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Message sent by President U Win Myint on the Commemoration of the 99th Anniversary of National Victory Day

21st November 2019**Esteemed Citizens,**

On this auspicious occasion of the 99th Anniversary of National Victory Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, which falls on the 10th Waning Day of Tazaungmone, ME 1381 (21 November, 2019), I would like to send my message, wishing you "good health and all the best."

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President U Win Myint receives outgoing Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran Mr Mohsen Mohammadi in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

President receives outgoing Iranian Ambassador

PRESIDENT U WIN MYINT received outgoing Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran Mr Mohsen Mohammadi at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they cordially

discussed matters relating to promoting mutual cooperation between the two countries not only in bilateral relations but also in the regional cooperation framework, increasing trade and investments,

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi offers alms to the members of Sangha at the enshrinement ceremony in Kyauktalonegyi Town, Taunggyi yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Ceremony to enshrine religious objects held in southern Shan State

STATE COUNSELLOR DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI attended a ceremony to enshrine religious objects in the Maha Bodhi pagoda located on Poe Panta pagoda hillock in Kyauktalonegyi Town of Taunggyi District in southern Shan State yesterday morning, together with well-wishers of alms-offering to Buddhist monks.

The ceremony was also attended by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Ye Aung, U Min Thu, Dr Myint Htwe, U Ohn Maung, DrAung Thu and U Ohn Win, Chief Minister of Shan State Dr Lin Htut, Deputy Minister U Hla Maw Oo and officials.

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PYIDAUNGSU HLUTTAW

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw debates constitutional amendment bill report, merging of two Union-level ministries

DURING the seventh-day meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 14th regular session yesterday, MPs debated a tabling from Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Brig-Gen Maung Maung and 143 Tatmadaw MPs on the Joint Constitution Scrutinizing Committee's report on the Second Bill Amending the Constitution.

MPs debate constitutional amendment proposals

MP U Thaug Aye of Pyawbwe constituency said ethnic armed organizations have staged attacks today for their rights to autonomy, equal rights, decentralization and democratic rights. As such, it would be the right thing to do for the Hluttaw to debate proposals from MPs U Thein Tun, Dr Maung Thin and Brig-Gen Maung Maung which focus on amending these facts and the remaining bills to amend the constitution.

Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Lt-Col Kyaw Zeya voiced his disapproval of the report. He said that the report includes amendments to Articles 232-a and 261-a of the 2008 Constitution will only be made when a final comprehensive bill to make amendments to the entirety of the Constitution has been submitted. He said this act goes against Chapter XII of the Constitution and any further amendment proposals should follow Chapter XII and related laws and bylaws of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

MP U Hla San of Magway Region constituency 1 then suggested a rethinking whether discussing each section of the constitution amending bill in detail will yield good results and reduce time, money and energy spent on it. He said he surmises that proposed amendments or additions to articles seem to be directed to individuals in the same manner as Article 59-f. He said he disapproves of additions to Article 234-a and e and Article 261-a and e, but approves the report of the joint review committee.

The report was further debated by Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Major Tin Lin, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Lt-Col Daw Soe Soe Myint, MP U Thant Zin Tun of Dekkhinathiri constituency, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw Rep-



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is being convened in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

resentative Major Daw Aye Aye Mar, MP U Oo Hla Saw of MraukU constituency, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Lt-Col Myo Win Hlaing, MP U Sai Than Naing of Kayin State constituency 5, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Lt-Col Zaw Myo Htet, and Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Lt-Col Daw San Thidar Khin.

Scrutinizing committee secretary offers clarification

Next, Dr Myat Nyanna Soe, Secretary of the Joint Committee to Scrutinizing the Second Bill Amending the Constitution, said as he read the report of the joint Scrutinizing committee and proposals from 144 Tatmadaw Hluttaw Representatives, including Tatmadaw Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Brig-Gen Aung San Chit, to the assembly, there are currently 4 bills for making a second batch of amendments to the Constitution.

He said a close inspection of all four bills will show that they do not intend to amend the entire Constitution, but rather only some parts of it. He said the Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution was approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and proportionally comprised of MPs of the Hluttaw who are members of political parties or independents.

Dr Myat Nyanna Soe said this committee will compile all the proposed amendment to the Constitution and compile them into a bill and when it is submitted to the Hluttaw in line with the laws and bylaws of the Hluttaw, it will

submitted separately at the same time with the 4 amendment bills already submitted to the Hluttaw. He said the joint Scrutinizing committee, composed of bill committee members of the Pyithu and Amyotha Hluttaws, will scrutinize them all consecutively.

The committee secretary said all the articles and sub-articles in the bills will be scrutinized and none of them left out for review during this process. He said most of the joint Scrutinizing committee members find that tabling them to the Hluttaw in a combined form would make the use of time and processes more efficient. He said joint committee members U Stephen, Brig-Gen Maung Maung and Brig-Gen Tint Lwin have tabled for the Hluttaw to continue discussing the bill in line with Chapter XII of the Constitution and the laws and bylaws of the Hluttaw.

Dr Myat Nyanna Soe said the motion tabled by the 144 Tatmadaw Hluttaw Representatives to submit the current bill and the four submitted bills on constitutional amendment in a combined comprehensive form to the Hluttaw should be followed and called for MPs to debate the joint Scrutinizing committee's report and pass a decision afterwards.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat then called for MPs interested in discussing the report to register their names.

Kyoto Convention, Education Ministry's budget proposal

Next, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Set

Aung read a message sent by the President on the possibility of Myanmar becoming a member to the WCO Revised Kyoto Convention and the Speaker called for MPs interested in discussing the matter to register their names.

This was followed by Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi responding to MPs debating the Report No (15/2019) by the Joint Public Accounts Committee on the Ministry of Education's Basic Education Department's progress on construction projects included in the allotted budget for 2018-2019 fiscal year.

The Union Minister said the Basic Education Department will closely follow all the suggestions outlined in the committee's report. He said of the 4,797 projects carried out by the department in 2018-2019 FY across the states and regions, 76 have been returned as excess funds. He said that 2,590 projects from the remaining 4,721 projects were a hundred per cent completed as of 30 September, 2019. He added that they have returned K55.366 billion from uncompleted projects for 2018-2019 FY as excess funds. He said they will review all projects whose budgets have been returned, but are completed by 20 per cent of more, for acquiring funding in the 2019-2020 FY in order to complete them.

Joint Public Accounts Committee Vice Chairman U Aung Min then motioned for the assembly to accept Report No 15/2019. The Speaker gathered the deliberation of the Hluttaw, received no opposition, and announced the assembly has approved the

report.

Merging of two Union ministries

MPs then debated the proposed merging of the Ministry of Industry and the Ministry of Planning and Finance into the Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry.

MP U Ye Htut of Sagaing Region constituency 5 said he rejects the merging of the two ministries as they are different in principle. He said the Ministry of Planning and Finance has numerous departments all devoted to setting budget regulations and ensuring the budget proposals of other ministries are not wasted, while the Ministry of Industry focuses on expenditures, production, developing the nation's industrial sector and economy. As such, they cannot be amalgamated into one ministry.

MP Daw Cho Cho of Ottwin constituency voiced her approval of the two ministries merging as they have shown that doing so would greatly assist the transformation of Myanmar's industrial activities and effectively boost her proposal to supply the needed finance and assistance for revising investment policies and making domestic production a part of the global supply chain.

The matter was further debated by MP U Khin Cho of Hlaingbwe constituency, MP U Aung Htoo Myint of Aunglan constituency, MP U Soe Thein of Kayah State constituency 9, MP U Bo Gyi of Chauk constituency, MP U Maung Myint of Mingin constituency, MP U Sai Than Naing of Kayin State constituency 5, MP U Thaug Aye of Pyawbwe constituency, MP U Kyaw Aung Lwin of Sedoktara constituency, MP U Sein Win of Maubin constituency, MP Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye of Kayin State constituency 6, MP U Saw Thalay Saw of Shwekyin constituency, MP U Myat Lay of Htilin constituency, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Major Zay Phyo, MP U Kan Oo of Salin constituency, Tatmadaw Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Major Kyaw Soe Oo, and MP Daw Khin San Hlaing of Pale constituency. The eight-day meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 14th regular session will be held on 26 November.—Aung Ye Thwin, Aye Aye Thant (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Message sent by President U Win Myint on the Commemoration of the 99th Anniversary of National Victory Day

21st November 2019

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In retrospect, after Myanmar had lost its national sovereignty, it became a colony. Under the colonial rule, the 1920 Rangoon University Act, which restricted the right of impoverished Myanmar students to university education, was promulgated in 1920. A group of patriotic and political Myanmar university students began to protest against the unjust University Act on the 10th Waning Day of Tazaungmone, ME 1282 (5 December 1920). The protest spread and reverberated to all parts of the country in momentum, and turned out to be a national movement. Owing to this national movement, the nationalistic spirit of the people was awakened, and that led to the emergence of national high schools, the National College and the National Education Council. The national schools were not only the plac-

es for education but they were also the places where the nationalistic spirit was born, grew stronger and finally became strong enough for us to regain our independence.

