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State Counsellor receives US Senior Diplomat



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with Mr David Stilwell, US Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.
PHOTO: MNA

DAW Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mr David

Stilwell, Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs of the Department of State of the United States of America, at the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw at 10 am yesterday.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters pertaining to strength-

ening of bilateral relations, Myanmar's democratization process, promotion of bilateral cooperation including education, economy, investment,

transportation, infrastructure development and waterways conservation as well as ASEAN and EAS Summits. —MNA ■

Government staff get training for drawing five-year nutrition plan

IN its first year, the five-year National Nutrition Plan will be implemented in Chin State, Ayeyawady Region, Rakhine State, and Kayah State, according to the Ministry of Health and Sports.

Until 21 October, staff from the related departments of the ministries received skills training for charting nutrition plans and implementing them.

A ceremony to open the training for drawing the five-year

plan (from 2018-19 to 2022-2023) at the region and state level was held yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

The Ministry of Health and Sports is implementing the five-year Multi-sectoral National Plan of Action on Nutrition

(MS-NPAN) 2018-2023, while Myanmar is expanding its vaccination programme, and actively participating as a member country in the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) movement for reducing malnutrition, in accordance with

its slogan of "1,000 Days: Change a Life, Change the Future". The movement covers dissemination of nutrition knowledge in states and regions and nutrition campaigns for pregnant women and children aged under 2. —GNLM

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Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives Associate Professor of City University of Hong Kong



Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein meets with Dr Renaud Egretau, the Associate Professor of the Department of Asian and International Studies, City University of Hong Kong, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

DEPUTY Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Tun Tun Hein received Dr Renaud Egretau, the Associate Professor of the Department of Asian and International Studies, City University of Hong Kong, at his office in the Pyithu Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters related to Myanmar's democratic

reform and elections, Hluttaw procedures and Hluttaw representatives, the experiences of the staff, competency and Hluttaw legislation. — MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun) ■

Joint Committee on Amending 2008 Constitution holds meeting 51/2019



Meeting of the Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution 51/2019 held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

MEETING 51/2019 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 Tun Hein, Deputy Chairman of the Joint Committee Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye Tha Aung, Joint Committee Secretary Dr Myat Nyana Soe, Joint

Secretary U Htay Win Aung (a) U Pyone Cho and members who were Hluttaw representatives from political parties and Tatmadaw, Hluttaw representatives and officials from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.—MNA ■
(Translated by TTN)

MOALI delegation tours Norway fishing industry, fertilizer company



Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu holds talks with Mr Jon Lomoy, Executive Director of Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) in Norway. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu and delegation visited the Institute of Marine Research (IMR) during his visit in Norway from 20 to 24 October.

The IMR arranged the visit of Myanmar delegation to promote coordination in fishing industry of the countries, to share knowledge on the management of Norway's fishing industry and to make closer ties

with the major stakeholders in this industry.

On 21 October, the Union Minister and party held talks with officials of IMR, researchers and officers from Norway navy and Norwegian

Coast Guard about controlling excess fishing, fish breeding techniques without causing environmental degradations, preventing and controlling possible diseases, marine fishing sector, joint patrol of navy and Coast Guard, and monitoring and controlling on fishing management based on research findings.

The Union Minister also explained conservation of marine resources in Myanmar, good practices in livestock farming, researches on fish resources in collaboration with neighbouring countries, possible using of new marine research vessel RV Dr Fridtjof Nansen under the joint programme of Norway government and FAO for fishery research operations, changing situations in saltwater regions and contamination of microplastics along the coastal areas of Myanmar. They also visited the Fish Market in Bergen.

At 11 am local time on 24 October, the Union Minister and party visited the Norwegian Agency for Development Coop-

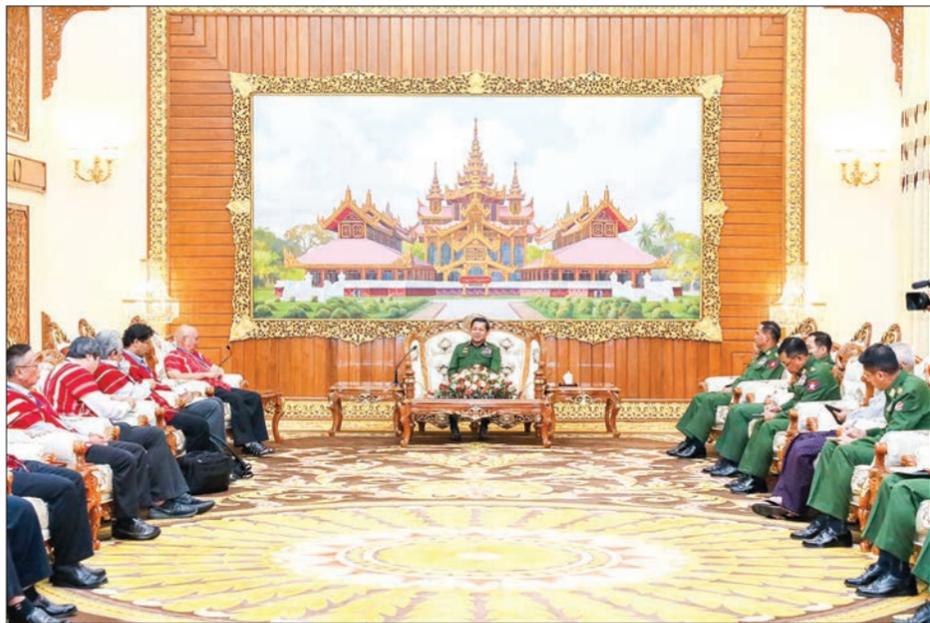
eration (Norad), and met with its Executive Director Mr Jon Lomoy to discuss possible research operations with marine research vessel RV Dr Fridtjof Nansen in Myanmar water in 2021, research on continuation of microplastics in water, supports for management based on information, capacity building of staff, improvement of legal frameworks in fishing sector, saltwater livestock, and production of value-added goods.

In that afternoon, they also arrived at Yara International ASA that is a Norwegian chemical company that produces nitrogen fertilizer in Oslo, and is distributing its products to many countries, including Myanmar.

They held talks with Executive Vice President Mr Pablo Barrera Lopez of Yara International ASA about direct sales of fertilizers by using modern technologies and coordination plan of this company with MOALI to establish a digital farming system in the agricultural sector of Myanmar. — MNA ■

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Senior General separately receives KNU Chairman, NCA-S EAO Group Vice Chairman



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets with Karen National Union (KNU) Chairman Saw Mutu Say Poe at Bayintnaung Villa in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF DEFENCE SERVICES**



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets with NCA-S EAO Group Vice Chairman U Khaing Soe Naing Aung at Bayintnaung Villa in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

COMMANDER-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing separately received a delegation led by Karen

National Union (KNU) Chairman Saw Mutu Say Poe and the NCA-S EAO (Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, Signato-

ry Ethnic Armed Organization) Group Vice Chairman U Khaing Soe Naing Aung at Bayintnaung Villa in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday

morning. During the meetings, matters relating to peace processes were discussed according to

news released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. — MNA ■
(Translated by Zaw Min)

IFER Union Minister receives Senior Vice President from Chubb Group in Nay Pyi Taw



Union Minister U Thaung Tun holds talks with Mr Russell G Bundschuh, Senior Vice President from Chubb Group, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, U Thaung Tun, received Mr Russell G Bundschuh, Senior Vice President from Chubb Group, at the Ministry of Invest-

ment and Foreign Economic Relations, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday. At the meeting, they discussed matters relating to further promote investment in Myanmar.—MNA ■

IFER Union Minister receives US Assistant Secretary of State in Nay Pyi Taw



Union Minister U Thaung Tun holds talks with Mr David Stilwell, United States Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, U Thaung Tun received Mr David Stilwell, United States Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs at the Ministry

of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning. The United States Assistant Secretary of State was accompanied by US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Scot Marciel.

