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Kayan New Land Army troops march through Seebu village in Pekon township, Shan State, on June 4.

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## Kayan army throws support behind NLD, 88 Generation campaign

Leaders of the Kayan New Land Party have backed the recently launched push for constitutional change and warned at a ceremony to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kayan insurgency that dictatorship will prevail unless the 2008 constitution is replaced or rewritten. An estimated 20,000 turned out to mark the June 4 anniversary in southern Shan State.

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## THE INSIDER: The local lowdown & best of the web

**No way!**  
The campaign against Qatari telco Ooredoo is gathering steam, with rabid nationalist groups upping the ante by holding demonstrations in Yangon, as well as continuing to show a truly commendable level of commitment (given internet speeds) to spamming social networks with conspiracy-minded warnings about the company's presence being the harbinger of a modern-day caliphate. Addressing a crowd on June 7, venerable monk Parmoukkha said anyone who made a call to an Ooredoo SIM would be "betraying their faith".  
All of this must come as something of a relief to the Norwegians, whose diabolical divide-and-conquer-through-telecommunications plot seems to be going relatively unnoticed. I jest, of course, but if you were to look at the arguments constructed against Ooredoo's presence, it would also be possible to build a similar case against the Scandinavian Scourge - it's all about rhetoric.  
Consider that the majority of Norway identifies as belonging to the Evangelical Lutheran Church, with a longer-term trend tending toward various

forms of heathenism. Consider that the Norwegian state owns 53 per cent of Telenor. Did you know that Norwegian women had as many as 4.6 children on average in the late 19th century and they have one of the highest fertility rates in Europe? A survey carried out among Danish schoolchildren in the mid-1980s suggested that they regarded the Norwegians as "all right, but a bit rural and very nationalistic".  
Historically, their Viking ancestors established and engaged in extensive trading networks, and were widely regarded as dominant forces on markets at home and abroad. Their diaspora spans the Atlantic, and has even extended its odious tendrils into suburban Australia. Norway plays host to the world Beard and Moustache Championships and "other international facial hair competitions".  
"They eat lutefisk, are passive-aggressive, pronounce their Ws as Vs, look as though they were soaked in bleach and the ones from the old country listen to death metal," one person said in response to a 2008 Yahoo Answers query of "what are some Norwegian stereotypes?"  
Hopefully I've made my

point and not offended any Norwegians out there (even though many websites listing stereotypes suggest you to be humourless). I urge vigilance lest their bucolic, peace-loving, tax-paying lifestyle compromises the fabric of society. Here's hoping cool heads prevail and people realise that the overarching agenda of telcos may not be the execution of a nefarious scheme to convert the populace en masse, but that it boils down to something far simpler: commercial interests.  
Here's hoping market forces play out how they will, and people just buy whatever SIM card works out best for them. Panzagar.

**You may know it as Myanmar...**  
Australia's foreign service seems to be in a state of confusion over just what to call this country, with the previously settled-upon label of Myanmar now being eschewed by the Abbott government.  
The process of democratic reforms had seen the previous Labor government change all official references from "Burma" to "Union of Myanmar".  
The switch back to Burma was quietly made in late 2013.  
A liberal senator raised the issue during a Senate estimates hearing last week, taking issue with the fact that Australian Ambassador Ms Bronte Moules was being referred to by the admittedly cumbersome honorific of "the Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar" - despite the Abbott government-ordered edict.  
The reason for this lies in the fact that the government policy is incredibly vague. Diplomats and envoys are permitted to switch freely between Myanmar and Burma, "depending on the circumstances" (lie the preferences of who they're talking to). Speculating on the policy change early in the year, The Lowy Interpreter's Andrew


Selth wrote that the Burma backflip could be indicative of "the Foreign Minister's longstanding support for Aung San Suu Kyi. Or it may herald a more critical approach to issues like Burma's military-biased constitution and the harsh treatment of Muslim Rohingyas." Then there's always the possibility that, given Prime Minister and self-appointed Minister for Women Tony Abbott's apparent fondness for history (perhaps best demonstrated by the decision to reinstate the archaic honours system of knights and dames back in March), he may just prefer the British colonial name.

**Dragon awakens at SEZ**  
A Singaporean firm commissioned to carry out a survey on the Kyaukpkyu SEZ site in Rakhine State has issued concerns about the site's proximity to a mud volcano, according to reports in local media last week. Whether this will have any impact on developments in the area is, as yet, unclear. Reports of seismic and volcanic activity have circulated about the Kyaukpkyu site for a number of years, and one would imagine the story would have been a bigger deal if a relocation of the massive project was even a little bit on the cards. Watch this space. On a related, "did-you-know" note: Mud volcanoes in Myanmar are known as *Nagabwet Taung*, which loosely translates as "dragon's breath". This refers to local lore about dragons breathing underground resulting in bubbles on the surface of a body of water. Perhaps the most famous mud volcano site in Myanmar is near Minbu in Magwe Region. The "volcano" part is something of a misnomer, though, as the muddy matter that seeps out of the earth at the site is not hot to touch. But that was something I




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**Who's a pretty girl? The Griffins leaf-nosed bat is among the many species recently discovered in the Greater Mekong region.**  
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read on the internet so don't take my word for it.

**In Brief:**  
Time to invest? Carrier pigeon business not done yet, say experts, as Yangon's internet and traffic "still crap"

French woman still inexplicably says "Yangoon", despite having lived here for over eight years

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INVESTIGATION

# Graft scandal sinks without trace

Almost 18 months ago U Thein Tun was forced to resign amid corruption allegations, but a subsequent police investigation has gone nowhere



IT was supposed to be the first major scalp in Myanmar's anti-corruption drive. But 18 months on, the lack of transparency surrounding the investigation into former Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun and up to 50 ministry staff has cast doubt on the sincerity of President U Thein Sein's supposed war on graft.

The case appears to have been buried in a maze of bureaucracy in the Ministry of Home Affairs, with the local police who originally received the complaint still waiting to learn if they should file charges. None of the corruption-fighting bodies that have been formed under U Thein Sein appear to be involved in the investigation or decision-making process.

The scandal broke in late January 2013 when state media said U Thein Tun had been allowed to resign from his ministerial position "of his own volition".

Both the wording and timing of the move raised eyebrows as the phrase is commonly used in situations where officials are forced to resign, rather than voluntarily step down from, their positions.

The ouster also came shortly after the government announced that it would be opening the telecoms sector to foreign investment, ending the decades-old monopoly enjoyed by Myanma Posts and Telecommunications (MPT). Qatari-firm Ooredoo and Norway's Telenor would be announced as winners of the operating licences in June 2013.

Though the exact reasons for his removal remain unclear, multiple media reports at the time said U Thein Tun, as well as other high-ranking officials in the ministry, were conspiring to keep the price of SIM cards artificially high. Some reports said about 50 officials from the ministry were caught up in the probe and that U Thein Tun had been briefly placed under house arrest.

That price manipulation may have taken place surprised no one, particularly given the extremely high price that the state monopoly was selling SIM cards for. But President U Thein Sein's decision to fire U Thein Tun and



Former Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun speaks at a press conference. Photo: Staff

others was seen as a reassurance that even if officials have not changed their behaviour, the repercussions have changed.

It now appears that this positivity was premature. The investigation has largely stalled through the age-old practice of handballing it from one department to another.

An officer at the Phayakone police station in Nay Pyi Taw's Ottarathiri township confirmed to *The Myanmar Times* that it received a complaint from the ministry against the general manager of MPT, U Thein Oo, and seven other officers on January 18, 2013, two days after they were all forced to resign. The ministry had asked police to file charges under section 409 of the Penal Code for alleged "criminal breach of trust by public servant, or by banker, merchant or agent". The offence can carry a prison sentence of up to 10 years.

While U Thein Tun was not named in the complaint, senior officials confirmed to *The Myanmar Times* that

he was included in the corruption investigation.

The case was then transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), which operates under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA).

**'We haven't received any instruction regarding that case.'**

**Police officer from the station that handled the corruption complaint**

But a police officer from Phayakone said the station was still waiting for instructions on whether to charge the eight men.

"We only know whether to press charges after the investigation is completed. We haven't yet received any

instructions regarding that case," said the police officer, who asked not to be named.

While CID could not be reached for comment, an official from the Bureau of Special Investigation – a corruption-fighting body in the same ministry – said his unit was at one point handling the case but was no longer involved.

A number of anti-corruption bodies have also been formed during President U Thein Sein's presidency to lead the fight against graft. In February 2014, the president established a 15-member Anti-Corruption Commission under the Anti-Corruption Law, which was enacted in September 2013. A separate high-level Anti-Corruption Committee was formed in January 2013. Chaired by Vice President Sai Mauk Kham, it also includes union-level ministers and the attorney general.

It appears neither of these bodies are involved in the investigation into U Thein Tun and alleged corruption in the telecoms ministry, however.

Commission member U Thinn Maung said the group's only task is to handle public complaints and pass them on to the relevant government bodies for further action. He said that the commission is severely understaffed and lacks the capacity to undertake any substantive anti-corruption activities.

"This kind of case doesn't come to us. We [the Anti-Corruption Commission] just check complaint letters and then report them to a higher level," he said. "Our commission hasn't even got an office. We only have a few staff. We investigate complaint letters. We are not responsible for taking charge [of investigations]."

Ministers for the President's Office U Soe Maung and U Soe Thein, who are both members of the corruption committee, did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

Government spokesperson U Ye Htut, however, said "an inter-ministerial investigation" is taking place and that "some administrative action on former officials has been taken".

"We have to change the working procedure in the ministry to prevent future corruption," he said, but declined to say what specific measures had been undertaken.

For now, even the ministry itself – since renamed the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, and now headed by U Myat Hein – claims to be in the dark on the status of the investigation.

"It is a high-level case. I don't know anything about the investigation," U Kyaw Soe said, adding that questions about the investigation should be directed to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Independent writer Sithu Aung Myint said the U Thein Tun case highlighted the government's lack of transparency, as well as its unwillingness – or inability – to genuinely tackle corruption.

"At least the government should say publicly what they have done or what they are doing to fight corruption," he said. "In reality, the government's anti-corruption mission hasn't even started. Those government committees and commissions have been formed just for show."

Unless real measures are taken, the impact of Myanmar's reforms is likely to slow or stall completely, he said.

"There is bribery happening everywhere in this country," he said, "and we cannot expect to benefit from any reforms as long as corruption still exists."



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## JICA rejects Thilawa allegations

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THE Japan International Cooperation Agency has defended itself against accusations that a resettlement project at the Thilawa Special Economic Zone violated its own standards on "environmental and social considerations".

Three residents from the area submitted a complaint to JICA regulators in Tokyo on June 2, in what they said was the first known formal complaint filed under JICA's objection procedures since the agency was restructured in 2008.

About 4500 people are likely to be resettled to create the 2400-hectare (5900-acre) zone, which is being developed by a Myanmar-Japan consortium and is expected to create up to 300,000 jobs. Hundreds of people have already moved to make way for the 400-hectare first phase, and they allege that their living conditions and income opportunities are worse than before the resettlement, in violation of JICA guidelines.

A spokesperson from the JICA office in Yangon said that while the agency would wait for the independent examiner to make a judgement on the objection it believed the resettlement was "in line with international practices".

"[The] Myanmar government has responsibility for the resettlement caused by the project and JICA has provided technical assistance to [the] Myanmar government for the implementation of resettlement," the spokesperson told *The Myanmar Times*.

"JICA thinks that [the] Myanmar government has conducted [the] resettlement process in accordance with JICA's guidelines and it will be Myanmar's first resettlement practice in line with international practices."

But the Thilawa Social Development Group and Mekong Watch said in a joint statement last week that those forced to move had lost their farmland and educational opportunities for their children. Housing at the resettlement site in Myaing Tha Yar is "substandard" and lacks basic infrastructure, including access to clean water.

Thilawa Social Development Group leader U Mya Hlaing, who was one of three who delivered the objection, said neither JICA nor the government had listened to residents' complaints.

"We hope that the examiner will investigate the real situation in Thilawa and the project's compliance of JICA Guidelines," he said.

# Military rules out senior general retirement rumours

Despite growing speculation there is no reshuffle of senior leaders planned for August, officials insist

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WIDESPREAD rumours that the military is planning a major reshuffle that would see Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing retire and enter politics are unfounded, a senior officer has told *The Myanmar Times*.

Media reports on June 8 cited unnamed military sources as saying that the reshuffle would take place in August, with Deputy Senior General Soe Win and General Mya Tun Oo in line for promotion.

However, Brigadier General Wai Lin, a military representative in the

Pyithu Hluttaw, said there was no truth to the reports.

"How do you know it's true?" he said. "It's just a rumour."

But many observers are predicting that Senior General Min Aung Hlaing will be nominated as a presidential candidate by the parliament's military bloc, which would guarantee him at least the vice presidency. Under Myanmar's presidential electoral college system, elected MPs from both the upper house and lower house nominated one candidate each, while the military nominates a third.

This speculation has increased as the senior general has made more

visible efforts to improve relations with ethnic armed groups and the international community.

As is the case with much that occurs in Myanmar's armed forces, however, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing's plans remain cloaked in secrecy.

"You can't deny that his actions often appear to be of a political nature," said U Khon Okkar, general secretary of the United Nationalities and Federal Council. "But it's just a prediction. We will have to wait and see."

Not all are convinced. U Hla Swe, an Amyotha Hluttaw representative for Magwe Region and retired lieutenant colonel, said he did not think

the senior general wanted to enter politics.

"He wants to be a professional soldier, but he has to retire when he will be 60," he said.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing was born in Yangon in 1956 and was part of the Defense Services Academy's 19<sup>th</sup> intake. He was appointed commander-in-chief when President U Thein Sein's government came to office in 2011 and was promoted to senior general in March 2013.

Insiders say Senior General Min Aung Hlaing is a loyal servant with strong operational skills. "He has a good reputation and is meant to be a generous person," U Hla Swe said.

## TNLA claims responsibility for officer death

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THE Ta'ung National Liberation Army has claimed responsibility for the killing of a Tatmadaw battalion commander and two other officers during clashes in Shan State's Kutkai township last week.

Major Kyaw Htin Aung, 36, was killed on June 4 and buried in Kutkai on June 6, according to an obituary published in the state-run *New Light of Myanmar*. A Facebook page apparently run by the Myanmar armed forces carried photos of Maj Kyaw Htin Aung's funeral on June 6.

**'The government military deployed more troops in [northern Shan State] over the past year and staged offensives.'**

Tar Parin La

TNLA deputy information officer

TNLA deputy information officer Tar Parin La said he was killed when Palaung soldiers hit a Tatmadaw convoy with a rocket-propelled grenade, or RPG. "One vehicle was destroyed," he said.

Major Thet Naing from Kutkai Base Tactical Operation Command said an investigation was still being conducted. "At this stage we can't confirm the cause of death," he said.

The incident was one of several outbreaks of fighting between TNLA and Tatmadaw soldiers in Kutkai and Namhsam townships in northern Shan State last week.

"The government military deployed more troops in these areas over the past year and staged offensives," Tar Parin La said. "But we are also prepared to fight."

The TNLA is allied with the Kachin Independence Army, a Kokang rebel group and a militia group known as SSA (Wun Hine), while the Tatmadaw has a number of ethnic militias under its control to support its own battalions.

"The rebel forces may number in the thousands in this area alone," said Lieutenant Colonel Than Oo from Kutkai Base Tactical Operation Command.

Maj Thet Naing accused the TNLA and KIA of forcibly recruiting 25 villagers from the villages of



Tatmadaw soldiers hold a funeral for Major Kyaw Htin Aung, 36, who was killed during fighting with the TNLA on June 4 in Kutkai township, northern Shan State. Photo: Myanmar Military Navy Air Force Facebook

Law Khone and Manane in Kutkai on May 21.

As of June 6 only nine of the villagers had managed to escape. "But these villagers don't dare to live in their village anymore," he said.

Tar Parin La rejected the accusations of forced recruitment.

The TNLA and KIA are the only two major armed ethnic groups that have not yet signed ceasefires with U Thein Sein's government.

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Deputy Minister for Cooperatives U Than Tun told Pyithu Hluttaw MPs on June 4 that the loans are to combat poverty and would be given regardless of a person's political or other affiliation.

**‘If poor people want to borrow money, they are forced to fill in a [USDP] member [application] form.’**

**U Win Myint**  
NLD representative

U Win Myint said he asked the question because members of the

– *Translation by Thiri Min Htun*



**A bartender mixes a cocktail as part of the June 3-4 competition at Inya Lake Hotel.** Photo: Aung Htay Hlaing

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Kelvin, who works at Union Bar and Grill, beat 37 competitors by the

The ASEAN Bartender Competition will be held at Myanmar Convention Centre and judged by five experts.

She describes being shaken, but not stirred, by all the attention focussed on her during the Myanmar selection contest. "In front of the audience and the judges, I found my hands were trembling"

## Deputy minister's response hits a nerve with Thura U Shwe Mann, who questions why Farmer Protection Law by-laws have been delayed

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The speaker's angry comments were provoked by Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin

"The deputy minister said farmers will enjoy [these rights] when the

It contains a range of populist measures that MPs say have been requested by farmers, including provisions on access to finance, minimum prices for produce, crop insurance and more. A number of these were watered down following outcry from

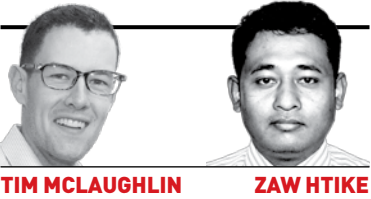
On May 28, President U Thein Sein asked parliament to approve a K500 billion (US\$518 million) loan to the government from the Central Bank of Myanmar to help provide low-interest loans to farmers for the monsoon paddy season. While the parliament

The loan program is expected to start this month.



# ‘Made in Myanmar’ to hit US shelves

Gap becomes first major US retailer to re-enter Myanmar after contracting company to produce clothes for Old Navy, Banana Republic brands



AMERICAN shoppers will soon be finding “Made in Myanmar” clothing back on the shelves.

Apparel giant Gap Inc has become the first major US retailer to source garments produced in Myanmar since the easing of sanctions in a move that those in the industry hope will signal the arrival of more international investment.

The San Francisco-based company placed an order earlier this year for outerwear to be made at two factories in Yangon. The jackets and vests, which are for the company’s Old Navy and Banana Republic Factory brands, will be shipped to the United States in June and available for sale in stores in coming months.

After consulting with US Customs and conducting two focus groups, the garments manufactured in Yangon will carry tags reading “Made in Myanmar (Burma)”.

While the company is not investing directly in Myanmar, Gap Inc will source from factories owned by a South Korean company that has a long-standing business relationship with it in other markets, said Debbie Mesloh, senior director of government and public affairs at Gap Inc. She declined to name the factory owners or the location of the factories, citing the information as competitive.

Ms Mesloh told *The Myanmar Times* that Gap Inc was eager to be the first American retailer to enter Myanmar and said the company could be a leader in the manufacturing industry as it develops.

“We feel like we can take the best practices learned over the past 45 years to help open the country,” Ms Mesloh said.

“Certainly we know that there are challenges within the country and significant hurdles, [but] working with our vendors we made a commitment. It is in our best interest to see the industry grow up in a positive way.”

Ms Mesloh said that Gap Inc’s order had contributed to the hiring of 700 additional employees at one factory, bringing the total number of workers to around 2000 at each site.

Gap Inc is the most high-profile entry into the Myanmar’s garment



Labourers work at a garment factory on the outskirts of Yangon on September 27, 2012. Photo: AFP

industry since reforms undertaken by President U Thein Sein encouraged the US and the EU to ease sanctions.

Through the 1990s and early 2000s the garment industry was one of the Myanmar’s fastest-growing sectors and employed hundreds of thousands of workers at its peak. From 1990 to 2001 garment exports grew 69-fold and by 2000 accounted for 39.5 percent of Myanmar’s total exports, up from just 2.5pc a decade earlier.

But as human rights concerns in Myanmar grew American firms came under pressure – and were even threatened with boycotts – because of their links to the country. Brands like Levi Strauss and outdoorwear company Eddie Bauer shut down operations.

The European Union and the US also stripped Myanmar of its Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) in 1997, for what the EU has described as “serious and systematic violations” in regard to forced labour.

But the US continued to be a main destination for Myanmar’s apparel exports. In 2000, more than half of the apparel produced in Myanmar made its way to the US, with the EU receiving the next-largest share. Garments generated around US\$829 million in export earnings in 2001.

It was not until the Burma Freedom and Democracy Act, which was imposed in 2003 and blocked exports from Myanmar to the US, that the

industry began to feel the full impact of sanctions. Imports to the US dried up and although the EU did not impose a blanket ban on Myanmar exports, some EU countries did level bans on Myanmar goods. Other EU-based buyers were scared off by the reputational risk associated with Myanmar.

Denied access to the US market and with drastic decreases in EU buying, the bulk of imports began to flow to other Asian countries, particularly Japan and South Korea.

But Myanmar’s reforms, coupled with growing labour costs in neighbouring China and Thailand, have brought a renewed interest in the garment sector, which has already begun to show growth.

Days before US President Barack

‘We feel like we can take the best practices learned over the past 45 years to help open the country.’

Debbie Mesloh  
Gap Inc

Obama’s November 2012 visit to Myanmar, the US lifted its import ban on the bulk of Myanmar-made products. The EU reinstated the GSP in July 2013 but the US has not followed suit, largely because it would need the approval of Congress.

In 2013 export revenues hit nearly \$1 billion, according to the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA), the industry’s largest trade organisation, and employment in the industry has jumped from 80,000 people to 250,000 over the past three to four years. The number of garment factories has also grown to more than 200, up from 181 in November 2012, according to MGMA numbers.

Association secretary Daw Khine Khine Nwe said she believed the arrival of Gap Inc would send a positive signal to other international retailers considering shifting production to Myanmar and as a result the company’s arrival could help to drive growth.

On foreign investment generally, she said it gives “the local garment industry the ability to develop even further”.

With the path clear of sanctions, analysts say that Myanmar’s cheap and abundant labour force is the main attraction for retailers.

“It is really the cost advantages that will be bring the garment sector to Myanmar,” said Arvind Ramakrishnan, head of Asia country risk

at Maplecroft. “Myanmar is dirt cheap in labour costs – even cheaper than Bangladesh and Cambodia.”

But wages have been steadily rising and could increase further under new legislation. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw enacted a minimum wage law on March 22, 2013, and a by-law was introduced by the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security four months later. However, no minimum wages have yet been finalised.

Gap Inc does not set the wages for workers in the factories that produces its garments, as it does not own the factories, Ms Mesloh said, but adheres to a Code of Vendor Conduct that requires the vendor to pay a local minimum wage or the industry standard, whichever is higher.

U Aung Win, vice chair of the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association, said that garment workers in Myanmar make between US\$75 and \$150 a month. He added that foreign factories pay slightly higher wages on average than local ones.

While growth appears promising, Gap Inc’s announcement also comes as a wave of unrest has hit Myanmar’s manufacturing sector, particularly the garment industry.

Over the past month workers have gone on strike at a number of textile and garment factories in and around Yangon. Most recently, on June 2, around 600 workers at a textile factory in Shwe Pyi Thar Industrial Zone 2 walked off the job demanding higher wages.

A dispute over wages erupted at the South Korean-owned Shin Soung garment factory on May 28 when protest leaders who led a strike of about 2000 workers seeking better pay were fired. The dispute remains unresolved.

In response, the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security last week held talks with workers to discuss wages and working conditions.

“There are significant concerns of reputational risks when sourcing from Myanmar,” said Mr Ramakrishnan. “The labour rights framework is very low. Labour standards are truly abysmal. There is almost no adherence to health and safety regulations.”

According to Ms Mesloh, Gap Inc’s factories have undergone a rigorous due diligence process which included work condition inspections carried out by NGO Verite and structural consultations by engineering firm Walter P Moore, as well as meetings with local NGOs and the International Labour Organisation’s liaison office.

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## MONASTIC EDUCATION

# Monks push to expand monastic education

The Ministry of Education's failure to allow monks to run high schools is forcing children to stop their education



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SENIOR monks are asking the government to allow monastic schools to teach children at higher levels, allowing poor children in the countryside access to higher education than their parents can now afford.

But the monks believe the government has been resisting their requests, which go back many years, the first national conference on monastic education heard last week.

Nearly 1000 senior monks attended the conference, in Hopong, Pa-O Self-administered Region, southern Shan State, from May 29 to 31.

They agreed to press the government to allow them to run higher-level schools, from post-primary to middle and middle to high-school level in the basic education system, alongside

government-run schools.

The monastic education sayadaws – head teachers – have applied for permission to run six high schools and 35 middle schools. But they have faced delays over the past year, said a senior monk.

