

We preview our new look 'daily' newspaper

HEARTBEAT OF THE NATION

1200
Ks.

MYANMAR TIMES

WWW.MMTIMES.COM

ISSUE 676 | MAY 6 - 12, 2013

EDITORIAL

Our bond with readers central to us becoming a great newspaper

ROSS DUNKLEY
Editor-in-Chief

IN a country where gossip has often been viewed as gospel, increasingly people are hungry for quality information they can trust.

And amid the 20 or more dailies being foisted on the Myanmar public, readers are going to choose what they have always wanted: a source they can trust, and a paper that entertains and informs in a format that is modern and attractive.

Enter *The Myanmar Times* in English, which will shortly slide into a five-day-a-week cycle as the premier newspaper in the nation.

We had planned to go daily on Friday, May 3 - World Press Freedom Day - but our hopes were dashed because of the ongoing internal struggle

'we are confident we are giving our readers one of the best newspapers in the region'

at the paper between the company's shareholders: Dr Tin Tun Oo's Swesone Company and the foreign partners and staff.

This is neither the time nor place for to become entangled up in those issues. Instead I make only the fundamental point that the interests of the paper and staff should stand above all else.

As the leading press sector player for more than 13 years it would have only been appropriate for us to have proudly launched a month ago with other dailies. Instead we limp along

CONTINUED IN OUR 4-PAGE
SPECIAL LIFTOUT INSIDE C



IN PICTURE

PHOTO BY THIRI

Staff from 'The Myanmar Times' enjoy the newspaper's new daily look, which is revealed in this week's special edition.

President hands over USDP reins to Thura U Shwe Mann

Union Solidarity and Development Party formally appoints Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann as chairman at its youth conference on May 1, ending months of speculation after President U Thein Sein held on to the top post following the party's national assembly in October 2012. **NEWS 3**



a good sofa is the soul of a home

LORENZO

LIVING STARTS HERE...

Casa6**ella** ONE STOP HOME FURNISHING CENTRE

No. 22, Pyay Road, 9mile, Mayangone Township, Yangon. Tel: 664 363, 660 769

Sole Distributor
NatRay Co., Ltd.



Page 2

COMMENT

Is Aung San Suu Kyi the real enemy?

MARK
FARMANER



THERE is an old saying that love can easily turn into hate but it has been surprising to see how quickly this has happened regarding Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

It was always going to be impossible for her to meet expectations. First, because of the sheer scale of the problems Myanmar faces, and second because after spending so many years under house arrest, she became all things to all people. In the absence of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi being able to comment and act herself, expectations were based on hope, not reality. Successive dictatorships in Myanmar

mar ruthlessly pursued divide and rule policies. Unity was essential to counter this. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, though, has now chosen the path of party politics rather than leading a whole movement. In the 2012 by-elections, the National League for Democracy stood alone, not as part of a coalition of pro-democracy parties and organisations. As such, the situation has changed. Criticism of political parties and their policies is

Now it is President U Thein Sein who is winning peace awards and avoiding criticism.

Mark Farmaner

Director of Burma Campaign UK

an essential part of any democracy. It would be dangerous and unhealthy if people were not criticising Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

However, the level of vitriol and hatred being directed at her by some people in Myanmar, and some external observers, is worrying. Her picture has been burned during protests, and she has even been compared to Robert Mugabe in Zimbabwe. These attacks are all the more worrying because the level of criticism exceeds that directed at President U Thein Sein.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has made compromises that many people are unhappy with. She has been silent on key human rights issues where her intervention could have made a real difference. Her role in the Letpadaung commission has been controversial. There are many decisions she has made that are worthy of comment and debate. In doing so, however, it is

important to keep things in perspective.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi does not keep hundreds of political prisoners in jail. She does not have an army which is committing war crimes by targeting civilians in Kachin State, with soldiers who rape ethnic Kachin women, and even children. But President U Thein Sein does.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi doesn't control a government budget which allocates around five times as much to the military as health, or have security forces committing horrendous abuses against the Rohingya. President U Thein Sein does.

There has not been a single repressive law completely repealed that is not already covered by another law, or has not been replaced by another law that does not meet international standards. Myanmar is violating multiple international humanitarian and

human rights laws. As head of state it is U Thein Sein who is responsible for this, not Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

Aung San Suu Kyi used to be the one winning peace awards but now faces criticism that crosses the line into personal attacks. Now it is President U Thein Sein who is winning the peace awards – and avoiding criticism.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi would be among the first to admit she isn't perfect. Her actions and decisions should be scrutinised and questioned. But let's not forget it is the head of state who has ultimate responsibility for human rights abuses. U Thein Sein rules a country that two years into the reform process still has one of the worst human rights records in the world – and he is getting a free ride.

(Mark Farmaner is Director of Burma Campaign UK.)

DAILY ROUNDUP

Out of this world

Hearing on UFOs begins

UFO believers have begun testimony at a congressional-style hearing at the National Press Club in Washington at an event organisers say will have "historical implications". The Citizen Hearing on Disclosure will see as many as 50 researchers and government witnesses give their accounts of extraterrestrial encounters over five days to an audience of UFO enthusiasts as well as some former members of the US Congress. The event's motto is, "If the Congress won't do its job, the people will." The event's international spokesman is Apollo 14 astronaut Edgar Mitchell, who has long made his views on alien life known. "I can't say where they're from, but the evidence of their presence here is pretty overwhelming – if you care to look for it," he told *Huffington Post*.

Top of the pops

Schlong song flops

Jonah Falcon, the man who holds a record for having the world's largest penis, has released a pop song about his member entitled "It's too big". The three-minute track is available for download from iTunes for 99 US cents. Since its release on April 16, the song may not have been an enormous success, with Falcon recently having tweeted: "A lot of controversy going on over my song with Adam

Barta. Please support by buying it – things are not going well."

Help wanted

Queen's kitchen hiring

The conditions stated in the job advertisement might not be that hot with a salary of £23,000 (US\$35,000) a year for 45 hours a week in the kitchen but there are perks: cooking dinner for Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace. The ad on the official palace website says that the applicant should if possible have a "good understanding of kitchen French". It leaves no doubt too that the cuisine must be haute. "The post-holder has contact with members of the Royal family, their guests, all levels of household staff and employees at the private residences," the advert warns. Darren McGrady, who worked at Buckingham Palace for 15 years, said that in private the queen likes the breakfast cereal Special K, jam sandwiches and chocolate cake, while her favourite lunch was Dover sole. In the evening the queen is famously partial to a "zaza", a cocktail of one part gin and two parts Dubonnet, well-shaken.

Fast fashion

Pakistan quicks get makeover

The tough-guy fast bowlers of yesteryear might not approve, but Pakistan's budding young quicks were coached on their appearance at a training camp this week – by a hair stylist. The Pakistan Cricket Board

KAYLEIGH LONG



kayleighelong@gmail.com

organised the 10-day camp led by legendary paceman Wasim Akram after concerns were raised over the standard of fast bowlers coming through the ranks. As well as being drilled in technique and fitness, the players were also given a lecture by top Pakistani stylist Nabila Ahmed on how to look good off the field. "We wanted to tell the players through Nabila's lecture how to present yourself as a person which is very important for international players as they are ambassadors of the country," said Wasim.

On this day

May 1

1945 – Joseph Goebbels, German Nazi politician, and his wife Magda poison their six children with cyanide, before committing suicide by gunshot and cyanide respectively.

1948 – The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) is established, with Kim Il-sung as leader.

1999 – Body of British climber George Mallory is found on Mount Everest, 75 years after his disappearance in 1924.

2011 – Barack Obama announces that Osama bin Laden has been killed by United States special forces in Abbottabad, Pakistan.



IN PICTURES

If you're wondering what makes Marina such an eye-catcher, it could be her heritage: she's a member of the Naga ethnic group that mostly lives in Sagaing Region along the border with India. However, she was raised in Kachin State and came to Yangon in 2008 to launch a modelling career. Earlier this year Marina crossed over into film when she played singer Sai Sai's girlfriend in *Sai Sai Ko Chit Thi* (I Love Sai Sai), directed by Mg Myo Min (Yin Dwin Phyt). She's now looking to take her acting career to the next level and is shooting *Eden Yeh Nat Tha Mee* (The Princess of Eden), in which he says she plays a "sexy girl". – Nuam Bawi

Photo: Htet Aung Kyaw (HAK Studio)



Are you looking for FREE
House-Hunting Service
in Yangon?
Please Contact Us...

Tel : 09 2050107
robinsawnaing@gmail.com

YOUR LIFE - YOUR TIMES - YOUR STYLE
NOW!
WEEKLY MAGAZINE



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann addresses the Union Solidarity and Development Party conference in October. Photo: AFP

Speaker confirmed as new USDP chairman



WIN KO KO LATT

winkolatt2012@gmail.com

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann announced he had officially taken over as Union Solidarity and Development Party chairman from President U Thein Sein on May 1, the opening day of the party's youth assembly in Nay Pyi Taw.

He said the handover took place "a few days" after the party's first national assembly, held in October 2012.

Thura U Shwe Mann, who served as USDP vice chairman under U Thein Sein, was widely tipped to formally take over from the president during the October conference. Provisions in the constitution forbid members of the government from taking an active role in party politics, and U Shwe Mann had been the de facto leader since early 2011. However, President U Thein Sein appeared reluctant to relinquish the post and remained in control of the party, at least officially.

"President U Thein Sein handed over the chairman position of party to me a few days after the party assembly," Thura U Shwe Mann told *The Myanmar*

Times on the sidelines of the conference. Senior party members said they only learned about the handover on May 1 - more than six months after it took place.

"It is the first time that the party officially announced who the chairman was since the assembly last year. I only learned who our chairman is today," said one central executive member, who asked not to be named.

The decision avoids the potentially embarrassing situation of the president being forced to relinquish control, as opposition MPs had indicated they would ask the Constitutional Tribunal to decide whether a member of the government is allowed to be head of a party.

But party vice chairman U Htay Oo said the decision was voluntary, and the provisions in the constitution were not a factor.

"It is not necessary [for U Thein Sein] to hand over the chairman position since the constitution only says [government] members should not take part in party activities," U Htay Oo said.

But U Ye Htun, the Pyithu Hluttaw representative for Hsipaw from the Shan Nationalities Democratic Party, said handing over to Thura U Shwe Mann was the right move.

"The provisions in the constitution are designed to ensure that the president is not biased towards his own party," he said. "I think [the decision to relinquish the chairmanship] has been

made because someone explained them about the potential problems."

Meanwhile, a USDP senior member has criticised government ministers for attending the youth conference.

Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Information U Aung Kyi, Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Ministers for the President's Office U Soe Thein, U Aung Min and U Tin Naing Thein, and Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement were all allocated seats at the conference, although not all of them attended.

"In my opinion, [union ministers] have already resigned from our party due to the constitution so they should not have attended like this, wearing the party's badge," central executive committee member U Thein Swe said.

Members of the government also attended the first day of the party's October conference.

U Kyi Myint, the Pyithu Hluttaw representative for Latha from the National Democratic Force, said he believed the government ministers were trying to influence party activities by attending the events.

"People sometimes do not understand that the government, the hluttaw and party are not the same thing," he said. "The government and the hluttaw in particular should be separate from each other, as prescribed in the constitution."

MP rejects rumours of citizenship probe

EI EI TOE LWIN eieitoelwin@gmail.com
WIN KO KO LATT winkolatt2012@gmail.com

A HLUTTAW representative reportedly at the centre of a probe into the citizenship status of three Muslim MPs from Rakhine State says he has received no formal notification that he is under investigation.

Pyithu Hluttaw representative for Buthidaung U Shwe Maung was the only MP named. The two others are thought to be U Aung Zaw Win, the Pyithu Hluttaw representative for Maungdaw, and U Htay Win, the Amyotha Hluttaw representative for Rakhine State constituency No 7, which encompasses the majority-Muslim northern part of the state.

All three represent the Union Solidarity and Development Party.

U Shwe Maung said the reports, which have circulated mostly online, were "baseless".

"I haven't received any information [from the Union Election Commission] about any investigation into our citizenship," he told *The Myanmar Times*.

The reports were based on comments attributed to Minister for Immigration U Khin Yi at a meeting with expatriate Myanmar in New York. U Khin Yi was part of a government delegation that visited the United States in late April.

The reports said Ko Khaing Aung Kyaw, a Rakhine national living in New York, asked U Khin Yi if there was any plan to examine the citizenship of some MPs from Rakhine State, including U Shwe Maung.

Under election rules, a person is only eligible to stand for election if both their parents were born in Myanmar. In the 2010 election, dozens of candidates were disqualified for not meeting this criteria, while in

the 2012 by-elections, the National League for Democracy's candidate for Sagaing Region Amyotha Hluttaw constituency No 7, U Saw Hlaing, was banned from running on the same grounds.

In his reply, U Khin Yi said that a complaint over the citizenship of several MPs from Rakhine State had been received by the ministry in March.

The ministry was only asked to investigate whether the parents of those MPs were born in Myanmar, he said, adding that the investigation has to take place according to the rules and regulations of the election commission, *Eleven Media* quoted him as saying on April 29.

Reports suggested the three USDP representatives from northern Rakhine State were the subject of the investigation.

"I saw this news on the internet, on both news website and also Facebook. However, this news is baseless - I don't trust it. The media also use indirect quotes, not the direct words of U Khin Yi. I will repeat again: we have been living in Rakhine State generation after generation," U Shwe Maung said.

USDP general secretary U Htay Oo said he had also not received any official notification about the alleged investigation.

"Although I have heard some people questioning whether it is real or not, we haven't received any official notification. We selected [candidates for the 2010 election] after verifying they were eligible as much as we could," he said.

"But the Immigration Department may be investigating [the citizenship of the MPs]. If they do, I think they will do their job fairly."

Summer Palace

Fine Dining at it's most elegant, introducing our new Chinese Chef, who brings you the finest in Chinese Cuisine.

Gallery Bar

The only neighborhood pub in town with daily Happy Hours from five p.m to eight p.m. Featuring Chef's complimentary snacks on Friday. Now open for lunch at one p.m serving lip smacking pub lunches.

Gourmet Shop

This May, Yangon's favorite confectioners present special and delicious homemade Cakes & Chocolates.

Happy Mother's Day

Sunday Brunch at Traders Café

12 May 2013

12:00pm - 3:00pm

US\$36.00 Per Adult

Famous Sunday Spread

Supplemented with Favorites

Free Flow Draught Beer

House Wine & Soft Drinks

Cake decorating activity for children

Flower arrangement competition

Caricature pictures as give aways

TRADERS HOTELS

By Shengxi Co.

GOURMET ADVENTURE Yangon

223, Sule Pagoda Road, Yangon, Myanmar. Tel: (95+1) 242828 Ext: 6519, 6441 Fax: 242800 email: f&b.thyn@tradershotels.com

Reservations are Recommended, Please call 242828 ext. 6663, 6519,6441

THE EMBASSY OF BRAZIL IN YANGON PRESENTS:

BRAZILIAN FILM FESTIVAL 2013

May 10-13, 6:30 pm

Nay Pyi Taw Cinema Yangon

MYANMARTIMES

Managing Director and Editor-in-Chief (MTE)
Ross Dunkley | rsdunkley@gmail.com
Chief Executive Officer & Editor-in-Chief (MTM) – Dr. Tin Tun Oo
drtto@myanmartimes.com.mm
Chief Operating Officer – Wendy Madrigal
madrigalmcm@gmail.com

EDITORIAL

newsroom@myanmartimes.com.mm
Editor MTE – Thomas Kean
tdkean@gmail.com
Editor MTM – U Zaw Myint
editormtm@myanmartimes.com.mm
Chief of Staff – Zaw Win Than
Editor Special Publications – U Myo Lwin
myolwin@myanmartimes.com.mm
Jessica Mudditt – jess.mudditt@gmail.com
Deputy Editor MTM – U Sann Oo
Business Editor MTE – Stuart Deed
stuart.deed@gmail.com
Business Editor MTM – U Tin Moe Aung
property@myanmartimes.com.mm
Property Editor MTM – Htar Htar Khin
property@myanmartimes.com.mm
World Editor MTE – Geoffrey Goddard
geoffrey@myanmartimes.com.mm
Timeout and Travel Editor MTE – Douglas Long
editors@myanmartimes.com.mm
Timeout Editor MTM – Moh Moh Thaw
mohthaw@gmail.com
Online Editor – Kayleigh Long
Deputy News Editor – Kyaw Hsu Mon
Chief Political Reporter – U Soe Than Lynn
Contributing Editor – Ma Thanegi
ma.thanegi19@gmail.com
Head of Translation Dept – U Ko Ko
Head of Photographics – Kaung Htet
Photographers –
Boothee, Aung Htay Hlaing, Thiri
Book Publishing Consultant Editor – Col Hla Moe (Retd)
Editors: U Win Tun
Nay Pyi Taw Bureau Chief – U Soe Than Lynn
soethanlynn@gmail.com

PRODUCTION

production@myanmartimes.com.mm
Head of Production & Press Scrutiny Liaison
– U Aung Kyaw Oo (1)
Head of Graphic Design – U Tin Zaw Htway

MCM PRINTING

printing@myanmartimes.com.mm
Head of Department – U Htay Maung
Warehouse Manager – U Ye Linn Htay
Factory Administrator – U Aung Kyaw Oo (3)
Factory Foreman – U Tin Win

ADVERTISING

advertising@myanmartimes.com.mm
National Sales Director
Daw Khin Thandar Htay
sales-director@myanmartimes.com.mm
Account Director – U Nyi Nyi Tun
Classifieds Manager – Daw Khin Mon Mon Yi
classified@myanmartimes.com.mm

ADMIN & FINANCE

Finance Manager – Daw Mon Mon Tha Saing
finance@myanmartimes.com.mm
HR Manager – Daw Nang Maisy
administration@myanmartimes.com.mm
Publisher – Dr Tin Tun Oo, Permit No: 04143
Systems Manager – U Khin Maung Thaw
webmasterf@myanmartimes.com.mm

DISTRIBUTION & CIRCULATION

Circulation & Distribution Director – Jesse Gage
distribmgr@myanmartimes.com.mm
circulation@myanmartimes.com.mm

ADVERTISING & SUBSCRIPTION ENQUIRIES

Telephone: (01) 253 642, 392 928
Facsimile: (01) 254 158
administration@myanmartimes.com.mm

The Myanmar Times is owned by Myanmar Consolidated Media Ltd and printed by MCM Commercial Printing (licence provided by Swesone Media [08102] with approval from MCM Ltd and by Shwe Zin Press [0368] with approval from MCM Ltd). The title The Myanmar Times, in either English or Myanmar languages, its associated logos or devices and the contents of this publication may not be reproduced in whole or in part without the written consent of the Managing Director of Myanmar Consolidated Media Ltd.



Myanmar Consolidated Media Ltd.
www.mmtimes.com

Head Office: 379/383 Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, Myanmar.
Telephone: (01) 253 642, 392 928
Facsimile: (01) 392 706
Mandalay Bureau: No.178, 74th Street, (Bet. 31st & 32nd streets) Chan Aye Thar San Township, Mandalay. Tel: (02) 24450, 24460, 65391, 65392
Fax: (02) 24460
Email: mdybranchf@myanmartimes.com.mm
Nay Pyi Taw Bureau: No. 10/72 Bo Tauk Htein St, Yan Aung (1) Quarter, Nay Pyi Taw-Pyinmana. Tel: (067) 23064, 23065
Email: capitalbureau@myanmartimes.com.mm

WASHINGTON

U Thein Sein plans landmark Washington visit: US source

Secretary of State ends a 17-year ban on access to US visas for those accused of hindering democracy

SHAUN TANDON

PRESIDENT U Thein Sein is planning a landmark visit to Washington later this month, a source said on May 2, as the United States eased visa restrictions in a sign of support despite a surge in anti-Muslim violence.

President U Thein Sein, who would be the first Myanmar leader to visit in half a century, is planning to be in the American capital around May 20 or May 21, a staff member at the US Congress said on condition of anonymity.

The trip would include a summit with President Barack Obama at the White House. Administration officials said they had no announcement to make but have previously said that they were studying a visit by U Thein Sein.

In another step towards thawing relations, US Secretary of State John Kerry on May 2 ended a 1996 ban on US visas to Myanmar nationals accused of hindering democracy.

Separate restrictions remain on visas for nationals accused of human rights violations. A State Department official said the 1996 ban was overly broad by including government workers, officers and even

some pensioners.

“Clearly many people in those categories are now contributing to the reform process and need to engage” through visits to the United States, the official told reporters on condition of anonymity.

President Obama has suspended most sanctions, although he issued a declaration on May 2 that keeps them on the books. The move allows the United States to re-impose restrictions in response to future setbacks, unlike the European Union, which recently terminated most measures entirely.

The US decisions recognise “the important changes the government of Burma has made and encourage and empower the government and the people of Burma to continue on the path of political and economic reform”, the State Department official said.

An official from U Thein Sein’s office declined to comment on the Washington trip but welcomed US moves to relax visa restrictions.

“We see their termination of the visa ban as a support to increase the momentum of the president’s reform process,” said the official, who asked not to be named.

Meanwhile the congressional

1966

The last time a Myanmar leader was invited to Washington

source said the administration was considering starting to use the name Myanmar rather than Burma, which is still favoured by some exiled groups.

Washington is also reviewing whether Myanmar can enter an agreement that gives duty-free access for some 5000 goods.

President Obama paid his own visit to Myanmar in November 2012, when he praised the nation for its transition but called for progress on reforms, particularly in the treatment of ethnic minorities.

But U Thein Sein’s visit is expected to be controversial due to a surge in violence against the Rohingya, a Muslim group referred to in Myanmar as Bengalis.

Jennifer Quigley, executive direc-

tor of the US Campaign for Burma, a Washington-based pressure group, accused the Obama administration of only responding to positive developments and not to setbacks.

“To invite him at this point of time would really just reinforce the message of a positive relationship when there really has been no move by the US government to tie this to the Burmese government taking necessary steps” to curb the violence, she said.

The State Department official distanced the visa easing from the communal violence, saying that the United States had “profound concerns” but pointing to a statement by U Thein Sein in support of religious freedom and tolerance.

“The military regime, for half a century, would respond to conflict with more violence and repression. This central government is trying to do things differently,” the official said.

It would be the first visit to Washington by a head of the country since U Ne Win was invited in 1966 by President Lyndon Johnson.

U Thein Sein has previously visited the United States to attend the UN General Assembly, but only held meetings in New York. – AFP

Scared Muslims flee Okkan after mob violence

HTOO AUNG

alexanderhtoo.aung@gmail.com

MANY Muslim families from the Okkan area of Yangon Region have temporarily left their homes following last week’s riots, which left two dead and nine injured.

In Okkan, a Buddhist mob burned 130 homes on April 30, while 77 homes were destroyed in the nearby villages of Yadanakon, Panipin, Chaukthe, Thekon villages. Twenty-four shops in Okkan were also destroyed.

Eighteen people have been arrested in connection with the violence, Deputy Commander of Yangon Region Police Force Lieutenant Colonel Thet Lwin was quoted as saying in state media.

But the assurances that order have been restored were not enough for some Muslim families: residents said around half have left Okkan to stay

‘We have nothing left, we are just surviving on donations.’

Daw Yee Mon
Muslim resident of Okkan



Muslim people sit near their destroyed homes in Okkan on May 1. Photo: AFP

with relatives elsewhere.

Those who have remained behind told *The Myanmar Times* they are wary of the threat of more violence.

“We sleep under the trees. We [men] sit and stay alert at night. Women and children sleep together at night.” Ko Kyaw Kyaw, a 45-year-old Muslim resident, said on May 2.

He said that if a relief camp was set up he would leave with his family, because he believed putting Muslims together in one place left them at risk of more violence.

Others said they would continue

to live in Okkan among the remains of their homes.

“Our relatives called us to go and stay together with them but I said no. All our property has been destroyed but I don’t want to leave,” said Daw Yee Mon, a 50-year-old Muslim resident of Okkan.

Muslim residents said they only narrowly escaped the mob.

“When we heard them coming we ran down to the river. I brought my child together with me. We didn’t have a chance to take any of our things with us. We have nothing left,

we are just surviving on donations,” Daw Yee Mon said.

U Aung Kyaw said he climbed on the roof of his shop to escape the mob and then took refuge with his Buddhist neighbours. *The Myanmar Times* met him as he returned to the shop that doubles as his home. “I am speechless,” he said. “I have never experienced riots like this in my life.”

The Yangon Region Ministry of Social Welfare and private donors, including political parties, have provided clothes, blankets, towels, cooking

utensils and soap to those affected by the violence. The government has also provided rice, oil and drinking water.

A section 188 partial curfew remains in place not only in Okkan but also nearby townships, including Taikkyi, from 5pm to 5am, and Tharyarwady, from 10pm to 3am.

“More than 400 police from Yangon Region are providing security in cooperation with local security forces. Not only urban but also rural areas are covered by the security,” said Lt Col Thet Lwin.



နာကျင်ရာ နာစမ်း... **TIGER BALM**

သင့်

မိသားစုကျန်းမာရေးအတွက်

TIGER BALM ကာကွယ်ဆေးဆေးပါပဲ...



Myanmar FDA Reg No. 1402AA1320

TIGER BALM (RED)

ကြွက်သားနာကျင်ကိုက်ခဲခြင်းနှင့်
အတွင်းဒဏ်ဖြစ်ခြင်းတို့ကို
အလျင်မြန်ဆုံး သက်သာစေပါသည်။

Myanmar FDA Reg No. 1308AA599

TIGER BALM (WHITE)

မူးဝေခြင်းနှင့် အင်းဆက်ပိုးမွှားများ
ကိုက်ခဲခြင်းဝေဒနာတို့ကို
ပျောက်ကင်းစေပါသည်။



Cool သည် ထိခိုက်နာကျင်မှုများ၊ ကြွက်သားဒဏ်ဖြစ်ခြင်းများအတွက်
အသုံးပြုရန် အထူးသင့်လျော်ပါသည်။

Myanmar FDA Reg No. 1407AA1733



RD Warm သည်

ကြွက်သားနာကျင်ခြင်း၊ ဇက်ခိုင်(ဦးလွဲ)ခြင်းနှင့်
ခါးနာခြင်းဒဏ်ရာများအတွက် အသုံးပြုရန်
အထူးသင့်လျော်ပါသည်။

Myanmar FDA Reg No. 1407AA1734

ထိခိုက်နာကျင် ခါးနာခြင်းများအတွက် ကာကွယ်ဆေးဆေးပါပဲ **TIGER BALM PLASTER**

Indonesia radicals urge jihad as bomb plot foiled

JAKARTA - Two Indonesians have been detained over a plot to bomb the Myanmar embassy in Jakarta, officials said on May 3, as radicals rallying in the city called for "jihad in Myanmar" to avenge Muslim deaths.

The incidents highlight the growing anger in Muslim-majority Indonesia over a string of religious clashes in largely Buddhist Myanmar that have left many Muslims dead and tens of thousands displaced.

At least one person was killed when mosques and homes were attacked in Okkan last week.

About 1000 angry hardliners from the Islamic Defenders Front (FPI) converged on Myanmar's embassy in Jakarta on May 3, brandishing banners that read "we want to kill Myanmar Buddhists" and "stop genocide in Myanmar".

They torched the Myanmar flag, while chanting "burn down the embassy" and demanding to speak to officials inside, as hundreds of police in riot gear stood guard.

"Our Muslim brothers and sisters are being attacked in Myanmar - they are being raped and murdered," said Bambang, a 37-year-old street vendor, who like many Indonesians goes by one name.

"I want jihad in Myanmar. Anyone mistreating Muslims should be killed."

'I want jihad in Myanmar. Anyone mistreating Muslims should be killed.'

Bambang
Indonesian street vendor

The national head of the FPI, Habib Rizieq, shouted through a loudspeaker to whip up the crowd, mostly men wearing white Islamic skullcaps, as they marched on the embassy.

Earlier, officials said anti-terrorist



Protesters from a hardline Muslim group during an anti-Myanmar protest in Solo, Central Java, on May 3. Photo AFP

police had detained two men suspected of planning a bomb attack on the Myanmar embassy.

The suspects were arrested late on May 2 while travelling by motorbike in a busy residential area in the south of the capital with five assembled pipe bombs, national police spokesman Boy Rafli Amar said in a statement.

The men, Sefa Riano, 28, and Achmad Taufiq, 21, planned to launch the attack on May 3, said a senior source at the country's anti-terrorist police, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The head of Indonesia's anti-terrorist agency, Ansyad Mbai, said that the target was the Myanmar embassy.

"We are very certain that the attack would have been launched if we did not stop them," he said.

A woman, believed to be the wife of one of the men, has also been detained to be questioned as a witness over the planned attack, said Amar.

A spokesman for the office of President U Thein Sein said: "Myanmar government have coordinated diplomatically for the security of the Myanmar embassy, embassy staff and Myanmar citizens in Islamic countries including Indonesia."

"The Indonesian government is thanked for identifying and taking action to [stop] the [alleged] terrorists."

Anger in Indonesia about Myanmar has focused on the plight of the Muslim Rohingya, who are known as Bengali in Myanmar. They have increasingly been arriving in Indonesia as they flee violence at home. Clashes in Rakhine state last year between Rohingya and Rakhine Buddhists left around 200 dead, and tens of thousands displaced. In March a flare-up in Buddhist-Muslim violence in central Myanmar left at least 43 people dead.

A man admitted in September to planning a suicide bomb attack against Buddhists in Jakarta in response to Myanmar's treatment of Muslim groups, particularly Rohingya. - AFP

IMPORT DIRECT FROM UK - FOR PERMIT HOLDERS



Mercedes C-Class
CGI 220 Diesel



Land Cruiser Sahara V8



Range Rover Evoque



Free Lander



Toyota RAV 4 (diesel)



BMW 3 Series



Land Cruiser Prado



Mercedes E-Class

Why us?

- ✓ Our own UK office, showroom & workshop
- ✓ Deal directly with Mercedes, BMW & Land Rover agents
- ✓ Branches in Japan, Tanzania & Netherlands
- ✓ Over **8 years** established in Europe & Japan
- ✓ **39 countries** served.

For Non Permit-Holders

We import any Japanese or European vehicle of your choice - hassle free!

A glimpse of our current stock...



BMW 5

Discovery

Navara

Hilux

JCB

Excavator

UK Hotline: 0044 208 547 4006



Global Star Auto Traders Ltd

100% SAFE System to Import Your Vehicle



Kingsgate House, No 12-50 Kingsgate Road, Kingston, KT2 5AA, UK

Email: sales.uk@gs-limited.com

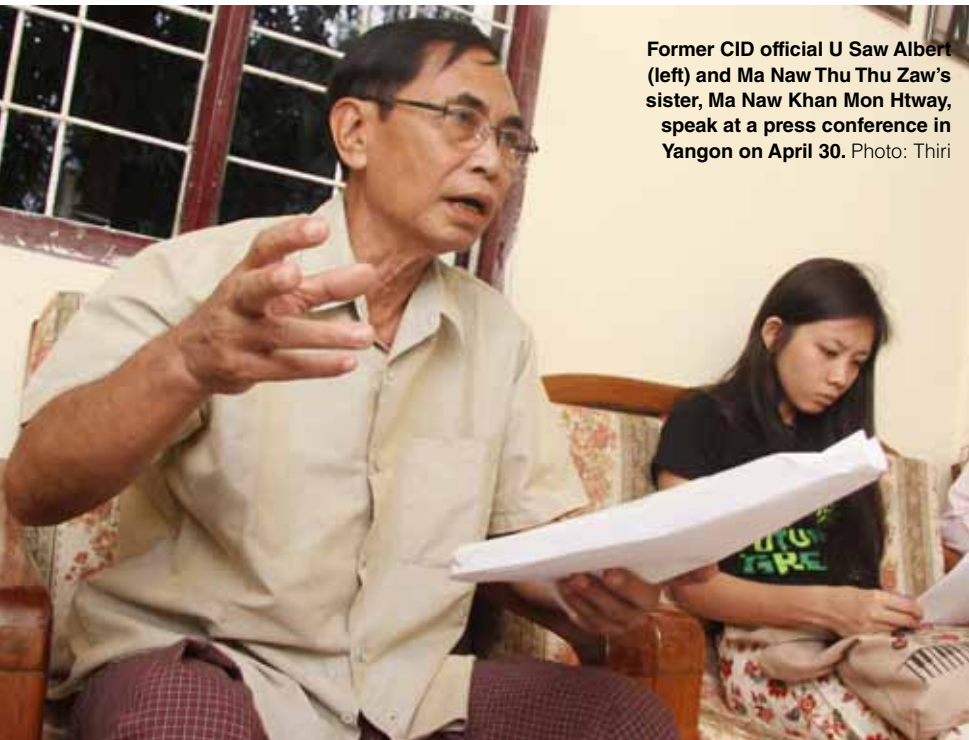
Fax: 0044 208 547 4071

Mobile: 0044 785 920 8394

Sales: 0044 208 547 4005

Web: www.gs-limited.com

Skype: global.star.autotraders



Family calls for probe into death

Police ruled that Ma Naw Thu Thu Zaw drowned in Hlaing River but relatives are calling for the case to be re-opened

NOE NOE AUNG noenoeg@gmail.com

POLICE will decide this week whether to reopen a case in which a girl was ruled to have drowned after her family accused police of not investigating her death properly.

U Tin Htay Naing, a senior officer from Insein Township Police Station, said police would receive a new medical report on the girl's death this week.

"Medical [findings] of Ma Naw Thu Thu Zaw will come out this week. We will continue our investigation based on what the findings are," U Tin Htay Naing said on May 4.

Ma Naw Thu Thu Zaw, a second-year student at Myanmar Pharmaceutical Institute, was found in Yangon's Hlaing River on the morning of April 20. Her body was sent to Insein Hospital and the cause of death was ruled drowning.

But the girl's family, who are from Hmawbi township, say they do not think her death was properly investigated, particularly whether the cause of death could have been homicide, and have called on the regional government to reopen the investigation. Eyewitnesses who found her body said she had some evidence of injury and she had yellow foam around her mouth, which her family believe could indicate she was drugged.

They have also questioned why police did not contact them until April 23, despite her bag,

which contained identification documents, having been handed in to police on April 19.

A retired Criminal Investigation Department (CID) officer, U Saw Albert, is helping the family campaign for the case to be reopened.

"We are pushing CID authorities to investigate quickly as it is not good to wait for so long. And CID said they will tell us whether they will investigate it or not on about May 7 or 8. I think they are likely to help us," he said on May 3.

At a press conference in Shwe Pyi Thar township on April 30, relatives said they could not believe that she have either accidentally drowned or committed suicide.

"We filed the case in Padauk Chaung police station on the morning of April 20," said the girl's uncle, U Saw Aye Min.

"On April 23, the police said that there was an unknown

'By the time we went to the hospital, no one would allow us to see the body.'

U Saw Aye Min
Uncle of Ma Naw Thu Thu Zaw

body in Insein hospital and told us to check her identity card. By the time we went to the hospital no one would allow us to see the body," he said.

"We want the hospital and police to do an autopsy again but we can't do anything as the police already closed the case. But we have entombed the body rather than cremating or burying it because we hope it can be checked again if we get permission to reopen the case."

U Saw Albert said at the press conference that when he questioned police and hospital officials they admitted they had not examined her body in detail, including the contents of her stomach or whether she had been sexually assaulted.

The family also discussed the possible role of Ma Naw Thu Thu Zaw's ex-boyfriend in her death. She was last seen on April 19 when he collected her for his birthday party. The pair had broken up two days earlier.

At 8pm he called her mother to say he had sent her home on the bus. Just 15 minutes later, a pedestrian found her bag on Aung Zayar Bridge and handed it in to police in Hlaing Tharyar township. "They broke up on April 17 and before this they quarrelled for the whole week. And Naw Thu Thu Zaw said that she wouldn't meet him on his birthday. But when he picked her up, she followed him," said Ma Naw Khan Mon Htway, the deceased girl's sister.

China denies arming Wa

TIM MCLAUGHLIN timothy.mclaughlin3@gmail.com

THE Chinese embassy in Yangon has denied fresh allegations that China sold weapons to one of Myanmar's armed ethnic groups, calling the claims "fake".

A report published by defense and security analysis firm IHS Jane's on April 29 detailed the delivery of helicopters to the United Wa State Army (UWSA), an armed ethnic group with an estimated 20,000 soldiers.

"The Chinese government or military companies never sold weapons to any party or organisation in Myanmar," Mr Xiong Guofeng, secretary to the China's ambassador to Myanmar, told The Myanmar Times in an email.

"We did not receive any complaint from the Myanmar government and army for those unfounded allegations."

The report stated that armed helicopters were flown to UWSA-controlled territory, which is located in northeastern Shan State, over the Mekong River via Laos.

"China delivered several Mil Mi-17 'Hip' medium-transport helicopters armed with TY-

90 air-to-air missiles to the Wa in late February and early March, according to both Myanmar ethnic minority and Myanmar government sources," the report said.

According to an ethnic military source five helicopters were delivered, but a Myanmar government source cited in the report said only two had arrived.

Mr Xiong Guofeng slammed IHS Jane's, saying that the group makes "astonishing reports about China or Russia" that have "always proved to be fake".

Media reports on May 1 quoted a Wa official as saying the report was not true.

In December 2012 another report by IHS Jane's said that the Chinese had provided ground-to-air missiles and 12 tank destroyers to the Wa, in what the report's author, intelligence analyst Anthony Davis, described as "a significant escalation in the equipment supply".

The Chinese government said in a statement issued by its Yangon embassy on January 27 that the accusations were "ill-founded and misguided".

KOICA to fund dry zone project

AYE SAPAY PHYU ayeephyu2006@gmail.com

SOUTH Korea will support a US\$2.3 million project for the greening of central Myanmar's dry zone, said Daw Kay Thi Khaing, programme officer of Korea International Cooperation Agency, on April 26.

"We have been supporting that project since 2008, and the first three phases are already complete. This will be phase four. The project will be implemented in Nyaung Oo township this year, and will include reforestation and water access," she said.

The agency will also support five other

projects with Myanmar Development Institute, including a land reform scheme to introduce mechanised farming, a master plan for arterial road network development, strengthening the statistical system, and strengthening capacity for convention management.

Daw Kay Thi Khaing said an agreement would soon be signed between the two governments. KOICA will provide assistance to Myanmar in four sectors: industrial promotion, agricultural development, human resources, and economic and administrative governance.

We are an English Agency, based in the UK, offering advice on boarding schools in England

The British Education system is considered by many to be the best in the world. We can advise you on different schools and their strengths, entry tests, school fees, visa requirements and guardian services.

Call us on : 09 421133217

E mail: enquiries@queens-english.org.uk Visit: www.queens-english.org.uk

NATIONAL PETROLEUM CONSTRUCTION CO. (NPCC) ABU DHABI UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

ANNOUNCES THE SALE OF STEEL CARGO BARGES 3 NOs.

1) LB-1	
Length	: 131 Meter
Breadth	: 30.5 Meter
Depth	: 8.0 Meter
Light Ship Weight	: 4569 Tons
Class	: ABS+AI Barge
2) CB-2	
Length	: 180 FT
Breadth	: 50 FT
Depth	: 14 FT
Light Ship Weight	: 512 Tons
Class	: ABS+XAI Barge
3) CB-3	
Length	: 250 FT
Breadth	: 70 FT
Depth	: 15 FT
Light Ship Weight	: 1134 Tons
Class	: ABS+XAI Barge

Interested buyers should contact the following address in order to obtain the ITT package and inspect the Barges.

Fax: 009712-5549440, Tel: 009712-5023151

E-mail: cargobarges@npcc.ae

Attention: Mr. Amgad Rafie Rady - Subcontracts Manager

Deadline for confirmation of interest: 13/05/2013

Thousands still without shelter in Rakhine

Experts warn of 'looming humanitarian crisis' in the state, where up to 125,000 people remain homeless following last year's communal unrest

BILL O'TOOLE



botoole12@gmail.com

MORE than 100,000 internally displaced people in camps in Rakhine State face a "looming humanitarian crisis" in the coming rainy season, humanitarian sources say.

The majority of the displaced are Muslims who fled their homes during last year's riots in Rakhine State. Since then, the estimated 125,000 people have been living in makeshift camps near the state's larger cities, many of which are located in rice paddies and other low-lying areas prone to flooding.

The government-formed commission investigating the Rakhine conflict says that 90 percent of housing needs among IDPs remain unmet, along with 15pc of food needs.

"It is extremely urgent to provide the Bengali [IDPs] with access to safe and secure temporary shelters prior to the monsoon season," the commission said in findings released to the public yesterday.

'Unregistered camps get nothing ... I don't know what will happen in the rainy season.'

U Aung Win
Sittwe-based activist

Ms Chris Lewa, program director of Arakan Watch, an advocacy group for the Muslim Rohingya based in Bangkok, said many temporary homes are not close to being weather-proof. "A week ago there was a strong rain [in Pauktaw] and people lost their huts," Ms Lewa told *The Myanmar Times*. "What's going to happen during the rainy season?"

In response to the looming threat, the United Nations and other international agencies have stepped in to build more substantial shelters. A spokesperson for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said the agency has already completed 300 temporary shelters that can each house eight families. It plans to construct at least another 560 dwellings.

UNHCR is also working with donations and supplies from several foreign governments. On April 26, the South Korean government donated 640 tents to the agency for distribution.

Mr Hans ten Feld, UNHCR's Myanmar representative, said the tents would provide immediate shelter for IDPs.

"Our experience shows a tent like this can quickly [be] built up in 30 minutes. The rain is coming and it's a very valuable contribution," he said.

However, he said that about 60,000 people in rural areas of Sittwe, Myebon and Pauktaw townships still require shelter assistance.

Other proposed shelter programs have highlighted the tricky politics of delivering aid to the Rohingya, who are mostly referred to in Myanmar as Bengalis.

The Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency, also known as TIKA, had proposed building 5000 homes for displaced Mus-



Residents of a camp for displaced Muslims near the Rakhine State capital Sittwe. Photo: Arakan Watch

lims but the move was met by mass protests because Rakhine people were concerned that the recipients would also be given land.

"We demanded that TIKA not give them homes without checking whether or not they are Myanmar citizens. It was our demonstration that stopped that program. Now UNHCR is planning to build barracks for all refugees in Rakhine State. We don't oppose this plan. We accept it because it confirms they have no right to own the land," said U Kyaw Zaw Oo, who led the protest in Sittwe and

is facing charges in connection with the demonstration, which took place without permission under Myanmar's peaceful protest law.

While the UN is allowed access to certain IDP camps that are officially registered with the government, many thousands are left to survive on their own.

"Registered camps get palm oil, chickpeas, salt and rice," said U Aung Win, a resident and activist in Sittwe. "But unregistered camps get nothing ... I don't know what will happen [to people in unregistered camps] in the

rainy season."

International NGO Human Rights Watch has described the situation as a "humanitarian crisis".

"Burmese government restrictions on aid to Rohingya Muslims are creating a humanitarian crisis that will become a disaster when the rainy season arrives," the group's Asia director, Mr Phil Robertson, said in a statement on its website.

Representatives from the President's Office and the Ministry of Immigration could not be reached for comment.

Congratulation

Congratulation and wishing a happy and 100 years-long-lasting marriage to

George E-T. Tsementzis,

son of Sotirios. A. Tsementzis (Steven) and Foteinh A Kavalov (Tina) of Nawaday street,

Dagon township, Yangon and

Thandar Kyaw, daughter of

U Aung Kyaw and Daw Myint Myint Nyo of

Yankin township, Yangon, wedding on 4 April 2013 at the Traders Hotel.

U Soe Win & Daw Thein Thein Yin

HOUSE of JAPAN

All made in Japan Select shop Yangon

No. 459-A, Ground Floor -002, 003, New University Avenue Road, Bahan Township, Yangon.
Tel : 01-8604014, E-mail : hojyangon@gmail.com

Available Items

Open 10:00 AM-8:00PM
Sat - Sun 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM

- Japanese Foods
- Skin Care & Cosmetic
- Japanese Traditional Ware
- Goods for Daily Use
- Watch
- Kitchen Ware

We closed every 25 of a month.

Lucky Draw (buying 20,000 ks above) Free Skin Test
Taste Trial (Japanese Foods)

Quintana
calls for
lifting of
IDP travel
restrictions

TIM MCLAUGHLIN
timothy.mclaughlin3@gmail.com

THE United Nations’ top official on human rights in Myanmar has called for the lifting of movement restrictions imposed on displaced Muslims and punishment for those responsible for crimes related to the conflict in Rakhine State.

The special rapporteur on the human rights situation in Myanmar, Tomás Ojea Quintana, made the comments in response to the public release of the Rakhine Investigation Commission report, which he said contained “many worthwhile recommendations”.

“[I]n implementing [the recommendations], I urge the authorities, as a matter of urgency, to ease the harsh and disproportionate restrictions on the freedom of movement of Muslim populations in the IDP camps and also in Muslim residential areas, such as Aung Mingala in Sittwe and across northern Rakhine State, while also providing adequate security,” he said in the May 1 statement.

“Now we are at the beginning of May and the harsh restrictions for Muslim populations remain firmly in place.”

Mr Quintana’s calls echo those made by director of operations for the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), John Ging, who on March 28 said displaced people needed to be given greater freedom of movement.

“A solution needs to be found to relocate those people and also to see the return and the freedom of movement for all the internally displaced persons (IDPs) so they can begin to recover their lives and their livelihoods,” Mr Ging said.

Mr Quintana praised most of the recommendations made in the 27-member commission’s long delayed report, which was released to the public on April 29, including those to double the presence of police, military and border security forces in Rakhine State.

However, he said he was concerned that those responsible would not be held accountable for human rights violations that took place during riots in June and October 2012.

“I have received credible allegations that widespread and systematic human rights violations by state officials targeted against the Rohingya and wider Muslim populations have occurred and are continuing in Rakhine state,” he said, in an apparent reference to a report released by Human Rights Watch that detailed allegations of ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity.

“These involve the most serious of allegations, including extrajudicial killings, rape and sexual violence, arbitrary detention and torture and ill-treatment in detention, deaths in detention, and denial of due process and fair trial rights.

“The government has an obligation under international law to investigate these allegations ... and, where appropriate, to take action against those responsible, in accordance with domestic and international law.”

Conflict will grow if govt recognises Rohingya: report

EI EI TOE LWIN eieitoelwin@gmail.com

THE Rakhine Investigation Commission says the government needs to urgently initiate a process for examining the citizenship status of people in Rakhine State but warned it will face a “huge confrontation” if it officially recognises the Rohingya ethnic group.

The commission also said the government should implement the 1982 Citizenship Law “in a transparent and accountable manner” and recognise the basic human rights of the Muslims of Rakhine State as part of longer-term measures.

The commission used the term Bengali, rather than Rohingya, in its report to avoid “unwanted problems”, 88 Generation and commission member Ko Ko Gyi said at a press conference at the Myanmar Peace Centre yesterday.

The committee was formed in August to probe an outbreak of violence in Rakhine State between Buddhists and Muslims in June. Its report was delayed following a fresh outbreak of violence in October, and it finally submitted the report to the

president on April 22.

The 186-page report included 15 sections focusing on issues such as humanitarian assistance for internally displaced people, citizenship, religion, security and administration, rule of law, peaceful coexistence and more.

Commission members interviewed members of both communities to compile the report and issue a set of findings and recommendations.

The commission said it found that nearly all Rakhine people do not accept the Rohingya name but they would agree to give citizenship to all Muslims who met the criteria in the 1982 Citizenship Law.

The commission warned that if the government recognises the Rohingya as an ethnic group, it will create further unrest and hinder regional development.

“The term Rohingya is not a small issue,” it said. “The government should address the citizenship claims of the Bengalis in a transparent and accountable manner. In dealing with state-



Members of the Rakhine Investigation Commission speak at a press conference in Yangon on April 29. Photo: Boothee

less individuals, the government should do so in accordance with existing laws and international norms. The government should arrange citizenship ceremonies to commemorate those who become new citizens.”

Commission spokesperson Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing said amending the 1982 Citizenship Law would not resolve the conflict. “The most important thing to prevent problems is for the government to implement the law clearly,” he said.

The commission also said the “temporary separation” of

Buddhist and Muslim communities should continue in the state, where 125,000 people have been displaced.

“While keeping the two communities apart is not a long-term solution, it must be enforced at least until the overt emotions subside,” the commission said.

Last week international NGO Human Rights Watch accused the government and security forces of being involved in the “ethnic cleansing” of Muslims in Rakhine State – a claim rejected by the government.

The official report said soldiers and police should be held accountable for any illegal actions, but also recommended doubling the security presence in the region “to control and prevent further violence”.

But Mr Phil Robertson, the deputy director of Human Rights Watch’s Asia Division, said the report “fails to address the need for accountability for ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity that happened in last June and October”.

“By failing to hold responsible the individuals who committed these grievous crimes, the government will miss deterring precisely those extremists who are prepared to use more violence in the future to achieve their aims,” he said.