At the meeting, they discussed matters relating to trade and economic relations between the two countries and ways and means to further promotes US investment in Myanmar. —MNA ■

Court martial proceedings begin in Gutabyin incident

COURT martial proceedings have begun in the Gutabyin Village incident, in accordance with the Process of Military Justice, at the recommendation of a recently concluded Court of

Inquiry, according to a report released yesterday by the Tatmadaw True News Information Team. The Court of Inquiry was established in accordance with

the Defence Services Act and the Defence Services Rules, and was chaired by Maj-Gen Myat Kyaw. It recommended court martial proceedings be launched in the case, according

to the report. “The documentation of the Summary of Evidence is also under way, and further measures will be taken to seek legal advice, set up a court martial,

and conduct a trial. The Court of Inquiry will also continue to pursue the necessary task of investigations,” according to the Judge Advocate General’s Office. — MNA ■

Union Information Minister visits movie studios, film institute, archive in Japan

UNION MINISTER for Information Dr Pe Myint and party visited Toho Studios in Tokyo, Japan, at 10 am local time yesterday. They observed the processes of pre-production and post-production of movies.

It was developed into a film production firm in 1934, and it becomes Japan's largest recording and modern production centre after constant innovations.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister and party visited the Japan Institute of the Moving Image, and viewed the lectures on film history, culture, theory, film subjects and practices. The institute offers a four-year bachelor's degree course in three related areas of Directing, Acting, Documentary; Camera, Sound-recording, Editing; Scripting-writing, Critical writing.

The course is aimed to de-

velop individuals into those capable of contributing in a wide range of fields including the production of videos and motion pictures, and to promote cultural exchange programmes.

The Union Minister and party also visited the National Film Archive of Japan and looked around its collections of original movie scripts, original movie posters, photos shot on the set, movie cameras and actors and actresses' personal effects and historical artifact.

The archive was the National Film Center in the past, and it was developed into the National Museum of Modern Art in 2018. It is also an independent public institution devoted to cinema as it is holding about 40,000 films and numerous other materials among its collections.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint visits Toho Studios in Tokyo, Japan, yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Deputy Minister U Maung Maung Win observes banking sector in Mexico

UNDER the arrangement of World Bank, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win met with officials from Mexico's Ministry of Finance and Public Credit Mr Jose De Luna Martinez.

Furthermore, Deputy Minister U Maung Maung Win visited development banks which are paying services for rural development, small and medium enterprises, agriculture and livestock, and infrastructure projects in Mexico. Officials from the banks explained

operations of their banks to the deputy minister. Mexico has started restructure of its state-owned banks since 2015 under the guidance of Ministry of Finance and Public Credit. Development banks are efficiently providing loans to government-private cooperation projects on infrastructure, rural development, agriculture and SMEs —MNA

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(Translated by TTN)



Deputy Minister U Maung Maung Win meets with officials from Mexico's Ministry of Finance and Public Credit in Mexico City, Mexico. PHOTO: MNA

MOI conducts training course on video reporting



Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun delivers the speech at the opening ceremony of four-day training course on video reporting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

THE Ministry of Information conducts a four-day training course on video reporting to upgrade its MOI Web portal that is now presenting the news in texts and photos.

Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun presided over the opening ceremony of the course held at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

He said the ministry is disseminating information by using its media platforms of radio, television, social media, printed newspapers and online

news, while its Information and Public Relations Department is managing MOI Web portal.

The Deputy Minister said that MOI is also focusing on social and online media platforms which have become popular among the public in searching news as the number of mobile phone sim cards has outnumbered the country's population, and most of the 20 million social media users are reading news on mobile phones, with a sharp decline in readership of printed newspapers.

He also said that video reporting will cover news, entertainment programmes, regional traditions and festivals for MOI Web portal.

Then, U Aung Tin Tun, the trainer of the course, introduced video production techniques on smart phones.

Attended by 20 trainees from IPRD, the course will run up to 1 November to train for using smartphone cameras, news writing, editing movie clips on smartphones.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

UEC Chairman U Hla Thein receives IDCPC Director General



UEC Chairman U Hla Thein meets with Director General of Bureau of International Department of the Central Committee of Communist Party of China (CPC) Ms Sun Haiyan in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION ELECTION Commission Chairman U Hla Thein received Director General of Bureau of International Department of the Central Committee of Communist Party of China (CPC) Ms Sun Haiyan and party at the parlour of his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they

discussed implementation of the 2019-2022 strategic plan for holding the 2020 General Election based on the five norms of independence, impartiality, transparency, creditability and integrity, invitation to local and international observers, capacity building for officials and staff at the various levels of election

commission, civic education programme, voter education programme, dissemination of electoral knowledge with the help of civil communities, prevention of hate speech and fake news using social media for the elections and matters related with electoral campaigns.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Korea's NALBAL takes documentary film in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory



NALBAL film crew shoot the scene of interviewing KOICA and Myanmar Development Institute at Yezin Agricultural University. **PHOTO: MNA**

FILM production NALBAL based in Seoul, the Republic of Korea, took a documentary film in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory from 26 to 28 October.

The NALBAL shot the project of agricultural course and rural development train-

ing school jointly implemented by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and Myanmar Development Institute (MDI) at Yezin Agricultural University, Uppatasanti Pagoda and sunset views.

This documentary film will be screened at the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit which will be held in Busan.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

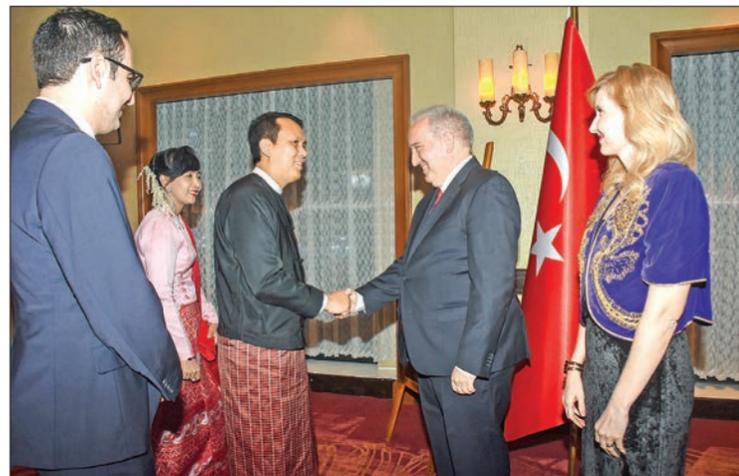
Union Defence Minister receives US senior East Asia diplomat

UNION MINISTER for Defence Services Lieutenant General Sein Win received US Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs Mr David Stilwell yesterday afternoon.

The meeting at the Union Minister's office in Nay Pyi Taw focused on bilateral cooperation between armed forces of the two countries. —MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

96th anniversary of Turkey proclamation marked in Yangon



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein welcomed by Ambassador of Turkey to Myanmar Mr Haydar Kerem Divanlioglu at the event to mark 96th anniversary of Turkey Proclamation. **PHOTO: MNA**

TURKISH Embassy in Yangon organized the 96th Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Turkey yesterday afternoon.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and wife attended the event held at the Sule Shangri-La Hotel and opened with the national anthems of Myanmar and Turkey.

Ambassador of Turkey to Myanmar Mr Haydar Kerem Divanlioglu and the Yangon Re-

gion Chief Minister extended greetings and cut the commemorative cake for the event before they had photo taken with the attendees.

The ambassador and wife hosted a dinner to honour the heads of foreign missions in Yangon, chargé d'affaires, representatives of UN agencies and the invited guests.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Traffic accidents claim over 34 lives in nine months in Sagaing Region

OVER 100 traffic accidents were reported in Sagaing Region between January and September this year, according to the Sagaing District Police. The mishaps claimed 34 lives.

Twenty six males and eight females were killed and 123 males and 65 females were injured in 115 traffic accidents in Sagaing, Myinmu, and Myaung townships in the nine months since January, said Inspector Myo Lwin from the Sagaing District Police Force. He made the remarks during a road safety and traffic awareness talk, held last Sunday morning at the Sagaing IPRD.

The losses due to the ac-

cidents were estimated at K51 million.

Last year, 146 traffic accidents in Sagaing, Myinmu, and Myaung townships led to the loss of 71 lives. A total of 255 people were injured in the accidents. The total losses were more than K58 million, according to data from the District Police.

Traffic accidents were mostly a result of reckless driving and violations of traffic rules. Therefore, the traffic police have been conducting traffic law enforcement operations in order to reduce the rate of accidents in Sagaing Region. —Lu Aung (Katha)

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Textile, garment exhibition to be held next month

THE 8th Myanmar Int'l Textile and Apparel Accessories Exhibition (MITATEX) and the Myanmar Int'l Textile and Garment Industry Exhibition (MTG) will take place between 1 and 4 November at the Yangon Convention Center, Yangon.