The patriotic youths who used to be students of national schools became the leaders in Myanmar independence movements. To take an example, our national leader General Aung San was a alumni of the National High School, Yenanchaung.

The ninth GCBA meeting which was held in Mandalay in 1921 designated the 10th Waning Day of Tazaungmone, ME 1282, as National Victory Day – the day on which the first students strike began and achieved victory with the national spirit. Our National Victory Day, whereupon Myanmar education, Myanmar politics and Myanmar nationalism all are concentrated, has been celebrated all over

Myanmar every year, and this year marks the 99th celebration. Our country, Myanmar, has regained her independence and sovereignty since the growing nationalistic spirit of the people could make the entire nation united as a whole, and they were able to drive away the colonialists eventually.

Now is the time when all the people of the union, with nationalistic spirit and unity among the nationals, should put their concerted efforts in the construction of the Democratic Federal Union. Accordingly, the Government is building the Democratic Federal Union with a strong determination, never-withstanding diligence, and the wisdom to know what is right and what is wrong. We must build the Democratic Federal Union, which all our national races have longed for, with the strong union spirit.

In order for the emergence

of the genuine Democratic Federal Union, which has been the common goal of all the nationals, the Union Peace Conference or the 21st Century Panglong Conference has been successfully convened through numerous political dialogues, and consequently 52 democratic and federal-related basic principles have been approved.

With the aim of building a sustainable and prosperous Democratic Federal Union, the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP) (2018-2030) has been developed and implemented for the well-balanced all-round development in regions and states in Myanmar. If we, the Myanmar nationals, work harder based on the essence of national unity of National Victory Day, the peaceful, all-round developed, Democratic Federal Union will emerge in the very near future.

As for the government, na-

tionistic spirit is vital in building union peace of the nationals who have resided in the same land. We deeply believe that we can implement union peace if we have the required nationalistic spirit to always work for the benefits of the nation and the nationals, and the required union spirit to always live in unity and harmony.

On this National Victory Day, I earnestly urge all the people to hold in highest esteem the following objectives and work with the strength of national unity:

- Perpetuating and strengthening of nationalistic spirit;
- Building Union Peace through mutual trust;
- Building a Democratic Federal Union;
- All-round development of the union by means of the concerted efforts of all national races.

Govt, ethnic armed groups discuss to organize ceasefire implementation meeting

THE government peace negotiators led by Peace Commission Secretary Lt-Gen (retired) Khin Zaw Oo held a meeting with ethnic armed groups delegation led by Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS) Secretary 2 U Sai Ngin from the 10 Ethnic Armed Organizations signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) in Chiang Mai, Thailand, yesterday morning.

First, the two delegation leaders extended greetings.

Secretary 2 U Sai Ngin said, "The peace process has seen no progress over one year. To overcome this impediment, both the government and the NCA-S EAO have prepared for the proposals. Although both sides agreed to hold the Joint-Ceasefire Implementation Coordination Meeting (JICM) to approve topics for discussion, it did not happen to hold the negotiations. This coordination meetings would be followed by the meetings of the Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee (UPDJC), the Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee (JMC), the working committee and the national dialogue before holding the 4th round of Union Peace Conference- 21st



Representatives from government and ethnic armed groups delegation hold a meeting on peace process in Chiang Mai, Thailand yesterday.

PHOTO: HMS

Century Panglong. And that holding of JICM is regarded as the first step for the whole process."

U Hla Maung Shwe, advisor of Peace Commission, also said, "The 10 ethnic armed groups discussed many discussion, but the main point was to hold JICM. We have seen positive results from today's meeting. We also held talks on international

pressures on Myanmar, and the future peace-making plans. Although we have agreed in principle to hold the next round of meeting, we need to wait the decision of the Peace Process Steering Team (PPST)."

At the meeting, the government side was represented by Peace Commission's advisors U Hla Maung Shwe, U Moe Zaw Oo, Ministry of State Counsel-

or's Office Director General U Zaw Htay, and the 10 members of NCA-S EAO were represented by U Myo Win (ABSDF), Khun Myint Tun (PNLO), Daw Saw Mra Raza Lin (ALP), Salai Thla Hei (CNF), Nai Aung Ma Ngae (NMSP), Saw Kyaw Nyunt (KNU/KNLA-PC), Saw Sein Win (DKBA), P'doh Saw Taw Ni (KNU) and Solomon (LDU).

The meeting of PPST is

slated for 2 to 4 December, followed by the official peace negotiations between the government and the ethnic armed organizations.

The government peace negotiation team is scheduled to meet with the Karen National Union (KNU) on 22 November. –Ye Gaung Nyunt

(Translated by Aung Khin)

State Counsellor to attend summit in ROK

AT the invitation of His Excellency Mr. Moon Jae-In, President of the Republic of Korea, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, will leave for the Republic of Korea in the near future to attend the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit and the 1st Mekong-Republic of Korea Summit to be held in Busan.—MNA

Ceremony to enshrine religious objects in Maha Bodhi Pagoda held in Kyauktaloneygi in S-Shan State



struction of the pagoda through the officials.

Next, the State Counsellor, the Union Ministers, the Chief Minister, the Deputy Ministers, officials, well-wishers and congregation conveyed the religious objects for enshrinement, and then the donors and devotees enshrined the objects in the pagoda.

She also cordially made conversations with U Aung Kham Hte at the latter's home.

Later, the State Counsellor, senior government officials and well-wishers offered alms to members of the Sangha.

The Maha Bodhi pagoda will have 81-ft height, 41-ft length and 36-ft width at the completion in the form of Maha Bodhi pagoda in Bodh Gaya, India.

The State Counsellor and party then left Kyauktaloneygi Town for Heho Township by helicopters, and they arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw in the afternoon.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

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They arrived at Kyauktaloneygi Town from Taunggyi the morning by helicopters.

At the enshrinement ceremony, Patron of Nyaung Thonebin Pariyatti Samanekyaw Monastery in Mogok Township Dr Bhaddanta Tejosara Bhivamsa gave the Five Precepts and members of the Sangha recited Paritta.

The State Counsellor, senior government officials and well-wishers donated offertories to members of the Sangha.

Then, Saddhamma Jotika Dhaja Dr Bhaddanta Javana gave Alodawpyi Buddha images to the State Counsellor and senior government officials.

The main and leading donor of pagoda and the patron of Pa-O National Organization, Aggamahasiri Sudhamma Mani Jotadhara Wunna Kyaw Htin U Aung Kham Hte, supplicated on religious affairs.

Then, the Patron of Nyaung Thonebin Pariyatti Samanekyaw Monastery delivered a sermon, and the State Counsellor and the congregation shared merits.

The State Counsellor also donated cash for con-



The congregation led by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attends the ceremony to enshrine religious objects in Maha Bodhi pagoda in Kyauktaloneygi Town, Taunggyi yesterday. **PHOTO: THA BYAW**

Vice President U Henry Van Thio visits Bayon, Ta Prohm, Angkor Wat temples

VICE President U Henry Van Thio, who was on an official visit to Cambodia, yesterday visited Bayon, Ta Prohm and Angkor Wat temples in Siem Reap, and observed the cultural heritage, architectures and local tourism businesses.

The Vice President and party arrived in Siem Reap from Phnom Penh at 9:30am local time and were welcomed by Deputy Governor of Siem Reap Province Mr Pith Prakort and officials at the Siem Reap International Airport.

Afterwards, the Vice President and party visited the Bayon Temple and observed the sculptures, ancient architectures and the status of tourist arrivals at the temple.

The Vice President and party then visited the Ta Prohm Temple which was built in the style of late 12th and early 13th centuries, and observed the ancient structures, architectures and ancient cultural designs including the natural preservation of the ancient buildings being covered with perennial trees and the archaeological research methods for long-term preservation of the buildings.

The delegation led by Vice President then visited the Ang-



Vice President U Henry Van Thio and party visit Bayon temple in Angkor in Cambodia yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

kor Wat Temple and viewed the ancient Buddha images, carving arts, sculptural arts and ancient architectures.

The Angkor Wat Temple was built by the Khmer King Suryavarman II in the early 12th century on a site measuring 402 acres with the use of about 10

million sand stones each weighing 1.5tons.

The Angkor Wat which took about 30 years to construct is the largest monument in the region, and the UNESCO listed this site as a World Heritage site in 1992.