Mr Robertson also rejected the commission’s recommendations on the citizenship law.

“The commission missed a critical point when it failed to include reform of the 1982 Citizenship [Law] to strip out discriminatory provisions and ensure that the law complies with international human rights standards.” – *With AFP*



www.koreanair.com

Experience global networking on a whole new scale

Korean Air offers one of the largest global networks in the industry, connecting 125 cities in over 45 countries.

Fly Korean Air and the world becomes your stage.

Excellence in Flight
KOREAN AIR

Tel. 95-1-533-263 (Mon-Fri 08:30-12:00, 13:00-17:30) (Sat 08:30-12:30)
Room #1, Level 1, Guard of Honor Bldg.
Yangon International Airport,
Mingaladon Township, Yangon

Departure 2345 Daily 0805 Arrival
Yangon

Arrival 2215 Daily 1840 Departure
Seoul



Make Walking Safe

ဘေးကင်းစွာ လမ်းလျှောက်ပါ။



MMA members to vote on controversial lease plan

Senior medical association members will decide whether to lease Yangon office to a foreign company on July 1

SHWE YEE
SAW MYINT



poepwintphyu2011@gmail.com

REPRESENTATIVES from the Myanmar Medical Association are to vote on whether to allow foreign companies to rent out parts of the association's Yangon office, or even allow them to demolish the existing four-storey building.

The proposal to lease the site was announced at a meeting in January by the association's central executive committee, and sparked a significant backlash from other members who allege the CEC has not been transparent in its financial dealings.

Three foreign companies have already submitted proposals to lease the site on Thein Phyu Road in Mingalar Taung Nyunt township, which the association estimates is worth about US\$10 million. The building is used to conduct training seminars and houses the public health project offices.

MMA general Secretary Dr Myint Thauang said leasing the land for 30 years would create a valuable income stream for the association and allow it to expand its activities.

"It is a good idea. The young generation will benefit from the money [received from investors]," he said.

"We are going to spend the rent money on MMA business and social activities. The association needs a lot of money to maintain this building and then we need to expand our space for storage and conducting seminars. Every month we spend K7 million and it's very difficult to find the money so we believe this is the best way."

But some members interviewed by *The Myanmar Times* said they were opposed to the proposal, which



A building inside the Myanmar Medical Association compound in Mingalar Taung Nyunt township. Photo: Aung Htay Hlaing

will be settled at the July 1 meeting. They are also unhappy that only the heads of the 86 associations under the MMA will be allowed to vote on the proposal.

"It is not fair because the senior association members tried to do this project without asking all MMA members what they want. We first heard about this project during the Mawlamyine Myanmar Medical Association annual meeting on January 1," said Dr Aung Khin Sint, a former secretary of the association.

Members were told that the association had already started negotiations with foreign companies and that if a deal was reached, the Yangon branch of the association would relocate to the maternal and child health centre at South Okkalapa township, Dr Aung Khin Sint said.

"After we heard this news, most MMA members complained and we

wrote articles in some newspapers," he added.

Association member Dr Ba Shwe said that if the existing building was not big enough for the association's needs it should be redeveloped and renovated, rather than the whole compound leased.

"A new MMA building has already been built in Nay Pyi Taw and the association headquarters should shift there. Then the Yangon branch

'The senior members tried to do this project without asking all the MMA members.'

Dr Aung Khin Sint

Former association secretary

should use this old building," he said. "I think the association's healthcare activities need to be separate from the business side. Coordination and cooperation with the private sectors is not suitable for medical professionals. But I can accept the MMA renting out office space, like at Traders Hotel, if there is enough room."

The controversy has also sparked broader accusations of financial mismanagement, with members accusing the central executive committee of hiding income and expenses.

In response, the MMA held a press conference in February at which Dr Myint Thauang said the association earned income from renting out the Yangon office for wedding ceremonies, leasing space in the office's compound to restaurants and receiving donations from pharmaceutical companies. However, no detailed figures were released.

One association member, who spoke on condition of anonymity, questioned whether the central executive committee members would financially benefit from any deal reached with a foreign company.

"It is unnecessary to hand over that much property to foreign companies. If the association needs money, they should create a new building using a local contractor," the member said.

But Dr Myint Thauang rejected all accusations of impropriety and said the central executive committee was working for the best interests of the association's members.

"Regardless of the accusations that are made about us, we are going to do the job that we have been entrusted with," he said.

The association is Myanmar's only professional organisation of physicians. It was founded in 1949 and as of 2011 it had 17,000 members and 86 member organisations. It is administered by the central executive committee and is divided into 26 different societies.

Policeman held over alleged rape in Myingyan

SI THU LWIN

sithulwin.mmtimes@gmail.com

POLICE in Mandalay are questioning a fellow officer over rape allegations, after the father of a 19-year-old woman claimed the officer held her captive for four days.

The officer from Myingyan township has been detained but maintains his innocence, saying that the woman eloped with him.

The pair apparently met while she was visiting her brothers while they were incarcerated at the police station. The woman says the officer called her to the station on April 18, the day her brothers were due to be released, after which he detained her for four days and raped her.

"I had to sleep with him for four nights, including at a house at No 19 ward, a room in the police station, and a house in No 4 ward," the woman said in a statement to police.

When the girl did not return home on April 18, her father reported her missing. In his statement to police, the father said officers at the police station did not do anything about his complaint and "threatened me in different ways". He said he asked to look for her inside the police station but was told if he did he would be charged with trespassing.

"We are scared because we are uneducated, poor and don't know anything about the law. I'd like to see the truth," said U Than Myint, 49.

Police Lieutenant Aung Kyi from No 1 Myingyan Police Station insisted the allegations would be properly investigated. He said the case would be heard by senior police officers under the Police Maintenance of Discipline Law.

"We locked [the officer up] in the police station and are questioning him because the girl's father reported the case. According to his statement, they are lovers and she eloped with him but we will try to get to the truth," he told *The Myanmar Times*.

— Translated by Thiri Min Htun

WITH OVER 5 MILLION READERS EACH MONTH,

The Irrawaddy

is one of the world's top news websites covering Myanmar

Get the May issue of The Irrawaddy magazine, Now available at:

- Innwa Book Shop (Yangon)
- TAB Book Shop (Taw Win Center)
- Sar Pay Law Ka (Pan Soe Tan Street)
- Nya Book Shop (Mandalay)
- Yarpayee Book Shop (Mandalay)
- Innwa Book Shop (Mandalay)

For our valued subscribers, we have a special offer: Order 12 issues (25,000 kyats), Get 3 issues FREE.

Promote your business in The Irrawaddy! 70 percent discount for the first 10 advertisers. Call 09 430 12797

The Irrawaddy magazine has been covering the news in Myanmar and Asia since 1993.

To read daily reports —

Burmese: <http://bur.irrawaddy.org> / <http://blog.irrawaddy.org>
English: <http://irrawaddy.org>

Procurement Notice (UNDP-Myanmar) 2013/UNDP/PN-018

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) seeking applications from individuals for the following assignment

Assignment	National Consultant on Development Effectiveness
Period of Assignment	June to December 2013;
Duty Station	Nay Pyi Taw
Requirements	University Degree in Economics, Business administration, Public administration, or equivalent qualifications; At least 7 years of relevant experience. Excellent analytical skills as demonstrated; Experience and knowledge in designing national planning architectures and the public sector and policy research. Excellent English language skills
Contact	ye.htut.thein@undp.org; tel: 542910-542919, ext. 158 for detailed TOR.
Closing Date	10 May 2013 (Friday)

Send application/proposals together with fees expected to Procurement Unit, UNDP, 6 Natmauk Road, Tamwe or by e-mail to registry.mm@undp.org

Procurement Notice (UNDP-Myanmar) 2013/UNDP/PN-019

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) seeking applications from individuals for the following assignment

Assignment	National Consultant on Regional Development Planning
Period of Assignment	June to December 2013;
Duty Station:	Nay Pyi Taw with travel to regional capitals in Myanmar (as required)
Requirements	University Degree in Economics, Business administration, Public administration, or equivalent qualifications; At least 7 years of relevant experience. Excellent analytical skills as demonstrated; Experience and knowledge in designing national planning architectures and the public sector and policy research. Excellent English language skills
Contact	ye.htut.thein@undp.org; tel: 542910-542919, ext. 158 for detailed TOR.
Closing Date	10 May 2013 (Friday)

Send application/proposals together with fees expected to Procurement Unit, UNDP, 6 Natmauk Road, Tamwe or by e-mail to registry.mm@undp.org



ALGERIA, BAHRAIN, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM, COLOMBIA, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, EGYPT, GABON, GHANA, INDONESIA, JORDAN, KUWAIT, LEBANON, LIBYA, MALAYSIA, MEXICO, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, **MYANMAR**, NIGERIA, OMAN, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, PANAMA, PERU, QATAR, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, SOUTH AFRICA, THAILAND, THE PHILIPPINES, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UAE: ABU DHABI, UAE: DUBAI, UAE: RAS AL KHAIMAH

What's the price of fish got to do with my project?

Your organisation is part of an ecosystem – where change in one area can ripple surprisingly across your whole market.

Oxford Business Group's acclaimed country reports already give you the insights to act on recent changes. Did you know you can dive deeper?

Our consultancy service provides the most extensive and accurate intelligence around.

With in-depth expertise in their field – and connections with local opinion leaders and policy makers – our consultants identify new windows of opportunity in your markets.

To learn more, contact us today: consultancy@oxfordbusinessgroup.com



THE INSIDE EDGE
www.oxfordbusinessgroup.com
myanmar@oxfordbusinessgroup.com

Controversy over MP cash allocation

WIN KO KO LATT winkolatt2012@gmail.com

MPs will be allocated tens of thousands of dollars to spend on development projects in their townships, a hluttaw official said yesterday, but reports are already emerging of funds being misused.

The money has apparently come from the K50 billion parliamentary cut from the proposed K178 billion budget for Nay Pyi Taw Council.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Director Daw Khin Mya Win told *The Myanmar Times* that the government has earmarked K33 billion (US\$37 million) for the project, which will cover all 330 townships. Each township is to receive K100 million.

She said she did not yet know the details of the plan, including when or how the money would be distributed.

But U Kyi Myint, the Pyithu Hluttaw representative for Latha in Yan-

gon, said there were already reports of funds being misused.

"Some MPs have already received this cash and some used it for their own offices," he said, refusing to name any MPs.

Daw Khin Mya Win declined to comment on the claims.

U Kyi Myint also said the money was not needed in his constituency. "I do not know much about the program but the people in my constituency are mostly rich. The township general administrative office and municipal authorities already have a large enough budget so I think my township doesn't need much of this money," he said, adding that he was unsure whether he would accept the funds.

But some representatives said the funding allocation would mean that they no longer have to raise

"small cases" in parliament, such as the renovation of schools and repairing of bridges. This will improve the parliament's effectiveness and speed up its activities, they said.

"Representatives will be able to fulfill the needs of voters in their constituencies [with this funding]," said Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Hla Swe.

U Min Thu, the Pyithu Hluttaw representative for Ottarathiri, said the K33 billion had come from the sharp cut MPs inflicted on the Nay Pyi Taw Council budget for 2013-14. "The hluttaw cut K50 billion kyats, around 30 percent of the total budget for Nay Pyi Taw," he said.

He said the distribution process was still unclear, including whether it would be shared between Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and region and state hluttaw representatives.

UMTA chooses new team, six months after first vote

YU YU MAW

THE Union of Myanmar Travel Association has succeeded in its third attempt to elect a new executive committee, more than six months after the original date for the ballot.

The new team was voted in during a meeting lasting about six hours at the Inya Lake Hotel on Sunday afternoon that was attended by 356 of the UMTA's 610 members.

The ballot saw U Aung Myat Kyaw elected as chairman, U Thet Lwin Toh as vice chairman, U Kyaw Min Htin as second vice chairman, U Naung Naung Han as general secretary and U Tin Htun Aung as secretary.

U Thet Lwin Toh said the new team was chosen democratically and the voting process was smooth.

Daw Sabai Aung, managing director of Nature Dream, expressed ap-

preciation that the meeting was supervised by the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

"The association chose the right and good people; I believe they can do well," Daw Sabai Aung told *The Myanmar Times*.

However, she expressed disappointment that she did not have a chance to raise the issue of disputes between hotel operators and travel agencies.

"Someone from the ministry warned me to be quiet," Daw Sabai Aung said, adding that she hoped the disputes could be resolved by the new chairman and executive committee members.

The result of the first election, held on October 7, was annulled as fewer than 50 percent of members voted.

The committee then drafted rules for another election last December, but it was cancelled.

Police hunt eight activists over latest mine unrest

EI EI TOE LWIN eieitoelwin@gmail.com

DEFIANT villagers are vowing to ignore a police threat to jail them unless they inform on outside "activists" who have helped organise resistance to the troubled Letpadaung copper mine project.

Last week monks intervened to stop fresh violence after clashes between villagers and police left scores injured on April 24 and 25. Now Sagaing Region police have ordered local residents to hand over eight people police accused of instigating the unrest.

300

The number of villagers who took part in a protest near the Letpadaung mine on April 28

The incident is the latest in the long-running dispute over the mine project, which was the subject of a months-long investigation by a commission chaired by Daw Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

The commission, set up just days after a police raid in November in which monks and other protesters sustained severe burns and other injuries, received evidence that the police had attacked the protesters with white phosphorous, apparently in violation of international law. It did not recommend any prosecution, however, and also said the mine project should continue.

Now the villagers have rejected the police threats.

The eight men wanted by the police include Ko Han Win Aung, of the Network for Helping Political Prisoners, Ko Ba Htoo, of the Yangon Public Service Network, Ko Thaung Hti Oo of the Yangon University of Arts and Science Students' Union.

Police accuse them of forcing local residents to cover their living expenses,

including meals, transportation and phone bills, of abusing villagers' trust, and instigating them to violence. The penalty for failing to come forward with information is six months in prison. Anyone convicted of harbouring an offender could also be jailed.

"We don't care about this order. If they want to arrest us, we are ready to be arrested," said U Aung Than Myo of Tone Ywa village. "The activists did not instigate us. They are helping us get our rights. We are willing to support their expenses. They didn't force us."

After the police issued their warning on April 28, 300 villagers held a peaceful protest to demand the release of three people detained in the April 24-25 violence.

"Our protest had official permission. We asked for an end to the Letpadaung project and the release of three persons. We won't give up our protest," said U Aung Than Myo.

According to the villagers, only one activist, Ko Aung Soe, has been arrested and the other seven are still at large.

U Chit Khin, chairman of Letpadaung Taung Salvation Committee, accused the police of issuing the warning to create fear among residents near the mine.

"The activists are helping us, not instigating us. The villagers are not afraid of the warning," said U Chit Khin.

Speaking to *The Myanmar Times* from an undisclosed location, Ko Han Win Aung rejected the police accusations.

"We help the villagers to get their rights, but not to create unrest and violence," he said.

He said the villagers have been living in poor conditions since the mine owners took their land.

"Now the villagers know their rights and are determined to claim them. The commission of inquiry said UMEHL and Wanbao had taken too much of the villagers' lands in inappropriate ways," he added, referring to the Tatmadaw-owned business conglomerate and Chinese company that operate Letpadaung.



Residents from Dagon Seikkan's No 88 ward protest on May 3. Photo: Aung Htay Hlaing

Dagon Seikkan residents protest over ward administrator election

Township official admits irregularities in March vote and promises a fresh election

NOE NOE AUNG noenoeag@gmail.com

HUNDREDS of residents of a Yangon township have taken to the streets to demand the removal of their administrative officer. They marched from the Yuzana Garden City housing development to the administrative centre of Dagon Seikkan township on May 3 to protest against U Kyi Lwin who, they say, rigged his re-election to the post.

The residents also accuse U Kyi Lwin of bribery and corruption, and of serving as a police informer under the former regime.

More than 4000 families live in Yuzana Garden City's No 88 ward.

"U Kyi Lwin rigged the voting when the township authorities chose a new administrator for our ward," said Daw Lone Ma, 65.

A *Myanmar Times* reporter who tried to contact U Kyi Lwin was told by his daughter that he was away from home. But U Kyaw Nang Tun, Dagon Seikkan township administrative officer, admitted irregularities in the election for ward administrative officer. Elections for ward and village-tract administrators were held nationally starting from December 2012.

"I have to say there was some-

thing we missed in the election. I will organise a re-election to choose another officer if higher-level authorities instruct me to do so," he said.

Daw Lone Ma said residents objected when U Kyi Lwin was nominated for the post last December. "Though we told township authorities that we object to U Kyi Lwin as our new officer, they chose without telling the residents. The election was held in another ward and the people who voted for him don't live in our ward. Some voted more than once," she claimed.

"Residents were invited to attend the election in March. But the invitation letter didn't mention where and when the election would

'U Kyi Lwin worked as an informer for the police under the military regime.'

Daw Myint Myint Thein
Resident of Dagon Seikkan township's No 88 ward

take place. In the middle of Thingyan, on April 15, U Kyi Lwin told us he was the officer," she added.

Residents are demanding a new and transparent election.

"U Kyi Lwin worked as an informer for the police under the military regime. He takes bribes from job applicants. We don't trust him and we can't accept him as our administrative officer," said another resident, Daw Myint Myint Thein.

Yuzana Garden City is a working-class district whose residents cannot afford good schooling for their children, said resident U Than Win, a bus driver.

"We also have poor water supply," he said. "I moved here after being evicted from Tarmwe township in 1997. We had purified water for six months, but dirty water ever since. We have to buy water."

"People with wells donate water to poor people who cannot afford to buy it."

Residents said that they want a leader they can trust to solve these problems. "An administrative officer has authority. If he is really a good person, the problems will be solved. I want an officer who pushes parents to send their children to school," said Daw Lone Ma.

Flooding, winds kill at least 16

AYE SAPAY
PHYU



ayephyu2006@gmail.com

AT least 16 people were killed by flash flooding in Kalaw township in southern Shan State on May 3, a Myanmar Red Cross Society official said.

U Kyaw San Win, an officer from the society's disaster management division, said 16 deaths had been reported from Nyaung Kone and Taung Palt villages in Shwe Twin Kone village tract.

"The report said the disaster occurred in those areas at about 1am after heavy rain. Injured people have been sent to Kalaw hospital but specific number of injured people was not reported yet. There are some difficulties to transport injured people because of the poor transportation link. About 50 houses were damaged in the flash flood in two villages," he said.

He said MRCS had 18 members on the ground have been providing support to affected areas since early on May 3.

The heavy rain that sparked the flash flooding was relatively isolated, with nearby weather stations recording minimal rainfall. The Depart-

ment of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH) said Taunggyi and Pinlaung in southern Shan State received rainfall of 15 millimetres and 21mm respectively in the 24 hours to 9:30am on May 3.

Meanwhile, parts of upper Myanmar have also been affected by severe weather conditions, including strong winds and thunderstorms.

U Aung Khine, a director of the Relief and Resettlement Department, said homes in many villages in Monywa district were damaged by strong winds on May 2 and a damage assessment is underway.

"We have initial information that the roofs of lots of houses were destroyed in strong winds that happened at about 3pm yesterday. Telephone communication is also difficult now. It is hard to know how many houses have been affected but the strong winds hit many areas in Monywa district," he said on May 3.

Monywa district in Sagaing Region comprises the townships of Ayadaw, Budalin, Chaung-U, Kani, Monywa, Pale, Salingyi, Tabayin and Yinmabin.

One death was also reported in Lal Pyin village in Sagaing Region's Indaw township. On its Facebook page, the Myanmar Police Force said a man was killed by lightning on May 1.

The department forecast on May 3 that thunderstorms would continue to pose a threat in upper Myanmar through to May 5.

Govt orders 34 fuel stations to close for cheating customers

SOE SANDAR OO

ms.soesandaroo@gmail.com

FOUR fuel stations in Yangon have been ordered to close for three months for "cheating" customers, while 12 more will close for a month, an official from the regional office of the Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise said last week.

Another 18 from Bago Region were also found to have ripped off motorists, the Ministry of Energy said in a statement released on May 4.

In Yangon, 12 stations were banned from operating from May 6 to June 6 a senior officer from the enterprise told *The Myanmar Times* on May 3, while four others will be banned until August. He said the stations closed for three months had also been caught cheating customers in September.

The bans were ordered at a meeting on May 1.

"These 16 stations were caught cheating customers by under-filling. They failed to fill the correct amount when the Yangon Region Control Committee for [the storage and distribution of petroleum products] checked again during the third week of April," he said.

The banned filling stations include Thurira Energy, Denko, GL (owned by Asia World), Lin Latt Aung (owned by Union of Myanmar Economic Holding Limited), Myawady, Nilar Yoma, U Nay Shwe Thway Aung, Green Luck, New World, Power 9, Yazarmin, 2000



A '2000' brand fuel station in Botahtaung township that authorities have forced to close from one month from May 6. Photo: Aung Htay Hlaing

and Myanmar Naing Group.

"We already checked the shops in September 2012. We looked at 23 filling stations in Yangon and found 21 stations were not filling the right amount. So we warned them then," the Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise said.

The Lin Latt Aung, Myanmar Naing Group and Yazarmin shops in Minglardon township and Denko in Thaketa township will be forced to close until August 6.

UMEHL had the highest number of shop closures in Yangon with three, followed by GL (Asia World), Nilar Yoma and Denko with two.

A spokesperson for the private-sector Myanmar Petroleum Trade Association declined to comment on the forced closures, saying it was only responsible for the importation of fuel.

None of the filling station companies contacted by *The Myanmar Times* would speak on the record. However, some said that the checking system did not meet international standards, as the inspection committee had used a device with no written measurements to check stations were distributing the correct amount of fuel.

ENDLESS DISTRACTIONS

THE WORLD'S FINEST BRANDS.
FASCINATING NIGHT MARKET FINDS.
MALAYSIA'S NATIONWIDE SALE.
IN THE 4TH BEST SHOPPING CITY IN THE WORLD*
THERE IS LITTLE REASON TO HOLD BACK.

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

*CNN 2012 RANKING

AN EXCITING EVENT
NOT TO BE MISSED!
1Malaysia Mega Sale Carnival
29 June – 1 September 2013
www.tourism.gov.my

visit **2014**
Truly Asia

facebook.com/friendofmalaysia
trulyasia.tv mytourismtv.com

PAVILION, KUALA LUMPUR



Workers struggle to clear a mineshaft filled with mud at the Shwedaw gold field in Kalaw township on May 3, a day after flash floods hit the region on May 2. Photo: Boothee

Workers flee Kalaw mine after floods

Death toll at Shwedaw mine still unclear, with some predicting it could hit several dozen, following flash floods on May 2



NAN TIN HTWE

nantin.htwe@gmail.com

THE death toll at a gold mine in Kalaw township following flash floods in the early hours of May 2 remains unknown but sources in the area say dozens may have been killed.

Eleven bodies had been recovered and sent to Kalaw Hospital by May 3, while seven people were receiving treatment in hospital, four of them for serious injuries.

The floods filled 150-metre mine shafts with mud and felled massive 30-metre trees in the Shwedaw area around the mine, which is a three-hour motorbike ride and walk through steep mountains from Kalaw.

When *The Myanmar Times* visited the site on May 3, the Shwedaw community appeared decimated by the floods, with most houses destroyed and pools of blood still on the ground.

Numerous people had suffered injuries, and workers were trying to pump the mud out of the mine shafts.

Officials from the company operating the 60,000 concession since December 2011, Asia Kabar Myay, were hostile when approached by a reporter and photographer from *The Myanmar Times*.

"We can't give the number [of casualties]. You can write whatever you want," said a man at the mine site, who said he was the general manager of the company.

After questioning whether journalists had "permission to cover the event" from the Ministry of Mines and trying to delete photos from a camera, he said company officials were "too busy" and left.

A number of people interviewed in the Shwedaw area, which borders Mandalay Region and Shan State, said "many" people had been trapped inside the shafts when the flooding came.

"I've been here only two months. I was so scared," said a 20-year-old worker as he ate some boiled rice from a plastic bag.

"A tree that was as wide as three men holding hands fell down near my hut. I'm lucky to be alive," said 26-year old Ko Soe Thu, originally from Pyawbwe, as he sat in front of the Asia Kabar Myay clinic, which was treating people for free.

Near Ko Soe Thu, Ko Sai Zaw Tun, a 27-year-old Pa-O, said he lost one colleague to the flooding, a 40-year-old man he described as "a silent person".

Ko Htaik, 26, came all the way from a village in Ayeyarwady Region's Wakema township, with the hope of a better income. He never expected to witness the tragic death of his neighbour, a 39-year-old woman, who was crushed by a tree as she hugged her two-year-old son as trees fell down around them.

The small hut was still crushed under a large tree when *The Myanmar Times* visited, and recent rain had left the ground streaked with blood.

"We didn't know what was happening. We all just ran," said Ko Htaik. "When we came back, we saw her husband looking for her. As he shouted, the baby started crying. The baby was alive. It was like the mother saved

her child. When the man saw that, he grabbed his child, he cried and just left."

"That night was really scary. There was lots of lightning, and trees falling down," said a middle-aged man standing beside Ko Htaik.

Fear of more floods had prompted

'After the floods, I asked the company for leave. But they rejected it so I resigned.'

U Min Han

Former head of security at the Shwedaw mine

many to pack up their belongings and leave Shwedaw: a stream of people were heading out of the area towards Lun Htoe train station on May 3.

U Min Han was one of them. He left his home in Yangon's North Dagon township six months ago to work as

Asia Kabar's head of security.

"After the floods, I asked the company for leave. But they rejected it so I resigned instead," U Min Han said.

He said the number of deaths was likely to be "at least 40" - one of whom was his close colleague, a Kayin man, 47.

This contrasted with what U Maung Maung Tar, head of the Asia Kabar Myay clinic at Shwedaw, had said just a few hours earlier. "We treated 30 people with minor injuries and we sent three people who had been hit by the trees to Kalaw Hospital. But we had no deaths here," he said.

A member of Fire Services Department from Taunggyi, who asked not to be named, said his team had only learned of the tragedy on the morning of May 3. That day, 17 firemen from Kalaw and Taunggyi were despatched to Shwedaw.

After spending almost five hours examining mine shafts, the team managed to exhume only one body.

"It's too hard to work," he said, with his rescue tools slung over his right shoulder. "The holes are 500 feet deep."

At a blackout-hit Kalaw Hospital, some of those who escaped the floods with injuries were receiving treatment.

"We could see the mouth of the mine shaft, maybe 15 feet away," said U Win Maung, his face lit by a candle. "Then a wave of water with mud came in. It's like it was pushing us back."

While U Win Maung was rescued from a flooded mineshaft, one of his colleagues did not survive.

"I didn't want to do that job. Before I worked as a porter but this company came in so we couldn't do that work anymore. The pay was too low. So I decided to become a gold miner. I had no option if I wanted to be able to feed my family," he said. "Now I don't want to work anymore here. After I've recovered, I'm going back to Pyu."



Left: Miners injured in the May 2 flash floods sit on beds in Kalaw Hospital the following day. Right: Rescue workers at the Shwedaw gold fields. Photos: Boothee



Finances a problem for Myanmar rep ahead of Geneva meeting in June

SOE SANDAR OO ms.soesandaroo@gmail.com

THE recently selected representative for Myanmar workers at the 2013 International Labor Conference says she is facing financial difficulties to attend the event.

Daw Than Than Htay from Kamma township in Magwe Region was selected by her peers to represent Myanmar workers at an April 29-30 labour conference in Yangon.

A former member of the National League for Democracy, she leads a labour organisation representing farmers and other agriculture workers in Kamma's Okpo village.

She said she has already started preparing for the June conference but is concerned about raising enough money to attend. While the government pays the airfare, accommodation and some other costs, she said there were many other expenses that had to be met, particularly while preparing for the event.

"I started collecting information about the labour situation [for the conference] ... but the major difficulty is funding. I know the government will support for me butapart from the general expenses, there are so many other things," she told *The Myanmar Times* on May 2.

"Our organisation is so poor, we have no extra money. I don't know how we'll work this out," she said.

Nevertheless, she said she was hopeful that her participation in Geneva would be beneficial for labour rights and working conditions in Myanmar.

"I will let international organisations and our government know about the current thatfarmers and workers face. I believe I can do it," she said.

"I will propose that international businesspeople who come to invest in Myanmar must protect the dignity



Daw Than Than Htay.
Photo: Aung Htay Hlaing

of workers and farmers. Their work should benefit workers financially and also improve their human rights situation," she said.

Cooperation between the government, labour organisations and workers is essential, she said.

"Myanmar still has weak points in terms of its labour laws. In some cases, the lawsare not practical and are not implemented properly," she said.

Daw Than Than Htay will be joined in Geneva by two advisers, U Than Swe and Dr Sai Khine Myo Tun, who received the second- and third-highest number of votes at the April 29-30 labour conference. U Than Swe represents an agriculture and food organisation in Nyaung Bin Kwin village in Yangon's Kayan township, while Dr Sai Khine Myo Tun is from a teachers' organisation at East Yangon University.

Daw Than Than Htay said the trio will meet before their departure to prepare for the Geneva conference.

Organisers resolve dispute at Yangon labour conference

SOE SANDAR OO ms.soesandaroo@gmail.com

ORGANISERS of a labour conference in Yangon last week managed to resolve a dispute that threatened to derail the selection of a delegate for an international meeting in Geneva.

Daw Than Than Htay, the representative of an agriculture and food organisation from Okpo village in Magwe Region's Kamma township, was selected on April 30 to represent Myanmar workers at the International Labour Conference in Geneva, Switzerland, in June.

U Than Swe from an agriculture and food organisation in Nyaung Bin Kwin village in Yangon Region's Kayan township and Dr Sai Khine Myo Tun from a teacher association at East Yangon University received the next-highest number of votes in the secret ballot.

Daw Phyo Sandar Soe, secretary of the Youth Committee in the International Department of the Thailand-based Federation of Trade Unions-Burma, said the pair would accompany Daw Than Than Htay to Geneva as advisers.

More than 450 registered labour organisations were invited to the April 29-30 conference at Myanmar Convention Centre, in what organisers said was the largest labour meet in Myanmar in more than 50 years.

The conference, organised by the In-

ternational Labour Organisation (ILO) and German NGO Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, was designed to give participants a chance to network and discuss labour-related issues.

However, the opening day was marred by a disagreement over the voting process for selecting a Myanmar delegate to send to the Geneva conference. 88 Generation members

450

The number of labour organisations invited to the April 29-30 meeting

and labour delegates said they doubted whether all of the participants were from registered labour organisations, suggesting instead that some may have been planted to affect the outcome of the vote.

"I have doubts about voting for a delegate to go to Geneva. How can we vote if we don't even know the other people sitting here?" one labour delegate said at the meeting.

Midwives honoured at May 5 ceremony

CHERRY THEIN t.cherry6@gmail.com

THE Ministry of Health and United Nations Population Fund were to hold a ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw on May 5 to mark International Day of the Midwife.

The ceremony was held from 9am to midday at Thingaha Hotel, a De-

partment of Health official said.

"The event is to honour midwives who contribute to the wellbeing of mothers and children all over the world," she said.

This year objective's is to inform everyone that midwives are crucial

The disagreement was settled on the second day of the conference when Mr Ross Wilson, the chief technical adviser for the ILO Freedom of Association Program in Yangon, accepted a proposal that only participants from worker organisations could vote for the delegate.

"We want the delegate to represent legal, registered organisations. The delegates who vote for the worker's representative should be also from registered organisations," one delegate proposed.

One representative from a Myanmar non-government organisation, who asked not to be named, said they believed some groups were trying to derail the conference.

"I think this kind of conference has come early for Myanmar, at a time when people are not yet used to labour organisations. Some political groups can take advantage of the situation," she said.

The first day of the conference was also attended by United States ambassador to Myanmar Derek Mitchell, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry chairman U Win Aung, and Deputy Minister for Labour U Myint Thein.

Costs associated with sending the delegate to Geneva will be borne by the government, while Friedrich Ebert Stiftung will pay to send the two advisers, said Mr Wilson.

Thilawa impact assessment begins

But hundreds of farmers served eviction notices in January press on with plans to cultivate their farmland ahead of monsoon



noenoeag@gmail.com

DEFIANT farmers near the Thilawa special economic zone are planning to grow crops on their fields as the rains return this month, despite having received eviction notices from the government last January.

The farmers said they ignored the eviction notices - backed up with threats of prison - because they have nowhere else to go, and they have yet to receive any compensation.

The stand-off is intensifying as the government announced, on April 30, that the environmental impact assessment for the special economic zone, which began in March, is due to be completed in August by Japanese company Nippon Koei. Resource and Environment Myanmar will work with the Japanese firm on the assessment.

But Ko Aye Htay, a farmer under threat of eviction, said farmers in Thanlyin and Kyauktan township were preparing to farm from about May 20.

"That's when the rains usually begin. Though the government ordered us to move out and have offered reset-

tlement and compensation, nothing has been concluded yet. We can't wait so long for their decision. We have families to feed and we have to work for our living no matter what. We are farmers and we can only earn a living from farming," he said.

U Mya Hlaing, a farmer in Alwan Sut village, Thanlyin township, said farmers from both townships had informed the agriculture ministry and the regional authorities that they were going to cultivate rainy-season crops.

"Farmers in all six villages who have been threatened with eviction have reported to the regional government and the ministry that we have to cultivate in May," he said.

"Though we know the government is making plans for us, we can't wait for their solution. We've met with the authorities two or three times, but nothing is certain yet," he added.

The famers are demanding com-

‘Though we know the government is making plans for us, we can't wait for their solution.’

U Nay Myo Shwe
Project officer of the
Friends of Wildlife Association



A child sits inside a house in the proposed Thilawa Special Economic Zone that has an eviction attached to its exterior. Photo: Aung Htay Hlaing

ensation equivalent to the value of the farmlands they are working.

U Set Aung, deputy minister of national planning and economic development, said on April 30 that the environmental impact study would be completed in August. The assessment was being performed by Japanese experts, he said.

"Seven professional associations applied to carry out the environmental impact assessment, and two final-

ists emerged, one Myanmar and one Japanese. Though the Myanmar company charged a reasonable price, we chose the more expensive Japanese applicant because of their experience," U Set Aung said.

The first stage of the Thilawa development is expected to be completed in 2015.

The deputy minister added: "We know there are some people, non-residents, involved in the discus-

sions between the government and the farmers. The plans could be disturbed because of their dishonest involvement. I want the farmers to get compensation direct from the government."

"I'm really worried that farmers could lose what they deserve because of this dishonest involvement," he added.

Despite U Set Aung's allegations of outside interference in the compensation negotiations - a claim that has also been made by some Japanese officials - two farmers who received eviction notices told *The Myanmar Times* they were not receiving assistance from any individuals or organisations.

The Japanese government is a major investor in the Thilawa complex, and has announced plans to allocate US\$22.4 million to the special economic zone. Mr Taro Aso, Japan's finance minister, visited the site in January.

In March, Mr Ichiro Maruyama, deputy chief of mission at the Japanese embassy, spoke about the delay in the project, a joint venture between Japanese companies and the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Mr Maruyama stressed that his government wanted the support of the citizens of Myanmar for the development. "We want Thilawa to have a good image," he said.

CHATRIUM
Hotel • ROYAL LAKE
YANGON

Celebrating 5th anniversary



ချက်ထရီယမ်ဟိုတယ်ရှင်ရယ်လီတ်ရန်ကုန် (၅) နှစ်ပြည့် နှစ်ပတ်လည်နေ့ အခမ်းအနား



Making every day a remarkable day

OPINION

Saving one life: a worthy goal

MOH MOH THAW

mohthaw@gmail.com



THE ringing woke me from a restless sleep, but I was so tired and thirsty that for a moment I couldn't work out exactly whether it was a real phone call or part of a dream.

After a while, I realised that it was my mobile phone on the desk in my bedroom and answered it without turning on the light.

My mum's loud, breathless voice came down the line. "Hello ... hello ... Moh Moh. Are you listening? Your uncle was killed last night in a car accident."

There are some moments in life that you remember clearly and will never forget. For me, this was one of them. The accident happened almost a year ago, and it came back to me regularly while I was preparing articles on Global Road Safety Week.

I had seen him just the previous day, when he had been playing with his grandchildren. We had had a friendly argument over something he had read in the newspaper.

I accept we all have to face the death one day but he was only 58 and in good health. He should have had many more years to live, but a reckless driver had snatched him from his family and friends.

He had left home to go pagoda and never came back. A Dyna bus, which was not allowed to operate in the downtown, was illegally driving around at night. When the driver saw a traffic police checkpoint, he sped up and tried to escape. By the time he saw the two pedestrians - my uncle and his friend - it was too late to slow down.

The driver and conductor ran away and have still never been apprehended or punished. Instead of hoping for retribution, I just wish they had followed the road rules and not come into the downtown area - or they stopped at the checkpoint and accepted the consequences of their actions.

The circumstances of my uncle's death have cast a pall over our family.

After the accident, his daughter - my cousin - often complains that "life is not fair". She was always an optimistic person - until her father went out one night and never returned.

The accident has also changed the lives of those criminals. They probably would have to have fled Yangon and so can no longer stay with their family. They will be on the run for many years.

A lot of people die on our roads every day. Sometimes it is the fault of a driver, in other cases a pedestrian. Regardless if everybody follows the rules it can make a difference. And if we can save one person's life to save a few minutes on our commute, or to get extra passengers on the bus, it is a sacrifice worth making. Traffic police should not only set the rules but also enforce them and give education so people are aware of what their responsibilities on the road are. If that happens, I believe fewer people will have to face the same situation as my family.

Committee formed to oversee safety on highway

SU HLAING TUN newsroom@myanmartimes.com.mm

THE President's Office has ordered the creation of a committee to manage road safety on the Yangon-Mandalay Highway, an official from the highway police force says.

Police Colonel Nay Win said the President's Office notice called for equal punishments to be imposed along the length of the road, where currently the punishment varies depending on the region in which the offence takes place.

It also instructed more edu-

cational activities be conducted on traffic rules and the establishment of a traffic rules supervisory committee for the highway, which is part of the ASEAN Highway network.

"The committee's job will be to reduce road accidents on the Yangon-Mandalay Highway. We submitted a list of people we suggested be included on the committee and are waiting for approval," he told *The Myanmar Times*.

The proposed members include judges from courts in the

four regions through which the highway passes, as well as traffic police, officials from the Department of Road Transport Administration and engineers.

Engineers who worked on the highway said some safety features had not yet been completed, and accidents were due to a combination of human and mechanical error, and flaws in the road construction.

"We should look at highway standards and features in other countries and then take steps to rectify those areas where the Yangon-Mandalay Highway needs to

be improved," said engineer Ko Lat.

Rest areas with restaurants are being built at five points along the 358-mile highway, which runs from Hlegu township in Yangon Region to Tada Oo township in Mandalay Region, while bathrooms are being built every 40 miles. Highway police are already ramping up enforcement of speed limits, with almost 500 people charged over 12 days in April. Pol Col Nay Win said the number of road accidents on the highway had halved during the enforcement campaign.

'I won't be satisfied until they are punished'

U Sein Kin was walking home from a teashop when he was hit by a bus. The accident changed his life, leaving him unable to walk - and angry at the system that he says failed to look after him, write **Ei Thae Thae Naing** and **Su Phyo Win**

U Sein Kin does not remember the moment he nearly died.

He was walking near Sanpya Cinema to his home in Lanmadaw's Shwe Taung Tan Street on December 31, 2012, when a No 226 bus clipped a taxi and then collided with eight cars.

"I didn't even know what had hit me," the 59-year-old car broker told *The Myanmar Times* last week. "My son and I were going home from the teashop and we were just walking on the pavement."

The bus had been competing with another bus and lost control while taking a corner. Eight people were injured; two of them, including U Sein Kin, severely so. One person died later that day in hospital.

U Sein Kin suffered two broken legs and broken hand. More than four months on, he still cannot walk properly.

"The people around me thought I was going to die. I was bleeding from my mouth and one of my eyes was so swollen it couldn't open," he said.

U Sein Kin said the bus driver told the authorities the accident happened because of brake failure. However, he insists it was because the two buses were racing.

"The bus drivers are so reckless. They drive as they wish and they don't care about how their actions could harm other people on the road. They aren't even thinking about having to pay compensation if they bump into people or other



U Sein Kin with his son, Mg Nyan Lin Aung.
Photo: Ei Thae Thae Naing

cars. They just go to prison instead," said U Sein Kin.

"I really wanted to kill them but my wife asked me not to do it. I can't even walk up to now. Before I had this accident I didn't realise how hard it is for people with a disability to even do simple things," he said.

U Sein Kin said the bus line did nothing for the victims of the accident but Yangon General Hospital filed a case for them.

"I won't be satisfied until they get appropriate punishments. They don't need to drive so fast like this. The law should be enforced," he said.

Luckily, U Sein Kin's son, Mg Nyan Lin Aung, who is about to enter grade seven, was not seriously injured in the accident. But his parents say that while the scratches on Mg Nyan Lin Aung's knees have long disappeared, the trauma of seeing his father lying badly injured on the road still gives him nightmares.

But the accident has also had a significant economic impact on the family. U Sein Kin said he did not receive any compensation and has spent almost K10 million on surgery and treatment for his injuries.

"When the pain was really bad I just wanted to die. Today I feel like my life is hopeless. I can't run my business on my own. I have to request to my friends to help me [with my business]. What would a poor person do in this situation? How could they get treatment?"

His wife, Daw Khin Shwe, 53, said the accident had been hard economically and socially for the family.

"I feel very sorry for my husband," the housewife said. "There are only three people in my family. I was so worried about losing him."

yangon airways
you're safe with us

www.yangonair.com

Discover Myanmar With Yangon Airways

No. 166, MMB Tower, Level 5, Upper Pansodan Road,
Mingalar Taung Nyunt Township, Yangon, Myanmar.
Reservation Hunt Line: (95-1) 383 100, Flight Inquiry: (95-1) 383 107,
Airport: (95-1) 533 258, 533 259, 700 264, 700 272
Email: reservation@yangonair.com, businessdevelopment@yangonair.com

Road safety bureau needed: experts



MOH MOH THAW mohthaw@gmail.com

ROAD safety advocates are calling for better enforcement to help reduce the growing number of pedestrian road deaths.

More than a quarter of all people who die in road accidents in Myanmar are pedestrians. But many of these deaths could be prevented through smarter policies and improved enforcement of existing laws, the groups say.

“There are no safe walking places in Myanmar for pedestrians,” said Professor Thit Lwin, head of the Department of Orthopaedics at Yangon’s University of Medicine 1. “In downtown, pavements are blocked by vendors and workers unloading goods. In some areas, pedestrian crossings have been placed in dangerous spots.”

Professor Thit Lwin said region-level government officials had previously developed plans to tackle road deaths but these had never been able to proceed through cabinet.

He said a National Road Safety Committee was needed to take leadership on the issue.

“Every day almost 10 pedestrians die in Myanmar in road accidents. We all know this, but how can we take action? We have had a lot of meetings, we identified the outputs and recommendations, but there has still not been any implementation, no action, and no intervention,” he said.

The call comes as Myanmar marks Global Road Safety Week from May 6-12.

As part of the global campaign, foreign and Myanmar road safety advocates led by the United Nations,

‘We have had lots of meetings but there has still not been any implementation.’

Professor Thit Lwin
Head of the Department of Orthopaedics, University of Medicine 1

government agencies, private sector organisations and Tag International Development, a United Kingdom-based NGO, have organised a series of events to mark the week.

After the opening ceremony at Yangon’s Nursing University on May 6, they will undertake activities including the opening of new pedestrian crossings and handing out road safety pamphlets at the highway bus station.

Global Road Safety Week is being marked internationally for the second time, with the theme this year of



A car rests on its side on Kabar Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan township. Photo: Yadanar

“making walking safe.”

The activities are designed to “draw attention to the urgent need to better protect pedestrians worldwide, generate action on the measures needed to do so, and contribute to achieving the goal of the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-20 to save five million lives”, the UN says.

Five thousand pedestrians are killed globally every week, the majority in low- and middle-income countries.

In these countries, a major driver of pedestrian deaths is rapid growth in car use, and Roy Ben Eliezer from Tag International Development said policies were needed to address the growing number of vehicles on Yangon roads.

Some options include creating more designated areas for pedestrians, increasing and improving road signage and traffic lights, better enforcement and more training for traffic police on road usage, Mr

Eliezer said.

“Over the past two years there has been a considerable amount of change taking place,” he said. “More cars on the roads means that there is potential for traffic accidents and related injuries is likely to also increase if no consideration is given to road safety mechanisms and measures.”

However, he also said that it was important to reinforce pedestrians’ responsibilities through nationwide education programs.

VOX POP

With traffic jams in Yangon getting progressively worse and the number of accidents on the rise, reporters **Ei Thae Thae Naing** and **Su Phyo Win** asked residents what they thought the factors driving this trend are, and what should be done to reduce accidents and congestion.



U Nyunt Win
46, trishaw driver, Thein Phyu Railway Quarters

Most road accidents occur because drivers are reckless. There wouldn’t be accidents if they drove carefully. If they followed the road rules it will make the streets safer for everyone, from trishaws to other cars. More problems are occurring because so many cars have been imported but the roads are narrow.



Ko Htun Htun
31, office worker, Mingalar Taung Nyunt township

There are more cars but the roads are still narrow. Drivers are reckless and just drive as they wish. Although there are many traffic police, they won’t be much use without strict rules that are properly enforced. People have to follow the rules and take responsibility for their behaviour.

Saw Yan Myo Kyaw
46, bus driver, Insein township

Traffic jams are mostly caused by reckless drivers, street vendors and cars parking on the road. Authorities should arrange parking away from the road. We are driving big buses on such narrow streets. When the cars are parked anywhere on the road and there are street vendors too, we have to drive slowly so we don’t hit anything. Some people run across the road even when the bus is coming. We drive competitively because of the traffic jam ... when the road are congested with cars, we are afraid to miss out on passengers.”

Dr Aung Khin Sint
80, community medicine specialist

“They imported cars first before they upgrade the basic infrastructure. That’s the main fault. Let it be, but they didn’t repair the roads yet. They need to maintain them quickly and the drivers should follow traffic rules and regulations. Some drivers drive through when the red light is on. The zebra crossings are too apart from each other. The car drivers don’t stop when the pedestrians are waiting to cross the zebra crossings. So, the passer- by have to pass the road whiles the cars driving with speed. It’s the most dangerous case. It can lead to occur frequent road accidents.”

U Than Nyunt
47, taxi driver, Mingalar Taung Nyunt township

The most important thing when driving is to be patient. Some people are driving even though they have no idea what the road rules are and can’t really drive properly. The authorities should spend more time teaching people, especially younger drivers, about the road rules. Meanwhile, pedestrians don’t use the overhead bridges because they are lazy. So given these kinds of factors it’s not surprising there are so many traffic jams. The solution is for every individual to use the roads according to the rules.



Ma Yin Min Thant
28, nurse, Lanmadaw township

The best way to reduce accidents is for drivers to be careful, especially around pedestrians. Some bus drivers compete against each other and it is very dangerous. Every day I see car drivers who don’t stop or slow down at pedestrian crossings. More traffic lights and pedestrian lights should be fixed in crowded places, at street corners and junctions.

NOW OPENED at Junction Square

Asia no.1

Quick Service Restaurant!

LOTTERIA

www.lotteria.com

www.facebook.com/lotteriamyanmar



Make Walking Safe

ဘေးကင်းစွာ လမ်းလျှောက်ပါ။



Too late to be seen

Wearing lightly - coloured or reflective clothing makes Pedestrians much more visible and can help avoid collisions. At the same time other road users - drivers must **SLOW DOWN**, a 5% cut in average speed will reduce the number of fatal accidents by as much as 30%.

Be part of the solution in MYANMAR: Pedestrians be seen; Drivers slow down



Road safety is no accident.

BRIEFS

Mandalay
Two self-immolation suicides not linked: police
Two people committed suicide through self-immolation in Mandalay last week, but police say the incidents are not thought to be linked.

Both individuals used petrol to set themselves alight and later died in hospital, a spokesperson from the Mandalay Region Police Office said.

"These two cases happened on April 23 and 24. A woman burnt herself on April 23 and died on the same day in the hospital while receiving treatment for her wounds," said Police Major Soe Nyein.

The 38-year-old woman lived with her father in a housing estate for Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise employees in Pyigyitagon township.

The following night, U Hla Bu, also 38, burned himself. He died from his injuries on April 29. — *Si Thu Lwin, translated by Thiri Min Htun*

Mandalay
Free Wi-Fi for local, foreign visitors at Mahamuni Pagoda

Visitors to Mandalay's Mahamuni Pagoda can now access free Wi-Fi internet at the religious site, a trustee says. Since September 10, 2012, trustees have distributed 30-minute access cards to foreign visitors. However, now locals will also be able to access the service on any Wi-Fi-enabled device, said U Soe Soe, a member of the pagoda's board of trustees.