“President U Thein Sein gave his consent to my proposal orally when I met him last year in Nay Pyi Taw. But Ministry of Education has informed us that nothing has been done,” U Nayaka, principal of Phaung Daw Oo Monastic Education High School and a leading sayadaw, said at the conference.

Only two monastic high schools have been permitted since 1992, the conference heard.

Monastic education falls under the Ministry of Religious Affairs, which can give permission only for the primary and post-primary levels. Permission for middle and high schools is controlled by the Ministry of Education, said U San Sint, the minister for religious affairs.

“Monastic schools are the main

source of education for poor children. In order to allow them to continue their education, monastic schools

**‘Monastic schools are the main source of education for poor children ... They should be permitted to run higher-level schools.’**

**U San Sint**

Minister for Religious Affairs

should be permitted to run higher-level schools,” he said.

“I have brought these delays to the attention of the education minister,

and pointed out that the monastic schools are not asking for government support. But the permission has been delayed for a decade before my term,” said U San Sint.

However, the religious affairs ministry has reached agreement with the education ministry to allow some monastic schools to operate at the higher level. “They are likely to get permission next year,” said U San Sint.

There are 1597 monastic schools in 262 townships, nearly 200 more than last year. But only two high schools and 109 middle schools are included in the total. Collectively, the monastic schools employ 6820 teachers to teach 269,267 students.

Ninety of the new monastic schools have applied to the Ministry of Religious Affairs for permission to operate at the primary level.

The government spent K3 billion in support of monastic schools last year, including K1 billion that was transferred to the Ministry of Social Welfare. “We are supposed to get more than K2 billion this year,” said U San Sint.



Novice monks shelter under a tarpaulin at a Mandalay Region monastic school that was recently forced to relocate for a second time. Photo: Si Thu Lwin

## In Mandalay, relocated school waits for a saviour

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A MONASTIC school for poor and orphan children is struggling to survive after being forced to relocate into the countryside. Sein San Yay school was forced to move to a vacant plot in Hnan Kye village after the township's Sangha Nayaka Committee deemed it was “squatting” on Mount Labo in Mandalay's Patheingyi township. After relocating to the foot of the mountain, it was forced to move to its current site.

The monastery has taught local children since 2007. In 2011, it was designated an official monastic school by the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and Department of the Promotion and Propagation of Sasana, and has almost 100 students.

Three monks, including head of the

school, Sayadaw U Ottama, and five female teachers are educating more than 50 male novices and more than 40 nuns.

But the move to the new site has been fraught with problems. A lack of funds means the school has been unable to construct new classrooms or buildings to house the children.

When *The Myanmar Times* visited recently, young novices and nuns were playing out in the 40 Celsius heat, while others were sheltering under a tarpaulin. Most were dressed in torn and dirty robes.

“After we had moved, we had difficulty with living arrangements, transportation, and food and water,” U Ottama said.

When they left the previous site at the foot of Mt Labo, the students were forced to leave behind four buildings

that the sayadaw had constructed with the assistance of local donors.

The school teaches primary-level courses, so the sayadaw tries to send the students in middle and high level to Phaung Daw Oo monastic school. “I can give them K200 each for bus fare. In 2013, I sent 15 monks. The number of middle- and high-school students has reached 40, and I can't give them pocket money,” the sayadaw said.

Aged from four to 15 years, the students are orphans or come from poor families in Shan and Kachin states and Magwe, Sagaing and Mandalay regions. A girl who matriculated from the school has returned as a volunteer teacher.

“My childhood dream was to be a nurse. I teach the children personal hygiene while I am giving them their lessons. It is a kind of nursing. I'll

keep teaching here as long as sayadaw wants,” said 20-year-old nun Daw Sandar, who matriculated earlier this year.

“We couldn't offer computer or basic spoken English classes during the summer holidays. And it's hard to teach because we need proper buildings and accommodation and teaching materials,” another teacher said.

Cabbage and cauliflowers grown near the camp is the students' main source of food. Meat and fish are like a dream for them.

“We combine all the kinds of vegetables we get and boil them with a little oil. We can mix curry with vegetables and meat once in a blue moon when there is a donor. In my dreams, I eat meat curry every day,” said eighth-standard student novice Pandita, 16.

– Translation by Thiri Min Htun



PEKON, SHAN STATE

# Kayan armed group backs NLD campaign



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DICTATORSHIP will prevail until the 2008 constitution is replaced or completely rewritten, a Shan State-based ethnic armed group has warned, as it pledged support for the joint National League for Democracy-88 Generation constitutional amendment campaign.

The Kayan New Land Party (KNLP) said in a statement to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kayan National Resistance Day that the constitution in its current form would stop Myanmar from building either a federal union or a genuine democracy. It described the constitution as "worrying for those who want peace".

KNLP secretary Colonel Saw Lwin told *The Myanmar Times* on the sidelines of a ceremony in southern Shan State that the group supported the campaign initiated by the NLD and 88 Generation to amend section 436 of the constitution and remove the military's veto powers.

The campaign, launched on May 17 in Yangon, has heightened tensions between the government and opposition groups, with President U Thein Sein warning it could lead to "suffering".

But Col Saw Lwin said the campaign was absolutely necessary. "We agree with the activities of the NLD and 88 Generation and we condemn those who are disturbing their activities in support of amending the constitution."

The June 4 anniversary celebration, which was held in Pekon township's Seebu village and attended by about 20,000 people, featured a parade by hundreds of soldiers from the Kayan New Land Army, the group's armed wing.

**'As long as there is the 2008 constitution, dictatorship is still alive.'**

**Major General Than Soe Naing**  
Kayan New Land Party chair



Kayan New Land Army soldiers sit at a ceremony to mark Kayan National Resistance Day on June 4. Photo: Zarni Phyo

KNLP chair Major General Than Soe Naing said because of the 2008 constitution the struggle for federalism is ongoing.

"As long as there is the 2008 constitution, dictatorship is still alive. Our leaders, who risked their lives in the Kayan national revolutions, have relayed to us the duty of amending the whole constitution or redrawing it," he said.

In a statement, the Kayan group said it wanted to amend the constitution through a conference based on the "Panglong spirit", a reference to the historic 1947 conference organised by Bogyoke Aung San and ethnic leaders that resulted in the Panglong

Agreement and, finally, Myanmar's independence the following year.

The KNLP said it wants amendments that would build a federal union and genuine democracy and ensure the country's ethnic groups have equal rights. Letters of support from political parties and armed ethnic groups to the KNLP focused mostly on the need to amend the constitution.

Kayan National Resistance Day marks the anniversary of the day on which the Kayan decided to rebel against the central government. The decision was prompted by the government's demonetisation on May 15, 1964, and the KNLP was formed on August 8 of that year.

After fighting the government for three decades, the group signed a ceasefire agreement on July 26, 1994. Unlike most armed ethnic groups, however, it has not renewed this ceasefire agreement with U Thein Sein's government.

Col Saw Lwin said that while the military regime broke its promise for political dialogue the KNLP planned to sign a planned nationwide ceasefire agreement.

"We signed [a ceasefire] agreement because the government said it planned to hold political negotiations," he said. "But until now there haven't been any talks."

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# Regulators grapple with e-cigarettes

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A CERTIFICATE from the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) hangs on the shop wall. Behind the counter, small, thin battery-powered devices sit in rows, along with vials of what is known as "e-liquid".

Vape City at Mya Yeik Nyo Hotel is the first shop to sell e-cigarettes in Myanmar. Opened by actress Hsu Pan Htwar just four months ago, it has quickly sparked debate over whether its products are legal and how they should be regulated in future.

E-cigarettes, also known as "vapes", simulate smoking by producing a vapour that resembles smoke, and giving the user a hit of flavoured nicotine.

While some argue they make it more convenient and socially acceptable to smoke, Vape City manager Ko Yar Zar told *The Myanmar Times* in an interview last week that most users turn to e-cigarettes in an effort to cut down on smoking.

**'[E-cigarettes] are a kind of tobacco product because they have nicotine.'**

**Dr Nang Naing Naing Shein**  
Ministry of Health

E-cigarettes contain less of the harmful chemicals that are found in normal cigarettes and the smoke they emit is not dangerous for others.

"Vapes are a new product in our country. It is used by people who would like to stop smoking," he said.

With e-cigarettes, which can be reused, being relatively expensive – at Vape City they range from K70,000 to K200,000, while e-liquid is K10,000 – they are unlikely to be bought by people consuming nicotine for the first time. Ko Yar Zar said most customers are middle-aged and have a long history of smoking. While he insists they are trying to cut down on their cigarette intake, he also admits that e-cigarettes have become trendy in certain circles.

But are these customers buying cigarettes, or a completely new type of product? The answer has important regulatory implications – not least because it is generally illegal to import cigarettes.

Ko Yar Zar said that because they do not contain tobacco, e-cigarettes should not be considered a tobacco product.

But health experts say they should be considered a tobacco product

because they contain addictive chemicals found in traditional cigarettes.

"Vapes [e-cigarettes] are a kind of tobacco product because they have nicotine," said Dr Nang Naing Naing Shein, a director of the Ministry of Health's Tobacco-Free Initiative. "You can become addicted to them like a normal cigarette."

As they are considered cigarettes under the Control of Smoking and Consumption of Tobacco Product Law, they cannot be legally imported, she said. This could soon change, however.

"We are considering allowing them to be imported because the Ministry of Commerce told us one company is trying to get permission to import [e-cigarettes] into Myanmar," she said. "But until now we haven't given any permission to import this product because we have no specific policy for it."

Ko Yar Zar insisted Vape City was selling the products legally, adding that they had been imported through an agent with approval from Customs.

Limited research has been conducted into the main arguments of e-cigarette advocates – that they are less harmful than regular cigarettes and can serve as a safer substitute, or even be considered a form of nicotine replacement therapy.

The World Health Organization (WHO) said it is reviewing the existing evidence around e-cigarettes and similar devices and expects to release a paper at a tobacco control convention later this year. In the absence of clear evidence and international guidelines, countries have come up with vastly differing regulatory responses.

In the United States, where sales are estimated at US\$2.2 billion a year, the FDA recently proposed considering e-cigarettes as tobacco products, which would give the agency vastly stronger powers to regulate the market.

In February, Cambodia banned not only e-cigarettes but also the flavoured tobacco used in water pipes, known as shisha or hookah, on the grounds that the high levels of nicotine made them more dangerous for users than normal cigarettes.

Highlighting the regulatory uncertainty in Myanmar, Vape City does not advertise in print media, which is banned from publishing tobacco advertisements. Instead it pushes its products through social media, particularly Facebook, where photos of celebrities using its products are common.

U Nay Soe Maung, rector of the University of Public Health, said he hoped regulators follow the path of Cambodia and ban e-cigarettes from being sold.

"I don't think they can reduce the health risks of smoking, and certainly they are not a medicine," he said. "But at the moment it is hard for us to say if it is legal to sell e-cigarettes."

## Media by-laws sent to Attorney General

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THE Ministry of Information has submitted proposed by-laws for the Printers and Publishers Enterprise Law to the Attorney General's Office following consultations with media organisations, a senior official said last week.

Deputy Minister for Information U Paik Htwe and representatives of seven journalism organisations, including the Interim Press Council and the Myanmar Journalists Association, met to discuss the ministry's draft by-laws on May 17.

U Aung Kyaw Oo, director of the ministry's Information and Public Relations Department, said several changes to the by-laws were agreed. The by-laws were then submitted

to the Attorney General's Office on May 29.

"We were able to make an agreement on some points at the meeting, but some they had to take back and discuss with their respective organisations. We allowed them to resubmit the results of their discussion by a set date and they did as we instructed," U Aung Kyaw Oo said.

The changes include provisions on hate speech and foreign investment, he said.

The ministry-drafted Printers and Publishers Enterprise Law was enacted by President U Thein Sein in March, along with a Media Law drafted by the press council.

U Kyaw Min Swe, secretary of the Interim Press Council, said that while the ministry was adopting a

more consultative approach to law-making, journalists are unhappy with the Printers and Publishers Enterprise Law because they consider it unnecessary.

"We have told them before that the law is not necessary [but] they continued obstinately," he said. "Our desire is to ensure the Printers and Publishers Law conforms to our Media Law but our main point is that we don't want it at all."

U Thaung Su Nyein, publisher of *7 Day Daily*, said it was too early to say whether the May 17 meeting would result in positive change. "We still don't know the details about drawing this by-law. But I have nothing special to say about it because they are working according to their procedure."

– Translation by Zar Zar Soe



Workers dig for jade at a mine in Hpakant, Kachin State. Photo: Kaung Htet

## Task force detains thousands of illegal miners in Hpakant

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A SPECIAL task force set up by the President's Office has arrested 1300 miners in recent months and seized large quantities of mining equipment in a crackdown on illegal jade mining in Kachin State.

The mines were officially closed in 2012 because of armed clashes between the government and the Kachin Independence Army. But in the absence of mining firms, people from all over the country have flocked to the area to dig for jade.

The arrests and seizures took

place between mid-March and the end of May, Deputy Minister for Mines U Than Tun Aung told the Amyotha Hluttaw on June 4.

"Seventeen illegal local miners and 1295 people from other regions were arrested, and 1312 generators, 10 water pumps, 142 stone punch machines, four air blowers and many mineral resources were seized between March 16 and May 31," said U Than Tun Aung, adding that some mining gangs are acting under the protection of ethnic armed groups.

U Hla Swe, an Amyotha Hluttaw representative who sits on the

Mining and Natural Resources Committee, said illegal mining was often accompanied by "serious problems", such as crime and harassment.

In Hpakant, he said, some illegal miners had threatened to break into warehouses that are used to store jade.

The President's Office formed the law enforcement team on February 2 to take action against illegal mining in the Hpakant area, which is home to Myanmar's richest jade mines. The team comprises police, military and other government officials.

– Translation by Khant Lin Oo



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## IN BRIEF

**Ministry pays compensation for new Ayeyarwady bridge**

Farmers in Sagaing Region's Tigyaing township have received about K120 million in compensation for land acquired for a new bridge of the Ayeyarwady River.

The Ministry of Construction paid the money late last month to 20 farmers, who also received a 1200-square-foot plot of land for housing.

The amount each farmer received depended on the acreage and what the land was being used for, with paddy fields paid out at K7.5 million an acre.

Farmers had initially asked for K10 million an acre when negotiations began.

"I got about K7.5 million for 0.99 acres, K3 million for a teak field and K6.5 million for a 3-acre site used to store construction materials," said Ma Thin Thin Htwe.

"I think I will work on the construction site because I can't do anything else," she said.

Farmers had mixed reactions to the compensation. U Nyo Gyi said he was happy with the K6.8 million he received but still angry because the local administrator had taken land from him six years ago without paying any compensation. Another farmer, Ma Mar Mar Soe, said she was not compensated for mango and jackfruit trees that were on her land. — *Khin Su Wai*

**MPs to discuss Constitutional Tribunal law change**

The Amyotha Hluttaw has agreed to discuss a bill that would amend the Constitutional Tribunal Law and more clearly define its activities.

The bill was proposed by the head of the tribunal, U Mya Thein, on June 5.

U Mya Thein proposed amending sections 12(a) to 12(g), which outline the duties of the court.

He said more detailed provisions are needed to enable the court to properly resolve cases submitted for consideration.

The discussion is likely to take place this week, with MPs who want to discuss the bill told to inform the hluttaw office by June 10.

In 2012, the nine members of the Constitutional Tribunal resigned en masse to avoid being impeached by the parliament. MPs had been incensed by a ruling in February of that year in which the court decided parliamentary committees were not "union-level organisations". Parliamentarians argued the decision was incorrect and would harm their ability to act as a check and balance on the government.

— *Ei Ei Toe Lwin and Htoo Than*

**NLD formally rejects election commission accusations**

The National League for Democracy has formally responded to a warning letter from the Union Election Commission to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, insisting that its constitutional amendment campaign activities are lawful.

The commission wrote to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on May 22 and warned that comments she made about the military at a recent rally, held jointly with the 88 Generation Peace and Open Society, had potentially violated the constitution, leaving the party at risk of deregistration.

It specifically cited comments she made at a rally in Mandalay on May 18 in which she challenged the Tatmadaw "to prove that they don't like power".

On June 2 the NLD responded by insisting that all its activities are legal and peaceful. It cited section 354(a) of the constitution, which states that "every citizen has the right to express and publish freely their convictions and opinions", and section 406, which says every political party has the right to organise political campaigns freely.

The statement said Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's comments about the military during the campaign were made with a "positive attitude" and "within the framework of the 2008 constitution and Political Party Registration Law".

— *Ei Ei Toe Lwin*

# Govt's failure to deliver riles MPs, constituents



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THE government's failure to take action as promised in the parliament is causing difficulties for MPs, who say they are being forced to weather the blame from angry constituents.

MPs also said that in some cases the Pyithu Hluttaw Government's Guarantees, Pledges, and Undertakings Vetting Committee had not properly checked whether government departments had successfully completed projects, as it had marked some as complete when the reality was quite the opposite.

On June 3, six MPs said they had "faced difficulties" because they had relayed to constituents promises made by government bodies that were never fulfilled.

"We believe that they will implement whatever they have promised but ... often we don't know exactly whether promises will be implemented or not," said U Soe Paing,

the Pyithu Hluttaw representative for Wuntho in Sagaing Region.

He cited the example of the Daung Gyi Dam, which is being developed to protect from flooding and improve water supplies in Wuntho and Kawlin townships. When he asked about the dam's scheduled completion date, the ministry said it would be finished in the 2017-18 financial year.

## 52%

Percentage of promises, made in response to questions from MPs, that the government has implemented

"At the moment the whole project has been suspended so we are worried about whether the promise can really be fulfilled," U Soe Paing said.

The lower house representative for Amarapura township, U Thein Tun Oo, invited members of

the vetting committee to visit his township and see whether a factory waste problem had really been resolved.

He said the committee's report on a pledge by Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun to properly enforce environmental standards in the area only assessed the issue "in general".

"The committee should state the result in detail, such as whether factories at Mandalay industrial zone are really producing no bad smell today, if the ministry is supervising the factories, how much success they have had and how many times they have taken action," U Thein Tun Oo said.

The discussion took place after the Pyithu Hluttaw Government's Grantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee submitted a report in which it said the government had implemented responses to 476 of 695 priority questions – or 68 percent – that were submitted between the first and eighth sessions of parliament. Meanwhile, 675 of the 1522 normal questions submitted, or around 44pc, were acted upon.

— *Translation by Thiri Min Htun*

## Police nab men for faking accidents

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POLICE on June 3 arrested five suspects they say faked car accidents in order to solicit money from unsuspecting drivers.

The suspects are alleged to have been slapping vehicles as they passed, lying down on the road as if injured, then demanding money from worried motorists. Starting in April, police say, the group had been demanding amounts ranging from K50,000 to K100,000 from drivers in Tarmwe, Bahan and Sanchaung townships.

After the scheme was brought to public attention via social networking sites, officers from the Western District's special criminal investigation department apprehended the group on Thanlwin Road in Kamaryut township as they were searching for the home of a targeted driver who had not pulled over.

The five detained men are aged between 20 and 28.

— *Translation by Khant Lin Oo*

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## Regional anti-drug policies failing, says study

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THE steep rise in opium cultivation across Southeast Asia over the past five years is being encouraged by draconian anti-drug policies instituted as part of ASEAN's strategy to become "drug-free" by 2015, a non-government organisation says in a new report.

Transnational Institute said in the report *Bouncing Back – Relapse in the Golden Triangle* that regional governments should re-think their drug policies and instead manage the problem in the "least harmful way".

According to UN statistics, opium cultivation in Southeast Asia enjoyed a steady decline from late 1998 until 2006. However, in less than a decade opium cultivation has nearly doubled, while amphetamine use has increased "significantly", the report said.

"The decline in cultivation in the 1998-2006 period was partly the result of the imposition of opium bans by local authorities, especially by ethnic armed groups in the northeast region of Shan State in Burma," the report said.

"Following the bans, however, opium cultivation – and outside investment – relocated mainly to southern Shan State. This phenomenon is often referred to as the 'balloon effect', whereby squeezing one area does not lead to a long-term reduction but rather to relocation."

In response to the shift in the market, most governments in the region "have adopted repressive drug policies that have negative impacts on community level livelihoods and food security, and also violate the human rights of drug users, traders and opium farmers", it said.

These human rights violations include mandatory jail sentences for small amounts of drugs, mass incarceration in overcrowded prisons and even executions for many small-scale drug traders and traffickers.

"Until regional governments and the international community properly address poverty, conflict and rising demand for heroin in China, opium bans and eradication will continue to fail. Alternative livelihood options need to be firmly in place before communities can be expected to abandon illicit cultivation," said Tom Kramer, one of the authors of the report.

"This deadline-oriented thinking has resulted in repressive drug policies, mainly targeting marginalised communities including drug users, opium farmers and small traffickers."

# Myanmar returns body but questions remain over firefight

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TENSIONS on Myanmar's western border appear to have lessened after it returned the body of a Bangladeshi colonel on May 31, three days after he went missing when his unit was attacked by Myanmar border police.

The incident prompted concerns over growing instability in the border area, and follows several outbreaks of violence on the border in recent weeks.

While a spokesperson for the Bangladesh embassy in Yangon, who asked not to be named, said the return of the body meant the incident had been "settled", the two governments have given differing accounts of why the skirmish occurred.

Through articles in state media, Nay Pyi Taw has insisted its soldiers were acting on credible information that insurgents from the Rohingya Solidarity Organization were active in the area, and the Bangladeshi troops were attacked because they were not wearing Border Guard Bangladesh uniforms or identification.

Police Colonel Min Aung, a deputy director of the Defence and Security Department, told Democratic Voice of Burma that the BGB troops were responsible for the conflict because they were not wearing the BGB insignia. Instead, they were wearing "yellow camouflage uniforms without armbands".

**'They were shot at because they encroached on our territory without any identifiable insignia.'**

**Police Colonel Min Aung**  
Defence and Security Department

"They were shot at because they encroached on our territory without any identifiable insignia, leading our troops to assume they were insurgents."

The Bangladesh embassy could not confirm what the soldier was wearing when the incident occurred but the spokesperson said the corporal was conducting a routine patrol and it was unlikely that he or any of his fellow soldiers would have been



Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) personnel keep watch at a wharf in Taknaf on June 12, 2012. Photo: AFP

wearing anything other than their standard uniforms.

Additionally, the spokesperson said the Bangladesh government has no information of RSO forces operating in the area. Bangladesh's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has asked Nay Pyi Taw to provide evidence of RSO activities in the area and has so far received no response, the spokesperson said.

Neither the Ministry of Foreign Affairs nor the President's Office could be reached for comment.

Like the Bangladeshi embassy, some experts on the region say the RSO has had little to no operational capacity since the 1990s, when its training camps in Bangladesh were wiped out by local security forces.

However, both the central government and other civil society groups within Myanmar insist the group is still active, and that the site of the firefight – the 52-mile (83.7-kilometre) border post in Maungdaw township – is an area known for RSO activity.

It was in the same area on May 17 that several Myanmar border guard police were attacked by an armed group that had illegally entered Myanmar from Bangladesh. Four police were killed and another was injured in the incident, and the officers' weapons were taken.

U Min Zaw Oo, director of ceasefire negotiation and implementation at the Myanmar Peace Center, told *The Myanmar Times* that the MPC has collected reports from a variety of credible sources in Rakhine, including members of the Arakan Liberation Army, who say the RSO still has a presence in the border area.

The MPC considers the RSO a terrorist rather than an armed ethnic group and as such does not engage

with its members in any capacity.

Regardless of who is responsible for the recent violence, observers say it is indicative of a border region that is becoming more lawless by the day.

Saiful Huq Omi, a Bangladeshi journalist who has reported extensively from the border areas, said the mass exodus of Muslim refugees fleeing oppression in northern Rakhine State has led to a significant increase in armed criminal activity along the border, including human trafficking, smuggling and robbery.

Jason Eligh, country manager

for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, said crime on the border is a "serious and growing concern".

"[T]he trafficking of drugs, arms and people across the Myanmar-Bangladesh border is a serious and growing concern, as is the movement of illicit armed groups," he said.

However, the Bangladesh embassy spokesperson dismissed the idea that the recent skirmishes represent any larger trend. "This is an isolated incident," the spokesperson said. "I don't see any connections."

## Border officials meet in Maungdaw

BORDER Guard Bangladesh officials met their Myanmar counterparts in Rakhine State's Maungdaw township on June 5 in an effort to defuse tensions between the two security forces.

While no official report on the meeting's conclusions has been released, a spokesperson for the Bangladesh embassy in Yangon confirmed that Myanmar returned equipment and ammunition from a corporal who was killed in a clash between the two sides on May 28. However, Myanmar declined to decrease its troop levels near the border, the spokesperson said, citing the need to contain Rohingya Solidarity Organization troops.