More than 130 textile-related businesses from 13 countries will exhibit their products and machinery at the event.

The expo is mainly being organized by Yorkers Trade and

Marketing Service Co Ltd. MITATEX is being jointly organized by the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association, Myanmar Textile Manufacturers' Association, and is officially being supported by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

The event is set to cater to the huge growth potential over the next five years, driven by exponential growth in the Regional

Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), according to the organizers. The deal aims to cover goods and services, investments, economic and technical cooperation, competition, and intellectual property, and will contribute greatly to Myanmar's textile and garment industry, they added.

MITATEX is being organized concurrently with the MTG, which has been held successfully for 7 editions. Almost 8,000

visitors participated in MTG 2018, and it is a great platform for exhibitors to reach a large proportion of the textile market in Myanmar, according to the organizers.

The trade show commenced in 2012 and now, it has reached its eighth edition. The four-day show will increase access to new machinery and will feature innovative technology. — GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon) ■

Mansaung Bridge expected to be ready in three years in Chin State

A new Manipur River Crossing Bridge (Mansaung Bridge) is planned to be constructed on the main border trade route between Myanmar and India in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, according to the Transportation Ministry of Chin State.

"The construction project will start in December, and the new bridge will be built around 100 feet near the existing bridge (Myanmar suspension bridge). The 557.7-foot long and 30-foot wide bridge will be built of concrete and will have two lanes. The project is expected to be completed in three years," said U Shwe Htee Ooe, the Minister of Road and Transportation for Chin State. Union Minister for Construction U Han Zaw, Chief Minister of Chin State Salai Lian Luai, and members of the regional government inspected the construction site of the



Vehicles are seen on the Mansaung Suspension Bridge in Chin State. The new Manipur River Crossing Bridge will be constructed in 2019-2020 fiscal year. **PHOTO: ZO HAY HSAR**

Mansaung Suspension Bridge and the Tiddim-Reed road renovation site on 14 October. The project is being implemented with an allocated budget of K4.6 billion and K1.2 billion will be used in this fiscal year. The Mansaung River Crossing Bridge will be built across the Manipur River near

Tiddim and Reed border towns, which are on the main trade route between Myanmar and India, in order to ensure smooth transportation. The Kalay-Tiddim-Reedhorda Road is 80 miles long and used to conduct trade between Reedhorda and Zokhawthar.

After the existing suspension

bridge was damaged by a natural disaster in 2015, the Falam District Road Department has been allowing only 16 ton vehicles to cross the bridge. Therefore, cargo vehicles have experienced transportation difficulties in the rainy season. —Zo Hay Hsar ■

(Translated by La Wonn)

Wastewater treatment plant at Monywa Industrial Zone to be completed by Dec

MACHINES are being installed at the wastewater treatment plant in the Monywa industrial zone, and construction of the facility is expected to be completed in December, said U Wai Tint, the chairman of the Monywa Industrial Zone Committee.

The wastewater treatment plant is being built with the assistance of the Denmark Responsible Business Fund (RBF). The plant will recycle wastewater discharged from 17 factories in the industrial zone.

"The construction of the plant is estimated to cost K1,500 million. And, the RBF has agreed to pay 50 per cent of the total cost of the project. When we entered into a contract with the RBF team, the



Wastewater treatment plant project seen in the industrial zone in Monywa. **PHOTO: MYO WIN TUN (MONYWA)**

team had agreed to pay another K210 million to purchase a biogas generator and install lightning prevention apparatus. The Denmark delegation has also provided a K170-million worth biogas

generator and other equipment valued at K40 million. To construct the plant, businessmen shelled out K750 million, while the RBF provided K750 million," said U Wei Tint.

The construction of the plant will be completed by the end of the year. The plant will measure 200x400 feet. Wastewater disposed by 11 vermicelli factories, one paper factory, and five leather factories will be stored in a lake and then, it will be carried to the plant through pipes and pumps. Thereafter, it will undergo filtering and testing and finally, the treated water will be added to ponds.

"Once the plant is operated, we will collect K20 per gallon of wastewater from factories as maintenance fee," he added.

The wastewater treatment plant will be operated in three shifts. Training courses will also be conducted for employees. — Myo Win Tun (Monywa) ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Domestic gold price reaches K1.22 mln; global gold pegged at \$1,492

By Nyein Nyein

THE price of gold in the domestic market has touched K1.22 million per tical (0.578 ounces or 0.016 kilograms), tracking global gold prices, which are currently pegged at US\$1,492 per ounce, according to gold traders.

“In early September, the price of pure gold crossed K1.3 million per tical in the domestic market, and then, it plunged to K1,220,000 per tical on 29 October. Gold price is likely to maintain its fall,” said U Ohn Myaing, the general secretary of the Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association (MGEA).

“The price is likely to fall further. It may hit a low of K1.2 million per tical,” said U Ohn

Myaing.

The domestic gold price is positively related to the gold price in the global market, which is currently pegged at \$1,492 per ounce, said gold traders.

The domestic gold price remained above K1.2 million per tical 7 August onwards, and thereafter, it kept rising and hit a record high of K1.3 million per tical on 5 September, said gold businessmen.

With global gold prices on the uptick, the domestic price hit fresh highs this year, reaching K1,000,000 per tical between 17 January and 21 February, crossing K1,100,000 (22 June to 7 August), climbing to 1,200,000 (7 August-4 September), and then reaching a fresh peak of



Gold jewelleryes are displayed at a shop in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

K1,300,000 on 5 September.

According to gold traders, the lowest price for gold in June was K1,099,000 (1 May) and the highest was K1,149,400

(31 June). In August, gold prices touched the lowest level of K1,142,000 on 1 August and the highest level of K1,260,500 on 29 August. Last month, the prices

moved in the range of K1,223,800 (14 September) and 1,307,000 (5 September).

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Imported green garden peas hits farmers, mills in Mandalay



Merchants appraise quality of peas and pulses at the Mandalay wholesale market. PHOTO: MIN HTET AUNG (SUB PRINTING HOUSE)

IMPORTS of foreign green garden peas into Mandalay has caused a decline in prices of local garden peas and chick peas, buffeting the local market and bringing hardships to local farmers and pea millers, according to U Soe Win Myint of the Soe Win Myint brokerage.

As consumers replaced chick peas with green garden peas, the price of chick peas also decreased, and almost half of all pea mills in Mandalay

have stopped operations.

The green garden peas from China came onto Mandalay market via Yangon waterway.

“The peas coming into the Mandalay market are called Ukraine green garden peas. We do not export our green garden peas, as we Myanmar people traditionally eat them. The production of local peas is sufficient for our local consumption, and it is also good for health,” said

U Soe Win Myint.

Those peas coming from foreign countries need to be tested to ensure they are suitable for health.

Local green garden peas are grown in Sagaing Region, Ayeyawady delta areas, Kachin State and in Shan State as a winter crop.

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Exports down \$131 mln in first three weeks of current fiscal

MYANMAR'S exports between 1 and 18 October in the current fiscal year dropped to US\$750 million from \$881.3 million registered in the corresponding period of the 2018-2019 fiscal year, according to data from the Ministry of Commerce.

The figure is down by \$131 million compared with the year-ago period. Of the seven export groups, agriculture, fisheries, and minerals showed an increase. Meanwhile, the exports of livestock, forest products, finished industrial goods, and other goods declined.

Export values were registered at \$137 million for agro products, \$10.27 million for livestock, \$47.9 million for fishery products, \$209.5 million for minerals, \$8.23 million for forest products, \$305 million for man-

ufactured goods, and \$31.86 million for other goods.

The country's export sector relies more on the agriculture and manufacturing sectors. While export earnings from the CMP (cut, make, and pack) garment businesses are rising, the country's reliance on natural resources, such as natural gas and jade, is lessening.

The Ministry of Commerce is focusing on export promotion in order to reduce the trade deficit. Since 2011, the Ministry of Commerce has adhered to its reform policy. A series of moves to liberalize and open the economy have been introduced through policy development to improve the trade environment. — Ko Khant

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

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Keeping true to resolve for peace would help build a federal Union

THE 21st Century Panglong Conference is keeping alive hopes of building a federal democratic Union in Myanmar, a desire which began with the 20th century Panglong Conference in 1947. Building a federal democratic Union is the wish of our generation and the dream of the next generation, especially our ethnic youth.