About 2.6 million tourists visited the Angkor Wat site an-

nually and local residents are cooperating in preservation works to attract up to 5 million tourists in the future.

In the evening, the Vice President arrived at the Myanmar Embassy in Cambodia where he met with the Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia,

Myanmar Military Attaché, and staff from Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché's Office and presented gifts to them.

Afterwards, the Vice President attended a dinner hosted by the Myanmar Ambassador.

—MNA
(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Nay Pyi Taw commemorates 30th anniversary of UN child rights convention

THE United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child recently reached its 30th year mark this year and Myanmar commemorated the occasion at Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Attending the event were the Chairman of the National Committee for Child Rights and Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin, deputy ministers, Hluttaw representatives, UNICEF Myanmar repre-

sentatives, national committee members and chairpersons of committees from the Union Territory and states and regions, and invited children.

Firstly, the Golden Butterfly Group comprised of children and teens from across the states and regions on the township-level committee for child rights matters, Duwun Group on the state and regional children Hluttaw matters, Kanaung Lawgyi Group on creating a space for children participation using social network

technology, Da Alone Yae Athan Group on including more youth participation in committees for women and child rights, Baydar Group on youth Hluttaw for youths to discuss their own issues were all presented with innovative suggestions by the different groups and explanations for new ways for officials to regularly listen to the perspective of children were done in five exhibition displays. The Union Minister and entourage visited each of them, listened to the children and dis-

cussed with them.

Next, the event commenced with an opening address by the Union Minister. He said they are endeavoring for equal rights of all children in Myanmar and to ensure no one is left behind. He said there are about 17 million children across the nation who will be leading the future one day. Thus, this event aims to formulate appropriate legacies to leave behind for the next generation.

The Union Minister said they have five tasks to perform in relation with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. They are: enacting suitable law for the convention, forming a national mechanism to implement the facts in the convention, relevant ministries will cooperation with domestic and foreign NGOs and CSOs, monitoring and evaluating implementation of child rights, and submitting reports.

The Union Minister said they are to implement the four rights of children, which are the right to live, develop, protection and participation. He said healthcare is important for children's right to live and development of their

brains and bodies. He said the ministry has set a strategic plan for social protection that includes providing financial support for nutrition for pregnant mothers and infants up to two years old. He said they prioritize regions there are the least developed according to the index.

Next, UNICEF Myanmar Representative Ms June Kunugi delivered an address on the convention's 30th anniversary. This was followed by playing the documentary video and a performance by the Myanmar Got Talent winning dance group Junior Creative. The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement then signed a pledge for the next 30 years of achieving child rights.

Afterwards, attendees explored the exhibits and competition displays made by children and the Chairpersons of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Committee for Women and Child Rights of both the Pyithu and Amyotha Hluttaws delivered speeches and conferred prizes on the winning exhibition displays.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Union Ministers Dr Win Myat Aye, Nai Thet Lwin, officials and attendees pose for a photo at the event to mark the World Children's Day 2019 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Joint committee of constitutional amendment holds meeting

THE Joint Committee on Scrutinizing Second Bill Amending 2008 Constitution held a meeting at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw building, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the Joint Committee and the Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee U Khin Maung Win, Secretary of the joint scrutinizing committee Dr Myat

Nyana Soe, Joint Secretary of the Committee U Kyaw Soe Lin, the members of the Committee and officials of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.—MNA
(Translated by Aung Khin)

Joint Committee on Scrutinizing Second Bill Amending 2008 Constitution holds a meeting in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**



Union Information Minister holds talks with Deputy Secretary of Chinese Communist Party

UNION Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint held a meeting with Mr Sun Dawei, the Deputy Secretary of Chinese Communist

Party in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, at the International Convention Center of Liyuan State Guest House in Nanning City, yesterday afternoon.

Union Information Minister Dr Pe Myint and Deputy Secretary of Chinese Communist Party Mr Sun Dawei exchange gifts at the meeting in Nanning City, yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

The meeting focused on bilateral cooperation in media sector, education, culture, tourism, trade and economic development.—MNA
(Translated by Aung Khin)

Union Information Minister makes media tour to PRC

UNION Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint led senior media officers yesterday afternoon during his tour to Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in southwest of People's Republic of China to foster cooperation in media industry. They were seen off by officials from the Ministry of Information at the Yangon International Airport.

During the visit, the Union Minister is accompanied by Di-

rector-General U Ye Naing from the Information and Public Relations Department, Chief Editor U Aung Naing Oo from the Myanmar Alinn Newspaper, Assistant Director U Aung Win from the Myanmar Radio and Television and Research Assistant U Saw Pyae Hmu from the Myanmar Motion Picture Promotion Division.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



The delegation led by Union Minister Dr Pe Myint poses for photo before depart for PRC. **PHOTO: MNA**

Smart car park to have colored zones with different tariffs: YCDC

By Nyein Nyein

THE smart car park in downtown Yangon will feature red, yellow, and green zones, and a different charges will be collected for parking vehicles in each zone, said U Lin Khaing, head of the Yangon City Development Committee's Roads and Bridges Department.

"The car parking fee will de-

pend on the color of the zone. It will range between K500, K300, and K200 per hour," said U Lin Khaing. The YCDC had invited Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from private companies for the smart car park project, and 26 companies had submitted their applications to the YCDC. Of them, the EOIs submitted by six companies for the construction of a smart car park in Yangon

have been passed, and the firms have been asked to file tenders for the project by 29 November, according to the YCDC. "The smart parking will collect parking data using advanced technology. Our tender evaluation teams will decide how to complete the bidding," said U Lin Khaing.

Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe pointed out that an open tender or a public tender

will be approved for the project. "Areas for smart parking will be announced," he said.

"Smart parking areas and streets and roads will be notified through the media. The project is open to all qualified bidders. We will systematically select the winner who will complete the project," the mayor added.

"The smart parking system will start in six downtown town-

ships of Yangon, and the project will proceed to other townships", said Daw May May Thwe, YCDC member. "Earlier, the YCDC collected car parking fees through informal methods, such as the contract system. During the government transition period, that system was abolished," said officials.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)



UEC Chairman receives USIP Country Director

UNION Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein received Country Director of United States Institute of Peace Mr Jason Tower at the former's office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they discussed preparations for successful holding of 2020 General Election, organizing workshops on security affairs during election period, conducting trainings, prevention of hate speech and false news on social media and plans to release true news.

The meeting was also attended by the members of UEC and officials from its office.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

UEC Chairman U Hla Thein and a delegation led by Country Director of United States Institute of Peace Mr Jason Tower pose for a photo in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Japanese film crew documents Thilawa industrial zone, scenic Yangon

A JAPANESE film crew took scenes of Sule Pagoda, Maha Bandoola Park, Yangon City Hall, the pedestrian overpass near Strand Hotel, the scenic Yangon from Sakura Tower and the Shwedagon Pagoda.

The crew also documented the opening ceremony of Yakult Myanmar Co., Ltd. at the Thilawa Special Economic Zone, and yogurt production processes inside the factory.

Yakult yogurt was invented in 1935 by Dr Shirota and has

84 years experiences. It can strengthen the immune system and improve health. It is being distributed in 40 countries including Myanmar.

Until 23 November, the film crew will document the factory of Yakult Myanmar Co, Ltd, sales of the yogurt at City Mart Supermarkets, its home delivery services and customer interviews to record them.—Nyunt Nyunt Hlaing (FDC)

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



The Japanese film crew shooting a documentary scene near Sule Pagoda in downtown Yangon. **PHOTO: NYUNT NYUNT HLAING (FDC)**

Oil & gas company shares social responsibility knowledge in Mann oil field



CSR staff members and Communication Department of MPRL E&P taking part in the program to share social responsibilities in Mann oil field. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE MPRL E&P Group of Companies, a joint-venture foreign registered oil and gas exploration and production company with the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise in Mann oil field, launched a knowledge sharing course on corporate social responsibility at its office yesterday.

The staff members of CSR & Communications Department of MPRL E&P held talks on the

nature of performance compensation contract (PCC), overview on corporate social responsibilities, strategic implementation of local development projects, advisory process and establishment of constructive relationship with the stakeholders.

The two-day course is attended by 36 assistant managers and managers from the onshore fields of Chauk, Yenangyoung, Mann, Htaukscharbin, Titut

Pipeline, Pyay, (Kyaukkhwt, Letpanto, Ayardaw), Htangine, Thargyitaung, Thakayta CNG, Nyaungdone, Nay Pyi Taw, Gwecho, Shwepyitha, Myanaung, and Aphyuk.

The MPRL E&P also conducted the first CSR knowledge sharing course for the general managers from onshore fields of MOGE in 2017-2018 financial year.—MNA

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Living through weal and woe

IN many regions of Myanmar, different indigenous people have been living in peace and with unity. This has always been a matter of pride for the country and added to its dignity. This unity in diversity is Myanmar's strength, and it bolsters our hopes of building a federal democratic Union.