The Wi-Fi system was donated by Ko Htet Naing from Vakok Online Games, Ko Min Min from Mandalay Theinmyitta Cosmetics and Stationery and Ko Than Nyi Htwe from Crystal Shine Company. — *Aung Ye Thwin, translated by Thit Lwin*

Yangon
National Press Award nominees revealed

The National Press Award Committee yesterday released its nominations for 2013, with *The Voice* up for four awards.

The Voice was nominated for best headline, best news article, best feature and best cartoon. Three nominees were selected in each of the five print media categories, with *The Yangon Times*, *Venus*, *Open News*,

Myanmar Independent, *Monitor* and *Flower News* all still in the running. In the television news category, DVB, Mizzima and MNTV were nominated. The winners will be announced at a ceremony on May 3 at the National Theatre.

The Press Award Committee was formed in 2012, and only publications or broadcast outlets that nominate an employee to sit on the selection committee are eligible for prizes.

— *Kyaw Hsu Mon*

Mandalay
MAI conducts Japan flight

Myanmar Airways International moved closer towards offering scheduled flights between Myanmar and Japan with a first charter from Tokyo to Mandalay on April 27.

The airline said in a statement that it will offer similar charter options from the Narita, Fukuoka, and Naha airports in Japan from May.



Public relations manager Daw Aye Mra Tha said the charter flights are a "pre-step" towards offering direct flights from Myanmar to destinations in Japan. "We are planning a regular flight schedule to Japan this year," said Daw Aye Mra Tha. — *Yu Yu Maw*

Man arrested over April 21 train carriage caught fire

Police have arrested a 37-year-old man over a fire on a railway carriage earlier this month.

The April 21 fire damaged an upper class carriage parked at Mandalay Railway Station.

Police arrested the man, from Myitkyina, on April 26 and charged him with negligence.

"He was sleeping in the carriage and left a burning cigarette on the seat when he went to take a shower," said Police Lieutenant Thein Lwin from the railway station police. — *Si Thu Lwin, translated by Zar Zar Soe*

Former officer returns to jail over defamation charge

KYAW HSU MON kyawhsumon@gmail.com

A RETIRED military officer who was jailed in 2010 for his political activism has chosen to return to prison rather than pay a K20,000 fine, his lawyer said last week.

U Nay Myo Zin was sentenced in Pantanaw Township Court on May 2 by judge Daw Khin Thaung Shwe. His lawyer, U Robert San Aung, told *The Myanmar Times* he plans to file an appeal against the sentence in the coming week.

"He chose the prison sentence and now he is in Maubin prison," U Robert San Aung said.

Pantanaw Police Lieutenant Tun Tun filed a charge of defamation after U Nay Myo Zin accused Ayeyarwady Region police of corruption while speaking at a public gathering in Pantanaw township's Kathawin village on January 8.

"A Pantanaw police officer

charged him after he spoke to about 100 people in a village in Pantanaw township. [U Nay Myo Zin] said people should not facilitate corruption in the police force and that he had found some cases ... of corruption," U Robert San Aung said.

"Before he was sentenced he said the judgment was not in the people's interest. What he means is that it doesn't reflect President U Thein Sein's speech about fighting corruption in the government. That is why he chose the prison sentence rather than the fine, although he could afford to pay it," he said.

U Nay Myo Zin served in the Tatmadaw from 1994 to 2005, retiring as a captain. In 2010 he was jailed under the Unlawful Association Act for his involvement with the National League for Democracy. He was released from prison in an amnesty in January 2013 and immediately



U Nay Myo Zin (left) with a member of his Myanmar Social Development Network at Sule Pagoda in January. Photo: Supplied

established Myanmar Social Development Network.

In February he led a peace delegation to the Kachin Independence Organisation headquarters at Laiza but was turned around by Tatmadaw soldiers.

U Robert San Aung said the sentence was already having an

adverse impact on Myanmar Social Development Network's activities.

"Due to his sentence, some of his donations have been cancelled as he was conducting social activities in Ayeyarwady Region to support the education of young people."

BRANDS®

ကျွန်တော်ရဲ့ ဂီတဖန်တီးမှု မှာ ဦးနှောက်ပိုကြည်လင်ပြီး အာရုံစူးစိုက်မှု ပိုကောင်းစေဖို့ ဘရင်းကြက်ပေါင်းရည် အမြဲလိုအပ်ပါတယ်။

အကယ်၍ မိမိရာမီရ် ရုပ်ရှင်တေးဂီတထူးချွန်ဆုရှင် "ဇော်ကတနေသည်" တတ်ကား

ဦးနှောက်စွမ်းရည် ပိုမို တိုးတက်ကောင်းမွန်စေဖို့ ဘရင်းကြက်ပေါင်းရည်ကို နေ့စဉ်သောက်ပါ။

PATENT CAUTION

Eisai R&D Management Co., Ltd., a company incorporated under the laws of Japan, and having its principal place of business at 6-10, Koishikawa 4-chome, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 1128088, Japan, is the Owner and Sole Proprietor of the following Patent invention/entitle:-

QUINOLINE DERIVATIVE-CONTAINING PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION

Reg. No. IV/874/2013

Patent in Japan under Japanese Patent Application No. 2011-527,665 on 16 August 2010.

Japanese Patent No. 5,048,871 on 27 July 2012.

The said Owner claims all rights in respect of the above Patent invention and any fraudulent imitation or unauthorized use of the said Patent will be dealt with according to law.

U Nyunt Tin Associates International Limited

Intellectual Property Division

Tel: 952 4500 59 247-8, 951375754, Fax: 951254321

Email: info@untlaw.com

For Eisai R&D Management Co., Ltd.

Dated: 6th May, 2013.

BRIEFS

Magwe

Primate remains found

A joint Myanmar-Japan research team has found remains of the primate species *Semnopithecus* in Mandalay and Magwe regions, an official from the Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library said.

The Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Education worked with officials from the University of Tokyo on the field research from January 28 to February 19, and found primate teeth in Gwe Pin and Htan Pan Chaung villages in Seik-phyu township and a jawbone in Chit Saung village in Pauk township.

They have confirmed that the primate remains are about three million years old. "The findings provide evidence of the presence of the Colovine species in Southeast Asia," the official said.

They also found remains of ancient mammals, including rhinoceros, elephant, buffalo, cow, hippopotamus, pig, squirrel, rabbit and reptiles. – *Cherry Thein*

Yangon

Negligence charges over fire

One man has been charged with negligence following a fire at a two-storey building in an exclusive area of Bahan township.

The fire started at about 6:40am on April 29 at the 6400-square-foot property on Ko Min Ko Chin Road in Bahan and was extinguished about 35 minutes later. Yangon Region Fire Services Department officials said a joss stick was to blame: The stick fell onto a sofa on the second floor of the building and quickly set it alight.

Officials estimated the damage at K1.6 million. More than 370 fire officials attended the scene, along with 41 engines and seven administrative vehicles. A 28-year-old man was charged under section 285 of the Penal Code. – *Htoo Aung*

Mandalay

Two people killed as storm hits villages in Mandalay Region

Two people died during a thunderstorm in Mandalay Region on April 28, Mandalay police said.

U Tin Moe Aung, 40, from Pauk Taw Chaung village in Patheingyi township was struck by lightning. He was found dead in his bamboo home at about 2pm.

U Kyi Aye, 63, from Ywar Pale village in Kyaukse township, died at about 2:30pm when a 27-metre-high tree fell on his hut during the storm.

Meanwhile, two women were also struck by lightning on April 22 while winnowing green gram in Phyu Dan village, Lewe township. Ma Ei, 22, was killed, while Ma Mar San, 22, later regained consciousness. – *Than Naing Soe, translated by Thiri Min Htun*

Kyaukse

Rumour-mongers charged: police

Police say they have filed charges against five people who allegedly spread rumours aimed at provoking conflict between residents in Mandalay Region's Kyaukse township earlier this month.

The incident occurred shortly after unrest in nearby Meiktila in late March spread to western Bago Region.

On the evening of April 4, some residents from Thapayayin and Thebin villages in Kyaukse fled to the Yangon-Mandalay Highway because they heard shouting in Letpan village. Police say the commotion was caused by three men from Letpan and they have been charged by Kyaukse township police.

Similarly, at about 9am on April 6, about 30 villagers holding swords and cudgels entered the precinct of Shwetheindaw pagoda in Thintaunggyi village because an unknown man shouted that a group of Muslims were coming. Two men who allegedly created the rumours have been charged.

"It's worth bringing them to justice ... because they caused the public to panic," said Police Major Soe Nyein of the regional police office. – *Si Thu Lwin, translated by Thit Lwin*



Photo: Supplied

A truck laden with wood travels on the road near the Chinese border town of Nangdao, opposite Namkhan in Myanmar.

Kachin conflict driving illegal logging: sources

Authorities are struggling to control the flow of illegal timber into China, which sources say is being fuelled by conflict between the Tatmadaw and Kachin rebels

BILL O'TOOLE



botoole12@gmail.com

THE extended conflict in northern Shan and southern Kachin states appears to have sparked a sharp increase in illegal timber extraction and exports, residents and activists familiar with the region say.

One researcher, who has been studying deforestation and land rights in Myanmar for the past decade, said he was shocked at what he saw near the Chinese border town of Ruili during a visit in early April.

"For five miles on either side of the road there were nothing but lumberyards," he said.

When he arrived near the border proper, he said he witnessed "about 50 trucks on the road leading out of the checkpoint, with 15-20 tonnes per truck perhaps. I am told it is much more active during the week. I was told about 200 trucks per day cross from [the] Burma side [Namkhan] into China [Nangdao]."

The researcher, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said his information was based on anecdotal and eyewitness reports, rather than authoritative studies.

But Kachin Development Networking Group official Sai Kher Hseng, who has travelled extensively in both Shan and Kachin states, confirmed the report. He said he had witnessed a dramatic increase in illegal logging over the past 18 months. "We can see [illegal logging] all around the Salween [Thanlwin] River," he said.

The illegal timber trade has been a problem on the China-Myanmar border for many years. After 2005, and the publication of a report from watchdog group Global Wit-

ness titled "China's Choice: Ending the Destruction of Burma's Frontier Forests", both the Chinese and Myanmar governments took steps to stamp out the trade.

China placed a ban on the importation of Myanmar timber, while Myanmar placed a ban on logging and related transportation in Kachin State. In 2009, Global Witness said in a statement that both bans "have been enforced, albeit inconsistently, and, as a result, illegal logging in Kachin State has decreased dramatically, as has the associated trade with China."

However, in more recent years – and particularly since the outbreak of fighting between the government and the Kachin Independence Army in June 2011 – locals say there has been renewed growth in the illegal timber market, which appears to take place with complete impunity.

'For five miles on either side of the road there were nothing but lumberyards.'

Researcher in northern Shan State

The researcher said he believed the two main reasons were that the KIA is using proceeds from illegal timber sales to fund its war with the government, and Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry officials are afraid to enter conflict areas, leaving teak in government-controlled areas mostly unguarded.

Sai Khur Hseng said he believed the increase was due in a large part to illegal logging being one of the few viable industries left in a region scarred by conflict. "Many local people just want a job. ... They don't like damaging the forest, but they need to work."

But U Aung Myat San, a spokesperson for the office of the general director of the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry, said his office had not received any reports about an increase in illegal logging from their affiliates in Shan and Kachin states.

However, he conceded that, given the violence and remote nature of the border area, Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry workers cannot access some areas along the Sino-Myanmar border.

When asked about the reports of trucks loaded with timber crossing the border into China on the highway, he said: "Our office has no information ... [but] we care intensely about illegal logging in Kachin."

He said the ministry believes that it will have to work harder to protect Myanmar's natural resources as the country opens up more of its borders.

Mr Xiong Guofeng, a spokesperson for the Chinese embassy in Yangon, did not respond directly to questions about illegal logging.

However, he said that the "Chinese government is trying its best to cooperate with the Myanmar government to strengthen border control and eliminate all kinds of cross-border crimes. The cooperation mechanism between the two law-enforcement departments is very sound and get big success."

"The Chinese government is willing to keep close cooperation with the Myanmar government in border control and fight all kinds of crimes determinately."

But with little apparent enforcement, Sai Khur Hseng said he was concerned about the long-term environmental impact the logging will inflict.

"If the logging continues, we will face many problems in the future," he said. "Drought in the hot season, floods in the wet season. We must protect our forests because people depend on them."

Government announces first funding for monastic education

AUNG SHIN koshumgtha@gmail.com

THE government will give its first formal financial support to monastic schools with a K3 billion donation, the Ministry of Religious Affairs has announced.

The money will be used to support 6303 teachers in the 2013-14 financial year across 1579 monastic schools at the primary, post-primary, middle and high school levels.

The allocation was discussed at a meeting in Yangon on April 28 between ministry officials and supervising sayadaws from monastic schools.

The secretary of the Mandalay Region Monastic Education Supervising Committee, Sayadaw U Nayaka, said the government will supervise spending in accordance with financial rules and regulations but it will be left to religious authorities, including the supervising monks of monastic schools, to steer payments.

The money will be distributed in quarterly chunks, he said.

Sayadaw U Nayaka, who is also principal of Phaung Daw Oo monastic school in Mandalay, told *The Myanmar Times* that the amount given to schools will depend on enrolments.

"The payment rate is estimated at one teacher for every 40 students. We will know how many teachers will be paid a government salary in June when enrolments [for the next academic year] begin," he said.

BILLION KYAT

3

The amount of state funding allocated to monastic education for 2013-14

The money will significantly ease the financial burden on monastic educators, leaders in the sector said. "Monastic schools will receive funding every three months. I am happy and thankful for the support because we are operating with our own funding. We look for donations [to meet costs]," said Sayadaw U Dhamma Thara, president of Yangon Region Monastic Education Supervising Committee, who participated in the meeting.

Monastic school teachers also said they were pleased at the move.

"We have heard that the government will fund monastic schools," said Daw Wint Nadar Soe, a teacher with eight years' experience at Dhammar Nanda Monastic Education Post-Primary School in Mogok township, Mandalay Region. "We are happy because the monastic school doesn't have enough money to pay teachers' salaries."

"I am also happy to know that the government has its eye on monastic education. Our monastic school teachers are keen to see more reforms in the sector."

Sayadaw U Nayaka also agreed that further changes would be helpful. "We are quite happy to receive the government's support for the first time. However, permitting monastic schools to teach at higher levels than primary, middle and high school is more essential," he added.

The government has overseen monastic education since 1952. A section dealing with monastic education was formed under the Department of Religious Affairs in 1989.

Yangon water project nears completion

AUNG SHIN koshumgtha@gmail.com

YANGON City Development Committee will increase the daily capacity of the city's water distribution network by 45 million gallons from the end of May, an official says.

"We are working on the second phase of the Ngamoeyeik project north of Yangon. It is almost completed. We can begin supplying 45 million extra gallons of water a day from the end of May or early June," U Myint Oo, head of the committee's Engineering Department (Water & Sanitation), said on April 29.

YCDC currently distributes 160 million gallons of water each day, but this meets just two-thirds of the city's daily needs, he said.

"A significant amount of water is lost in distribution. We are meeting 67 percent of Yangon's water demand and hopefully this will increase to 73pc or 75pc when the second phase of Ngamoeyeik is finished," U Myint Oo said.

YCDC estimates that as much as 35pc of water is lost due to leaking pipes. The increased capacity comes as many households in the city are struggling to pump water from the government network during the hot season.

"We haven't had water since before Thingyan. The water doesn't come at all these days. When we complain the YCDC officials say they will come to check the supply but they never do," said Ko Soe Zayar Tun from Botah-taung township.

North Okkalapa township resident Ma Kaythi Aung said the problem had worsened since Thingyan. "We have a YCDC water connection but it is useless. We just rely on our own tube well."

However, a YCDC official said complaints about water supply had been falling steadily since 2010. "We haven't got many complaints this year. The water supply problem is mostly prominent in hot season as people use more water. There are also problems related to electricity supply and pipeline repairs," he said.

He said YCDC has provided more than 100,000 gallons of water to residents in Dala township, along with 150,000 in Seikyikhanaungto and 400,000 in Kyeemyintdaing this year to combat water shortages related to the hot weather. It has also recently implemented water supply upgrades in the rural townships of Htantabin, Hmawbi and Twante.



IN PICTURES

People ride a trishaw through puddles of water on 89th Street in Mandalay following heavy rain on April 30. The rain was the first for the year and brought some relief from the heat, which hit 42.3 Celsius on April 24. Photo: Phyto Wai Kyaw

BRIEFS

Nay Pyi Taw
Ministry warns journals owners
The Ministry of Information has issued warnings to 14 journals for regularly publishing alcohol advertisements, following a meeting at the ministry yesterday.

The ministry said in a statement on its website that it had found some local journals are breaking publishing rules by publishing beer and whisky ads.

The announcement said that the ministry will forward the case to the interim Press Council and will negotiate with the Ministry of Home Affairs to manage the cases under the liquor law.

Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Htut said the ministry had also warned a journal that published pictures of women and children who had been abused and raped. – Kyaw Hsu Mon

Mandalay
Railway police to improve security
Members of a newly formed police team at Mandalay Railway Station says they plan to clear vagrant children from stretches of track between 32nd and 34th streets and tighten security around the station precinct at night.

They will also take action against people hanging out of trains or getting on or off trains at the wrong times, said Police Lieutenant Thein Lwin of the railway police force. The force was formed on April 29 and has nine members.

"Entering the area along the railway between the two blocks was prohibited for safety and security reasons. Even the staff around must wear ID cards, and we have now done that," he said. "We are in a trial period and we will just educate the arrested people." On the first two days, 27 people were detained, he said. – Si Thu Lwin, translated by Zaw Winn

Mandalay weavers establish workers' group

AUNG YE THWIN aungyethwin.mmt@gmail.com
HLAING KYAW SOE hlaingkyawsoe85@gmail.com

LOW-PAID handicraft workers have taken the first step towards improving their pay and conditions by founding the Loom Workers' Organisation, with an initial 51 members.

The organisation, which represents weavers who create hand-made garments popular with the tourist trade, was established to improve its members' education and health prospects as well as to raise their low wages, said Daw Than Yin, its chairperson.

"Firstly, we organized with 51 members but more members are expected to join. We've collected K500 from each household as the organization's fund. But we can't provide any services to the weavers yet because funds are still insufficient. We will continue to develop our future plans," she said.

Daw Than Yin said the group was organised last October and officially registered on April 4, and that another branch would open in May.

It is based in Amarapura township's Kyatan ward, which is home to numerous weaving workshops.

The Loom Workers' Organisation plans to export its members' woven clothing in response to interest from foreign customers. – Translated by Zar Zar Soe



Often confused with the common cold, flu (influenza) has an underestimated impact. The virus can cause severe illness and even death.

Flu is not just a common cold



Act Now. Get vaccinated.

Vaccination is your best defense against flu



01-660923, 662749, 02-35412



Ask your doctor for more information

CONGRATULATIONS

We heartily congratulate

U Aung Ko Win

Patron of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of

Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI)

For receiving the **State Excellence Award**

**(First Prize among the entrepreneurs serving the highest
tax payments to the State Budget's Revenue)**

recognized as the highest taxpayer in Myanmar for FY 2011-2012,

Conferred by the President of the Union of Myanmar

on the occasion of the Union of Myanmar President's

State Excellence Awards Presentation

Ceremony held on 30th April 2013 for the first time

under the new government administration.

We wish him continued contribution to our society and country in coming years.



President and Executive Committee/Central Executive Committee
Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of
Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI)

Blame govt not China for projects, says RNDP leader

Protests are the result of the government's lack of transparency, says Dr Aye Maung



ANGER over land confiscations involving Chinese companies should be directed at Myanmar government mismanagement, a political leader says.

Rakhine Nationalities Development Party chairman Dr Aye Maung, along with representatives of four other parties, was invited to China by that country's International Relations Bureau. He made the comments on his return last week, shortly after protests erupted on April 18 outside a China National Petroleum Corporation facility on Rakhine State's Maday Island. The facility is part of the oil and gas pipelines that link Rakhine State with Yunnan Province in China.

"You should not blame another country alone if a problem comes up. We also have to know what our government is doing for us. When we enter into an agreement with a foreign company, the government is obliged to make the contents of the contracts public. The relevant bodies should clarify what advantages are obtained from the agreement and how they are given to whom," he said.

"China said it had given [significant] in compensation for the pipeline project on Maday Island, Rakhine State. The demonstrations there may have occurred because the local people affected did not receive that money."

Land confiscations, some involving foreign companies, have emerged all over the country over the past two or three years. The most violent dispute, over the Letpadaung copper mine, is still hotly controversial. A government-appointed commission of inquiry led by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi found that the companies behind the project - Wanbao of China and the military-run Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited - took 7867.78 acres for the project, including 5057 acres of cultivated land. Villagers and po-



Maday Island residents, wearing anti-CNPC t-shirts, protest on April 18. Photo: Supplied

lice have repeatedly been involved in violent clashes over that and related issues.

Dr Aye Maung called for greater transparency around the oil and gas pipeline project.

"If this matter was handled by Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, they must announce how much money was received, who owns the land the pipeline passes through, and how much they are paid, and whether the compensation awarded matches the market price. Since nothing was disclosed, the public mounted demonstrations. This is the result of government mismanagement," he said. "The working practices of the pre-

sent government are not so different from those of the former one."

China's International Relations Bureau, which invited the five Myanmar political parties for a 10-day-tour of China, told them the Chinese government had laid down clear policies for Chinese companies investing in Myanmar, said Dr Aye Maung.

"They believe China will prosper if neighbouring countries prosper. It's their policy to obey the laws of the country they invest in, to show respect for its people and to do things that lead to friendship between peoples," he said.

U Sai Hla Kyaw a Pyithu Hluttaw MP from Shan Nationalities Development Party, which also participated in the China tour, said he had raised the compensation issue with his hosts.

"In northern Shan State, because the relevant bodies were not transparent about how much money was given, people suspect that they haven't received as much as they should receive," he said. - *Translated by Thit Lwin*

'Since nothing was disclosed, the public mounted demonstrations.'

Dr Aye Maung
Amyotha Hluttaw MP and head of the Rakhine Nationalities Development Party

Armed gang threatens official over illegal fishing investigation

SITHU LWIN sithulwin.mmtimes@gmail.com
THAN NAING SOE thennaingsoe@gmail.com

A MOTORBOAT carrying a government official was attacked by knife-wielding fishermen earlier this month during a search for illegal battery fishing operations on the Ayeyarwady River, police say.

The deputy head of the Department of Fisheries in Sagaing township, U Myint Lwin, and one fisheries licence holder were travelling on the boat when they were attacked by about 20 people on five vessels near Htauk Kyit village in Sagaing Region on April 22.

Nobody was injured but the gang destroyed three phones and the boat engine, and destroyed official documents, said Police Major Soe Nyein from the Mandalay Region police office.

"They also took K50,000. We have opened a case against the group," he said, adding that four charges had been filed.

U Myint Lwin was investigating reports that fishermen near Sintet village in Sagaing Region were using batteries to catch fish from the river, a practice that is banned in Myanmar.

They were approached by the fishermen, who carried

U Myint Lwin was investigating reports that fishermen were using batteries to catch fish from the river.

As *The Myanmar Times* reported in August 2012, the use of batteries in fishing has grown dramatically on the Ayeyarwady River in recent years, even in a 74-kilometre stretch in Mandalay and Sagaing Regions that is protected as part of efforts to preserve the critically endangered Irrawaddy dolphin.

Residents say the use of batteries has affected the behaviour of the dolphins and they now avoid human contact. - *Translated by Thiri Min Htun*

FARFALLA

စင်ကာပူနိုင်ငံမှ တိုက်ရိုက်တင်သွင်းသော အိမ်သုံးလျှပ်စစ်ပစ္စည်းများ

* Lea Hin (Singapore) - 77th years anniversary *
established since 1935

GARMENT STEAMER
FGS-688B4

Dry Iron
FEI-SW80

Dry Iron
B-2222

Dry Iron
FEI-2003C

Dry Iron
FEI-SW10

Steam Iron
FEI-SW18

PORTABLE GARMENT STEAMER
FGS-518A

1 YEAR WARRANTY

By LEA HIN SINCE 1935

WORLD CENTRE POINT CO., LTD.

SOGA GLASS WARE

လှူဒါန်းနိုင်သော ထုတ်လုပ်မှုအား အဆင့်မြှင့် မန်ထရပ်ပစ္စည်းအမျိုးမျိုး

မြန်မာပြည်တစ်ဦးတည်းကိုင်ထားလှယ်

Show Room
86/90, (G/F) Shwe Dagon Pagoda Rd,
Pabedan Tsp, Yangon, Myanmar.
Ph: 250 129, 380 035
Fax: 380 131
Website: www.worldcentrepoin.com

Bogyoke Market Branch
7/8, (Ground Floor) North Row,
Near Nawarat Hall, Bogyoke
Aung San Market. Ph: 380 372

Office & Service Centre
Tel: 01-562929, 01-569900, 09 7311 9894, 09 4200 87763, 09 8634055

LUCKY CITY ELECTRONIC (မြန်မာ) > 053-24034, 24997
MM ELECTRONIC (ပုဂံ) > 09 8633420

WORLD CENTRE POINT CO., LTD.

SOGA GLASS WARE

လှူဒါန်းနိုင်သော ထုတ်လုပ်မှုအား အဆင့်မြှင့် မန်ထရပ်ပစ္စည်းအမျိုးမျိုး

မြန်မာပြည်တစ်ဦးတည်းကိုင်ထားလှယ်

Show Room
86/90, (G/F) Shwe Dagon Pagoda Rd,
Pabedan Tsp, Yangon, Myanmar.
Ph: 250 129, 380 035
Fax: 380 131
Website: www.worldcentrepoin.com

Bogyoke Market Branch
7/8, (Ground Floor) North Row,
Near Nawarat Hall, Bogyoke
Aung San Market. Ph: 380 372



Make Walking Safe

ဘေးကင်းစွာ လမ်းလျှောက်ပါ။



Parliament ties get a boost with visit

KAYLEIGH LONG

kayleighelong@gmail.com

PRESIDENT of the Australian Senate John Hogg visited Myanmar last week to explore avenues for increasing cooperation between the parliaments of Myanmar and Australia.

Senator Hogg met President U Thein Sein and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint in Nay Pyi Taw on April 29, a day after holding talks with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann in Yangon.

His visit follows Thura U Shwe Mann's historic trip to Australia in 2012 - the first by a parliamentary delegation from Myanmar.

Senator Hogg told *The Myanmar Times* in Yangon on April 29 that he hoped Australia could help Myanmar establish and develop proper parliamentary processes that enable government to operate effectively.

"I have no doubt that there are challenges in terms of education, health, technology, providing skills needed to develop industry, allowing businesses to operate, taxation, capacity to build



President of the Australian Senate John Hogg. Photo: Boothee

infrastructure - these are challenges that exist everywhere. What I am about is putting in place the policies and administrative and operational tools that will allow parliament to conduct its business," Senator Hogg said.

Senior parliamentary officials have previously expressed interest in Australia's parliamentary library providing support to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to help develop a comprehensive and modern research facility for MPs.

The need for such a service was identified as a priority during a recent Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) assessment mission to the Myanmar parliament.

Senator Hogg said a parliamentary library played a crucial role in the success of a parliament. "The parliamentary library is absolutely critical. You must have access to knowledge, you must have access to information," he said.

Senator Hogg said the transition from five decades of military rule to a democratic system poses unique challenges, and highlighted the need for accountability in government.

"You achieve through the process-

es; the need to be open and transparent about government, and for accountability. Our [the Australian] model is not a bad model," he said, pointing to Australia's senate estimates mechanism as an example of the kind of "ongoing scrutiny" vital to maintaining the integrity of a parliament. Senator Hogg said he believes the government is on the right path but urged them to consider democratic processes as something that must be maintained and nurtured.

He recommended the hluttaw also consider establishing an agency to coordinate assistance from foreign governments and bodies such as the United Nations Development Program and IPU, to ensure that their advice and resources are put to effective use.

He said the parliaments of Myanmar and Australia are engaged in "ongoing dialogue" with a view to establishing long-term cooperation projects.

"These things don't start with a big crash of cymbals - it's about learning each other's needs and learning what each can do for the other, and learning to trust in each other."



CWGC
Commonwealth War Graves Commission

We are an international organisation responsible for the preservation of the numerous cemeteries and memorials that commemorate the sacrifices made by the Commonwealth forces during the two World Wars. Our work extends across 153 countries around the world.

Regional Manager, Myanmar

We are seeking candidates for the above position based at the Tauckyan War Cemetery in Myanmar.

The Regional Manager has direct supervision of two Cemetery Managers in Rangoon and Thanbyuzayat, and cemetery staff in Tauckyan. The post holder will be responsible for ensuring compliance to Commission standards of excellence for Works, Horticulture, Structural Maintenance, Finance, Human Resources, Administration and Health & Safety for the cemetery and staff for which they are deemed responsible. The Regional Manager will also be involved in creating, monitoring and updating of management plans, carrying out detailed work specified within reports, observing and meeting timescales, and operating within a prescribed budget. A high amount of liaison with embassy officials, suppliers, contractors and local authorities will form a significant part of the role as it works with remote supervision from their line manager.

The successful candidate will also be required to represent the Commission at ceremonies and assist with visitors and enquiries from members of the public and visiting dignitaries.

The successful applicant should possess the following skills:

- An excellent level of oral and written English in addition to a high level of literacy in the local language
- Proven reliability, honesty and integrity
- Ability to work with a high degree of autonomy
- A recognised technical/management/administration qualification or relevant experience working in a supervisory position
- Proven project management skills
- Excellent Microsoft skills including e-mail, Word and Excel
- Understanding and experience in calculating wages and payment of income tax and associated documentation.

Ideally, a basic understanding of Horticultural practices would also be preferable, although specific Commission Horticultural training will be given.

Successful applicants will undergo a probationary period, during which, additional training and support will be given.

Salary: Starting salary for this position will commence at USD 661 per month. Subject to satisfactory performance, annual increments will be given up to the scale maximum of USD 941 per month.

Hours of Work: 44 net per week over 6 days. (Flexible working hours may also be available).
Mon - Fri: 07:00 - 17:00 with daily 2 hour break
Sat: 07:00 - 11:00 with no break

Annual Leave: 18 working days per year (1 January - 31 December), rising incrementally after satisfactory completed working years' service to a maximum of 30 working days after 7 years' completed service.

If you wish to be considered for the above position please send your CV to Burma.Recruitment@fco.gov.uk

For further information about the organisation, please visit our website: www.cwgc.org

The closing date for applications is on **6 May 2013**.

Interviews will take place the week commencing **17 May 2013** for those invited to attend.



AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY
YANGON

JOB VACANCY

The Australian Embassy is seeking applications for the following position.

SENIOR POLICY OFFICER

SALARY RANGE: UP TO USD \$3,000 PER MONTH (depending on skills and experience)

The Australian Embassy in Yangon is a medium sized diplomatic agency representing the Australian Government in Myanmar. It is staffed by employees of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Australian Federal Police, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, Austrade and AusAID.

The Senior Policy Officer carries out his/her duties within the Political and Economic Section of the Embassy.

The Senior Policy Officer's direct supervisor is the Deputy Head of Mission, to whom he/she provides information and advice on the current political and economic situation in Myanmar. The Senior Policy Officer also monitors, researches and analyses public debate and policy developments on a range of domestic and political issues in Myanmar including trade and investment issues as directed.

The Senior Policy Officer also undertakes a wide range of tasks associated with implementing the Australian Government's engagement agenda with Myanmar, including government liaison and organising high level visits. The Senior Policy Officer also contributes to the Embassy's public diplomacy program and organises associated public diplomacy events.

Please note that the specific duties of these positions may evolve over time, as the Embassy's operational requirements change, so the successful applicants will need to be adaptable.

This challenging position would best suit candidates with a can-do attitude, who are self motivated, possess excellent communication skills (both verbal and written), who have an eye for detail and are well organised. The successful applicant will have an opportunity to work in a professional and rewarding work environment with an attractive salary.

The application form, selection criteria and duty statement can be obtained from the Australian Embassy, 88 Strand Road, or downloaded from the Embassy website at: <http://www.myanmar.embassy.gov.au>

Applications should be lodged at the Embassy or emailed to austembassy.yangon@dfat.gov.au together with a one page summary addressing the selection criteria and a copy of your CV with one recent passport sized photo. The closing date for applications is **4:00 pm on Monday 20 May 2013**.

Qualifications and Experience

The appointee should have the following qualifications and experience:

- A native speaker level of written and spoken English. Myanmar language skills are highly desirable, but not essential;
- Hold a relevant university degree or lower qualification with related practical experience in relevant aspects of the position;
- At least five years proven experience and a demonstrated ability in the areas of research, information and policy analysis. Experience working in Myanmar and engaging with government and non-government agencies in Australia and Myanmar is desirable but not essential;
- Good knowledge of modern office procedures, practices, methods and equipment including use of standard personal computer software programs such as Microsoft Word and Excel, Access, PowerPoint and web-based applications;
- Affinity for team work, initiative and ability to determine and achieve objectives;
- Excellent communication and analytical skills, including the ability to write high quality reports within short time-frames;
- Excellent interpersonal and liaison skills;
- Australian citizenship;
- Employment is subject to a successful security clearance.

Note:

1. The Australian Embassy does not discriminate in regards to race, ethnicity, gender and age.
2. Only those candidates whose qualifications and experience are of further interest will be contacted for an interview.

Bronze statues of Mahamuni Pagoda to remain accessible

HLAING KYAW SOE
hlaingkyawsoe85@gmail.com

TRUSTEES at Mandalay's Mahamuni Pagoda have decided pilgrims can continue to touch several ancient Khmer bronze statues, after considering whether to put them behind glass.

Pilgrims believe that touching the statues will heal ailments in the corresponding place on their own bodies. But this practice has damaged some parts of the statues, which depict a three-headed elephant, a tiger and two warriors.

Trustees had been considering putting the statues behind glass to prevent them from further damage but have instead decided to place signs nearby encouraging visitors to treat the ancient artifacts with care.

Trustee U Soe Soe said the decision not to encase the statues was made out of consideration for pilgrims, both local and foreign.

"By rubbing the head of the statue, pilgrims believe [the statues] release them from headaches," said U Soe Soe. "If they rub other parts of the statues, such as the arms, stomach or knees, they believe they will be healed from diseases or pain they suffer in corresponding



Pilgrims touch centuries-old Khmer bronze statues at Mandalay's Mahamuni Pagoda. Photo: Minh Zaw

parts of their own body. So we will continue allowing them to touch the statues. But we will warn the pilgrims with notices to protect and value the statues."

Those who ignore the signs, he added, will be dealt with by security. "We have arranged to protect the pagoda's museum with guards."

The trustees will now inform the monks in charge of pagoda activities of their decision. "They will also agree with us," U Soe Soe said.

The bronze statues are believed to originate from the Angkor Wat temple complex in Cambodia. They were taken first by invading Thai armies but were claimed by King Bayintnaung after he defeated Ayuthaya in 1564. In the 17th century they were captured from Bago by King Min Yazar of Rakhine State but were then reclaimed by King Bodawpaya after the defeat of Mrauk U in 1784 and eventually enshrined at Mahamuni Pagoda. - *Translated by ZarZarSoe*

No cases for new tribunal members

SANDAR LWIN

newsroom@myanmartimes.com.mm

WOULD somebody - anybody - please submit a case to the new constitutional tribunal? Since it was re-formed last February, the court has not had a single issue presented to it for decision.

It was not always thus. Such was the controversy that raged over a March 2012 decision that all nine members were impeached by the hluttaw last September, leading to a mass resignation and the creation of the current incarnation.

Now, an eerie quiet has descended on the tribunal.

"No, we don't have [any cases that are currently being processed]," said U Thein Win, a director of the tribunal, on April 24.

Several constitutional disagreements between the par-

liament and the union executive have arisen over the past two years during the transition to democracy. The old tribunal was impeached in September by the parliament amid controversy over its interpretation of the meaning of "union-level bodies". Since then, parliament has enacted two laws, including the one governing the tribunal itself, that President U Thein Sein has described as "unconstitutional".

So why is the tribunal idle?

"The new tribunal has to vet even their own [tribunal] law for conformity with the constitution," said one advocate who requested anonymity.

The offices of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw, the Auditor General and Union Election Commission entitled to submit matters to the tribunal seem reluctant to disturb its repose.

"No, we have no case to submit to the tribunal," said U Tin Tun, director general of the Union Election Commis-

sion office.

"We have no case at the moment, and no instruction from my superiors concerning disagreements between the parliament and the president's office," said U Lwin Oo, the director of the Amyotha Hluttaw chairman's office.

U Ye Htut, a spokesperson for the president and deputy minister for information, said he could not comment on court-related matters.

According to the constitution, the duties of the tribunal include interpreting the provisions under the constitution, vetting whether the laws promulgated by the union, state and regional parliaments, the administrative measures of the executive authorities of the union, the states, the regions and the self-administrative areas are in conformity with the constitution, deciding the constitutional disputes among the various levels of administration and the disputes arising out of the rights and duties of the levels of administrations in implementing the union law.

Yangon to host constitution workshop

SANDAR LWIN

AUSTRALIAN and other foreign experts are to hold a workshop in Yangon on constitutional democracy. The workshop, from May 8-10, will be held at MiCasa Hotel Apartments.

Ms Janelle Saffin, a Labor Party MP from Australia, and the chairman of the academic advisory board of the Community of Democracies and professor of Sydney Law School, Mr Wojciech Sadurski, will head the three-day workshop, which is organised by the Sydney Law School.

Participants will hear lectures from 10 speakers, including professors and postdoctoral scholars from Sydney Law School, the University of New South Wales Faculty of Law and the National University of Singapore. Speakers will discuss the meaning and the role of constitutions, constitutional maintenance, human rights commissions and their constitutional role, and the constitutional position of the military.

"We propose a workshop program to equip the custodians of Myanmar's future with the technologies they require to design and sustain a constitutional democracy. The goal is not to advocate or promote a particular position [but to] share knowledge about the various constitutional options that are 'on the table' in a country moving towards democracy, organisers said in a statement released to the media.

The Myanmar partner for the workshop is The Sun Institute (Myanmar).

Let's make a Lively and happy visit to BKK.!

Golden Myanmar Airlines

We Start flying on 10th May.

BANGKOK - YANGON (Daily Flight)

Y5 237	YANGON - BANGKOK	18:05 - 19:50
Y5 238	BANGKOK - YANGON	21:10 - 21:55

from \$ **40** USD one way

Yangon Office (Head Office) Ground Floor, Sayar San Plaza, University Ave Road, Bahan Tsp., Yangon. Tel: + 95 1 8604035 - 38, +95 9 400446999, +95 9 400447999, +95 9 400448999
Mandalay Office No.376, 83 Street between 31 x 32 Street, Chan Aye Thar San Tsp., Mandalay. Tel: + 95 2 27073, + 95 2 30720, + 95 99 1043607
website: <http://www.gmailines.com> facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GMAirlines>

Business

Exports tied to labour standards

With exporters eager to penetrate western markets, business leaders are pledging to improve working conditions and comply with international standards.



SOE
SANDAR
OO

ms.soesandaroo@gmail.com

THE sustainability of the country's economic development depends on improving labour standards and ensuring that employers respect workers' rights, speakers told the "Building a New Myanmar" conference last week.

Investing in workers, ensuring freedom of assembly and improving working conditions will boost productivity and enhance access to western markets, they said at the two-day forum, which drew delegates from 500 labour organisations, as well as ministers, business leaders and ambassadors. The forum was sponsored by the International Labour Organisation and funded by the US State Department. It followed a visit the week before by US trade representatives to discuss access to that country's market through its Generalised System of Preferences, or GSP, which gives tax breaks to imports from developing nations.

U Win Aung, chairman of the Union of Myanmar Federation of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry, said there was an urgent need for employers to recognise that valuing employees enhances productivity and competitiveness in the global market. Employers have to "take responsibility to be good. We have to recognise the value of labour since it is very important for the development of the country. I promise to do so," U Win Aung said.

Mr Jaap Wienen, deputy general secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation in Brussels, said one of Myanmar's weaknesses is a lack of direct discussions between workers and employers about the rights to which workers are entitled. Mr Wienen added that if Myanmar

cannot create forums where such discussions can take place, domestic businesses will be unable to comply with international labour standards and, as a result, will lose international contracts. Decent work is not a favour to be granted, he said.

Speaking from New Delhi, Mr Dave Welsh of the International Labour Solidarity Centre, which represents US unions overseas, told *The Myanmar Times* that there was a "quid pro quo" in access to western markets.

"Myanmar must do more than pay lip service to workers' rights," he said. International trade unions use GSP privileges to press countries to conform to labour standards. They can petition for the privileges to be scrapped if labour standards are violated.

'Myanmar must do more than pay lip service to workers' rights.'

Dave Welsh

Director
International Labour
Solidarity Centre

"This is an absolutely crucial time for Myanmar," Mr Welsh said. "All eyes are on Myanmar. The danger is [that the country duplicates] what you are seeing in Bangladesh, but if the government and business leaders strengthen labour standards and monitor them effectively, they could rid themselves of so much hassle, bad PR and litigation," he added.

U Win Aung said an employers' organisation was being formed to examine international labour standards, and he pledged that it would be "free and fair". The group will be the first of its kind, he added.

He also said that the government



A construction worker at a new high rise in Yangon where workplace safety measures are not enforced. Photo: Kaung Htet

was keen to improve workers' rights and was studying international labour standards with experts from organisations like the ILO.

Labour leaders agreed that the sanctions the United States imposed on Myanmar were detrimental to both workers and companies, and they called for greater cooperation to ensure smooth relationships between workers and employers.

"Employers and employees are not enemies," said Ma Lei Lei Soe, secretary of the labour organisation of Sakura Garment factory. "From the labour side I think most labour organisations are ready to cooperate with employers and the government," she said.

The Myanmar Garment Manufac-

turers' Association has said 80,000 workers lost their jobs when the US imposed sanctions in 2003.

US Ambassador Derek Mitchell said that GSP access was contingent on improving labour standards in Myanmar. "We should all remember that defending labour rights and improving working conditions is not only essential for human dignity, it is also essential for a strong and stable society," said Ambassador Mitchell.

The ambassador also discussed a visit by US Trade representatives, who discussed GSP access with officials here during the week before the conference. It is possible that about 5000 products could become exempt

from import taxes in the US, the ambassador said on April 30, the second day of the conference.

Data from the Ministry of Labour shows that the number of registered labour organisations has increased dramatically over the last year, from 40 to more than 500. Some labour representatives, however, have said that not all of these organisations are legitimate. Some were set up by employers to create the impression that they are supporting workers' rights, they said.

Mr Welsh said Myanmar could benefit from labour leaders returning from abroad, who have experience negotiating with workers, employers and international organisations.

Ford's entry into Myanmar unlikely to rev up market

MYAT MAY
ZIN



myatmayzin@gmail.com

FORD Motor Company held a high-profile event on April 30 to announce that it and its local partner, Capital Automotive, a subsidiary of Capital Diamond Star Group, will open their first "state of the art" showroom in Yangon by year's end.

Local car dealers told *The Myanmar Times*, however, that they did not expect Ford to make much of a dent in the market.

"I don't think there will be any significant changes with the Ford

Motor brand entering the Myanmar market because I sell brands imported mainly from Japan," said one showroom owner. He said that dealers are far more worried about Toyota opening its own showrooms here. "Most sales centres here are not officially authorised by Toyota and they will face a threat when Toyota arrives," he added.

Dave Westerman, a regional manager for Ford, said at the press conference that the new showroom would be on Insein Road in Hlaing township. It will offer sales, service and spare parts, as well as warranties, he said.

Dr Soe Tun, owner of Farmer Car showroom, said it was unlikely Ford would be able to get a large share of the market here because buyers prefer Japanese cars.

Dr Soe Tun also said dealers would stage a protest if Ford was

given preferential treatment due to its partnership with tycoon Dr Ko Ko Gyi.

Dr Ko Ko Gyi called for reduced import taxes on cars, saying this would benefit consumers and the nation.

"If the government reduces the taxes on automobile imports, people can buy high-quality products," he said. "Our marketing strategy will be to sell Ford cars using flexible policies, including hire purchase plans in cooperation with banks," he added.

Ford also said its conservation and environmental grants programme would be expanded to Myanmar this year. It did not say when it would open more showrooms.

In February, local media quoted a Capital Automotive executive as saying the first Ford showroom would open last month.



A worker polishes a Ford vehicle during a press event by the US carmaker in Yangon on April 30. Photo: AFP

All eyes on the gem trade

BUSINESS 31



Myanmar's tiger potential

BUSINESS 30

Xpress enters the remittances market



AYE THIDAR KYAW

ayethidarkyaw@gmail.com

XPRESS Money announced links with two domestic banks to offer money remittances into Myanmar from 150 countries, during a launch ceremony at Traders Hotel on April 29.

The company plans to make its services available across 180 locations by the end of this year, it said.

Xpress Money services will be available from nearly 140 locations in Myanmar through the branch networks of Myanmar Citizen Bank (MCB) and Small and Medium Industrial Development Bank (SMIDB), as well as the partners of those banks.

Xpress Money is going to offer two services, cash-to-cash and cash-to-account, through these domestic banks, said Mr Sudhesh Giriyan, vice president and business head of Xpress Money.

He said Myanmar is an emerging remittance market, with more than three million of its people residing and working abroad.

"We see a lot of potential for growth here. More international money transfer operators in Myanmar means that the customer will have more choice when sending and receiving money," he said.

Xpress Money's launch in Myanmar widens the base of the nascent remittance industry in the country and is likely to have a positive impact on Myanmar's overall economic growth, he said.

Through the partnership with SMIDB and MCB, Xpress Money will be able to offer its inbound remittance services to thousands of families of migrants.



A Myanmar Citizen Bank executive announces the remittances service. Photo: Boothee

MCB's chairman U Win Myint said the banks will offer services from 125 locations. He added that MCB will offer international payments, such as Visa and MasterCard, soon.

U Tin Maung Htay, managing director of SMIDB, said liberalising and normalising banking operations are key to reforming Myanmar's economy and attracting international investment.

"Eastern and Western investors are interested in Myanmar, and the

'Overseas workers depended on hundi to remit money and in some instances they lost a lot of money.'

U Thein Zaw
Deputy Director General
Central Bank

Central Bank of Myanmar is now allowing money transfers through private banks, which we hope will one day see the end of the illegal *hundi* market," he said. The *hundi* money transfer network is an informal remittance network that allows migrant workers to send money back to their families in Myanmar.

U Thein Zaw, deputy director general of the Central Bank, said: "I hope the informal remittances between Myanmar and foreign countries, which we call the 'overseas *hundi*', will disappear soon because the Central Bank is allowing private banks to offer remittance services."

Domestic banks have already linked with international payment services such as Western Union and Q-Remit in the past year, which has also seen the Central Bank begin a managed float of the national currency.

"Previously, overseas workers depended on *hundi* to remit money and in some instances they lost a lot of money but could not take any legal action to recover it," U Thein Zaw said.

Fourth Korean bank arrives

AYE THIDAR KYAW ayethidarkyaw@gmail.com

A FOURTH South Korean bank has opened a representative office here and its executive vice president says a surge of investment from the East Asian nation could be on the way.

Mr Seog-Ha Yoo, executive vice president of Industrial Bank of Korea, said South Korean companies were set to rush to Myanmar and urged the government to improve the operating environment here, adding that the high price of industrial land was a major obstacle.

"South Korean companies are eager to invest, but the biggest obstacle they face is the high price of land," he said at a ceremony to mark the opening of the bank's office in Yangon on April 29.

Industrial Bank of Korea joins three other South Korean banks with representative offices here: Hana, Shinhan and Woori. IBK focuses on lending to small- and medium-sized enterprises.

Its representative office is in Lanmadaw township. It received permission to open from the Central Bank on March 14, officials said.

Mr Seog-Ha Yoo said the bank opened in Myanmar to help South Korean companies remit money and provide other services.

The Central Bank of Myanmar still has to implement several regulatory stages for banks to operate under - joint-ventures and sub-

sidiaries - before it allows wholly-owned foreign banks to operate, he said. "We are considering all three options ... our representative office is just a beginning," he said.

"A governor at the Central Bank told me that joint-ventures will be allowed this year, and we may form one when this is allowed," Mr Yoo said.

Myanmar's financial market only recently opened to foreign banks, even though an updated foreign investment law was enacted last November. Mr Yoo said that a number of financial and monetary regulations still needed clarification.

He said the Central Bank appears quite aggressive and not overly accepting of foreign investment, and recommended that it ease its regulations to allow foreign companies greater independence.

Mr Yoo said one common concern of Korean companies is sanctions imposed by the United States.

He added that the most pressing consequence of this is the requirement that all international transfers in US dollars be processed within the US - with tight scrutiny on transfers to Myanmar.

Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency commercial officer Ko Tun Tun said companies are conducting payments between South Korea and Myanmar in euros to skirt sanctions.

"I think it is not convenient and the Central Bank should change its policy and allow joint-ventures soon because some South Korean companies only wish to do business with banks they know," he said.