The responsibility of making this dream come true is now resting on the shoulders of the leaders of our government, the Tatmadaw, and the ethnic armed organizations.

The political dialogues of the 21st Century Panglong are the first-ever peace talks to put an end to the armed conflicts that have plagued the country since independence in 1948.

Only a genuine federal democratic Union can bring a sustainable solution to armed conflicts.

A federal system guarantees equal federal units with power sharing, resource sharing, and tax sharing, and regional and state charters. Power sharing must be based upon the interests of the people.

But, the journey to our goal of building a federal democratic Union will be long, with ups and downs. Challenges are ahead of us. As it is a long journey, we need a great determination to succeed.

Those who are on the same boat and headed to the same goal should assist each other with understanding and sympathy, and lend a helping hand. History and the people will decide who doesn't want peace.

The Nationwide Cease-fire Agreement is the sole agreement or political charter in the history of Myanmar which shows the way for building a federal democratic Union.

The challenges we are facing today are not because of the NCA, but because of weaknesses in implementing the agreement, following it, and misunderstandings over it.

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We hope that all leaders participating in the NCA have understood the importance of keeping their promise on the agreements in the NCA.

A ceasefire agreement can address surface problems, but only political dialogues can address underlying grievances. As such the NCA itself is not the ultimate destination. The NCA opens the door to political dialogue towards a federal Union.

Most of the people who were affected by armed conflicts are ethnic minorities. Only when we heal the pains of the ethnic minorities can we move towards peace, which can help resolve conflicts.

The past 70 years have shown that we cannot achieve peace without a federal Union which guarantees equality to ethnic people. Now, we must all remain true and be resolute in our quest for peace. It is not too late for Myanmar to achieve complete peace.



A Memorable Train Journey to Celebrate Thirty Years of ASEAN-Korea Friendship

By Professor Chaw Chaw Sein, Ph.D. (University of Yangon)

EXACTLY thirty years ago in November 1989, ASEAN and the Republic of Korea (ROK) launched a Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity – to increase people-to-people contact, sustained prosperity, and long-lasting peace – now enshrined as 3Ps (People, Prosperity, and Peace). Subsequently, President Moon Jae-in initiated two regional initiatives – New Southern Policy (NSP) and New Northern Policy (NNP) – since he took office in May 2017 to further enhance the strategic partnerships. In promotion of the NSP, President Moon Jae-in completed his official visits to all ten ASEAN member states this year. The aim of his visits was to symbolically lead the way to deepen people-to-people connectivity and stronger economic linkages between our Southeast Asia region and the Korean Peninsula. Incidentally, the fundamental elements of the NSP are in alignment with the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 which called for people-centered and people-oriented community. In complementary to the ASEAN-Korea Strategic Partnership Plan, the ASEAN has adopted “Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025”, “ASEAN Communication Master Plan” and ASEAN Sustainable-Urbanization-Strategy”. Additionally, the elements of NSP also aligned with the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan 2018-2030 which focused on three pillars of “Peace and Stability”, “Prosperity and Partnership”, and “People and the Earth”. Such alignments all around provided common interests for cooperation and enabled the ASEAN, Myanmar, and ROK to connect on a heart-to-heart basis.

To commemorate this significant anniversary of friendship ties, the ROK will host ASEAN-Korea Summit and the first Mekong-Korea Summit in Busan during November 2019. Leading up to these summits, the ROK government has sponsored various activities to include ASEAN-Korea Media Forum, ASEAN Week, ASEAN-Korea Startup Week, and ASEAN-Korea Train Program throughout the month of October.

I would like to share a unique and truly memorable experience from my participation in the ASEAN-Korea Train Program – which included a three-day train trip from the capital city of Seoul to four other major cities in South Korea during 15-18 October 2019. This event was hosted by the ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs and organized by ASEAN-Korea Centre. I feel honored and fortunate to have been selected by Myanmar Ministry of Education to represent the Myanmar academia sector at this event. The Myanmar delegation included seven delegates, and the team was led by Minister Dr. Pe Myint from the Myanmar Ministry of Information.

The ASEAN-Korea train trip was intellectually stimulating and very enjoyable for all of us. It created a unique opportunity for all delegates to travel together, share knowledge, and develop a bond of friendship. This event embodied the fundamental 3P elements of the NSP – People, Prosperity and Peace. The train trip connected 200 people from ASEAN and South Korea with different backgrounds to include ministers, ambassadors, business people, academics, media professionals, artists, and youth. Over the course of the journey, the participants had many opportunities to interact with each other. We shared each other's cultures and histories. As such, all of



Participants pose at the launching ceremony for the ASEAN-Korea Train at Seoul Station in Seoul on Oct. 16, 2019, ahead of a special summit between South Korea and the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) set for Nov. 25-26 in the southeastern port of Busan. PHOTO CREDIT: KOREA.NET (THE OFFICIAL WEB PORTAL OF THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT)

us gained a better understanding of each other's national history and developed an appreciation for uniqueness of each cultures. The participants were entertained by cultural performances throughout the journey on the train. Distinguished artists from ASEAN member states and ROK performed their country's dances and music. As train took people from one place to another, so too the friendships connecting the region and the people. It helped participants see how greater cooperation and friendship amongst us can take both of our regions to the new level of greater prosperity and greater peace in the ASEAN region and on the Korean Peninsula.

The train journey began from Seoul and travelled to four major cities: Gyeongju, Busan, Suncheon and Gwangju. On our first day, we toured the Bulguksa temple, one of South Korea's prominent world heritage sites, in Gyeongju city. We learned about how carefully and thoughtfully South Korea preserves its cultural sites. I see how Myanmar can better preserve our own cultural heritage site like Bagan, which was recently listed as the UNESCO's world heritage site. The tour to Suncheon Bay Wetland Reserve – one of the

world's five major coastal wetlands – awed us with its natural beauty and enchanting landscape. The ROK government's effort to conserve the environment was quite impressive. I thought about how Myanmar could improve the conservation effort of the Inle Lake in Shan State.

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On the second day, the train stopped at Busan, a large port city of South Korea and the place to host ASEAN-Korea Summit in November 2019. The tour of Busan highlighted the tangible benefits of cooperation and economic partnership between ASEAN and South Korea. Number of visitors travelling between ASEAN and ROK reached record figure of 11 million in 2018. The ASEAN is ROK's second largest trading partner in the world with two-way trade volume reaching 160 billion USD in

2018. Besides, ROK is a country that has investments in the manufacturing and infrastructure sector of Myanmar. According to the figures of the Myanmar Investment Commission up to July 2019, ROK had invested \$3.9 billion for 177 investment projects, standing at the 6th position among foreign investors.

On our third day of the trip, we visited the Asian Culture Center (ACC) in Gwangju city. This city is considered to be the heart of Korean's culture and arts. The ACC is a Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism-affiliated institution established for the advancement of mutual understanding and cooper-

ative growth with Asian countries through education and research in Asian culture. The creativity and inclusivity displayed by the ASEAN-Korea special exhibition at the Center delighted all of us. The exhibit illustrated hundreds of hanging lanterns expressed by digital art, symbolizing peace and prosperity between ASEAN and the Korean Peninsula. It also innovatively featured interactive media art integrating ASEAN's common traditional cultural elements such as water, light, lantern, fabric, etc. As the friendship train journey arrived at its final destination, we were treated to a closing ceremony with the theme of peace. As we bid our farewells to our host, travelling companions, and newly found friends, we sang a song of hope – “Our Hope” – for a brighter future and for one Korea on the Korean Peninsula one day. I also thought of peace for Myanmar. I said a little prayer for Myanmar to be a peaceful nation one day with all of us living in peaceful co-existence.

After the five-day program with three-day of train ride across South Korea, I now have a better appreciation of the NSP. I realized that the aim of prosperity within the NSP is more than just sharing of South Korea's development experience with the ASEAN's developing countries; it includes also laying the foundation necessary for the long-term growth of those countries through infrastructure development and capacity building. I have high hopes for the ASEAN-Korea Centre to serve as the bridge to coordinate ASEAN-related initiatives and policies within ROK government to effectively implement the vision set by the NSP. The train ride was a very innovative and memorable way to bring people together from various backgrounds to celebrate an incredible milestone of genuine understanding and partnership between the people from the ASEAN region and the Korea Peninsula.