The embassy spokesperson said the Myanmar side had agreed to provide the BGB with evidence of RSO activities in the area.

In recent days Myanmar has increased its troop numbers near

border post 52, the site of last month's clash.

The spokesperson said Bangladesh "definitely" wants to see Myanmar reduce its troop presence in the area. For now, the Myanmar troops are positioned in line with existing border agreements with Bangladesh. "There is no evidence of violation," the spokesperson said.

Bangladeshi media and sources near the border say the increased troop numbers have prompted growing anxiety among the small border communities.

Saiful Huq Omi, a Bangladeshi journalist in Cox's Bazar, confirmed media reports that about 40 families from several bordering villages have yet to return to their homes after fleeing recent clashes.

"The [Myanmar] army has been seen on the other side of the border" and people are wary of returning, he said. – Bill O'Toole

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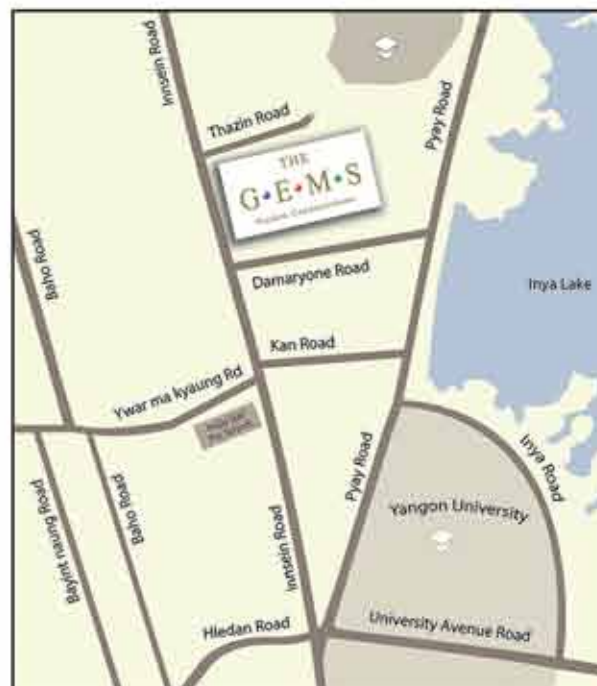
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## Activist still held despite completing jail sentence

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MANDALAY Region officials are keeping a land rights activist in jail despite his sentence having been completed, his colleagues say.

Ko Thein Aung Myint, a member of the Myanmar Democracy Current Forces group, said land rights activist Ko Aye Thein was due to be released on May 31 but had not been released as of June 3.

Ko Aye Thein was arrested on June 21, 2013, and sentenced to six months' prison with hard labour on December 13, 2013, after being convicted of assault or criminal force to deter a public servant from discharge of his duty. The charges stemmed from his involvement in a land dispute in Chan Mya Tharsi township.

"According to the judge's public decision, Ko Aye Thein was to be released on May 31. But he still hasn't come out yet because the judge gave additional charges that were not released to the public," Ko Thein Aung Myint said at a press conference in front of Chan Mya Tharsi township court on June 3.

He said he had applied to protest over the issue but his application had been rejected. After the press conference, reporters went to ask the presiding judge, U Ni Tun Oo, about the accusations but were told he was travelling to the regional court and was not available.

— Translation by Khant Lin Oo

# Free funeral co-founder wins Citizen of Burma prize

Daw Than Myint Aung says those who don't work for the benefit of society are "little more than animals"



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"TRUE spirit" - that's what Daw Than Myint Aung says compelled her to get involved with Yangon's free funeral service society, before starting a HIV centre for children and a home for the aged.

"A human being who doesn't have sympathy and empathy, and doesn't work for the benefit of society, is little more than an animal," said the humanitarian activist, who is also a writer.

"We faced many challenges, including government restrictions, in past years ... but we always tried to see through our work with true spirit."

Daw Than Myint Aung, who is a vice chair of the Free Funeral Service Society (Yangon), was recognised for her charity work with the United States-based Citizen of Burma award for 2014 on June 1. Handed out by the Citizen of Burma Award Organisation, the prize comes with a US\$10,000 grant that she will use to further her humanitarian projects.

"I feel honoured to be named as Citizen of Burma, and happy to see my friends and colleagues were even happier than me," said Daw Than Myint Aung.

She was honoured for her dedication to the free funeral society, where



Daw Than Myint Aung speaks at a ceremony on June 1 at which she received the Citizen of Burma prize. Photo: Yu Yu

she has helped provide more than 100,000 services since co-founding it with former actor U Kyaw Thu in 2000.

She is also co-founder of Thuka Yeik Myone in East Dagon township. Described as a sanctuary for children living with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), it grew out

of the Happy Haven Humanitarian Project, which was established in 2005 to assist children infected with HIV. Nine children were initially accepted into the program and it has since grown to 116. She also founded See Sar Yeik, home for the aged near the HIV sanctuary.

While Daw Than Myint Aung

was the fifth winner of the prize, she was the first to receive it at an awards ceremony inside the country. It was handed out at Royal Rose restaurant in Bahan township on June 1 in front of more than 100 people.

The organisation also provided special awards of \$1000 to a number of organisations, including the anti-hate speech movement Pansagar; fundraising group One More; and Tako Taw, which carries out aid work in mountainous regions.

Citizen of Burma Award Organisation member U Wai La Win said the group hoped the awards would inspire others to emulate this year's winners.

"Wherever you are, whatever your race is, if you are Myanmar then you are obliged to contribute whatever you can for the country's development. We have been working with this spirit for the past five years," he said.

U Wai La Win said the organisation plans to hand out the award annually. The organisation was formed in 2010 by Myanmar expatriates in the United States, Europe, South Korea, Japan and Singapore to honour Myanmar's public heroes.

Anyone can nominate a person or institution for consideration through the organisation's website - [www.citizenofburma.org](http://www.citizenofburma.org) - after which the organisation's board members select the winner based on voting.

U Kyaw Thu, the chair of the Free Funeral Service Society (Yangon), won the inaugural award in 2010.

## New species show need for conservation: WWF

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SCIENTISTS have identified more than two dozen new species of plants and animals in Myanmar, highlighting what they say is the need for greater conservation efforts to help protect the country's unique habitat.

The World Wide Fund for Nature, formerly the World Wildlife Fund, has catalogued 26 new species in Myanmar in the organisation's latest report, released on June 5. A total of 367 new species were identified in 2012-13 across the larger Mekong region, which comprises Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and China's southwestern Yunnan province, the organisation said.

"These species discoveries affirm that the Greater Mekong is truly one of the world's richest and most biologically diverse regions," WWF-Myanmar conservation program manager Michelle Owen said in a statement.

# 26

Number of new species found in Myanmar in 2012-13, according to the World Wildlife Fund

In Myanmar, the WWF said, 14 plants, seven fish, four amphibians and one reptile were identified. These include a toad found in Tanintharyi Region described as having "bumpy,



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The brightly coloured bronzeback, also known as the saw-toothed bronzeback, is one of 26 new species found in Myanmar.

chocolate-coloured skin and long, slender limbs" and a new species of intricately patterned dragonfish in the Tanintharyi River basin.

Others include a species of ginger plant discovered in Rakhine State and the brightly coloured bronzeback, a yellow-banded snake found in southern Myanmar and neighbouring Thailand.

The discoveries, the WWF said, show the need for increased efforts to protect Myanmar's natural habitats.

"These amazing discoveries underscore the urgent need for further exploration and conservation across the Greater Mekong, but especially here in Myanmar," said Daw Khin Ni Ni Thein, the country director at WWF-Myanmar.

"There are potentially thousands of new species yet to be discovered in Myanmar's rich forests, rivers and

oceans. We need to ensure they are identified and their habitat protected before it is too late."

Myanmar's forested habitats have been particularly devastated by unchecked development. According to figures from the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation, Myanmar lost almost 20 percent of its forest cover between 1990 and 2010.

Logging operations have stripped once-lush swaths of the country of their trees as demand for timber in neighbouring countries has grown. Much of the felling and exporting is thought to take place illegally.

The Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA) reported last year that China recorded importing 10 million cubic metres (353 million cubic feet) of round logs from Myanmar between 2000 and 2013, nearly double Myanmar's officially

registered global export trade of 6.4 million cubic metres over the same time period. The same report found that that nearly 75 percent of Myanmar's timber trade is illegal.

President U Thein Sein's government has, however, started taking stronger steps to protect the environment. A ban on the export of raw timber came in to effect on April 1 in an attempt to curb the illegal trade and keep more money inside the country.

In March, meanwhile, two national parks were nominated as "priority candidates" for UNESCO World Heritage Status. Natmataung National Park in southern Chin State and the Indawgyi Lake Wildlife Sanctuary in Kachin State were selected from a list of seven possible sites. If approved they would become Myanmar's first natural sites to be given World Heritage status.

## Myanmar to sign sexual violence declaration

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MYANMAR has agreed to endorse the Declaration of Commitment to End Sexual Violence in Conflict ahead of a major global summit this week, the British embassy in Yangon announced.

The government came under fierce criticism in September when it was one of 50 United Nations members that refused to sign the declaration, the introduction of which has been led by the United Kingdom.

However, on June 6 the British embassy said Myanmar had become the 150th country to endorse the declaration. The decision comes ahead of the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict, which will bring more than 230 government delegates from all over the world to London from June 10-13.

Myanmar civil society organisations will now be joined by an official delegation at the event.

"Burma is the 150th country to lend its support to this important international campaign led by the British Foreign Secretary William Hague and special envoy of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees Angelina Jolie," the embassy said.

"We are also pleased that Deputy Foreign Minister U Thant Kyaw will be attending the Global Summit in London next week. It is time to put an end to sexual violence in conflict once and for all."



# Civilians wait for end of Kachin war, three years on



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THE old man with the hacking cough fans away the thick smoke as he boils a handful of unpolished rice on the wood stove. The bamboo walls and grass roof of his kitchen are stained with soot. Instead of curry, he is cooking what he calls *chaingdaw*, a bundle of withered leaves taken from the mountainside.

U Baran Aung, 70, is Kachin. He and his family were displaced from their home, along with more than 100,000 others now in IDP camps, when the civil war between the Kachin Independence Army and Tatmadaw broke out in mid-2011.

“I’m eager to go home, but I don’t dare,” he said.

His swollen yellowish face and scrawny body betray malnutrition and disease. He whispers that he wants to live in his own house and work on his own farm like he used to, before he dies.

U Baran Aung and his family have lived in several camps maintained by the Kachin Baptist Convention (KBC) in Kutkai township, northern Shan State, for nearly two years. On occasion they have had to move to escape the fighting. This camp, set up by KBC in 2011, now has 365 people from 80 families.

The fighting between the KIA and government forces will see its third anniversary on June 9 with no prospect of any cessation of the clashes. Hopes of a return home are fading.

The exact number of displaced remains unclear, but most estimates put the total for the three-year conflict at more than 100,000. U Dwe Pisa, head of the Kachin Independence Organisation’s IDP assistance committee, said there are more than 8000 displaced persons in KIA-controlled areas along the Chinese border.

“It’s very difficult to give an exact figure. There are also a lot of people in China and others hiding in the forest along the border,” he said.



An elderly woman and a child displaced by the Kachin conflict sit inside a bamboo home in an IDP camp in northern Shan State on May 29. Photo: Wa Lone

And the numbers continue to grow. In April, the killing of a Tatmadaw official who was providing security for the census prompted an offensive against KIA posts in Mansi township, on the border of Kachin and Shan states, displacing more than 3000. Hundreds fled to China.

**‘I’m eager to go home, but I don’t dare.’**

**U Baran Aung**  
IDP in Kutkai township

The KIA and government military leaders have agreed to form a negotiating committee to help prevent a resumption of hostilities.

U Hla Maung Shwe, a senior adviser to the government’s peace team, said the situation was still

fragile in the northeastern part of the country, where various allied ethnic rebel groups operate, though tensions in much of the rest of Kachin State have eased. He attributed this to the alliance between the KIA and Ta’aung National Liberation Army, which operates in northern Shan State.

Colonel Than Oo, commander of Kutkai Base Tactical Operation Command, said this tension had forced the Tatmadaw to deploy additional troops in northern Shan State and southeastern Kachin State.

These additional forces have complicated peace negotiations, said Daw Kohn Ja of the Kachin Peace Network. “KIA and Tatmadaw leaders have taken part in peace talks, but the Tatmadaw have sent reinforcements to the front line. I’m worried more fighting will follow,” she said.

Both sides have used land mines extensively around villages, on hills and in farm lands, posing a threat to residents wishing to return home. “Despite the peace agreement

I’ve lost all my cattle to landmines. We still can’t go home and work on our farms,” said Daw Kaw Phan, 44, who is one of more than 2600 IDPs in the St Patrick Camp in the Man Waing Gyi area of Mansi township.

At the same time, conditions in the camps are deteriorating with the onset of the monsoon and supplies for the displaced are dwindling.

“UN agencies don’t have enough funding, and WFP has announced they will support only the poorest people in the camps” said Daw Khon Ja.

Many IDP camps in remote areas need food, water and clothing, as well as rainy-season emergency health care for women and children.

“When and whether the displaced families can go home depends on the leader of the state. All problems go back to the state level,” U Dwe Pisa said.

It appears that for the old Kachin man, U Baran Aung - as well as thousands of others - the wait return home will continue for some time yet.

## CRIME IN BRIEF

### Forestry official injured by slingshot attack

A Forest Department official from Insein township has been injured by a catapult after overtaking a suspicious vehicle near the start of the Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Highway.

Forester U Thein Zaw Htut was driving along the highway at about 4:20am on May 29 when he saw a Toyota Corolla heading toward Yangon. When he tried to overtake the car, a person inside fired at his Toyota Hilux Surf with a catapult. The windscreen of the Surf shattered, injuring forester U Myo Thant, who was sitting in the front passenger seat.

### Man dies after fall on building site

A man, 23, has been killed after falling 15 metres (50 feet) on a construction site. The man was attaching a fire hose on the site on Thein Phyu and Mahabandoola roads in Botahtaung township when he slipped and fell, police said.

### Woman loses jewellery during house move

A Yangon woman has filed a complaint with police after losing jewellery valued at K70 million while moving from Mingalar Taung Nyunt to Thaketa townships. The woman engaged 10 workers from a moving company to help her move house. When she checked her possessions on June 3 she found 13 pieces of jewellery were missing.

### Body found in Yangon river

A corpse found in the Hlaing River near a dockyard on the afternoon of June 3 has been identified as that of an 18-year-old woman, who worked on the river carrying rocks. Police said she had been sleeping on a ship the previous day when she fell into the river and drowned.

### Vietnamese man killed in factory

A Vietnamese national has died almost two weeks after being hospitalised for injuries sustained in a workplace accident. The man, 31, slipped and fell 3.6 metres (12 feet) while checking air pumps at a shoe factory in Yangon on May 20. He was rushed to Yangon General Hospital but passed away on June 2.

### Police arrest driver with no car ownership documents

The driver of a Toyota Mark II has been arrested and charged on suspicion of driving an illegally imported vehicle. The man, 25, was stopped by a traffic police team that was checking vehicles on Parami Bridge in South Dagon township. He was unable to show car ownership documents when requested by police. – *Toe Wai Aung, translation by Khant Lin Oo*

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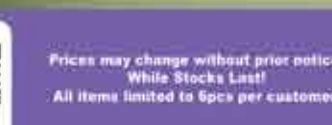
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INVESTIGATION

# Fires spark Probox safety fears

Toyota insists there's no problem with popular model following a spate of fires that some attribute to shoddy maintenance



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OUTBREAKS of fire in Toyota Probox cars are the result of poor maintenance and botched repairs, not faults in vehicle design, industry professionals say. They say media reports speculating that Toyota would recall the vehicles are untrue and instead blame drivers for causing the fires by overloading the cars, or by botched home repairs.

In March, a Probox in Insein township sustained K6 million worth of damage when it caught fire due to an overheated engine, according to police. In North Dagon, a Toyota Succeed, a more advanced version of the Probox, caught fire for the same reason on April 30. Seven days later, a grey Probox caught fire on Kabar Aye Pagoda Road when its engine overheated.

And these were not isolated incidents. From January to May, police figures show eight cars were seriously damaged by fire in Yangon Region, of which seven were Toyota Probox



A Toyota Probox was destroyed in a fire on Kabar Aye Pagoda Road on May 7. Photo: Supplied/Myanmar Police Force

**‘People don’t maintain their cars properly ... If you’re going to do your own repairs, at least use authentic parts and clean oil.’**

**U Han Shein**  
Toyota mechanic

or variant models.

It remains unclear, however, why Probox cars are more susceptible to fire in Myanmar than elsewhere.

Mechanic U Han Shein of Toyota Tsusho Asia Pacific (TTAS), one of two Toyota-affiliated service centres in Yangon, insisted there was nothing wrong with the design of the cars. “Some newspapers have reported that Toyota will recall the Probox. It is not true,” said U Han Shein, who has worked at TTAS for the past 17 years.

Ko Myo Myint Thein, the general manager of TTAS, which is based

in Hlaing Tharyar Industrial Zone, said Toyota’s head office had been surprised to hear about the problem. So far, they have not issued any warning or notification to drivers, and the main Toyota service centre, on Kabar Aye Pagoda Road in Yangon, has not received any formal complaints from owners about the problem.

“I asked [Toyota in] Japan and they said they had never experienced this in Japan. They said that if a customer submits a complaint to the Toyota [workshop on Kabar Aye Pagoda Road] then they can look into

the problem,” Ko Myo Myint Thein said.

Toyota Probox and Succeed models, which generally have a 1300cc or 1500cc engine, are widely used as taxis and some experts say it is the way they are being used that makes them more likely to overheat.

“There is no particular reason why Probox cars catch fire. Some owners overload their vehicles, putting a strain on the engine. They neglect maintenance,” said car dealer Ko Zaw Wait.

Botched amateur repairs and inadequate maintenance are other rea-

sons. A blocked catalytic converter can lead to engine overheating, or a cracked oil pipe can drip onto a hot exhaust pipe.

“People don’t maintain their cars properly,” said U Han Shein. “Some people replace the original parts [with poor quality substitutes]. They get petrol mixed with the brake fluid and they leave scraps of cloth in the engine compartment. All these things can cause fires. If you’re going to do your own repairs, at least use authentic parts and clean oil.”

With no licensing or testing to ensure car workshops meet minimum standards, poor repair work is not uncommon, said Probox taxi driver U Myint Naing. “When people buy a second-hand car they sometimes find the previous owner has installed spare parts incorrectly, making the car dangerous,” he said. “Others overload their vehicles, causing a risk of fire.”

Mechanical engineer Ko Myo from Yankin township, a Probox owner who also runs a car workshop, agreed poor maintenance was the likely cause. He has covered more than 40,000 kilometres (24,855 miles) in his own Probox in the past 10 months, including trips to Shan State.

“Nothing bad happened – certainly nothing like a fire – because I always make sure it is properly maintained,” he said. “Toyota has been producing the Probox since [2002]. Nothing has happened [in other countries] until now and it has a good reputation.”

But the spate of fires has made many wary of the Probox, which is fast becoming the workhorse of Yangon’s streets.

“Now the weather is very hot so I dare not hire a Probox taxi in the middle of the day,” said Ko Aung Kyaw from Latha township. “I only take a Probox if I have no other choice.” – *Additional reporting by Toe Wai Aung*



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# Views

## Global summit to shine spotlight on sexual violence



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THIS week British Foreign Secretary William Hague and Angelina Jolie, the special envoy for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, are co-chairing the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict.

More than 230 government delegates from all over the world will be attending the summit in London, as well as UN officials, INGOs and civil society organisations. Many civil society representatives from Myanmar are also attending.

The summit is part of a new initiative on preventing sexual violence being led by the British government. Another key part of this initiative is the Declaration of Commitment

random acts by individual soldiers. Their widespread and systematic nature indicates a structural pattern. This is a state-sponsored strategy of rape and other forms of sexual violence as part of counter-insurgency tactics where civilians are deliberately targeted.

Of the rapes documented in this report, 47 were brutal gang rapes. In 28 cases the women were killed or died from their injuries. Some were as young as eight years of age, while others were grandmothers.

If the British and other governments are serious about specific action on their four priority goals, they will have to change their current approach to the Myanmar government and change the way they work in other areas as well.

On the first goal of investigations and documentation, the Myanmar government has demonstrated beyond any doubt that it is unwilling to conduct any thorough investigation into systematic sexual violence committed by its armed forces. Pressure should be maintained for it to do so, but in the meantime a practical outcome from the summit would be for the British government and others to support the establishment of an independent international investigation into sexual violence in Myanmar.

On the second goal of assisting survivors, there needs to be a change of approach in funding. Local community-based organisations, such as the member organisations of the Women's League of Burma, which actually come from and operate in conflict zones where conflict and sexual violence is taking place, and which assist survivors as well as documenting cases, do not receive sufficient financial support for this work.

The third goal – ensuring that gender-based violence responses and the promotion of gender equality are fully integrated in all peace and security efforts, including security and justice sector reform – has simply not been prioritised by the international community. Women's participation in internationally funded peace process initiatives is extremely limited and consideration of gender issues even more so. There needs to be a sea change in the international community's approach.

On the fourth goal of international strategic cooperation, there is also much room for improvement. There is no consistent or coordinated engagement from the international community toward the Myanmar government on the issue of sexual violence. This leads the government to believe that this issue is not a priority for the international community and so is not one it needs to act on.

This global summit signifies how the issue of sexual violence in conflict is now moving up the international agenda. The large civil society delegation from Myanmar demonstrates that sexual violence in the country is also moving up the international agenda. The Myanmar government is faced with a choice: Act now to end sexual violence, or soon face international pressure to force it to act.

Tin Tin Nyo is general secretary of the Women's League of Burma.

**Even with recent reforms the use of sexual violence by the Myanmar army continues unabated.**

to End Sexual Violence in Conflict, which almost 150 governments have signed.

The aim of the summit is ambitious. It aims to create "irreversible momentum against sexual violence in conflict and practical action that impacts those on the ground". Organisers want "practical agreements" and to "identify specific actions" around four particular goals:

- To improve investigations/documentation of sexual violence in conflict;
- To provide greater support and assistance and reparation for survivors, including child survivors, of sexual violence;
- To ensure sexual and gender based violence responses and the promotion of gender equality are fully integrated in all peace and security efforts, including security and justice sector reform; and
- To improve international strategic co-ordination.

The British government deserves much credit for organising this summit, and for inviting civil society representatives from Myanmar to attend.

However, to date we have not seen the British government – or any other government or United Nations agency – prioritise action on these goals in Myanmar. This is despite the fact that even with recent reforms the use of sexual violence by the Myanmar army continues unabated.

My organisation, the Women's League of Burma, recently published a report, *Same Impunity, Same Patterns*, which documented more than 100 cases of rape by the Myanmar army soldiers since the election in 2010. Due to the restrictions on documenting human rights violations, we believe this is just a fraction of the true number.

These crimes are more than



Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak shakes hands as he arrives at a Beijing hotel on May 28. Photo: AFP

## Najib's creaking reputation needs oiling



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MALAYSIA is blessed with lucrative reserves of oil and gas, much of it lying under the sea off the northeast coast.

The jewel in this bonanza is the Tapis Field, 190 kilometres (118 miles) offshore from Terengganu, a state which, oddly, is rather poorly developed and among the least affluent in Malaysia.

The reason for this is because the federal government in Kuala Lumpur takes all the oil money.

Once upon a time, after keeping a hefty cut for itself, KL apportioned the oil royalties among the nation's 13 states according to their population and overall needs.

Terengganu is sparsely populated; indeed, aside from adjacent Pahang, which is larger and more mountainous, Terengganu has the lowest population density in peninsular Malaysia.

So it got relatively little cash back, despite its Tapis Field providing more than 50 percent of Malaysia's black gold.

That was not nice, but the ruling National Front government in KL figured that the country folks of Terengganu were too docile to complain about something as base and grubby as petrodollars.

After all, the state's population is almost entirely Malay, with only a smidgeon of Chinese and Indians, and

they are traditionally strict practitioners of their Islamic faith.

So the main worry of the central government was about inroads being made by the Islamic Party of Malaysia, or Pas, rather than the iniquitous distribution of oil money.

And somehow things worked out, so that when, in the late 1990s, I interviewed the Front's chief minister in Terengganu, Wan Mokhtar Ahmad, he had been in power for a quarter of a century.

And it showed. He was a pleasant old man, but not so much relaxed as soporific.

Thus, it was not totally unexpected when, in 1999, Wan Mokhtar was defeated and the Islamist Pas took over oil-rich Terengganu.