The unity of ethnic peoples with diverse languages and faiths in our country shows that the country has good prospects for building a federal democratic Union.

To achieve this goal, the right attitude and a burning desire in the individual citizens of our country is necessary. We should bear in mind that hope alone cannot produce outcomes without the right diligence.

It is regrettable to see that our country is far from achieving peace and lags in development as a consequence of armed conflicts. Peace across the nation is the wish of all our people.

Myanmar has suffered the consequences of internal armed conflicts for several decades and we have not yet seen a period of total peace in our country since gaining independence more than 70 years ago. The task of putting out the fire of internal armed conflicts has fallen on the shoulders of today's generation, and we should try not to burden the next generation with it.

We are confident that if diverse indigenous people can live in peace in many parts of the country, we can build a federal democratic Union.

Only when the country has total peace can it be developed. Only when the country is developed can each citizen enjoy the fruits of development. Building individual wealth while the country is in the grip of poverty is not a matter of pride. In fact, it is a thing to be ashamed of.

We must all live through weal and woes in life. We must share the fruits of development. We must face and overcome the challenges in our life. Inculcating this spirit across the country can help us build a federal democratic Union.

All the people of the country must work hard to achieve this goal as soon as possible and must make a commitment to ensure peace takes root.

Questions have been raised in some quarters on whether the current peace process would meet with success given that previous attempts failed to bring complete peace and we are facing challenges in the current dialogue.

We are confident that if diverse indigenous people can live in peace in many parts of the country, we can build a federal democratic Union.

We strongly believe that only democracy, equality, and self-determination can bring about a genuine federal democratic Union.



2019 National Victory Day in Myanmar

By Arakan Sein

EVERY country has its National Victory Day, which usually designates the date on which a people achieved independence and became a nation, or which marks some other important threshold crossed in a nation's history.

National Victory Day in Myanmar has become a symbol of the unbreakable link between political and intellectual freedom, and the important role that students have played in the politics of Myanmar.

The role of U Ottama

Even if he was imprisoned several times by the British colonial government, he tried to expel the Governor of our country to go home to Britain. Many Myanmar regard the boycott as the first step towards independence. The legislation would have limited access to higher education for all but the wealthiest families, but the student boycott ultimately led to revisions in the Act. Myanmar universities have produced many national heroes, the greatest of whom was Aung San. Student leaders were principally responsible for igniting the 1988 uprising. This year, it falls on Thursday of 21 November.

History of Myanmar National Victory Day

The holiday marks the begin-



Marble stone slab inscribed with the names of the eleven students leaders at the Shwedagon Pagoda. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

ning of student-led protests against British in 1920. In 1886, Myanmar came under the British control, with the capital of Yangon, being an important port situated between India and Singapore. From the earliest days of colonization, there was a strong feeling of resentment against the rule of the British, with student protests of 1920 seen as the start of the resist-

ance movement that ultimately led to independence in 1948.

Starting from the Yangon and Judson Colleges

In 1920, the two colleges began protests against the British Administration's Yangon University Act of 1920. The Act raised the status of Yangon College to that of a University. The protests ignited

a call for nationalism in the students, the basis of which formed the key elements of the movement for independence. The national holiday is a day to remember not just 1920 protests, but also the key role played by students in the creation of modern-day Myanmar.

It is the anniversary of the beginning of the unrest against British rule in 1920 that eventually

led to independence in 1948.

Specifically, it is the date of the first student strike at Yangon University. Further strikes occurred in 1935 and 1938, and these strikes served to rouse national identity and opposition to British colonial policies. The exact day of Myanmar National Date changes each year since it is based on Myanmar calendar system.



The history of the student boycott

The history leading to the student boycott is the background of the National Victory Day. In 1824, The British conquered Myanmar and Myanmar was added in 1886 to the British India, being a separate province with that realm.

In 1929, the Buddhist monks attempted to physically force Europeans out of a pagoda when they refused to remove their shoes before entering.

This incident helped fuel the fire leading to the student boycott. Finally, on 5 December, 1920, the unpopular new British regulations led the students at Yangon University to protest.

Soon, the protests spread throughout the land to other schools. Ultimately, the unrest continued until independence was granted on 4th January, 1948. While National Victory Day is marked on the auspicious day of Tazaungmone, it is in itself a major time of public celebrations.

Monks, students, and expatriates all are typically a part of the National Victory Day Protests.

In conclusion, I would like to urge the people of country to go forward in the spirit of unity and solidarity as our independence was gained at the expense of many people's lives.

Adopt and implement high-impact interventions to secure the future of antibiotics and rollback the global AMR crisis

By Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia

ANTIMICROBIAL resistance (AMR) is a global crisis that threatens the future of our most precious drugs: antibiotics. Across the world, AMR kills an estimated 700 000 people annually, including 230 000 from multi-drug resistant tuberculosis. By 2050, unless urgent action is taken, AMR is expected to kill 10 million annually. Antibiotic-resistant bacteria are responsible for a substantial proportion of the AMR burden. The emergence and spread of resistant bacteria is accelerated by the overuse and misuse of antibiotics in human and animal health.

The WHO South-East Asia Region is taking decisive action to combat AMR, which since 2014 has been a Flagship Priority. All Member States have developed a national multisectoral action plan to ad-

dress AMR. They are now implementing them. Each Member State has signed on to the Global Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance System, a key initiative that will advance AMR-related research. Region-wide, the Tripartite Collaboration on AMR, which comprises WHO, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), is addressing vulnerabilities in the human and animal health sectors, as well as in agriculture. Ensuring antibiotics are used rationally continues to be a core priority.

The Region's progress must be sustained. It must also be accelerated – an outcome the new WHO-convened Regional Taskforce for AMR will help achieve. In pursuit of the Region's Flagship Priority on AMR, as well as its quest to achieve uni-

versal health coverage, health authorities Region-wide should adopt and implement several high-impact interventions.

First, WHO's AWaRe classification tool should be fully harnessed. The AWaRe tool groups antibiotics into three main categories – 'Access', 'Watch' and 'Reserve' – based on their strength and potential impact on AMR. By adopting the tool's classification scheme, health authorities can more effectively monitor antibiotic consumption, align their essential medicines list (EML) with WHO's Model EML, and update or establish treatment guidelines that increase the appropriate use of antibiotics. Each outcome will fast-track preventive efforts.

Second, increased focus should be given to strengthening infection prevention and control (IPC) in health care fa-

cilities. Clean water, adequate sanitation and essential equipment are all crucial to providing health care that is of adequate quality and which minimizes health care-associated infections. So too are health workers and facility staff that are trained in and implement IPC. All efforts should be made to ensure that health facilities from the primary level up are fit for purpose, and do not serve as AMR incubators.

Third, political leadership, advocacy and coordination on AMR should be scaled up. This is especially so when it comes to empowering all people to take responsibility for the future of antibiotics – the theme of this year's World Antibiotic Awareness Week. From promoting the appropriate prescribing of antibiotics to emphasizing the need to reduce antibiotic usage in the

animal sector, leaders from all sectors should drive home an important point: The future of antibiotics is in our hands.

WHO is committed to supporting Member States as they continue to go from strength to strength in the battle against AMR. Together we can improve antibiotic treatment, increase access to antibiotics and reduce antimicrobial resistance. Together we can secure the future of our most precious drugs and rollback the global AMR crisis. We must act decisively. We must act now.



WHO's South-East Asia Region comprises the following 11 Member States: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Timor-Leste.

President receives outgoing Iranian Ambassador

FROM PAGE-1 and strengthening friendship by exchanging of goodwill visits between the two countries.

Also present at the meeting were Union Minister U Kyaw Tin and officials. — MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

99th National Victory Day, 2019

To build peace of the Union,
All indigenous people are to cooperate in it.

10th Waning of Tazaungmon, 1381 ME
21-11-2019

Objectives of the 99th National Victory Day

- * Perpetuating and strengthening of nationalistic spirit;
- * Building Union Peace through mutual trust;
- * Building a Democratic Federal Union;
- * All-round development of the union by means of the concerted efforts of all national races.

Union Defence Services Minister Lt-Gen Sein Win returns home from Thailand

UNION Minister for Defence Services Lt-Gen Sein Win arrived back to Myanmar after attending the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Retreat and the 6th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (6th ADMM-Plus) in Thailand.

the Yangon International Airport by Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Thet Pon, senior Tatmadaw officers, Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mrs Suphatra Srimaitree-phithak and the Thai Navy Attaché. —MNA

He was welcomed back at

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Correction

Please read "Baha'i" in the second column of the news story entitled "International Day of Tolerance observed in Mandalay" on page-7 of November 17 Issue of *the Global New Light of Myanmar*. —GNLM



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YCDC to remove fibre cables of unregistered installation companies

By Nyein Nyein

UNREGISTERED fibre lines which have been installed without permission on lamp-posts in Yangon Region will be removed, said U Lin Khaing, head of the Engineering Department (Roads and Bridges) of the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC).