He added that huge South Korean companies already working in Myanmar include Samsung, Lotte, CJ Group and SK Telecom.

Cumulative investment by South Korean firms in Myanmar amounted to nearly US\$3 billion by last month, Directorate of Investment and Company Administration data shows.

'Korean companies are eager to invest, but the biggest obstacle is the high price of land.'

Seog-Ha Yoo
Executive Vice President
Industrial Bank of Korea

All-New RANGER 4x4 DOUBLE CAB DO MORE.

The all-new Ranger XLT 4x4 is the new generation's no-nonsense truck. It is backed by an incredibly powerful yet efficient 3.2-litre Duratorq turbocharged engine which churns out 200PS of power and 470Nm of torque. Now, you can conquer any road, both on and off carrying loads over a tonne through any down and beaten condition imaginable with a smooth, on-demand 6-speed automatic transmission. Comfortable, well-integrated interior also gives you driving pleasure even when it is hard at work.



Capital Automotive Limited

The authorized dealer and distributor for Ford

Tel: +95 (0) 1966 9009, +95 (0) 1966 9010 | sales@ford-myanmar.com



German firms on the move



**AYE THIDAR
KYAW**

ayethidarkyaw@gmail.com

THE Germans are coming – and they mean business. The German Chambers of Industry and Commerce will open an office in Yangon within three months, its deputy chief executive officer Dr Volker Treier said on May 2.

The German Chambers of Commerce and Industry signed an agreement with the Union of Myanmar Fed-

eration of Chambers of Commerce and Industry on the same day.

This will be the first business representative office from Europe to open in Myanmar, said federation vice-president U Win Aung, adding that the new office would support Myanmar's efforts to finalise the draft of a small- and medium-sized enterprises law.

Dr Treier said Yangon was a favoured location for many German companies. "This office will be another pillar in our worldwide network," he said. "We want to help [German] companies start businesses here and connect them with Myanmar partners."

The new office will represent German companies and offer Myanmar

firms a forum to discuss any difficulties they may have in working with them, Dr Treier said.

"We want to foster an exchange of views by both sides," he said.

"Right now we want to offer you our services, products and corporations, step-by-step," he said.

German companies are showing interest in Myanmar's infrastructure projects, including railways and electricity supply. They are also interested in consumer products and the car industry.

Dr Treier described the new political environment here as "open minded" and said he was hopeful stability would be achieved. Myanmar

is also bound to benefit from integration with Southeast Asia, he said.

"This is a good time for German companies to think about engagement in Myanmar."



**Dr Volker Treier, deputy
CEO of the German
Chambers of Commerce
and Industry.**

Photo: Supplied

ANALYSIS

Unleashing Myanmar's tiger potential

Special economic zones have proven to be a realistic and effective tool for swift economic growth and regulatory reform

MYANMAR'S economic potential has been vastly enhanced by the access to foreign resources – in the form of new trading opportunities, the inflow of foreign investment, elevated levels of bilateral and multilateral assistance – that President U Thein Sein's commitment to political, social and economic reform has unleashed.

The relaxation of sanctions and improved relations with major powers has opened an opportunity for development after years of isolation and consequent economic stagnation.

Over the past few years real growth has been strong, but how strong is not exactly clear. Official statistics show the economy has been growing more than 10 percent a year for more than a decade, but it is difficult to reconcile these statistics with the real world in which the people of Myanmar live day-by-day.

The government has acknowledged as much by winding back the growth goal to a more realistic and achievable 7.7pc per annum in the current Five-Year Plan.

But how should Myanmar set its development ambitions now?

By what standards should we measure success in economic reform? And what are the key ingredients to achieving national growth potential?

Myanmar is still very poor. Though the range of error in the estimates may be wide, per capita gross domestic product (GDP) remains only about US\$850, the lowest in ASEAN – less than Laos and Cambodia.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) reckons that Myanmar, on its current development path, can grow at 7pc to 8pc a year over the next couple of decades. If it were to do that, per capita GDP would reach \$2000 to \$3000 by 2030 – more than three times the current level – propelling Myanmar into the ranks of the middle-income countries.

Even so, if Myanmar more than trebled its per capita income by 2030 as the ADB suggests, it will hardly change its rank as the poorest country in ASEAN. The bar to middle income status also keeps rising. Perhaps it could aim to replicate China's past long-term 10.4pc growth (9.4pc in per capita terms) and lift its per capita in-

come to \$4724 by 2030. That would still be lower than the per capita income in Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia and Brunei two years ago.

Coming from behind, as it is, Myanmar should have a brighter future, and a bolder ambition for development.

Its growth potential is enormous as it sheds the shackles of

population, properly invested with skills and human capital, to upgrade its trade and industrial structure. And it is strategically located between the emerging giants of China and India.

With these advantages, Myanmar will need to strive not only for growth in the quantity of per capita GDP but also to improve its quality, as the over-

out fundamental reforms in the domestic economy, foreign investment cannot be expected to produce economic miracles.

Unless Myanmar's own policy frameworks are robust and reliable, how will foreign investors be persuaded to put confidence, and bring know-how and capital into the country? Without stable macro-economic policies and policy institutions, an effective taxation regime and soundly based social and capital expenditure programs, why won't foreign investors choose to go elsewhere? And why would the ordinary people of Myanmar be happy if the benefits of foreign investment are not spread widely instead of being captured by privileged few?

It will be difficult to establish quickly the policy and legal frameworks across the country in which foreign investors or the people of Myanmar can have immediate and total confidence. That is why other economies, like Singapore, China, Taiwan, Malaysia and Vietnam established special economic zones in which trade could be freed up, legal frameworks established, and infrastructure developed

that were beachheads for testing and demonstrating the path to development more broadly.

Moving to establish special economic zones near major centres is now an urgent national priority. Special economic zones such as the Thilawa project near Yangon will serve to boost economic growth dramatically. Their benefits could spread across the country.

With its highly mobile population and workforce, Myanmar is likely to achieve this more rapidly than have many other countries in the region have before it.

Getting all this right is an enormous challenge for policymakers and legislators in a newly opened economy and society. Getting it more right than wrong is a realistic ambition that will lift economic performance and social welfare to its real potential and see the birth of another Asian tiger.

U Myint is Chief Economic Advisor to the President and chief, Centre for Economic and Social Development of the Myanmar Development Resource Institute. This article is reprinted from East Asia Forum.

'Economic zones in which trade could be freed up, legal frameworks established, and infrastructure developed were beachheads for testing and demonstrating the path to development.'

U Myint

Presidential Advisor

policies that have condemned it to poverty over the past 50 years.

It has a rich resource base that, properly husbanded, can launch the mobilisation of international and domestic resources for catching up with its ASEAN neighbours. It has the

riding goals of the economic and social reform to which President U Thein Sein has committed.

Foreign investment will, of course, play a critical role in achieving Myanmar's real growth potential, as it has in China and elsewhere. But with-

TRADE MARK CAUTION

NOTICE is hereby given that **Kashiyama Shouten** a joint stock company duly organized under the laws of Japan, Manufacturers and Merchants of 1119 Otai, Saku-city, Nagano-pref., Japan is the Owner and Sole Proprietor of the following trademark:-



(Reg. No. IV/447/2007)

in respect of : - "parts and fittings for land vehicles, namely brake rotors, brake shoes and brake pads".

Any fraudulent imitation or unauthorized use of the said trademark or other infringements whatsoever will be dealt with according to law.

U Kyi Win Associates
for **Kashiyama Shouten**
P.O. Box No. 26, Yangon.
Phone: 372416

Dated: 6th May, 2013

TRADE MARK CAUTION

sanofi-aventis, a company incorporated in France, of 174, avenue de France, 75013 Paris, France, is the Owner of the following Trade Mark:-

LIHAREY

Reg. No. 10263/2009

in respect of "Int'l Class 5: Pharmaceutical preparations".

Fraudulent imitation or unauthorised use of the said Trade Mark will be dealt with according to law.

Win Mu Tin, M.A., H.G.P., D.B.L
for **sanofi-aventis**
P. O. Box 60, Yangon
E-mail: makhinkyi.law@mptmail.net.mm
Dated: 6 May 2013

TRADE MARK CAUTION

CHINOIN Gyogyszer es Vegyeszeti Termek
Gyara Zrt., a Company incorporated in Hungary, of To utca 1-5, H-1045 Budapest, Hungary, is the Owner of the following Trade Mark:-

NO-SPA

Reg. No. 3666/1997

in respect of "Medicine for human and veterinary use, antispasmodic agent".

Fraudulent imitation or unauthorised use of the said Trade Mark will be dealt with according to law.

Win Mu Tin, M.A., H.G.P., D.B.L
for **CHINOIN Gyogyszer es
Vegyeszeti Termek Gyara Zrt.**
P. O. Box 60, Yangon
E-mail: makhinkyi.law@mptmail.net.mm
Dated: 6 May 2013

Jewelers set to shine on global stage

SOE SANDAR OO
ms.soesandaroo@gmail.com

MYANMAR'S jewelry industry is on the move, expanding its presence in the international market and forging ties with international companies whose high-tech expertise will allow them to shift to value-added products, industry representatives say.

They point to this week's Myanmar International Gems and Jewelry Expo, the first international gems and jewelry show to be held here, as a signal of the industry's global potential.

The expo will showcase jewelry and gems from about 20 Myanmar companies as well as cutting-edge technology from more than 20 international firms, said Dr Aung Kyaw Win, managing director of Golden Palace Jewelry.

Myanmar has an abundance of gems and international firms have technology and market access, he said. The expo at the Myanmar Convention Centre from May 9 to 12 will connect the two, Dr Aung Kyaw said.

"Our country has plenty of natural resources, but we have never held a gems and jewelry expo before. It will provide many opportunities to connect to the international market," he said.

Dr Aung Kyaw said the domestic industry was 50 years behind those in other countries. "We lack technical expertise so we invited companies with first class technology from the United States, Italy, India and Thailand," he said. The foreign companies will display technol-

ogy, not jewelry, Dr Aung Kyaw added.

Mr Michael Khaniss Jand, managing director of Asia Connect, said that despite having a massive jewelry industry Myanmar has failed to shine on the international stage because it has not had jewelry expos like those held in cities such as Hong Kong and New York.

"We will be introducing innovative technology for manufacturing, including 3D tech. We don't have a distributor in Myanmar," he said.

A second expo will be held early next year for international buyers.

"We're looking beyond the local market to the global one," Dr Aung Kyaw Win said, adding that invitations for the second expo will be delivered in September.



A local jeweller examines gems and precious stones on a ring. Photo: Supplied

'Low-end' phone fair

A MOBILE phone fair with up to 60 vendors will be held May 10-12 at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Yangon's Lanmadaw township.

The fair is expected to attract thousands of consumers as a rapid expansion of Myanmar's mobile phone market is underway, organisers said.

At least 25 companies and up to 60 vendors will attend the annual event, which is being held for the third time. The fair is aimed at "low-priced mobile users", conference organiser Zillion Business Services said.

TRADE MARK CAUTION

J.S. STAEDTLER GmbH & Co. KG, a Company incorporated in Germany, of Moosaeckerstrasse 3, 90427 Nurnberg, Germany, is the Owner of the following Trade Marks:-

MARS

Reg. No. 1051/1952

LUNA

Reg. No. 1052/1952

NORIS

Reg. No. 1049/1952

STAEDTLER

Reg. No. 344/1983

in respect of "Writing, Painting, and Modelling articles and parts thereof; Drawing instruments (like Compass); Teaching aids (other than apparatus); Office equipment (except furniture)".

LUMOCOLOR

Reg. No. 5322/1996

in respect of "Writing, drawing, Painting and modelling articles and parts thereof; Goods made from paper and card board, drawing folios and writing and drawing paper; Instructional and teaching materials (other than apparatus); Office and drawing requisites (other than furniture)".

Fraudulent imitation or unauthorised use of the said Trade Marks will be dealt with according to law.

Win Mu Tin, M.A., H.G.P., D.B.L
for J.S. STAEDTLER GmbH & Co. KG
P. O. Box 60, Yangon
E-mail: makhinkyi.law@mptmail.net.mm
Dated: 6 May 2013

MAI NO JOKE !!

မန္တလေး - ဘန်ကောက် - မန္တလေး
Mandalay - Bangkok - Mandalay

ခရီးသည်များအားလုံး အဆင်ပြေစေဖို့
MAI Airbus နှင့် သွားကြပါစို့

Only US\$ 174 (all-in)
US\$ ၁၇၄ ဖြင့်သာ
(ထပ်မံ၍အခွန်အခများပေးရန်မလိုပါ)

*Terms and conditions apply
*Promotion Period : 25 Apr 2013 to 31 May 2013
*Travel Period : 26 Apr 2013 to 26 Oct 2013

 **ရန်ကုန်မှန်ကန် - (၀၁) ၂၅၅၂၆၀**
မန္တလေးမှန်ကန် - (၀၂) ၆၉၅၅၁ ၊ ၆၉၅၅၂
 <https://www.facebook.com/8Mofficial>

Job watch

European Law firm establishing in Yangon is looking for smart associates (with 2 to 6 years working experience) for corporate work (advising foreign investors). Team-playing, enthusiasm, international spirit and proficiency in English are requested. Interesting salaries. Please send your CV with picture to -
yangonexecutive2013@gmail.com

Executive Search

Great Job Opportunities at Executive Search!
 If you are looking for a good job and challenging environment, then contact Executive Search!

Executive Search one of the leading employment agency in Myanmar is looking for the following vacancies in various industries/Trading/FMCG/Engineering/Tourism/Accounting/Human Resources and Administration field.

- Marketing Manager/Sale Manager (FMCG and Others)
- Marketing/Sales Supervisor/Executive (FMCG and Others)
- Tour Operations Manager/Executive
- Tour Reservation Manager/Executive
- Tour Sales Manager/Executive
- Chief Accountant/Finance Manager (Various Industries)
- Accountant/Assistant Accountant/Cashier (Various Industries)
- Human Resources Manager/Assistant
- Project Coordinator (Auto CAD)
- Engineers (BE/MB/MECH-EP/EC/ Civil-AGTI-MECH- EP/EC/Civil)
- Administration Manager
- Administration Officer/Assistant
- Secretary/Receptionist/Office staff
- Business coordinator
- Storekeeper/Driver

Interested persons can submit your CV with complete documents during office hour from Monday to Friday

All Vacancies are freely open without dead line and free registration

For more details, contact Executive Search at 01-222963/ 229406 / 09-49227771/ 09-49227773/ 09-73094007
 No.851/853 (A), 3rd Flr, Room (7-8), Bogyoke Aung San Road, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon, Myanmar.
 Email: esearch.myanmar@gmail.com/esearch@yangon.net.mm
 Website: www.esearchmyanmar.com

WHEN

ADVERTISING DOES ITS JOB,
THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE

KEEP THEIRS

Good advertising doesn't just inform.
It sells. It helps move product
and keep business.

Every time an ad arouses a consumer's
interest enough to result in
a purchase, it keeps
a company going strong.
And it helps secure the jobs of the people
who work there.

Advertise now and keep people working.
Tel: 392 676, 392 928

Myanmar Consolidated Media Co., Ltd.
 No. 379/383, Bo Aung Kyaw Street,
 Kyauktada Township, Yangon.

Email: advertising@myanmartimes.com.mm



Exporters say lack of rain has cut mango yields this year. Photo: Ko Taik

Price of mango on the rise



sanyaminaung@gmail.com

MANGO prices are surging because yields have plunged more than 33 percent due to lack of rain, exporters say.

"Mango yields are down by one-third compared with last year," said U Kyaw Soe Naing of the Myanmar Fruit and Vegetable Producers and Exporters Association.

"Yields are down because we didn't get enough rain," he said, adding that the cost of land to grow mangoes on has also risen about 10pc over the last year.

The mango export season is from late April to mid-July, with most of the fruit shipped to China, said Ko Khun Naw, owner of Shwe Thi Hann Kabar sales centre in the Shan State border

town of Muse. "At the start of the season 40 to 50 tonnes of mango were being exported to China through the town a day," he said, adding that about 1 million tonnes were exported last year.

He said a 15-kilogram box of loose mangoes was selling for 60 to 90 yuan on April 29, while boxes of individually wrapped fruit went for 100-160 yuan.

Daw Lai Lai Oo, an executive at Marlarmyaing Co in Yangon, which exports the fruit by air, said demand was rising. "This year we're selling to China, Singapore, Malaysia, Korea," she said, adding that companies in some European countries have expressed interest.

33%

Amount by which mango yields have fallen this year

Exports will shoot up this month, she said.

"*Sein Ta Lone* [diamond] mangoes are the most popular variety in foreign markets," said U Kyaw Soe Naing, a mango seller in Mandalay. Most mangoes are grown in Mandalay Region and southern Shan State.

U Kyaw Soe Naing said a certification system is being prepared to enable export to Singapore.

The UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation and the Myanmar Agriculture Department are working together to implement it, he said.

The certificates state where the fruit is grown, and what pesticides and insecticides were used in the process.

The mango business is also becoming mechanised. "Sorting and selection of mangoes will be done by machine. For mangoes to be exported, they must be sterilised, sorted, packed and kept in cold storage before export," U Kyaw Soe Naing said.

Eel sellers seek bargaining power

A NEWLY formed association of eel wholesalers will give exporters more leverage in negotiating prices with buyers, its secretary said.

The 23-member association aims to increase the bargaining power of Myanmar traders, who previously had no say in setting prices, U Tine Kyaw said. "Eel wholesalers had no say in pricing. It was decided by the Chinese side, but with the association we can start negotiating the price," he said.

"Prices won't fluctuate sharply as they did before. Businessmen as well as fishermen will be pleased with this," he said.

The association will also set standards for export, he added. "There is no filter yet for eel exports, but buyers don't like eels that are too small. We will negotiate whether to filter the sizes of eels for sale or introduce regulations preventing wholesalers from buying small eels," U Tine Kyaw said.

Trade envoys sent to major markets

AYE THIDAR KYAW

ayethidarkyaw@gmail.com

HIGH-RANKING officials from four ministries will be assigned to embassies in eight major foreign markets at the end of this month to promote trade and investment, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Ministry spokesman U Toe Aung Myint said that nine deputy directors and senior managers from the energy, finance, commerce and planning ministries will be assigned to the commercial affairs departments of Myanmar embassies in Belgium, China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Singapore, South Korea and Thailand.

Their objective will be to expand access to markets and increase investment in Myanmar, he said.

The beefing up of commercial affairs departments at embassies coincides with other initiatives within the commerce ministry intended to increase trade by 20 percent this fiscal year.

The ministry is targeting trade to rise to about US\$22 billion this fiscal year from about \$18 billion in the last fiscal year, U Toe Aung Myint said.

He said the International Trade Council and World Trade Organisation are also sending economic experts to help ministry staff identify openings for exports.

A restructuring within the ministry has also seen three departments take responsibility for international trade as well as the implementation of a national export strategy. These are the Directorate of Trade, and the Trade Promotion and Commerce and Consumer Affairs departments.

The ministry also began an upgrade of its data system this month that will allow it to more precisely identify and rank export amounts and values, U Toe Aung Myint said, adding that a new data system will be introduced over the next five years.

GEP seeks solar partners

GREEN Earth Power (Thailand) is seeking partners for joint development of its 210-megawatt solar power plant in Myanmar, the third largest of its kind in the world, *The Bangkok Post* reported.

The company also plans to raise funds on the Stock Exchange of Thailand for an even bigger plant in Myanmar, one with a capacity of 300 MW, as well as other projects in the region, according to *The Bangkok Post*.

GEP managing director Supasit Skontanarak told the *Post* a power-purchase agreement with the government should be signed within three months.

Construction of the plant in Magway division will start as soon as the agreement is signed. Construction is expected to take 18 months, the company said.

Toshiba arrives in Yangon

TOSHIBA started operating in Myanmar this month after opening an office in Yangon in late April.

The company is upbeat on Myanmar's economic prospects, saying deregulation and investment are spurring growth.

"Ensuring sustained growth will require broad investments in social infrastructure, including power generation and distribution, and the Yangon branch office will investigate the market and promote business in this and other areas," the company said in a press release.

Toshiba has sold home appliances here through distributors in Singapore since the 1980s.



The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) in Myanmar is inviting qualified candidates to apply for the following positions:

Sr.	Title and level	Duty Station	Position	Deadline
1.	Portfolio Manager (LICA 7)	Yangon	National	6-May-2013
2.	Public Health Analyst (MNCH) (LICA 6)	Yangon	National	7-May-2013
3.	MNCH Specialist (IICA 2)	Yangon	International	8-May-2013
4.	Security Guard (LICA 1A)	Yangon	National	16-May-2013

For details please visit UNOPS website <https://gprs.unops.org/pages/viewvacancy/VAlisting.aspx> and click on the post you are interested in applying for. All applications must be made through UNOPS E-recruitment system.

FDI makes progress

Foreign investment in manufacturing is likely to double this year, according to the Myanmar Investment Commission



AYE THIDAR KYAW
ayethidarkyaw@gmail.com

FOREIGN direct investment in the manufacturing sector has risen sharply since the new foreign investment law was passed last November and is on track to double this fiscal year, Myanmar Investment Commission director general U Aung Naing Oo said.

U Aung Naing Oo also said that investment in the telecom and hotel industries is set to surge this year.

Food processing and the garment industries took the lion's share of the slightly more than US\$400 million in FDI in the manufacturing industry last fiscal year, with most of this coming from Singapore, China, Hong Kong and Japan, he said.

Senior economist Dr Maung Aung said the amount was slight when compared to

FDI flows into manufacturing in other countries in the region.

The 50 percent jump last year, however, indicated that the new foreign investment law passed in November and the subsequent rules and regulations implemented in January were working, he said.

The lifting of sanctions will also fuel FDI in Myanmar, he said. The European Union is lifting sanctions on all products except arms and ammunition, while the US is expected to allow Myanmar preferential access to its market by the end of this year.

Access to the EU and American markets will lead to a massive surge in investment in the manufacturing industry here, Dr Maung Aung said.

He said investment in manufacturing is critical because it creates jobs and provides technology transfers.

As a share of FDI, the manufacturing sector lags extractive industries, which receive about 80 percent of FDI, according to the Myanmar Investment Commission.



Workers at a garment factory near Yangon. Photo: Supplied

Exporters gearing up for European market

Companies scrambling for access to one of the world's richest markets

AYE THIDA KYAW
ayethidarkyaw@gmail.com

LOCAL exporters are scrambling to take advantage of Myanmar's new access to the European market, with dozens of executives from the agriculture, manufacturing and fisheries industries gathering for a two-day seminar last week to learn how to ensure their products meet EU standards.

Daw Khine Khine Nwe, joint-secretary general of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry - which organised the seminar on May 2 and 3 - pointed to Cambodia to show how preferential access to the EU could benefit exporters. "Cambodian officials say their export volume to EU countries increased about 66 percent since it received GSP access. We should try to do the same," she said.

Federation president U Win Aung was more cautious, saying catching up with competitors would take time because Myanmar's economic reform process was far from complete. New laws and policies are required, he said.

Still, he said that greater access to one of the world's richest markets would pay off. "Once we get market share in the EU, we will get higher prices for our exports. Primary producers should benefit," U Win Aung said, adding that more seminars and workshops are



Fishery exports from processing plants like the one above are expected to surge . Photo: Supplied

planned to help exporters raise the quality of their products.

U Hnin Oo, vice chairman of the Myanmar Fisheries Federation, said individual exporters would be responsible for meeting EU standards. "Whether or not their goods reach the market depends on quality," he said.

The US is also considering reinstating Myanmar's GSP privileges. Its Trade Representative said a public hearing will be held on June 4 to discuss adding Myanmar and Laos to the system, and it is expected that Myanmar will be added by the end of the year.

The EU's GSP program, like the United State's Generalised System of Preferences, exempts products imported from least developed nations from import taxes and quotas.

Myanmar's preferences were withdrawn in 1997 "due to serious and systematic violations of principles of core international labour conventions", the European Commission said. It began reviewing Myanmar's status after the International Labor Organisation gave a positive review of reforms here last June.

The European Union announced that sanctions would be permanently lifted on April 24, saying the "EU is willing to open a new chapter in its relations with Myanmar".

Stephan Moser, of the International Management Group, said the lifting of sanctions will also benefit European investors. "Membership of the GSP is an attraction for EU investors or producers seeking locations [for production]," he said.

Myanmar offers European investors abundant resources, cheap labour and a strategic location, industry experts said.

Investors wary of price swings

FOREIGN investors remain cautious about entering the construction-materials market despite the access they were given last year by the new foreign investment law, an industry executive said.

U Myo Kyaw Lwin, an executive at Thitsar Saytarnar Construction Materials in Mandalay, said there was some interest in the market

from Chinese, Indian and Vietnamese investors, but "there are still no signs of possible investment from western firms".

Instability in the market, the taxation system and transportation costs are the main reasons potential investors are wary, he said. Prices have also fluctuated wildly this year, he said. "Even

though sales are good prices of construction materials have been unstable," he said, attributing this to shortages of raw materials, currency fluctuations, power outages and unpredictable demand.

Prices are less predictable than the weather, even during the rainy season when demand is flat, U Myo Kyaw Lwin said.

KOREA HI-TECH

CLEAN

PE WATER TANK

- Korea Hi-Tech
- USA"FDA" approved material (LLDPE)
- Water, Chemical, Oil, Food storage
- 30 years warranty

Vertical & Horizontal (Gal)

70, 110, 170, 250

Vertical (Gal)

500, 1000, 1500

Contact: No. 29, Myataungwungyi U Hmo St., Zone (2), Hlaingtharyar

Tel: 01-684734, 685823, 09-730 76589, 09-4500 48469

URGENTLY REQUIRED

Givaudan[®]

Givaudan is the leading Company in the fragrance and flavor industry who develops unique and innovative fragrance and flavour creations for its customers around the world. We are now looking for energetic people to join our team. The position below is to be filled as per immediately.

Account Manager/ Junior

Core Responsibilities

- Thoroughly assess the customer's needs and present an appropriate sales solution with support of internal partners & maintain effective relationships with established customers by providing added value solutions and after sales service.
- Identify and develop potential customer and new items; Ensure customer satisfaction through coordination of customers' purchase forecast with Customer Care and Operation team.
- Gather and report information about competitors, products and practices, and where possible obtain literature and samples.
- Recognize, quantify, and report customer technology issues that could become new product and new sales opportunities.
- To understand the business requirement of our clients and recommend solution based on their specifications and requirements.
- To develop thorough Account Development plans for focus accounts
- To develop creative strategies with distributor to expand sales, market adaptation, enhance sales performance and achieve profits objects.
- To identify customers' needs and high growth areas/trends and implement target marketing strategies.
- Maintain strong knowledge of industry and technology initiatives. Prospecting, profiling and present our portfolio of service and solutions to existing and new business.

Functional Skills & Competencies

- Good analytical skill, capable of doing in-depth analysis, providing in-sight to industry trends, market needs and possible packages to address gaps identified
- Excellent presentation, communication, organization, time management, and new business/sales development skills
- Result-oriented, strong business development skills
- Excellent project management skills
- Able to converse in Myanmar language fluently

Primary Qualifications (education / experience)

- Bachelor in Business Administration, Marketing, Food Science or related field or new graduated in MBA is welcomed
- Minimum 3 years of sales experience for Bachelor degree's candidate

Interest people; please submit your application & CV to phantakan.pipatsadcha@givaudan.com

For further information, please visit our website at www.givaudan.com.

Givaudan (Thailand) Ltd. 719 KPN Tower, 16 & 25 Floor, Rama 9 Rd., Bangkok, Huaykwang 10310 Bangkok Thailand Tel +66 2 716 4998

Diamond Condo faces loss of lustre

Residents and owner spar over parking spaces, facilities and fees.



HTAR
HTAR
KHIN

htar29@gmail.com

LIFE in Yangon's Diamond Condo has turned sour, according to many residents of the complex in Kamaryut township. They say they have repeatedly complained to the complex's management on a wide range of issues, from parking to electricity meters to CCTV cameras.

The developer, National Land Company (Asia Express), is standing its ground, however. A spokesperson dismissed some complaints as "nonsense" and says the company's patience is running out.

It all started a few months ago when National Land sought to charge residents K31,250 for the installation of CCTV cameras and K760,800 for electricity meter boxes. Residents also say the company failed to provide a Building Completion Certificate (BCC), and has not completed facilities originally advertised, such as a pool and a fitness centre.

Daw Mon Yee Win, who owns a fifth-floor unit, said: "It's the developer's responsibility to provide water and electricity meter boxes. We wrote to them in February refusing to pay. We will take this matter further if we have to."

Daw Nwe Yin Win, who lives on the seventh floor, complains of poor facilities and having to pay an extra K10,000 parking fee.

"There are only 45 parking spaces for 90 apartments in each of the two towers. I'm already paying K15,000 a month for parking. That's not fair. We paid a lot of money for these apartments."

Another issue is the charge for diesel to power the generator during blackouts. "We pay K5000 to keep the lift running, but we have to pay even when there's no power cut," said Daw Nwe Yin Win. Resident Ko Win Aung complains of having to pay for a substation. "That's the developer's responsibility," he said.

Residents say they have received little or no support from either the Yangon City Development Committee or the Yangon Region hluttaw. Now they



Residents of Diamond Condo say they are fed up with its owner. Pic: Boothee

want to form a housing management committee.

Daw Myo Mi Thu, the administrator at National Land Company, said the dispute was based on a misunderstanding.

"The contract states that residents must pay for their own meter boxes. And nothing in the contract guarantees residents their own parking space," she said, adding that the nine CCTV cameras were necessary for security. The

'We're not going to sit back and watch while some residents blacken our image.'

Daw Myo Mi Thu
Administrator
National Land

company has been trying to acquire a BCC since earlier this year, but this should not be a source of concern for the residents, she said.

Daw Myo Mi Thu said the company had managed to reduce the costs of meter installation from K760,000 to K600,000, and many residents were happy to pay the lower amount.

As for the parking issue, Daw Myo Mi Thu said: "It's quite clear that the initial sales contract made no mention of free parking. I don't understand why they're asking for this after seven years. It's really nonsense."

"Residents agreed to buy from the National Land company, so they should obey the company rules and regulations as laid down in the contract. We're starting to lose patience," she added.

"We're doing our best to manage and maintain this condo. But we're not going to sit back and watch while some residents blacken our image."

Families protest yet another Yangon eviction

Noe Noe Aung noenoeag@gmail.com

FAMILIES evicted from their homes in Pabedan township staged protests outside the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development, Yangon City Development Committee and the Ministry of Education on April 29 for forcing them out to make way for a school.

Although eviction from the residential building was swift, the wait for new apartments has dragged on for three years, evictee Daw Thein told *The Myanmar Times*.

The 59-year-old mother of three said that since losing her home she has also lost her business and been forced to live with a relative.

She also said the building's former residents had been duped because they were told they would receive new apartments on the same plot.

Their plight is not unique, as the surge in property prices in Yangon is contributing to a rise in evictions, with many middle- and low-income families being driven to the city's out-

skirts. "Officials don't want to give the apartments back because prices downtown are so high now," former resident U Soe Min Thant said.

Daw Thein said the families were told their building was too dangerous to live in when they were evicted in 2009. "They gave us three days to leave and said they would evict us by force if we didn't," she said.

When officials first met with the building's residents in November 2009, they told them they were going to replace it with a new residential block in which they would be given apartments, former residents said.

After numerous complaints to officials fell on deaf ears, residents protested outside the housing department in March.

Former resident U Soe Min Thant said officials offered apartments in Dagon Seikkan township after the first protest. He said the evictees will continue to protest because they want to live in the city, not its outskirts.



The capital's upscale market is seeing a rebound, realtors say. Photo: Supplied

Sales rebound in capital

Su Hlaing Tun

NAY PYI TAW'S property market is rebounding after a dip last year, with both sales and leases rising in several wards since February, real estate agents said.

"We began seeing an increase in transactions at the end of January," said Ko Atee from Shwe Lat Pan Real Estate Agency. The recovery began in the city's centre, with sales picking up in Pyinmana township's Paung Laung ward, Ko Atee said.

Shwe Kyar Pin ward in Za Bu Thiri township has also bounced back, realtors said. "Sales are not bad and rents are increasing because the [ward] is close to ministerial offices and the hotel zone," said

an agent based in the ward. Ko Atee said that both sales and rental prices had risen in Okktra Thiri township, where many ministerial offices are located. Other agents said there has been an uptick in inquiries about prices in Dek Kina Thiri township.

Ko Atee cautioned, however, that few of the new transactions were major ones. Investors looking for big deals are taking a "wait and see" approach to the capital's property market, he said. He was also less optimistic than other realtors about the prospect of a property boom due to December's SEA Games.

"It's very early to say the market will rise due to the SEA Games, but we do expect the market to continue to improve," Ko Atee said.

PEB
STEEL BUILDINGS

YOUR TRUSTED STEEL SUPPLIER

CALL US NOW 01 - 653410,09 - 73257042

Marketing@PEBsteel.com.mm
www.PEBsteel.com

TRADE MARK CAUTION

NOTICE is hereby given that **Cobb-Vantress, Inc.**, of P.O. Box 1030, Siloam Springs, AR 72761, United States of America is the Owner and Sole Proprietor of the following trademark: -



(Reg: No. IV/12926/2012)

in respect of: - "Poultry breeding stock; live chickens for breeding; poultry"- Class: 31

Any fraudulent imitation or unauthorized use of the said trademark or other infringements whatsoever will be dealt with according to law.

U Kyi Win Associates
for **Cobb-Vantress, Inc.**,
P.O. Box No. 26, Yangon.
Phone: 372416

Dated: 6th May, 2013

TRADE MARK CAUTION

CITIZEN TOKEI KABUSHIKI KAISHA (also trading as **CITIZEN WATCH CO., LTD.**) a Company existing under the laws of Japan, of 1-12, 6-chome, Tanashi-cho, Nishi-tokyo-shi, Tokyo, Japan is the Owner of the following Trade Mark:-



Reg. No. 1699/1994

in respect of "Int'l Class 14: Watches, Clocks, Jewellery and Precious Stones".

Fraudulent imitation or unauthorised use of the said Trade Mark will be dealt with according to law.

Win Mu Tin, M.A., H.G.P., D.B.L
for **CITIZEN TOKEI KABUSHIKI KAISHA**
P. O. Box 60, Yangon
E-mail: makhinkyi.law@mptmail.net.mm
Dated: 6 May 2013

WASHINGTON

Twitter tool monitors the pulse of society

Take all the comments expressed on Twitter, crunch them with an analytics program and you can get a sense of the mood of a city, state or country. US researchers say they have come up with such a tool, called a “hedonometer,” which is effectively a happiness sensor.

The project at www.hedonometer.org, which went live on April 30, has been collecting data for five years, measuring the ups and downs of the moods expressed on the popular messaging platform.

The tool analyses roughly 10 per cent of all tweets posted in English, giving a sense of the mood of the internet community, albeit with a heavy weighting in the United States.

The researchers found that the day of the Boston Marathon bombings, April 15, was the saddest day measured in five years, slightly worse than the day of the Newtown, Connecticut school massacre.

The happiest days were on holidays such as Christmas or Thanksgiving.

The hedonometer draws on the “psychological valence” of about 10,000 words. Using a scale of one to nine, “happy” is ranked 8.30, “haha” 7.94, “cherry” 7.04. At the bottom, “crash” is rated 2.60, “war” 1.80, and “jail” 1.76.

The team collects some 50 million tweets from around the world each day “then we basically toss all the words into a huge bucket,” to calcu-

10%

Estimate of the volume of tweets in English analysed by the ‘hedonometer’.

late a happiness score, said lead researcher Peter Dodds.

“It gives us some great insight and it works in real time,” Dodds told AFP.

The day of the US raid which killed Osama bin Laden was ranked as a sadder-than-average day, said Dodds, because of the negative words expressed in tweets.

“It happened to a negative person, and the texture of that day is talking about death, a negative event,” he said.

The hedonometer’s initial measurements come from English-language tweets, but researchers say the hedonometer will soon be drawing in other data streams, like Google Trends, The New York Times, blogs, CNN transcripts, and text captured by the link-shortening service Bitly. And it will be mining data in 12 languages.

The research team in February released data from geo-tagged tweets from cell phones, to rate the happiest and saddest cities in America: Napa, California, was at the top and Beaumont, Texas, at the bottom.

While some may be unnerved by the results, Dodds said the project can be useful because “we are good at making things better if we can measure them.”

The hedonometer project was led by Dodds and Chris Danforth at the Computational Story Lab at the University of Vermont with Mitre, a not-for-profit group that operates federal research centers and has expertise in big data analytics.

The term hedonometer was coined by Irish-born economist and philosopher Francis Edgeworth in the late 19th century, who spoke of “an ideally perfect instrument... continually registering the height of pleasure experienced by an individual.”

The researchers say that by aggregating the data from tweets, one can get a better picture of a national or regional mood than by looking at individual comments.

The researchers say they are trying to improve the tool to get information from two-word expressions, which they call “molecules,” as opposed to single words, dubbed “atoms.”

“The key piece is not whether we’re correctly measuring atoms and molecules,” says Brian Tivnan, a researcher from Mitre.

“It’s the relative context that is so important: which is why the sudden drop from the Boston Marathon bombings jumps out at you. The hedonometer shows the pulse of a society.” – AFP



IN PICTURES

A “moss table” demonstrates the potential for biophotovoltaic technology at an exhibition titled “En vie, au frontières du design”, at the EDF Foundation in Paris, on April 25. Biophotovoltaic technology relies on the photosynthesis of living organisms to generate renewable energy. *Photo: AFP*

SAN FRANCISCO

Obama team wins award

The technology team behind US President Barack Obama’s successful re-election campaign joined a star-studded list of Webby Award winners honoured on April 30 for “internet excellence.”

Members of Obama’s tech team took home a Breakout of the Year award for a “historic campaigning effort (that) masterfully combined savvy political and tech genius to become the secret weapon behind Obama’s commanding re-election.”

The Annual Webby Awards presented by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences honour the best of the internet.

Canadian musician Grimes, who became a sensation after giving her

early recordings away free online, was crowned Webby Artist of the Year for tapping into the internet to distribute music and to engage with fans.

Hollywood star Kevin Spacey and his Trigger Street Productions co-founder Dana Brunetti received a Webby Special Achievement Award for their work producing a “House of Cards” series of shows streamed exclusively on Netflix.

Comedian Jerry Seinfeld was awarded a Webby for Outstanding Comedic Performance in the Web series “Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee” while hip-hop music star Frank Ocean was chosen Webby Person of the Year after using Tumblr to come out as gay to his fans. – AFP

Rest Easy The daily you deserve is coming soon

Get in on the ground floor with these special, limited-time subscription offers

Sign up now for a free trial of our upcoming daily and we'll begin delivery with our first issue. Already a subscriber to the weekly? Don't miss your chance to extend your subscription at our lowest rates ever. Your weekly subscription will automatically roll over to the daily when it launches. These offers expire soon, so don't miss out!

FREE TRIAL FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Try *The Myanmar Times* daily at no cost by signing up for three-month trial. You'll get the first month free - we won't bill you until the end of your trial month. Get three months (including one month free) for only **\$US29** (normally \$51)*

SIX-MONTH SUPER SAVER

Get a six-month subscription for only **US\$69** (normally \$99).**

TWELVE-MONTH SAVINGS SPECTACULAR

Already like what you see? Commit to 12 months of *The Myanmar Times* and save big. A whole year of delivery for only **US\$119** (normally \$159). **

Subscribe today:
Email subscribe.mt@gmail.com
Call 392928 or 253642 and ask for our Subscriptions department

*New subscribers only, terms and conditions apply.

**These promotional subscription packages are limited time offers, terms and conditions apply.

World

WORLD EDITOR: Geoffrey Goddard | geoffreygoddard@mmtimes.com

JERUSALEM

It's not just about land, says Israeli PM

Benjamin Netanyahu responds to an Arab League initiative to revive stalled Middle East talks by saying there can be no peace until Palestinians recognise Israel as a Jewish state

PRIME Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on May 1 that an Israeli withdrawal would not bring peace with the Palestinians because the heart of the conflict was their refusal to recognise Israel as a Jewish state.

His remarks came a day after the Arab League announced moves to revive and modify its 2002 peace initiative, drawing praise from Washington and Israel's chief peace negotiator Tzipi Livni but no official response from the Israeli government.

"The root of the conflict is not territorial. It started a long time before 1967," Netanyahu said in a meeting with foreign ministry officials, referring to the year Israel seized Gaza, the West Bank and east Jerusalem during the Six-Day War.

"You saw what happened when we left the Gaza Strip. We evacuated the last settlers and what did we get? Missiles," he said of Israel's withdrawal from the enclave in 2005.

"The Palestinians' lack of will to recognise the state of Israel as the national state of the Jewish people is the root

'The root of the conflict is not territorial.'

Benjamin Netanyahu
Israeli Prime Minister

of the conflict," he said, in remarks communicated by a senior government source.

The Saudi-led proposal, which offers full diplomatic ties with the Arab world in exchange for Israel's withdrawal from land occupied in 1967, now includes a reference to the principle of mutually agreed land swaps, a move hailed by Washington as "a very big step forward."

But Netanyahu has ruled out withdrawing to the "indefensible" 1967 lines, and said on May 1 the move would not solve the conflict, which was about "the very existence of a Jewish state," the source said.

"If we reach a peace agreement I want to know that the conflict will not continue. That there won't be any more Palestinian claims afterwards," Netanyahu told the diplomats.

"The root of the conflict is Acre, Jaffa and Ashkelon and you need to say it. You don't need to apologise. You need to say the truth," he told them.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas downplayed Netanyahu's comments.

"We have recognised the state of Israel since 1993," he said at a news conference with Serbian President Tomislav Nikolic in Ramallah on May 1. "They can call themselves what they want, it's not our business."

"We are in favour of the 1967 borders," he said, but added he would consider small changes.

"When we negotiate the demarcation of the borders, we will look at minor modifications of equal value on both sides if we need to," he said.

The initiative emerged from talks in Washington on April 29 between US Secretary of State John Kerry and an Arab League delegation.

Kerry on April 30 hailed the shift in the Arab League's position to accept for the first time the idea of land swaps between the Palestinians and Israelis in any peace deal, describing it as "a very big step forward." - AFP

Israel and the West Bank

Arab League agrees to concept of land swaps



BEIRUT

Syrian opposition warns Hezbollah

SYRIA'S opposition on May 1 denounced what it called "threats" by the head of Hezbollah and warned against any intervention by the Lebanese Shiite group or by Iran in the Syrian conflict.

The speech was also criticised by Lebanese opposition leader Saad Hariri, who accused Hezbollah of "leading Lebanon to ruin" by intervening in Syria.

"The Syrians and the Lebanese hoped... that the Hezbollah leadership would stop their attacks on Homs and Damascus and take into account the gravity of the situation in the region," the Syrian National Coalition said in a statement.

"But they heard nothing but threats... and warnings against setting the region on fire and an admission of their interference in Syrian affairs," the key opposition movement said.

On April 30, Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah acknowledged that members of the group are fighting inside Syria and suggested Iran and other states could intervene to support the Damascus regime against rebels.

President Bashar al-Assad has "true friends in the region who will not allow Syria to fall into the hands of the United States, Israel and 'takfiri' groups," he said of Sunni Muslim groups battling the regime.

"If the situation gets more dangerous, states, resistance movements and other forces will be obliged to intervene effectively in the confrontation on the ground," he added.

"You will not be able to bring down the regime militarily," Nasrallah told Syria's rebel forces. "The battle is still long."

The Syrian opposition has

'You will not be able to bring down the regime militarily.'

Hassan Nasrallah
Hezbollah chief

long accused Hezbollah of dispatching fighters to fight alongside government forces, including in Qusayr in central Homs province and at the Sayyeda Zeinab shrine near Damascus.

The Coalition called on the Lebanese government "to immediately put an end to Hezbollah military operations in the regions close to the Syrian border."

In another development on May 1, diplomats at the United Nations said UN-Arab

League Syria peace envoy Lakhdar Brahimi was on the verge of quitting amid growing frustration at deadlocked international efforts to end the worsening conflict.

Brahimi, 79, who took over from former UN leader Kofi Annan in August last year, is "itching to resign but being persuaded to hang on for a few more days," said one UN Security Council diplomat.

The Arab League decision to recognise the opposition Syrian National Coalition as the legitimate government of Syria was the final straw for the veteran UN troubleshooter, diplomats said.

"He wants to resign because he feels that the Arab League has taken themselves in a direction which is a bit different from the UN," said the Security Council diplomat.

- AFP

BAGHDAD

Unrest in Iraq leaves 460 dead in April

Violence in Iraq rose sharply in April, killing 460 people, show AFP figures, and May began with attacks that killed 18 people.

Most of April's deaths came during a wave of unrest near the end of the month, when security forces moved on Sunni anti-government protesters in the north, sparking clashes that killed 53 people.

Dozens more people died in subsequent violence, which included revenge attacks on security forces. That raised fears of a return to the all-out sectarian conflict that cost tens of thousands of lives from 2006 to 2008.

The late-April violence was the deadliest so far linked to protests that broke out in Sunni areas of Shiite-majority Iraq more than four months ago.

The protesters have called for Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, a Shiite, to quit. They criticise the authorities for allegedly targeting their community with wrongful detentions and accusations of involvement in terrorism.

Among those killed in April, according to the AFP figures, were 54 police, 53 soldiers, 14 Sahwa anti-Qaeda militiamen and two members of the Kurdish security forces.

Most of April's remaining casualties were civilians, although the figures also include some gunmen who died or were wounded in clashes with security forces.

Among the 18 victims of violence on May 1, were a colonel and at least three policemen killed in an attack by armed men on the police headquarters in Tarmiyah, north of Baghdad. - AFP



The Dutch celebrate the crowning of King Willem-Alexander after the abdication of the former Queen Beatrix **WORLD 34**

US President Barack Obama launches a new bid to shut down Guantanamo jail

WORLD 35



Western retailers under pressure over workplace safety in Bangladesh

SPECIAL 38

WASHINGTON

Green Card lottery may be last

ABOUT 100,000 people were chosen from several million on May 1 to get a head-start on a US Green Card, in what could be the last such annual lottery, slated to vanish under proposed reforms.

Created in 1995, the lottery system leads to the awarding of 50,000 permanent residency permits each year to people from countries that send relatively few emigrants to the United States.

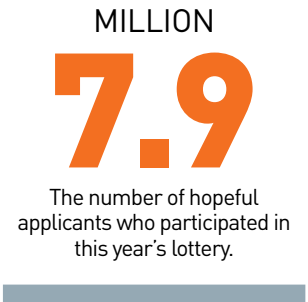
But it has long been criticised by US Republican lawmakers, who control the House of Representatives and have included a plan to scrap it in the comprehensive immigration reforms being debated in Congress.

A final vote on the reforms is not expected before this summer, but if they pass, the so-called diversity visas would vanish from next year.

This year's crop of hopefuls did now know when they applied that this might be their last chance, as would-be immigrants had to file a free online application in October 2012.

From 1600 GMT on May 1, the candidates were finally able to check their status on the government website www.dvlottery.state.gov, using their personal confirmation number.

Some 100,000 names were selected in a first round, because not everyone will com-



plete the process for a visa, and a maximum of 50,000 Green Cards will ultimately be given out.

In last year's lottery, 7.9 million people, with 4.6 million spouses and children, submitted applications.

The proposed reforms massively increase the number of Green Cards and visas allocated to highly qualified workers.

The winners of this year's lottery will be given interviews from October, where they will have to show proof of a high school diploma or at least two years of work experience, as required under the program.

Countries that sent more than 50,000 immigrants to the United States in the past five years are excluded from the lottery. This year that includes a range of countries, including Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China, Mexico, Pakistan, South Korea, and Britain, except Northern Ireland.

- AFP

LA PAZ

Bolivia expels USAID

PRESIDENT Evo Morales on May 1 announced the expulsion of USAID from Bolivia, accusing the US development agency of meddling in the country's internal affairs in a new souring of often-tense relations.

The United States quickly dismissed the allegations as baseless, and said Bolivia's action showed it did not want good ties with Washington.

In a fiery speech to workers on May Day, the leftist president of South America's poorest country said the US Agency for International Development was in Bolivia "for political purposes, not social ones."

"No more USAID, which manipulates and uses our leaders," Morales said in the address in

La Paz's Plaza de Armas.

He did not explain why he felt the US agency was interfering in Bolivian affairs. USAID has operated in the Andean nation since 1964.

In 2008 he expelled the US ambassador and agents of the US Drug Enforcement Administration, accusing them of meddling in Bolivia's internal affairs.

The United States responded by expelling the Bolivian ambassador and ending trade privileges that it had granted the country.

After a long period of frosty ties, the two countries in 2011 signed a framework agreement to normalise relations and exchange ambassadors again, but tensions remained. - AFP

BRIEFS

Riyadh
SARS-like virus kills five Saudis
Five Saudis have died of a new SARS-like virus during the past few days, the health ministry said last week.