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Heads of service organizations appointed

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as Heads of Service Organizations shown against each of their names on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(1) U Bo Bo Kyaw Deputy Director-General Department of Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	Director-General Department of Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
(2) U Myo Zarni Win General Manager No. (1) Heavy Industrial Enterprise Ministry of Industry	Managing Director Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industrial Enterprise Ministry of Industry

U Thurain Thant Zin Presents Credentials to President of the Republic of Serbia

U Thurain Thant Zin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Serbia, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr. Aleksandar Vucic, President of the Republic of Serbia on 24 October 2019, in Belgrade.—MNA

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Japan court rules July election vote gap constitutional

KANAZAWA — A Japanese court ruled Tuesday that the July upper house election was constitutional, tolerating a disparity of up to 3.00 times in the weight of a single vote between the most and least populated constituencies.

The ruling by the Kanazawa branch of the Nagoya High Court was the fourth handed down on suits filed by two groups of lawyers with 14 high courts and their

branches across Japan over the July 21 House of Councillors election.

The rulings so far have been divided. While the Sendai High Court's Akita branch similarly ruled the vote gap constitutional last Friday, the Takamatsu High Court on Oct. 16 and the Sapporo High Court on Thursday both declared it to be in a "state of unconstitutionality."

During the trial, three plain-

tiffs from Toyama, Ishikawa and Fukui prefectures claimed efforts to narrow the gap with a revision of the election law that added six seats to the chamber and redrew constituencies were "insufficient." The election boards of the three prefectures argued the disparity was "not extremely unequal."

The plaintiffs immediately appealed the ruling to the Supreme Court.—Kyodo News ■



A lawyer speaks to the press in Kanazawa on 29 October, 2019, after the Kanazawa branch of the Nagoya High Court ruled the same day that the July upper house election was constitutional, tolerating a disparity of up to 3.00 times in the weight of a single vote between the most and least populated constituencies. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

Six Cambodians held as hopes fade for missing British tourist

KOH RONG — Six Cambodians have been held for questioning in connection with the disappearance of a 21-year-old British woman who went missing on an island popular with backpackers, as police on Tuesday said hopes were fading of finding her alive.

Nearly 200 army, navy and police personnel scoured Koh Rong island in southern Cambodia for a sixth day to find tour-

ist Amelia Bambridge, who was last seen at a beach party on 24 October. A bag and phone were found where she was sighted on Police Beach, a late-night hangout popular with travellers, with British media reporting the alarm was raised after she failed to check out of her hostel. Six Cambodians, some of whom work in the island's bars, have been taken to police headquarters of

neighbouring coastal province Sihanoukville, a senior officer told AFP on Tuesday. "They are being questioned," provincial deputy police chief Nop Panha said.

"We are not drawing any conclusions yet." But another senior police source said there was "little hope" that Bambridge will be found alive after a days-long hunt yielded few clues to her whereabouts.—AFP ■



Cambodian soldiers and divers leave on a rubber boat from Koh Rong island to search for missing British woman Amelia Bambridge off the island in Sihanoukville province on 29 October, 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**

Strong quake kills one in south Philippines

MANILA — A 6.6-magnitude quake struck the southern Philippines Tuesday, geologists said, killing a boy fleeing his schoolroom, cracking buildings and injuring many in a region still reeling from a previous deadly tremor.

Terrified locals ran into the streets after the shallow quake, which hit the island of Mindanao as schools and offices opened for the day.

The shaking lasted up to a minute in some areas, damaging homes, multi-storey buildings and classrooms in a region where hundreds are still displaced by a quake that killed at least five earlier this month.

The Philippines suffers regu-

lar tremors as part of the Pacific "Ring of Fire", an arc of intense seismic activity that stretches from Japan through Southeast Asia and across the Pacific basin.

A teenage boy was crushed by a falling wall as he tried to escape his school in Magsaysay, the town spokesman told AFP. Though other students were injured in "stampede" to escape the building, they survived.

Locals were awed by the power of the quake, which was shallow and thus potentially more destructive.

"Buildings were not just moving, they were swaying," Gadi Sorilla, a doctor at a hospital in Tulunan, a town about 25km from the epicentre told AFP.—AFP ■

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Hong Kong activist Joshua Wong says barred from election

HONG KONG — Hong Kong democracy activist Joshua Wong said Tuesday he had been barred from standing in an upcoming local election, after months of protests in the city.

"I strongly condemn the government for conducting political screening and censorship, depriving me of my political rights," he said in a statement on his Facebook page. Wong said he was disqualified from running in No-

vember's poll after an election officer ruled his nomination invalid.

In response to media enquiries, a government spokesman said Wong's nomination was declared invalid as he advocates "self-determination" for Hong Kong, which is inconsistent with the Basic Law, the city's mini-constitution.

"The candidate cannot possibly comply with the requirements of the relevant electoral

laws," the spokesman added.

Hong Kong has been battered by nearly five months of huge and frequently violent pro-democracy protests which Beijing and its local leaders have taken a hard line against.

Millions have hit the streets, with hardcore activists clashing repeatedly with police, in the biggest challenge to China's rule since the city's handover from Britain in 1997.—AFP ■



In this file photo taken on 28 September, 2019, pro-democracy activist and South Horizons Community Organiser Joshua Wong stands in front of the Central Government Complex before the announcement of his run for 2019 District Council elections in Hong Kong. **PHOTO: AFP**

Argentina's Grossi elected head of UN's nuclear watchdog

VIENNA — Argentina's Rafael Grossi was elected on Tuesday to head the UN's nuclear watchdog, which is tasked in particular with monitoring the implementation of the increasingly shaky Iran nuclear deal.

Grossi beat Romanian diplomat Cornel Feruta to become director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) following the death of the former head Yukiya Amano of Japan in July.

The election of Grossi, Ar-

gentina's ambassador to the IAEA, comes at a critical time for the Vienna-based agency as Iran is decreasing its commitments under the 2015 landmark deal.

US President Donald Trump last year withdrew from the agreement and proceeded to re-introduce sanctions, leaving Iran to press the remaining signatories to hold up economic benefits in return for its nuclear programme cutbacks.

Grossi received 24 votes to Feruta's 10 from the IAEA's

35-member Board of Governors in the third official round of voting, reaching the two-thirds majority needed to become the new director general, according to a diplomatic source.

"With Rafael Grossi securing a qualified majority in the board of governors, IAEA has taken a decisive step towards electing its director general," Xavier Sticker, the French ambassador to the United Nations in Vienna, said on Twitter.

An IAEA general conference is expected to approve the



Grossi becomes the first IAEA head from Latin America and is believed to have had the backing of the US. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

board's choice.

Feruta had been the organisation's acting director general

since the death of Amano, who had led the agency since 2009. —AFP ■

UK set for third election in four years to try to break Brexit gridlock

LONDON — Britain looked set Tuesday for a pre-Christmas election after the main opposition Labour party backed Prime Minister Boris Johnson's push for an early vote to try to overcome the lengthening political deadlock caused by Brexit.

Conservative leader Johnson — overseeing a minority government — is trying to lead Britain out of the deep crisis engulfing its EU departure that was meant to take place this Thursday.

But unable to get parliamentary support for his divorce deal with Brussels, he was forced to abandon his "do-or-die" pledge to leave the bloc on schedule and has begrudgingly accepted another extension until the end of January.

Britain's inability to break its half-century bond with the EU has halted costly "no-deal"



Britain has now delayed the date of Brexit three times. PHOTO: AFP

exit preparations and reportedly seen freshly minted 50-pence commemorative Brexit coins melted down.

General elections have been held twice in the last four years — in 2015 and 2017. The next is not scheduled to happen until 2022.

But Johnson has been trying to secure an early vote to try

to win a majority to allow him to push through legislation to enact Brexit.

His third attempt to get parliament to agree to disband early and hold a general election on Monday after he fell well short of the required support of two-thirds of MPs.—AFP ■

Sadako Ogata, first female UN refugee chief, dies at 92

TOKYO — Japan's Sadako Ogata, the first woman appointed to head the UN's refugee agency UNHCR, has died at the age of 92, Japan's foreign aid agency said Tuesday.

Ogata was widely respected for her efforts to help refugees and internally displaced people around the world and emphasised making visits to conflict zones during her tenure from 1991-2000.