According to the YCDC, only 23 companies have been approved and registered to install the fibre lines in Yangon Region. Some fibre lines installation companies are also providing the service without registering with the YCDC, U Lin Khaing added.

“Except 23 companies, some companies are still installing fibre lines without permission. So, we need to control them. After finishing an inspection of the wire lines, we have made an official announcement in the newspapers. When we went on an inspection tour on Phay Road, we asked registered companies to come along with us. Then, we conducted an inspection with those companies. And, when we found unregistered lines, we cut them down and took legal

action against the unregistered companies,” said U Lin Khaing.

The YCDC is finding it difficult to control their activities because most unregistered companies are installing fibre lines only at night, he added.

Under the supervision of the Yangon Region Government, tenders are being invited to implement underground installation in order to lay a smooth communication network and ensure systematic installation in Yangon region, according to the YCDC.

Some telecommunications service companies have installed fiber optic cables and communication equipment and WiFi equipment in YCDC areas without permission. So, the YCDC has announced that it will remove all fiber optic cables and WiFi equipment installed without permission because it can be dangerous and adversely affect the load balance.

“The Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker and officials, including me, have conducted field inspection tours at three townships on a trial basis. We found the installations of cable lines messy. So, we plan to in-



invite tenders for that project very soon. We will investigate with the use of a third party organization,” said U Maung Maung Soe, Yangon Mayor.

According to official statistics from the Directorate of Telecommunications, there are

more than 150 permitted local and foreign telecommunications companies across the country. Among them, only 23 companies have received permission from the YCDC to install fibre lines in Yangon Region.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Bago Region hosts Tourism development workshop

THE Bago Region Tourism Committee held a workshop on the tourism development sector of Bago Region on 19 November at 9:30 am at Bago Town Hall, discussing new destination created, community based tourism program, hotel and resort businesses and formation of the restaurant association, souvenir entrepreneurs association, transportation, and others relating to tourism development sector.

Bago Region is 15,214.23 square miles long and it provides the smooth public transportations. It is also rich



Bago Region Tourism Committee members and attendees pose for a documentary photo at the workshop on the tourism development sector in Bago Region. **PHOTO: TIN SOE (BAGO)**

in cultural heritage destinations including ancient Hanthawaddy, Kaytumadi and Sri Ksetra cities, pagodas, temples, dams, gardens

and other tourist attraction places in Bago Region. The regional government has planned to create the ancient Kaytumadi city

in Taungoo Town and Hanthawaddy city in Bago Town in order to upgrade the tourism sector of Bago Region. The airfields near Nanchun Village, Yedashe Township, Taungoo District is currently conducted the second World War Memorial Park project with the aim to create a new destination in Taungoo District.

Furthermore, the resort center projects will be operated at the dams in Toungoo District. The regional government is also encouraging the small and medium-sized enterprises and souvenirs producing businesses. —Tin Soe (Bago)

(Translated by La Wonn)

Tourist arrivals to Myanmar hit over 1 mln via border

OVER 1 million tourists, including day-trippers and overnighters, visited Myanmar via the Tachilek border gate between 1 January and 14 November, according to official statistics released by the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

Most tourists who visited Myanmar via the Tachilek border gate were Thai citizens, third

country citizens, and residents of China, Japan and South Korea who were granted visa-free entry.

Of the total 1,107,922 tourists who visited Myanmar, 1,029,310 were from Thailand on a day trip or overnight trip; 14,894 were third country visitors; 338 were Thai tourists and five were third country visitors who went to the Lam Taung pagoda on a day trip;

10,541 were tourists who traveled to Mongphyat and Kengtung; and 52,834 were tourists who entered the country visa-free.

The number of tourists visiting Myanmar through the international airport, ports, and border gates increased by over 600,000 in January-September compared to the same period last year, according to the Min-

istry of Labour, Immigration and Population.

Tourist arrivals in Myanmar reached 3,144,270 between January and September, an increase of 621,286 from the same period of 2018. Last year, Myanmar received 2,522,984 tourists.—Aye Maung

(Translated by Hay Mar)

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Yangon government land sale: Committee processing applications, sorting land types

By Nyein Nyein

THE Land Management Committee is processing applications and apportioning land types, based on applications submitted by interested buyers for plots of land owned by the Yangon Region government, said U Than, joint secretary of the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC).

He made the remarks at a press conference on the Yangon City Development Committee's performance.

"Currently, land types are being processed for the applications we have received. We will divide the applications for public housing and industrial businesses. We have not held a meeting yet to decide on who will get authorization to purchase the land. It is still being processed," said U Than.

The Yangon Region government recently announced the sale of land plots for setting up industrial businesses and public housing, and the plots of land will be sold in three phases.

As part of Phase 1, land-use applications for 500 land plots in Hlinethaya, Shwepyitha, and four Dagon townships

were sold on 7 October at the office complex of the General Administration Department (Eastern District), and interested buyers purchased 15,620 forms by 8 November, when the deadline ended, said U Than.

However, only 12,158 forms have been submitted, he said.

"A total of 12,158 forms were submitted when the deadline of 8 November was reached. Over 3,000 forms have not been received," said U Than.

Meanwhile, more than 180 plots from the Myaungtagar Industrial Zone will be sold in Phase 2, and more than 9,000 acres, previously marked as agricultural land, in East Dagon and Dagon Seikkan townships will go under the hammer in Phase 3, he added.

The Land Management Committee will screen the applications and sell the plots to selected individuals and organizations for setting up businesses and housing projects.

"As the land is being sold by the regional government, it will have full guarantee," said Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe.



Land Management Committee holds a meeting to categorize land types for submitted applications in Yangon. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

The plots that are slated to be sold were previously seized by the government, and compensation had not been awarded to their original owners. Therefore, to compensate the original farmland owners, the lands are being sold again, according to officials.

At present, there are over 3,000 cases

with the Yangon Region government's Committee for Scrutinizing Confiscated Farmlands and Other Lands. Compensation of K6.9 billion was awarded to farmers on 28 September. In the 2019-2020 fiscal year, compensation of K31 billion would be provided to the original farmland owners.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

MIC clears foreign investments worth \$207 mln, domestic projects worth K106.8 bln

THE Myanmar Investment Commission, at a recent meeting, approved and endorsed investments of US\$207.45 million from 25 foreign enterprises and nine domestic investment projects with estimated capitals of K106.863 billion and \$48.96 million.

Five foreign projects were approved and one was endorsed by the MIC and the proposals of 19 enterprises were endorsed by the Yangon and Bago regional investment committees. The investments

will primarily flow into the manufacturing sector and some share of the investments will enter real estate, agriculture, livestock and fisheries, and other service sectors. They are expected to create 10,747 jobs for local residents.

Meanwhile, the proposals of two domestic enterprises were approved and one was endorsed by the MIC and six were endorsed by the investment committees of Nay Pyi Taw Council, Yangon, Bago, and Sagaing regions and Kayin

and Chin states. The domestic projects will be executed in the manufacturing, real estate, hotels, and other services sectors, and create over 570 jobs.

The Myanmar Investment Law allows region and state Investment Committees to endorse local and foreign proposals, where the initial investment does not exceed K6 billion, or \$5 million, with the aim of simplifying the verification of investment projects.

—GNLM
(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

FDI inflows cross \$520 mln; Singapore expected to remain top investor in current fiscal

By Nyein Nyein

BETWEEN 1 October and 16 November in the current financial year, foreign direct investment of US\$529.18 million flowed into the country, including expansion of capital by existing enterprises, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

The total figure includes investment of \$14.3 million in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone, under the Special Economic Zone Law.

According to a press statement issued by the DICA, 35 foreign enterprises obtained permits from the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) and endorsements from regional and state Investment Committees in the current fiscal, bringing in a capital of \$496.28 million. Those enterprises will execute manufacturing, livestock and fishery, real estate development, hotels and tourism, and other services businesses, creating over 45,000 jobs.

The DICA intends to reach its FDI target of \$5.8 billion in the current financial year. There is potential of large FDI inflows into the infrastructure, oil and gas, and telecom sectors in the 2019-2020 FY, according to the DICA. Singapore ranked first among

foreign investors with the largest investment in the previous fiscal year, and it is likely to retain its spot in the current fiscal as Singapore-listed companies have discussed investing in Myanmar's energy and banking businesses with the MIC, and there is potential to increase investments, said U Thant Sin Lwin, Director-General of DICA, at the Myanmar-Singapore Business Summit 2019, held on 14 November at the Novotel Yangon Max.