**If Najib were to lose Terengganu the knives would be out to remove him as party leader and PM.**

But the then-Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad was furious, so much so that he cut off all payments of oil money to Terengganu.

It was illegal, it was immoral and it was stupid; but that never stopped Mahathir doing anything he believed would serve his purpose.

The people of Terengganu suffered so intensely that four years later they voted the Front back in – on the basis that Kuala Lumpur would resume oil payments again.

But KL broke that promise and held on to the money, and that

enraged everyone in the state, including the sultan, who, at the next polls, refused to swear in the Front's chosen chief minister.

A compromise candidate, Ahmad Said, was installed instead, but he proved inept and led the Front to a dismal showing in last year's general election – and almost contributed to new PM Najib Razak losing the state.

As a face-saving gesture, Ahmad Said was told he could stay as chief minister for another year, but then must step down. The year was up last month and he did not leave.

So Najib sacked him. And chaos ensued.

The sacked minister resigned from Najib's party and took two other legislators with him, thus depriving the Front of its majority in Terengganu – and panic followed chaos.

For if Najib were to lose Terengganu – on top of the four other states he lost in last year's general election – the knives would be out to remove him as party leader and PM.

So the trio who quit were coaxed back – how, no one knows, but the country's most popular news website, Malaysiakini, ran a column entitled "How much will Najib spend to keep Terengganu?"

A mountain of oil money was the favourite guess, but Najib quickly sought to silence his detractors by launching a law suit against Malaysiakini for defamation.

The damage, however, has already been done and his credibility has taken such a pounding that even his own party members blame him for the debacle.

Today, Najib's main source of strength is that there is no clear successor, but that situation could change soon – and then not even oodles of oil dosh may be able to keep him in power.



## Views

## Why the imports crackdown will fail



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ON May 27, the Ministry of Commerce held a meeting in Nay Pyi Taw. Organised by the Prevention and Control of Illegal Trading Central Committee, its theme was "raising the share of prize money for mobile teams".

At the meeting, Minister for Commerce U Win Myint proposed that the proportion of prize money given to the mobile teams that have been formed to crack down on illegal trade is not high enough to dissuade them from accepting the bribes offered by smugglers. As a result, illegal trade has been largely unaffected by the introduction of the mobile teams. This problem would be cured, he argued, by giving a higher proportion of the value of seized goods to the team.

The question now is: Can it work?

Myanmar's border trade figures have always differed from those of the countries that it trades with. This occurs because goods that are legally exported from Thailand or China are not allowed to be imported in Myanmar or incur a high level of tax. To get their goods into the country, traders pay bribes to border officials and the items are never counted as imports. The gap is often in the billions of dollars and gives an indication of the scale of illegal trading on the Myanmar side.

Three years ago, when U Thein Sein's new government was formed, the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry



Workers carry goods from trucks stopped by a mobile team searching for illegally imported goods at the Nyaung Khar Shae bypass in Bago Region's Waw township, on the main highway to the Thai border, in December 2013. Photo: Boothee

nominated U Win Myint to take on the post of minister for commerce. Increasing illegal trade has been a problem for him from day one. Nearly all checkpoints founded under the former government have been shut down as they were notorious for extortion, bullying

**U Win Myint has made the mistake of trying to tackle smuggling without making any attempt to fight corruption.**

and threats against the public and traders. Instead of monitoring imports and stopping illegal trade, they were rent-seeking hotspots. Their raison d'être was to extract bribes. Despite these closures, illegal trade has continued to flourish in border areas.

Two years ago U Win Myint established mobile teams to tackle illegal trades. While described as mobile, they operate from a fixed place once they have been formed and in appearance look like the old checkpoints. Regardless, the Ministry of Commerce says that illegal goods valued at K12 billion were seized over the past two years by these mobile teams.

This figure, however, is inflated by alcohol found at some warehouses in Yangon and smuggled goods that are occasionally caught at airports. In

reality, the amount that is seized has been miniscule compared to the volume of illegal trade.

U Win Myint admitted on May 27 that the mobile teams have so far failed to achieve their aim. Under the current rules, the mobile team receives 10 percent of the value of the seized goods, while informants receive 10pc and the government 80pc. Based on this ratio, informants have received more than K1.2 billion and police or immigration officials have also received more than K1.2 billion over the past two years. This is not an insignificant amount.

During the meeting, UMFCCI secretary U Aye Lwin proposed setting the ratio at 50pc for the government, 15pc for informants and 35pc for the team. Meanwhile, U Win Myint, the Pyithu Hluttaw representative for Myingyan,

proposed 60pc for the government and 20pc each for informants and mobile teams. The new ratio will be confirmed by cabinet.

It is likely to matter little which figure they choose. U Win Myint has made the mistake of trying to tackle smuggling without making any attempt to fight corruption among the border officials. Proper scrutiny of money transfers from Customs and other relevant departmental officials to their families and relatives will give us a pretty good idea of how much corruption is taking place at border trade points. The most noticeable example is that about 300,000 motorcycles were illegally imported into the country over the past three years.

But the problem is not only border officials: Sadly, the rot goes far deeper.

U Win Myint has also tried to tackle the big boys of the smuggling world by cracking down on illegal imports at Yangon's seaport and international airport. Under the program, cargo ships would be examined before docking. However, a lack of cooperation between the police, navy and water transport officials meant this ambitious program has also been a failure.

The plan to tackle trafficking by air fizzled out before it even began. Before the mobile teams began examining air cargo, airport Customs officials began seizing valuable illegally imported goods, such as mobile handsets and computer accessories. This derailed any chance of stopping corruption involving airline staff, Customs officials, airport security and immigration officials.

Smuggling is rife at border trade points, airports and seaports. It involves civil servants and even top-level government officials. But U Win Myint's approach - to give more prize-money to those who seize illegal goods inside the country, rather than tackle the corruption that enabled the goods to enter - is doomed to fail.

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# Business

## US commerce head touts stronger ties

American officials open a Yangon commercial services office amid claims of improved relations, though some say US firms are holding back

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US Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker oversaw the opening of a commercial services office in Yangon on June 6 as the US looks to strengthen economic ties with Myanmar after decades of severely limited engagement hampered by strict sanctions.

The commercial services office will operate out of the US Embassy in Yangon and will serve as a resource for US companies that are looking to investment in Myanmar as well as Myanmar-based companies who are looking to export products to the US.

Ms Pritzker, the first Commerce Secretary to visit Myanmar, was joined by representatives from American companies that had recently announced projects in Myanmar.

Colorado-based beverage container manufacturer Ball Corp in May announced plans for a US\$40 million production line that will sell cans to Coca-Cola and other soft drink producers with Myanmar operations.

At a signing ceremony following the US Embassy event, Ball Corp officials con-

firmed that the plant would be located in the Japanese-backed Thilawa Special Economic Zone, making it the first of two companies to agree to set up production in the SEZ. The other is Japanese auto parts maker Koyo Radiator Company.

Officials from APR Energy, a Jacksonville-headquartered short-term energy firm, announced that their 100 megawatt power generation plant in Kyaukse, Mandalay Region was fully operational. The initial contract for the project was signed in February.

**'As your economy continues to grow ... more US companies want to do business in this country.'**

Derek Mitchell  
US ambassador

A day after Ms Pritzker's visit, apparel maker Gap Inc said that it had begun sourcing clothing made at two factories in Yangon. The outerwear is set to arrive in US stores later this summer.

As of April 30, US companies have planned to invest US\$243.6 million in Myanmar, according to figures released by the US Embassy, lagging well behind Myanmar's top investor China, which accounts for \$14 billion in approved FDI, but also never levelled sanctions against Myanmar's previous military government.

US officials were optimistic that Myanmar could draw significant investment despite a business environment described by US Ambassador to Myanmar Derek Mitchell as "complex".

"As your economy continues to grow and as your market



US Ambassador Derek Mitchell speaks at a Ball Corp ceremony on June 6. Photo: Thiri Lu

continues to open, more US companies want to do business in this country and the United States government is encouraging American companies to evaluate the opportunities here [Myanmar]," Ms Pritzker said.

But observers said that many companies still look to be taking a wait-and-see approach to the Myanmar market, where a number of uncertainties still remain.

"Many US companies still seem to

be holding back," said Murray Hiebert, senior fellow and deputy director of the Sumitro Chair for Southeast Asia Studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "They recognise that the economic environment continues to face many challenges, including a pretty weak infrastructure, limited legal protections, reforms that could face challenges from communal relations between Buddhists and Muslims, and

political uncertainty heading into the 2015 elections."

Ms Pritzker's two-day visit to Myanmar was part of a larger trip that saw her make stops in Vietnam and the Philippines and aimed to offer assurance to ASEAN countries that American economic engagement in the region was a priority. In the past investment has "seemed less important to the US rebalance to Asia than security relations", said Mr Hiebert.



US Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker. Photo: AFP

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# MOGE begins corporatisation

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THE state-owned Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) began its corporatisation process last week, inviting partners for a joint venture in several up- and midstream petroleum activities.

MOGE asked for expressions of interest for partners to form joint ventures in drilling, pipeline construction and maintenance and seismic exploration in onshore blocks.

Myanmar's government has announced plans to transform MOGE to an independent state-owned corporation, aiming to increase its performance and separate its oil and gas regulatory functions from its business activities.

"This is the beginning of the corporatisation process for MOGE," said U Than Min, a MOGE director.

The joint ventures for drilling, pipeline construction and seismic exploration will start in 2015, though there are many steps in the joint-venture process, he said.

MOGE is also looking for foreign consultants to assist with the process to establish JVs.

The deadline for expression of interest (EOI) tenders is June 30, when initial documents are to be submitted.

Industry observers said they welcomed the move, as it will increase the professionalism and viability of the state-owned firm.

"Doing joint ventures is a good way to help improve MOGE," said U San Lwin, retired MOGE managing director.

The enterprise is constrained by

poor technology, access to financing and human resources, all of which could be improved through partnerships with foreign firms.

"Corporatisation or privatisation still depends on government policy, but the structure of MOGE really needs to transform," U San Lwin said. In the future MOGE could be modelled after PTT Exploration and Production in Thailand and Malaysia's Petronas, both state-owned corporations that have expanded into international oil and gas production, including in offshore Myanmar.

MOGE also intends to sign production sharing contracts with 10

international oil and gas companies for 16 onshore blocks this month, after several months' delay. The onshore tender began early last year, with winners announced in October, though the production sharing contracts have yet to materialise.

Foreign companies predominated in Myanmar during the colonial period. British-owned Burmah Oil Company (BOC) was nationalised in 1963 as the state-run oil company, and was renamed MOGE in 1989.

Some 7500 barrels of oil and 65 million cubic feet of natural gas are produced on average daily under MOGE's management.



An offshore petroleum platform in action. Photo: AFP

# MPT partnership talks drag on with foreign firm

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TALKS between Myanma Posts and Telecommunications (MPT) and Japan's KDDI continue despite passing an internal deadline, according to insiders.

MPT officials told The Myanmar Times previously that an agreement would be announced by the end of May, but now they say there is no firm end in sight.

"Both sides want to sign an agreement as soon as possible, but detailed discussions still continue," said U Than Tun Aung, director from MPT's Posts and Telecommunications Department. "I cannot you give a target date for signing an agreement."

MPT held a closed tender with KDDI, France's Orange Telecom and Singapore-based SingTel last year, before telling KDDI it was the preferred partner in December.

U Than Tun Aung said a joint operations agreement will be signed before a joint venture partnership, with both firms pledging different amounts of capital.

KDDI leads a consortium also including Japan's Sumitomo and two local partners: Myanmar Information and Communication Technology Development Corporation and AI Construction Company.

Officials from KDDI's rivals voiced displeasure about the process.

"We found out that MPT was to partner with KDDI through the media," said an official from Orange who requested anonymity. "It is not transparent that they didn't inform us or official make an announcement."

The initial request for proposal from MPT also stated that a partnership agreement needed to be signed with a preferred partner within three months, though five months have since elapsed, the official said.

Orange met with MPT for partnership negotiations in early December as part of the tender before MPT informed the French firm it had chosen another unspecified partner at the end of December 2013.

"That is all I would like to comment at the moment," the official said. "We will make an official announcement detailing the process when MPT and KDDI sign the official agreement."

Negotiations between MPT and the three foreign firms commenced after they missed out two licences issued to Telenor and Ooredoo in April last year. The licensing process for Telenor and Ooredoo has generally been described as transparent and fair.

Ministry spokesperson U Kyaw Soe said there are several issues that still require discussion.

"The main thing we are now discussing is what appointments MPT's staff will hold in the new partnership, as well as an agreement on technology and investment," he said.

However, U Kyaw Soe declined to confirm the firm which MPT is currently negotiating.

"We have already chosen the potential partner. It is MPT's right to choose whoever they like. We will choose the international partner that can be the most profitable," he said.

One source requesting anonymity said a main sticking point is the future of MPT's 11,674 staff in the venture.

MPT is currently the sole telecoms operator in Myanmar, though both Telenor and Ooredoo are expected to begin operations in the coming months.

**'The main thing ... is what appointments MPT's staff will hold in the new partnership.'**

**U Kyaw Soe**  
MPT spokesperson

# Bloom gone from flower farms



A woman tends her flower fields on the disputed land, with the factory in the background. Photo: Hlaing Kyaw Soe

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A LAND dispute has turned off the irrigation taps and hurt crop yields in Mandalay Region's Kan Kyi Kome, according to area farmers.

The flower farmers in Mandalay Region's Pyin Oo Lwin township claim the land was confiscated from them in 2005 to build a pharmaceutical factory, but they continued growing flowers on the unused land around the factory in a live-and-let-live arrangement until a meeting last month.

On May 23 factory officials met with the farmers, warning them not to cultivate flowers on the land.

While negotiations about land use are continuing with the factory owners, the farmers must vacate in August, according to farmer U Phyo Lin Zaw.

The factory had also provided water for the farmers, but the taps have been shut off following the May 23 meeting, putting the flower crops at risk, he said.

"We are now facing water difficulties because the flowers need watering every two days, and gasoline to run the pumps cost K6000 for one use," he said.

Factory official U Than Htoo said at the May 23 meeting that he will work with top company officials to provide compensation in cash or land

for the farmers if they are forced to vacate the land.

Flower prices have also declined this year due to their poorer quality, increasing the difficulties for the farmers, said flower farmer Daw Than Myint.

A bouquet of flowers from the Kan Kyi Kome fields fetches between K700 and K800 wholesale this year, less than half of last year's high of K1800, farmers said.

Daw Than Myint said farmers will have no choice but to vacate if the factory demands it.

"We will have to go if they tell us to move out. Now they don't supply us with water anymore," she said.

— Translation by Khant Lin Oo

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# Rubber growth bounce leads to smuggling rise



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RECENT increases in rubber production are not reflected in export statistics, leading officials to conclude that illegal exports are on the rise.

Trucks carrying raw rubber wrapped in plastic to conceal the smell often try to slip undetected through the borders, while others deliberately underestimate the size of their rubber loads at the border, all in a bid to avoid export duties.

"Some traders have found they are able to carry rubber anywhere in the country without inspection and can carry it easily to other countries," said U Khint Myint, secretary of the Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association.

Domestic rubber production is thought to top 160,000 tonnes per year, though official statistics have recorded consistent exports of about 90,000 tonnes per year. With domestic demand at about 10,000 tonnes annually, the numbers do not add up – and a substantial amount is likely diverted to illegal exports, he said.

"Catching these informal rubber exporters would likely mean Myanmar's official exports would be at least 100,000 tonnes this year," he said.

"But if not, illegal exports will likely get bigger – so the government needs to urgently conduct effective raids."

The export of raw rubber is outlawed in a bid to keep processing jobs in Myanmar, but trading partners are said to prefer raw rubber to Myanmar's semi-processed rubber, leading to smuggling. Some illegal traders are also keen to avoid paying taxes, such as a 2 percent tax on exported goods that began in June last year.

Illegal exporters are thought make use of popular trade routes such as

**'Some traders have found they are able to carry rubber ... without inspection.'**

**U Khint Myint**

Rubber association official

Muse and Chinshwehaw linking Shan State and China, and illegal links in the Payathanzou border area near Thailand, he said, adding it is more difficult to illegally export from Myanmar's sea ports.

U Khint Myint said he advocated for stricter regulations and more effective enforcement to cut down on those unfairly exporting their rubber.

Ministry of Commerce officials said that an additional 10,000 acres have been planted with rubber annually over the past several years, though you would never know it looking at the export statistics.

Some 90,000 tonnes of rubber was exported three years ago when production was at 120,000 tonnes, said U Win Myint, director of the ministry's Trade Promotion Department.

Yet export statistics for the 2013-14 fiscal year show nearly the same 90,000 tonnes being exported, despite production having increased to 160,000 tonnes.

U Win Myint said much of the informal rubber exports probably goes to Thailand, as they have many factories for processing it.

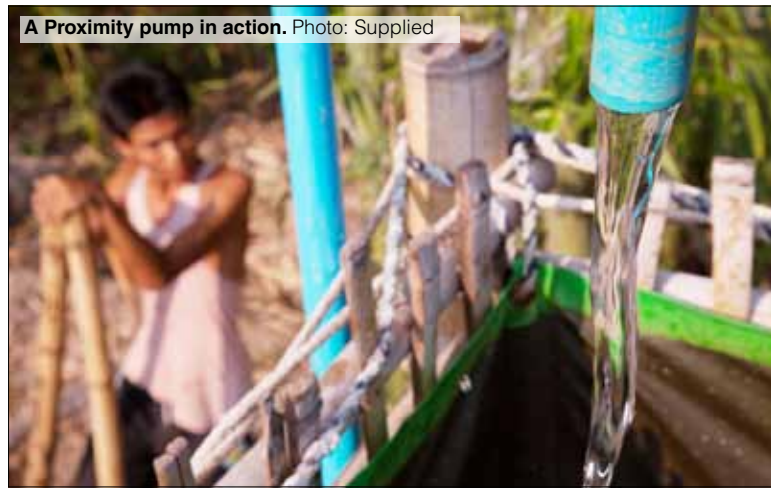
Thailand is the world's largest source of rubber, producing some 3.51 million tonnes in 2013, according to Bloomberg news wire.

Requesting anonymity, the owner of one trading company who regularly exports through Muse said border traders generally demand cheaper unprocessed rubber, as the legal semi-processed rubber produced by local factories is often low quality.

Unprocessed rubber currently fetches under US\$800 a tonne, while rubber processed at the RSS standard commands about \$1800.

The trader said his counterparts who used legal channels not only had to worry about paying taxes, but faced higher labour and transport charges.

A Proximity pump in action. Photo: Supplied



## Proximity bags a green energy prize

MYANMAR'S Proximity Designs won an Ashden Award from the United Kingdom-based organisation for its work in green energy.

The awards aim to highlight "ground-breaking green energy champions," with Proximity getting the nod along with four other international firms selected this year.

Proximity designs and sells a number of technology products targeted at rural areas, such as water pumps and solar lights, said Proximity social impact manager Ma Su Mon.

"Our products are intended to meet the farmers' requirements in rural Myanmar," she said. "They're all about saving money and time [for the farmers]."

One of its main products is foot-powered treadle pumps. It claims to have sold some 90,000 to 500 villages

in rural areas, and also began selling solar-powered lights in 2012. Proximity is also a microfinance provider.

"The foot-operated pumps draw up water from wells, dramatically increasing yields and income for rural farmers," Ma Su Mon said.

The next planned product is a home solar panel project, she added.

The firm also sees competition from Chinese products in rural areas, but targets small-scale farmers who cannot spend much money. "Our products are designed to be more durable than other products and we allow installment payments as well," said Ma Su Mon.

Proximity began as the Myanmar country offices for International Development Enterprises in 2004, before officially becoming Proximity in 2008.

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# Pepsi to use Shan State spuds in its Thai chips



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THAI consumers munching on Lay's and Doritos-brand chips could soon be eating Myanmar-grown potatoes, as Pepsi plans to buy thousands of tonnes of potatoes from Upper Myanmar, according to PepsiCo spokesperson Jennifer James.

PepsiCo (Thai) Trading has agreed to work with domestic firm Capital Diamond Star Group to export potatoes from Shan State to Thailand.

"Pepsi is one of the largest agriculture businesses in the world," said Ms James.

"We see Myanmar, particularly Shan State, playing an important role for producing potatoes for our business in Thailand," she said.

Globally the firm uses some 4 million tonnes of potatoes a year for its products, including Doritos, Cheetos and Lay's brand chips. It plans to import 3000 tonnes from Myanmar to Thailand in 2014, with further increases targeted.

The two firms began pilot potato growing in Shan State in 2011, exporting 90 tonnes, said Capital Diamond Star Group managing director U Ko Ko Gyi.

"We will continue increasing the amount of potatoes to export. We have expectations to eventually export up to 100,000 tonnes of potatoes yearly," he said at the opening ceremony for a modern storage factory on June 3 in Aung Ban, Shan State.

Capital Diamond Star Group has set up the US\$500,000 facility in Aung Ban and also started contract farming with local potato growers.

**'If farmers profit from this business, we will also profit. If they don't, we won't either.'**

**Daw Aye Sandar Lwin**  
Capital Diamond Star Group

Company director Daw Aye Sandar Lwin told *The Myanmar Times* that the firm will offer a premium of nearly 30pc to farmers on local potato prices to ensure the supply. It will also require farmers to transition to the Atlantic variety of potato, claiming the yield is nearly twice as high as local varieties.

"If farmers can profit from this

business, we will also profit," she said. "If they don't, we won't either."

Myanmar potato farmers can produce a good product, but the rudimentary warehouse and distribution system means potatoes often spoil before getting to market. U Ko Ko Gyi said improvements to the potato logistics network can help offer steady potato prices.

"We hope to create a new supply chain for the Myanmar potato market," he said.

Although Capital Diamond Star Group officials are keen to tout the benefits of the Atlantic type of potato, some farmers remain unconvinced that a transition to the variety will immediately support their bottom line.

U Aung Than Kyaw, chair of a potato producer association in Heiho township in southern Shan State, said he had tried growing Atlantic potatoes on 30 acres of land.

"It is true that we can get more profit from growing Atlantic potatoes if they are well managed, but right now farmers aren't used to it and we are turning losses with Atlantic potatoes," he said.

Capital Diamond Star provided fertilisers, seeds and insecticides to be paid for after harvesting, so farmers do not need to worry about securing capital for their business, he said.

"However, we still need to get used to the new variety."

# UNDP moves out of microfinance as assets transferred to PACT

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THE United Nations Development Program (UNDP) transferred its Myanmar microfinance assets to Pact Global Microfinance Fund at a Nay Pyi Taw ceremony on June 4.

The move will allow Pact NGO to independently run the microfinance operations after many years of being the lead agency in the UNDP's Myanmar microfinance program, officials said.

The UNDP began in 1997 as the pioneer microfinance project in Myanmar "at a time when such services were nonexistent", said UNDP country director Toily Kurbanov.

"Now with the necessary legislative changes and local capacities de-

veloped through our project, other service providers can carry on with the work we started," he said.

The UNDP's Myanmar microfinance program was the country's largest non-government small loan finance project, though the industry has seen increased international interest in recent years following the passing of the Microfinance Law.

"The enactment of the Microfinance Law in November 2011 established a regulatory framework for the microfinance sector, creating space for licensed microfinance service providers and allowing UNDP to exit retail microfinance operations and to leave behind a long lasting institutionalised legacy," the UNDP said in a statement.

The UNDP/Pact program has provided about K67.7 billion (US\$70 million) in loans to 392,624 households, with some 98 percent of clients being women. Under the agreement, all UNDP's former funds and assets will remain in the country to provide services and contribute to an expanding microfinance sector.

Minister of Co-Operatives U Kyaw San said the UNDP's program had shown that microfinance in Myanmar can be a success if it follows international best practices.

The Ministry of Cooperatives and the UNDP also signed a memorandum of understanding on June 4 in Nay Pyi Taw.

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# Shan coffee perks to highs at season's close

UPPER Myanmar coffee growers say a bean shortage pushed recent coffee prices to highs unseen in three years, driven by Chinese demand.

Coffee beans asking prices increased to K3 million per tonne in May, though many farmers sold their coffee earlier in the year at around K2.1 million per tonne.

"Last year production fell in half, so we all expected higher prices this year. We just didn't know they'd go this high," said U Kyaw Win, a trader from Naung Cho township's Moe Htet Coffee Garden.

Although asking prices were higher in May, many farmers have

been reluctant to sell, eyeing more increases on the horizon, according to U Kyaw Win.

"This year's closing price will be next year's opening price, so we really hope to sell at a high rate for next season," he said, adding he hoped for the season's prices to close around K3.3 million per tonne.