In a statement cited by the Saudi SPA news agency late on May 1, the ministry said that all the deaths occurred in the Ahsaa province in the oil-rich eastern region of the kingdom.

Known as novel coronavirus or hCoV-EMC, the virus was first detected in mid-2012 and is a cousin of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), which triggered a scare 10 years ago when it erupted in east Asia, leaping to humans from animal hosts.

Sixteen people have now died from 23 cases detected in Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Germany and Britain. Riyadh has accounted for most of the deaths, with 11 people including the five new fatalities.

Lagos
Nigeria accused of abuses cover-up
Human Rights Watch on May 1 released satellite images showing massive destruction in the Nigerian town of Baga, voicing concern that the military has "tried to cover up" abuses that should be investigated by the International Criminal Court.

The clashes between soldiers and Boko Haram Islamists sparked massive fires that left nearly half the town destroyed.

The Red Cross has said that 187 people were killed in the fighting, while an area senator put the death toll at 228.

The military has fiercely denied claims that soldiers fired on civilians or deliberately torched scores of homes.

Johannesburg
Broadcaster screens images of Mandela
The first images of Nelson Mandela in almost nine

months showed the South African peace icon looking frail but sitting upright on April 29.



The 94-year-old appeared slightly gaunt and showed little expression in brief images captured Monday at his Johannesburg home by state broadcaster SABC.

Wearing a black and white patterned shirt, Mandela sat in a beige armchair with his legs up and was covered with a white blanket.

They were the first public images of Mandela since then US secretary of state Hillary Clinton visited in August.

Mandela returned home on April 6 after 10 days of treatment for a recurrent lung infection.

London
Soap opera lothario charged with rape
British police on May 1 arrested "Coronation Street" star William Roache, the longest-serving star in the world's longest-running soap opera, on suspicion of rape.

Roache, 81, has played lothario Ken Barlow in the series portraying life in a fictional northern English town since its first episode on December 9, 1960.

He was arrested at his home in northwest England over an allegation of raping an under-age girl between April and July 1967.

British police have arrested a series of celebrities since sex abuse allegations against the late BBC presenter Jimmy Savile emerged last year, although the allegations against Roache are unrelated to Savile. - AFP



Number One Directory in Myanmar

ကျွန်းတဲမှာလည်းရပါပြီ



HOTLINE
01-86 19 277



Everything U Need



www.yangon-directory.com
www.yangondirectory.com.mm

NAIROBI

UN admits errors over Somali famine

ALMOST 260,000 people, half of them young children, died of hunger during the last famine in Somalia, said a UN report released on May 2 which admitted the world body should have done more to prevent the tragedy.

The toll is much higher than was feared at the time of the 2010-2012 food crisis in the troubled Horn of Africa country and also exceeds the 220,000 who starved to death in the 1992 famine.

"The report confirms we should have done more before the famine was declared," said Philippe Lazzarini, UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia.

"Warnings that began as far back as the drought in 2010 did not trigger sufficient early action," he said in a statement.

Half of those who died were children under five, according to the joint report by the UN's Food and Agriculture Or-

ganisation (FAO) and the US-funded Famine Early Warning Systems Network.

"Famine and severe food insecurity in Somalia claimed the lives of about 258,000 people between October 2010 and April 2012, including 133,000 children under five," said the report, the first scientific estimate of how many died.

Somalia was the hardest hit by extreme drought in 2011 that affected over 13 million people throughout the Horn of Africa.

Lazzarini said that about 2.7million people are still in need of life-saving assistance and support to build their livelihoods.

Famine was first declared in July 2011 in Somalia's Southern Bakool and Lower Shabelle regions, but later spread to other areas, including Middle Shabelle, Afgoye and inside camps for displaced people in war-ravaged Mogadishu. - AFP

AMSTERDAM



King Willem-Alexander of The Netherlands, his mother Princess Beatrix (centre) and his wife, Queen Maxima, wave to the crowd gathered on the Dam Square from the balcony of the Royal Palace in Amsterdam on April 30 after the abdication of Queen Beatrix. Photo: AFP

Willem-Alexander takes Dutch throne

THE Netherlands' Willem-Alexander became Europe's youngest monarch on April 30 after his mother, queen Beatrix, abdicated and his country greeted its first king in 120 years with a massive orange-hued party.

Beatrix, 75, shed a tear before signing the act of abdication at the Royal Palace in Amsterdam, witnessed by Willem-Alexander, 46, his Argentine-born Queen Maxima, 41, and members of the government.

A cry went up from the 25,000-strong crowd in the Dam, the main square opposite the palace where the signing was shown on giant screens.

Willem-Alexander, Maxima and Beatrix appeared in front of the crowds on the palace balcony, bedecked with roses and oranges - the symbol of the royal house - before heading for the enthronement ceremony in the neighbouring Nieuwe Kerk.

Beatrix accompanied the king and queen's three daughters to the church, including their eldest, now Princess of Orange Catharina-Amalia, nine.

The Dutch monarch is sworn in before a joint session of the houses of parliament in the deconsecrated church, rather than crowned, because church and royalty are separated in The Netherlands.

Before taking his oath, the king thanked his "dear mother" for the "many beautiful years during which she was our queen".

"I'm treading in your footsteps. I have a clear vision of my office. But no one knows what the future brings," he said.

"Wherever that path leads and however far it goes, I will carry your wisdom and warmth with me," he said.

A who's who of monarchs-in-waiting, including Britain's Prince Charles, Spain's Prince Felipe and Japan's Prince Naruhito and his wife, Crown Princess Masako, attended the ceremony.

Princess Masako is on her first trip abroad in nearly seven years, while Prince Charles also attended Beatrix's enthronement in 1980.

Willem-Alexander is the first Dutch king since 1890 and the first of a new wave of relatively youthful European monarchs.

"Beatrix has been queen for 33 years, our queen," Ruud, 49, told AFP on the Dam after the abdication, a tear in his eye.

"She was a stabilising factor and a symbol of our country. It's sad to see her go after all these years. A page in our collective history is turning."

Amsterdam's population is estimated to have doubled with about a million visitors flooding the city's streets and canals to mark the abdication and enthronement.

Although the monarchy is popular in The Netherlands, some question the cost of the royal household and republicans are seeking a reduction to the king's tax-free salary of 825,000 euros (about US\$1 million).

While Beatrix was known for her formal court, Willem-Alexander has already said that he will not be a "protocol fetishist". - AFP

DR CONGO

UN envoy expresses 'shock' at abuses

THE new UN special envoy for Africa's Great Lakes region, former Irish president Mary Robinson, expressed "shock" on April 30 over human rights abuses in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

"I'm shocked to see thousands of people displaced, women raped, in sum the massive violations of human rights in North Kivu which are continuing," Robinson said on her first visit to the volatile, mineral-rich region since taking up the post in February.

"I am committed," the renowned rights activist told reporters at the airport of North Kivu's capital Goma.

Speaking alongside Roger Meece, the head of the UN peacekeeping mission in the country (MONUSCO), she said: "We want a political, diplomatic solution, but also to strengthen protection for civilians."

Robinson is leading political efforts to bring an end to more than two decades of conflict in the region, and has vowed to help build the trust needed for a recent regional peace agreement to work.

"This framework must work," she said of the UN-brokered accord signed by 11 African heads of state on February 24. "It gives hope to the population."

Under the accord, the 11 states vowed not to interfere in the affairs of their neighbours, and DR Congo President Joseph Kabila promised democratic advances and improved security.

In March, the UN Security Council unanimously approved the creation of a brigade of more than 2500 troops to help MONUSCO curb violent unrest in the region, where Rwanda and Uganda have been accused of backing rebels.

South Africa, Tanzania and Malawi were to provide troops to the 3000-strong brigade.

The rebel M23 movement has warned that it will retaliate if attacked by the brigade.

- AFP

TRADE MARK CAUTION

NOTICE is hereby given that **Sichuan Wenjun Spirits Company Limited** of No.33, East Ring Road, Linqiong Town, Qionglai City, Chengdu City, Sichuan Province, P.R. China is the Owner and Sole Proprietor of the following trademarks: -

WENJUN

(Reg: Nos. IV/9286/2008 & IV/12914/2012)



(Reg: Nos. IV/1733/2009 & IV/12915/2012)



(Reg: Nos. IV/1732/2009 & IV/12916/2012)



(Reg: Nos. IV/1731/2009 & IV/12917/2012)



(Reg: Nos. IV/9287/2008 & IV/12918/2012)

The above five trademarks are in respect of: "spirits (beverages), wine, fruit extracts (alcoholic), sake, yellow rice wine, alcoholic beverages (except beer), cooking wine, brandy, cocktails, arrack"

Any fraudulent imitation or unauthorized use of the said trademarks or other infringements whatsoever will be dealt with according to law.

U Kyi Win Associates
for **Sichuan Wenjun Spirits Company Limited**
P.O. Box No. 26, Yangon.
Phone: 372416 Dated: 6th May, 2013

TRADE MARK CAUTION

MHCS, a Company incorporated in France, of 9 avenue de Champagne, 51200 Epernay, FRANCE, is the Owner of the following Trade Mark:-

KRUG

Reg. No. 1684/2013

in respect of "Class 33: Alcoholic beverages (except beers); ciders; digesters (liqueurs and spirits); wines; spirits; alcoholic extracts or essences; wines from the protected appellation of origin Champagne; sparkling wines".

Fraudulent imitation or unauthorised use of the said Trade Mark will be dealt with according to law.

Win Mu Tin, M.A., H.G.P., D.B.L
for **MHCS**
P. O. Box 60, Yangon
E-mail: makhinkyi.law@mptmail.net.mm
Dated: 6 May 2013

TRADE MARK CAUTION

NOVO NORDISK A/S, a company organized under the laws of Denmark, of Novo Alle, DK-2880, Bagsvaerd, Denmark, is the Owner of the following Trade Mark:-

FlexPen

Reg. No. 5038/2000

in respect of "Hypodermic syringes (Int'l Class 10)".

Fraudulent imitation or unauthorised use of the said Trade Mark will be dealt with according to law.

Win Mu Tin, M.A., H.G.P., D.B.L
for **NOVO NORDISK A/S**
P. O. Box 60, Yangon
E-mail: makhinkyi.law@mptmail.net.mm
Dated: 6 May 2013

WASHINGTON

Obama in new bid to close Guantanamo

The US president's latest push to shut the military jail comes as 100 of its 166 detainees are on a hunger strike to protest against their indefinite detention

PRESIDENT Barack Obama said on April 30 the military jail at Guantanamo Bay is damaging US interests and vowed a renewed push to close it, as about 100 prisoners take part in a hunger strike there.

Condemning the prison as a legal "no man's land," Obama told a White House news conference that it was time Congress agreed to shut the jail and said the military was trying to keep detainees alive in the face of the hunger strike.

"I continue to believe we have to close Guantanamo. I think it is critical for us to understand that Guantanamo is not necessary to keep America safe," he told reporters.

"It is expensive. It is inefficient. It hurts us in terms of our international standing. It lessens cooperation with our allies on counterterrorism efforts. It is a recruiting tool for extremists.

'It is expensive. It is inefficient. It needs to be closed.'

Barack Obama
US President

"It needs to be closed," he said.

The tough words were the most extensive the president has delivered on Guantanamo for months and reflected his frustration with Congress, which he blamed for blocking his efforts to shut the jail during his first term.

A spreading hunger strike among inmates, who are protesting against their indefinite detention without charges or trials, has put Guantanamo back in the headlines and placed

Obama in a difficult position. The US president said it was "not a surprise to me" that there were "problems" at Guantanamo.

Out of 166 inmates held at the remote US naval base in southeastern Cuba, 100 are on hunger strike, showed the latest tally from the Pentagon. Of those, 21 detainees are being fed through nasal tubes.

The military has sent extra medical staff to cope with the hunger strike, which is entering its 12th week.

"I don't want these individuals to die," Obama said.

Obama has long argued for prosecuting enemy combatants in civilian courts and transferring those cleared of wrongdoing to their home countries.

As a candidate in 2008, Obama pledged to close the jail and announced plans to



A US military guard at Guantanamo monitors detainees at a life skills class, in a file photo taken on March 30, 2010. Photo: AFP

close Guantanamo immediately after entering office in 2009.

But a majority of lawmakers, particularly Republicans, have insisted that the jail stay open, that the detainees are too dangerous to be held on the US mainland and that suspects should only be tried before military tribunals.

"The President faces bipartisan opposition to closing Guantanamo Bay's detention

center because he has offered no alternative plan regarding the detainees there, nor a plan for future terrorist captures," Buck McKeon, the Republican chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said in a statement.

Obama said he would try again to persuade Congress to find a way to close Guantanamo, which was set up by his predecessor, George W. Bush, to

hold those captured in Afghanistan and elsewhere after the attacks of September 11, 2001.

Rights groups, which have long branded the prison as a legal "black hole," welcomed Obama's remarks but said he could do more.

The American Civil Liberties Union said Obama could use his authority now to transfer more than half the inmates out of Guantanamo. - AFP

WASHINGTON

US-Japan accord covers islands, says Hagel

ISLANDS at the centre of a territorial row between Japan and China are covered by a military protection accord between Washington and Tokyo, US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel said Monday.

"The United States does not take a position on the ultimate sovereignty of the islands, but we do recognise they are under the administration of Japan and fall under our security treaty obligations," Hagel said at a news conference with his Japanese counterpart Itsunori Onodera.

Hagel's comments came amid rising tension over the uninhabited islands known in

Japan as the Senkakus and in China as the Diaoyus.

On April 23, Japan's prime minister vowed to "expel by force" any Chinese landing on the islands after a flotilla sailed into the disputed waters in the East China Sea.

Calling the dispute a key regional security challenge, Hagel said it "must be resolved peacefully and cooperatively between the parties involved."

Washington "opposes any unilateral or coercive action that seeks to undermine Japan's administrative control," he said, in reference to the recent Chinese actions. - AFP

TRADE MARK CAUTION

NOTICE is hereby given that **Hyundai Motor Company** a company organized under the laws of Republic of Korea and having its principal office at 231 Yangjae-Dong, Seocho-Gu, Seoul, Korea is the Owner and Sole Proprietor of the following twelve trademarks: -

TIBURON

(Reg: Nos. IV/628/1996 & IV/535/2013)

in respect of:- "Passenger cars, sports cars, ambulances, motor buses, trucks, vans, omnibuses, electric vehicles, engines for land vehicles, vehicle wheels and parts and fittings for all the aforesaid goods"

ACCENT

(Reg: Nos. IV/3490/1995 & IV/536/2013)

in respect of:- "Motor land vehicles; locomotives; bicycles; parts and fittings for all the foresaid goods"

ALTRA

(Reg: Nos. IV/4472/1995 & IV/537/2013)

in respect of:- "Motor land vehicles; passenger cars, sports cars, ambulances, motor buses, trucks, omnibuses, electric vehicles, engines for land vehicles, vehicle wheels and parts and fittings for all the aforesaid goods"

AMICA

(Reg: Nos. IV/4473/1995 & IV/538/2013)

in respect of:- "passenger cars, sport cars, ambulances, motor buses, trucks, omnibuses, electric vehicles, engines for land vehicles, vehicle wheels and parts and fittings (not included in other classes) for all the aforesaid goods"

MISTRA

(Reg: Nos. IV/3025/1994 & IV/539/2013)

GRACE

(Reg: Nos. IV/3024/1994 & IV/540/2013)

HMC

(Reg: Nos. IV/3023/1994 & IV/545/2013)

the above three trademarks are in respect of:-

"Passenger cars, sports cars, ambulances, motor buses, trucks, omnibuses, automobile bodies, engines for land vehicles, and parts and fittings for all the aforesaid goods, all included in Class: 12"

TALUS

(Reg: Nos. IV/5862/2003 & IV/541/2013)

GETZ

(Reg: Nos. IV/7323/2005 & IV/546/2013)

the above two trademarks are in respect of:-

"passenger cars, sports cars, ambulances, motor buses, trucks, omnibuses, engines for land vehicles, automobile bodies, vehicle bumpers, vehicle chassis, vehicle wheels and parts and fittings (not included in other classes) for all the aforesaid goods"

SCOUPE

(Reg: Nos. IV/3492/1995 & IV/542/2013)

ELANTRA

(Reg: Nos. IV/3491/1995 & IV/544/2013)

the above two trademarks are in respect of:-

"motor land vehicles; locomotives; bicycles; parts and fittings for all the aforesaid goods"

CRDi

(Reg: Nos. IV/5190/2002 & IV/543/2013)

in respect of:- "Passenger cars, vans, dump cars, buses, sports cars, trucks, refrigerated vehicles, trailers, diesel engines for land vehicles and gasoline engines for land vehicles"

Any fraudulent imitation or unauthorized use of the said trademarks or other infringements whatsoever will be dealt with according to law.

U Kyi Win Associates
for **Hyundai Motor Company**
P.O. Box No. 26, Yangon.
Phone: 372416

Dated: 6th May, 2013

TRADE MARK CAUTION

Chance Co.Ltd a Company incorporated in Myanmar at Rm 26/27, 4th Floor, FMI Center, Pabetan Township, Yangon, Myanmar is the Owner and Sole Proprietor of the following Trademark:-



Reg: 4/2845/2013

In respect of: Job Journal; Restaurant; Job Agency; Dating Party.

Fraudulent imitation or unauthorized use of the said Trademark shall be dealt with according to law.

U Myint Lwin, Advocate, LL.B, DBL
Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Aspects of Marine Affairs (Cardiff)
myint.advocate@mptmail.net.mm
www.mipadvocate.com
Ph: 951371990 May 6 2013

WASHINGTON

Obama's red line dilemma

In August last year, US President Barack Obama warned the Syrian regime that using chemical weapons against civilians would cross a 'red line' that could trigger American intervention. It's a warning that has come back to haunt him, writes **Stephen Collinson**

"THE Buck Stops here," said the famous sign on Harry S Truman's desk, encapsulating the lonely dilemmas power presents to US presidents, one of which now confronts Barack Obama over Syria.

Obama is trapped in a conundrum, partly of his own making, after Syria apparently called his bluff by using chemical weapons in an escalation of an vicious civil war – and in the process, challenged a US "red line."

Unless he can find wiggle room, the president may have to reconcile the conflict between a need to prove his personal credibility with a desire to avoid being dragged into another Middle Eastern war.

Obama mused on the humbling demands on the modern president when he honoured George W. Bush at the opening of the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas, Texas, on April 25.

"There are moments where you make mistakes. There are times where you wish you could turn back the clock," he said.

Obama might have been reflecting on the moment last August when, in the heat of his re-election bid, he warned President Bashar al-Assad that using or moving chemical weapons would change his "calculus" on Syria.

That comment came back to haunt him earlier this month, when news broke that US intelligence believes Syrian forces did use chemical weapons.

The size of the action, its human toll and whether it was designed as a deliberate test of Obama's limits or to draw America into a new quagmire were unclear.

But the revelation sparked heat on

Obama to live up to his threats, creating a messy political problem, as calls mounted for him to arm anti-Assad rebels, pummel Syria with air power or establish a no-fly zone.

"The president did say that there's a red line, and once the United States lays out a red line, some action has to be taken," said Peter King, a congressman from New York on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Obama's predicament laid bare the risk in laying down "red lines" on key national security crises: sooner or later someone might cross them.

'It's no longer a question of just Syria. It has a lot to do with his personal credibility.'

Aaron David Miller
Former Middle East peace negotiator

It is for this reason Obama, unlike Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, is reluctant to pinpoint the moment when Washington might strike to thwart any Iranian breakout towards nuclear weapons.

Another problem with the Syria "red line," according to Republican Senator John McCain, is that it convinced Assad any atrocity short of using chemical weapons would not rouse Washington.

"The president drew a red line on

chemical weapons, thereby giving a green light to (Assad) to do anything short of that, including Scud missiles and helicopter gun ships and air attack strikes and mass executions," he told NBC.

Obama's actions on Syria will be closely watched – especially in Tehran.

"It's no longer a question of just Syria. It has a lot to do with his personal credibility," former Middle East peace negotiator Aaron David Miller told *AFP*.

"Everyone says no to the United States these days without cost or consequence. So how he comports himself with respect to Syria will be read, interpreted, by the Iranians and others with great significance."

His media team's linguistic contortions reveal the tricky ground Obama is on.

Asked on April 29 to define the red line, spokesman Jay Carney refused to say whether a small scale use of chemical weapons would cross it.

The White House, wary of the kind of faulty intelligence that prefaced the Iraq war, wants more clarity on the alleged chemical attacks.

US history is pockmarked by unwise decisions driven by a desire to spare the blushes of a president – including the reluctance of Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon to look weak by retreating from Vietnam.

"It can't be that a president just makes the decision to use force – to send American troops into a war to protect his credibility," said Julian Zelizer, a Princeton University professor of history.

"We want him to make this decision based on a true evaluation on what is going on in Syria and when force is absolutely essential."



US President Barack Obama greets former president George W. Bush at the opening ceremony for the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas, Texas, on April 25. The faulty intelligence that led George W. Bush to go to war against Iraq has made the White House extremely wary about claims that the Syrian regime has used chemical weapons against civilians in the country's civil war. Photo: AFP

While using chemical weapons against civilians in Syria would present Obama with a grave humanitarian decision, Washington is most concerned about what will happen to the weapons when Assad falls.

The fear that motivated the war in Iraq – that terror groups could get hold of weapons of mass destruction – could become reality and would likely

guarantee US military action.

But Obama does not yet appear to be at that point.

There were signs on April 29 he may try to leverage the alleged use of chemical arms to convince Russia to finally get tough with its ally, when he raised concern about the situation in a call with President Vladimir Putin.

– *AFP*

WASHINGTON

The US president's unfinished business

Unresolved domestic and foreign policy challenges and a divided Congress threaten Barack Obama's ability to achieve some key goals, says **Scott Wilson**

PRESIDENT Barack Obama's appearance before the media on April 30 highlighted how much his second and final term remains consumed by the unfinished business of his first.

From his policy toward Syria to health care legislation to his inability to close the prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Obama faced many of the same questions from journalists that have defined his time in office.

He used long, sometimes defensive answers to portray himself as undaunted by the unresolved challenges, yet also limited in his ability to secure the changes he has sought for years because of his continuing confrontation with a divided Congress.

That self-assessment of his political power also is largely consistent with his message to the nation since Democrats lost control of the House in 2010. His domestic agenda has largely ground to a halt since then.

Now his window for progress in Congress is even smaller than it once was, and may likely close entirely by the 2014 midterm elections unless his party can retake control of both chambers. It was unclear on April 30 how he intends to revive his political prospects after setbacks on gun control and fiscal negotiations to avoid across-the-board spending cuts that

he acknowledged are undermining the economy.

"Rumours of my demise may be a little exaggerated at this point," Obama said during the news conference, in a phrase reminiscent of Bill Clinton's 1995 assertion of his own relevance after his party lost the House the previous year.

But in responding to a reporter's assertion that he appears powerless in dealing with Congress, Obama responded, "You seem to suggest that somehow, these folks over there have no responsibilities and that my job is to somehow get them to behave."

"That's their job," he said.

The news conference – Obama's third domestic one this calendar year – fell on the 100th day of what already has been a difficult final term.

Just last month, Obama lost his bid for stricter gun control following the December shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, which killed 20 children and six adults. Days after that Senate defeat, the first large-scale bombings in the post-September 11, 2001 era killed three and wounded more than 200 others near the finish line of the Boston Marathon, an attack allegedly carried out by a pair of young Muslims "self-radicalised" through anger over the American wars abroad.

Obama acknowledged on April 30 that preventing such attacks may be harder than defending against those directed by foreign terrorist organisations, especially in a way that protects American civil liberties.

Obama also faces a new challenge abroad, given the mounting evidence that Syria's government used chemical agents against the population.

Obama had warned previously that President Bashar al-Assad would cross a "red line" if he used such weapons. Now Obama is faced with how to respond at a time when, in his words "the tide of war is receding" after his departure from Iraq and withdrawal deadline in Afghanistan. So far he appears to be hoping to buy some time.

"What we now have is evidence that chemical weapons have been used inside of Syria, but we don't

'Even if we do everything perfectly, there will still be glitches and bumps.'

Barack Obama
US President

know how they were used, when they were used, who used them," Obama said.

Then, tacitly invoking the legacy of the Iraq war when US credibility suffered because the Bush administration's promised weapons of mass destruction never turned up, Obama told a war-weary nation, "If we end up rushing to judgment without hard, effective evidence, then we can find ourselves in the position where we can't mobilise the international community to support what we do."

Although public support for direct intervention in Syria is low, Obama faces the challenge of ensuring American credibility in how he proceeds.

But Obama offered few clues on April 30 to how he intends to proceed with any of the unfinished items on his agenda.

He pledged to re-engage Congress in his effort to close the Guantanamo military prison, where a prisoner hunger strike has highlighted again the legal ambiguities surrounding their detention. Obama has been working to close Guantanamo since the day after he took office and again he cited Congress as the chief obstacle.

"Congress determined that they would not let us close it and despite the fact that there are a number of the

folks who are currently in Guantanamo who the courts have said could be returned to their country of origin or potentially a third country," Obama said. "I'm going to go back at this."

His health-care law – the signature legislation of his presidency – also is a work in progress. Obama defended what is a complicated implementation process underway that will extend health care to the estimated 15 percent of the population that does not have it.

In assuring the public that the process is not nearly as messy as some members of Congress have suggested, Obama said anyone who has health insurance will likely see no further changes as the law takes full effect. He also warned of challenges ahead.

"Even if we do everything perfectly, there will still be glitches and bumps," Obama said. "But if we stay with it and we understand what our long-term objective is, which is making sure that in a country as wealthy as ours, nobody should go bankrupt if they get sick."

As Obama continues to try to turn his re-election into political power inside Washington, it appears "staying with it" is the core of his strategy in a still-divided capital, in counter-terrorism policy, and in his diplomacy in the tumultuous Middle East.

– *The Washington Post*

PARIS

Tragedy triggers a backlash

The tragic collapse of a garment factory has focused attention on workplace safety standards in Bangladesh and put pressure on Western retailers to do more to improve them.

THE deadly collapse of a Bangladesh garment factory has piled pressure on Western fashion stores that churn out the season's hottest looks at cheap prices, many of which are sourced from sweatshops in poor countries.

The country's worst industrial disaster, which had left at least 400 dead as of May 1, came after deadly fires in other factories and years of concerns over the flouting of safety standards in the bargain-basement clothing industry.

Bustling high-street retailers are routinely accused of turning a blind eye and making a fortune off the backs of cheap labourers working in dangerous conditions.

A week after the April 24 disaster in a suburb of the capital, Dhaka, with hundreds still missing under the rubble, the backlash is growing against these brands.

Clothing retailers such as Britain's low-cost retailer Primark and Canada's Loblaw

have offered compensation to victims and their families, but activists have demanded they do more.

"International brands must take responsibility for what has happened there," said Laila Blanch from anti-poverty group War on Want, which has launched an online petition against high street brands Primark, Matalan and Mango.

"They outsourced the production to countries such as Bangladesh and China because of the lowest wages in the world," she said, accusing them of ignoring "very poor health and safety standards".

The organisation has demanded these brands sign the Bangladesh Fire and Building Safety Agreement.

"I've been in many factories and what I've seen is that for instance emergency exits are normally blocked with boxes, are blocked with rubbish from the factory," said Blanch.

"The windows of the factory... there are bars, so basically

if there is a fire, workers can't escape from the windows as well."

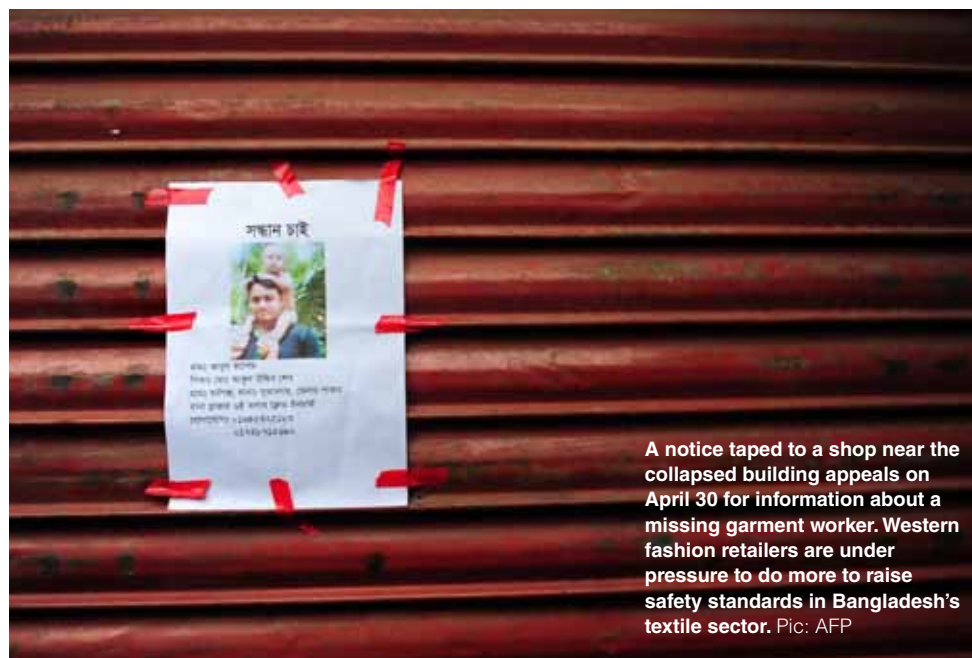
Ineke Zeldenrust from Clean Clothes Campaign backed up these demands, saying brands' safety proposals in the past had been "insufficient".

"Workers need a structural solution, not a quick fix. The lack of action demonstrated by brands amounts to criminal negligence," Zeldenrust said.

Aid agency Oxfam welcomed the offer by Primark and Loblaw - who were both supplied from the collapsed Rana Plaza complex - to compensate victims.

"Other companies who had premises in the building should follow their example," Oxfam's Bangladesh country director Gareth Price Jones said in a statement.

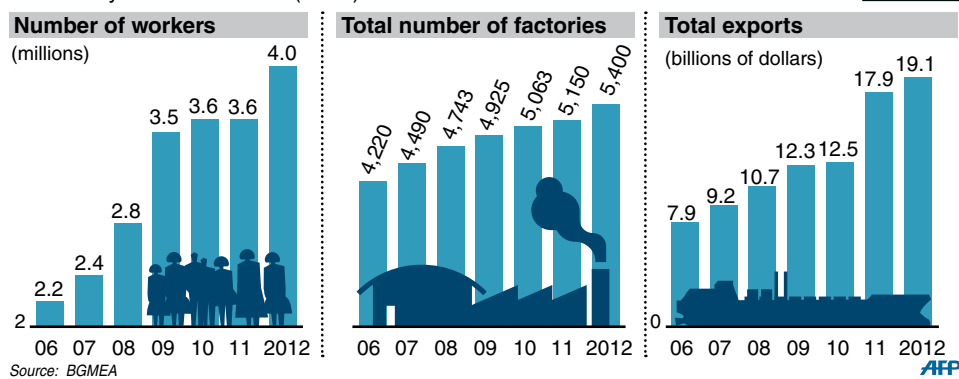
Spanish label Mango said it had placed orders for sample items at the factory, while Italian group Benetton has also admitted it had products



A notice taped to a shop near the collapsed building appeals on April 30 for information about a missing garment worker. Western fashion retailers are under pressure to do more to raise safety standards in Bangladesh's textile sector. Pic: AFP

Bangladesh textiles industry

The Ready-Made Garments (RMG) sector



recently made in the building.

Benjamin Martin of PR agency Publicis Consultants told AFP that these companies "can no longer feign surprise" after a November 2012 fire left 111 dead in a Bangladesh factory, which made clothes for the likes of US giant Walmart.

"There is clearly a problem of transparency and traceability in the industry," said Julie Stoll of the French Fair Trade Platform, referring to apparent confusion among companies as to whether their suppliers were involved.

The country's US\$20-billion (15-billion-euro) garment industry is the world's second-biggest after China's, and Bangladeshi textile bosses

pleaded with Western clothing giants last week to keep doing business with them.

Worried that Western firms could look elsewhere, manufacturers met representatives of at least 30 leading brand names such as Walmart, H&M and Gap on April 29 in a bid to assure them about safety standards.

The meeting ended with an announcement that the manufacturers and buyers had agreed to form a joint panel to come up with a firm safety action plan.

Shahidullah Azim, of the Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association, said the brands were told "that we're taking action to prevent a repeat of such

tragedies" and urged "not to cancel orders and shipments".

"We need their help - they are part of us," said Azim, whose organisation represents more than 4500 factories.

Jenefa Jabbar, the regional social responsibilities director of US clothing chain JC Penney, said retailers wanted to see "a top-down approach... to address the fire safety and building safety issues".

The industry accounts for 80 percent of the country's exports and more than 40pc of its industrial workforce.

A typical textile worker earns less than \$40 a month, with most working about 10 hours a day, six days a week.

- AFP

TRADE MARK CAUTION

NOTICE is hereby given that **BETTER WAY (THAILAND) CO., LTD.**, of 442 Ramkhamhaeng Road, Khwaeng Saphansung, Khet Saphansung, Bangkok, Thailand 10240 is the Owner and Sole Proprietor of the following trademarks: -



(Reg. No. IV/856/1999)

in respect of: - "Perfumed Talc, Roll on Deodorant, Perfume, Soap, Shampoo"

Mistine

(Reg. No. IV/857/1999)

in respect of: - "Compact Powder, Blush on, Eyeshadow, Lipstick, Shampoo, Soap, Talc Powder, Roll on Deodorant, Perfume, Nail Enamel"

Any fraudulent imitation or unauthorized use of the said trademarks or other infringements whatsoever will be dealt with according to law.

U Kyi Win Associates
for **BETTER WAY (THAILAND) CO., LTD.**,
P.O. Box No. 26, Yangon.
Phone: 372416

Dated: 6th May, 2013

BANGLADESH

A last survivor's valiant struggle

Garment worker Shahina Akter survived amid the rubble of the collapsed building for five days, only to die in a fire as she was being carried to safety.

WIDOW Shahina Akter's vain 110-hour struggle to survive in the collapsed Bangladesh factory block has made her one of the tragic public faces of the nation's worst industrial disaster.

Rescuers said the 30-year-old never abandoned hope of getting out alive so she could be reunited with her toddler son, clinging on despite the sweltering heat and surrounding stench of corpses trapped in their concrete tomb.

But her five-day resistance from the morning of April 24 to the evening of April 28 came to an end in flames when a worker using a mechanical cutter started a fire that engulfed the wreckage.

On a day of intolerable strain as the death toll continued to climb towards 400, many rescuers were left inconsolable as the last known survivor slipped from their grasp.

"I've never seen anyone so brave in my life," Abul Khayer told AFP, weeping, as he and

other firefighters pulled her body from the pancaked rubble on April 29.

Akter's battle to live had gripped the nation which had been watching live television pictures as rescuers squeezed themselves into narrow tunnels and jagged concrete in a race against time to save her.

It was a tragic end to a story that began with Akter's migration from rural Bangladesh to a Dhaka suburb to work in a squalid, congested garment-making district.

Her journey - like that of so many other Bangladesh workers making garments for Western labels - was prompted by financial need - and usurious moneylenders.

"Our mother had a gallstone operation 20 years ago and we took a 5000 taka (US\$60) loan from the money lender. It became 70,000 taka with the huge interest. She and I had to migrate to repay it," her brother, Jahirul Islam, told AFP.

'I've never seen anyone so brave in my life.'

Abul Khayer
Firefighter

Akter, the fourth child of a landless farming family from a coastal district, started working when she was only 13 and she was "hard worker", he said.

"Some days she would work through the night," he recalled.

She earned a paltry 4200 taka (\$53) a month but with overtime she could make a couple of thousand more that she would send to her parents, he recounted.

"She also was a very beautiful woman - and the most stubborn," Islam said.

"She fell in love with another garment worker and

married him without our consent. We heard he died in an accident, leaving her three month's pregnant," he said.

Islam said his sister's son became "the centre of her life" and she would pick him up after returning from the factory late in the evening.

"She told us that she wouldn't marry again. Her dream was to ensure a higher education for Robin. She dreamt of making him a doctor or an engineer," her brother said.

The boy has no idea what happened to his mother. "He plays all day long. But in the night he asks her aunt Jasmine, 'When will mother come?'" Islam said.

Her heartbroken father, Motaleb Goldar, said the family only learnt on the fourth day after the disaster that Akter was trapped alive under the rubble.

"We prayed. But Allah took her to heaven," he said. - AFP

CONGRATULATIONS

We heartily congratulate

U Aung Ko Win

Chairman of the Kanbawza Bank Ltd.

For receiving the **State Excellence Award**

**(First Prize among the entrepreneurs serving the highest
tax payments to the State Budget's Revenue)**

recognized as the highest taxpayer in Myanmar for FY 2011-2012 and

for excellent service provided to the state in the areas of Religion,

Education, Health, Social and National Sports,

Conferred by the President of the Union of Myanmar

on the occasion of the Union of Myanmar President's

State Excellence Awards Presentation

Ceremony held on 30th April 2013 for the first time

under the new government administration.

We wish him continued contribution to our society and country in coming years.

Board of Director

CB Bank

CONGRATULATIONS

Our heartiest congratulations to the

KBZ Group of Companies for winning the award

"Best Corporate Governance in Myanmar for 2013"

conferred by **"World Finance"**, a London based

prestigious organization on 3rd April 2013.

We also wish for further success of the **KBZ Group of Companies**
in future endeavours.

Board of Director

CB Bank



Make Walking Safe

ဘေးကင်းစွာ လမ်းလျှောက်ပါ။



NEW DELHI

UN raps India's sex crime laws

A UN special envoy says sex crime laws passed in India since the horrific fatal gang-rape of a student last December are inadequate.

India's new sex crime laws do not go far enough to protect women or tackle gender inequality, the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women said on May 1.

The legislation was passed following the fatal gang rape of a student on a Delhi bus in mid-December that sparked nationwide demonstrations over the lack of safety for women.

New measures passed by Indian lawmakers in March increased punishments for sex offenders to include the death penalty if a victim dies, and broadened the definition of sexual assault.

But Rashida Manjoo, the UN special rapporteur on violence against

women, said the laws were still not tough enough.

She told a news conference it was unfortunate that the opportunity to establish a substantive framework "to protect and prevent against all forms of violence against women, was lost".

Her comments echoed those of other Indian women's activists who praised the intent of the legislation but said it still had huge holes.

Campaigners are unhappy about lawmakers' refusal to criminalise marital rape or increase the punishment for acid attacks on women from a minimum seven-year jail term.

The UN official, who toured sev-

eral Indian states to obtain first-hand reports about violence against women, said she would release her findings to the world body next year.

She said she had heard on her 10-day visit about "sexual violence, domestic violence, caste-based discrimination and violence, dowry related deaths, crimes in the name of honour" and other offences.

She quoted one person on her trip as describing violence against women as spanning the "life cycle from womb to the tomb".

Her trip came in the wake of a call in December by UN rights chief Navi Pillay for India to help rid itself of the "scourge" of rape after the

228,650

The number of crimes against women reported in India in 2011.

23-year-old bus victim died of injuries inflicted by six drunken men.

A total of 228,650 incidents of crime against women were reported in India during 2011 as compared to 213,585 the previous year, show the latest figures of the government's National Crime Records Bureau.

Manjoo said women belonging to minority Muslim and Christian communities are also subjected to "indiscriminate attacks" during religious rioting in India.

"This issue is of particular concern to many as the wounds of the past are still fresh for women who were beaten, stripped naked, burnt, raped and killed because of their religious identity in the Gujarat riots of 2002," she said.

The anti-Muslim riots in the western state left more than 2000 mainly Muslim people dead in an orgy of violence and arson, according to rights groups. The Gujarat government puts the death toll at about 1000. - AFP

BRIEFS

Seoul

North Korea sentences US citizen to 15 years' jail

North Korea said on May 2 it had sentenced a Korean-American tour operator to 15 years' hard labour for "hostile acts", stoking tensions with the United States, which had pleaded for his release.

Pae Jun-Ho, known in the United States as Kenneth Bae, was arrested in November as he entered the north-eastern port city of Rason. He had been accused of trying to "topple the DPRK" (North Korea).

Seoul-based activist Do Hee-Yoon said he suspected Bae was arrested because he had taken photographs of emaciated children in North Korea as part of efforts to appeal for more outside aid.

Sydney

Australia uncovers SKorean spy ring

A South Korean spy ring has been uncovered in Australia trying to cultivate public servants to obtain trade secrets, a report said on May 2.

The Sydney Morning Herald said previously suppressed information revealed that South Korea's National Intelligence Service had sought "to obtain sensitive information" on trade negotiations between Canberra and Seoul. Foreign Minister Bob Carr declined to comment on the case, but said South Korea was one of Australia's largest export markets and trading partners and relations were unlikely to be hurt.

Dhaka

War crimes court indicts British Muslim leader

Bangladesh's war crimes court on May 2 indicted a Bangladesh-born British Muslim leader for his alleged role in the murder of top intellectuals during the country's 1971 liberation war.

"The court has taken into cognizance the charges of war crimes against Chowdhury Mueen-Uddin and issued a warrant to arrest him," International Crimes Tribunal registrar Nasiruddin Mahmud told AFP.

Mueen-Uddin has held senior positions in a host of Islamic organisations in Britain and was involved in the setting up of the Muslim Council of Britain, according to his website.

Surabaya

Dancing policewomen keep protesters happy

A group of policewomen took an unusual approach to crowd control at a May Day protest in Indonesia on May 1, breaking into a performance of "Gangnam Style" to keep demonstrators happy.

Thousands of protesters in the city of Surabaya in eastern Java cheered with excitement as around 80 female officers did the signature horse-riding dance from South Korean rapper Psy's global hit.

"We'd been practising for three days and I think it really helped keep everyone calm and happy," said senior policewoman Elly Wahyuningtyas. - AFP



IN PICTURES

British mountaineering photographer Jonathon Griffith climbing on Mount Everest in an image taken on April 27 and released on May 1. A new account of a brawl on Mount Everest which emerged on May 1 said one of the foreign climbers involved had sworn at a group of Nepalese guides and challenged them to a fight. Famed climbers Ueli Steck of Switzerland and Simone Moro of Italy, who were being accompanied by Griffith, were involved in the April 27 incident, which has shocked the mountaineering community. Photo: AFP/Jonathan Griffith

BANGKOK

Farming threatens region's remaining forests, warns WWF

Demand for farmland may strip the Greater Mekong region of a third of its remaining forest cover during the next two decades without swift government action, a leading conservation group warned on May 2.

Forests are being cleared for commodities such as rubber and rice while illegal logging is decimating many protected zones, WWF said in a report, adding a contentious dam on Mekong river will deepen already severe ecosystem damage.

"The Greater Mekong is at a crossroads," said Peter Cutter of the WWF, adding Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar lost between 22-24 percent of their forests from 1973 - the first

point of available data - to 2009, while 43pc of woodland was stripped from Thailand and Vietnam.

"One path leads to further declines in biodiversity and livelihoods... but if natural resources are managed responsibly, this region can pursue a course that will secure a healthy and prosperous future for its people."

Myanmar, a nation expected to undergo rapid economic growth after the end of junta rule, is on a "deforestation front" - especially in its border areas - as are the southern Mekong sections of Vietnam and Cambodia, the study found.

The reform-minded government

has banned the export of logs from next year in a bid to tackle rampant illegal logging of its precious woods.

The WWF said large undisrupted areas of "core forest" across the region have also been fragmented by plantations and rapid urbanisation, while swathes of mangroves have been converted into rice paddy and for shrimp farms.

If deforestation continues, the report warned that 34pc of remaining woodlands "will be lost and increasingly fragmented" by 2030 with only 14pc of core forest left, destroying the habitat of wildlife including tigers and elephants.

The Xayaburi dam in Laos was

'The Greater Mekong is at a crossroads.'

Peter Cutter
WWF

also highlighted as a "key threat" to the Mekong river ecosystem, saying it will have "devastating consequences" for 60 million people - blocking fish and vital sediment from reaching the lower areas of the water system.

The US\$3.8 billion hydroelectric project, which is due to be complet-

ed in about five years, has sharply divided the four Mekong nations - Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand.

Impoverished Laos hopes the dam will help it become "the battery of Southeast Asia" and plans to sell most of the electricity to Thailand, but Cambodia and Vietnam say it could ruin their farming and fishing industries.

The report offers glimmers of hope saying Thailand has made great strides to protecting its forests - the kingdom has an extensive network of national parks - while the other nations have all backed policies to prevent deforestation. - AFP

CONGRATULATIONS

We heartily congratulate

U Aung Ko Win

Chairman of the Kanbawza Bank Ltd.

For receiving the **State Excellence Award**

**(First Prize among the entrepreneurs serving the highest
tax payments to the State Budget's Revenue)**

recognized as the highest taxpayer in Myanmar for FY 2011-2012 and
for excellent service provided to the state in the areas of Religion,

Education, Health, Social and National Sports,

Conferred by the President of the Union of Myanmar
on the occasion of the Union of Myanmar President's

State Excellence Awards Presentation

Ceremony held on 30th April 2013 for the first time
under the new government administration.

We wish him continued contribution to our society and country in coming years.



Executive Committee
Myanmar Banks Association

CONGRATULATIONS

Our heartiest congratulations to the

KBZ Group of Companies for winning the award

"Best Corporate Governance in Myanmar for 2013"

conferred by **"World Finance"**, a London based
prestigious organization on 3rd April 2013.

We also wish for further success of the **KBZ Group of Companies**
in future endeavours.



Executive Committee
Myanmar Banks Association

GET YOUR FINGERS ON IT

the pulse

Fierce wind and blinding snow: climbing to Everest base camp



ZON PANN PWINT

zonpann08@gmail.com

THERE is no limit to what people can achieve when they set their minds to it. This point was proven by two men from Myanmar who last month hiked to Mount Everest base camp in Nepal, braving a fierce blizzard along the way, despite having no experience with high-altitude trekking.

Ko Mo Tun Kyaw and Ko Thihe Tun started walking from the Khumbu region of northeastern Nepal on April 1 and reached the 5356-metre-high (17,675 feet) Everest base camp on April 12.

"Neither of us had experience scaling high mountains, except for Mount Kyaikhtiyo when we were young and 4095-metre Mount Kinabalu in Malaysia in 2011," said Ko Mo Tun Kyaw.

"We both love adventure. After we reached Mt Kinabalu on Borneo island two years ago, we lost our hearts to mountaineering."

He said that after the Kinabalu climb, they started making the acquaintance of a growing circle of mountain climbers.

"We asked some of them which mountain would be best for an amateur who wants to conquer only one mountain in his life. It had to be somewhere beautiful, reachable without technical complexities, and financially affordable. Many of them suggested Everest base camp," he said.

Ko Mo Tun Kyaw said that when he heard the words "Mount Everest",

the first image that came to mind was a beautiful mountain capped with snow.

"But there is another side of the coin: The trip involves dangers like heavy snowfall, biting wind, avalanches and insufficient oxygen at high altitude," he said.

Ko Mo Tun Kyaw said that when they arrived in Nepal, locals told them they had never heard of anyone from Myanmar trekking to Everest base camp.

"Once we heard that, we were very excited to reach the camp and set up a Myanmar flag," he said.

"When we reached the base camp, we saw national flags from England and many other countries, but there were no Myanmar flags. Not everyone who reaches the base camp necessarily sets up a flag, so I don't know how many Myanmar climbers might have been there before, but I think the number would be very few."

The celebration at the base camp was short-lived as it was interrupted by the arrival of an unseasonal snowstorm. "Soon after we set up the flag at the base camp, a snowstorm blew through. The snow fell heavily and the wind blew biting," said Ko Thihe Tun, who works as a photographer for *The Myanmar Times*.

"It was already 5pm, and our guide figured our chances of trekking back down the mountain were slim. It would have been impossible to fight our way through a raging storm."

He said the guide, who had been leading treks in Nepal for more than 18 years, suggested the trekkers request emergency evacuation.

"We agreed to his advice, and we kept calling for emergency evacuation by helicopter. Unfortunately,

visibility was too low to fly, and they said they would try to rescue us the following morning."

With no prospects for immediate rescue, the trekkers turned their attention to finding a place to sleep for the night.

"There was an expedition camp on a nearby hill that we could see from the base camp. We walked there and sheltered from the severe storm in the kitchen," Ko Thihe Tun said.

The helicopter arrived from Kathmandu early the next morning and evacuated them from the camp.

"We wouldn't have survived if we had not taken refuge in the kitchen. Fortunately, the cook at the expedition camp was a friend of our guide and he allowed us to stay there for a

'Not everyone who reaches the base camp necessarily sets up a flag, so I don't know how many Myanmar climbers might have been there before, but I think the number would be very few.'

Ko Mo Tun Kyaw
amateur mountain climber

night," said Ko Mo Tun Kyaw. "Later, the guide told us there was very little possibility of snowstorms occurring April. It was an exceptional occurrence."

He said trekking to the Everest base camp taught him to be more patient, humble and determined.