She worked to help Kurd-

ish refugees from Iraq after the Gulf War and was also known for tackling the refugee crises in the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

She was credited with reestablishing UNHCR's credibility and was even touted as a potential successor to former UN chief Boutros Boutros-Ghali.

A petite woman with a calm demeanour, she won special praise for her tough action in former Yugoslavia where she

managed to draw the world's attention to humanitarian issues despite bitter political disputes among Western countries.

She also served as the head of her country's development aid organisation Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) from 2003 through 2012.

She was known as a passionate advocate for the rights of refugees, urging "understanding and compassion" for their plight.—AFP ■

Damascus, Ankara in first border zone clash: monitor

BEIRUT — Syrian government forces and the Turkish military clashed on Tuesday for the first time since Ankara launched an offensive in northeastern Syria three weeks ago, a war monitor said.

"Heavy fighting erupted for the first time between the Syrian and Turkish armies," the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported.

The Britain-based monitoring group said artillery and machinegun fire was exchanged near the village of Assadiya, south of the border town of Ras al-Ain.

At least six Syrian soldiers were wounded in the fighting,

the Observatory said.

The Turkish military and its Syrian proxies attacked Kurdish forces in northeastern Syria on October 9 with the aim of creating a roughly 30-kilometre (20-mile) deep buffer zone.

Kurdish forces agreed to withdraw from a 120-kilometre (75 mile) long, Arab-majority segment of the 440-kilometre (275-mile) border zone, although clashes have been reported since.

Turkey subsequently reached a deal with the Syrian government's main backer Russia for Kurdish forces to pull back from the entire border area.—AFP ■



Damascus forces are deploying in much of the formerly Kurish-controlled zone along the border with Turkey but a 10-kilometre-deep strip is to be jointly patrolled by Russian and Turkish troops. PHOTO: AFP

Russian 'Trojan horse' bank stokes unease in Hungary

BUDAPEST — Called "Putin's Trojan horse" by Hungarian opposition politicians, a small Russian-dominated bank in Budapest has sparked unease ahead of Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to the capital Wednesday.

The International Investment Bank (IIB) officially completed the move of its headquarters to Budapest last month.

But concerns persist that it is a vehicle for ex-

tending Russian political influence in Central Europe, and potentially for intelligence-gathering.

Hungarian opposition politicians have described the bank as a "national security threat" and a "nest of spies".

And in September, nine US senators and two Members of Congress set out their concerns in a letter to Washington's ambassador in Budapest.

The bank "is wide-



Politicians in both Hungary and abroad fear the bank is being used as a conduit of the Russian intelligence service. **PHOTO: AFP**

ly seen as an arm of the Russian secret service," they wrote.

Major shareholder

Founded in 1970 by the Soviet Union to foster links within the communist bloc, the IIB is registered as an

official Russian state organ.

Billed as a version of the London-based European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), albeit smaller, the bank distributes loans to firms and projects in member countries.—AFP ■

NTT Docomo to discontinue decades-old i-mode internet service in 2026

TOKYO — NTT Docomo Inc. said Tuesday it will stop services of i-mode, an internet-capable mobile phone system introduced in 1999, at the end of March 2026 due to the dwindling number of users.

As the world's first mobile internet service at the time of launch, the i-mode allowed cell phone users to access the internet for emailing, web browsing, payments and shopping on specially-formatted websites.

It quickly became popular in Japan, providing access to a wide variety of services, including news, weather forecasts and ticket reservations, while making picture characters known as emoji a popular element of texting.

"Given the decline in the number of contracts and the allocation of more corporate resources to 5G (next-generation wireless networks), we have decided to end (i-mode) services," NTT Docomo

announced in a statement.

Since the service started in February 1999, domestic subscribers to i-mode topped 40 million in 2003 and peaked at 49 million in July 2010.

NTT Docomo aimed to export the technology overseas, but only managed a limited introduction in parts of Europe, partly because there were not many i-mode capable handsets available from major manufacturers, and the service was based on a closed system, which



Supplied photo shows the i-mode internet service on an NTT mobile phone. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

required content providers to follow the Japanese carrier's rules strictly. — Kyodo News ■

ANA cuts earnings outlook due to weak cargo demand amid trade war

TOKYO — ANA Holdings Inc. on Tuesday lowered its earnings outlook for the business year through March, due to weak demand for air cargo and business-class seats amid continued trade conflict between the United States and China.

The parent company of All Nippon Airways Co. cut its consolidated net profit outlook for the current business year to 94 billion yen (\$860 million) from the 108 billion yen initially projected in April.

Japan's largest airline



All Nippon Airways Co. unveils one of its three new Boeing 787-10 airplanes to the press at Tokyo's Haneda airport on 5 April, 2019. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

group in terms of passenger numbers also said group operating profit is expected to fall to 140 billion yen from its previous forecast of 165 billion yen, on sales of 2.09 trillion yen

against 2.15 trillion yen earlier projected.

In the first half of the business year, ANA posted group net profit of 56.79 billion yen, down 23.0 per cent from a year

earlier, and a 25.0 per cent decline in consolidated operating profit to 78.88 billion yen, while sales increased 1.7 per cent to a record 1.06 trillion yen. — Kyodo News ■

Airbus A220s ordered to slow down over engine incidents

PARIS — The Airbus A220 should no longer use full power at high altitudes, Canadian and European air safety regulators have announced following several incidents with their engines, including one in which pieces came off in-flight.

In an emergency airworthiness directive issued over the weekend by Transport Canada and also transmitted by the EU's Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) on Monday, airlines operating the aircraft are ordered to not exceed 94 percent of maximum output while above 29,000 feet.

The statement said the directive was issued following "several occurrences of engine in-flight shutdowns" with A220s op-

erated by Air Canada, but there have also been several incidents with flights operated by Lufthansa's subsidiary Swiss.

During one Swiss flight parts of the engine fell over France, and following incidents in September and October the airline halted all flights with the aircraft until they could be inspected.

The aircraft was designed and originally built by Canada's Bombardier, but it had difficulty gaining enough orders.

It was subsequently bought out by Airbus, which has succeeded in getting airlines to place more orders for the aircraft, which offers similar fuel savings to the A320neo series but is somewhat smaller.—AFP ■

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Global leaders, tycoons attend Saudi 'Davos in desert'

RIYADH — Top finance moguls and political leaders attended a Davos-style Saudi investment summit on Tuesday, in stark contrast to last year when outrage over critic Jamal Khashoggi's murder sparked a mass boycott.

Organisers say 300 speakers from over 30 countries, including American officials and heads of global banks and major sovereign wealth funds, are attending the three-day Future Investment Initiative (FII), nicknamed "Davos in the desert".

A strong turnout at the annual conference, aimed at projecting the insular kingdom as a dynamic investment destination, will help repair de facto ruler Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's global image that was tainted by Khashoggi's killing last October. "I have been coming to Saudi Arabia for 20 years but what I have been seeing particularly in the past two or three years is (economic) transformation," Indian tycoon Mukesh Ambani told the conference, lauding the kingdom's leaders.



Organisers say 300 speakers from over 30 countries, including American officials and heads of global banks and major sovereign wealth funds, are attending the three-day Future Investment Initiative (FII), nicknamed "Davos in the desert". PHOTO: AFP / FAYEZ NURELDINE.

"As a businessman and as an investor I'm all in." The murder at Saudi Arabia's Istanbul consulate triggered one of the top crude exporter's worst crises and prompted a wave of business and political leaders to

pull out of the 2018 conference at the last minute. But the event is set for a reboot this year as global outrage fades. "More than 6,000 executives and participants are attending," said Yasir al-Rumayyan, chief of the kingdom's

vast Public Investment Fund which organised the conference. "This is more than double the first FII. The growth has been incredible."

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro, leaders of key emerging markets, are set to speak along with King Abdullah II of Jordan and four African leaders. US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin leads a high-powered American delegation that includes Energy Secretary Rick Perry and Jared Kushner, son-in-law and senior advisor to President Donald Trump.

The CEOs of asset management firms Blackstone and SoftBank, as well as chairs of the sovereign wealth funds of Kuwait, UAE, Singapore and Russia are also expected to attend. Top executives from blue chips Bank of America and JPMorgan Chase, both working on the much-anticipated flotation of state oil behemoth Saudi Aramco, are on a long list of global bank representatives at the forum.—AFP ■

Pound recovers with UK set for general election

LONDON — The pound recovered Tuesday against the dollar and euro as Prime Minister Boris Johnson looked set to secure his wish for a general election before Christmas aimed at finally forcing through Brexit.