Although Mandalay Region has seen a lighter-than-usual monsoon season, the farmers say there has been sufficient rain for the coffee beans.

Coffee is grown predominantly in Mandalay Region's Pyin Oo Lwin township and Naung Cho township in Shan State. — *Kyay Mohn Win*



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Fencing goes up around the century-old Burma Railway building. Renovations of the building will transform it into a modern upmarket hotel, part of the US\$400 million mixed-use Landmark project developed by Yoma Strategic.

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# Ministry restarts mobile enforcement teams



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MOBILE enforcement teams will restart their investigations into illegal trade at Yangon's busiest port terminals after the process slowed in January, according to government officials.

Ministry of Commerce teams will prioritise high-volume terminals such as Myanmar Industrial Port, Hteedan, Asia World and Bo Aung Kyaw, while facilities at Sule and Thilawa will receive less attention as they are less busy, said U Tin Ye Win, director for the ministry's Illegal Trade Prevention and Supervision Control Committee.

Even some of the largest domestic firms use informal methods to avoid taxes, and have been known to pressure government officials, making it difficult to enforce the rules, he said.

The mobile teams are well-known for their role in raiding imported liquor from large suppliers such as GMG, Quarto and Premium late last

year, though the teams were first created in 2012 to focus on border areas and Yangon warehouses.

Plans to extend the scheme to ports had been delayed for months as large corporations friendly with senior authorities objected, he said.

"Checking in the border areas is like job training for us. [Working at the ports] is the real high point as we have to meet with the biggest companies," said U Tin Ye Win.

The teams plan to start their enforcement checks in June following announcements in the local media. Yangon ports routinely handle about 80pc of national imports and exports.

**'They put cars in the containers with the juice bottles. There's no limit to what they can do.'**

**U Tin Ye Win**  
Ministry of Commerce official

U Tin Ye Win said exports statistics improved with the introduction of the mobile teams, with fewer entrepreneurs risking illegal exports.

Border trade was worth about \$25 billion in the 2013-14 fiscal year, an increase of about \$6.7 billion on the year previous, he said. Raids confiscated goods worth about K15 billion last fiscal year, he added.

The overall Ministry of Commerce program targeting illegal trade will have a budget this year of about K18 billion, to be spent on x-ray machines and employing staff from various sectors including home affairs, police stations, businesspeople and media experts.

Traders and officials have been free to negotiate between themselves without a third-party check for many years, resulting in traders bringing in different or more items than are listed on official manifests, he said.

Traders also have mixed different products, such as one importer of ostensible "juice bottles", said U Tin Ye Win.

"They put cars in the containers with the juice bottles," he said. "There's no limit to what they can do."

# Stock exchange woos bank interest

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PRIVATE banks have the strongest potential to act as security companies for the planned Yangon stock exchange, according to Sumiyuki Kazama, a senior executive with exchange partner Daiwa.

Regulations forming a Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) have been drafted but not yet approved. After the SEC is set up it can issue rules governing what firms can fill securities roles such as dealers, brokers and underwriters, as well as

rules licensing the exchange itself.

Several Myanmar banks, including Asia Green Development, United Amara and CB, were invited to a May 31 conference partly in an effort to pique their interest about eventually acting as security companies, said Mr Kazama.

Daiwa officials pointed to IT infrastructure and skilled labour as two important areas that need to be developed.

"It is obvious it will be difficult to find skilled staff, as there has not been a stock exchange," Mr Kazama said.

Deputy Finance Minister and chair of the stock exchange committee U Maung Maung Thein said at the conference the SEC should be formed this month.

U Maung Maung Thein told a June 4 session of the Amyotha Hluttaw that the planned Yangon Stock Exchange is to be 51 percent owned by state-run Myanmar Economic Bank with a paid-in capital of K32 billion (US\$32 million) when it launches in 2015.

The remaining 49pc will be divided between Japan's Daiwa Securities Group and the Tokyo Stock Exchange, he said.

There have been attempts to launch a stock exchange in Myanmar since the mid-1990s, with an over-the-counter style exchange currently in operation on Yangon's Sule Pagoda Road. The Securities and Exchange Law was enacted in 2013 with an eye to building a more modern Yangon stock exchange, though a number of follow-up regulations are still required.

The emergence of the stock exchange will allow investors the chance to generate money, issuers to increase their access to capital and could also lead to economic expansion, including more job opportunities, U Maung Maung Thein said.

Myanmar Agribusiness Public Company and Asia Green Development Bank have been identified as strong candidates for eventual listing by officials.

There are over 100 public companies in Myanmar, though Inami Shigeto, managing director of the Myanmar Securities Exchange Centre, previously said the new exchange is aiming for over four suitable companies to list when it eventually launches.

— *Translated by Leanne Aung*

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Paid-in capital from both partners in the planned Yangon Stock Exchange, according to officials



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# Thai rice pushes Myanmar out of Africa



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MYANMAR rice exporters are being undercut in the important African markets by a flood of exports as the Thai junta offloads millions of tonnes of stored rice at discounted prices, according to Myanmar rice trading officials.

Myanmar 25 percent broken rice had been commanding about US\$335 per tonne in African market, a competitive price compared to previous Thai prices of \$400. But the Thai military junta that came to power in a May 22 coup has lowered prices to \$320 per tonne in Africa in a bid to offload rice stocks purchased during the government of Yingluck Shinawatra, Myanmar traders said.

Top Myanmar rice exporter U Law Maw Myint Maung said the price competition is slowing business in African countries, which together constitute an important market for Myanmar's rice exporters.

"We are having lots of trouble selling rice on the world market, especially to our major African buyers," he said.

The Thai policy to buy rice at inflated prices from Thai farmers to gain political support and then store in a bid to corner the world rice market is closely

associated with the Red Shirt government of ousted premier Yingluck Shinawatra.

Thailand was thought to have about 15 to 16 million tonnes of rice sitting in warehouses last week, according to *The Bangkok Post* on June 5.

With much of the African market closed to Myanmar traders due to the low prices, rice exporters are relying on Chinese demand, said U Lu Maw Myint Maung.

"China's demand for Myanmar rice is quite strong at the moment. This is a major relief for our rice market," he said.

Rice traders say Myanmar exports about 60,000 tonnes monthly through Muse in Shan State to China at present, with prices of about \$433 to \$449 a tonne for 25pc broken and \$490 to \$497 for higher quality 5pc broken.

The European Union market is also increasingly demanding Myanmar rice, though it only accepts mostly high-end 5pc broken rice at about \$410 to \$420 a tonne, he said.

"Myanmar's rice exports won't fall too badly from Thai competition this year because demand from China and the EU are quite high," said U Lu Maw Myint Maung, adding total exports should be between 1 and 1.5 million tonnes, with China being the largest destination.

Myanmar Rice Federation secretary U Ye Min Aung said Thailand's move to offload its buffer stock will affect



Shipping containers wait at a Thai port. Photo: AFP

exports, "but I don't think it will make the market collapse, as much of Thailand's rice has been stored for a long time, and the world market prefers fresh rice."

Myanmar's rice export volumes are also only about an eighth of Thailand's, which was the world's largest rice exporter until 2012, after the Yingluck

government was elected.

"We don't need to worry too much about Thailand as we are not their rival on the world market yet," he said. "But we will have to worry when Myanmar can produce 5 million tonnes or so a year."

Myanmar Rice Federation chair U Chit Khaing said Thailand is also pre-

occupied with politics, which could offer a relief for Myanmar traders.

"I don't think Thailand has a stable policy towards trade right now, and it's not certain they will continue selling rice at a low price," he said. He added diversifying export markets to more EU and Middle Eastern buyers is important for the rice industry's future.

## Mandalay industry cries out for govt lending

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THE government's allocation of loans worth K1 billion to small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in Mandalay is "insufficient", U Kyaw Myint, the minister of electricity and industry for Mandalay Region, said last week.

Mandalay SMEs are clamouring for more capital they say is vital to upgrade their outdated technology.

Some K1 billion in total lending has been allocated to Mandalay's SMEs, though each industry can receive a maximum K100 million, meaning it is conceivable only 10 SMEs would receive loans out of a total of 7400 SMEs registered in Mandalay, he said.

Across Myanmar some K20 billion in loans is to be extended locally to SMEs through the Ministry of Industry at interest rates of 8.5 percent.

"Since Yangon and Mandalay have more enterprises than any other states or regions, we will not have enough loans [in those places]. And so I requested the vice minister of Industry to supply K2 billion more from the remaining K5 billion when he came to Mandalay last month," said U Kyaw Myint.

Each of the 14 states and regions has been allocated K1 billion with another K5 billion in reserve.

Another K1 billion that was earmarked for Nay Pyi Taw district council has been re-allocated in response to complaints last year about how just 62 businesses received loans, suggesting SMEs are not being targeted effectively.

"We businessmen are very interested in the K1 billion loans. But if we have very few loans, they are not supplying SMEs' needs. In fact, it does not look like the government really wants to develop SMEs. It is just for show," said U Ye Win Aung from Mandalay Industrial Zone.

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## COMMENT

# Expatriate health nightmare planning

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In May I wrote two articles about medical insurance. Many thanks to all the readers who wrote to me. I have answered the detailed and specific questions personally. However, there was a common thread amongst the enquiries extending the matter of medical insurance to the broader aspects of what happens in a catastrophic situation.

Being an expat can be dangerous in that we live in countries to which we are unaccustomed. Sometimes problems occur which leave situations where either we or our families and

**None of us expect to meet with an accident or contract a dreaded disease which can leave us in an absolutely hopeless situation.**

friends find it difficult to cope. Much of this seems to stem from the attitude that it will never happen to me. Unfortunately this is untrue; I have first-hand knowledge.

By protecting yourself with medical insurance you are ensuring that sickness or accidents afford you sufficient financial support from your insurer. But what about situations which are worse?

One expat I know in Myanmar recently fell on very difficult times. Fred lived on a budget and always told me that he would survive without medical insurance. He and his wife were living around 100 kilometres from Mandalay. All appeared to be well until he developed a bad back. It got so bad that after a week he went to the local clinic/hospital. They did not really help him and he eventually went back home. We chatted on the phone and he said he was not sure what to do but would let me know how he progressed.

A week later I received a call from his daughter saying that Fred needed to be admitted to a hospital with a suspected broken hip. This might need medical evacuation and he needed to access part of his offshore savings. Before we had processed the withdrawal Fred had died.

A few years back I also encountered another situation where an expat suddenly died in Thailand. He had investments but had been too lazy to make arrangements to account for the possibility of a terrible event occurring. Then he died unexpectedly and there was turmoil because no one really knew what to do. I was rather surprised at that time when so many "friends" suddenly appeared out of the jungle and claimed that they had loaned money to this person or paid his hospital bills earlier, claiming some reimbursement.

No one knew how to contact this expat's family back in his country of origin. This hurdle was eventually overcome and the family became involved in the arrangements a month later. He had not made a will and this complicated the situation very seriously. Securing a grant of probate in a number of countries, where assets are owned, can be a very daunting task. Families have enough to deal with the grief of losing a loved one let alone all the red tape they need to face in situations like these.

The point here is that the unexpected happens to us when we least expect it and if we have not gotten ourselves

organised in preparation for this possibility we leave ourselves and often a number of others in some very difficult circumstances.

Almost without exception no one plans to die unexpectedly. If you have contracted a terminal disease then the situation is slightly different as there is usually time to make arrangements. However, I also met an expat with cancer a few years ago, who asked me to help him arrange his affairs. Before we had gone too far along the road of getting this done he died and what he had planned could not be structured as he had wished.

Similarly none of us expect to meet with an accident or contract a dreaded disease which can leave us in an absolutely hopeless situation. But it happens so you are well advised to make a plan to cover such eventualities. Prepare for any situation. Make sure you have left instructions on what to do if you are incapacitated through illness or injury. Have a catastrophe plan in place.

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## Work on Pansodan jetty starts

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In a further boost to local transportation, work began on June 1 to build a new jetty at Pansodan. Myanma Port Authority and the Ministry of Transportation held a groundbreaking ceremony the previous day.

The new development comes as the September completion date of the Dala jetty and bridge nears. The work is already 60 percent finished.

The new Pansodan jetty will be more than 60 metres (200 feet) long and will include a modern two-storey passenger guesthouse, said U Kyaw Myint, general manager of Myanma Port Authority.

The existing Pansodan jetty has been in use for more than 60 years and is still being used for transportation.

In the place of the old ships that formerly transported more than 30,000 passengers between Pansodan jetty and Dala jetty, three new double-decker, 1000-seat ships will arrive from Japan.

"The new ships will start to run between the two jetties as soon as the renovations are complete," said U Zaw Moe Myint. After the renovation of Dala jetty, the old guesthouse at the jetty will be demolished and replaced.

Dala jetty is being built with the help of the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and Pansodan jetty will be constructed by Japan's JFE. It is located 90m west of the original jetty.

"This is the first time we've used these construction methods in Myanmar, but the new jetty will be better than the old one," said U Zaw Moe Myint, the second engineer of Dala dock.

The Dala jetty is about 36m wide, 8m high, more than 2m deep, and includes two platforms.

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# Setting up a factory in the Thilawa SEZ

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MYANMAR Japan Thilawa Development (MJTD), the developer and operator of the Thilawa SEZ, two weeks ago started to lease land to investors intending to set up factories in the SEZ. The total area of the SEZ is nearly 2400 hectares, but a "class A area" comprising 396 hectares is to be developed first. The Class A area is, in its turn, divided into three zones to be developed successively. The plots recently leased, or about to be leased, to investors are all in the "phase 1 zone" which comprises about 200 hectares.

According to press reports, a total of 45 companies have confirmed to

invest in Thilawa which would mean that all plots in the phase 1 zone are already taken. In reality, however, there still appear to be vacant plots as not all investors seem to be carrying through their investment plans.

Potential investors have to submit an investment proposal and their business profile to MJTD. Investors from Japan apparently can also contact Marubeni, Mitsubishi or Sumitomo directly in Japan. These three companies together hold a 39 percent stake in MJTD.

If MJTD is of the opinion that the business is suitable for the SEZ, the investor and MJTD sign a letter of intent and negotiate the leasing fee (although we would expect that investors do not have much room to negotiate). Presently, MJTD seems to expect investors to pay US\$70 per square

metre. The initial term of the lease is 50 years and can be renewed once for 25 years according to the SEZ Law.

MJTD and the investor then sign a land reservation agreement. The investor has to pay a deposit in the amount of 30pc of the total leasing fees for 50 years. The land reservation agreement is valid for four months. The remaining 70pc has to be paid once the lease agreement is signed.

The investor can apply for an investment permit and company registration with the SEZ management committee once the deposit has been paid. The MIC is not involved. The management committee offers a one-stop service; It issues, or organises the issuance of, investment permits, company registration certificates, entry visas, certificates of origin, construction permits, etc.

The investor must construct the factory within 6 months after having signed the land lease agreement.

"Phase 1 zone" is divided into a "free zone" and a "promotion zone". The free zone is for export-orientated businesses that export more than 75pc of their manufactured goods. Such businesses enjoy the most tax benefits, in particular an exemption from income tax for seven (instead of five) years, a 50pc reduction of the income tax rate for the following five years, and duty-free import of construction materials, raw materials, machines and other goods used in the construction of the factory or the production process.

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## IN BRIEF

### Little action in Tarmwe township

TARMWE apartments have so far escaped the torrent of speculation driving up prices in many areas of Yangon, according to realtors.

Purchasing prices have increased about 10 percent over the last year, but the rental market is stable, said Ko Tun Tun from Phoenix real estate agency.

"There's a lot of apartments available in Tarmwe so the prices haven't increased too much," he said.

Many consumers are also becoming interested in purchasing houses, which generally requires travelling further afield to areas such as South Okkalapa, he said.

Prices have increased over the past year to settle at K150,000 at the lower end.

Local resident Ma San San Htwe said that there are many shops and good transportation links in the area, making it a nice place to live.

- Myat Noe Oo

### Chengdu project makes a bid for Myanmar property buyers

Developers of the Neptune Centre project in Chengdu, China are looking for Myanmar buyers, according to Tan Peng Dareen, marketing director of Luxe real estate.

Touting strong ties between China and Myanmar, the firm claims to be offering office space, serviced apartments, hotels and residential units.

It made its pitch at sales sessions in Yangon on June 6 through 8.

The centre is 31 storeys, comprising a separate serviced apartment block and an office tower. Services apartments between 51 and 99 square metres cost between US\$100,000 and \$150,000, officials said, adding the booking fee is \$4000.

- Tin Yadanar Htun





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# Property

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## OPINION

# Don't forget safety in the building boom



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IF the sheer number of "Safety First" signs were any indication, Yangon's construction sites would be safe places to work. But as a casual stroll past too many development sites reveals, workplace safety is often not the highest priority.

Hardhats and personal protection equipment often go unworn and safety procedures go unfollowed. Undertrained workers operate dangerous equipment. Construction workers' derring-do on bamboo scaffolding often resembles the flying trapeze, without the benefit of a safety net.

Indeed, just last week a 23-year-old man died after falling 15 metres (50 feet) on a construction site, slipping to his death while attaching a fire house on a building in Botahtaung township.

There is no better time than now to discuss health and safety given the construction boom underway in Yangon. Many of the jobs are dangerous, and industry observers say there is a remarkable lack of awareness about safety measures. It is important that the workers building up the city are not forgotten in the development rush.

"It's not only developers but also workers who don't have strong awareness about workplace safety," said Daw Khin Swe Win Ko, managing director of Enchanting Safety Education Centre.

"We need to increase awareness. Without awareness, there will be accidents all the time," she said.

Although there is no disputing that spreading awareness is a main challenge, there is also a financial component with developers' approach to



Workers at a construction site with prominent safety signs should be talking about safety. Photo: Aung Htay Hlaing

workplace safety. Some developers may know the law but decide not to follow it due to costs.

U Aung Ko, a safety officer with AK Safety Group, said a developer in Mandalay approached him claiming that following stricter safety guidelines would cost K3 million, while he expected to pay out about K500,000 in the event of an accidental construction death.

Profits are naturally the prime motivation for developers who are

building much-needed homes and offices, but should not be the sole guiding force for the construction industry. Developers should always take reasonable measures to protect their workers.

"Developers should support safety awareness without focusing on the financial aspects alone," U Aung Ko said at a May 31 seminar. "Workplaces should be safe for everyone."

Many of Myanmar's current laws on workplace safety stretch back

over a half-century, such as the 1951 Factories Act. Ministry of Labour officials began work on a revamped workplace safety law in 2012, though it is still some time away from becoming law. A draft has been submitted to the Union Minister of Labour for approval, said ministry official U Okkar Thein.

Although a revamped law may help the situation, it will require enforcement to be truly effective.

Construction consultant U Soe

Thein said Singapore has a Ministry of Manpower that is effective in pursuing violations of safety regulations, often resulting in fines or orders to stop work if the situation warrants.

"The Myanmar government should both promulgate safety laws and inspect workplaces, as well as spreading awareness," he said.

Yangon's construction scene may be booming, but its workers should not be forgotten in the rush to develop the city.



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“Many US companies still seem to be holding back. They recognise that the economic environment continues to face many challenges.”

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WORLD 36

# Condo Law sent back to the drawing board

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WEAKNESSES in the recently completed draft Condominium Law need to be addressed before it can be promulgated, according to officials from the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Department (DHSHD).

Although it is targeted to become law this year, some in the industry have pointed to a number of problems with the current draft.

Virtually all of Yangon's recently constructed “condos” are not considered condominiums in the draft law as they were not built on freehold or grant land, according to one reading of the law.

“The condo law should clearly set out minimum ownership standards [for the land] to decide what is a condo,” said Daw Moe Thida, assistant director of the housing department under the DHSHD.

“We will submit the law to responsible departments, who will go through it point by point. There are some weak points compared with other international condominium laws,” she added.

The draft Condominium Law had made it as far as the hluttaw before government officials were requested to take another look.

Although the land ownership question is one main concern with the draft, there are a number of other areas needing attention, according to experts.

Daw Moe Thida also said extensive condominium management rules are also not included in the law.

“There are some weak points with condo management. We will point out all the weak points in the law and will upgrade it to make it better,” she said.

Foreign buyers will also be able to own some units in condominiums, but under the current draft only in condos built on freehold and grant land, according to DHSHD Department of Urban and City Planning director Daw Aye Aye Myint.

With most so-called “condominiums” being built on leased land rather than grant or freehold land, they would be off-limits to foreign buyers under the draft law.

“It’s a big question for foreign buyers. Under the former law they couldn’t own land or houses, but in a [revised] condominium law you could see foreigners being allowed to buy condos,” she said.

Moreover, it needs to be clearly laid in the law out how to register land ownership with the DHSHD or Yangon City Development Committee, she said.

Built-Operate-Transfer plans are also often used for new investments, and rules governing this should also be included in a law, said Daw Aye Aye Myint.

What happens when the lease expires is not clear, particularly whether the government will give new leases or extensions to the tenants after the full 70 years currently allowed.

Myanmar Real Estate Service Association general secretary Daw Moh Moh Aung said there are many questions left unanswered, blaming it partially on the self-interest of some drafting the bill.

There are many concerns from developers that the government drafting teams did not address, she said. For instance while condos built on freehold or grant land can be mortgaged, she would like to know if ownership of a condo built under BOT terms can similarly be used as collateral.

“We have to get the best solution from all different sides,” she said.

# Yaw Min Gyi offices to open

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THE York Center office building on Yangon’s Yaw Min Gyi Street aims to open its doors this month, offering minimum six-month leases to firms looking for office space.

Scipio Services has agreed to a management services agreement with the property owner, rather than developing the project through a long-term lease on Build-Operate-Transfer terms often employed by large foreign firms, according to Scipio managing director Brett David Miller.

Long-term leases are suitable for firms with longer horizons, such as hotels, but often have high capital requirements and a permitting process that can be discouraging to smaller foreign investors with shorter investment horizons, he said in a press release.

The firm provides capital for renovation, aiming for increased returns over the management period, while landowners can benefit from equity



Work wraps up on the York Center offices. Photo: Yu Yu

appreciation, the release said.

“Our clients looking for commercial space in Yangon told us they wanted optimal office sizes, flexible and affordable lease terms and to be in a professional-looking building in a great location,” said Mr Miller.

Initially built as a residence for the Pyi Thu Sanda Medicine family in 1972, it was built by the same engineer behind Karaweik Hall on Kandawgyi Lake.

Purchased by a new owner in 1981, it was a residence until 1990 when Korean firm Daewoo used it as an office building. In 2012, Daewoo vacated the premises, with Scipio renovating the property in 2014.

The three-storey building is 18,000 square feet, with up to nine separate offices, and is located on the former York Street – now Yaw Min Gyi Street – near the Park Royal Hotel in Dagon township.



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It has large windows allowing plenty of natural light, and a prominent balcony directed toward downtown Yangon that offers a pleasant place to relax in the evening. There's a large kitchen and dining room.

A well-kept green garden and impressive fountain will be the perfect place to host an evening party.

Built in the western fashion, the brand new house comes with the range of amenities you'd expect, including air conditioners, telephone land lines and municipal water. It is not completely furnished but comes with beds, bureaus and some tables and chairs.

Its Mayangone location is a little out of downtown, not far from the Ocean shopping centre at North Point.

— Tin Yadanar Htun

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## Telenor SIM cards set to arrive in September

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TELENOR will launch their K1500 SIM cards in September, CEO Petter Furberg announced last week. The over-the-counter sales will require no pre-registration.

"The fixed-price cards will work immediately on insertion into the phone," he said, adding that the cards would be sold to anyone producing an identification card.

Mr. Furberg said "The 3G network will normally provide 700kbps to 1Mbps in peak hours, and 4-6Mbps in off-peak hours. The 2G network will normally provide 100Kbps to 150Kbps with traffic."

He said 4G LTE services would be on offer once enough LTE-enabled phones had entered the market.

The Telenor network will com-

prise 8000 base stations. The construction of the first 1000 would be the most challenging task, he said.

Though Telenor is promising that consumers will be able to buy as many SIMs as they wish, Mr. Furberg dismissed any worries about the SIM card black markets that have bedevilled MPT attempts to give away cheapcards, saying that the sheer volume of SIMs being released will make reselling unlikely.

"We don't expect a black market in our cards because we have so many outlets and anybody can buy them freely, even in rural areas."

Both Telenor and Ooredoo were awarded licences to operate telcoms services in February. Ooredoo has announced plans to launch their SIM cards and complete 400 towers during the third quarter of 2014.