In the 2018-2019FY, investments in Myanmar totaled \$4.5 billion, and FDI fell short of the \$5.8-billion target by around \$1.3 billion.

"Unlike before, the DICA has tightened investment screening, and is following up on the history, responsibility, and reputation to check whether there are bankruptcy and insolvency records of investment enterprises. Therefore, the FDI target was not reached in the last fiscal year," said U Thant Sin Lwin.

Under the Myanmar Investment Law, the region and state Investment Committees are allowed to endorse local and foreign proposals, where the initial investment does not exceed K6 billion, or \$5 million. This is aimed at simplifying the verification process of investment projects.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

YRIC clears 7 foreign investment proposals worth \$7.85 mln for manufacturing sector

THE Yangon Region Investment Committee has given the green light to seven foreign projects, with an estimated capital of US\$7.85 million.

Those enterprises will be engaged in the manufacturing sector and they are expected to create over 1,959 jobs, according to a press release issued recently by the YRIC.

The manufacturing sector attracted the most foreign investments in Yangon Region, from enterprises engaged in the manufacturing of pharmaceuticals, vehicles, container

boxes, and Cutting, Making, and Packing (CMP) garments.

Since its establishment, the YRIC has approved more than 200 domestic and foreign projects in the sectors of manufacturing, hotel services, and other services from China, Singapore, Japan, Hong Kong, the Republic of Korea, Viet Nam, India, China (Taipei), Malaysia, the British Virgin Islands, and Seychelles.

According to statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration, among the

regions and states, Yangon Region absorbs 60 per cent of investments, while Mandalay attracts 30 per cent. The other regions and states get only a small share of investments.

To simplify the verification process of investment projects, the Myanmar Investment Law allows region and state Investment Committees to endorse local and foreign proposals, where the initial investment does not exceed K6 billion, or \$5 million. —GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Planned fossil fuel output swamps Paris climate goals



The world is on track to produce 50 per cent more fossil fuels than could be burned without increasing Earth's surface temperature more than two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. **PHOTO: AFP**

PARIS — Oil, gas and coal output already planned or in the pipeline will overwhelm efforts to cap global warming at levels consistent with a liveable planet, the UN and leading research groups warned Wednesday.

The world is on track to produce 50 per cent more fossil fuels than could be burned without increasing Earth's surface temperature by more than two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, they said in a major report.

If temperature rise is to be limited to 1.5C (2.7 Fahrenheit), planned fossil fuel production is more than double what can be tolerated.

The 2015 Paris Agreement calls for blocking global warm-

ing at well below 2C, and 1.5C if possible. With only 1C of warming to date, the world has seen a crescendo of deadly heatwaves, flooding, and superstorms made more destructive by accelerating sea level rise.

"Over-investment" in coal, oil and gas supply locks in infrastructure that clashes head-on with the need to slash greenhouse gas emissions in the coming decades, the researchers cautioned. A UN report last year concluded that global CO₂ emissions must drop 45 per cent by 2030 — and reach "net zero" by 2050 — to cap temperature rise at 1.5C.

'Production gap'

"We show for the first time

just how big the disconnect is between Paris temperature goals and countries' plans and policies for coal, oil and gas production," said lead author Michael Lazarus, director of the Stockholm Environment Institute's US Center.

Countries plan to produce 150 percent more coal by 2030 than would be consistent with a 2C world, and 280 per cent more than would be consistent with limiting warming to 1.5C.

China is the world's largest coal producer, accounting for more than 40 per cent of global output in 2017. Domestic production doubled from 2000 to 2013, dropping briefly before resuming an upward trend.—AFP ■

Beavers brought in to beat flooding in Britain

LONDON — Beavers are to be reintroduced in two parts of Britain as part of plans to help control flooding, the National Trust announced on Wednesday.

The charity, which manages historic properties and countryside, said it aimed to release Eurasian beavers at two sites in southern England early next



The National Trust aims to release Eurasian beavers at two sites in southern England early next year. **PHOTO: AFP**

year. "The dams the beavers create will hold water in dry periods, help to lessen flash-flooding downstream and reduce erosion and improve water quality by holding silt," said Ben Eardley, project manager at one of the sites. Beavers were hunted out of existence in Britain in the 16th century because of demand for their fur, meat and scent glands.

There have since been several controlled reintroductions of the mammals, including in western Scotland.

Beavers have been described as "nature's engineers", whose work can help create wetland habitats to support a range of species from insects to wildfowl.

Beavers in river catchment areas would "help make our landscape more resilient to climate change and the extremes of weather it will bring", Eardley said. He will oversee the reintroduction of one pair of beavers at Holnicote, near Exmoor National Park in southwest England.

Another pair will be released on the Black Down Estate, on the edge of the South Downs on the English south coast.

They will all be introduced in fenced-off woodland areas. Experts will then monitor changes to the habitat that result.

The National Trust is aiming to restore 25,000 hectares (62,000 acres) of "wildlife-rich habitats" by 2025, amid concern at a decline in species since 1970.—AFP ■

Manmade noise a 'major global pollutant': study

PARIS — It is well known that human hubbub can have a negative impact on some animals, but a new study Wednesday says the noise we make should be treated as a "major global pollutant".

"We found that noise affects many species of amphibians, arthropods, birds, fish, mammals, molluscs and reptilians," scientists at Queen's University Belfast said in the Royal Society's Biology Letters.

Human noise pervades the environment, from vehicles and industry in dense urban centres, to planes flying overhead, to ocean going vessels whose propeller is thought to interfere with whale sonar communications and may be implicated in mass beaching as the disorientated animals lose their sense of direction.

Reviewing a series of individual studies in what is known as a meta-analysis, Hansjoerg Kunc and Rouven Schmidt said the issue should be seen as the "majority of species responding to noise rather than a few species being particularly sensitive to noise."

"The interesting finding is that the species included range

from little insects to large marine mammals such as whales," he Kunc told AFP.

"We did not expect to find a response to noise across all animal species."

The paper said that an animal's response to the clatter of human activity is not necessarily straightforward, and cannot be easily termed as positive or negative. Manmade noise, for example, has been shown to interfere with the sonar detection systems that bats use to find their insect prey, making it more difficult for the flying mammals to catch insects.

But that may be good news for the bugs: "Potential prey may benefit directly from anthropogenic noise," the paper said.

Kunc cautioned, however, that the big picture is still one of serious disruption across the natural environment.

"In the bat example, the predator might suffer because they cannot locate their prey... but in species where potential prey rely on sound to detect predators, the prey might suffer because they might not be able to hear them early enough to escape."—AFP ■



Noise should be treated as a "major global pollutant," a new study says, citing its impact on animals such as bats who rely on sonar to find their insect prey. **PHOTO: AFP**

China adds coal power despite climate pledge: report

BEIJING — China plans to add new coal power plants equivalent to all of the EU's current generating capacity, putting the world's biggest emitter out of sync with its commitments to combat climate change, researchers said Wednesday.

China built enough new plants between January 2018 and June 2019 — nearly 43 gigawatts worth of capacity — to cancel out the decrease in the rest of the world, said the US-based Global Energy Monitor.

Researchers warned that an increase in China's coal power capacity was incompatible with keeping global warming "well below" 2 degrees Celsius, a key commitment of the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change which China is a party to.

Another 147.7 gigawatts of coal plants in the country are currently under construction or likely to be reopened, nearly as many as the entire European Union's 150 gigawatts of existing capacity, the report said.—AFP ■

APEC chief says no consensus yet on US offer to host summit

SINGAPORE — The head of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum's secretariat said Wednesday that members have yet to decide on Washington's offer to host the group's annual summit after Chile abruptly pulled out of staging the event this month.

Rebecca Fatima Sta Maria, executive director of the Singapore-based APEC Secretariat, told reporters that any decision to hold an alternative meeting has to be reached through a consensus of the 21 Pacific Rim economies.

"We haven't reached that stage where there is consensus. It's still a proposal that's there but we haven't heard anything, it really depends on the economies how they take it forward," she said.

Chile was forced to withdraw from holding the mid-November summit in the Chilean capital Santiago due to instability

sparked by anti-government protests.

The United States subsequently offered to co-host the event with Chile on American soil in January.

Asked whether the secretariat welcomes the US initiative, Sta Maria, former secretary general of Malaysia's trade min-

istry, only replied that it will facilitate the meeting if there is a consensus.

But for now, with the Chile summit cancelled, a concluding senior officials' meeting will be held in Singapore on 7 December to "consolidate all the work that has been done and to prepare for Malaysia to take over in 2020,"

she said.