Traders were looking ahead also to a meeting of the Federal Reserve that was expected to end with the US central bank announcing an interest-rate cut on Wednesday.

Around 1115 GMT, sterling clawed back losses to trade at \$1.2862, virtually unchanged compared with its level late Monday in New York.

The euro meanwhile reversed direction to stand 0.2-per cent lower at 86.14 pence.

"Bulls have finally escaped the selling pressure and pushed sterling higher on the back of the news that Labour is finally backing the elections," commented Naeem Aslam, chief market analyst at ThinkMarkets.—AFP ■

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Phone No: 2301185

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V KOTA HADIAH VOY. NO. (KHAD 0134 N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V KOTA HADIAH VOY. NO. (KHAD 0134 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 30-10-2019 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.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER
LINES

Phone No: 2301185

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V MCC HALONG VOY. NO. (943W)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V MCC HALONG VOY. NO. (943W) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 29-10-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P/M.I.T.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
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S MCC TRANSPORT (S'PORE)
PTE., LTD.

Phone No: 2301185

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY. NO. (035 N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY. NO. (035 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 30-10-2019 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.

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

Phone No: 2301185

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V FILOTIMO VOY. NO. (942S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V FILOTIMO VOY. NO. (942S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 30-10-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T/M.I.P 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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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S MCC TRANSPORT (S'PORE)
PTE LTD

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CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V AREZOO VOY. NO. (SCY1068)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V AREZOO VOY. NO. (SCY1068) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 29-10-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S LAND AND SEA
INTERMODAL LOGISTICS SDN BHD LINE

Phone No: 2301185



Fish are farmed in an artificial pond in Ayeyawady Region, where fish and shrimp farming businesses are likely to receive funding as part of an EU aquaculture project. **PHOTO: GNLM**

Myanmar sets \$1 billion aquaculture export target



Workers sort out prawns at a factory. **PHOTO: MINISTRY OF LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

By Kyaw Htike Soe

FISH and shrimp production industry is the second prioritized business after agriculture sector in Myanmar. The fishery sector provides direct employment to more than 3.5 million people. Myanmar's fishery sector has been the fourth largest contributor to the country's GDP, and the fourth largest source of foreign earnings in the past five years.

The Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation set a record for foreign income from fisheries exports over a period of ten years.

The department is also making concerted efforts to fetch US\$1 billion in conjunction with respective organizations and entrepreneurs in the current financial year. Myanmar also had set an export earnings target of \$2 billion next fiscal year, according to an official from the Myanmar Fisheries Federation (MFF).

Export earnings from the fishery sector during the period from 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2019 amounted to around \$730 million. The MFF is trying to establish fish and

prawn farming zones in cooperation with region and states governments while inviting foreign entrepreneurs to invest in the country's fishery industry.

In addition the MFF is seeking ways and means to explore new export markets and adopt an advanced farming





Workers processing fish at a marine product industry. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

system so as to boost the country's fish and prawn farming sector.

The export volume and revenue from exporting fishery products have increased when compared to last year, he added. Despite an increase in terms of the export volume and income, Myanmar's fishery sector still cannot keep abreast of the neighbouring countries. Fish, prawns and crabs are required to meet set standards for better quality and size in foreign markets.

At the same time, authorities are making efforts to conserve fishery resources as well as ensure sustainable development in the country's fishery sector. The Southeast Asian country also exports prawns, crabs, squid, shrimp,

dried shrimp, and dried fish to its neighbours such as Thailand and China through its border trade gates.

Myanmar was allowed to export its farmed fish, prawn, and crabs to the UE countries since 1 December last year, he said. Earlier this year, only fish caught in the wild were allowed to be exported to the EU.

The department is closely working with the fish breeders, processors and exporters to ensure Myanmar marine products meet the rules and regulations of importing countries. Saudi Arabia has suspended temporary fishing imports from Myanmar since 31 March 2018 after bacteria was found on the same fish species imported from Vietnam.

But a negotiation between

Myanmar officials and Saudi authorities over the ban on fish imports from Myanmar resulted in resuming the fish and prawn export to the Middle Eastern kingdom, he added. Myanmar mainly exported Rohu fish to Saudi Arabia but the estimated loss due to the ban on fishery products from the Southeast Asian country was over \$30 million, he said.

Myanmar ships farmed fish to Saudi Arabia, accounting for 30 per cent of its fishery exports and about 40 per cent of rohu exports. Myanmar's fishery products have been exported to over 40 countries worldwide for the last 10 years. Now Myanmar's marine products mainly go to more than 40 countries including the European Union, Saudi Arabia, China, Japan, Thailand, Singapore and United States due to modern packaging, high quality of the goods and market expansion. There are around 248,000 acres of fish farms and 240,000 prawn farms throughout the country. Myanmar shipped 340,000 tons of marine products worth \$530 million in the 2013-2014 fiscal year, transported 330,000 tons of fishery products valued at \$480 million in the financial year 2014-2015, and freighted 360,000 tons of fishery products worth \$500 million in the 2015-2016 FY.

The country also exported 430,000 tons of marine products worth \$600 million in the fiscal year 2016-2017 and shipped 560,000 tons of fishery products valued at \$700 million in the financial year 2017-2018, according to the statistics from the Ministry of Commerce.



Workers at a fish factory preparing fish for export. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

OPPO Reno 2/2F introduction

OPPO introduced its OPPO Reno 2/2F smartphones in a ceremony titled "Quad Camera, Zoom into Imagination" at Melia Hotel, Yangon on 24 October.

OPPO Brand Ambassadors PaingPhyo Thu and PaingTagon together with vocalist HlwamPaing (Streamer Bo PaingGyi), actors Kyat Htat Zaw, Pai Oat Soe Aung and Shein Tin Htoo, model Phone ThiriKyaw, Yamin May Oo and ThazinHtoo Myint and OPPO officials presented Reno 2/2F smartphones with 5x Hybrid Zoom, 20x Digital Zoom, Ultra Dark Mode and Ultra Steady Video to OPPO fans and media. — GNLM

Useful Information

JAPANESE CUISINE

AJISHIN

No.192, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Myanmar Plaza, 4th Floor, Yankin Township, Yangon, Myanmar. Ph: 09-970890390, Time- 10:00 to 23:00 (Open Daily)

ANAIMO

No. 300, Mahabandula Park Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-378022. Time- 11:30-14:00/ 17:30-22:00 (Saturday only evening and Sunday off)

BIKKURA SUSHI & SASHIMI JAPANESE RESTAURANT

No. 16, Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-799566917, 09-36714873. 10:30-22:30 (Open Daily)

BUSHIDO

No. 75/ AB Boyar Nyunt Street, Dagon Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-260031197/ 09-420231330. 10:00-22:00 (Sunday Off)

CHO JAPANESE DINNING & BAR

Level (1), Garden Wing, Beside Lobby Lounge. (Inside Sedona Hotel), Yangon Ph: 09-258322223/ 09-261322223. Lunch 11:30-14:30/ Tea Time 14:30-18:00/ Dinner 18:00-23:00 (Open Daily)

DINNING FUKUROU

No. 37, Kabar Pagoda Road, Inside of Inya Lake Hotel, Yangon. Ph: 09-260031197 09-420231330. 11:00-22:00 (Open Daily)

EDOZUSHI

A-1, Star City, Kyaik Khauk Pagoda Road, Thanlyin Township, Yangon. Ph: 056-23150-53/ 056-23313-318 (Ext-1183)/ 09-2560-75020. 11:00-21:00 (Open Daily)

(3) YAKINIKU FUKAGAWA

A-1, Star City, Kyaik Khauk Pagoda Road, Thanlyin Township, Yangon. Ph: 056-23150-53/ 056-23313-318 (Ext-1183)/ 09-2560-75020. 11:00-21:00 (Open Daily)

FUJINOBO

(Cherry Hill Hotel) No. 520/4 A, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Shwe Gone Daing, Bahan Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-450067052, 06:00-09:30/ 11:30-14:00/ 17:00-22:30 (Open Daily)

FURUSATO

No. 137, West Shwe Gone Daing, Bahan Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-556265/ 09-73081914. 11:00-14:00/ 17:00-22:00 (Open Daily)

GEKKO

535, Merchant Street, Kyauktada Township, 4th Quarter, Yangon. Ph: 01-386986, 09:00-23:00 (Open Daily)

HIMARI MYANMAR

Pearl Condo, Block D, Ground Floor, Units-G-10, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-775330494. 11:30-14:00/ 14:00-22:00 (Open Daily)

HOKKAIDO JAPANESE RESTAURANT

No. 24/ 26, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Golden Hill Tower (A), Bahan Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-250537315. 11:00-14:00/ 17:00-21:30 (Open Daily)

HOT POT KING and Hot pot and BBQ Buffet Restaurant

No- 26/27, Thitsar Road and Corner of Wai Za Yan Dar Road, South Okkalapa, Yangon. Tel- 09 777777 008, 09 09 777777 009, 09 777777 883.