"When we started to climb, we didn't worry what would happen on day 10 or 11. We just considered how to overcome today," he said.

"We encountered harsh conditions, like walking on ice-covered stones. At that time, we didn't make ourselves feel depressed by looking up the mountaintop, which was still far away. Instead we focused on the next turn in the trail. After we passed that turn, we focused on the next turn."

He said other climbers looked down on them because they climbed very slowly, but some of them had to turn back later because of injuries.

"They said we Asians are very slow. Later I saw some of them being taken away by helicopter because they couldn't finish the climb," Mo Tun Kyaw said.



Ko Mo Tun Kyaw and Ko Thihe Tun display the Myanmar flag at Mount Everest base camp in Nepal on April 12. Photo: Boothee



Actress Nathalia in the 2012 Bollywood film *Department*. Photo: Ram Gopal Varma

MUMBAI

BY RACHEL O'BRIEN

ONE hundred years after the screening of a black-and-white silent film, India's brash, song-and-dance-laden Bollywood film industry celebrates its centenary later this week.

The milestone will be marked with the release of *Bombay Talkies*, made up of short commemorative films by four leading directors, while India will be honoured as "guest country" at next month's Cannes festival.

Exhibitions in the capital New Delhi are showcasing a century of cinema, including onscreen kissing scenes that originally fell foul of the censors.

It is also a time for reflection on how the industry has evolved, from its early screen adaptations of Hindu

mythology to the garish romantic escapism of modern blockbusters.

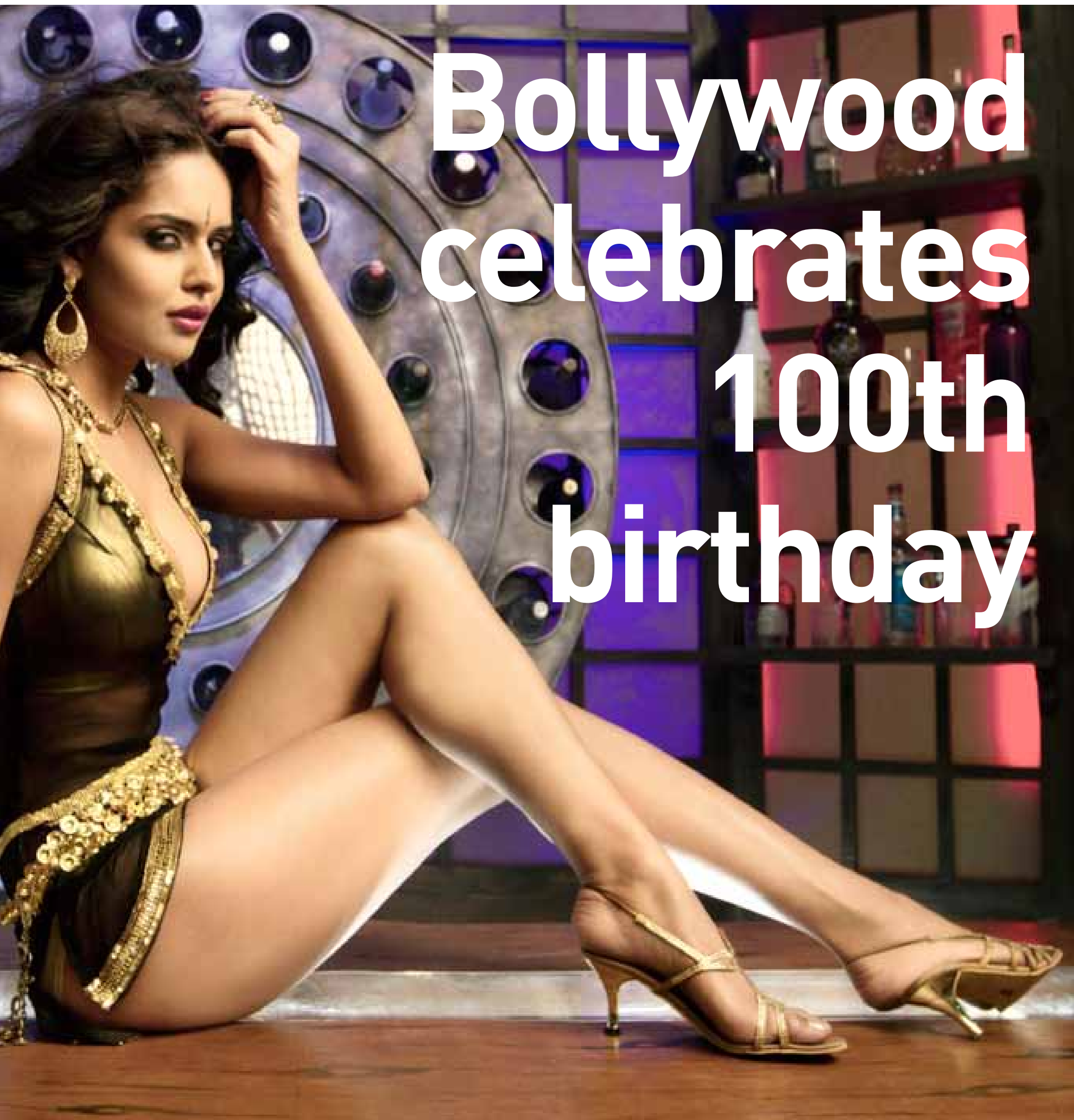
Commercially, cinema is thriving: India produced almost 1500 movies last year and the industry is expected to grow from US\$2 billion to \$3.6 billion in the next five years, according to consultancy KPMG.

Leading the way is Hindi-language Bollywood, which took the "B" from its home in Bombay and won the hearts of movie-mad Indians.

But old-timers complain that it has become superficial, neglecting to deal with pressing social concerns of the age.

"There's a dumbing down that has taken place in the content. I think we are suffering from what is called the narrative crisis," said veteran director and producer Mahesh Bhatt.

He contrasts modern filmmakers with Dhundiraj Govind Phalke, known as the "father of Indian cinema," who



Bollywood celebrates 100th birthday

brought the first all-Indian feature film to the silver screen in Bombay (now Mumbai) on May 3, 1913.

A tale from the Hindu epic Mahabharata, *Raja Harishchandra* quickly became a hit despite its female characters being played by men – women acting was still widely frowned upon.

Phalke made more than 100 films until his silent style fell victim to “talkies” in the 1930s, but the advent of sound technology allowed India cinema to flourish.

Bollywood plotlines today can involve stars breaking into song, often in picturesque far-flung locations, apropos of nothing – a style that may bemuse a Western audience, but one that helps to set Indian cinema apart.

“If it was exactly the same thing as Hollywood, Hollywood would have run us over. We don’t have that money,” said film critic Anupama Chopra.

For her and many others the “golden age” of cinema was the 1950s, when movie greats emerged such as Satyajit Ray, India’s most renowned filmmaker, who hailed from the alternative film hub of West Bengal.

It was the era of newly independ-

of the “masala” movie – a family entertainer that typically mixed up romance and action, songs and melodrama, a comedy touch and a happy ending.

Parallel Cinema continued to focus on realism, with films such as

'There's a dumbing down that has taken place in the content. I think we are suffering from what is called the narrative crisis.'

Mahesh Bhatt
Bollywood director

ent India, searching for an identity and producing films such as Mehboob Khan's 1957 hit *Mother India*, which combined social concerns with popular appeal.

The 1970s and 1980s saw a growing commercialism with the rise

Mahesh Bhatt's *Arth* (Meaning) in 1982, a gritty tale of an extramarital affair that presented strong female characters.

It was a path-breaker in a decade described as the “dark ages” of Hindi cinema, which struggled with the

advent of colour television, rampant piracy and dependence on the Mumbai underworld for funding.

Things improved after India's economy opened up in the early 1990s, and again a decade later when filmmaking won formal “industry” status. Both steps encouraged foreign firms, such as Fox and Disney, to invest in Bollywood.

But subsequent leaps in technology have not been matched by advances in storytelling, say critics, who lament the formulaic plots, passive roles for women and the copying of Hollywood.

Bollywood's escapist fantasies have long held mass appeal because “there's enough realism in the common man's life,” said Bhatt.

But with ever more TV shows, the internet and easily available global films, such movies may no longer meet the demands of the educated

middle-class.

This expanding group “wants to see something better than trash which caters to the common man who drives auto-rickshaws. They want to see a different kind of cinema”, said veteran actor Rishi Kapoor.

A new crop of experimental filmmakers has started to appear, such as “Hindi indie” darling Anurag Kashyap who is a fixture on the global film festival circuit.

Trade analysts say the growth in multiplex cinemas has also encouraged mainstream films to diversify: a surprise hit last year was *Vicky Donor*, a romcom about sperm donation.

Raj Nidimoru is co-director of upcoming *Go Goa Gone*, one of India's first zombie films, and he believes the move away from staple Bollywood is only just beginning.

“This is just a ripple right now, it's going to become a wave.” – *AFP*

Myanmar's story told through images

Thirty photographers from around the world, including nine from Myanmar, spent last week capturing images that will create a portrait of a nation emerging from decades of oppression.

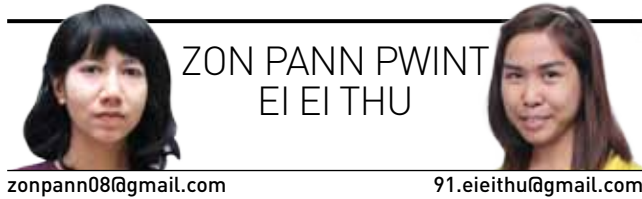
TWENTY-ONE experienced photographers from around the world and nine from Myanmar travelled throughout the country last week to capture the lives of all classes of society in the midst of the changing political landscape.

The project, titled "Seven Days in Myanmar", kicked off on April 27 and ended May 4.

The project was organised by Editions Didier Millet publishing house, which selected the 30 participating photographers and will use the resulting images to publish a book titled *Seven Days in Myanmar*

'I like to be with people and generally I like to photograph the lighter side of life, like celebrations.'

Catherine Karnow
American photographer



in December.

One participating photographer, Catherine Karnow from the United States, said it was a "great honour" to be in Myanmar.

Ms Karnow, whose work has appeared in *National Geographic* and other top publications, came to Myanmar for the first time in October 2011. Soon after she arrived in the country, she fell in love with Yangon.

"I am very excited and happy to be here again because I love this country," she told *The Myanmar Times* at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on April 27, following a press conference that launched the project.

"I am going to photograph high society, including film stars, television stations, movie sets, food and painters in Yangon. I like to stay in the town because I want to photograph the city, I like all the energy and excitement of the city," she said.

ZON PANN PWINT
EI EI THU

zonpann08@gmail.com

91.eieithu@gmail.com

Ms Karnow started the project on April 27 by photographing the wedding of famous singer Rebecca Win.

"Even though I am interested in other places and other subjects, it is best that I have to choose the particular area so the other photographers can go to different areas and cover different themes," she said.

"I am not a news photographer. I like to be with people and generally I like to photograph the lighter side of life, like celebrations. I like to choose issues that make people happy, such as weddings, parties and children's birthday parties."

Local photographer Min Zayar also chose Yangon, to cover youth culture, the daily lives of people in the streets and healthcare in the city.

"I'm interested in other places like Kachin State where other photographers would like to go, but I deferred



The nine local participants in the "Seven Days in Myanmar" project pose at the kickoff press conference at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on April 27. Photo: Aung Htay Hlaing

to others. Besides, I'm also interested in the role of youth and healthcare in the city, so I chose Yangon," he said.

Min Zayar said he planned to shoot images of graffiti and street artists, music bands, pop culture, and health clinics and hospitals.

French wildlife photographer Alain Compost said he was very excited to take photos in Myanmar, which he had never visited before.

"I'm very exciting to come

to Myanmar for the first time. I have focused on wildlife in Southeast Asia for 30 years and this country is part of the region, so I am very interested," Mr Compost told *The Myanmar Times*.

He was assigned to shoot in the Ayeyarwady delta, where he expected to see birds and other animals in wildlife reserves.

"I don't have much information about the delta and it's difficult for me to know what

I'll be able to photograph. Because I have specialised in wildlife, I will try to see what kinds of wildlife I might discover after I learn the nature of delta, then I will try to take pictures," he said.

Raghu Rai from India said he planned to photograph the Indian communities in Myanmar.

"I will try to capture how Hinduism and Buddhism intermingle to create harmony. It is a complex subject," he said.

Gold Panning In Myanmar's Retail Market

THE MYANMAR IS SEEN AS THE LAST GREAT POTENTIAL MARKET IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIA. MANY GIANTS WANT TO SET A DEEP ROOT IN THE MARKET, ESPECIALLY THE RETAIL SECTOR WHOSE CONSUMERS NEED MODERN TRADING



Parkson FMI - Opening - 11.05.2013

The 2013 Outlook for the retail and consumer products sector in Asia released by PwC and the Economist Intelligence Unit says that reflecting the global economic slowdown, Asia Pacific's retail sales growth volume is forecast to grow at 6% in 2013. Asia remains a top destination for global retail chains. Private labels have new opportunities to increase their market share that has been slow growing. Asia's fashion and apparel market will continue to lead global growth. Rising incomes continue to drive growth of fast-moving consumer goods companies.

GREAT POTENTIAL OF MYANMAR

With economic and political reforms now sweeping Myanmar, the world is turning its eyes on the former reclusive nation and seeing vast potential for business. Asia's so-called last frontier is brimming with promise, and investors from across industries are eager to clinch the first ride to the boom before it quickly fades into the sunset.

A study published by Ipsos Thailand in November 2012 showed 90% of retail establishments in Myanmar are still considered "traditional trade," occupying an average of 35-45 square metres, with SKUs of 550 to 1,100. The 10% that are classified as "modern" are mostly supermarkets. Clearly, this is the great potential for the development of the country's retail sector. It's a supply driven commodity market, dependent largely on traditional trade models that account for 90% of the markets. Emergence of hypermarkets in Yangon and Naypyidaw are the first signs of the shifting dynamics in retail sector in Myanmar. Rising aspirations of over 50 million people and the vast opportunities that abound in Myanmar has attracted global investors to this yet untapped and complex market.

GIANTS COME, MODERN MARKET OPENS

Companies like Japanese convenience store chain 7-Eleven, mall developer Aeon (which owns the Jusco hypermarket chain amongst other retail brands) and Asia's department store giant Parkson had all announced plans to set foot in the market prior to the new rules being passed.

Invested by Myanmar Parkson Co., Ltd - the joint venture between Parkson Retail Asia Limited - the leading Asia department store chain, Yoma and FMI - well-established players in the real estate in Myanmar, Parkson FMI Yangon will be opening to the public early this month. Located at a prime address in the heart of business and shopping Yangon district, it will be the first modern international department store in Myanmar featuring a totally new shopping style for consumers in Myanmar.

Mr. Tham Tuck Choy, Managing Director of Myanmar Parkson Co., Ltd. commented: "We are glad to co-operate with Yoma and FMI to bring the first Parkson department store to Yangon and excited to bring many famous global brands into Myanmar for the first time with guaranteed affordable prices. This really encourages us to commit in long-term investment in this highly potential market in order to bring local and foreign customers international shopping and entertainment experiences."

Together with Parkson, many international brands have accompanied to Myanmar for the first time, serving the demand for high-end & quality goods for the style lovers such as Lancôme, Estee Lauder, Clinique, Shiseido, Kosé, Coach, Dolce & Gabbana, Gucci, Lacoste, Hugo Boss, Escada, Tommy Hilfiger (fragrances), Springfield, Puma, Triumph, Van Heusen Besides the world's famous brands, Parkson also brings the new lifestyle, beauty and fashion trend to diversify the living standard in Myanmar.

Over the past 26 years, Parkson has built an unrivalled reputation as Asia's leading department store. Today, Parkson operates 126 stores across 66 cities in Malaysia, China, Vietnam, Indonesia and Sri Lanka.

Mandalay FM goes live

MANDALAY FM radio station celebrated its fifth anniversary on May 1 by launching a two-hour live program titled "Mingalar Nya Nay Khin" (Good Evening), which airs Monday to Friday from 4pm to 6pm.

The show is produced in co-operation with Swedish Radio, which trained local staff and provided technical support to Mandalay FM.

Hla Yin, a manager at Mandalay FM, said the station has produced one-off live broadcasts in the past - including Thingyan programs, the Myanmar Academy Awards and football matches - but "Mingalar Nya Nay Khin" will provide a different experience.

"We conducted a survey of our listeners and we created this program according to their interests," Hla Yin said at a press conference on May 1.

"The audience was bored with the 20-minute talk shows we had broadcast in the past. With this new program, people will be able to listen to five topics in two hours, along with good songs and a new presentation style."

The show includes daily segments on current affairs, a women's panel and traffic reports, the latter updated every 30 minutes.

"The traffic report will be a test because we don't know how useful it will be for our listeners. By the time they reach the places we are talking about, the traffic situation might have changed," U Kyaw Win said. "We'll listen to feedback from our listeners to decide whether to continue."

Mandalay FM started broadcasting in Yangon in April 2008 at 87.9 MHz. — Nuam Bawi and Ei Ei Thu

Mother's Day Dinch

Brunch or Dinner



Sedona Hotel

Y A N G O N

Sunday May 12th

"Club Lounge" for Sky Brunch

"Dufu – Chinese Restaurant" serves a Set Menu with a Surprise

"Orzo – Simply Italian" is presenting Brunch and
Dinner at the **"Riviera"**

"The Lobby" will serve at Afternoon

"Dorchester" Style High Tea with the Sounds of the
"Orchestra of the Conservatory of Music"

The Sedona Way of Celebration
Reservations: (95) 1 666 900

Soon



\$18 per Person excluding free flow of wine. | \$24 per Person including free flow of wine. | Dorchester Tea \$8 per Person.

A potent reminder of the bad old days



DOUGLAS LONG

dlong125@gmail.com

TEN years ago one of the most common book recommendations for new arrivals in Myanmar was *The Trouser People* by Andrew Marshall. The book's relentless attack on the ruling military junta, and its subsequent suppression by authorities, ensured that it was also highly sought-after by local readers.

I did my own small part to meet this demand by bringing along three copies of the book when I moved to Yangon in 2003 and making them available to any Myanmar friends who wanted to read them. I also made a point of using Marshall's writings in a reading group I ran for local journalists.

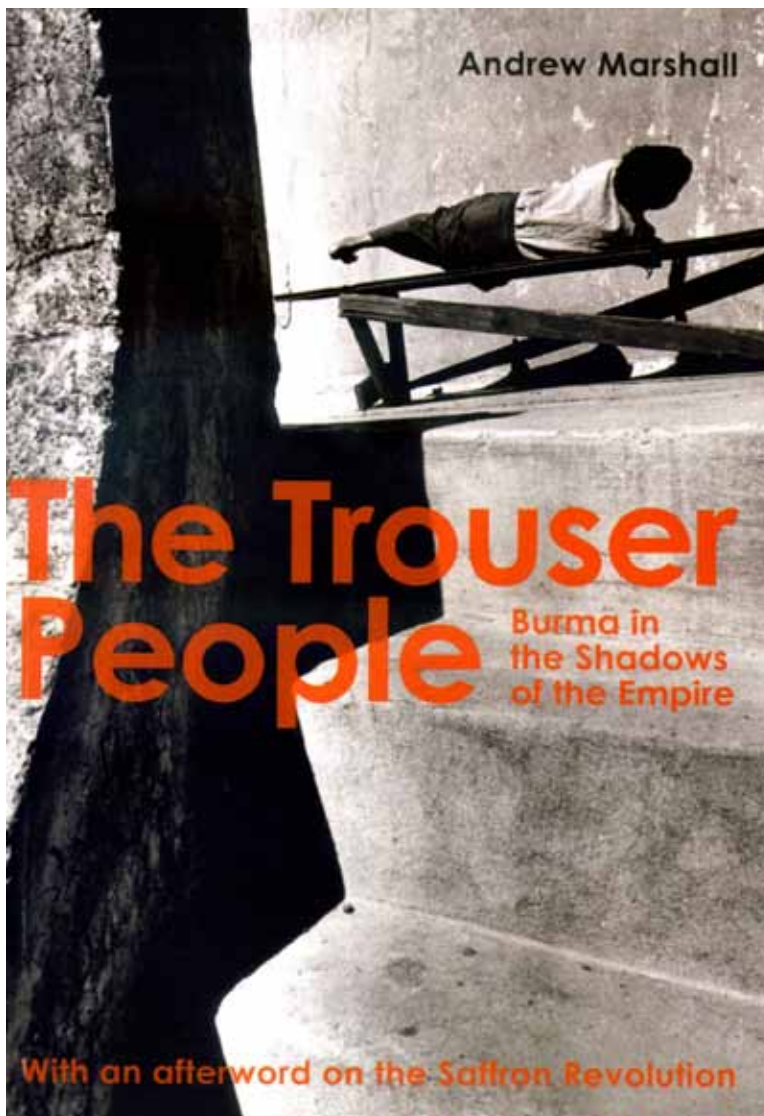
Over the next few years the book became increasingly difficult to find, and in 2008 it was supplanted by Thant Myint-U's *River of Lost Footsteps* as a favourite among newcomers to Myanmar.

But the two books are very different, with *River* providing a more complete historical overview of the country, but falling flat as a travelogue. Marshall is far more entertaining, and his book is based on outstanding firsthand observations collected during travels around the country, mixed with careful research focusing on very specific and colourful aspects of Myanmar's past.

Last year *The Trouser People* — the title is derived from the term used by longyi-clad locals to refer to white colonialists — once again became easy to find on Bangkok bookshelves, with the release of a revised edition that includes a new chapter on Marshall's experiences during the 2007 pro-democracy demonstrations in Yangon.

Historically, the book focuses on British adventurer George Scott's forays into Burma in the late 19th century. Aside from being credited with introducing football to the country, he was tasked by the colonial administration with establishing British rule in the jungle-choked wilds of the Shan states.

Scott was a flamboyant, larger-than-life character who often waded into dangerous situations and blustered his way out the other side unscathed. He was a complex personality: an imperialist who "pacified" the Shan but who was also sympathetic to the various cultures he encountered along the way. He wrote a well-known book about tra-



The Trouser People: Burma in the Shadows of the Empire (Revised Edition), River Books, 2012.

ditional Burmese lifestyles called *The Burman*, as well as the authoritative *Gazetteer of Upper Burma and the Shan States*.

The excerpts from Scott's newspaper dispatches and personal diaries make for evocative reading. On the effects of the British imposing their rule on Mandalay in the 1880s, he wrote: "The pigs have all been eaten up and the pariah dogs poisoned by municipal order; A, B and C roads testify to the unromantic stolidity of the Military Intelligence Department; electric trams make it easier for the Burman to move to the suburbs and leave the town to the hustling foreigner. There are no agreeable scallywags. The Palace, instead of being tawdrily magnificent, smells horribly of bats."

Marshall is likewise no slouch when it comes to describing his travels through Myanmar in pursuit of Scott's ghost. His writing is pointed and humorous, as with this description of a government ferry plying

the Ayeyarwady River: "Standing on a spur of sand, where a man was lovingly washing his bicycle, I got my first real view of the ship. It was not a pretty sight. It was a Japanese vessel with an English engine, flat-bellied, snub-nosed and weeping with rust. I'd seen better-looking boats 120 feet beneath the ocean with an air canister on my back."

Marshall also pulls no punches when it comes to his view of military rule, which was imposed in 1962 and, to paraphrase the author, resulted in the replacement of history with propaganda.

In one section he details the abuses of the junta's vicious Four Cuts campaign, which was aimed at cutting off supplies of food, funds, intelligence and recruits to the Shan State Army: "What it amounted to in practice was a systematic campaign of terror against a civilian population, in which mass killings, gang rape and torture by Burmese troops were routine."

Readers might question the relevance of rehashing the "bad old days" of malevolent junta rule. But with riot police burning Buddhist monks at Letpadaung, authorities doing little to quell rioting between Buddhists and Muslims, and reports of sketchy army tactics filtering out of war-torn areas of Kachin and Shan states, these past atrocities are well worth remembering.

Older Myanmar friends tell me of a time when the people respected the Tatmadaw, as the country's armed forces are known. But then 1988 happened: In the midst of crackdowns against the pro-democracy

In the midst of crackdowns against the pro-democracy movement, protestors expected the Tatmadaw to rescue them from the brutality of the riot police. Instead, the soldiers betrayed the trust of the citizens they were meant to protect, and shot them dead in the streets.

movement, protestors expected the Tatmadaw to rescue them from the brutality of the riot police. Instead, the soldiers betrayed the trust of the citizens they were meant to protect, and shot them dead in the streets.

A repeat performance in September 2007 — during which, among other unmeritorious acts, soldiers assaulted Buddhist monks in their own monasteries — further soured the public's view of the armed forces.

For me, the new chapter in *The Trouser People* detailing the events of 2007 is particularly fascinating. In this case, I can confirm the veracity of Marshall's account because I witnessed some of these events myself — including the September 27 attack on protestors at Sule Pagoda. State media later said demonstrators "mobbed the security forces, throwing stones and sticks at them, using catapults and swords". But what I saw were protestors sitting on the ground and praying when security forces swooped in and started killing.

The absurd disconnect between the actual events and the junta's fantasy version might have been humorous had the crackdown that day not resulted in the deaths of at least nine people, including Japanese videographer Kenji Nagai, who was shot point-blank by a sandal-wearing soldier of the Myanmar army.

With this bleak track record hanging over their heads, the burden is on Myanmar's "security forces" to prove that they really are dedicated to taking courageous steps towards positive change, and that they are now working in accord with the best interests of the people of Myanmar, rather than standing by and waiting for orders to once again brutalise the populace for the benefit of the powerful few.



The crowd of protestors near Sule Pagoda on September 27, 2007, who were described by state media as having "mobbed the security forces, throwing stones and sticks at them, using catapults and swords". Photo: Douglas Long

WEEKLY PREDICTIONS MAY 6 TO 12

AQUARIUS

Knowing how to get along with people and contribute to social welfare will provide the framework for your success. Pay more attention to information provided to you, and use your wisdom to pick the relevant points out of any communications, and then apply this new data toward achieving your profession goals.

PISCES

Contemplate deep questions with faith and confidence, and your subconscious will take over and answer for you. The principle reason for your weakness is your inability to understand your elders. Allow your imagination to gain the day and guide your actions. You cannot understand love that comes from out of the blue.

ARIES

Listen to the changing tones, cadences

and moods in the voices of the people you meet every day. Activity without direction is like a blind man burdened by many actions. Your sweet tongue and natural charisma will supply the power you need to open the heart of the one you desire. Allow your heart to become an echo chamber, to better allow you to live in a state of harmony.

TAURUS

All you have to do is open your mental eyes and behold the treasure house of harmony within yourself. Nothing outside yourself is going to make you happy — you must work to make yourself happy. To achieve your dreams you must be focused, disciplined, persevering, caring, worthy, excited, enthusiastic and passionate. Life is short. Live it up.

GEMINI

Empathy is the heart and soul of giving. Don't allow pessimistic influences to force you to change your values, especially those that drive you to help others in need. Spending time with a new circle of friends

could lead to romance. Know that life requires purification with a smile.

CANCER

Be aware of how your lifestyle affects your environment and adjust it accordingly to reduce any negative impact on the social community. Take charge of management matters with the aim of maintaining a good balance in the long term. Learn how to use periods of change as opportunities to improve your professional prospects.

LEO

Find ways to show respect for others and work out differences from the angle of quality. Matters taking only a few minutes at a time can add up to a big difference on a cumulative basis. Be wary of colourful advice and communication, which can act as a kind of powerful delusion. Your search for love will test your endurance and emotional attachment.

VIRGO

Try to view each moment as a learning op-

portunity, and you might find a way to apply these lessons toward finding a better path in life. An old friend's suggestion will encourage you to fulfill your desires in love, life and family relationships. What seems nasty, painful and evil can become a source of beauty, joy and strength if faced with an open mind.

LIBRA

You will find yourself in a peaceful atmosphere of good fortune, where it's often better to live in silence. Develop a sense of working for the cause that you feel is right. What is essential in right thinking is to program the negative onto a positive. Check your current position and organise yourself to prevent your heart from getting stupid.

SCORPIO

Enrich your life with understanding, and your heart will be happy. The less you say, the better you will be able to bring your knowledge and experience to bear. Your social contribution will bear fruit as gains in social power and position in social relationships.

SAGITTARIUS

The most important principle of time management is concentration, which you must practice willingly. Walk continually toward your problematic ground and decide to play a simple game with your creative talents. Take time to solve the interpersonal conflicts that disturb you most. Learning to suffer for love is one of the great qualities of the human race.

CAPRICORN

The key is to manage your fears by confronting the very things that frighten you the most. A sense of perspective is essential to solve any problem of a different colour. Your actions and deeds should make more waves than words in your social circle.

FOR A PERSONAL READING CONTACT:
AUNG MYIN KYAW

4th Floor, 113, Thamaing Bayan Road,
Tarnwe Tsp, Yangon. Tel: 09-731-35632
Email: williameastel@gmail.com



Phyo's Cooking Adventure

If the fiesta is in your mouth, invite the shredded chicken!

Phyo cuts through culture to reveal life's true taste. **Phyo Zar Thwin**

THIS week I am continuing my South of the Border theme with Mexican-style shredded chicken with green peppers. It is easy to make and highly recommended for dazzling the taste buds.

I usually cook two portions: one for immediate use, and one for the freezer. On a busy day, the frozen dish can become a quick and easy lunch or dinner. I also retain a little bit of watery gravy for the frozen dish — it's easy to reheat and the meat is soaked in its flavour.

I make a few variations of this recipe, including mixing in red kidney beans or green beans.

MEXICAN SSHREDDED CHICKEN
NGREDIENTS
(SERVES 4)

- 2 skinless chicken breasts (450-500g)
- 1 teaspoon of chili powder
- 1 teaspoon of paprika
- ½ teaspoon of salt
- 2 tablespoons of vegetable oil or olive oil
- 6 tomatoes (boiled and peeled)
- 2 chopped green peppers
- 3 cloves of garlic (crushed)
- ¾ cup of chicken stock
- 2 onions (roughly chopped)
- ½ large lime

PREPARATION

Cut the chicken breasts into strips and marinate with salt, pepper, chili powder and paprika for at least 30 minutes.

Boil the tomatoes and peel the skin off. Then chop them roughly.

Heat the oil in a wok or frying pan and sear the chicken for 3 minutes, or until it changes to a golden colour. Add the roughly chopped

onions into the pan and fry for 2 more minutes.

When the onions become clear, add the crushed garlic and fry until the aroma is released.

Add the chopped tomatoes and green peppers and stir well. Add the chicken stock and bring to boil, then turn the heat down, cover the pan with a lid and simmer for 30 minutes.

When the chicken becomes soft enough, shred it in the pan with a wooden spoon. Remove the lid and turn the heat up to reduce the stock. Be careful during this stage because the liquid will evaporate quickly — you need to stir frequently and make sure the chicken does not burn on the bottom.

When most of the liquid has evaporated, turn off the heat and squeeze the lime over the chicken. Serve with steamed rice, tortillas or naan.

RED BEAN SALAD VERSION
INGREDIENTS
(SERVES 4)

- 1 cup of *pae ya pwa* beans (uncooked)
- 1 cup of coriander (picked leaves)
- 1 onion (finely chopped)
- 3-4 green chilies (finely sliced)
- 200g of grape tomatoes, or 3-4 large ripe tomatoes (chopped, deseeded)
- 1 small cucumber (finely chopped, deseeded)
- 3 tablespoons of olive oil
- 3 tablespoons of lime juice
- Salt and pepper to taste

PREPARATION

After washing them well, soak the beans overnight, then boil them in lightly salted water for 30 minutes or

until they are soft. Drain well. Halve the grape tomatoes or slice the big tomatoes and remove the seeds, then chop them.

Halve the cucumber and remove the seeds, then cut it into pieces the same size as the tomatoes. In a big bowl, soak the beans in oil and season with salt and pepper.

Before serving, add the remaining ingredients and toss well.

For the rest of the recipe, follow the steps for Mexican-style shredded chicken. Add the red bean mixture during the stock-boiling phase.

MAIN TIPS

If you serve the shredded chicken with rice, retain a bit of water in the gravy and add one tablespoon of vegetable oil.

Cooking the beans: After the water boils, turn the heat down and cook over medium-low heat. They should soak in hot water rather than being boiled. Put vegetable scraps to the water for added flavour.

Pae yay pwa are red beans that are available at all supermarkets. Tortillas can be found at Marketplace or Sharky's.

QUAFFING QUOTE
“Cooking is the art of adjustment.” — *Jacques Pepin (French chef and author)*

NEXT WEEK
Hot and spicy Mexican-style chicken



WINE REVIEWS



RED WINE
Ghost Pines Cabernet Sauvignon 2009
Neither offensive nor overly impressive, this Napa Valley red has a passable, mellow flavour that matches with meaty pizza. The label design gets a 9/10.

K 19,600
Score: 7/10



WHITE WINE
Barefoot Moscato 2011
This sweet California wine, class champion at the prestigious Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Wine Competition, goes well with canned shrimp, Wonder bread and Velveeta processed cheese product.

K 6,700
Score: 5/10

Forget K-pop, it's time to jump on the K-burger express

SOUTH Korean fast food chain Lotteria opened up shop in Yangon's trendy Junction Square over the Water Festival holiday, giving Myanmar residents a taste of international quick eats.

The menu is the standard fare of fast-food grub: burgers, fries, chicken sandwiches and soft-serve ice cream, with a few Asian-centric items like squid rings and fish bites.

Looking for something similar to my beloved Golden Arches without having to board a flight for Bangkok, I went with the classic cheeseburger, French fry and cola set, with a healthy dose of ketchup, and received my order almost instantly.

The fries were fantastic. Hot and crispy, a welcome change from the greasy half-cooked potato pieces that pass for the real thing at Yangon beer stations. I enjoyed them so much, I went back for another order, much to amusement of the cashier.

The burger, in an attempt to

ensure that the “fast” in fast-food was honoured, was clearly made a bit too far in advance. The sandwich had cooled considerably by the time I took my first bite but its potential was evident. With a few more degrees of heat, it would have been a good-to-very-good burger for this type of restaurant.

The real heartbreaker came at the end of the meal, when I was informed that the ice cream machine had not yet been installed. — *TM*

LOTTERIA
Junction Square
Kyan Taw Road
Kamaryut township, Yangon

Food: 7
Drink: 8
Atmosphere: 9
Service: 10
X-factor: 9
Value for money: 8
Score: 8/10



Opening day at Lotteria in Yangon. Photo: Thiri



Mr Cobriel Cheng @ Star City Unit B Sales Launch



U Aik Htun @ 65th Anniversary of Israeli Independence Day



Dr Sein Myint and Mr Tara Nath Acharya @ 65th Anniversary of Israeli Independence Day



Mr Paradon Kunkongkaphan @ Chatrium Hotel 15th Anniversary



Models @ Lotteria Grand Opening



Eaindra Kyaw Zin and May Sweet @ Lotteria Grand Opening



U Thein Wai and guests @ Star City Unit B Sales Launch



Htet Htet @ Samsaung Galaxy S4 Product Launch



Mr PIsaun Suvanjata @ Chatrium Hotel 15th Anniversary



Mr Kim Chang Kyu, U Aung Win and Mr Choon-Seop @ Lotteria Grand Opening



Wine Su Khine Thein @ Samsaung Galaxy S4 Product Launch



Khine Thazin Yu Wah @ Samsaung Galaxy S4 Product Launch



U Aung Khine Lin and Ms Nutthaya Tiannanon @ Chatrium Hotel 15th Anniversary



U Kyaw Swa Lin @ Samsaung Refrigerator Launch



Mr Nan Sik Ahn @ Samsaung Galaxy S4 Product Launch



U Win Htein Win and Daw Aye Thiri Mon @ Star City Unit B Sales Launch

SOCIALITE
WITH NYEIN EI EI HTWE



THE heat of April has a way of beating everyone down, and since summer started Socialite has already gone through about 10 tubs of sun-block to protect her beautiful, precious skin from harmful UV rays, but that didn't stop her from making the rounds of all the ever-so-exciting events on offer in modern metropolis of Yangon. (Now that the Hledan Flyover has opened, our city is nearly indistinguishable from Bangkok!) She kicked off the week on April 25 with a visit to the 65th anniversary of Israel's Independence Day at Inya Lake Hotel, and the next day she was thrilled to attend the Samsaung Galaxy S4 launch at Park Royal Hotel, the Star City Unit B sales launch at Grand Mee Ya Hta Hotel, and the 15th anniversary celebration of Chatrium Hotel, held (you guessed it) at Chatrium Hotel. On April 27, Socialite was present at the Ranbaxy new product launch at Park Royal Hotel, then she went to Junction Square for the opening of Lotteria fast food restaurant, and she also chilled out at the Samsung refrigerator launch.



Aung Ye Lin and Sithu Maung @ Samsaung Galaxy S4 Product Launch



Ko Zaw Ko Ko Tun @ Samsaung Galaxy S4 Product Launch



Ma May Myat Mon Win @ Chatrium Hotel 15th Anniversary



Models @ Samsaung Refrigerator Launch



Daw Khine Khine Zaw @ Ranbaxy New Product Launch



U Zaw Min Oo @ Lotteria Grand Opening



U Maung Maung Swe @ Chatrium Hotel 15th Anniversary



Khine Thazin Ngu Wah @ Samsaung Galaxy S4 Product Launch



U Aung Aung Naing and Daw Ni Ni Win @ Star City Unit B Sales Launch



Ko Thiha Lu Lin @ Samsaung Refrigerator Launch



Thinzar Nwe Win @ Samsaung Galaxy S4 Product Launch

FOR EFFICIENT DIGESTION...


No need to worry for indigestion and overeating.

Eating indigestible food, overeating and declining digestive efficiency among the elderly may cause indigestion.

ENZYPLEX contains Digestive Enzymes, Vitamin B - complex and Anti-flatulent dimethylpolysiloxane for efficient digestion and quick and effective relief against bloating, belching, flatulence, abdominal discomfort and feeling of fullness.



FEEL LIKE YOU'RE READY TO BURST AFTER YOU'VE JUST EATEN?

ENZYPLEX
DIGESTIVE ENZYMES

• Bloating
• Flatulence
• Belching
• Feeling of fullness
• Abdominal discomfort
• Indigestion

RELIEVES STOMACH AND ABDOMINAL DISCOMFORT



UNITED PHARMA
Pursuing Your Aspirations

[illegible]

Asian Wings (AW)
Tel: 951 516654, 532253,
09-731-35991~3.Fax: 951
532333

Yangon Airways(YH)
Tel: (+95-1) 383 100, 383 107, 700 264, Fax: 652 533.

**FMI Air Charter -
Sales & Reservations**
Tel: (95-1) 240363, 240373
/ (+95-9) 421146545

Malaysia Airlines
(MH)
Tel : 387648, 241007 ext : 120,
121, 122 Fax : 241124

**Myanmar Airways
International(8M)**
Tel : 255260, Fax: 255305

Silk Air(MI)
Tel: 255 287~9, Fax: 255 290

Thai Airways (TG)
Tel : 255491~6, Fax : 255223

Vietnam Airlines
(VN)
Fax : 255086. Tel 255066/
255088/ 255068.

Qatar Airways
(Temporary Office)
Tel: 01-250388, (ext: 8142,
8210)

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SCHEDULES

Days				Flight				Dep				Arr				Days				Flight				Dep				Arr				Days				Flight				Dep				Arr																																			
YANGON TO BANGKOK																YANGON TO KUALA LUMPUR																YANGON TO TOKYO																SINGAPORE TO YANGON																THUR CA 905 13:00 13:15															
MON PG 706 07:15 09:30																MON 8M 501 07:50 11:50																MON NH 914 21:30 06:40+1																MON SQ 998 07:55 09:20																FRI MU 2031 13:30 14:00															
8M 333 08:20 10:05																AK 1425 08:30 12:45																WED NH 914 21:30 06:40+1																3K 585 09:10 10:40																FRI MU 2011 08:35 11:30															
8M 335 08:40 10:25																MH 741 12:15 16:30																SAT NH 914 21:30 06:40+1																8M 6231 09:10 10:40																SAT CA 905 13:00 14:00															
TG 304 09:50 11:45																AK 1421 16:45 21:00																																8M 232 13:25 14:50																MU 2031 13:30 14:00															
PG 702 10:30 12:25																TUE 8M 501 07:50 11:50																																MI 520 22:10 23:35																															
TG 302 14:55 16:50																AK 1425 08:30 12:45																																Y5 234 15:35 17:05																															
8M 331 16:30 18:15																MH 741 12:15 16:30																																MI 518 14:20 15:45																															
PG 704 18:20 20:15																MH 743 16:55 21:10																																SQ 998 07:55 09:20																															
TG 306 19:45 21:40																WED 8M 501 07:50 11:50																																3K 585 09:10 10:40																															
PG 706 07:15 09:30																MH 741 12:15 16:30																																8M 6231 08:55 10:25																															
8M 333 08:20 10:05																AK 1421 16:45 21:00																																VN 943 11:40 13:25																															
8M 335 08:40 10:25																8M 501 07:50 11:50																																8M 232 13:25 14:50																															
TG 304 09:50 11:45																MH 741 12:15 16:30																																MI 518 14:20 15:45																															
PG 702 10:30 12:25																AK 1425 08:30 12:45																																Y5 234 15:35 17:05																															
TG 302 14:55 16:50																MH 741 12:15 16:30																																SQ 998 07:55 09:20																															
8M 331 16:30 18:15																AK 1421 16:45 21:00																																3K 585 09:10 10:40																															
PG 704 18:20 20:15																AK 1425 08:30 12:45																																8M 6231 09:10 10:40																															
TG 306 19:45 21:40																MH 741 12:15 16:30																																8M 232 13:25 14:50																															
PG 706 07:15 09:30																MH 743 16:55 21:10																																MI 518 14:20 15:45																															
8M 333 08:20 10:05																MH 743 16:55 21:10																																Y5 234 15:35 17:05																															
8M 335 08:40 10:25																MH 743 16:55 21:10																																8M 234 20:30 21:55																															
TG 304 09:50 11:45																																																MI 520 22:10 23:35																															
PG 702 10:30 12:25																																																3K 585 09:10 10:40																															
TG 302 14:55 16:50																																																8M 6231 09:10 10:40																															
8M 331 16:30 18:15																																																MI 518 14:20 15:45																															
PG 704 18:20 20:15																																																8M 232 13:25 14:50																															
TG 306 19:45 21:40																																																MI 520 22:10 23:35																															
PG 706 07:15 09:30																																																3K 585 09:10 10:40																															
8M 333 08:20 10:05																																																8M 6231 08:55 10:25																															
8M 335 08:40 10:25																																																VN 943 11:40 13:25																															
TG 304 09:50 11:45																																																8M 232 13:25 14:50																															
PG 702 10:30 12:25																																																MI 518 14:20 15:45																															
TG 302 14:55 16:50																																																Y5 234 15:35 17:05																															
8M 331 16:30 18:15																																																8M 234 20:30 21:55																															
PG 704 18:20 20:15																																																MI 520 22:10 23:35																															
TG 306 19:45 21:40																																																																															
YANGON TO DON MUENG																																																BEIJING TO YANGON																															
MON FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																TUE CA 905 08:05 13:15																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																WED CA 905 08:05 13:15																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																THUR CA 905 08:05 13:15																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																SAT CA 905 08:05 13:15																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																SUN CA 905 08:05 13:15																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																FRANKFURT TO YANGON																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																TUE DE 2368 14:05 05:10+1																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																KAULA LUMPUR TO YANGON																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																MON AK 1424 06:55 08:00																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																MH 740 10:05 11:15																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																8M 502 12:50 13:50																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																AK 1420 15:05 16:15																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																TUE AK 1424 06:55 08:00																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																MH 740 10:05 11:15																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																8M 502 12:50 13:50																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																MH 742 14:45 15:55																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																AK 1420 15:05 16:15																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																WED AK 1424 06:55 08:00																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																MH 740 10:05 11:15																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																8M 502 12:50 13:50																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																MH 742 14:45 15:55																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																AK 1420 15:05 16:15																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																THUR AK 1424 06:55 08:00																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																MH 740 10:05 11:15																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																AK 1420 15:05 16:15																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																FRI AK 1424 06:55 08:00																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																MH 740 10:05 11:15																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																8M 502 12:50 13:50																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																AK 1420 15:05 16:15																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																SUN AK 1424 06:55 08:00																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																MH 740 10:05 11:15																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																MH 742 14:45 15:55																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																AK 1420 15:05 16:15																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																GUANGZHOU TO YANGON																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																MON CZ 3055 14:45 16:35																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																TUE 8M 712 14:15 15:50																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																WED CZ 3055 08:40 10:30																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																THUR 8M 712 14:15 15:50																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																FRI CZ 3055 14:45 16:35																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																SAT CZ 3055 08:40 10:30																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																SUN 8M 712 14:15 15:50																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																TAIPEI TO YANGON																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																MON CI 7915 07:00 09:50																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																TUE CI 7915 07:00 09:50																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																BR 287 07:45 10:35																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																WED CI 7915 07:00 09:50																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																THUR CI 7915 07:00 09:50																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																FRI CI 7915 07:00 09:50																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																BR 287 07:45 10:35																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																SAT CI 7915 07:00 09:50																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																BR 287 07:45 10:35																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																SUN CI 7915 07:00 09:50																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																KUNMING TO YANGON																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																MON MU 2031 13:30 14:00																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																TUE CA 905 13:00 13:15																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																WED MU 2031 13:30 14:00																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																CA 905 13:00 13:15																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																MU 2031 13:30 14:00																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																																															
FD 2752 08:30 10:20																																																																															
FD 2756 12:50 14:40																																																																															
FD 2754 17:50 19:35																																																																															

CONGRATULATIONS

We heartfully congratulate to Wunna Kyaw Htin Sithu *U Aung Ko Win*, Patron Of Myanmar Football Federation and Chairman of KBZ Bank Limited for receiving the State Excellence Award (*First Prize among the entrepreneurs serving the highest tax payments to the State Budget Revenue*) recognized as the highest taxpayer in Myanmar conferred by the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on the occasion of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar President's State Excellence Awards Presentation Ceremony held on 30th April 2013.

We all wish him continued contribution to our society and country in coming years.



Myanmar Football Federation and
Myanmar National League Committee



CONGRATULATIONS

We heartily congratulate to Wunna Kyaw Htin Sithu *U Zaw Zaw*, President of Myanmar Football Federation and Chairman of Max Myanmar Group of Companies (*For receiving the certificate of honour among the entrepreneurs serving the highest tax payments to the State Budget Revenue*) recognized as the highest taxpayer in Myanmar conferred by the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on the occasion of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar President's State Excellence Awards Presentation Ceremony held on 30th April 2013.

We all wish him continued contribution to our society and country in coming years.



Myanmar Football Federation and
Myanmar National League Committee



FREE CLASSIFIED

HOW TO GET A FREE AD

BY FAX : 01-254158

BY EMAIL : classified@myanmartimes.com.mm, advertising@myanmartimes.com.mm

BY MAIL : 379/383, Bo Aung Kyaw St, Kyauktada Township, Yangon.

HOW TO GET MORE BUSINESS FROM AS LITTLE AS K.5,000.

BUY SPACE ON THESE PAGES

CALL: Khin Mon Mon Yi - 01-392676, 392928

General

Computer

COMPUTER #1 system unit only MB-478,CPU-Intel2.6, RAM-512 MB, HDD-80G, AGP-128MB,Casing/PSU, Ks.65000. #2 System unit only CPU-AMD Dual Core 1.6, RAM-1GB,HDD-160G,PCI Express-128MB, Casing/PSU,Ks.85000. #3 PC One Set Viewsonic 20" Monitor, MB-775, CPU-Intel Dual Core 2.8, RAM-2GB, HDD-500G, Casing/PSU,UPS & Speaker,Ks.250,000. PIs call: 09-4200-22649 (Negotiable)

CALL Any Time Software House If you need computerized solution for your bussiness, please contact us. We are here to assist for customized application, statistic web page, CMS web page and mobile application software according to your requirements. Your pleasure is our achievement. www.callanytime.herobo.com callanytime.mm@gmail.com Ph: 09-421132883, 09-421037673

(**HD** {Game,app} install iPhone, iPod touch 6000ks, iPad 8000ks) iOS Upgrade,All iDevices iOS 6.1 full jailbreak coming up, (iTunes US account open- HD game, app download) Gmail account open, Ph: :09-514-7480

CAN Technical Solution: Computer Maintenance- Network Solution. CCTV, PABX, Finger Print, Door Lock. Fire Alarm, PA, Hotel BMS System. Ph: 228673, 09-730-93068, 09-4253-72631. Add:39, Htamar St, Ahlone, Yangon.