Malaysia, which takes over the annually rotating chairmanship from Chile next year, has been cool to the US proposal.

It will host the first senior officials meeting under its chairmanship on the island resort of Langkawi on 9 December. —Kyodo News ■



Chile was forced to withdraw from holding the mid-November summit in the Chilean capital Santiago due to instability sparked by anti-government protests. Riot police fire tear gas during a protest against the government. PHOTO: AFP



Zhang Ruimin (l), Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO of Haier Group, and Adi Ignatius, editor-in-chief of Harvard Business Review, are engaged in a conversation at the Thinkers 50 2019 Awards Gala in London, Britain, 18 November, 2019. PHOTO: XINHUA

Chinese entrepreneurs enter global management thinkers' ranking

LONDON — Thinkers50, the well-known ranking of global business thinkers, announced its 2019 ranking of management thinkers here on Monday night.

Two Chinese entrepreneurs alongside with representatives from 15 countries and regions entered the new Thinkers50 ranking.

Zhang Ruimin, Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO of Haier Group, entered the list for the third time, ranking at No. 15 this year. He is described as a world-renowned entrepreneur, cre-

ating a unique, innovative, evolving business model that fuses management philosophies of East and West.

"In a digital world of globalization, connectivity and personalization, there is no such thing as a perfect product ... people will buy scenarios, or concepts, where the products might be free and just enablers of services," said Zhang, during a conversation with Adi Ignatius, editor-in-chief of Harvard Business Review, at the Thinkers50 2019 Awards Gala held the same day in London. —Xinhua ■

Japan marks largest drop in foreign visitors in over 7 years in October

TOKYO — The number of foreign visitors to Japan marked the largest percentage drop in more than seven years in October with a 5.5 percent on-year fall, as a devastating typhoon and

a continued plunge in South Korean tourists more than offset the effect of the Rugby World Cup, government data showed Wednesday.

The number of overseas visitors came to

2,496,600 in the month, down from 2,640,610 in October last year, the Japan Tourism Agency said.

The 5.5 per cent decline was the biggest since February 2012 when the figure sagged 19.6 per

cent, a setback to the government's efforts to boost the number of annual inbound visitors to 40 million by next year when the country hosts the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games. —Kyodo News ■

Myanma Port Authority "Notice of High Tide"

Exceptionally high spring from 20.11 feet to 20.15 feet high above the chart datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period of November 26th to November 27th, 2019. Please be noted that it is not serious level of tide because the highest tide level have reached up to 22 feet above the chart datum in year 2014 and 2015, and this notice is normally issued whenever high tide of Yangon River is expected to reach over 20 feet high above the chart datum in order to take precautionary measures to the public living near river foreshore area of Yangon City.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ISEACO FORTUNE VOY. NO. (017W)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ISEACO FORTUNE VOY. NO. (017W) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21-11-2019 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 NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

Phone No: 2301185

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V EAGLE STRAIT

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V EAGLE STRAIT VOY. NO. (1739) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21-11-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T-5 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 CHUN AN INTERNATIONAL
LOGISTICS CO, LTD.

Phone No: 2301928

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V KOTA HALUS VOY. NO. (KHLU 0102 N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V KOTA HALUS VOY. NO. (KHLU 0102 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21-11-2019 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

Sri Lankan government to dissolve after vote debacle

COLOMBO — Sri Lanka's prime minister will announce his resignation to the nation later Wednesday, bringing his government to an end following his party's presidential election debacle, officials told AFP.

Ranil Wickremesinghe's move will clear the way for new President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, elected on Saturday in a landslide, to appoint a replacement of his choice and a new government.

"The prime minister will have a final meeting with his cabinet as well as other leaders of his coalition before addressing the nation to announce his resignation," the official said on condition of anonymity.

Wickremesinghe's party put forward Sajith Premadasa in the presidential election but was soundly beaten by Rajapaksa in a highly divisive election in the island nation of 21.6 million.

He and brother Mahinda Rajapaksa, are adored by the Sinhala-Buddhist majority — but loathed among minority Tamils — for spearheading the brutal crushing of Tamil Tiger separatists 10 years ago to end Sri Lanka's civil war.

Around 40,000 Tamil civil-

ians were allegedly killed by the military in the closing stages of the conflict when Gotabaya Rajapaksa effectively ran the security forces and his brother was president. During the three-month election campaign held in the shadow of Islamist extremist attacks in April, Rajapaksa had promised to make his charismatic and popular brother Mahinda his prime minister.

Wickremesinghe came to power in 2015 on a promise to prosecute members of the outgoing Rajapaksa regime who were accused of corruption and even murder, but failed to bring any perpetrators to justice.

He ended up facing accusations of cronyism and incompetence and was also implicated in several financial scandals himself. His government also presided over major security lapses that were blamed for the suicide bombings on three churches and three hotels that killed 269 people on Easter Sunday.

Soon after Wickremesinghe's party lost Saturday's election at least 10 of his senior ministers, including finance minister Mangala Samaraweera, resigned. —AFP ■



The resignation of Sri Lanka's Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe (C) will clear the way for the new President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to appoint a replacement. PHOTO: AFP

SOS: Diehards hold out at Hong Kong campus as foreign pressure rises

HONG KONG — Dozens of pro-democracy protesters stood firm within a besieged Hong Kong university on Wednesday, where an "SOS" sign was laid out as supporters took up calls to distract police surrounding the campus by disrupting city transport.

The four-day standoff between demonstrators and police at Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) rippled overseas, with the UN's human rights office urging a peaceful resolution, while the US senate passed new legislation supporting protesters'

demands. The epicentre of nearly six months of increasingly savage anti-China protests has shifted to the PolyU campus, a stone's throw from the city's harbour, where hardcore protesters have held off riot police with Molotov cocktails, bricks and arrows.

The confrontation has been the most intense and prolonged in nearly six months of unrest that began over a now-shelved bill to allow extraditions to China, which revived fears that Beijing was slicing into the city's freedoms.—AFP ■



Japan's Shinzo Abe has become his country's longest-serving prime minister. PHOTO: AFP

2,887 days: Abe becomes Japan's longest-serving premier

TOKYO — Shinzo Abe entered the history books as Japan's longest-serving premier on Wednesday, but many of his ambitious goals, including a constitutional revision to strengthen the military, appear far from reach.

Wednesday marks Abe's 2,887th day in office, topping the record previously set by Taro Katsura, a revered politician who served three times between 1901 and 1913.

The 65-year-old is also the second-longest-serving leader of the Group of Seven major economies behind only German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who

has been in office since 2005.

Abe's grip on power remains firm as he passes the landmark, with his tenure likely to last until at least September 2021 and no clear successor yet on the horizon. But the premier has plenty of unfinished business, saying earlier this year after a cabinet reshuffle that he hoped to "take on the challenge to create a new country".

He has reiterated his long-cherished ambition of revising Japan's post-war constitution to change the status of the country's Self Defence Forces.

But opposition parties have

refused to move forward with procedures for the revision, and Abe has seen his reputation tarnished by the resignation of two cabinet ministers and a cronyism scandal.

He is currently mired in a row over inviting too many of his supporters to a costly cherry blossom viewing party, forcing the government to scrap the annual event next year.

Speaking to reporters on Wednesday to mark the record, he was peppered with questions about the latest scandal, which shows little sign of going away.

—AFP ■

Thai court strips opposition frontman of MP status: judge

BANGKOK — The billionaire frontman of Thailand's anti-military bloc was stripped of his MP status on Wednesday over a media shareholding case, a court ruling that could lead to him being banned from politics and jailed for up to 10 years.

The leader of the upstart Future Forward party, Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit, 40, shook up the country's arch-royalist power structure when his party became the third-largest in March elections.

But he has battled legal cases since and was suspended from parliament earlier this year after accusations he held shares

in a media company when he registered as a candidate.

He denied the charges and said they are politically motivated, but judges at the constitutional court ruled against him on Wednesday, calling his evidence "suspicious".

"The MP status of Thanathorn has ended," Judge Worawit Kangsasiatam said.

His removal as an MP means that the Election Commission could bring criminal charges that carry serious penalties - including a political ban and imprisonment.

It also deals a gut punch to his party, which surged among young Thais after it called to



Future Forward Party leader Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit has been a fierce critic of the army's role in Thailand's turbulent politics. PHOTO: AFP

purge the military from politics, end military conscription and slash defence spending. —AFP ■



A representative from AIA Myanmar provides a solar panel to a villager in Tu Ywin Taing Village, Bagan. PHOTO: KYAW ZE YA

AIA donates 100 solar panels to houses in Bagan to mark its centenary

AIA, the leading insurance group by market capitalization, donated 100 solar panels to 100 homes in Tu Ywin Taing Village in Bagan recently to mark its 100-year anniversary.