TAIPEI

## Smartwear revolution promises healthier lives

### New wearable devices

GoMore

Bomdic  
Chest strap

Measures training intensity, converts readings to an assessment of stamina

Monitors heart rate, tracks movement and energy levels

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Gear Fit

Samsung  
Wristband

Activity tracker with smartphone notifications

Heart rate monitor, pedometer

Connects with various Galaxy phones and tablets

SmartFit  
Sonostar

Wristband, waistband clip or shoe clip

Tracks daily activity

Calories burned, steps taken, distance traveled, sleep quality

Accompanying software analyses data collected

Liquid Leap

Acer

Wristband

Fitness tracker with smartphone notifications

Distance walked, calories burned, music control

Synched to Liquid

Jade

Android smartphone

BioMan

AiQ

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Biomonitoring

Capable of tracking heart rate, vital signs, calories burned

Stainless steel fibres woven through textile, connects to smart device via Bluetooth

Source: PCWorld/techhive.com/  
AiQ/Acer/Samsung/Sonaster  
AFP



### IN PICTURES

The robot 'Pepper' was unveiled in Tokyo last week. Developers claim it can understand and respond to 60-80 percent of small-talk. It will go sale next February with a price of 198,000 yen. Photo: AFP

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The technology will appeal to sports fans, but it is Taiwan's bus drivers who will be the first to benefit, when companies ask them to wear smart shirts later this year in a move that could prevent accidents.

"We will provide a shirt which can monitor the drivers in case they are falling asleep, or in case any vital signs are not OK, and it will provide a signal or a warning to the bus company," said AiQ vice president Steve Huang.

The clothing was trialled for a year on discharged hospital patients to track their condition and it received positive feedback from wearers, he added.

But analysts and consumers still have reservations about whether smartwear can really tell us the truth about our bodies.

"Current sensors are not very accurate, but there will be improvements," said Mr. Matte.

Samsung unveiled a new digital health technology platform last week that uses sensors to track a range of body functions such as heart rate and blood pressure.

And another giant of the sector, Apple, also launched its 'Health' app last week, with speculation mounting it will move into hardware later this year.

Leading Taiwan tech firm Acer also revealed its first wearable at Computex - a fitness-tracking wristband

which links to a smartphone.

But while tech firms jump on the health-monitoring bandwagon there are questions over how the huge flow of data from the new devices will be handled.

"There is a massive opportunity to analyse and monetise the large amounts of data that wearable sensors and platforms will generate. Privacy is always a concern," said Mr. Matte.

Huang acknowledged the tension between the potential commercial benefit for smartwear firms and the risk of invading users' privacy.

"There will be a lot of legal and moral issues," he said.

Tech companies are also emphasising the potential benefits of analysis to help users make sense of their data, and the possibility of linking up with experts who can give them feedback.

"Maybe we will cooperate with some medical [institutions] like hospitals to improve this kind of product and to do something to really help people - this has been talked about at Sonostar," said Paula Luh at the Taiwanese firm's stand.

Sonostar was showing its new brightly coloured SmartFit trackers - silicone wristbands with a pop-out coin-sized sensor which is battery-powered and designed to be worn all day, monitoring everything from steps

taken to sleep patterns.

The device has one year's memory storage, said Mr. Luh, who added that users' privacy would be protected through a registering and sign-in procedure to access their personal data online.

Smart wearables could also be set to re-educate athletes away from a "no pain no gain" approach, with one new device at Computex claiming to be able to measure "stamina" so that it can warn racers when they might be pushing too hard.

"We detect the current flowing through your heart ... then we use our algorithm and transfer the raw information into stamina," said Kuo Hsin-fu of Taiwanese start-up Bomdic, which makes the clip-on Bluetooth "GoMore" device.

By analysing the user's heart activity the device can predict lactic acid build-up and other physical factors which can affect performance, said Mr. Kuo, with stamina shown as a percentage level.

"Most of the [smart] bands focus on general users, but our target audience is athletes. The ones who have tried it love it - it's good for training and competition efficiency," he added.

"We are doing everything that other sports apps can do, but more."

- AFP

## Local app wants to replace Facebook

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FACEBOOK is about to take it on the chin from a local competitor, a Yangon social network company claims. Doe Myanmar will eventually surpass Facebook as this country's main social network, sales and marketing manager U Wai Yan Min Zaw told *The Myanmar Times* last week.

"Doe is a social network and

website developed to international standards. In the five months since it was released, we've notched up 100,000 customers ... We'll beat Facebook," said U Wai Yan Min Zaw.

A mobile app, Doe resembles Twitter as well as Facebook. Members can post photos, status and comments on the site in the Myanmar language, receiving one point for each post or activity. The points can be used for online shopping, to

be launched in the next two months.

"If you've got a lot of points, you buy a shirt, hat or shoes and more in our mobile shopping centre," he said.

Facebook currently has 1 million users out of the country's estimated 4 million mobile users. Doe is aiming for an eventual customer base of 1.5 million, said U Wai Yan Min Zaw.

Doe can be bought from the Google store for Android or the Apple store for iOS.



Gadget Round-up

by Myo Satt

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# Acer boss retires for a second time

IT's deja vu for Acer's founder Stan Shih as he prepares to step down again later this month – he retired 10 years ago, but returned to take back the reins of the struggling Taiwanese personal computer maker.

Since his comeback as chair and interim president late last year – which he always billed as a temporary measure – the company has gone through a painful restructuring, after two top executives quit over the firm's poor performance.

But with Acer swinging back to profit in the first quarter of this year, following three consecutive losses, 69-year-old Mr Shih says he is looking forward, not back.

"I don't like to waste my mind on regret. I don't have time," he told AFP in an interview at Acer headquarters in Taipei, where industry leaders from all over the world are gathered for Computex, Asia's largest tech trade show.

"You have to always look ahead, always be positive. It's your choice, your destiny. You have to enjoy life."

Mr Shih founded Acer in 1976 and built it into the world's second-largest PC maker in its heyday, and one of the best known Taiwanese brands internationally, before retiring in 2004.

But its fortunes have worsened in recent years as sales have been hit by competition from Apple and other rivals, as well as shrinking demand for PCs.

Ahead of Computex, Acer launched its new Build Your Own Cloud (BYOC) service, touting it as the future of cloud computing, whereby individuals can access information stashed online instead of their computer hard drives.

It also revealed a fitness-tracking

wristband, its first ever wearable device.

With this new vision Mr Shih has predicted the company will "return to glory" by 2017 – still with a clear commitment to its PC-making roots.

He says there is now a better sense of teamwork and entrepreneurship at Acer, where senior executives took voluntary salary cuts of 30 percent as part of the overhaul.

"Before I made the decision [to return] it was a headache – my wife didn't agree, but no one accepted my invitation to the chairmanship. I asked many people. We tried every other possible way, but there was no choice," says Mr Shih.

"The main reason I came back was my personal social responsibility, not my investment.

"There are so many shareholders, so many employees and partners under Acer."

The father-of-three and grandfather-of-eight will step down as chair at a board meeting on June 18, but will remain a board member. Co-founder George Huang will take his place as chairman.

Chip expert Jason Chen became president and CEO in December and Mr Shih's son Maverick heads up the company's BYOC and tablet group.

"I have a new chairman, new CEO, new management team. Of course it's just beginning, but it looks as though everything is shaping up," says Mr Shih.

"I think all our efforts have had a good result – it's too early to claim an achievement, but we're encouraged."

Mr Shih added, "At some point, you have to retire." – AFP

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## CAEN

## Leaders gather for D-Day anniversary

WORLD leaders joined veterans in northern France last week to mark 70 years since the D-Day landings on June 6, as talks over the Ukraine crisis went on behind the scenes.

US President Barack Obama and Russia's Vladimir Putin were among the leaders expected to attend along with Britain's Queen Elizabeth II.

Around 1 million members of the public were due to attend ceremonies to remember the 1944 Allied landings, which hastened the defeat of Nazi Germany.

An international ceremony of remembrance on the beach at Ouistreham in Normandy was planned to include some 1800 veterans.

On June 5 the spotlight was firmly on those who risked their lives in launching the invasion, the largest sea assault in military history, to liberate Europe from Nazism.

Most of those WWII combatants are now in their 90s. One veteran, Jock Hutton, celebrated in a unique way by parachuting to the same spot he landed on as an 19-year-old, this time with a member of the Red Devils strapped to his back for safety.

Wearing a bright red jumpsuit, the 89-year-old touched down lightly on the grass just in front of the waiting Prince Charles, dusted himself down briskly and removed his helmet.

"I was hoping there'd be some Calvados," he quipped on arrival.

"At my age, life tends to get a wee bit boring. So you've got to grab at any chance at excitement," he said.

As colonel-in-chief of the Parachute Regiment, Prince Charles, the heir to the British throne, led the tributes to those in the first wave of air landings shortly after midnight on June 6.

Wearing a field marshal's uniform, he, along with his wife Camilla, chatted at length to veterans, many of whom were confined to wheelchairs.

The royal couple then hopped into a motor gunboat, one of the lead boats on the approach to Sword Beach on the historic day seven decades ago.

"Did you jump here?" the prince asked paratrooper Raymond Shuck. "And in the right place?" he joked, in reference to the fact that several parachutists landed in completely the wrong place in the darkness and confusion of the assault.

Queen Elizabeth, who has cut back her engagements recently due to her advancing years, received a warm welcome from hundreds of well-wishers as she alighted at the Gare du Nord

in Paris in a cream-white coat and matching hat on June 5.

After a quick change into a pink outfit, she took part in a ceremony at the eternal flame at the Arc de Triomphe which marks the grave of the unknown soldier, before taking tea with French President François Hollande at the Elysée Palace.

While the focus of the commemorations was on the veterans, world leaders embarked on a frenzied round of shuttle diplomacy over the Ukraine crisis.

Mr Putin returned to the international centre stage on June 5, holding his first meetings with Western leaders since the eruption of the Ukraine crisis.

The Russian leader, who has been cold-shouldered by the United States and its allies since the March annexation of Crimea, met both British Prime Minister David Cameron and Mr Hollande on a night of gastro-diplomacy in Paris on June 5.

On the sidelines of the June 6 ceremonies, German Chancellor Angela Merkel was also to have her own tête-à-tête with Mr Putin.

World War II veteran Ernest "Ernie" Stringer, attending the June 5 events, spoke of his terror as he piled out of a low-flying military aircraft in pitch darkness 70 years ago.

"I was dead scared. You don't know what's going to happen to you. You are jumping blind. You don't know where the Germans are," Mr Stringer, who was 19 at the time, said.

"As it happened we were virtually surrounded but we didn't know that. And they didn't know we were there either!" he added.

Many of those who jumped before him were not so lucky. The man ahead of Mr Stringer hit a wall and broke his arm. Several died on impact, with no time to open their chutes as the planes were flying so low.

More than 156,000 troops waded or parachuted onto French soil on June 6, 1944. Nearly 4500 would be dead by the end of the day.

US, French and Dutch soldiers took part at an evening ceremony at Utah beach, on the western edge of the invasion site, and a huge firework display lit up the Normandy coastline to mark the first bombing raids.

Mr Stringer said he had been several times to events marking D-Day but his circle of contemporaries was shrinking fast.

"You keep looking for your friends. Always wondering who's missing, because there's so few left."



## IN PICTURES

An Israeli police officer aims his gun at Palestinian protesters during 1967 Six Day War, at Damascus Gate in Arab east Jerusalem on June day in retaliation for the formation of a Palestinian unity government the Palestinians' ire. *Photo: AFP*

## BANGKOK

## Fugitive pro-democra faces two years jail aft

THAILAND'S junta said on June 6 that it had captured a fugitive anti-coup leader facing possible imprisonment, as the ruling generals seek to stamp out any criticism of their seizure of power.

Sombat Boonngamanong, who spearheaded an online campaign to stage illegal flashmob rallies against the military takeover, was arrested on June 5 in Chonburi southeast of Bangkok, army spokesperson Sirichan Ngathong said.

"We have a team who tracked him through the internet," she said.

Mr Sombat faces charges of defying an order to report to the junta, which carries a possible punishment of two years in prison.

He is expected to be detained at an army facility for up to one week for questioning and then brought before a military court.

Mr Sombat was one of several hundred politicians, activists, academics and journalists summoned

by the junta, formally known as the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO), following the May 22 coup.

Those who attended were detained in secret locations for up to a week and ordered to cease political activities.

Mr Sombat, a prominent pro-democracy activist, refused to turn himself in, instead posting a message on Facebook saying, "Catch me if you can."

Since then he has urged followers to stage peaceful public demonstrations, flashing the three-finger salute from 'The Hunger Games' films that has become a symbol of defiance against the junta.

"The military manhunt and arrest of Mr Sombat shows the NCPO's shameful refusal to recognise basic rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly," said Brad Adams, Asia director of New York-based Human Rights Watch.

"Next we'll see a travesty of justice as the NCPO drags him in front of a military tribunal that resembles a kangaroo court more than a proper court of law."

Mr Sombat is the leader of a faction of the "Red Shirts" movement, which broadly supports fugitive former premier Thaksin Shinawatra and his sister Yingluck, who was deposed as prime minister last month.

His supporters reacted to news of his arrest with dismay.

"What has he done wrong? Did he kill anybody?" one follower wrote on his Facebook page.

A former minister in Ms Yingluck's ousted cabinet who also refused to answer the summons appeared in a military court June 6 and was again denied bail, his family said.

Ex-education minister Chaturon Chaisang was detained by soldiers in a dramatic swoop on a press conference late last month, minutes after criticising the coup.



French President Francois Hollande (right) welcomes his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin for a meeting at the Elysée Palace in Paris on June 5. *Photo: AFP*





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a rally marking “Naksa Day”, the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 5. Israel unveiled plans for 3200 settler homes that same backed by Hamas and the international community, raising

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If convicted, he could be imprisoned.  
“He shouldn’t be put in jail just because he has different views to the junta,” his sister Titima Chaisang said.  
Ms Yingluck was herself summoned and held temporarily at an undisclosed location after the coup.  
The junta says she has since been released and allowed to return home although she remains under military supervision.  
Ms Yingluck had faced nearly seven months of mass opposition protests leading up to the coup. Shootings and grenade attacks linked to the rallies left 28 people dead and hundreds wounded, including many opposition demonstrators.  
The junta has imposed martial law, media censorship and a night-time curfew as part of what it says is an attempt to end years of political turmoil and “return

happiness” to the people.  
Critics see the coup as a pretext for a long-planned power grab by the military-backed royalist establishment to purge politics of the influence of Mr Thaksin, who was himself ousted by the army in 2006.  
The billionaire tycoon-turned-populist politician lives in Dubai to avoid jail for a corruption conviction.  
Mr Thaksin or his allies have won every election in more than a decade. The junta has said new polls are not expected for at least a year.  
The coup-makers said on June 6 they were planning to scrap the curfew soon in four more tourist destinations, Hua Hin, Cha-Am, Hat Yai and Krabi, and lift the measure for the rest of the country as soon as possible.  
On June 3 they lifted it in the beach resorts of Pattaya, Koh Samui and Phuket. – *AFP*

BRUSSELS

G7 fears over European jihadist attacks spark security clampdown

LEADERS of the Group of Seven industrialised nations decided June 5 to tighten defenses against the risk of terror attacks by European jihadists returning from the Syrian front.  
“We have agreed to intensify efforts to address the issue of foreign fighters travelling to and from Syria,” British Prime Minister David Cameron said at the close of a G7 summit.  
He said talks were taking place with Syria’s neighbours to strengthen their borders in the wake of an attack on the Jewish Museum in Brussels late last month believed to be the work of a young French jihadist fighter recently returned from Syria.  
French President Francois Hollande said more than 30 French fighters had already died on the Syrian battlefield. Almost 800 French citizens are believed to have signed up to fight President Bashar al-Assad’s regime.  
Mr Hollande too said it was essential “to cooperate to prevent, dissuade and punish” foreign fighters “who can undermine our security”.  
“We have unfortunately just had proof of that,” Mr Hollande added in reference to the Brussels attack, the first such incident in the city in three decades.  
It is suspected to be the work of a 29-year-old Frenchman, Mehdi Nemmouche, who spent more than a year fighting with radical jihadists in Syria.  
The May 24 attack in the heart of Brussels was also raised in talks between US President Barack Obama and Belgian premier Elio Di Rupo.  
“We resolve to intensify our efforts to address the threat arising from foreign fighters travelling to Syria,” a statement from the seven G7 leaders said.



British Prime Minister David Cameron (left) and US President Barack Obama hold a joint press conference during the G7 Summit at the European Council in Brussels, on June 5. Photo: AFP

The Brussels attack killed three people outright and left a fourth clinically dead.  
Europe can expect further “small-scale attacks” like the Brussels shooting, the EU’s anti-terror chief Gilles de Kerchove said this week.  
“I don’t expect another 9/11,” he said. “I don’t expect a major sophisticated attack.”  
But with more than 2000 Europeans in Syria or on their way there, receiving military training and becoming more radicalised, the Brussels attack was “very, very worrying” for Europe’s future security, he said.  
Around 400 British nationals, 320 Germans and 200 Belgians are believed to have left for Syria.  
On June 5, home affairs ministers from nine European nations – Austria, Belgium, Britain, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden – agreed to step up efforts to identify potential volunteers, slow their departure and track them on return, and share information with each other.  
Though long rejected by the

European Parliament, one idea is to agree a European Passenger Name Record (PNR) system, enabling countries to swap data on all airline passengers that notably could help trace would-be terrorists.  
The suspect being held in France returned to Europe via Thailand and Malaysia, landing in Germany.  
German Home Affairs Minister Thomas de Maiziere said the gunman was checked secretly when he landed in Frankfurt.  
“Germany then gave a hint to France, but the attack happened nevertheless.”  
“We thought about consequences from that,” he said at talks with counterparts in Luxembourg. “Are these secret hints right? Is it maybe better to stop these people? How can we manage the exchange of information better? Do we need a European PNR system?”  
“The abstract threat by foreign fighters became a concrete danger and we have to draw consequences from that.”

HANOI

Vietnam film shows Chinese boat attack and sink vessel

VIETNAM has released dramatic footage showing a large Chinese ship chasing and ramming one of its fishing boats which then sank near an oil rig in contested waters.  
The communist neighbours have traded accusations over the May 26 sinking incident, with Hanoi decrying an “inhuman act” by China, which blamed intrusion by the Vietnamese vessel.  
The video images, shot from a nearby Vietnamese vessel, show a much larger Chinese ship racing after a small wooden Vietnamese fishing boat, ramming into it and causing it to tip over and sink.  
Vietnamese officials have said the 10 fishermen on board were rescued by nearby vessels after the incident, which occurred about 12 nautical miles (2.22 kilometres) southwest of the oil rig.  
Vietnam said on June 5 that Chinese vessels guarding the oil rig

had injured 12 people, including the 10 on the sunken boat, and damaged 24 Vietnamese law enforcement vessels since the standoff began in early May.  
An additional 12 fishing vessels have been damaged, according to Ha Le, deputy head of Vietnam Fisheries Surveillance Department.  
“They were prevented from fishing, threatened by Chinese vessels, had their equipment destroyed and the crews were brutally treated,” he said.  
Relations between Vietnam and China have plummeted over the oil rig’s presence, which has worsened an increasingly heated dispute over territorial claims in the area.  
The oil rig is positioned in the vicinity of the contested Paracel Islands, which are known as Hoang Sa in Vietnam and called Xisha by Beijing.  
“Every day, China has between 30 and 137 boats around the oil rig, including six warships,” said Ngo Ngoc

Thu, the deputy commander of the Vietnam Coast Guard.  
“Vietnamese ships are being restrained ... and trying to avoid China’s ramming,” he said, adding that Vietnam had not been using water cannon against Chinese boats.  
Tensions over the oil rig sparked violent anti-Chinese riots in Vietnam last month. Beijing says four Chinese citizens died in the unrest, while Vietnam says three Chinese died.  
Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung has said China’s placement of the rig in the contested area “seriously threatened peace”.  
China claims nearly all of the South China Sea, even waters approaching the coasts of its neighbours, and has become increasingly assertive in staking those claims.  
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**ABUJA**

Mothers of some of the more than 200 schoolgirls abducted by Boko Haram from their school in Nigeria's northeastern Borno state attend a forum organised by NGOs in Lagos, on June 5, as three of the schoolgirls who escaped sit in the background covered in white sheets to protect their identities. Photo: AFP

## Up to 500 feared killed in Boko Haram rampage

HUNDREDS of people are feared dead in a suspected Boko Haram attack on four villages in northeast Nigeria, in the latest upsurge in violence claiming increasing numbers of civilian lives.

Some community leaders put the death toll from the June 3 attacks in the Gwoza district of Borno state as high as 400 to 500, although there was no independent verification because of poor communications in the remote area.

If confirmed, the attacks in the villages of Goshe, Attagara, Agapalwa and Aganjara would be among the deadliest in the Islamists' five-year insurgency topping the more than 300 who were killed on May 5 in nearby Gamboru Ngala.

"The killings are massive but nobody can give a toll for now because nobody has been able to go to that place because the insurgents are still there. They have taken over the whole area," said lawmaker Peter Biye.

"There are bodies littered over the whole area and people have fled," added Mr Biye, who represents Gwoza in Nigeria's lower chamber of parliament, the House of Representatives.

Boko Haram's bloody reign of terror in northeast Nigeria is forcing 800 people to flee from their homes every day and has claimed more than 3000 lives in the past year, the Geneva-based Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) said.

Another 45 people were killed when suspected Boko Haram gunmen pretending to be itinerant preachers opened fire on a crowd in the village of Bardi near the Borno state capital, Maiduguri, on June 4.

One survivor, Mallam Bunu, said, "They ... lied to us that they had come to preach to us and when almost all the villagers had gathered, another set of insurgents emerged from nowhere and

opened fire on the congregation before we all scampered for safety."

On June 5 four people were killed near the home of a state governor in northeast Nigeria when a pick-up truck loaded with grain bags exploded, a government source told AFP.

The blast happened near the private residence of Gombe state governor Ibrahim Dankwambo in the upscale Government Reserve area of the state capital.

Gombe state borders Borno, Yobe and Adamawa, which have been at the centre of the Islamist violence.

A separate attack was reported on June 5 in the town of Madagali, just 25 kilometres (15 miles) by road from Gwoza in Adamawa state.

Gunmen razed a Roman Catholic church and torched a local government office after firing at troops manning a nearby checkpoint, said the chair of the local government in the town, Maina Ularamu.

No deaths had been confirmed, he added, although one resident reported that two civilians were killed in the crossfire.

Reports from Gwoza said the insurgents were stealing livestock and food and burning property with impunity, despite a year-long state of emergency in the restive region.

"Hundreds of dead bodies are lying there ... because there is nobody that will bury them," said one community leader in Attagara, who requested anonymity.

He said the attackers on June 2 only spared women and that young boys were "snatched from the backs of their mothers and killed".

Men, women and children fled the villages but gunmen on motorcycles tracked them down, shooting as they ran, he added.

Gwoza shares a border with Cameroon and is surrounded by mountains

and the Sambisa forest, a known Boko Haram stronghold and the focus for a Nigerian military search for more than 200 schoolgirls kidnapped on April 14.

Many people fled across the border as soldiers were deployed to fight the heavily armed Islamists, who hoisted their black flag over at least seven villages, Mr Biye said on June 3.

The community leader described the situation as a grave "humanitarian crisis", while others called for relief agencies to be allowed in to enable the dead to be buried.

Another elder, Zakari Habu, said women and the elderly were in desperate need of food, water, medication and shelter.

Nigeria's National Emergency Relief Agency (NEMA) has previously said the country faces huge pressures in dealing with internally displaced people from Boko Haram attacks.

The IDMC, run by the Norwegian Refugee Council, added that 3.3 million Nigerians have been driven from their homes by the insurgency and other violence.

Military jets bombarded Boko Haram positions in the affected area to try to flush out the insurgents, Mr Biye said on June 4.

In mainly Muslim Goshe, where the entire village of about 300 homes was razed along with several mosques, local resident Abba Goni said "at least 100 people were killed".

Bulus Yashi, who lives in predominantly Christian Attagara, said the attack seemed to be a reprisal for when four Boko Haram gunmen were killed after they opened fire on a church, leaving nine dead.

Another attempted raid on May 25 had been repelled, killing seven Boko Haram gunmen, he said.

- AFP

**DAMASCUS**

## Assad claims victory as election slammed

SYRIAN President Bashar al-Assad won a new seven-year term with nearly 90 percent of a vote in a poll branded "illegitimate" by the opposition and a "non-election" by Washington.

Mr Assad said on June 5 that "the high turnout was a strong message to the West and the countries implicated in the war on Syria".

Official figures put turnout for the June 3 election, which was contested only in government-held areas, at more than 73pc.

"The Syrian people ... are

determined to choose their fate on their own and look to the future," the re-elected leader said in a meeting with an Iranian parliamentary delegation.