ANOTHER WORLD (Computer System & IT solution Group). Networking Services: Consultation, design ing, Planning, Implementing Managing & Maintaining Computer Network, Wireless Solution & hotspot (Indoor & Outdoor), Cisco Devices Solution, VPN, Firewall, NAS& SAN Design Solutions, Internet load balancing & sharing, Hotel Internet system, Brand ed Server Solution, Microsoft Window Server & Linux Server, Mail, Proxy, Antivirus Server, Data base Server, Internet Cafe & Game Center Solution, Office, Company, customized Server and Network system. Ph : 09-732-48398.

SKYPE Payment Services : Credit 10 \$ = 10000 Ks Malaysia/ Korea 400minutes = 13000 Ks Unlimited World = 13000 Ks Unlimited 1 Country = 7500 Ks. Ph: 09-509-1820. Email : aps.itsolution@gmail.com Add : 40(B), 3rd Flr, Insein Rd, Hledan.

Education

IGCSE : Eng, Maths, Pure Maths, Phys and Chem are taught. Small-sized class. Ph: 09-513-9298, 09-732-55281.

TUTORING on Biology & English for private school students. PIs call : 09-506-0800 for more info.

SPECIAL for Maths: Geometry, Algebra I,

Algebra II, Pre calculus, Advanced calculus, Tr. Kaung Myat BE (PE) to help you cut study time, to solve home problem skills, to achieve your personal best on exams, to improve your comprehension&reduce the time you need to spend studying. Ph:09-731-42020, Email: kaungmyatoo251@gmail.com

LITERATURE study for IB & SAT up to 12 Grade. External students can practice to sit on SAT , GMAT preparation can also be inquire. Beginner or intermediate Spanish and French language practicing & study. It is right to enjoy reading classic and persuaded writing ,critical thinking and world culture .If you had tried as much as you can to follow the lesson and you will get good experiences and skill .This program will help you capability and fill your luck of knowledge. U Thant Zin, 28, 3B, Thatipahtan St, Tamwe. Ph:09- 503-5350 , 01-547442, 09-310 21314

PART TIME study guide 7:00 ~ 9:00 Pm. Ph: 09-420-106628.

FOR INTERNATIONAL school's students All subjects (Grade 1 to Grade 4) Only Maths specialized (Grade 1 to Grade 6). Ph: 09-420-087050.

INTERNATIONAL schools subjects: English, Maths, Science, Hindi, Urdu & Social. Will coach your kids with great effort. Contact :Teacher Fiona :31, 6th flr, U Lun St, Tamwe. Ph: 09-430-63590

"SCHOLAR Teaching Organization" founded with ME,BE and Master Degree holder with 12 years experience in teaching field.Role and Responsibility: Making the students develop problem solving skills, critical thinking skills & I.Q and E.Q enriching skills,Int'l School (ILBC, Total, MISO, ISY, PISM, Horizon,ISM,network,CISM,MIS,MLA,ES4E,D SY RV). All grades, All SubjectsSingapore MOE Exams (AEIS, S-AEIS exam IELTS, TOFEL, Tr.Htet:09-215-0075, 09-401-600705, Tr.Bryan : 09-420-070692.

ENGLISH for Young Learners&Adult General English (4 skills). Foundation English Course. Business English Course. One to One, Special class & Home, SA YA Zaw Myo Win, Ph: 09-730-26906.

YOUNG LEARNERS English: Young learners (Age 6-14) (Starters, Movers, Flyers, KET, PET) One to One, Special Class & Home. Adults learners (Age above 16). Sa Ya Zaw Myo Win, Ph: 09-730-26906, 09-310-56840..

TEACHERS who have got Teaching experience in Singapore, Grade 10, 11 & Int'l School, GCSE, SAT, IELTS, TOEFL, Sayar Bryan, ME (IT) 09-42 007 0692, Sayar Htet : 09-215-0075, Sayar Min Aung (B.E, IT) : 09-492-80490

ENGLISH classes for Cambridge Young Learners - Starters/ Movers/ Flyers/ KET & PET. Also available Business English for Absolute Beginners

(Adults), Reading classes for 6-10 y.o, Creative Writing for 7-10 y.o. & Book Club for 7-12 y.o Call 09-506-2283

HOME TUITION for AP, IGCSE/BIOLOGY. Ph: 09-731-00069.

PART TIME study guide only downtown area. 7:00 Pm to 9:00 Pm Ph: 09-420-106628

SAYA SAW AUNG (Ex.A.P) Chemistry Classes for Int'l school (see-levels), iGCSE, GCE 'A' Level & SAT II. Ph : 09-500-5470.

EXAM preparation classes for IGCSE MAY/ JUNE 2013 (Edexcel & Cambridge). Only 5 students per class. All subject available. For more info: Tr. Pyae Phyo Kyaw 09-508-8683

Thar St, Sanchaung, Yangon, Ph: 09-540-8223, 09-730-95975.

UVSV Hygiene kits, FirstAdKits for Emergency Areas with Fair price and fast delivery. Ph -09-516-3209, 09-507-4207

For Sale

SAMSUNG Galaxy Note GT-N7000 Price : 300000 Samsung S3 Mini Price : 210000. Ph: : 094-5003-9844

TOSHIBA Qosmio F750 3D Laptop Intel Core i7 Ram 4GB H.D.D 640GB Graphics 2GB Display 15.6" Red Colour (Like new) Price : 600000. Ph : 09-501-6694

IPHONE 5 32GB Black 10 Month Warranty

Place a
FREE ad
NOW!

Expert Services

IF YOU WANT to change from International Driving Licence to Myanmar Driving Licence.Our Services can do.Please, Answer the following data and mail me for your application. I type the forms and continue. Name, passport No, Myanmar immigration admitted date, date of expire, date of birth and place, blood type, driving licence No,date of expire, issue date,issue country, licence class, present address, your rank & duty in Myanmar Office,Company or Orginazation, your apply officer name, rank & duty. Ph: 09-730-08426 Email: kaungthetservices@gmail.com.

IF YOU NEED house, building apartment, Office Room to rent or buy. Please do contact ph: candlelight295@gmail.com

GO AWAY Vocal Myo Set Swe (Melody) Cxan Min Beat By Cxan Min Represent 85 Family Nay Pyi Taw Music Pioneer Entertainment.

AMAZING homeservices We provide cleaning services to home/offices/retail for one time/weekly/monthly. more info:-200654, 09-507-3309, 09-732-50365.email:ahs.azinghomeservices@gmail.com

CONSULTANCY for INGO projects for sustainability of project results. Writer & Freelance National Consultant Dr. Tun Win is providing strategy for sustainability through facilitating workshop on How to Facilitate Corruption Fighting in Community Based Organizations.Address: Dr. Tun Win, 21-Chan

Price : 625000. iPhone 5 16GB Black. 8 Month Warranty. Price : 525000. Ph : 09-450-03984

DELL Inspiron N5110 Intel Core i7 Ram 8GB H.D.D 640GB Graphics 1GB Display 15.6" Red Colour (Like New) Price : 550000. Ph : 09-501-6694.

DELL INSPIRON N5110 Intel Core i7 Ram 8GB H.D.D 640GB Graphics 1GB Display 15.6" Red Colour (Like New) Price : 550000. Ph : 09-501-6694

MATTRESS rubber, Kings size, 200 x 190 x 12. Two years old, good order, 60,000 k ONO. Palm Village, Yankin, Yangon email only. pl8ts@hotmail.com

ORIGINAL 3DS Game Cartridge (Spirit Camrea: The Cursed Memoir) - 20000 Kyats, Original 3DS Game Cartridge (Kid Icarus: Uprising) - 20000 Kyats. Ph: 09-507-9980"

ACER ASPIER 4740 Intel Core i5 Ram 2GB H.D.D 320GB Finger Print Display 14" Blue Colour (Like new) Price: 350000. Ph: 01-248076

ACER ASPIRE 4743G Intel Core i3 Ram 2GB H.D.D 320GB Graphics 512MB Display 14" Black Colour (Like New) Price : 280000. Ph : 09-450-039844

IPAD 4 32GB White 4G iPad 3 32GB White Wifi iPad Mini 64GB Black WiFi. Ph: 09-501-6694

SAMSUNG Galaxy Note 2 Note 1 S2 S3 & Samsung tablets. Ph : 09-450-039844.

IPAD 4 32GB White + 4G (10 Month Warranty) Price : 570000. iPad 3 64GB White Wifi (8 Month Warranty) Price : 460000. Ph : 09-501-6694.

ACER 4775 Intel Core i5 Ram 4GB H.D.D 750GB Graphic nvidia 1GB Green colour Price : 400000. Ph :01-248076.

IPAD 4 32GB White + 4G (10 Month Warranty) Price : 570000. iPad 3 64GB White Wifi (8 Month Warranty) Price : 460000. Ph : 09-501-6694

IPAD 4 32GB White 4G iPad 3 32GB White Wifi iPad Mini 64GB Black WiFi. Ph: 09-501-6694

DELL INSPIRON N5110 Intel Core i7 Ram 8GB H.D.D 640GB Graphics 1GB Display 15.6" Red Colour (Like New) Price : 550000. Ph : 09-501-6694

(1) **SONY TV** 25" Trinitron, TruSurround with SRS (2) **Yamaha Generator**, Single Cylinder 2.3 KVA, EF 2600, Petrol Engine OHV Engine, Brushless Ph: 09-501-2801, 519 268

(1)**USED ACER LED** Monitor, Display18.5" , Port :VGA, DVI ,Black, 3 No. K 50,000 (2) **Used LG LED Monitor**, Display 18.5" , Port :VGA, DVI , Black, 3 No. K 50,000.No(58/B), Myanmar Gon Yaung Housing, Than Thu Mar Rd, Tamwe.

CRANE CAR : 25 ton, 50 ton, 55 ton, 6m3 Truck Mixer. Ph: 09-43016006

RED LINK - Wireless Internet 2MB for Sale 5,40000 (lakhs) Negotiatable) Ph: 09-730-65958, 09-506-1232.

ORIGINAL 3DS Game Cartridge (Spirit Camrea: The Cursed Memoir) - 20000 Kyats- Original 3DS Game Cartridge (Kid Icarus: Uprising) - 20000 Kyats. Ph: 095079980"

DELL, Acer, ASUS, Laptop Core i3, i5, i7 Ph : 09-450-039844

95% NEW IPHONE 5 64GB Black Official Unlock With Original Box & Accessories. Price : 720000. Ph : 09-450-039844

IPHONE 4G 32GB Black. Price : 300000, iPhone 4G 16GB Black Price : 250000, iPhone 3GS 32GB Black, Price : 150000, iPhone 3GS 16GB Black, Price: 120000, Samsung Galaxy S3 White, Price : 320000, (All Phone is Official Unlock). Ph : 09-450-039844

Language

ENGLISH Classes: English for Young Learners & Adult. General English (4 skills). Foundation English Course. Business English Course. One to One, Special class & Home. Sa Ya Zaw Myo Win, Ph: 09-730-26906.

TEACHING Myanmar language (4 Skills) for foreigners Near Myay Ni Gone City Mart Ph: 09-4200-30 782

HLC, High Language Centre. Hindi, English & Myanmar. (Writing, Reading & Speaking) by an Expert Teacher. Ph: 09-4210-98790.

MYANMAR Language teaching for Forienrgers. It is 24 hours teaching in a month. Teacher Htay Win, Ph: 09-4252-95641.

A FOREIGN Language tutor is available for learners, residing at Kyaukmyaung area. PIs contact Saya David, personally at 44, Athoka St, 3rd flr (left), Nat chaung Ward, Tamwe between 6 & 7 pm.

MYANMAR LANGUAGE Training Course For Foreigners. Contact: 09-518-1316 or 09-731-27074 for Registration.

GLOBAL Enchanting Education Centre. English Class for Mom. IELTS. General English. Business English. Registration Now! Contact: 09-732-24316, 09-731-27074, 01-2305534.

FOR FOREIGNERS, If you would like to learn spoken Myanmar at your home. And who need study guide for children who are studying at English school. feel free to ask by yourself. Ph: 09-517-9125

SAYA DENNIS Special : English Four skills (Intro-Advanced) , IELTS (Foundation & Prepa ration) , communi cative skill in English, English for Grade 11, Business English, Job Interview and affair. Ph: 09-401-604365

Training

HOTEL AND TOURISM Training Centre (Yangon). Kandawgyi Palace Hotel. Course Conducted are: Hotel Supervisory (Accounting), (Room Division),(F&B Division) (Level II); Front Office Operations (Level I) Housekeeping Operations (Level I); F&B Service (Level I); F&B Production (Level I); Oriental food cookery (Levell); OPERA (Computerized System. Duration: 2 months (29.4.2013 ~ 21.6.2013). Ph: 394836.

Travel

TO FOREIGNERS, TAXI service with an English speaker. Feel free to ask by yourself. Ph: 09 -517-9125

NYAN MYINT THU Car Rental Service : 56, Bo Ywe St, Latha Tsp, Ph: 246551, 375283, 704335, 09-2132778. Email: colwinkyi@gmail.com, nyanmyinthu@gmail.com

Public Notices

ANY PROBLEM with your company? (or) Want to improve your company with systematic and international process? (or) Want to expand your company? Just implement your company through Project Management. The Trainers are from internationally well experienced & included consultancy service. PIs contact to : U Than Lwin, Managing Director, Myanmar Access International Co., Ltd. Ph: 09-730-39536. Email : zinnminpon@gmail.com www.bridgit.biz

Property

HousingforRent

MAYANGONE, Kabaaye Gamonepwin Cond, 1850 sqft, 1 MBR, 2BR, 4 AC, Fully furniture, 4 Flr, Lift, Car parking, internet line. Teak Parquet, Teak cabinet, Cold/Hot water, Ph: 09-5199565(English), 09-5102285. PIs contact directly, No broker.

YANKIN Center, 1450 Sqft, 1 MB , 2 SB , 1 Landline Telephone , 4 A/C, 1 Washing M/C, 1 Fridge, 1 gas stove, 1 heater, fully furnished, satellite. Contact : 09-732-44933

APARTMENT in pearl condo , 2BR , 1 study room , 1300 Sq/Ft. 3 air cons /fully furnished. No Agent Fees. Price/ 2200 usd /month. contact/ Ma Thida : Ph:09-501-8134

YANKIN, Yankin Centre, 3 bed rooms, tile floor, 1560 Sqft, fully furnished, satellite, generator, (Foreigner only) Contact: 09-732-44933.

(1)**THEIN PHYU** St (For show room or Office) 2500 Sqft. for 2 Flr. USD 5800. (2) **Inya Rd** (Near American club) (45'x50') 2RC, 3MBR, 1SR, USD 4000. (3) **Inya Rd** (Near Sakura Residence) (50'x100') 6MBR, 3RC, USD 10000. (4) **Golden Valley**, 90'x110', 2 RC, 4MBR, USD 8000. (5) **Golden Valley**, Than Lwin small lane, 60' x 100', 3RC, USD 4500. Ph : 09-492-14276, 09-4211-77105. 09-420 114749.

KYAUKTADA, (1) **Pansodan St** (Condo) 1500 Sqft, 1 MBR, 2SR, 1750 USD. (2) **Pansodan St** (Condo) Near City Mark. 1500 Sqft, 1MBR, 2SR, 2300 USD. (3)**Diamond Condo** (Near Hlae Tan Bridge) 1200 Sqft, 1MBR, 1SR, 1300 USD (4) Near UNDP Office (750 Sqft) (3+4) Flr.Hall Type. USD 800. (5)Near Taw Win Shipping Mall. (Condo). 1375 Sqft, 2MBR, 1SR .very good location USD 1800.Ph : 09-492-14276, 09-4211 77105.

(1)**8 MILE**, Kabaraye Villa (Condo) 2000 Sqft 1MBR,2SR, USD 3000. (2)**Near Park Royal Hotel**, Boyar Nyunt St, 1500 Sqft, 2MBR, 1SR, Fully furnish. USD 2000. (3) **Near Kandawgyi Park**, (good view condo) 2500 Sqft , 2MBR, 1SR USD 3000. (4) **Yan Kin Centre condo**. 1600 Sqft, 2MBR, 1SR Fully furnish USD 2069.(5) **Pan Hlaing Condo**, Near Pan Hlaing Golf. 1500 Sqft, 2MBR, 2SR, USD 3500.Ph: 09-4211 77105, 09-420-114749.

BAHAN, (1)**New University Rd**, 80' x 60', 2 storey new house. Ks

45 lakhs. (2)**Moe Myint San Condo**, 2400 sqft, f f, 5 A/C, 30 Lakhs (3) **Pearl Condo**, 1750 sqft, 1 MB, 2 BR, 5 A/C, f f, 25 lakhs. Call Maureen: 09-518-8320.

YANKIN, Moe Kaung Rd, 50' x 90' RC, 1 storey house. 25 lakhs. Maureen : 09-5188320.

HLAING, (647), # 8-C, Inya View Condominium, Pyay Rd. Ph: 09-4200-35206, 09-4200-767665. (No Agents).

BAHAN, University Avenue compound 85' x 120', 3 MBR, 1 reading room, living room, dinning room, kitchen, servant quarter, BBQ house in the garden, ph, 3AC. Ph: 09-513-7802, 534542.

BAHAN, (1) **May Li Kha housing**, driving to Yankin Center (20minutes).2700Sqft 2 RC, 3 MBR, 2 BR, USD 4000. (2)**Golden velley**, 2100 Sqft, 2RC, 1MBR, 3BR, Fully furnish, USD 4000. (3)**Inya Rd**, 1 RC, 6400 Sqft, 2MBR, 1SR, Fully furnish, USD 5000. (4)**Near Thai Embassy**, 2100 Sqft, 3 MBR, 1SR, USD 5000. (5)**Aye Yeik Mon housing**, Driving to Hlaingtharyar (25 minutes) 2 RC, 3MBR, 1 SR, USD 2300. (6) **Near Inya Rd**, 3RC, 6 MBR, Fully furnish. USD 10000. Ph: 09-492-14276.

APARTMENT at Pearl Condo Block-B, Kabaye Pagoda Rd, Sqft 1750, 1MB, 2BR, 4AC, Fully furnished, Heater, Ext ph. 2500 USD. Ph: 09-516-4684, 09-514-1315.

HousingforSale

BAGAN, 5.13 acre Land for hotel development. 5.10 min from th Bangan airport. Offer price US\$3 Ph: 09-421-012489.

M A Y A N G O N E , Apartment 1320 sqft 4 rooms, 8 mile condo apartment to be sold direct by First Owner. Call 09-514-2568.

SANCHAUNG, 12.5' x 55', 2 Flr, 1 A/C, 1 ine ph. 350 Lakhs. Negotiable. Ph:09- 501-2801, 519 268

MAYANGONE, 9 miles Bonyarna Lane, 50'x 70' garden with including house (3700 Lakhs) no agent please. Ph: 09-503-6519, 09-421-029911.

HLAING THARYAR, 129 (A), Thakin Pholagyi 5' St 20'x 60' (Price- Negotiable), (Near to Shwe Yin Aye Market & bus stop) Ph:09-431-29221, 09-731-35807

MINGALAR TAUNG NYUNT, (506/1), Kyi Taw Housing, Kyi Taw St, 14'x55', Corner Rm 5th Flr, 2 Bedrooms, 2 Balcony, porcelain floor, Toilet. Price - 340 lakhs. Ph: 09-421-111893



Power 7 Real Estate Service Co.,Ltd
寶瓦7房地產中介服務

Warmly Welcome...!
Our Company Special service...
Rental-Single house, Condominium, appartment, office and warehouse.
Please Contact us-09-4921 4276, 09-420 114749
09 421 177105, Power7may@gmail.com

Employment

UN Positions

IOM is seeking **Medical Doctor** (Officer) - HIV/AIDS in Mawlamyine, Mon State : Myanmar national. Advanced university degree in Nursing, Public Health or Medicine (must have a valid license to practice). Strong management skills are necessary, demonstrated by at least 3 years work experience. Good written and spoken English & Myanmar (Speaking Mon and/or Mon would be an advantage). Computer literacy, including Microsoft Office applications. Pls send application to IOM Mission in Myanmar - Yangon, 12th Flr, Traders Hotel, 223, Sule Pagoda Rd, Yangon, Email: iomyangon@iom.int, Website: http://www.iom.int

WFP Myanmar is seeking (1) **Logistics Assistant** (LA), Grade: SC-4, 1 Post in Pakokku : 3 years of progressively responsible support experience including at least 1 year in the field of accounting, transport, insurance, statistics, operations or another related field. (2) **Procurement Assistant** (PA), Grade: SC-5, 1 Post in Yangon, : Secondary school education. Supplemented by technical or university courses in a field related to the post. 4 years of progressively responsible support or secretarial work experience including at least two years in the field of finance, accounting, procurement, evaluation, audit or administrative services or other related field. Fluency in English & Myanmar. Pls send the applications with UN P-11 form to HR Unit, World Food Programme, 3rd Flr, Inya Lake Hotel, 37 Kaba Aye Pagoda Rd, Yangon, Myanmar, P.O. Box 650 (or) email to Myanmar.vacancy@wfp.org COB 12 May 2013.

IOM Int'l Organization for Migration is seeking (1) **Medical Doctor** (Officer) - HIV/AIDS in Mawlamyine, Mon State. 3 month probation with possible of extension: Myanmar national. Advanced university in Nursing, Public Health or Medicine (must have a valid license to practice). Good written & spoken English & Myanmar (speaking Mon and/ or Mon would be an advantage). Computer literacy, including Microsoft Office applications. (2) **Community Health Supervisor** in Mawlamyinegyn Sub-office, Ayeyarwaddy Region: University degree in Medicine, preferably with advanced studies in public and/or community health. Should have both public health and medical background. 3 years experience with community based health programmes. Good command of English. Competent in MS Excel, Word processing & PowerPoint. (3) **Admin Clerk** in Mawlamyine, Mon State: University graduate. 2 years of experience in clerical work. Good understanding of English. Knowledge of Microsoft Office's software package. Local residents are encouraged to apply. Pls submit application to IOM Mission in Myanmar - Yangon, 12th Flr, Traders Hotel: 223, Sule Pagoda Rd, Yangon, Email: iomyangon@iom.int, Website: http://www.iom.int

Ingo Positions

SOLIDARITES Int'l (SI) is seeking (1) **Logistics Manager** in Sittwe, Rakhine State: 3 years experience in Logistics field with INGO/ NGO. University Degree or Diploma (preferably in Logistics Or related proven experience in similar area.). Knowledge of IT management & MS office. (2) **Deputy Administrative & Finance Manager** in Sittwe, Rakhine State: University level or equivalent in accounting/ management/ administration. Previous experience: 1 years in a similar position with NGO. Excellent knowledge of Word and Excel. Fluent in English and Myanmar. (3) **Hygiene Promotion Manager** in Sittwe, Rakhine State. Requirements: 2 years of professional experience in INGO. Good level in both written and spoken English. Excellent computer skills with MS Words, MS Excel & PowerPoint (compulsory) (4) **Construction Manager** in Sittwe and Pauk Taw, Rakhine State : Civil Engineer Degree; B.Tech (Civil) or B.E (Civil). 2 years of professional experience in INGO. Demonstrated team management & planning abilities. Knowledge of the Rakhine State. Good level in English. Excellent computer skills with MS Words, MS Excel & PowerPoint (compulsory) and skill in AutoCAD (optional) is an asset. Pls submit application (CV, cover letter, references) to Logistics Coordinator, Yangon Logistics Unit-Solidarites Int'l office: 44-A, Tharyarwaddy Lane, Bahan, or per email: recruitment@solidarites-myanmar.org

MEDECINS Sans Frontieres is seeking **CHW Monitor** 2 posts in Sittwe, Rakhine Project: 10th Standard. Excellent communication skills both oral and written in Myanmar, Rakhine. Basic English written and spoken skills. Pls send application letter, CV & passport photo, copies of education qualifications and references to: MSF-Holland/ AZG (Yangon Coordination), No 62A, Bawdiyeiktha-Thanlwin Rd, Bahan, Yangon. Or through msfh.myanmar.recruitment@gmail.com

MEDECINS Sans Frontieres is seeking **PHC & RH Advisor** 1 post in Yangon: M.B, B.S Degree Holder with a valid SAMA. Good knowledge of general practice, nutrition, women's health & basic knowledge of HIV/AIDS & STI. Two years clinical experience with at least one year in a PHC setting. Good level of English (both written & spoken). Good Computer skills in Microsoft word, excel & power point. Pls send application letter, CV and passport photo, copies of education qualifications & references to: Medical Coordinator, MSF-Holland (AZG), Yangon Coordination Office, 62A, Bawdiyeiktha- Thanlwin Rd, Bahan, Yangon. Or through msfh.myanmar.recruitment@gmail.com, Closing date : 8th May, 2013.

MEDECINS Sans Frontieres - Holland (AZG) is seeking (1) **Assistant Head of Mission** (only for Myanmar National) 1 post: Experience in and exposure to working in a complicated political, security & humanitarian environment. Good understanding of MSF's principles & values. Fluent in English & Myanmar. Other Myanmar languages, especially Rakhine and/ or Kachin desirable. (2) **Project Tech Log** 3 posts

in Rakhine State, Sittwe Township and rural area. Requirements: Technical background. Good command of English. Pls send application letter, CV & passport photo, copies of education qualifications & references to: Head of Mission, MSF-Holland/AZG (Yangon Coordination), 62A, Bawdiyeiktha-Thanlwin Rd, Bahan, Yangon or through msfh.myanmar.recruitment@gmail.com, Closing date for 1: 6th May 2013, for 2 : 10th May 2013.

Executive (NIVEA) 1 Post : University Degree with additional marketing studies, Any gender and age under 30. Able to communicate in English. 2 years experience, Proficiency in MS office especially in excel and PowerPoint. (3) **Assistant Internal Auditor** - F 2 Posts : University Degree with accounting & audit background, Age under 30. Able to communicate in English, 2 years experience, Proficiency in MS office especially in excel and PowerPoint.

Advertise in the
No.1
Classified section
Tel: 392 676, 392 928

SOLIDARITES Int'l (SI) is seeking **Deputy Logistics Coordinator** in Yangon: 4 years of professional experience in Logistics field with INGO/ NGO. University Degree or Diploma (preferably in Logistics Or related proven experience in similar area.). Knowledge of IT management & MS office. Fluent in English & Myanmar. Pls submit application (CV, cover letter, references) to The Logistics Coordinator, Logistics Unit-Solidarites Int'l office- 44-A, Tharyarwaddy Lane, Bahan, Yangon or per email: recruitment@solidarites-myanmar.org

Local Position

IGE Company Limited is seeking (1) **Manager** (Business Development Department) - M 1 Post : Any graduate, preferable MBA or Any Equivalent Management Diploma. 3 years professional experience in related field. Fluency in spoken & written English. Willingness and ability to travel and stay at Nay Pyi Taw and project area. (2) **Manager** (Marketing & Operation Department) - M 1 Post : Any Graduate, Preferable MBA (or) B.E Civil (or) Mechanical (or) Electrical Power. Must have knowledge of Marketing skills. Fluency in spoken and written English. (3) **Secretary** (For GM) - M/F 1 Post : Any Graduate, 2 years experience in related field. Fluency in spoken and written English. Age 25 ~ 35. Willingness to travel and stay at Nay Pyi Taw. (4) **Executive** (Marketing & Operation Department) - M 1 Post : Any graduate. 2 years experience in related field. Fluency in spoken & written Chinese. Age 25 ~ 32 years. Willingness to travel and stay at Nay Pyi Taw. Pls submit full resume, expected salary, recent photo and education certificate to 11(A), Myit Tar Yeik Mon Housing, Nat Chaung Quarter, Tamwe, Yangon (Beside of Shwe Ba Ho Hospital) email: am.hr@igehydrowater.com, Ph: 430870-6, 542987. within two weeks.

DKSH is seeking (1) **Supply Chain Executive** (NIVEA) - M/F 1 Post: University Degree, Age under 30. 2 years of relevant working experience in Supply Chain or export-import background. Proficiency in MS office especially in excel, Fluency in English 4 skills. (2) **Marketing**

(4) **Customer Care Representative** - F 2 Posts : University Degree, Age under 30. Able to communicate and written in English, 2 years experience, Proficiency in MS office especially in excel, active listener and able to handle multitasks. Pls submit full CV, detailing skills, knowledge & experience with recent color passport photo & copies of the testimonials to: HR Manager (Recruitment & On boarding), DKSH Services Ltd., Myanmar : 013, Thitsar Rd, Yankin, Yangon. Email: rose.htoon@dksh.com, Closing date : May 15, 2013. Pls mark applied position in front of CV.

(1) **JAPANESE Sous Chef** - M 1 post: Must be expert in cooking Japanese Food. Matriculation passed & 3 years experience in the similar field. Able to work under pressure. (2) **Bell Driver** - M 1 post: Proficient in English conversational skills. Must be valid Driving License holder. Matriculation passed & 1 year experience in driving. The following job vacancies are available & the qualified applicants may submit an application to HR Dept of Golden Hill Tower No. 24-26, Kaba Aye Pagoda Rd, Bahan Tel: 558 556, Closing date : 10th May 2013.

NURSERY TEACHER wanted for 6 weeks from June 10th to July 18th. Monday ~ Thursday, 8am - 1pm Location near Inya Lake Hotel. Ideal candidate would have experience working in an international nursery with 2-3 year olds, have first aid knowledge, and speak fluent. Myanmar and excellent English. Pls contact Mandi on 0973197545 or red9uk@yahoo.co.uk

WE ARE looking for qualified and energetic personnel for the following positions. All candidates should be good in communication and interpersonal skills. (1) **Graphic Designer** (Assistant) - F 3 posts : 1 years design experience in relative field, Knowledge of In Design, Photoshop, Knowledge of MS Office would be an advantage, can type Myanmar font is also preferable. Must be Enthusiastic, team player with positive attitude, Punctual, Excellent multi-tasking & communication skills, Work with design dead line, The salary for this post is commensurate with experience. Pls bring your CV along with

a copy of your credentials to 235, Shukhinnthar Myo Pat Rd, Thaketa, Yangon. Ph : 450396, 450397 Closing date : May 30, 2013.

(1) **SERVICE Technician** - M : B.E, B.Tech, AGTI Mechanical/Electrical/ Electronic, Age 25 ~ 35, Must have knowledge on Diesel Engine driven Generators & Marine Engines, 2 years experiences in related fields Responsible for general maintenance. (2) **GP** - Must know how to maintain the machine : Minimum 10th standard Pass, Age 20 ~ 30, 2 years experiences in Self motivated, helpful, patient and energetic Miscellaneous Information. Pls submit CV to Block No 2, Ywama Curve, Bayint Naung Rd, Hlaing, Yangon. Email : kyinliu@gmail.com

CAREER Opportunities- An excellent chance to get trained by the int'l professional telecom experts and work in the upcoming Telecom Industry. (1) **IT/ Telecom Engineers** - 30 posts. University Graduate in Engineering (Electronics, Computer Science, Computer Technology) or IT related professional certificate holders. 1 year in IT and Telecommunication field. Age under 35. Fluent in English. Presentation & Strong organizational skills. Able to travel. Fresh graduates are welcome

(2) **Logistics Manager** - 1 post: University Graduate. 3 years experience in Logistics such as stock, warehousing, transportation, etc. Age under 40 years. Fluent in English. Able to travel Fresh graduates are welcome. Pls send applications with updated resume. Email - icervices@myanmar.com.mm, Contact Person - Aunt Khant (01-9000821)

WE are currently seeking (1) **Site Engineer** - M 1 Post : A.G.T.I/BE (Civil). Age 25-35. 1-2 years experience in tower foundation & installation of transmission. Available for traveling and staying at Project site. (2) **Business Development Executive** - M 1 Post : Any graduate, Age 25-35. Good in English. Excellent Public relation skills. 3-5 years experience & 3 years direct experience in Business development fields including knowledge & experience of working process in relation with Government Ministries & International Trade procedure. Must be able to travel. (3) **Senior Commercial Executive** F/M 1 Post-Any graduate, Age 25-35. Good in English. Excellent public relation skills. Working experience in Commercial Fields (Export, Import). 3 years experience in related fields and position. Must be in self responsibility & accountability. All positions require past experience in related field. Pls submit CV detailing your experience, knowledge and skills with a recent photo, copies of NRC, Labour registration card and Education certificate to - No. B/7, Taw Win Rd, 9 Mile, Mayangone, Yangon. Email : hr.ho@pristinemyanmar.com. Closing date : **5, MAY, 2013.**

EXOTISSIMO Travel Myanmar is looking for (1) **English Tour Operator** - 1 year experience in tourism related field. Strong sales & customer service focus. Possess computer proficiency: Good communication in English. (2) **Language Speaking Tour Operator** (German, French, Spanish) - 1

year experience in tourism related field. Strong sales & customer service focus. Possess computer proficiency: Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook. Good communication in respective language i.e. German, French, Spanish (written & spoken). (3) **Adventure Tour Operator** - 2 years experience in tourism related field. Strong sales & customer service focus. Possess computer proficiency. Good communication in English. Pls send a detailed resume with recent photo & other relevant documents to HR Manager: Email: memecho@exotissimo.com

LEGENDARY Myanmar Co., Ltd. (1) **Office Staff** (Export/ Import) - F 3 Posts. (2) **Documentation** (Export/ Import) - M/F Post. (3) **Tour Operator** (Travel & Tours) - F 1 Post. (4) **Office Staff** (Travel & Tours) - F 4 Posts. Requirements: The applicants 1 year experience in related field. All applicants must be University Graduate, Spoken & Written English, must have excellent interpersonal skill and good computer knowledge. Pls apply CV with 2 recent photo, NRC copy, Labour registration card, Police recommendation letter & other document to 9, Rm (A-4), 3rd Flr, Kyaung St, Myaynigone, Sanchaung.

LUCKY BIRD Group of Companies is planning to open Mobile place in our showrooms and looking for **Phone Service Technician** - 5 Posts : Must be good at both iOS and Android. At least 2 years of working experience in related fields. Must be University degree Holder. Capacity to work independently, efficiency and flexibility. Pls apply CV with phone, Educational documents, Labour card copy, NRC copy, Closing date : 15th May, 2013. Lucky Bird Group of Companies : 355, Rm 106, Thein Byu Rd, Mingalar Taung Nyunt, Yangon. Contact: Mr. Jackson Ph: 399011, 248167.

Care & Clean Services Co., Ltd: 11, Swe Taw St, Kyan Khin Su Ward, Mingalardon. (Near Yangon International Airport).

(1) **SALE & Marketing Manager** (Lighting) M/F 1 Post. (2) **Sale & Marketing Executive** (Lighting) M/F 2 Post. (3) **Electrical Installation** M 1 Post. (4) **M&E Engineer** (E.P Only, AutoCAD, Draft) - M 1 Post : Age above 30. (5) **Chief/ Senior/ Junior Accountant** F 1 Post. (6) **Driver** - M 2 Post. Myint Mo Hein Co., Ltd, No.107(A), Damazedi Rd, Kamaryut, Yangon.

THE PROMISE set up the branch in Myanmar in 2009 to dedicate development is seeking **Finance & administrative Coordinator** 1 Post in Yangon : Myanmar national, University degree - Bachelor's Degree or equivalent in Accounting, Finance or related field, Basic skill in spoken & written English, Basic skill in spoken & written Korean (Desirable), Computer skill in MS Office (Microsoft Word & Excel, etc.), Willing to learn or adapt to new ideas & procedures, Salary : From 130,000 to 150,000 MMK (Providing lunch). Pls submit an application letter, with full CV detailing experience, knowledge and skills by email to thepromise.mm@gmail.com or The Promise Myanmar Office : 12(B/1), Sandar Myang Condo, Hledan St, Kamaryut, Yangon, Ph: 503307(217). Email: thepromise.mm@gmail.com Your application letter should include a contact email address & phone number. Closing date : May 24, 2013. Salary is commensurate with experience.

KELVIN CHIA Yangon Ltd is a foreign legal consultancy firm. We invite motivated and committed individuals to join us as **Lawyers** who will work on a variety of corporate & commercial matters & transactions in Myanmar. If you are a Myanmar-qualified lawyer with strong English language skills, you are invited to apply to join our Myanmar

educational documents to: MBIS, 72/9, Kan Baw Za St, Yay Aye Kwinn Qtr, Taunggyi, Shan State. Email : ceo.taunggyi@gmail.com

APPLE ION Co., Ltd is seeking (1) **Manager** - 1 post (2) **Marketing Executive** - 2 posts (3) **Marketing Staff** - 5 posts (4) **Driver** - 1 post (5) **Web designer** - 1 post. Position (1 to 4) are for Real Estate services and all applicants must be graduated and good in health, self-motivated and active to work in less of supervision. Driver must possess valid driving licence and able to drive with good skill in Yangon area. Positions (2 and 5) are for web developing and on-line services. Male or female are welcome for all position (except Driver post) & age between 25 ~ 40. Relevant experience and expertise will be good advantage. Selected candidates will be offered good salary plus good commensurate package & other benefits depend on performance. Pls submit to via email: Saisimonsai@gmail.com

SUPER LUCK Construction is seeking (1) **Account Executive** : B.Com/Dip in L.C.C.I Level III, Age under 45, 3 ~ 5 years experience in construction sector, Good in English, computer literate, able to use internet/email/ fax, Microsoft Office , Skillful in computerized accounting. Able to prepare financial situation report (2) **Administration Clerk** : Any graduate, Age under 45, 3 years experience in a related field, Fluent in English, Computer literate, able to use internet/email/fax, Microsoft Office, Able to travel and work. 139, Damazedi Rd, Bahan. Ph: 09-430-32729.

SAKURA TOWER seeks qualified applications as follows (1) **Sales Executive** F 1 post, (2) **Air Con Technician** - M 1 post. Pls contact #0505, Sakura Tower, Yangon. Ph: 255255.

(1) **BUSINESS Development Manager** - M/F 1 Post in Yangon. (2) **Asst Business Development Manager** - M/F 1 Post in Yangon. (3) **Asst: HR Manager** - F 1 Post in Yangon. (4) **Admin Officer** - M 1 Post. (5) **Executive Secretary** - M/F 1 Post. (6) **Chief Accountant** - M/F 1 Post (7) **Driver** - 3 Posts. Pls submit an application letter with updated resume, clear details of qualification, a passport photo, a copy of NRC & labor registration card, work experience to date, contact Ph & other related & supportive documents to Myanmar Offshore Ltd, HR Department, No.77, Pyi Htaung Su Avenue Rd, Dagon Tsp, Yangon, Myanmar. Email: ssa@myanmaroffshoreltd.com; tps@myanmaroffshoreltd.com;

ROCHE Pharmaceuticals is looking for an individual for **Sales & Marketing Assistant** : Degree in Science/ Statistics, Bilingual with Good in English, High degree of competency in Excel function, 1-2 years in a business with communications with sales reps and managers, Training of systems IDEAL but Not essential. Competencies: Attention to detail, Problem solving skills, Communication skills, Enthusiastic, Task focused, Ability to work independently. Pls send resume to: HRSolutions@zenithpowermyanmar.com info@zenithpowermyanmar.com

Free Classifieds!
Email or fax us your Free Classified.
Details on Page 33

(1) **LAUNDRY Supervisor** - M 2 Post : Any Graduate/ 10th standard passed. Age under 40 years. 3 ~ 5 years experience. Can handle guest laundry and room linen. Can work day/night shift. Good knowledge in using laundry chemical. Good personality. Can communicate in English. (2) **Computer Operator** - M 1 Post : Any Graduate. Can use MS Office very well. Age 18 ~ 25. Basic Computer Knowledge. Willing to learn new software. Good personality. (3) **Senior Accountant** - F 1 Post : Any Graduate (LCCI-III) or B.Com. ACCA, CAT, CPA is more preferable. 3 years experience in related field. Can prepare financial reports. Applicants can apply with complete documentations. Hanse

practice group. Myanmar nationals admitted to int'l bars are also welcome to apply. Training will be provided. Pls submit to klm@kcyangon.com.

MBIS is a private int'l school located in Taunggyi, Shan State is seeking for the academic year (2013-2014). **Teaching** Position: 3 posts : Age 20 ~ 30, Bachelor degree (Preferable English Major), Thorough understanding in Early Childhood Care & Development, 2 ~ 3 years experience with children, Must stay in Taunggyi, Shan State. Pls apply CV along with the recently taken photograph, recommendation letters from Township Police Officer & Ya Ya Ka, a copy of household registration, a copy of NRC & related



Make Walking Safe

ဘေးကင်းစွာ လမ်းလျှောက်ပါ။



QUICKGUIDE

FAX : 951-254158 EMAIL : ADVERTISING@MYANMARTIMES.COM.MM WWW.MMTIMES.COM

The Essentials

EMBASSIES
Australia 88, Strand Road, Yangon. tel : 251810, 251797, 251798, 251809, 246462, 246463, fax: 246159
Bangladesh 11-B, Than Lwin Road, Yangon. tel: 515275, 526144, fax: 515273, email: bdootygn@mptmail.net.mm
Brazil 56, Pyay Road, 6th mile, Hlaing Tsp, Yangon. tel: 507225, 507251, 507482. fax: 507483. email: Administ.yangon@itamaraty.gov.br.
Brunei 17, Kanbawza Avenue, Golden Velly (1), Bahan Tsp, Yangon. tel: 566985, 503978, fax: 512854 email: bruneiemb@bruneiemb.com.mm
Cambodia 25 (3B/4B), New University Avenue Road, Bahan Tsp, Yangon. tel: 549609, 540964, fax: 541462, email: RECYANGON@mptmail.net.mm
China 1, Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Road, Yangon. tel: 221280, 221281, 224025, 224097, 221926, fax: 227019, 228319
Egypt 81, Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Road, Yangon. tel: 222886, 222887, fax: 222865, email: egymebyangon@mptmail.net.mm
France 102, Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Road, Yangon. tel: 212178, 212520, 212523, 212528, 212532, fax: 212527, email: ambaf rance. rangoun@diplomatie.fr
Germany 9, Bogyoke Aung San Museum Road, Bahan Tsp, Yangon. tel: 548951, 548952, fax: 548899 email: info@rangun.diplo.de
India 545-547, Merchant Street, Yangon. tel: 391219, 388412, 243972, fax: 254086, 250164, 388414, email: indiaembassy@mptmail.net.mm
Indonesia 100, Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Road, Yangon. tel: 254465, 254469, 229750, fax: 254468, email: kuckygn@indonesia.com.mm
Israel 15, Khabaung Street, Hlaing Tsp, Yangon. tel: 515115, fax: 515116, email: info@yangon.mfa.gov.il
Italy 3, Inya Myaing Road, Golden Valley, Yangon. tel: 527100, 527101, fax: 514565, email: ambyang.mail@esteri.it
Japan 100, Natmauk Road, Yangon. tel: 549644-8, 540399, 540400, 540411, 545988, fax: 549643
Embassy of the **State of Kuwait** Chatrium Hotel, Rm: No.416, 418, 420, 422, 40 Natmauk Rd, Tarmwe Tsp, Tel: 544500.
North Korea 77C, Shin Saw Pu Road, Sanchaung Tsp, Yangon. tel: 512642, 510205, fax: 510206
South Korea 97 University Avenue, Bahan Tsp, Yangon. tel: 527142-4, 515190, fax: 513286, email: myanmar@mofat.go.kr
Lao A-1, Diplomatic Quarters, Tawwin Road, Dagon Tsp, Yangon. tel: 222482, fax: 227446, email: Laoembcab@mptmail.net.mm
Malaysia 82, Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Road, Yangon. tel: 220248, 220249, 220251, 220230, fax: 221840, email: mwkyangon@mptmail.net.mm
Nepal 16, Natmauk Yeiktha, Yangon. tel: 545880, 557168, fax: 549803, email: nepemb@mptmail.net.mm
Pakistan A-4, diplomatic Quarters, Pyay Road, Yangon. tel: 222881 (Chancery Exchange) fax: 221147, email: pakistan@myanmar.com.mm

Philippines 50, Sayasan Road, Bahan Tsp, Yangon. tel: 558149-151, fax: 558154, email: p.e.yangon@gmail.com
Russian 38, Sagawa Road, Yangon. tel: 241955, 254161, fax: 241953, email: rusinmyan@mptmail.net.mm
Serbia No. 114-A, Inya Road, P.O.Box No. 943-Yangon. tel: 515282, 515283, fax: 504274, email: serbemb@yangon.net.mm
Singapore 238, Dhamazedi Road, Bahan Tsp, Yangon. tel: 559001, fax: 559002, email: singemb_ygn@sgmfa.gov.sg
Sri Lanka 34 Taw Win Road, Yangon. tel: 222812, fax: 221509, email: slembassy.yangon@gmail.com, info@slembyangon.org, www.slembyangon.org
Thailand 94 Pyay Road, Dagon Township, Yangon. tel: 226721, 226728, 226824, fax: 221713
United Kingdom 80 Kan-na Road, Yangon. tel: 370867, 380322, 371852, 371853, 256438, 370863, 370864, 370865, fax: 370866
United States of America 110, University Avenue, Kamayut Township, Yangon. tel: 536509, 535756, 538038, fax: 650306
Vietnam Building No. 72, Thanlwin Road, Bahan Township, Yangon. tel: 511305, fax: 514897, email: vnemb myr@cybertech.net.mm
Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia No.287/289, U Wisara Rd, Sanchaung Tsp. tel : 01-536153, 516952, fax : 01-516951
Philippines 50, Sayasan Road, Bahan Tsp, Yangon. tel: 558149-151, fax: 558154, email: p.e.yangon@gmail.com
United Nations ILO Liaison Officer Rm (M1212-1220), 12 Fl-A, Traders Hotel. 223, tel: 242 393, 242811. fax: 242594.
IOM 12th Flr, Traders Hotel, 223, tel: 252560 ext. 5002
UNAIDS Rm: (1223-1231), 12 Fl, Traders Hotel. tel: 252361, 252362, 252498. fax: 252364.
UNDCP 11-A, Malikka St, Mayangone tsp. tel: 666903, 664539. fax: 651334.
UNDP 6, Natmauk Rd, Bahan tel: 542910-19. fax: 292739.
UNFPA 6, Natmauk Rd, Bahan tsp. tel: 546029.
UNHCR 287, Pyay Rd, Sanchaung tsp. tel: 524022, 524024. fax 524031.
UNIAP Rm: 1202, 12 Fl, Traders Hotel.tel: 254852, 254853.
UNIC 6, Natmauk St., BHN tel: 52910-19
UNICEF 14-15 Flr, Traders Hotel. P.O. Box 1435, KTDA. tel: 375527-32, fax: 375552 email: unicef.yangon@unicef.org, www.unicef.org/myanmar.
UNODC 11-A, Malikka Rd., Ward 7, MYGN. tel: 666903, 660556, 660538, 660398, 664539, fax: 651334. email: fo.myanmar@unodc.org www.unodc.org./myanmar/
UNOPS Inya Lake Hotel, 3rd floor, 37, Kaba Aye Pagoda Rd, Mayangone Tsp. tel: 951-657281-7. Fax: 657279.
UNRC 6, Natmauk Rd, P.O. Box 650, TMWE tel: 542911-19, 292637 (Resident Coordinator), fax: 292739, 544531.
WFP 3rd-flr, Inya Lake Hotel, 37, Kabar Aye Pagoda Rd. tel: 657011-6 (6-lines) Ext: 2000.
WHO 12A Fl, Traders Hotel. tel:250583.
ASEAN Coordinating Of. for the ASEAN Humanitarian Task Force, 79, Taw Win st, Dagon Township. Ph: 225258.
FAO Myanma Agriculture Service Insein Rd, Insein. tel: 641672, 641673. fax: 641561.

Emergency Numbers

Ambulance ☎tel: 295133.
 Fire ☎tel: 191, 252011, 252022.
 Police emergency ☎tel: 199.
 Police headquarters ☎tel: 282541, 284764.
 Red Cross ☎tel:682600, 682368
Traffic Control Branch ☎tel:298651
Department of Post & Telecommunication ☎tel: 591384, 591387.
Immigration ☎tel: 286434.
Ministry of Education ☎tel:545500m 562390
Ministry of Sports ☎tel: 370604, 370605
Ministry of Communications ☎tel: 067-407037.
Myanmar Post & Telecommunication (MPT) ☎tel: 067-407007.
Myanma Post & Tele-communication (Accountant Dept) ☎tel: 254563, 370768.
Ministry of Foreign Affairs ☎tel: 067-412009, 067-412344.
Ministry of Health ☎tel: 067-411358-9.
Yangon City Development Committee ☎tel: 248112.
HOSPITALS
Central Women's Hospital ☎tel: 221013, 222811.
Children Hospital ☎tel: 221421, 222807
Ear, Nose & Throat Hospital ☎tel: 543888.
Naypyitaw Hospital (emergency) ☎tel: 420096.
Worker's Hospital ☎tel: 554444, 554455, 554811.
Yangon Children Hospital ☎tel: 222807, 222808, 222809.
Yangon General Hospital (East) ☎tel: 292835, 292836, 292837.
Yangon General Hospital (New) ☎tel: 384493, 384494, 384495, 379109.
Yangon General Hospital (West) ☎tel: 222860, 222861, 220416.
Yangon General Hospital (YGH) ☎tel: 256112, 256123, 281443, 256131.
ELECTRICITY
Power Station ☎tel:414235
POST OFFICE
General Post Office
39, Bo Aung Kyaw St. (near British Council Library). ☎tel: 285499.
 INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
Yangon International Airport ☎tel: 662811.
 YANGON PORT
Shipping [Coastal vessels] ☎tel: 382722
 RAILWAYS
Railways information ☎tel: 274027, 202175-8.

