filter of memory and his imagination" back in his studio, Loyrette told AFP, hiring the opera's dancers — its "little rats" as they were called — as models.

His genius was to give the impression you are there, witnessing reality, said Loyrette, chief curator of "Degas at the Opera", which opens Tuesday.—AFP ■



Degas created "his own Opera... through the filter of memory and his imagination", according to the former head of the Louvre and Musee d'Orsay in Paris. **PHOTO: AFP**

Indonesia, Japan reach deal on Jakarta-Surabaya rail project

JAKARTA — Indonesia and Japan signed a deal Tuesday on an outline of a medium-speed train project linking the Southeast Asian country's capital Jakarta and its second-largest city Surabaya.

After two years of negotiations, the two countries agreed to use a nar-

row gauge on the railway track, instead of standard gauge, to better adapt to land characteristics in dense and multi-networked areas on Java island.

Under the agreement, the project will be split into two phases, with the first between Jakarta and the Central Java provincial

capital Semarang and the second between Semarang and Surabaya, capital of East Java province, covering distances of 436 kilometers and 284 km, respectively.

Both Indonesian and Japanese officials have said the initial investment value of the project was es-

timated at 60 trillion rupiah (about \$4.2 billion).

In an interview with Kyodo News a couple months ago, President Joko Widodo expected construction of the railway to start next year.

Indonesia's Agency for the Assessment and Application of Technology has

predicted that 12.4 per cent of airline passengers between the two cities, which totaled around 8 million last year, will shift to the trains.

Last year, a "political decision" was made by the government to have only Indonesian and Japanese companies participate in the tender to build the rail-

way network.

Indonesia has been leaning toward choosing Japan for the project in an apparent effort to ease Tokyo's disappointment at losing to China in 2015 in bidding to construct a high-speed railway between Jakarta and Bandung. —Kyodo News ■

Spain court approves exhumation of Franco's remains



Franco is buried inside a grandiose basilica at the Valley of Fallen, which also holds the remains of 33,000 dead from both sides of the civil war. **PHOTO: AFP**

MADRID (Spain)—Spain's Supreme Court on Tuesday gave the green light for the government to remove the remains of Francisco Franco from a grandiose state mausoleum, rejecting an appeal against it by the late dictator's descendants.

In a unanimous ruling, the court decided "to completely reject the appeal lodged by the family

in relation to Francisco Franco's exhumation," the judges wrote.

The ruling was hailed as "a great victory for Spanish democracy" by Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez whose government wants to transfer the remains as soon as possible. But the family and supporters of the late dictator reacted with sadness and anger, vowing to leave

no stone unturned in their bid to have the decision reversed.

Franco, who ruled with an iron fist following the end of the 1936-39 civil war, is buried in an imposing basilica carved into a mountain in the Valley of the Fallen, 50 kilometres (30 miles) outside Madrid.

But plans to move his remains to another site have divided opinion in

Spain, which is still conflicted over the dictatorship that ended with Franco's death in 1975.

Sanchez's government has made transferring Franco's remains a priority, saying Spain should not "continue to glorify" the dictator, whose hillside mausoleum is topped by a 150-metre (500-feet) cross and has attracted both tourists and rightwing sympathisers.

The government had planned to move Franco's remains to a more discreet tomb on 10 June, but the court suspended the exhumation pending appeal by Franco's heirs.

Tuesday's hearing was one of four appeals against the plan, but arguably the one that carries the most weight, with a court spokesman saying it was "foreseeable" the judges would issue a similar verdict in the remaining three cases. It was not immediately clear when the court would rule on the other three appeals. —AFP ■

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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V SINAR SOLO VOY. NO. (865N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25-09-2019 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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINE**

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M.V ALS SUZURAN VOY. NO. (050N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ALS SUZURAN VOY. NO. (050N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25-09-2019 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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Stunning blow for UK PM as court strikes down parliament suspension

LONDON (United Kingdom) — Britain's Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that Prime Minister Boris Johnson acted unlawfully in suspending parliament in the run-up to Brexit, in a stunning blow that sparked immediate calls for him to resign.

The 11 judges of the country's highest court

were unanimous in their verdict, which they said meant parliament could now immediately reconvene.

Johnson had argued that shutting down parliament until 14 October was a routine move to allow his new government to set out a new legislative programme.

But critics accused him of trying to silence MPs ahead of Britain's scheduled exit from the European Union on 31 October — the terms of which remain unclear.

"The court is bound to conclude... that the decision to advise Her Majesty to prorogue was unlawful," Supreme Court President

Brenda Hale said.