Tens of thousands took to the streets in government-held areas of Syria. As celebratory gunfire erupted in the capital and loyalist areas across Syria, at least 10 people were killed as the bullets fell back to earth, said the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

A source close to the regime told AFP Mr Assad would be sworn in for a third term on July 17.

The main opposition National Coalition called the vote illegitimate and pledged, "The people are continuing in their revolution until its goals of freedom, justice and democracy are reached."

British Foreign Secretary William Hague described the election as an insult.

"Assad lacked legitimacy before this election, and he lacks it afterwards," he said.

US Secretary of State John Kerry called the elections "non-elections" - AFP





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## SYDNEY

## Boatmen jailed over fatal refugee journey

TWO Indonesian nationals were sentenced on June 5 to six and nine years in jail in Australia for people-smuggling, after a doomed venture in which more than 100 people drowned.

The men were not charged with organising the people-smuggling venture or with the deaths of any passengers who perished when the boat sank off Christmas Island in June 2012.

Boy Djara, thought to be aged 26 or 27, was effectively second in charge on the boat which was crammed with more than 200 asylum-seekers mostly from Pakistan and Afghanistan when it sank.

He was found guilty of six counts of people-smuggling in Perth District Court and sentenced to nine years in jail, with a non-parole period of six years, a court official confirmed.

His co-accused Justhen, 44, who was a deckhand on the ill-fated voyage and goes by one name, was found guilty of trying to assist illegal non-citizens into Australia and sentenced to six years' jail.

He will be eligible for parole after four years.

Scores of asylum-seekers have drowned when their boats foundered en route to Australia in recent years,

most of them having paid people-smugglers to bring them on wooden vessels from Indonesia.

In the incident in June 2012, the small wooden fishing boat started taking on water and eventually capsized about 200 kilometres (124 miles) from Australia's Indian Ocean territory of Christmas Island.

Australian authorities rescued 110 people, but the rest could not be saved.

In sentencing, Judge Patrick O'Neal said the vessel was overloaded and carrying life jackets which were not suitable for the open sea.

"If sheep or cattle had been transported like this, people would have rightly lined the wharves ... to protest," Mr O'Neal said in sentencing comments reported by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

Australia tightened its rules regarding asylum-seekers following a series of sinkings, with those arriving by boat now refused resettlement in Australia and sent to Papua New Guinea or Nauru.

In July 2013, unrest rocked the centre in Nauru, causing A\$60 million (US\$55 million) in damage and prompting charges against 63 asylum-seekers. — AFP

## PHNOM PENH



Tenth-century statues are presented at a ceremony in Phnom Penh on June 3, where they were welcomed home four decades after they were taken out of the country. Photo: AFP

## Cambodians welcome home historic statues

CAMBODIA has officially welcomed the return of three ancient statues looted from the kingdom more than 40 years ago, including one retrieved after a long legal battle in the United States.

Authorities say the 10<sup>th</sup>-century sandstone artworks were stolen from the Koh Ker temple site near the famed Angkor Wat complex in the 1970s as the country was gripped by civil war.

The statues, part of a nine-strong ensemble, depict warriors Duryodhana and Bhima locked in combat, as well as a bystander called Balarama.

They were recently returned from the US and are considered pieces of extraordinary value to the Cambodian people and part of their cultural heritage.

"In a long 40-year journey, surviving civil wars, looting, smuggling and travelling the world, these three

[statues] have now regained their freedom and returned home," Deputy Prime Minister Sok An said in remarks during a homecoming ceremony on June 3.

"The facts are now established. Their odyssey ends here. These precious symbols of our heritage have returned to their rightful owners," he said.

Mr Sok An said Cambodia would continue to search for three more statues from the Koh Ker site that remain missing.

The statue of Duryodhana was stolen in 1972 and first sold at auction in London in 1975.

It was nearly auctioned again at Sotheby's in New York in March 2011 but the sale was stopped after Cambodian authorities launched an appeal through UNESCO.

The 1.58-metre (5-foot) statue was eventually transferred to the Cambodian government in early

May after a long legal struggle.

The second warrior statue, Bhima, was bought in 1976 by the Norton Simon Museum in California.

After months of discussions, the US museum agreed to return its statue as a "gift" to Cambodia last month.

Balarama was returned as part of an agreement between the Cambodian government and Christie's auction house in the US, according to the Cambodian government.

"These are beautiful works of art ... They also have something to say. They tell a story," said Martin Wilson, a representative from Christie's who attended the ceremony.

The repatriation of the three statues follows the return in June last year of two other Khmer 10<sup>th</sup> century statues known as the "Kneeling Attendants" which Cambodia says were also looted in the 1970s from the Koh Ker temple site. — AFP

## BEIJING

## Nine sentenced to death

CHINA has sentenced nine people to death on terrorism-related charges in its ethnically divided western region of Xinjiang, state media said on June 5, as authorities crack down following several deadly attacks.

Multiple courts in Xinjiang sentenced 81 suspects on various terror-related charges, state broadcaster CCTV said. In the past year Xinjiang, home to the mostly Muslim Uighur minority,

has seen an increase in violent clashes, which Beijing blames on organised terrorist groups seeking independence for the region. Critics say Beijing exaggerates the threat to justify hard-line measures.

Authorities in Xinjiang last week sentenced 55 people for offences including terrorism at a mass sentencing in a stadium attended by about 7000 people. — AFP

## NEW DELHI

## Modi to meet with Obama

INDIA'S new prime minister Narendra Modi will travel to Washington for his first meeting with President Barack Obama in September, media reports said on June 5, as the two leaders look to rebuild strained ties.

Mr Modi, who assumed office last month after a landslide election victory, has accepted the invitation from Mr Obama for discussions and the dates for the meeting were being finalised, the *Times of India* newspaper said.

The *Hindustan Times* said the Indian side had asked for the meeting to be held on September 26, around the time of Mr Modi's maiden address at the UN General Assembly.

"All pending bilateral issues will be discussed in the one-day meeting as Mr Modi is keen to push the relationship forward for its economic returns for India," the English-language daily said, quoting sources.

The election of the Hindu nationalist Mr Modi, 63, posed a headache for the United States which refused him a visa in 2005 when he was chief minister of Gujarat.

The refusal stemmed from claims he turned a blind eye to anti-Muslim riots in the western state three years earlier that killed some 1000 people. Mr Modi denies the allegations.

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## DHARAMSALA

# Free Tibet campaign launched

THE prime minister of Tibet's government-in-exile accused Chinese authorities on June 5 of blanket repression in the Himalayan region as he launched a new campaign for autonomy in his homeland.

"There is total repression and total discrimination" in Tibet, Lobsang Sangay told reporters at his government's headquarters in northern India.

"All this repression is making Tibetans more resentful of the Chinese government's policies and towards the Chinese government and various forms of protests are taking place."

The prime minister was speaking as he and other senior exiles, including the Dalai Lama, gathered to renew their push for a "Middle Way" of peaceful autonomy within China after a four-year hiatus.

US President Barack Obama and other Western leaders have called on Beijing to resume talks with the Dalai Lama's envoys on autonomy that broke down in 2010 after making no headway.

The prime minister, who took over from the Dalai Lama as the political leader of the Tibetan cause in 2011, said it was vital to counter what he called a "misinformation campaign" by Beijing.

"With the 'Middle Way' approach campaign, we are trying to engage the international community, young people, diplomats, media, people from all walks of life across different nations, to counter the Chinese government's misinformation campaign about the policy," he said.

Beijing has ruled Tibet since 1951, a year after invading.

It has already dismissed the renewed push for the "Middle Way" approach, which would include handing Tibetans decision-making positions in the region.

The launch comes after the Dalai Lama, who remains the spiritual leader of Tibetans, called for democracy in China and offered prayers for the Tiananmen Square victims on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the crackdown in Beijing.

## WASHINGTON



Visitors gather on Tiananmen Square in Beijing on June 4, on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy protests when soldiers killed hundreds of unarmed civilians – and by some estimates, more than 1000. Photo: AFP

# Tiananmen 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary sparks call for accountability

THE United States urged China on on June 4 to account for the victims of the Tiananmen Square crackdown 25 years ago, but Beijing accused Washington of blaming its government "for no reason".

The anniversary of the 1989 incident comes amid simmering tensions between the two countries on issues ranging from alleged hacking by the Chinese military into private US firms to Washington's disquiet with what it calls Beijing's aggressive behaviour in the South China Sea.

"Twenty-five years ago, the United States deplored the use of violence to silence the voices of the peaceful demonstrators in and around Tiananmen Square," a White House statement said.

"Twenty-five years later, the United States continues to honor the memories of those who gave their lives in and around

Tiananmen Square and throughout China, and we call on Chinese authorities to account for those killed, detained or missing in connection with the events surrounding June 4, 1989."

Beijing rejected Washington's "total disregard of fact", accusing it of interfering in Chinese domestic politics.

"It blames the Chinese government for no reason, gravely interferes in China's internal affairs and violates the basic norms guiding international relations," foreign ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said.

Mr Hong said China was "strongly dissatisfied with and firmly opposed" to the White House statement and Mr Obama's mention in a speech of how "tanks were crushing peaceful democracy protests in Tiananmen Square" on that fateful day.

"We have lodged solemn representations to the US side," Mr Hong added.

Although welcoming China's economic progress and seeking to maintain good relations, the White House said America will not be shy about airing its differences with China.

The United States will "urge the Chinese government to guarantee the universal rights and fundamental freedoms that are the birthright of all Chinese citizens," it added.

In a separate statement, US Secretary of State John Kerry called for the release of all those serving prison sentences in connection with the events of a quarter-century ago.

The top US diplomat also urged an end to "the ongoing pattern of harassment, detention and official retribution against those who participated in the demonstrations, their family members, and those

who continue to bravely speak out."

"Continued progress will be defined by openness not just to the world, but to the voices and diverse perspectives of China's citizens," Mr Kerry said.

"Open discussion and examination of the events of 1989 and a full public accounting of those killed, detained or missing would be a sign of strength and healing, not weakness and division."

Mr Hong, the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson, said "clear conclusions have been reached on the political incident", according to the Xinhua news agency.

"Hong urged the United States to abandon political bias, stop using the so-called human rights issues to interfere in China's internal affairs and take concrete actions to maintain the development of China-US relationship," it added. – AFP

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SEOUL

# Ferry disaster anger not reflected in poll

SOUTH Korea's ruling party breathed a sigh of relief on June 5 after a better-than-expected showing in local elections seen as a referendum on President Park Geun-Hye's handling of the April ferry disaster.

With counting still continuing from the June 4 nationwide polls, Ms Park's Saenuri Party was set to win eight of the 17 main contests for city mayors and provincial governors.

The main opposition New Politics Alliance for Democracy (NPAD), which had urged a protest vote against Ms Park's response to the *Sewol* ferry tragedy in which 300 people died, had won or was leading in nine races.

Ms Park's administration was sharply criticised for its handling of the *Sewol* disaster and the polls were the first real opportunity to measure the severity of the political fallout on a national level.

As well as retaining posts in its traditional regional strongholds, the Saenuri Party managed to win a number of battleground contests in Incheon city and Gyeonggi province.

"I believe we put up a good defence even in the midst of the *Sewol* disaster," party secretary general Yoon Sang-Hyun told reporters.

The high popularity ratings Ms Park has enjoyed since taking office in February 2013 have been hammered by the sinking of the 6825-tonne *Sewol* on April 16, the defining moment of her presidency so far.

Initial investigations exposed a culture of institutional negligence, greed and incompetence that contributed to the scale of the tragedy, in which most of the victims were schoolchildren.

Although these problems have roots stretching back decades, Ms Park and her officials became a default focus for much of the public grief and anti-establishment anger.

As a result, local issues were largely pushed aside in the June 5 elections,



South Korean Confucian scholar Yoo Bok-Yeob (third from right) and members of his family wearing traditional dress cast their votes during local elections at a polling station in Nosan, 150 kilometres (93 miles) south of Seoul, on June 4. Photo: AFP

as the rival parties concentrated on attacking and defending the president's reputation.

While the NPAD asked voters to hold Ms Park responsible, the ruling party urged them to support the president's vow to overhaul the country's safety infrastructure.

With emotions still running high

over the *Sewol*, some had expected a particularly strong turnout.

But a provisional figure of around 56.8 percent was only slightly up from 54.5pc in 2010.

If the NPAD was disappointed that the hoped-for backlash never materialised, there was some consolation in its victory in the election's most high-

profile race for Seoul city mayor.

The popular incumbent Park Won-Soon won comfortably over his Saenuri Party challenger to hold on to what is seen as the most powerful political office outside the central government.

"My election is the victory of all citizens who, in their grief over the

*Sewol*, demanded fundamental change," Ms Park told celebrating supporters.

The office of Seoul mayor has taken on extra importance since former president Lee Myung-Bak used it as a springboard for his successful run to the Blue House.

— AFP

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## SINGAPORE

# Foreign affairs not our affairs says minister after sex-refund request

Consular head reports a series of bizarre pleas for help from Singaporeans abroad

THE foreign minister of Singapore has urged the country's globetrotting citizens to avoid misusing consular services abroad, revealing "odd requests" including one man who demanded help to get a refund for bad sex.

K Shanmugam said on June 5 that the number of overseas trips made by Singaporeans had surged to 7 million in 2013, compared to 3.6 million a decade ago.

"We handled over 3000 consular cases last year. Many cases are genuine. But sometimes we do get odd requests," he said in a Facebook post.

In one instance, Mr Shanmugam said a Singaporean sought Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) intervention "for a refund after he had gotten illegal sexual services in a foreign

country".

"He wasn't satisfied with what he had gotten. We had to tell him that MFA could not help."

Mr Shanmugam said the ministry also declined to intervene when a man demanded an investigation over alleged racial discrimination while overseas.

The man had claimed "he received a smaller piece of KFC chicken compared to what the locals had".

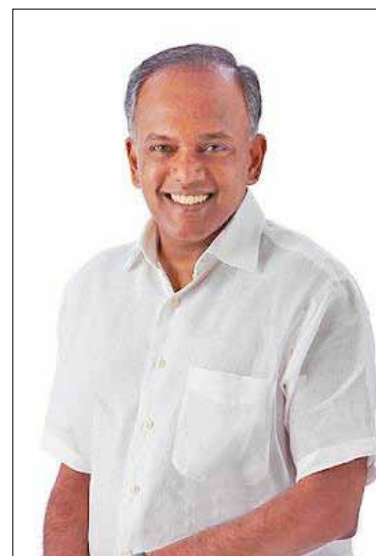
"He wanted MFA to investigate this instance and seek justice in that foreign country for the unfair treatment he claimed to have received," Mr Shanmugam said.

In another case, a Singaporean man was turned away by consular officers after he implored their help to persuade his foreign girlfriend to divorce her husband, so that he could marry her.

"We want Singaporeans to marry and have children. But there are limits," wrote Mr Shanmugam. "We have to draw the line between what is personal responsibility and what's not."

The light-hearted post was shared widely, with one Facebook user describing it as an account of "the entitlement mentality of some Singaporeans".

The MFA has 49 overseas missions and 30 honorary consuls-general, servicing some of the large proportion



K Shanmugam. Photo: Missylaw

of Singaporean's 3.31 million citizens who travel regularly.

Singapore followed Britain's lead in divulging some of the odder requests filed to its diplomats abroad.

In May last year, the British Foreign Office said its embassies had been asked if they could silence a noisy cockerel, order an unfit husband to shape up and check out the credentials of a woman one man had met online.

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## IN PICTURES

Sri Lankan residents look out the window of their home at floodwaters in Matugama, some 64km (40 miles) south of Colombo on June 3, after heavy monsoon rains caused havoc in the western, southern and central regions of the island. Official figures show at least 18 people were killed after stronger-than-usual monsoon rains. *Photo: AFP*

## BONN

# Europe calls for step-up on carbon cuts

UN members launched a new round of climate talks on June 4 with Europe demanding early action to tame carbon emissions, two days after the United States unveiled a longer-term plan.

"Although we are already looking beyond the current decade, it is also crucial to step up action before 2020," the European Union's climate commissioner, Connie Hedegaard, said.

The EU is on track to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases in 2020 by about 24 percent over 1990 levels, more than its targeted cut of 20pc, she said.

The "overachievement" amounts to a saving of some 5.5 billion tonnes of carbon overall.

"We are making a significant contribution to closing the 'ambition gap' between what the world needs to do and what countries intend to do by the end of this decade," Ms Hedegaard said.

"We ask other major economies to come forward with concrete ways to step up their ambition."

The Bonn meeting is aimed at clearing some roadblocks to a post-2020 global pact on dangerous man-made carbon emissions.

The 12-day session under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is also supposed to ramp up pledges for tackling emissions before 2020.

In March, the UN's top scientific panel warned that action in the next few years may dictate whether the target of limiting warming to 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) will be met easily and affordably, or at greater economic pain and human cost.

Key components of pre- and post-2020 action are to be fleshed out in Lima in December, preceded in September by a special summit at the UN in New York hosted by Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.

On June 2, US President Barack Obama unveiled his most ambitious action yet on climate change.

He proposed ordering cuts of up to 30pc in emissions from power plants by 2030 compared to levels in 2005, a benchmark far higher than that of Europe, which uses 1990.

An analysis by specialists in Germany said Mr Obama's plan, if implemented, would be a boost toward meeting pledges the US made in 2010, but would still leave it far short of the goal.

Much of the reduction from power plants would likely be offset by increases in emissions in transport, industry and agriculture.

"While the proposal is welcome, it is insufficient to meet the US's pledges of 17pc reduction of all greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 and is inconsistent with its long-term target of 83pc below 2005 level by 2050," said Niklas Hoehne of Ecofys, which crunched the

numbers.

The new global climate deal, to be finalised next year, will have to deliver very deep cuts to meet the 2C target, the analysis added, reaching zero greenhouse emissions somewhere between 2060 and 2080.

"For the energy and industry sectors, the deadline for reaching zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions should be faster, as early as 2045 and no later than 2065," it warned.

Although the UN community generally agrees on the risks from climate change, action to tackle the peril has sparked bitter fights. Reducing carbon pollution carries an economic cost in energy efficiency and conversion to non-fossil sources, and countries are deeply divided over who should shoulder most of the bill.

The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warns that by 2100 the planet could be up to 4.8C warmer and sea levels 26-82

centimetres (10-32 inches) higher.

Conflict, hunger, floods and mass displacement from coastal erosion could be the likely result, it says.

Representatives of the world's poorest countries and small island states - considered to be the most vulnerable to climate change - said the Bonn talks represent a chance to forge ahead on the 2015 deal, with which they want to peg warming to 1.5C.

The Association of Small Island States (AOSIS) called for progress on a framework of financial help for countries at risk.

"It is still technically and economically feasible to limit temperature increases to below 1.5C, but only if we all work together to resolve the climate change problem," the Least Developed Countries group said.

"If some countries advance their own interests and ignore the need for international cooperation, then we are doomed." - AFP

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# To stop

## Inquiring into the little-known history of the French in Burma

BY AMAURY LORIN



“Attelage et portefaix” [“Yoke and Porters”], in Earl Mahé de la Bourdonnais, *Un Français en Birmanie* [A Frenchman in Burma], Paris, 1886. Collection: Amaury Lorin.



“Merchants in Mergui [Myeik]”, ink plate, in Mahé, 1886. Collection: Amaury Lorin.

FROM time to time you might hear a French person obsessed by France’s colonial history assert – with an edge of bitter, nostalgic regret – that Myanmar was very nearly a French colony rather than a British one. “What if” history (also known as counterfactual history) is a tempting as well as stimulating exercise. Would France have colonised Burma for better? For worse? Would Yangon look like Hanoi today, with an opera house and different city planning?

A panel of scholars at the 2014 International Burma Studies Conference, to be held in Singapore August 1-3 on the theme “Envisioning Myanmar: Issues, Images, Identities”, will address some of these questions in “Talking Back to Colonial Legacies in Burma”. But the thought experiment isn’t only for academics. It can help us identify the inheritances bequeathed by 124 years of colonialism and understand Myanmar in the global context. For France and Britain, the stakes were high: Around which language would the region integrate? Did Burma, pulled by the British Raj in the West and French Indochina in the East, have a choice?

Forgotten intrepid characters people the poorly known history of France-Burma relations. The pioneering Franciscan Father Pierre Bonfer is recorded as the first French settler in Pegu province (Bago Region) among the Mon. From 1554-1557, when Burma was not yet a united country, he served as the chaplain of a small Catholic Portuguese community at Martaban (Mottama, Mon State).

A century later, in April 1662, Bishop Pierre Lambert de la Motte, a founding member of the Paris Foreign Missions Society, arrived in Myeik (Tanintharyi Region), which belonged to the Kingdom of Siam. These men of the cloth might have opened a lasting French religious influence in Burma. But French Catholic missionaries in Burma, in the end, were relatively few compared to the more massive presence of Anglo-Saxon Baptist Protestants (see “The Fortunes of Christian Missions”, MTE 709, December 23-29, 2013).

Instead, maritime power topped France’s interests in Lower Burma. Attracted by its coastal harbours, Joseph-Francois Dupleix, who arrived in 1720 in Pondicherry, India, eventually becoming Governor-General of French India (1742-1754), quickly understood the importance of Burma’s harbours in building a wide naval strategy in the Bay of Bengal.

To that end, Chevalier Pierre de Milard (1736-1778), a navy officer called “Captain of the *Ferinhis*” (“Captain of the French”) by the Burmese, increased France-Burma relations through service in the Royal Burmese Armed Forces. In fact Milard fought for the Konbaung Dynasty (1752-1885) against Siam and China.

The wrestling match between France and Britain for both Burma’s coastal harbours and inner territory wore on until 1759, when King Alaungpaya temporarily drove out all European providers of arms to the rival Mon dynasty, and united Burma.

While the British took until 1795 to reopen dialogue with the country’s rulers, the French jumped back in as early as 1766. Did France take advantage of this lead? Milard reopened the kingdom’s political and trade contacts with France’s King Louis XV, and a French naval garrison was reinstalled in Rangoon harbour in 1770. The French wanted to counter British influence in India, and Burma sought weapons for its struggle against threatening neighbours. A mutual interest blossomed.

Moreover, two French officers, Admiral Suffren, famous for his successful campaign in the Indian Ocean, and Marquis de Bussy-Castelnau, General-Governor of Pondicherry (1783-1785), urged the French court in Versailles to pursue Burma as an opportune field of expansion. The bloody French Revolution (1789-1799), however, cut the resources to advance a French establishment at Pegu, and its influence there faded, despite British fears to the contrary.

Michael Symes, a British diplomat who arrived in 1795, obtained from ruling King Bodawpaya permission for British agents to reside in Rangoon in order to protect the interests of the few British subjects who were living there. More dire for France, he convinced King Bodawpaya to close Burmese harbours to French warships.

Could the Burmese have played the “French card” against the British? At this point, British apprehensions about a resurgent French presence in Burma weren’t unfounded. Myeik had become a gathering place for all the French cruisers operating against British ships in the Bay of Bengal. Growing French influence in the Indian Ocean was a real cause for the British to worry. At this point the French seemed to be in the best position to have possibly changed the course of history, but they did not, and were soon hindered by an unfavourable domestic situation.

Indeed, as France endured chronic political instability – with two regime changes in three decades (1815-1848) after the Napoleonic Wars (1803-1815) – its influence in Asia faded. Not until 1840 did the French take up relations with Burma again, bent on getting access to the Chinese market.

As a sovereign nation, Burma didn’t want to get trapped in humiliating relations with Britain, and King Tharrawaddy (1837-1846) quietly recommended opening toward France. Later, under King Mindon (1853-1878), this became a permanent feature of Burma’s foreign policy. The court made clear its wishes to develop more privileged and

serious relations with France.

Until 1870 at least, however, French initiators were mainly individual adventurers, traders, travellers or observers sent on secret missions, apart from the official scene. Disorganised, these initiatives nonetheless generated some interesting contacts.

Under the French Second Empire (1852-1870), conditions grew more favourable for France-Burma diplomacy. France clearly intended to challenge Britain in the Indo-Chinese peninsula, and the rival powers were sprinting to open dialogue with Yunnan, China’s rich southern province, which the French dubbed the “Chinese Louisiana”. As such, France sent a mission in 1866 to explore the Mekong River and created in 1886 the “Indo-Chinese Union” – one historic colony, Cochinchina, and four protectorates, Cambodia, Annam, Tonkin and Laos.

Also in 1866, a famous Frenchman, Bishop Paul-Ambroise Bigandet, Vicar Apostolic of Southern Burma (1870-1894) and a close adviser of King Mindon, took part in the treaty negotiations ending the second Anglo-Burmese war. Though he didn’t particularly try to favour French ambitions, he indisputably contributed to French fame in Burma. From then on, France-Burma relations were most fruitful in the cultural field. But had political intrigues really stopped for good?