General Listing

ACCOMMODATION-HOTELS

Avenue 64 Hotel
No. 64 (G), Kytewine Pagoda Road, Mayangone Township. Yangon. 09 8631392, 01 656913-9
Chatrium Hotel Royal Lake Yangon
40 Natmauk Rd, Tarmwe. tel: 544500. fax: 544400.

No.7A, Wingabar Road, Bahan Tsp, Yangon. Tel : (951) 546313, 430245. 09-731-77781~4. Fax : [01] 546313. www.cloverhotel.asia. info@cloverhotel.asia

Confort Inn
4, Shweli Rd, Bet: Inya Rd & U Wisara Rd, Kamaryut, tel: 525781, 526872

No. [356/366], Kyaikkasan Rd, Tamwe Township, Yangon, Myanmar. Ph: 542826, Fax: 545650 Email: reservation@edenpalacehotel.com

Hotel Yangon
91/93, 8th Mile Junction, Mayangone. tel : 01-667708, 667688.

Inya Lake Resort Hotel
37 Kabar Aye Pagoda Rd. tel: 662866. fax: 665537.

MGM Hotel No [160], Warden Street, Lanmadaw Tsp, Yangon, Myanmar. Tel: (95-1) 212850 ~ 3, 229358 ~ 61, Fax: (95-1) 212854. info@myanmarpandahotel.com http://www.myanmarpandahotel.com

No. 205, Corner of Wadan Street & Min Ye Kyaw Swa Road, Lanmadaw Tsp, Yangon, Myanmar. Tel: (95-1) 212850 ~ 3, 229358 ~ 61, Fax: (95-1) 212854. info@myanmarpandahotel.com http://www.myanmarpandahotel.com

PARKROYAL Yangon, Myanmar
33, Alan Pya Pagoda Rd, Dagon tsp. tel: 250388. fax: 252478. email: enquiry.prygn@parkroyalhotels.com Website: parkroyalhotels.com.

Royal White Elephant Hotel
No-11, Kan Street, Hlaing Tsp. Yangon, Myanmar. [+95-1] 500822, 503986. www.rwehotel.com

Savoy Hotel
129, Damazedi Rd, Kamayut tsp. tel: 526289, 526298,

Seasons of Yangon
Yangon Int'l Airport Compound. tel: 666699.

Sweet Hotel
73, Damazedi Road, San Chaung Tsp, Ph: 539152

Sedona Hotel
Kabar Aye Pagoda Rd, Yankin. tel: 666900.

Strand Hotel
92 Strand Rd. tel: 243377. fax: 289880.

Summit Parkview Hotel
350, Ahlone Rd, Dagon Tsp. tel: 211888, 211966.

Thamada Hotel
5, Alan Pya Phaya Rd, Dagon. tel: 243639, 243640, 243641.

Traders Hotel
223 Sule Pagoda Rd. tel: 242828. fax: 242838.

Windsor Hotel No.31, Shin Saw Pu Street, Sanchaung. Yangon, Myanmar. Ph: 95-1-511216-8, www.hotelwindsoryangon.com

Winner Inn
42, Than Lwin Rd, Bahan Tsp. Tel: 503734, 524387. email: reservation@winnerinnmyanmar.com

Yangon YMCA
263, Mahabandoola Rd, Botataung Tsp. tel: 294128,

Yuzana Hotel
130, Shwegondaing Rd, Bahan Tsp, tel : 01-549600, 543367

Yuzana Garden Hotel
44, Alanpya Pagoda Rd, Mingalar Taung Nyunt Tsp, tel : 01-248944

ACCOMMODATION-HOTELS (Nay Pyi Taw)

(Nay Pyi Taw)

Reservation Office (Yangon)
123, Alanpya Pagoda Rd, Dagon Township Tel : 951- 255 819-838
Royal Kumudra Hotel, (Nay Pyi Taw)
Tel : 067- 414 177, 067- 4141 88
E-Mail: reservation@maxhotelsgroup.com

Managed by Max Hotels

ACCOMMODATION

Reservation Office (Yangon)
123, Alanpya Pagoda Rd, Dagon Township Tel : 951- 255 819-838
Hotel Max (Chaung Tha Beach)
Tel : 042-423 46-9, 042-421 33,
E-mail: reservation@maxhotelsgroup.com

Managed by Max Hotels

ACCOMMODATION LONG TERM

HAPPY HOMES
REAL ESTATE & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
Tel: 09-7349-4483, 09-4200-56994.
E-mail: aahappyhomes@gmail.com, http://www.happyhomesyangon.com

Golden Hill Towers
24-26, Kabar Aye Pagoda Rd, Bahan Tsp. tel: 558556. ghtower@mptmail.net.mm.

Marina Residence
8, Kabar Aye Pagoda Rd, Mayangone Tsp. tel: 6506 51~4. fax: 650630.

MiCasa Hotel Apartments
17, Kabar Aye Pagoda Rd, Yankin Tsp. tel: 650933. fax: 650960.

Sakura Residence
9, Inya Rd, Kamaryut Tsp. tel: 525001. fax: 525002.

The Grand Mee Ya Hta Executive Residence
372, Bogyoke Aung San Rd, Pabedan Tsp. tel 951-256355 (25 lines).

AIR CONDITION

Chigo
216, 38 St (Upper), Kyauktada Tsp, tel : 373472

The First Air conditioning systems designed to keep you fresh all day **GUNKUL Engineer supply Co., Ltd.**
No.437 (A), Pyay Road, Kamayut. P., O 11041 Yangon, Tel: +(95-1) 502016-18, Mandalay- Tel: 02-60933. Nay Pyi Taw- Tel: 067-420778, E-mail : sales.ac@freshaircon.com. URL: http://www.freshaircon.com

General
83-91, G-F, Bo Aung Kyaw St, Kyauktada Tsp, tel : 706223, 371906

BARS

50th Street
9/13, 50th street-lower, Botataung Tsp. Tel-397160.

Karaweik Oo-Yin KaBar

Green Garden
Beer Gallery Mini Zoo, Karaweik Oo-Yin Kabar.

INYA 1 Restaurant & Bar
No.[1], Inya Road, Kamayut Tsp. Tel: 01-527506 email: inyaone@gmail.com www.inya1.com

Strand Bar 92, Strand Rd, Yangon, Myanmar. tel: 243377.fax: 243393, sales@thestrاند.com.mm www.ghmhotels.com

Lobby Bar
PARKROYAL Yangon, Myanmar. 33, Alan Pya Phaya Road, Dagon Tsp. tel: 250388.

ADVERTISING

WE STARTED THE ADVERTISING INDUSTRY IN MYANMAR SINCE 1991

SAIL

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS ADVERTISING

SAIL Marketing & Communications
Suite 403, Danathiha Center 790, Corner of Bogyoke Rd & Wadan Rd, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon, Myanmar. Tel: (951) 211870, 224820, 2301195. Email: admin@advertising-myanmar.com www.advertising-myanmar.com

BEAUTY & MASSAGE

Coréana Esthetic
Marina Residence, Yangon Ph: 650651-4, Ext: 109 Beauty Plan, Corner of 77th St & 31st St, Mandalay Ph: 02 72506

DR. FACE
Aesthetic Medical Spa
5 (C), Race Course Condo, South Race Course Street, Tarmwe, Yangon. Mobile: 09-5202781 dr.face.aesthetic@gmail.com

LS Salon
Junction Square, 3rd floor. Pyay Rd, Kamayut Tsp. Tel 527242, ext 4001

La Source Beauty Spa
-80(A), Inya Rd, Kamayut Tsp, tel: 512 380, 511 252. www.lasourcebeautyspa.com

Lemon Day Spa
No. 96 F, Inya Road, Kamaryut Tsp, Yangon. Tel: 514848, 09-732-08476. E-mail: lemondayspa.2011@gmail.com

A Little Dayspa
No. 475 C, Pyi Road, Kamayut, Yangon. Tel: 09-431-28831.

The Girl in the Red Scarf
Spa & Boutique Fashion
No. 24, Inya Road, Kamaryut Township, Yangon, Myanmar. Tel: 951 534 654, 09-73200147 theredscarf99@gmail.com

BOOK STORES

Innwa Book Store
No. 246, Rm.201/301, GF, Pansodan Street (Upper Block), Kyauktada Tsp. Tel: 389838, 243216, 374324, 514387

MONUMENT BOOKS
• 150 Dhamazedi Rd., Bahan T/S, Yangon. Tel: 536306, 537805.
• Room 308, 3rd Flr., Junction Center (Maw Tin), Lanmadaw T/S, Yangon. Tel: 218155, Ext. 1308.
• 15(B), Departure Lounge, Yangon Int'l Airport.
• 45B, Corner of 26th & 68th Sts., Mandalay. Tel: (02) 66197. Email: yangon@monument-books.com

MYANMAR BOOK CENTRE
Nandawun Compound, No. 55, Baho Road, Corner of Baho Road and Ahlone Road, (near Eugenia Restaurant), Ahlone Township. tel: 212 409, 221 271. 214708 fax: 524580. email: info@myanmarbook.com

CAFÈS

La BRASSERIE
La Brasserie (International)
PARKROYAL Yangon. 33, Alan Pya Phaya Road, Dagon Tsp. tel : 250388.

Acacia Tea Salon
52, Sayar San Rd, Bahan Tsp, Tel : 01-554739.

Cafe47
47-A, Pyay Rd, 7½ miles, Mayangone Tsp, Tel : 01-651774.

Traders Café
Traders Hotel, Yangon. #223, Sule Pagoda Rd. Tel: 242828 ext: 6519

COLD STORAGE

GLOVER
ELECTRICAL INDUSTRIES PTE., LTD.
Est. 1992 in Myanmar Cold Storage Specialist, Solar Hot Water Storage Solutions.
Tel: 09-504-2196, 09-731-94828. E-mail: gei.ygn2@gmail.com, glover2812@gmail.com

CONSTRUCTION

ZAMIL STEEL
total steel building solutions
Zamil Steel
No-5, Pyay Road, 7½ miles, Mayangone Tsp, Yangon. Tel: (95-1) 652502-04. Fax: (95-1) 650306. Email: zamilsteel@gmail.com, zamilsteel.com.mm

CONSULTING

THURA SWISS
Myanmar Research | Consulting | Technology
Shwe Hinthar B 307, 6 1/2 Miles, Pyay Rd., Yangon. Tel: +95 (0)1 654 730 info@thuraswiss.com www.thuraswiss.com

DUTY FREE

Dream Works Limited
Duty Free Shops
Yangon International Airport, Arrival/Departure Tel: 533030 (Ext: 206/155)

Office: 17, 2nd street, Hlaing Yadanarmon Housing, Hlaing Township, Yangon. Tel: 500143, 500144, 500145.

EDUCATION CENTRE

MHR
905, 9th floor, Modern Iron Market(Thanzay Condo) Lanmadaw St. Tel: 707822.

NLEC
82 Anawrahta Rd, Corner of 39 St, Kyauktada Tsp. Tel: 250225.

ELECTRICAL

GLOVER
ELECTRICAL INDUSTRIES PTE., LTD.
Est. 1992 in Myanmar Electrical & Mechanical Contractors, Designers, Consultants.
Tel: 09-504-2196, 09-731-94828. E-mail: gei.ygn2@gmail.com, glover2812@gmail.com

ENGINEERING

SUPER MEGA
ENGINEERS GROUP CO., LTD.
One-stop Solution for Substations, Lines & Switchgears with Best Quality & Reasonable Price

193/197, Shu Khin Thar Street, North Okkalapa Industrial Zone, Yangon. Tel: 951-691843-5, 951-9690297, Fax: 951-691700 Email: supermega97@gmail.com. www.supermega-engg.com

ENTERTAINMENT

HOLA
Dance Club & Bar
No.94, Ground Floor, Bogalay Zay Street, Botataung Tsp, Yangon.Tel: 392625, 09-500-3591
Email : danceclub.hola@gmail.com
(Except Sunday)

The Uranium Dance Studio
Pearl condo Bldg (C), 2nd flr, Bahan Tsp. Tel: 09-731-42624, 09-514-0404.

FASHION & TAILOR

SEIN SHWE TAILOR
Sein Shwe Tailor, No.797 (003-A), Bogyoke Aung San Road, Corner of Warden Street, MAC Tower 2, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon, Ph: 01-225310, 212943-4 Ext: 146, 147, E-mail: uthetlwin@gmail.com

FITNESS CENTRE

Traders Health Club.
Level 5, Traders Hotel Yangon#223 Sule Pagoda Rd, Tel: 951 242828 Ext: 6561

Balance Fitnesss
No 64 (G), Kyitewine Pagoda Road, Mayangone Township. Yangon 01-656916, 09 8631392 Email - info@balancefitnessyangon.com

KETTLER
Germany
Sports & Fitness
Grand Meeyahta Executive Residence. Shop 4-5, Ph: 256355, Ext: 3015, 3204 09 731 94684 email: natraysports@gmail.com

PASO LATINO
DANCING STUDIO
STRICTLY BALLROOM
Mr. Betchang
No.(272), Pyay Rd, DNH Tower, Rm No.(503), 5th flr, Sanchaung Tsp, Tel: 095041216

The Yangon GYM
Summit Parkview Hotel 350, Ahlone Rd, Dagon Tsp. tel: 211888, 211966.

FLORAL SERVICES

ETERNAL FLOWERS
Floral Service & Gift Shop
No. 449, New University Avenue, Bahan Tsp. YGN. Tel: 541217, 559011, 09-860-2292.
Market Place By City Mart
Tel: 523840-43, 523845-46, Ext: 205.
Junction Nay Pyi Taw
Tel: 067-421617-18 422012-15, Ext: 235. Res: 067-414813, 09-492-09039. Email : eternal@mptmail.net.mm

Sandy's
Floral Service & Gift
Centre 102(A), Dhamazaydi Rd, Yangon.tel: 500142 Summit Parkview Hotel, tel: 211888, 211966 ext. 173 fax: 535376.email: sandy@sandymyanmar.com.mm.

FOAM SPRAY INSULATION

COOL SPEED
FOAM SPRAY INSULATION
Foam Spray Insulation
No-410, Ground Floor, Lower Pazundaung Road, Pazundaung Tsp, Yangon. Telefax : 01-203743, 09-730-26245, 09-500-7681. Hot Line-09-730-30825.

GAS COOKER & COOKER HOODS

Rinnai
Yangon : A-3, Aung San Stadium (North East Wing), Mingalartaungnyunt Tsp. Tel : 245543, 09-730-37772. **Mandalay** : Room No.(B,C) (National Gas), 35th St, Btw 80th & 81st, Chanayetharzan Tsp. Tel: 09-680-3505, 02 34455, 36748, 71878.

GEMS & JEWELLERIES

Diamond Queen
75, Oo Yin Lane, New University Avenue Rd, Bahan Tsp. Tel : 01-548001, 704398

Diamond & Me
Junction Square, Ground Floor, Kamayut Tsp. Tel : 01-527242, [Ext : 1082]

MANAWMAYA
HOUSE OF JEWELS
Ruby & Rare Gems of Myanmar
No. 527, New University Ave., Bahan Tsp. Yangon. sales@manawmaya.com.mm www.manawmayagems.com Tel: 549612, Fax : 545770.

SP GEMS
Natural Gems of Myanmar
No. 30 (A), Pyay Road (7 mile), Mayangone Tsp, Yangon, Myanmar. Tel: 01-660397, 654398-9. E-mail: spgems.myanmar@gmail.com

GENERATORS

winning Way
Winning Way
No. 589-592, Bo Aung Kyaw St, Yangon-Pathein highway Road. Hlaing Tharyar tsp. Tel: 951-645178-182, 685199, Fax: 951-645211, 545278. e-mail: mkt-mti@winstrategic.com.mm

HEALTH SERVICES

Asia Pacific
Centre for Medical and Dental Care
Aesthetic Centre
98(A), Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon. Tel: 553783, 549152, 09-732-16940, 09-730-56079. Fax: 542979 Email: asiapacific.myanmar@gmail.com.

HEALTH BRIDGE
LAW KA NET
Acupuncture, Medicine Massage, Foot Spa
Add:No.27(A),Ywa Ma Kyaung Street, Hlaing Township, Yangon. Tel: 01-511122, 526765.

PIYAVATE HOSPITAL
BANGKOK, THAILAND
Piyavate Hospital (Bangkok) Myanmar Represent ative (Head office)
Grand Mee Yahta Executive Residences. No.372, Bogyoke Aung San Rd, PBDN. Ph: 256355, Ext: 3206. Hotline: 09-7377-7799. Email: piyavate@cnt.com.mm, piyavate.cnt@gmail.com, Website: www.piyavate.com

Innovative
DIAGNOSTICS

24 hours Laboratory & X-ray
No. (68), Tawwin Street, 9 Mile, Mayangone Township, Yangon, Myanmar. Tel : (951) 9 666141 Fax : (951) 9 666135

MCOC
Myanmar Clinical Oncology Centre
24 hours Cancer centre
No. (68), Tawwin Street, 9 Mile, Mayangone Township, Yangon, Myanmar. Tel : (951) 9 666141 Fax : (951) 9 666135

LEO medicare
24 hour Medical Assistance Service
24 Hour International Medical Centre @ Victoria Hospital
No. 68, Tawwin Rd, 9 Mile, Mayangon Township, Yangon, Myanmar. Tel: + 951 651 238, + 959 495 85 955 Fax: + 959 651 398 24/7 on duty doctor: + 959 492 18 410 Website: www.leo.com.mm " One Stop Solution for Quality Health Care "

Vibhavadi Hospital
214. 1st Floor, Waizayanter Rd, Thingangyun Tsp.Email: vibhavadiyanmar@gmail.com, Hot line: 09-2011-772, 09-731-650-45, 09-86-250-86

PHIH-Specialist Clinic
FMI Centre (4th Floor) #380, Bogyoke Aung San Road, Pabedan Tsp. tel: 243 010, 243 012, 243 013

HEAVY MACHINERY

KOHLER on
ATC Co., Ltd.
27 (A), Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Yankin TSP., Yangon, Myanmar. T & F : 665610, 667498 atc-admin@wimaxmail.net.mm

JCB
ATC Co., Ltd.
27 (A), Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Yankin TSP., Yangon, Myanmar. T & F : 665610, 667498 atc-admin@wimaxmail.net.mm

HOME FURNISHING

Casabella
One Stop Luxury Home Furnishing Center
22, Pyay Rd, 9 mile, Mayangone Tsp. tel: 660769, 664363.

Franzo Living Mall
15 (A/5), Pyay Rd, A-1, 9 Miles, Mayangone Tsp, Yangon. Ph: 664026

SMART DESIGNS CO., LTD.
European Quality & Designs Furniture Suitable for Outdoor or Indoor Use
No. 422 - 426, FJVC Centre, Ground Floor, Room No. 4, Strand Road (Corner of Botahtaung Pagoda Road), Botahtaung Township, Yangon 11161, Myanmar. Tel: 01 202063, 01 202064 H.P: 09 509 1673 Fax: 01 202063 E-mail: contact@smartdesignstrading.com Website: www.wovenfurnituredesigns.com

LEGAL SERVICE

U Min Sein, BSc, RA, CPA.,RL Advocate of the Supreme Court 83/14
Pansodan St, Yangon. tel: 253 273. uminsein@mptmail.net.mm

Buy space for as little as K. 4500



CALL US NOW: 392928, 392676

DENTAL CLINICS

Dr Tun Tun Thwe 339, 2nd Fl, Sakura Tower, Bogyoke Aung San Rd, Kyauktada Tsp, tel 255118. Web: www.dentist-myanmar.com

Micasa Dental Clinic 17, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Yankin Township. tel: 650933 (30 to 40).Ext: 171, fax 296138. email: apgroup@mptmail.net.mm

DRINKING WATER


Kleen Drinking Water 106, 49th St, Pazundaung Tsp. tel 202926, 297659, 297921. email: kleen@maco.com.mm

Duty Free

Dream Works Limited
Duty Free Shops
Yangon International Airport, Arrival/Departure Tel: 533030 (Ext: 206/155)

Office: 17, 2nd street, Hlaing Yadanarmon Housing, Hlaing Township, Yangon. Tel: 500143, 500144, 500145.

MARINE COMMUNICATION & NAVIGATION



Top Marine Show Room
No-385, Ground Floor,
Lower Pazundaung Road,
Pazundaung Tsp, Yangon.
Ph: 01-202782, 09-851-5597

Media & Advertising



Intuitive Design, Advertising, Interior Decoration
Corporate logo/Identity/
Branding, Brochure/
Profile Booklet/ Catalogue/
Billboard, Corporate diary/
email newsletter/ annual
reports, Magazine, journal
advertisement and 3D
presentation and detailed
planning for any interior
decoration works. Talk to
us: (951) 430-897, 553-918
www.medialane.com.au
58B Myanma Gon Young
Housing, Than Thu Mar
Road, Tamwe, Yangon.

OFFICE FURNITURE



Monday to Saturday
(9am to 6pm)
No. 797, MAC Tower II,
Rm -4, Ground Flr,
Bogyoke Aung San Rd,
Lamadaw Tsp, Yangon.
Tel: (951) 212944 Ext: 303
sales.centuremyanmar@gmail.com
www.centure.in.th



Office Solution
(Subsidiary of NatRay Co.,Ltd)

Bld-A2, Gr-Fl, Shwe
Gabar Housing, Mindama
Rd, Mayangone Tsp,
Yangon. email: eko-nr@gmail.com
myanmar.com.mm
Ph: 652391, 09-73108896



Bld-A2, Gr-Fl, Shwe
Gabar Housing, Mindama
Rd, Mayangone Tsp,
Yangon. email: eko-nr@gmail.com
myanmar.com.mm
Ph: 652391, 09-73108896

PAINT

World's No.1 Paints & Coatings Company



Sole Distributor For the Union of Myanmar Since 1995
Myanmar Golden Rock
International Co.,Ltd.
Level 6, FJV Commercial
Center, Botahtaung Tsp
Yangon. Ph-202092-96,
Fax: 202079



TOP MARINE PAINT
No-410, Ground Floor,
Lower Pazundaung Road,
Pazundaung Tsp, Yangon.
Ph: 09-851-5202

PLEASURE CRUISES



Moby Dick Tours Co., Ltd.
Islands Safari in the Mergui Archipelago
4 Days, 6 Days, 8 Days Trips
Tel: 95 1 202063, 202064
E-mail: info@islandsafari.com
mergui.com. Website: www.islandsafari.com



Road to Mandalay
Myanmar Hotels &
Cruises Ltd. Governor's
Residence 39C, Taw Win
Rd, Dagon Tsp, Yangon.
Tel: (951) 229860
fax: (951) 217361. email:
RTMYGN@mptmail.net.mm
www.orient-express.com

REAL ESTATE




FREE House-Hunting Service with English Speaking Expert.
Tel : 09 2050107
robinsawnaing@gmail.com

Win

Real Estate Agency
Our Services - Office,
House & Land (For Rent)
[Agent Fees Free]
Tel: 09-501-8250,
09-732-02480.


REMOVALISTS



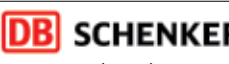
Relocation Specialist
Rm 504, M.M.G Tower,
#44/56, Kannar Rd,
Botahtaung Tsp.
Tel: 250290, 252313.
Mail : info@asianantigers-myanmar.com



Legendary Myanmar Int'l Shipping & Logistics Co., Ltd.
No-9, Rm (A-4), 3rd Flr,
Kyaung St, Myaynigone,
Sanchaung Tsp, Yangon.
Tel: 516827, 523653,
516795.
Mobile, 09-512-3049.
Email: legandarymyr@gmail.com
www.LMSL-shipping.com



Crown Worldwide
Movers Ltd 790, Rm 702,
7th Flr Danathiha Centre,
Bogyoke Aung San Rd,
Lanmadaw. Tel: 223288,
210 670, 227650. ext: 702.
Fax: 229212. email: crown
worldwide@mptmail.net.mm



Schenker (Thai) Ltd. Yangon
59 A, U Lun
Maung Street. 7 Mile
Pyay Road, MYGN. tel:
667686, 666646.fax:
651250. email: sche
nker@mptmail.net.mm.




Bo Sun Pat Tower, Bldg
608, Rm 6[B], Cor of
Merchant Rd & Bo Sun
Pat St, PBDN Tsp. Tel:
377263, 250582, 250032,
09-511-7876, 09-862-4563.

RESTAURANTS



Lunch/Dinner/Catering
555539, 536174



Restaurant & Bar
No.430(A), Corner of
Dhamazedi Rd & Golden
Valley Rd, Building(2)
Market Place (City Mart),
Bahan Tsp, Yangon.
Tel : 01-523840[Ext-309],
09-73208079.



Heaven Pizza
38/40, Bo Yar Nyunt St.
Yaw Min Gyi Quarter,
Dagon Township.
Tel: 09-855-1383

INYA 1
Restaurant & Bar

INYA 1 Restaurant & Bar
No.(1), Inya Road,
Kamayut Tsp.
Tel: 01-527506
email: inyaone@gmail.com
www.inya1.com



World famous Kobe Beef
Near Thuka Kabar
Hospital on Pyay Rd,
Marlar st, Hlaing Tsp.
Tel: +95-1-535072

LE PLANTEUR

22, Kaba Aye Pagoda Rd,
Bahan Tsp. tel 541997.
email: leplanteur@gmail.com
mptmail.net.mm.
http://leplanteur.net



Kohaku Japanese Restaurant
Chatrium Hotel Royal
Lake Yangon
40, Natmauk Road,
Tamwe Tsp, Lobby Level,
Tel: 544500 Ext 6231



Enchanting and Romantic, a Bliss on the Lake
62 D, U Tun Nyein Road,
Mayangon Tsp, Yangon
Tel. 01 665 516, 660976
Mob. 09-4210-34875
operayangon@gmail.com
www.operayangon.com



Monsoon Restaurant
& Bar 85/87, Thein Byu
Road, Botahtaung Tsp.
Tel: 295224, 09-501 5653.

Pansweltaw Express Cafe:
228, Ahlone Rd, Ahlone Tsp.
Tel: 215363
(1)-Rm-309, 3rd flr, Ocean,
East Point Shopping Center,
Pazundaung Tsp.
Tel:397900 Ext: 309.
(2)-G-Flr, Ocean North
Point Shopping Center:
Tel:652959, 652960, Ext: 133.

Spicy Forest Thai, Korean and European Food
Rm-051/Basement-1 (B1),
Taw Win Center, Pyay Rd.
Tel : 09-7320-9566,
01-8600111 (1151)

Summer Palace (Chinese) Restaurant
Level 2, Traders Hotel,
#223, Sule Pagoda Road.
tel: 242828. ext:6483



The Ritz Exclusive Lounge
Chatrium Hotel Royal
Lake Yangon
40, Natmauk Road,
Tamwe Tsp, Ground
Floor, Tel: 544500
Ext 6243, 6244



The Emporia Restaurant
Chatrium Hotel
Royal Lake Yangon
40, Natmauk Road,
Tamwe Tsp. Lobby Level,
Tel: 544500 Ext 6294

Traders Gourmet Corner
Level 1, Traders Hotel,
#223 Sule Pagoda Road,
Kyauktada Tsp.
Tel : 242828 ext : 6503


Traders Gallery Bar
Level 2, Traders Hotel,
#223 Sule Pagoda Road.
tel: 242 828. ext: 6433

Traders Lobby Lounge
Level 1, Traders Hotel,
#223 Sule Pagoda Road.
tel: 242 828. ext: 6456




1. WASABI : No.20-B,
Kaba Aye Pagoda Rd,
Yankin Tsp,(Near MiCasa),
Tel: 666781,09-503-9139
2. WASABI SUSHI :Market
Place by City Mart (1st
Floor). Tel; 09-430-67440
Myaynigone (City Mart)
Yankin Center (City Mart)
Junction Mawtin (City Mart)

SANITARY WARE




Grohe
79-B3/B3,
East Shwe Gone Dine,
Near SSC Women's
Center, Bahan Tsp.
Tel : 01 401083,
09-73056736.

SCHOOLS



Horizon Int'l School
25, Po Sein Road, Bahan
Tsp, tel : 541085, 551795,
551796, 450396-7.
fax : 543926, email :
contact@horizonmyanmar.com,
www.horizon.com

ILBC
180, Thunandar 9th Lane,
Thumngalar Housing,
Thingungyung.tel: 562401.



ILBC IGCSE SCHOOL
No.[34], Laydauntkan
Road, Tamwe Tsp, Yangon.
Tel: 542982, 545720,
549106,545736,400156
Fax: 541040
Email: info@ilbc.net.mm
www.ilbcdedu.com

International School Yangon
20, Shwe Taung Kyar St,
Bahan Tsp. Tel: 512793.



Admissions Office:
Than Lwin Campus: 44,
Than Lwin Road, Bahan
Tsp, Yangon. Tel: 951-
535433, 959-8503073.
Email: rviacademygn@gmail.com
rvcentre.com.sg
Website: www.rvcentre.com.sg




Yangon International School
Fully Accredited K-12
International Curriculum
with ESL support
No.117,Thumngalar
Housing, Thingangyun
Township, Yangon.
Tel: 578171, 573149
www.yismyanmar.net
Yangon International School
New Early Childhood
Center
Pan Hlaing Golf Estate
Housing & U Tun Nyo
Street, Hlaing Thar Yar
Township, Yangon.
Tel: 687701, 687702

Streamline Education
24, Myasabai Rd, Parami,
Mayangone Tsp. tel: 662304,
09-500-6916.



No.35(b), Tat Katho Yeik
Mon Housing,
New University Avenue,
Bahan Township, Yangon.
Tel: 951-549451, 557219,
540730.
www.yangon-academy.org

STEEL CONSTRUCTION



PEB Steel Buildings
21/5, Thirimingalar Avenue,
Kabaaye Pagoda Rd, Yankin
Tsp, Yangon. Tel: 653410,
09-7325-7042, 09-515-
0332, 09-4016-01948.
marketing@pebsteel.com.
mm www.pebsteel.com.mm

SUPERMARKETS

Asia Light
106, Set Yone Rd.tel:
294074, 294083.

Capital Hyper Mart
14[E], Min Nandar Road,
Dawbon Tsp. Ph: 553136.

City Mart
(Aung San Branch) tel:
253022, 294765.
(9:00 am to 9:00 pm)

City Mart
(47th St Branch)
tel: 200026, 298746.
(9:00 am to 9:00 pm)

City Mart
(Junction 8 Branch)
tel: 650778.
(9:00 am to 9:00 pm)

City Mart
(FMI City Branch)
tel: 682323.

City Mart
(Yankin Center Branch)
tel: 400284.
(9:00 am to 9:00 pm)

City Mart
(Myaynigone Branch)
tel: 510697.
(9:00 am to 10:00 pm)

City Mart
(Zawana Branch)
tel:564532.
(9:00 am to 9:00 pm)

City Mart
(Shwe Mya Yar Branch)
tel: 294063.
(9:00 am to 9:00 pm)

City Mart
(Chinatown Point Branch)
tel: 215560-63.
(9:00 am to 10:00 pm)

City Mart
(Junction Maw Tin Branch)
tel: 218159.
(9:00 am to 9:00 pm)

City Mart
(Marketplace)
tel: 523840-43.
(9:00 am to 10:00 pm)

City Mart
(78th Brahch-Mandalay)
tel: 02-71467-9.
(9:00 am to 10:00 pm)

IKON Mart
IKON Trading Co., Ltd.
No.332, Pyay Rd, San
Chaung P.O (11111), Yangon,
Myanmar. Tel: 95-1-535-
783, 527705, 501429. Fax:
95-1-527705. Email: sales-
ikon@myanmar.com.mm

Junction Mawtin
Bogyoke Aung San Rd, Cor
of Wadan St. Lanmadaw.

Ocean Supercentre
(North Point), 9th Mile,
Mayangone Tsp. Tel: 651 200,
652963.

Pick 'n' Pay Hyper Market
Bldg (A,B,C), (14~16),
Shwe Mya Yar Housing,
Mya Yar Gone St,
Mingalartaungnyunt Tsp.
Tel: 206001~3, Fax: 9000199

Sein Gay Har
44, Pyay Rd, Dagon Tsp.
Tel: 383812, 379823.

Super 1 (Kyaikkasan)
65, Lay Daunt Kan St,
Tel: 545871~73

Victoria
Shwe Pone Nyet Yeik
Mon, Bayint Naung Rd,
Kamaryut Tsp. Tel : 515136.

TRAVEL AGENTS




Asian Trails Tour Ltd
73 Pyay Rd, Dagon Tsp.
tel: 211212, 223262.
fax: 211670. email: res@
asiantrails.com.mm



Car Rental with English Speaking Driver.
[Safety and Professional
Services].
Tel : +95 9 2050107
robinsawnaing@gmail.com

WATER TREATMENT



Commercial scale water treatment (Since 1997)
Tel: 01-218437-38.
H/P: 09-5161431,
09-43126571.
39-B, Thazin Lane, Ahlone.

WATER HEATERS



The Global leader in Water Heaters
A/1, Aung San Stadium
East Wing, Upper
Pansodan Road.
Tel: 251033, 09-730-25281.



Water Heater
Same as Rinnai Gas cooker and cooker Hood
Showroom Address

WEB SERVICES



World-class Web Services
Tailor-made design,
Professional research
& writing for Brochure/
Catalogue/e-Commerce
website, Customised
business web apps,
online advertisement and
anything online. Talk to
us: (951) 430-897, 553-918
www.medialane.com.au
58B Myanma Gon Young
Housing. Than Thu Mar
Road, Tamwe, Yangon.

THE MYANMARTIMES

advertising **hotline**

CALL: 392676, 392928

YANGON

U-23 squad heading to Vietnam

AUNG SI HEIN aungsiheinmm8@gmail.com

MYANMAR'S U-23 football team is set to play a friendly against Vietnam in Ho Chi Minh City on June 11 in a warm-up for December's Southeast Asian Games.

The team consists of young players from the Myanmar National League and is under the direction of national team coach Park Sung.

Prior to their match in Vietnam, the team will spend 10 days in Taunggyi, Shan State, for a training camp starting on May 21. They will then face off against Kaw-bawza FC before departing for Vietnam.

Myanmar is scheduled to play an

international friendly match on June 4 but the team they are going to play has not yet been announced.

Despite the upcoming matches, team organisers said that they are still actively searching for new players to add to the first team roster and the reserve squad. A roster for the Vietnam trip has not been released.

Tin Myint Aung, manager of the U-23 team, said the reserve team is important if there is a decline in first team performance or injuries strike the team during their upcoming matches.

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan appeal rejected

PAKISTAN on May 1 vowed to fight on after the tennis world governing body rejected their appeal over their forfeited Davis Cup tie against New Zealand.

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) upheld the decision to award the match played in Yangon last month to New Zealand because the court was unplayable.

Pakistan were 1-0 up and leading in the second match when Sri Lankan referee Ashita Ajigala stopped the match and awarded the tie to New Zealand, as the courts were Pakistan's responsibility.



Aqeel Khan of Pakistan hits a shot during his Davis Cup match against New Zealand's Artem Sitak in Yangon on April 5. Pic: Aung Htay Hlaing

The Asia Oceania group II tie was shifted to Myanmar over security fears in Pakistan.

The ITF's Davis Cup committee rejected the appeal by the Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF) on April 30, but PTF President Kaleem Imam said the fight would go on.

"The ITF have said that the referee's decision was right but we will take the appeal to another forum and will fight on against the injustice done to us," Imam told AFP.

"If the referee had felt the courts were not up to the mark, why did he start the tie in the first place?"

Announcing the appeal had been rejected, the governing body said the PTF could now take their case to the ITF board of directors.

Pakistan was forced to shift the tie to a neutral venue after the ITF declared Pakistan as unsafe and unsuitable for an international event.

Pakistan has been a no-go area for international sports teams since militant attacks on the Sri Lankan cricket team bus in Lahore in March 2009. — AFP



Myanmar National League president Zaw Zaw speaks at the Park Royal Hotel in Yangon on April 26 alongside former Manchester United players Clayton Blackmore and Denis Irwin. Pic: Aung Htay Hlaing

YANGON

Old Trafford legends to play in Yangon

KYAW ZIN HLAING kyawzinhlaing91@gmail.com

A MANCHESTER United legends team will play a friendly match against a Myanmar side in a charity event on June 9 at Thuwana Stadium in Yangon.

Former Manchester United players Denis Irwin, Andy Cole, Clayton Blackmore and Lee Sharpe will be on the roster for the English giants. The Myanmar team will be made up for Myanmar national team members and foreigner players drawn from the Myanmar National League.

The match is being hosted by Ayeyarwady Foundation, CEA Myanmar

and Park Royal Hotel, with ticket proceeds and other donations going to monastic education, local hospitals and HIV rehabilitation efforts.

"Hopefully we can raise a lot of money for the charities."

We've been around today we've had our eyes opened looking at some of the young children who haven't got families and HIV. I've got children myself and it hurt me a little bit today watching the little ones all on their own, but hopefully everyone is going to come out and support all of the events and we are going to have a great time," said

former Manchester player Mr Clayton Blackmore on April 26.

Blackmore appeared in 251 matches for the club and won 39 caps for the Welsh national team

"We've got a couple of our friends coming along as well, Andy Cole and Lee Sharpe, and we are going to have a great time."

Blackmore and Denis Irwin visited Thuwana Stadium on April 26 to inspect the grounds, which they found to be up to international standards.

Irwin, a former fullback, spent 12 successful seasons at Old Trafford.

Tickets for the match will cost between K500 and K1000.

KUALA LUMPUR

Bahrain's Sheikh Salman romps to AFC presidency

BAHRAIN royal Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa became scandal-hit Asian football's new leader on May 2 with a crushing election win that followed a campaign filled with intrigue and controversy.

The sheikh, who has faced claims of outside interference and even rights abuses, won 33 of the 46 votes to become president of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), replacing disgraced ex-leader Mohamed bin Hammam.

With Yousef Al Serkal of the UAE and Thailand's Worawi Makudi gather-

ing just six and seven votes respectively, it was a landslide victory for the Bahraini FA chief who will now complete bin Hammam's current term, which finishes in 2015.

"Today, the Asian football family is at a crossroads. Today we have the power to erase a chapter in our history," Sheikh Salman said.

Sheikh Salman was referring to the spectacular demise of Qatar's bin Hammam, who challenged for the FIFA presidency but was accused of vote-buying and then of financial wrongdoing in office. He stepped down last year.

The presidential election result was greeted by loud celebratory cheers and shouts in Arabic from the floor after a speedy process carried out at a plush hotel in the Malaysian capital, Kuala Lumpur.

However, Asian football appears to have a long way to travel towards transparency after the build-up to the vote was dominated by claim and counter-claim of meddling by outside powers.

The powerful Olympic Council of Asia was accused of lobbying on behalf of Sheikh Salman, and FIFA expressed

concern over allegations that bin Hammam had also been active behind the scenes, despite his ban from football activities.

Former Saudi Arabian candidate Hafez Ibrahim Al Medlej, who withdrew from the race late on May 1, also suggested that FIFA had brought its influence to bear on the process.

Meanwhile, human rights groups accused Sheikh Salman of leading a purge of players and officials during Bahrain's violent crackdown on pro-democracy protests in 2011 and urged FIFA to block his candidacy. — AFP



Bahrain Football Association president Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa at a press conference in Manama on April 16. Photo: AFP

CONTINUED FROM SPORT 60

did not know of any other gay players in the NBA.

"Statistically speaking, I'm probably not the only one," Collins said. "Since no one else has raised their hand, you don't know for sure. I'm 99.9 percent sure there are others."

Several US women's team athletes have played while openly gay, including retired Women's NBA (WNBA) and US Olympic star Sheryl Swoopes, and 2012 US Olympic women's football gold medalist Megan Rapinoe.

Brittney Griner, this year's WNBA top draft pick, revealed earlier in April she is a lesbian.

Collins said openly gay tennis legend Martina Navratilova has been a role model for him.

"I look at her as one of my heroes," he told the *Times*. "Hopefully going forward I can be someone

else's role model.

Collins told ABC his message to young gay NBA hopefuls was to keep working.

"It doesn't matter that you're gay, but the key thing is that it's about basketball," he said. "It's about working hard. It's about sacrificing for your team. It's about dedication."

Collins is seeking a new contract at age 34 and said several NBA coaches have supported him, confident he will not be snubbed for a new deal because of his revelation when the next NBA season opens in six months.

"I'm sure teams will look at my basketball, look at what I have to offer," he told the *Times*. "I'll be ready at any moment."

Collins said he hopes to marry a man and raise children, adding: "I'm very optimistic of what the future brings." — AFP

YANGON

Two teams disciplined over ref disputes

AUNG SI HEIN aungsiheinmm8@gmail.com

THE Myanmar Football Federation's disciplinary committee has charged second division clubs Chin United FC and Best United FC for mistreatment of referees.

The charges against Chin United FC stem from a defeat on April 6. After losing 1-0 to Mawmyawady FC 1-0 at Yangon's Padonmar Stadium, Chin United coach San Win reportedly entered the referee's locker room and insulted the referees, blaming them for the loss.

After investigating the matter, the disciplinary committee deemed San Win's behaviour to be "wrong and unfair" and issued him a warning on April 25.

San Win denied the charge, saying that he had not received any official letter pertaining to the warning.

"I just heard about the charge from articles in journals but I did not receive any letter from the federation," he said.

He did however admit to losing his temper.

"I had never parotested against referees' decisions. This is the first time I

'The referee's unfair and biased judgment during the game was inexcusable.'

San Win
Coach, Chin United FC

stood up to a referee in my life," he said. "The referee's unfair and biased judgment during the game was inexcusable."

We are working for the country. The team owners are competing, putting a lot of money into the team. At the end of the football season we want to get into the league one," San Win told *The Myanmar Times* on April 30.

The disciplinary committee also charged Best United FC's assistant coach Aung Khin and players, Kyaw Lin Phyo and Kyaw Kyaw Tun who challenged a referee during the team's match against GFA FC on April 19 at Padonmar Stadium.

Aung Khin has been fined K100,000 and hit with a one match ban.

Kyaw Lin Phyo and Kyaw Kyaw Tun have also both been banned one match each.

Singapore



Yangon direct daily ✈

Singapore

USD119

from

One way economy Starter[^] fares with carry-on baggage only. For an additional US\$10-40, per passenger, you can choose between 15kg-40kg checked baggage. Seats are subject to availability and may not be available on all flights or days. Best travel availability from 17 Jun. Terms and conditions apply.

Please visit jetstar.com or your local travel agent to book this great fare.

jetstar.com

Jetstar 

Fare quoted is one way, inclusive of tax. [^]Carry-on baggage limits, including size restrictions, will be strictly applied. Passengers with more than the applicable carry-on baggage allowance will need to check in baggage, and charges will apply. Yangon-Singapore flights are operated by Jetstar Asia (3K). Fares valid for new bookings made via the stipulated web address only. Fares are non-refundable. Limited changes are permitted, charges apply. Other terms & conditions apply. All travel is subjected to Jetstar's Conditions of Carriage. Jetstar Asia Airways Pte Ltd (Registration No. 200403570D).

Sport

Man Utd greats will play in Myanmar

SPORT 58

WASHINGTON

'Couldn't be prouder'

Obama lauds Collin's historic coming out

WITH President Barack Obama praising his courage, NBA center Jason Collins was awestruck on April 30 after becoming the first major US professional team sport athlete to reveal he is gay.

"Not even in my wildest dreams could I ever imagine the support that I've received," Collins told ABC television in his first interview since revealing his sexuality on Monday in an essay for *Sports Illustrated*.

"Random people just come up and shake your hand and say 'thank you,' and it touches you and you just feel honored and humbled."

Obama, who telephoned Collins to express his support on April 29, called the overwhelming support for the seven-foot (2.13m) veteran of 12 NBA seasons a sign of growing acceptance of homosexuality in American society.

"I told him I couldn't be prouder," Obama said at a White House news conference.

"One of the extraordinary measures of progress that we've seen in this country has been the recognition that the (Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender) community deserves full equality - not just partial equality, not just tolerance, but a recognition that they're fully part of the American family."

Collins, who helped New Jersey reach the NBA Finals twice in younger days, began dealing with the change from unheralded journeyman to gay role model.

"It doesn't get any bigger than the leader of the free world giving you a call and saying you did a good thing. I did something not only to help myself but to

empower others," Collins told the *New York Times* on April 30.

Celebrities and athletes from around the sports world expressed support for Collins, including a host of NBA players.

"All my respect and support to Jason Collins," tweeted Argentine guard Manu Ginobili of the NBA San Antonio Spurs. "Thanks to his courage perhaps someday an athlete's sexual preference will be irrelevant. Congrats."

Not everyone was supportive, with ESPN NBA commentator Chris Broussard calling Collins a "sinner."

"I don't agree with his statement," Collins told the Times. "This is all about tolerance and acceptance. This is where the discussion begins."

"You can't please everyone," Collins told ABC. "You just try to live your life by your values and go about your business."

Retired NBA star Charles Barkley says there are gay NBA players who have chosen not to come out.

"We've all played with gay guys. We didn't treat them bad," Barkley said. "For us to have an honest discussion, if guys don't like it, they should be able to say it and not get crucified."

Collins said he

**MORE ON
SPORT 58**



A 2013 photo shows Jason Collins of the Washington Wizards rebounding a shot during an NBA game. Photo: AFP

BRIEFS

NEW YORK

Avalanche land top draft pick from lottery

The Colorado Avalanche, who finished with the second-worst record in the National Hockey League this season, will pick first in June's NHL Draft after winning the top spot in the draft lottery on April 29.

The Avalanche had the second-best chance of claiming the top pick at 18.8 percent but came through to the disappointment of Florida, which had the best chance at the top pick, 1-in-4 odds, but must settle for the second selection.

Tampa Bay will pick third, followed by Nashville, Carolina, Calgary, Edmonton, Buffalo, New Jersey, Dallas, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Winnipeg and Columbus.

KARACHI

Hair stylist grooms budding Pakistan bowlers

The tough-guy fast bowlers of yesteryear might not approve, but Pakistan's budding young quicks were coached on their appearance at a training camp last week - by a hair stylist.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) organised the 10-day camp led by legendary paceman Wasim Akram after concerns were raised over the standard of fast bowlers coming through from the youth ranks.

As well as being drilled in technique and fitness, the players were also given a lecture by top Pakistani stylist Nabila Ahmed on how to look good off the field. - AFP

YANGON

3-on-3 basketball tournament at Aung San Stadium

The Ministry of Sport and Myanmar Basketball Federation have jointly organised a 3-on-3 summer basketball tournament to be held at Aung San Indoor Stadium in Yangon from May 11 to 15.

Teams from three different categories will compete. There will be an open format for male and female players and separate games for players under 16 and players under 18.

Around nearly 50 teams are expected to compete in this year's tournament. - Kyaw Zin Hlaing

Since 1996

Golden Lion Wire & Cable

ISO 9001:2008

01 - 224351, 710044, 709398, 709233, 707766, 685646, 685647, 02 - 65585, 61299

Pinpointing the most influential demographic in Myanmar

With a total readership of more 500,000 The Myanmar Times in both languages is the newspaper of choice for successful people.

The Myanmar Times is an example of what can be achieved in a challenging environment and it is the country's first paper to win an international honour for its excellence in journalism.

With award winning editorial hitting a top tier demographic we're the logical choice when you need to capture market share. In fact we make it happen because we are part of a winning story in the new Myanmar.

When you advertise with us you land in the places that count – in front of the decision makers and spenders of Myanmar. Your advertising dollars are then working for you harder than ever before.

MYANMARTIMES
HEARTBEAT OF THE NATION



FOR THE THINKING PERSON.

Cutting edge journalism from our 100+ editorial team in Yangon, Mandalay and the Capital backed by the global network of *Agence France-Presse, The Washington Post, Reuters, Bloomberg* and our correspondents across the region makes us the winning choice!

MYANMAR TIMES

HEARTBEAT OF THE NATION

Subscribe now and get free office or home delivery

FREE TRIAL FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Try The Myanmar Times daily at no cost by signing up for three-month trial. You'll get the first month free - we won't bill you until the end of your trial month. Get three months (including one month free) for only \$US29 (normally \$51)*

SIX-MONTH SUPER SAVER

Get a six-month subscription for only US\$69 (normally \$99).**

TWELVE-MONTH SAVINGS SPECTACULAR

Already like what you see? Commit to 12 months of The Myanmar Times

CALL US: **392928, 253642** and ask for our Subscriptions department
(or) **subscribe.mt@gmail.com**

*New subscribers only; terms and conditions apply.

**These promotional subscription packages are limited time offers; terms and conditions apply.

www.mmtimes.com