AIA Myanmar made the donation after its “AIA GO! FOR LIGHT” run which saw 200 enthusiastic participants compete over a scenic 5KM course set amongst the historic pagodas adorning the ancient city’s landscape.

In attendance at the event were the representatives of Tu Ywin Taing Village, Mr. Tan Hak Leh, AIA’s Asia-Pacific

Regional CEO, Mr. Nhon Ly (Luc), CEO of AIA Myanmar, and AIA Myanmar representatives and employees.

AIA Myanmar’s CEO Mr. Nhon Ly (Luc) said, “We organized our first “AIA GO! FOR LIGHT” 5KM charity run and event which culminated in the contribution 100 solar panels in solidarity with the village communities in need. Bagan was selected as the site for the occasion as one of the most cherished places in Myanmar, a historic land close to the hearts of many here.” — Kyaw Ze Ya

Church siege ends as UN calls on Nicaragua to end repression

MANAGUA — Opposition protesters holding a hunger strike inside Managua’s Catholic Cathedral and the pro-government supporters opposing them ended a standoff Tuesday, as the UN called on President Daniel Ortega to halt persistent repression.

The activists, who were demanding the release of political prisoners, were able to leave a building where they had taken refuge after a mob of Ortega sup-

porters broke into the cathedral Monday and attempted to dislodge them. In the process, the government supporters injured a priest and a nun. “We had a bad, bad, bad time” one of the protesters, Janeth Chavarria, told reporters after she and the other hunger strikers were evacuated by the Nicaraguan Red Cross. The protesters were able to leave after the government dislodged its own supporters from the sur-

roundings.

The Catholic Church has a powerful role in the country but President Daniel Ortega has accused bishops of supporting deadly anti-government protests that rocked the country last year.

The priest and nun were attacked when they attempted to block the group from taking control of the cathedral, according to an archdiocese statement.— AFP ■



A protester carries a sign reading “Let the water pass” during a demonstration by students and relatives of political prisoners in Managua. PHOTO: AFP

Gay Saudi journalists detained in Australia after asylum bid

RIYADH — Two gay Saudi journalists who sought asylum in Australia after being threatened at home over their relationship have been held for weeks at an immigration detention centre, their lawyer said Wednesday.

The couple arrived in Australia in mid-October on tourist visas but was singled out by airport customs officials — then taken into detention — when they admitted plans to seek asylum, lawyer Alison Battison told AFP.

“Australia being very well known for being... a safe place for LGBTI people, they were incredibly surprised and distressed,” she said.

One of the men — who worked for Saudi Arabia’s media ministry and regularly assisted visiting international news organisations — said they came under pressure from authorities after a dissident leaked sensitive

documents to foreign media.

“I was called into a prison on the outskirts of Riyadh by the state security,” he told ABC, adding they “hinted that they realised I was in a relationship with my partner and that I should stop working with the foreign media”.

Battison said the men had not leaked any documents, but were swept up in a wider crackdown by Saudi authorities in the wake of Khashoggi’s murder.

In August, one of the men received a phone call from a relative warning they knew of their gay relationship and if it wasn’t ended his partner would be killed.

Police followed that up with separate calls asking them to come in for questioning, which led to their decision to flee.

Homosexuality is illegal in Saudi Arabia and punishable by death.

Battison says the two men



Homosexuality is punishable by death in Saudi Arabia. PHOTO: AFP

have been separated in detention as one is receiving medical treatment, while the other is housed with convicted criminals awaiting deportation.

She said poor conditions in the centre and the uncertainty surrounding their case have proved “psychologically very difficult”.

“Their speaking up is actually their right — there’s no reason we should remain silent about human rights abuses in Australia,” she said.

The home affairs department, which oversees immigration matters, and the Australian Border Force did not respond to requests for comment.—AFP ■

Khamenei says enemy ‘repelled’ in protest-hit Iran

TEHRAN — Iran’s Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said the enemy had been “repelled” in the country where dozens are thought to have died in violent protests sparked by a petrol price hike.

Demonstrations broke out in the sanctions-hit Islamic republic on Friday after it was announced the price of petrol would be raised by as much as 200 per cent.

“We have pushed back the enemy in the military arena. We have pushed back the enemy in the political war,” Khamenei said in a speech aired on state television late Tuesday.

“We have repelled the enemy in the arena of security warfare... in recent days,” he said, adding that the unrest had not been the result of a popular movement.—AFP ■

State Counsellor will lead the effort at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to defend Myanmar's national interest

GAMBIA, on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC), has submitted an application to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) with regard to the displaced persons from the Rakhine State. Under the Charter of the United Nations, all

Members of the United Nations, including Myanmar are bound by the statute of the ICJ.

Myanmar has retained prominent international lawyers to contest the case submitted by Gambia. The State Counsellor, in her capacity as Union

Minister for Foreign Affairs, will lead a team to The Hague, Netherlands, to defend the national interest of Myanmar at the ICJ.

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Myanmar beat Chinese Taipei 1-0 in women's international friendly match

THE Myanmar women's national football team beat the Chinese Taipei team 1-0 in an international friendly match yesterday on the Bahan artificial turf in Yangon.

The win rested on the lone goal scored in the match by star player Khin Moe Wai, who netted the ball early in the first half.

Both teams used their most reliable players from the kickoff.

Soon, it became evident that the teams were evenly matched, and the contest turned into a thriller. Though the match was a friendly one, the two teams pulled out all stops to show their abilities in front of fans.

There were goal chances in the early minutes of the game,

but efforts to convert them were blunted as the defensive lines of both teams remained strong.

Myanmar managed the first and winning goal of the match at 20 minutes by taking advantage of a misunderstanding in the Chinese Taipei defense line. The goal for team Myanmar was scored by veteran player Khin Moe Wai.

Myanmar players remained strong in the second half with good tackling and delivery.

As Myanmar shifted to defense mode plus attack, Chinese Taipei players found it hard to convert scoring opportunities.

There were no more goals till the final whistle, and the match ended with a 1-0 win for Myanmar. —Lynn Thit (Tgi)



Myanmar's Khin Mar Lar Tun (red) vies for the ball against a Chinese Taipei player (white) during an international friendly match yesterday on the Bahan artificial turf in Yangon. **PHOTO: MFF**

Yangon United signs Lebanon's Ernest Barfo for one year

YANGON United recently took on Ernest Barfo, forward player of the Chabab Ghazieh Sporting Club of Lebanon, on a one-year loan, according to a statement issued by the Yangon football club.

"I was happy to get an offer from Yangon United and I heard it is a great club in Myanmar. I am very interested to come and join this club and help it achieve its dream," said Ernest Barfo.

"I want to tell them (fans) to expect something very unique. Because we have a plan and a dream. And we are willing to make the fans happy. We are going to play the AFC Cup and we will do all our best in domestic and international competitions," he added.

Ernest Barfo started his professional career with the



Ernest Barfo (L) seen holding the insignia of the Yangon United F.C. after signing a one-year contract with the team. **PHOTO: YUFC**

Ghana Premier League. Then, he transferred to Kuwait club AlNasar and moved to Saudi Arabian club Al-Tai for one season each. Afterwards, he signed a year-long contract with the Chabab Hgazieh Sporting Club.

The Chabab Ghazieh Sporting Club, or simply Ghazieh, is a Lebanese football club based in Ghazieh. The team was founded in 1961 and all its home matches take place at the Kfarjoz Stadium.—Lynn Thit(Tgi)

Man City's revenue rises to £535 million

LONDON (United Kingdom) — Manchester City's on-field success saw the club's revenues swell to £535 million (\$692 million) last season as the Premier League champions posted a profit for the fifth straight year.

A 20 percent surge in broadcast revenue saw City's income rise from £500.5 million in the 2017/18 season.

Pep Guardiola's men completed an unprecedented quadruple of England's domestic trophies by winning the Premier League, FA Cup, League Cup and Community Shield.

The sale of a host of players unable to break into the first team helped boost profits to £10.1 million. Prior to Sheikh Mansour's takeover of City in 2008, the club's revenue was a mere £87 million.

Huge losses of over £584 million followed during the first six years of their ownership due to

massive investment in the playing squad and facilities, including the £200 million Etihad Campus training ground. However, a boom in commercial and broadcast revenue brought about by continued qualification for the Champions League and four Premier League titles in the past eight seasons has seen City post a profit in each of the past five years.

"As intended by His Highness Sheikh Mansour, our organisation is now at a level of maturity that enables us to plan on multi-year cycles both in terms of our management of squads and more widely across the business," City chairman Khaldoon Al Mubarak said in a statement.

"This strategic planning has allowed us to create an environment in which continued on-pitch success is both possible and likely, and financial sustainability is a reality."—AFP ■