Hot Pot City 8 Miles

No(33), Kyaik Wine Pagoda Road (7.34 km) 095 Yangon. Ph: 09 797 799111, 11:00-22:00 (Open Daily)

101 Hot Pot & Sushi

No.141, West Shwegondaing Road, Bahan T/s. near Yuzana Hotel. (1.78 km), 11201 Yangon., Ph: 09 777 799101. 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Little Sheep Hot Pot Myanmar

14/14B Kanbawza Street Golden Valley (1) Bahan Township (1.71 km), Yangon. Ph: 09443399701, 09443399702, 11:00-23:00

HOTEL

BELMOND GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE

No. 35, Taw Win Road, Dagon Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-229860 01-229861.

CHATRIUM

No. 40, Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-544500/ 01-544244.

CHERRY HILLS HOTEL

No. 520/4 A, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Shwegon Daing, Bahan Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-559722.

HOTLE 51

No. 154/ 156, 51st. Upper Pazundaung Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-200823/ 09-429918554.

HOTEL KAN KAW

No.93(A), Hnin Si Gone Road, Ahlone Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-228566/ 01-2301700/ 01-1221731.

HOTLE SIDNEY

No. 8L/Mindhama Road, Between Kyaik Wine Pagoda Road and Parami Road, Mayangone Township. Ph: 01-655770/ 01-9669600-02.

INYA LAKE HOTEL

No.37, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Yangon. Ph: 01-9662866/ 01-9662857-9.

Yathedaung team wins 2019 MPT U-14 Football Tournament (Rakhine State)



Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu presents the championship trophy to Yathedaung team, the winner of the 2019 MPT U-14 Football Tournament (Rakhine State), at the Wasali football ground in Sittway Township on 29 October. **PHOTO: MFF**

THE Yathedaung U-14 team won the 2019 MPT U-14 Football Tournament (Rakhine State) after beating Kyaukphyu (A) team by 4-2 in a penalty shoot yesterday at the Wasali football ground in Sittway Township, Rakhine State.

The two teams were tied 1-1 after extra time, so a penalty shoot was declared, in which Yathedaung beat Kyaukphyu (A) with a 4-2 score.

Meanwhile, in the third place match, the Maungtaw team beat the Thandwe (A) team with a 2-1 score.

An awards ceremony was held after the final match, in which the referees for the final match were presented gifts by U Tun Shwe, the business manager of Myanmar Care.

The best forward player award was received by Han Thein Tun from Yathedaung team, the best midfielder award was received by Myo Than Kyaw from Thandwe (A), and the best defender award went to Myo Hlaing Win from Kyaukphyu (A).

The best goalkeeper award was received by Win Myo Aung from Kyaukphyu (A), while the best scorer award was given to Nay Lin Soe from Maungtaw.

The best player award for the tourney was received by Nang Aung from Yathedaung team, while the fair play award was handed to Thandwe (A)

Then, the players of the third place team, Maungtaw, were awarded individual medals by Rakhine State Agriculture, Live-

stock and Irrigation Minister U Kyaw Lwin. They were also presented with K300,000 in cash by Police Brig-Gen Mya Win.

The first runner-up team, Kyaukphyu (A), was awarded individual medals by Rakhine State Development Minister U Win Myint, and K500,000 in cash by Myanmar National League CEO U Soe Moe Kyaw.

The winners, Yathedaung team, were awarded individual medals by Rakhine State Social Affairs Minister Dr. Chan Tha and K1 million in cash by Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu.

Afterwards, the Chief Minister handed the championship trophy to the winning team.—Kyaw Khin

Devastated' Xhaka should apologise, says Emery

LONDON (United Kingdom) — Granit Xhaka has been left "devastated" by the confrontation with Arsenal supporters on Sunday but still should apologise said Gunners manager Unai Emery on Tuesday.



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senal supporters on Sunday but still should apologise said Gunners manager Unai Emery on Tuesday.

Emery, though, would not be drawn on whether the 27-year-old Swiss international midfielder will remain the captain following his tantrum on being substituted in the 2-2 draw with Crystal Palace. Xhaka -- who was voted in as captain by secret ballot of his team-mates in the close season -- has enjoyed a fractious relationship with the Arsenal supporters since he joined in 2016.

It reached its nadir on Sunday when they booed him as he walked off with him cupping his hand to his ear and then apparently mouthing 'Fxxx off' in their direction before storming down the tunnel.

"Yes (he should apologise)," said Emery, speaking on the eve of the Gunners fourth round League Cup clash with Liverpool.—AFP

Antoine Hey releases names of final squad for World Cup qualifiers

MR ANTOINE HEY, the head coach of the Myanmar national football team, released the final list of 24 players who will play in the World Cup Qualifiers, scheduled to be held in November in Mandalay, according to the Myanmar Football Federation's website.

The 24 chosen players include goalkeepers Kyaw Zin Htet (Yangon United F.C.), Kyaw Zin Phy (Ayeyawady United F.C.), and Pyae Hlan Aung (Yadanarbon F.C.), and defenders Zaw Min Tun (Chonburi F.C.), Nyein Chan (Rakhine United), Zaw Ye Tun (Yadanarbon F.C.), Pyae Phyaw Zaw (Yangon United F.C.), David Htan (Shan United), Kyaw Zin Lwin (Ayeyawady United), and Nanda Kyaw (Shan United).

The midfielders selected for the squad are Thein Than Win

(Yadanarbon F.C.), Yan Naing Oo (Shan United), Zin Min Tun (Shan United), Hlaing Bo Bo (Yadanarbon F.C.), Nyein Chan Aung (Yangon United), Myo Ko Tun (Yadanarbon F.C.) and Tin Win Aung (Ayeyawady United), and the forwards are Aung Thu (Muangthong United, Thailand), Solomon (Shan United), Mg Mg Lwin (Yangon United), Win Nang Soe (Yadanarbon F.C.), Kyaw Ko Ko (Samut Prakan City), Than Paing (Yangon United), and Than Htet Aung (Samut Sakhon).

The Myanmar national team will play against Nepal on 7 November, Tajikistan on 14 November, and Mongolia on 19 November.

The team will leave Yangon for Mandalay on 4 November and begin training in Mandalay on 5 November.—Kyaw Khin

Defending champion Khachanov dumped out at Bercy, Shapovalov through



Khachanov's title defence lasted only one match at Bercy. **PHOTO: AFP**

PARIS (France) — Karen Khachanov's Paris Masters title defence ended at the first hurdle on Tuesday as the Russian lost 7-6 (7/5), 3-6, 7-5 to German Jan-Lennard Struff.

Khachanov beat four top-10 players, including Novak Djokovic in the final, to win the 2018 tournament, but was knocked out after an indifferent second-round display this time around.

The early exit ends the world number eight's slim hopes of qualifying for next month's ATP Tour Finals in London.

Struff, ranked 36th, will next face either former Bercy winner Jo-Wilfried Tsonga or Italian tenth seed Matteo Berrettini in the last 16.

The defeat brings a close to an up-and-down season on the ATP Tour for Khachanov.

The 23-year-old has broken into the world's top 10 for the first time, although he is now likely to drop out next week, and also reached his maiden Grand Slam quarter-final in June at the French Open.

But he has failed to reach an ATP final in 2019, despite making the last eight at tournaments seven times.

Canadian rising star Denis Shapovalov booked his spot in the second round for the first time when his opponent Gilles Simon retired injured with the opening set level at 2-2 in their match.—AFP