She said this was "because it had the effect of frustrating or preventing the ability of parliament to carry out its constitutional functions".

She said the suspension was as a result "void and of no effect", adding: "Parliament has not been prorogued".—AFP ■

Seven children among 16 killed by air strikes in Yemen

DUBAI (United Arab Emirates)— Air strikes allegedly carried out by the Saudi-led coalition fighting Iran-backed rebels in Yemen on Tuesday killed 16 people including seven children, an official and a doctor said.

The raid came days after the Huthi insurgents offered to halt drone and ballistic missile attacks

on Saudi Arabia as part of efforts to end a war that has pushed Yemen to the brink of famine.

The rebels claimed responsibility for the 14 September attacks on Saudi oil installations that knocked out half of the OPEC kingpin's production and sent shockwaves through energy markets.—AFP ■

Google wins EU fight against worldwide 'right to be forgotten'



Google hailed the ruling, saying it has worked "to strike a sensible balance between people's rights of access to information and privacy". **PHOTO: AFP**

LUXEMBOURG (Luxembourg) — Google is not required to apply an EU "right to be forgotten" to its search engine domains outside Europe, the EU's top court ruled Tuesday in a landmark decision.

The European Court of Justice handed victory to Google in the case, seen as crucial in determining whether EU online regulation should apply beyond Europe's borders or not.

The US internet giant had argued that the removal of search results required under EU law should not extend to its google.com domain or its other non-EU sites.

The court ruled that, while a search engine operator such as Google must carry out "de-referencing" of links as demanded by a regulator or court in an EU state to all European versions of its sites, that "right to be forgotten" did not need to go further.

"There is no obligation under EU law" for search engine operators

such as Google "to carry out such a de-referencing on all the versions of its search engine," the court said.

But it did stress that de-referencing on EU sites must include measures to "seriously discourage" a European internet user being able to get around the "right to be forgotten" by accessing unrestricted results from a search engine on a non-EU domain.

That demands "geo-blocking", which Google says it already uses effectively in Europe.

Savvy internet users, however, can get around that measure with a VPN that masks the user's location, or by going to some non-Google search engines.

Google hails win

The EU court case, seen as pitting individuals' rights to privacy online against freedom of information, stemmed from a legal battle waged by France since 2014 to have Google apply the "right

to be forgotten" to all its search domains.

If France had won, it could have deepened a rift between Europe and the United States, which is home to most of the internet's behemoths and whose President Donald Trump has railed against what he sees as EU meddling in US business.

In the end, though, the court found that EU law on the issue did not seek to have the "right to be forgotten" extend beyond its borders. Google hailed Tuesday's decision by the EU court.

"It's good to see that the court agreed with our arguments," its lawyer, Peter Fleischer, said in a statement, adding that Google has worked "to strike a sensible balance between people's rights of access to information and privacy".

The US company and other stakeholders had warned that authoritarian countries outside Europe could abuse global de-referencing requests to cover up rights violations.

"It's a balanced decision. You can't impose extraterritorial effects when it comes to de-referencing a person," said Yann Padova, a data privacy lawyer with the Baker McKenzie firm in Paris who was not involved in arguing the case.

"What would we say if China started demanding de-referencing of content accessible to French users?" he asked.—AFP ■

Changing Distributor For Registered Pesticides

Distribution of pesticide registered by Sinamyang Group Pte Co., Ltd is changing from Myanmar Agrigreen Group Co., Ltd to Golden Rocket Co., Ltd. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Co-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein within two weeks.

Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration Number	Provisional
Yamida 70 WG	Imidacloprid 70% WG	P2017-4040	Provisional
Super Glykill 36AS	2-4 acid 120g/l+ Glyphosate 240g/l As	P2017-4047	Provisional

Original Distributor-Myanmar Agrigreen Group Co., Ltd
NO.113 Insein Road Hlaing Township, Yangon. Myanmar.



ANNOUNCEMENT OF TRANSFER OF INSURANCE POLICIES

In accordance with the instructions of the Insurance Business Regulatory Board of the Ministry of Finance and Planning, First National Insurance Public Company Limited, a registered and licensed insurance company (License No. 007), established under the laws of Myanmar, having its registered office at No. 400-406, Merchant Road, Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Myanmar, is required to transfer its life insurance business to First National Insurance (Life) Company Limited (License No. 007) and its non-life insurance business to First National Insurance (General) Company Limited (License No. 003).

The Business Transfer will take effect from 1st April, 2019.

Transfer of existing insurance policies

Following the Business Transfer, all life insurance policies issued by First National Insurance Public Company Limited under License No. 007 shall be transferred to First National Insurance (Life) Company Limited (License No. 007). This includes the following policies:

- Endowment Life Insurance
- Short Term Endowment Life Insurance
- Group Life Insurance
- Sportsman Life Insurance
- Snake Bite Life Insurance
- Farmer Life Insurance
- Personal Accident Insurance
- Health Insurance
- Critical Illness Insurance
- Micro Health Insurance
- Education Life Insurance

Following the Business Transfer, all non-life insurance policies issued by First National Insurance Public Company Limited under License No. 007 shall be transferred to First National Insurance (General) Company Limited (License No. 003). This includes the following policies:

- Fire & Allied Perils Insurance
- Comprehensive Motor Insurance
- Marine Hull Insurance
- Inland Marine Cargo Insurance
- Overseas Marine Cargo Insurance
- Cash in Transit Insurance
- Cash in Safe Insurance
- Fidelity Insurance
- Travel Insurance
- Highway Express (Special) Travel Insurance

All benefits and cover and terms and conditions of such insurance policies shall remain the same. No action is required from the policy holders.

Enquiries

If you have any questions on your insurance policy, please contact: 018610661

Thailand's investment forays into Myanmar

By Kyaw Htike Soe

THAILAND is one of the largest foreign investors in Myanmar and more Thai companies are expected to invest in the Asia's last frontier market in the years to come. In an attempt to lure more investments from Thailand, Myanmar representatives from the line ministries including the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and the Ministry of Planning and Finance organized a seminar headlined, "Myanmar Insight 2019" at Centara Grand Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand on 23 August.

The event aimed at providing an update on Myanmar's economic situation, current policies, and laws as well as introducing Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP) and the Project Bank was attended by around 700 businessmen from Myanmar and Thailand. With a view to creating better opportunities for foreign investors, Myanmar government is taking part in regional connectivity initiative so as to enhance bilateral relations with neighbouring countries and encourage in-

vestment and trade. Myanmar has undertaken a number of significant reforms in various sectors with the intention of creating new opportunities for foreign investors including those from Thailand, said State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu-Kyi in her video message to the seminar. Promoting accountable and responsible investments enables the governments to establish better societies, the State Counsellor said.

Thai businessmen are very keen to expand their businesses in the areas of automobile spare part manufacturing, retail and wholesale business, foodstuff production and industry sector, according to the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations. "Thailand has a leading role in regional automotive industry. Some companies from Japan, Korea and China set up the automobile manufacturing and assembly factories in Myanmar. I believe that Thai companies will be able to take opportunities to establish car production and assembly factories in Myanmar, said Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations

U Thaung Tun at the business forum. The Union Minister highlighted that Myanmar's GDP increased to more than US\$ 71 billion in 2018 from US\$ 8.9 billion in 2000, saying Myanmar's GDP is estimated to achieve 7 percent annually during the period from 2019 to 2023.

Long-term foreign investments have been channelled into the transport, infrastructure, urbanization and communications sectors of the country. Myanmar is committed



The No. 1 entrance gate of Thilawa Special Economic Zone (SEZ). PHOTO: YE HTUT TIN (NLM)



S.P. PETPACK INTER GROUP (MYANMAR) CO., LTD. of Thailand at Thilawa Special Economic Zone on 22 September, 2019. PHOTO: YE HTUT TIN (NLM)



Myanmar Wacoal Company Limited at Thilawa Special Economic Zone on 22 September, 2019. PHOTO: YE HTUT TIN (NLM)

to enhancing regional cooperation with ASEAN member countries under the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025 in order to ensure sustainable urban development and create new investment opportunities. Establishment of special economic zones in Myanmar aims to help foreign investors attract, the Union Minister added. The Yangon government is implementing the mega projects to support foreign investments in the region. The Yangon City Project, Yangon Amata Smart and Eco City Project, Eco Green City Project, Korea-Myanmar Industrial Complex Project and Yangon Project Bank are being developed by foreign investors



in Yangon Region, according to a senior official from the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration under the ministry.

In addition Yangon Elevated Expressway Project and Yangon Urban Mass Rapid Transit Construction Project will be built through bidding that will be conducted using international competitive bidding and interested Thai companies are invited to take part in the bidding, said U MyoKhaingOo, Director of the DICA. He continued that small and

medium-sized enterprises from Thailand want to shift their businesses to Myanmar. There are 15 companies from Thailand in Thilawa Special Economic Zone. Thilawa SEZ, located on the outskirts of Yangon, is the first Special Economic Zone in Myanmar and had become fully operational in September 2015. Myanmar has great potential to attract a huge influx of investments from Thailand over the next few years. Myanmar conducts border trade with Thailand via seven border checkpoints—Tachilek, Mese,

Myawady, Kawthoung, Myeik, Hteekhee and Mawtaung gates.

Bilateral trade between Myanmar and Thailand totalled US\$ 11 billion, with Thailand being Myanmar's third largest trading partner and third largest foreign investor after Singapore and China. Investments from Thailand in Myanmar amounted to US\$ 6.6 billion in the financial year 2018-2019, with half of the investments went into oil and gas sector, according to a senior official from the ministry.



Thailand – Myanmar SCI Metal Tech Co., Ltd., Steel Structure Manufacturing Industry, being seen at Thilawa Special Economic Zone on 22 September, 2019. PHOTO: YE HTUT TIN (NLM)

OPPO releases A9 2020 and A5 2020 in Myanmar: Combining quality and affordability

OPPO launched a new OPPO A Series 2020 on 24 September 2019. The OPPO A9 2020 and OPPO A5 2020 handsets are the brand's latest offering for the mid-level smartphone market.

“The OPPO A Series 2020 is named to celebrate the start of a new decade and to commemorate the last ten years of A Series around the world” said Product Manager Than Aung. “With these two latest handsets, the OPPO A Series 2020 offers more possibilities than ever before.”

The OPPO A Series 2020 inspires users to “Play”, with its all-purpose 48MP quad camera and a 5,000mAh Ultra Battery that provides even longer use.

Versatile Camera Tech Brings Users Even More Photography Options

The OPPO A9 2020 comes with a multipurpose Quad Camera setup, including a 48MP Main Camera + 8MP Ultra-Wide Lens + 2MP Mono Lens + 2MP Portrait Lens, while the OPPO A5 2020 also comes with the same Quad Camera setup, but with a lower resolution 12MP Main Camera. Having four cameras means that the A Series 2020 is ready to take any photo, plus a dedicated Ultra Night Mode 2.0 and other artistic portrait styles.

The A9 2020 is equipped with 16MP selfie camera while A5 2020 with 8MP selfie camera, both using AI Beautification technology for tailor-made selfies to better cater to different markets and beauty trends.

OPPO's latest stabilization technology also meets consumers' growing demand for high-quality action videos, with a built-in gyroscope on both device giving stable videos while running, walking, cycling and more, along with improved video filters that allow users to create their own movies easily.

Intelligent design that's both attractive and user-friendly

The OPPO A Series 2020 also has a 31.4% smaller Waterdrop notch compared to the previous generation, for a more immersive look when watching videos or playing games.

The 6.5” LCD TFT display has an 89% screen-to-body ratio, and is covered in toughened Corning® Gorilla® Glass 3+ which is twice as hard as the

previous generation, offering better resistance to scratches. Sunlight Screen Mode improves screen readability in bright outdoor environments, and a blue light filter relieves night time eye fatigue and can improve sleep.

The OPPO A9 2020 also features a 3D gradient design for a more vibrant, eye-catching look, with each handset made from four curved 3D plastic glass sheets, keeping the device thin and comfortable in the hand. Thanks to nano-scale patterns, the A9 2020 has a multi-toned, radiant color that appears to change shimmer under different angles or lighting.

Outstanding Hardware and Software for Exceptional Experience and Performance

The 5000mAh battery is ready for the busiest day, powering up to 19 hours of continuous usage. The battery is also able to handle reverse charging.

For audio, the OPPO A Series 2020 devices come with dual stereo speakers that offer higher volumes and improved sound quality, without distortion. The Dolby Atmos® sound processing gave a clear full-bodied sound. The A Series 2020 devices have also received Hi-Res Audio certification, ensuring superb sound through headphones, as well as directional technologies that create a more thrilling, realistic and immersive audio experience.

Compared to last year's OPPO A7, the OPPO A9 2020's CPU is 40% faster, with 100% improved graphics performance. Game Boost 2.0 accelerator technology powers the Frame Boost and Touch Boost functions, which together give users excellent gaming performance.

A comfortable rear-mounted fingerprint reader as well as smart functions such as Smart Assistant, Riding Mode, Music Party and Gesture Navigation makes everyday life safe, easy and secure for customers.

For storage, high capacity and versatile memory options mean there is enough space to record life's most important moments, thanks to 128GB high memory capacity options, and a three-card (Dual Sim + MicroSD) slot that can support up to 256GB of memory.—GLMN ■



Yangon United celebrate their victory on 24 September after claiming the 2019 General Aung San Shield at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon. **PHOTO: NYI NYI SOE NYUNT**

Yangon United win 2019 General Aung San Shield

YANGON United F.C. claimed the General Aung San Shield for the second time in two years after beating Shan United F.C. by 4-3 yesterday at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon, according to the General Aung San Shield's Facebook page.

The opening goal was scored by Shan United's Zin Min Ton at the eighth minute. No more goals were scored till the end of the first half.

In the second half, Yangon United's Sylla scored the first

goal for the team at the 51st minute.

The second goal for Shan United was scored by Zwe Thet Paing at 65th minutes, while the second goal for Yangon United was scored by Soe Min Naing at 90+1st minutes. The third goal for Yangon United was scored by Min Kyaw Khant at the 103rd minute, while the third goal for Shan United was scored by Emmanuel at the 111th minute.

Sylla scored the winning goal for Yangon United at 116th

minutes.

Yangon United lined up with goalkeeper Kyaw Zin Htet (captain), players Pyae Phyo Zaw, Nyein Chan Aung, Than Paing, Mg Mg Lwin, Sylla, Min Kyaw Khant, Kaung Htet Soe, Yan Aung Kyaw, Htoo Khant Lwin, and Anderson West.

Yangon United had won the 2018 General Aung San Shield. In 2017, Shan United had claimed the shield, while Magwe F.C. had taken the 2016 shield. — KyawKhin

Fidow fires Samoa to bruising win over Russia at Rugby World Cup

KUMAGAYA (Japan)—Marauding winger Ed Fidow bagged a quickfire double as Samoa beat Russia 34-9 in a bruising Rugby World Cup encounter marked by three yellow cards on Tuesday.

Fidow provided the spark in a tempestuous Pool A clash after the Pacific islanders were reduced to 13 men in the first half for two reckless tackles in steamy Kumagaya. Russia's Kirill Gotovtsev was sin-binned later in the game.

"To lose two players, go down to 13 men and we didn't lose on the score... really proud of the effort," said Samoa coach Steve Jackson.

"We knew we would come out after half-time and the boys were still fresh — we had plenty

left in the tank. I'm just glad we got over the line."

Russia coach Lyn Jones bemoaned his team's short, four-day turnaround following their 30-10 defeat by hosts Japan in the tournament-opener last Friday.

"It affected us tactically and mentally," said the Welshman.

"We played a World Cup final for our boys on Friday night and it's more the mental thing that's hurt us," added Jones.

"We just weren't there tonight and lacked the motivation compared to what we had against Japan."

Samoa, World Cup quarter-finalists in 1991 and 1995, began the game pumped up after a passionate performance of their 'siva tau' war dance.—AFP ■



Samoa wing Ed Fidow (L) scored two tries against Russia. **PHOTO: AFP**

Zidane brushes off criticism as Madrid look to continue recovery

MADRID (Spain) — Zinedine Zidane claims he has not even thought about the criticism aimed at him in recent weeks as Real Madrid look to build on Sunday's morale-boosting win away at Sevilla.

Madrid eased the growing pressure on their coach with a determined performance at the Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan after they had been beaten 3-0 by Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League four days before.

That loss was Madrid's worst during Zidane's two spells as coach and prompted questions about the Frenchman's future, with Jose Mourinho among those linked with taking charge.

Madrid played newly-promot-

ed Osasuna on Wednesday and could go top of La Liga with a victory.

"It's always the same, there has always been criticism and there always will be," Zidane said in a press conference on Tuesday.

"I don't even think about it. It is what it is, it happens. When we lose, I'm going to get sacked and when we win, I'm the best. You just have to keep working.

"I feel strong but I feel the same as I did a month ago. The important thing is to give 100 per cent and to give my best. I remember playing badly for this team as well but the important thing is to give your best."

Madrid have won three of their six games in all compe-



Real Madrid's win over Sevilla on Sunday eased the pressure on coach Zinedine Zidane. **PHOTO: AFP**

titions so far this season and, after Osasuna, play Atletico Madrid at the Wanda Metropolitano on Saturday.

"We played a good game in Sevilla but most of all we played as a team from the first minute until the last," Zidane said.

"Playing as a team, fighting for each other, that's what we have to do against Osasuna and we have to keep playing like that."

Not for the first time this season, Zidane singled out Gareth Bale for praise on Sunday after the Welshman continued his reintegration at the club with another tenacious display.

"I am not surprised," Zidane said. "I'm with him every day and we know he can do a lot offensively but he is helping us defensively too. When we work together we can achieve good things."

Madrid will be without Ferland Mendy on Wednesday after the defender injured his hamstring against Sevilla.—AFP ■