Burma deliberately opened up to Western European powers in the 1870s, aiming for recognition as a sovereign, modernising country that was receptive to external influences. Making overtures to European countries, however, was a risky strategy: Indeed, the region was a dangerous crossroads between British and French settlers in South Asia. Yet this did not discourage the Burmese ambition to develop special relations with France: The two countries formally declared in 1874 their willingness to establish bilateral “links of friendship and trade”.

Burma and France, sharing common interests for decades before the last British annexation of Upper Burma in 1886, were linked to each other against the same adversary: Britain. They both acted to “stop London” – unsuccessfully. To be sure, the French were not innocent friends: They first were greedy European colonisers and would certainly have pursued control of Burma, just like the British did, if they’d had the chance. Yet, distressed by the rising power of the British, the Burmese were driven by two objectives: To enter alliances with foreign countries, and to get weapons and build their military might as long as there was still time to do so.

Still, through the 1880s, British merchants, in Rangoon and Calcutta especially, deliberately exaggerated French military intrigues in Burma. This was self-serving: They wanted London to annex Upper Burma, which finally happened in



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November 1885. France protested that its activities in Burma were, in fact, purely commercial, and a French-Burmese treaty of friendship and trade was concluded in 1885. Yet around the same time, the British press loudly denounced an offensive France-Burma treaty of alliance and the latter's concession of a ruby mine to the French.

Were French plans for Burma just a British legend? Earl Mahé de la Bourdonnais, a French engineer and explorer, wrote extensive travel diaries from 1878-1886. His first-rate account confirms both France's appetite for Burma's raw materials – portrayed in near mythical terms – and its obsession with China.

But these ambitions went unfulfilled. In January 1885, French Prime Minister Jules Ferry and a Burmese ambassador concluded a trade convention that contained no clause allowing trade of weapons or munitions. Britain's annexation of Upper Burma later in 1885 was the turning point for France – from then on, controlling Burma was out of the question. It could only express some territorial claims to parts of Shan State in the hopes of establishing a neutral buffer zone between Burma and China. But Britain postponed that with a policy of cessions to China. Eventually a solution to the French-British conflict was found in a series of regional agreements, including the protection of Siam's independence and the definition of the present Burma-Laos border.

The British-French rivalry continued in Yunnan along Burma's northern border. The French constructed the Yunnan Railway to answer the opening of the British Rangoon-Mandalay line in 1889. It took until 1904 for the rival powers to end the “Burmese issue” with the signing of the *Entente cordiale* (“Cordial Agreement”) on April 8 – though it was not the end of interest in Burma for the French government.

Has Francophile feeling grown in Myanmar since Father Bonfer's visit in the 16<sup>th</sup> century? Diplomatic relations between Burma and France were established soon after independence on January 4, 1948, and France's role here has been growing

since long before then. Although it's difficult to appreciate how the French legacy has endured in the country, particularly in terms of culture, French citizens today are notably the most numerous European tourists in Myanmar. And the number of French citizens who moved to Myanmar has shot up 65 percent in the past year.

Can we connect France's current interest in Myanmar – notably in oil and gas – to historical ties? France has invested in Myanmar for a very long time, if not as notoriously as Britain. It organised the Women's Forum in Yangon last December, and the French-Myanmar Business Association (soon to be the French-Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry), founded in 1996, is the oldest Western business association in the country. Thus, although a hint of French regret lingers, it should not be a mark on French historical pride. Legends of Burma, on the contrary, long have been a fruitful source of inspiration in the imagination of the French – Kessel, Loti and Cocteau, to mention only the most famous writers.

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**FURTHER READING**  
**PA Bigandet**, *History of the Catholic Burmese Mission from the Year 1720-1857*, Rangoon, 1887  
**A Mahé de la Bourdonnais**, *Un Français en Birmanie* [A Frenchman in Burma], Paris, 1886  
**M Symes**, *An Account of an Embassy to the Kingdom of Ava sent by the Governor-General of India in 1795*, London, 1800

For more than a century (1824-1948), Myanmar came under progressively extended British rule. But did the Golden Land have no relations with France, Britain's primary rival in the worldwide colonial competition of the 19<sup>th</sup> century? A French historian recounts the old, almost unbroken, multi-faceted France-Burma relations that have gone all-too-often untold



“A Street in Moulmein [Mawlamyine]”, ink plate, in Earl Mahé de la Bourdonnais, *Un Français en Birmanie* [A Frenchman in Burma], Paris, 1886. Collection: Amaury Lorin



“A Sketch of the Burman Empire”, London, 1823. Collection: Amaury Lorin





Opening night at TS1. Photo: Zarni Phyto

# Long way to go

New TS1 art show reflects on the new Myanmar through the lens of old struggles

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**A** WHITE canvas bears a print of the Sule Shangri-La Hotel, overlaid with another photograph of a female municipal worker sweeping the street. The artwork by young artist Zoncy is simple and understated, but it drives home the message that working-class women deserve as much – if not more – of the viewer's attention as foreign investments do.

Zoncy, 27, is interested in the position of women in society, and her inspiration comes mostly from the street vendors in the heart of downtown and the low-paid workers who affect her daily life. That inspiration turned into a series titled "Unknown Women, Seige Unit". The artworks are on display until mid-July, alongside paintings, sculptures and fabric work by six other artists, in "It's a Long Way", an exhibition at Transit Shed No. 1 art gallery.

"Traffic always clogs the streets of the city centre, so I go on foot almost every day. The scenes that are so unforgettable for me are the sellers, buyers and vendors on the streets of Yangon," Zoncy said.

"When I was young, I didn't care deeply about struggling women. As an adult, I became more aware that I draw strength from their daily struggle for survival."

Zoncy combines photographs and paint on the canvas, most of which depict women. In one, female sellers nip head lice between their thumbs, a description of their leisure time.

Another portrays a girl walking a dog.

"I met the girl walking the dog every day near Sule. The dog isn't hers. She does the housework at someone's home. This raises questions about the years of willful neglect working girls experience," she said.

"I used to attend workshops addressing women's issues. But most of the workshops were led by men. They called for women's rights, but women's voices actually went unheard," she said.

In contrast, through Zoncy's artwork, the viewer faces troubling and complex expressions of women's place in society straight on.

"The country has changed in its economic and political situation," Zoncy said. "The one thing that never seems to change is the lives of the working class. Their lives still look exactly the same."

On a similar theme is one of artist Chaw Ei Thein's paintings, "Betel nut seller". The piece depicts a betel nut seller without a mouth, holding an ear in the palm of his hand. The painting expresses a deep sadness about the persistence of censorship.

In Chaw Ei Thein's other works, she depicts the Manau festival in her native Kachin State with an obvious longing for home.

Outstanding paper-made sculptures by former political prisoner Zar Min Htike also feature in the exhibition. His inspiration came from an eerie night he spent at Insein Prison.

"Insein Prison was haunted. I suffered a great torment that night," he said. "After making these sculptures, I felt a little light relief."



Installation view of sculptures by Zar Min Htike. Photo: Zarni Phyto

## Pressing questions with Min Htin Ko Ko Gyi

The founder of the Human Rights, Human Dignity film fest discusses his work and inspiration ahead of this year's program

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MIN Htin Ko Ko Gyi is the founder of the Human Rights, Human Dignity International Film Festival, set for June 15-19 with the support of Aung San Suu Kyi and Min Ko Naing. As a filmmaker, he's participated in international festivals and won Best Documentary at the 2010 Documentary Film ASEAN event in Hanoi for *The Floating Tomatoes*. He sat down with *The Myanmar Times* on June 6 to speak about what's new at this year's event and the state of the local doc industry.

### Why did you become a filmmaker?

I was interested. I've been a filmmaker for 10 years, but I've only made 10 feature and documentary films. I chose this job as an art, but not as a career.

### What do you consider your best film?

I like my feature film *Last Poem*. Although I think audiences liked *Beyond the Dream*, I think *Last Poem* is best because I think the script is a masterpiece.

### What inspired you to found the Human Rights, Human Dignity Film Festival?

I visited film festivals in other countries, like Korea and Laos – the Laos international film festival really inspired me. It was around 2010, and there was no such festival in Myanmar. Laos's political and economic situation isn't so different from ours, but they could do it. Then in 2012, I went to a human rights film fest in the Czech Republic. I decided to found HRHD at that time.

### What's new for the festival this year?

For the first festival in 2013, we received only 54 films for competition,



Photo: Yuyu

and we had 14 jury members. This year, we got 67 films and we invited 20 international film professionals for the jury. Last year we had only two film categories: International and Myanmar. Now we've prepared three: International, Myanmar and ASEAN.

### Did you need to get permission to screen these films?

I applied to the censor board for a permit last year because the films weren't only screening in Yangon. We toured and showed the films around the country. I wanted a smooth journey, so I applied. They let me screen the films easily and didn't cut any films or scenes.

### What difference do you see between international films and Myanmar-made films?

I think Myanmar filmmakers need to try hard to compete internationally. From my first HRHD festival experience, I got the feeling that I had to do something for our filmmakers to help

them improve, and so I organised a 6-week workshop.

### What is it like to work in the documentary industry in Yangon?

It's still weak in Myanmar, I think. And in my opinion, international filmmakers just help us in order to make their incomes and success with my experiences. They use us as victims to make it seem they helped us a lot, but actually their short-term training can't help us thoroughly.

### How have human rights progressed in Myanmar since you became aware of the concept?

I started to hear about human rights at Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's speech in 1988. Although the law was there since 1948, I didn't find them anywhere in Myanmar. Up to now I haven't seen changes to support human rights although the government has changed and people have started to know more about human rights.

### What human rights knowledge do you hope to share through the festival?

I am not a human rights expert. So I can't share that knowledge well. But I'm satisfied to have founded the festival if the audiences [get inspired]. I just wanted to create a democratic space with my festival.

### What is your next project?

I am not finished yet making my documentary film about Daw Aung San Suu Kyi since 2012 because she is so busy. And although my script for a General Aung San movie is finished, I'm writing it again and again to make it better.

See more details about the Human Rights, Human Dignity film fest, June 15-19, at <http://www.hrhdiff.org/>.

What's on

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### ART

**JUNE 10-14** Artist Shein solo exhibition. Pansodan Scene, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 144 Pansodan Street, Kyauktada

**UNTIL MID-JULY** "It's a Long Way" group show. TS1, between Lanthit Jetty and Kaing Dan No 1 Jetty, Oo-Pa-Sa Street, Seikkan

### FILM

**JUNE 15-19** Human Rights, Human Dignity International Film Festival, featuring 15 documentary films, eight short films and four animations. Visit [www.hrhdiff.org](http://www.hrhdiff.org). Junction Square Cinema, Kamaryut, and Waziya Cinema on Bogyoke Aung San Road.

Start times at Mingalar (1, 2), Thwin, Shae Shaung (1, 2) and Nay Pyi Taw cinemas are 10am, noon, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm and 8pm.

Start times at Junction Square and Maw Tin are 10am, 1pm and 4pm daily and 7pm and 9:30pm on Friday and Saturday.

Start times at Mingalar San Pyan are 10am, 12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm and 9:30pm.

**Nay Pyi Taw Cinema**, near Sule Pagoda  
*Godzilla 3D*. Directed by Gareth Edwards. The infamous monster fights evil creatures who threaten human existence.

**Mingalar 2 Cinema**, at Dagon Center 2, Myaynigone, Sanchaung  
*Maleficent 3D*. Directed by Robert Stromberg. The untold story of Disney's most iconic villain from the 1959 classic *Sleeping Beauty*.

**Shae Shaung Cinema 1**, Sule Pagoda Road, Kyauktada  
*X-Men: Days of Future Past 3D*. Directed by Bryan Singer. Wolverine is sent to the past in a desperate effort to change history and prevent the end for both humans and mutants.

**Shae Shaung Cinema 2**, Sule Pagoda Road, Kyauktada  
*Maleficent 3D*.

**Junction Square Cineplex**, Kamaryut  
*The Amazing Spider-Man 2 3D*. Directed by Mark Webb. Peter Parker faces Electro and Harry Osborn returns.  
*Godzilla 3D*.

**Junction Maw Tin Cineplex**, Lanmadaw  
*From Vegas to Macau*. Directed by Wong Jing. This Hong Kong-Chinese crime comedy film starring Chow Yun-fat is the

fourth installment of the *God of Gamblers* film series.

**Mingalar San Pyan Cineplex**, Phone Gyi Street and Anawrahta, Lanmadaw  
*Godzilla 3D*.  
*X-Men: Days of Future Past 3D*.

### MUSIC

**JUNE 9** Live blues. Mojo Bar, 135 Inya Road, Bahan 8:30-11:30pm  
**JUNE 13** Irish traditional music, featuring Mick Maloney and guests. Tickets are free but email [irishcultureinmyanmar@gmail.com](mailto:irishcultureinmyanmar@gmail.com) to reserve. Chatrium Hotel, 40 Nat Mauk Street, Tarmwe 7:30pm

### MISC

**JUNE 9** Pub quiz at 50<sup>th</sup> Street Bar, 9-13 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Botahtaung 8-11pm  
**JUNE 10** Gallery conversation and drinks. Pansodan Gallery, 289 Pansodan Street, Kyauktada, 7pm-late  
**JUNE 12** Topsy Travel Talk Thursdays. Discuss alternative travel in Myanmar over drinks. Off the Beaten Track Café, Kandawgyi Oo Yin Kabar, Kandawgyi Park, Mingalar Taung Nyunt





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## Treasures of Upper Myanmar

# The monk who turned himself to stone

On the trail of a Buddhist legend from Mandalay to Shwebo



Clockwise from top left: Narindabhi in life, in death, and the entrance to Paya Koe Sue Pagoda. Photo: SA Becker

## STUART ALAN BECKER

**F**OUR of us took off last Wednesday morning for Shwebo, about 110km (68 miles) north of Mandalay, to examine the petrified body of a monk named Narindabhi housed at Paya Koe Sue Pagoda.

According to local legend, prior to his death, Narindabhi had willed himself to turn to stone – leaving instructions for his associates not to cremate or bury his body but to protect and allow it to transform.

On the trail of this legend, we drove along the Irrawaddy River bank to Yatanapon Bridge, which connects Mandalay with the town of Sagaing. From there, the road runs through a number of villages toward Shwebo, the home of King Alaungpaya (1714-1760), who founded the Konbaung Dynasty, a line of kings including Mindon, who built Mandalay Palace and the famous moat. The dynasty ended when Mindon's son Thibaw was taken by the British in a boat down the Irrawaddy to India, never to return to his native land.

Along the way from Sagaing toward Shwebo, you pass through Sadaung. The road is in pretty good condition, often shaded by a canopy of old trees on either side dating from the colonial period. Then there's Hladaw, about 30km before Shwebo, which is famous for the local people's use of descriptive or comparative metaphors in the Burmese language. For example, one saying goes, "Even Ban Ki-Moon is not as busy as you are."

Within the city of Shwebo, there's an old Episcopal Church dating to the British colonial days and a restaurant called Eden, which serves Western and Chinese food. A few hundred metres down the Alaungpaya Road, you take a left up Shwebo Yae Oo Road and proceed a couple of kilometres until you pass some rectangular ponds that used to be part of the moat that surrounded the old city.

There, on the left, is the red and gold archway entrance to Paya Koe Sue Pagoda, where a special shrine holds the remains of the venerable monk Narindabhi, who lived from 1900-1964 and is reputed to have come from somewhere near Mandalay. He spent most of his life as an ascetic, making his daily rounds for alms through Shwebo before returning to Paya Koe Sue Pagoda where he practiced his meditation between two neem trees and in front of one Borassus (Palmyra) palm tree.

Sometime during the early 1960s, the monk expressed his wish for his body to be left outside after death. He also gave instructions that the three trees be cut down but the stumps left in place.

Within a month's time after his death in 1964, the story goes, his body had petrified into what looks like solid rock – and the tree stumps had petrified in the same way.

Venerable Narindabhi was known to be a practitioner of "magic squares", or cabalistic diagrams in which numbers and symbols, including the Myanmar alphabet, arranged in a square can all add up to the same number, for example. Beyond their recreational math appeal, magic squares in certain arrangements are thought to open portals to other worlds.

The local belief about Narindabhi is that he used his skill with magic squares to open a portal to the nether world and, having already reached nirvana – the Buddhist concept of letting go completely of earthly desires – preserved his body and favourite trees from his new position. For believers, the stony corpse and petrified tree stumps attest to this other-worldly connection.

When the shrine caretaker slid the monk's body from its glass coffin, I enquired whether it would be alright to touch him. He answered yes, and I laid my left hand upon Narindabhi's right hand which lay across his waist. Indeed the arm

felt like stone. Not like dried flesh or jerky or dried fish. His arm and fingers felt very hard and cool like stone.

Practitioners of Buddhism and its many variations believe that those who meditate can come to control their bodies and expand their life spans and possibly even inhabit other bodies.

"He wanted to leave a message that he is still going on in a different form, still surviving in a different place," said Leon Moe San, a native of Shwebo who accompanied our party. He remembers visiting Paya Koe Sue Pagoda with his father when he was a little boy.

Over the course of his life, Narindabhi witnessed and survived various kinds of strife and warfare, including the Japanese occupation, uprisings, killings and other struggles. His death came around the time of a military government's implementation of the disastrous "Burmese Way to Socialism".

"Maybe he saw the truth and he turned himself into stone," Leon Moe San said.

"Venerable Narindabhi was known to be reticent, quiet and peaceful. In the morning he made regular rounds to receive some alms from the locals in Shwebo, and when he returned to the pagoda, he became a serious monk doing serious meditation."

By taking the road toward Mogoke east out of Shwebo, it is possible to loop back to Mandalay, making a nice day trip through some of the gold mining areas, ending up behind Mandalay Hill.

But for the adventurous seekers of a spiritual experience, a visit to the petrified remains of Narindabhi will offer clues to a belief system in which serious focus in this life could mean a profound release from any kind of suffering in the next. A donation toward the maintenance of the pagoda into the box adjacent of the monk's glass resting place is encouraged.



## PARIS Modigliani painting sold for 13.5 million euros

A painting by Italian artist Amedeo Modigliani sold at an auction in Paris last week for 13.5 million euros (US\$18.3 million), a record for the artist's work in France, Sotheby's announced.

The portrait of his main patron Paul Alexandre, painted in 1911-1912, had up to now been in the hands of Alexandre's family and was estimated at between 5 and 8 million euros.

"There were five bidders on the phone" vying for the painting, Sotheby's said in a statement without giving details of the successful one.

Alexandre met the young Modigliani in Paris in 1907 and was the only buyer of the artist's work until 1914.

Besides the portrait, four drawings by Modigliani were also sold for a total of 900,900 euros (\$1.2 million).



## MILAN Italian nun puts trust in God for talent show final

Italian nun Suor Cristina said she was putting her trust in God as she prepares for the final of a television talent show after winning over audiences with her soulful singing.

"I live in the moment. I leave the future in the hands of providence," the 25-year-old told reporters on June 4, the eve of the final of *The Voice of Italy*.

The Sicilian described herself as a "humble servant" and said her success could be attributed to a "thirst for joy, for love, for a message that is beautiful and pure".

"Since Pope Francis talks of a bible of joy ... I think I'm on the right track," said Suor Cristina, who was one of four finalists.

The hip-shaking nun's "No One" video has been viewed more than 50 million times on YouTube. She also earned plaudits for her eyebrow-raising version of "The Time of My Life" – the final song of the cult movie *Dirty Dancing*.

## THE HAGUE Dutch halal sex shop hooks up with German erotic giant

A Dutch online shop selling halal sex products announced on June 4 an alliance with Europe's largest erotic retailer to tap into the lucrative Muslim market, potentially worth billions of euros.

The founder of Amsterdam-based El Asira, Abdelaziz Aouragh, said the deal with Frankfurt-listed Beate Uhse came four years after his company first launched a range of erotic products that do not contravene Sharia law.

El Asira, which means "Society" in Arabic, launched its range of discreet products in 2010, including sensual oils based on the highly sought-after agar wood oil – one of the world's most expensive natural raw materials – to massive acclaim and approval from the local Muslim community.

"We will take 18 of our Islamic branded products to the market through Beate Uhse," Aouragh told AFP.

"Considering we're targeting a [global] market of around 1.8 billion people, the potential is huge," he said.

Both companies stressed the venture is far removed from the traditional sex shop image of dildos and pornography. "Our products increase the atmosphere and heighten feelings of sensuality," Aouragh said.



## MADRID Irish author wins Spanish lit award

Irish author John Banville, best known for his crime novels written under the pseudonym Benjamin Black, has been awarded Spain's prestigious Prince of Asturias literature award, the prize jury said on June 4.

The 68-year-old edged out 23 other contenders to take the 50,000 euro (US\$68,000) prize, one of eight given in different fields by the Asturias Foundation each year.

Banville won the Man Booker prize, regarded as the most significant English literary prize, in 2005 for his novel *The Sea* about a retired art historian who tries to reconcile himself with the death of his wife at a seaside village.

Previous winners of the literature prize include US writer Philip Roth, Canada's Margaret Atwood and Amin Maalouf.

Guests attend the 2014 CMT Music Awards at the Bridgestone Arena on June 4, 2014, in Nashville, Tennessee. 1. Dusty Hill (left) and Billy Gibbons of ZZ Top 2. Dierks Bentley (left) and Luke Bryan 3. Actor and WWE personality "Stone Cold" Steve Austin 4. Brian Kelley (left) and Tyler Hubbard of Florida Georgia Line. Photos: Michael Loccisano/Getty Images/AFP





# On the Occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation

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## Address of the Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

On this auspicious date for the citizens of my country I am pleased to greet our Myanmar friends and partners and to wish the people of this beautiful country peace, health and prosperity.

One of the key priorities of Russia's foreign policy is to promote comprehensive cooperation with its neighbors in Asia and Pacific. With the increasing importance of the region in global economy and world politics Russia is advancing ties with regional institutions and individual partners, including ASEAN and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar as its present Chairman. Russia appreciates balanced, unbiased and responsible approach of Myanmar to international issues and her skillful leadership in

promoting ASEAN integration.

Today Asia-Pacific region confronts multifaceted challenges. Russia stands for establishment of a new architecture of security and cooperation in the region based on principles of equal and indivisible security, the rule of international law and respect of interests of all states.

Bilateral cooperation with Myanmar is an important element of Russia's efforts to build closer ties with this rapidly developing part of the world. As a long-standing friend and partner of Myanmar, Russia is committed to further strengthen our bilateral relationship in accordance with the Declaration on the Principles of the Friendly Relations between the Russian Federation and the Union of Myanmar signed in 2000.

During the last year the two sides



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have had an intensive exchange of visits of high-ranking officials and representatives of the civil society. In commemoration of the 65th Anniversary of establishment of the diplomatic rela-

tions between Myanmar and Russia a detachment of the Russian Pacific Fleet paid a friendly visit to the Thilawa Sea Port and a high-profile delegation of the Russia - Myanmar Friendship Society visited Myanmar in November 2013. As a part of the cultural program, the Pacific Fleet Ensemble and a musical band from Moscow performed a joint concert on the stage of the National Theater in Yangon.

We are enhancing our ties in the field of education with hundreds of local students receiving diplomas in Russian universities and with the launch of an annual scholarship program sponsored by the Russian International Cooperation Agency. Steps are underway to advance cooperation in trade and investment, science and health sector.

A growing economic cooperation between Russian and Myanmar will contribute to the well-being of people in a way beneficial to the both sides and to the region as a whole.

As a country that had experienced itself deep political and socio-economic transformations in the recent past, Russia understands the importance of the Myanmar government's efforts to implement reforms in harmony with national cultural norms and traditions in order to ensure their smooth progress. At this important stage of Myanmar's development we extend to the government and to the people of Myanmar our sincere wishes of success in their joint endeavors to build up modern democratic and developed nation.

## Russia in the Changing World

In the past two decades Russia has undergone comprehensive transformation from a one-party rule socialist state with state-owned economy toward a stable modern democratic nation. Today the country is focusing on issues of political, social and economic development which are common to most countries of the increasingly globalized world.

The Russian government is stepping up efforts aimed at strengthening the country's economy based on market principles, rule of law and socially-oriented welfare state. Due to technological advancement, growth of productivity and development of qualified workforce the national GDP in 2013 has exceeded 2,12 US\$ trillion. Despite negative factors related to Eurozone crisis and the overall slowdown of the global economy, Russia's foreign trade reached \$ 884 billion with an export surplus totaling \$ 215 billion. The recent establishment of the Eurasian Economic Union of Russia, Belorussia and Kazakhstan will further enhance the economic potential of the member states.

The Russian government continues economic reforms aimed at increased people-centered investments in the field of science, education, health, culture and sport in order to uplift the social well-being and quality of life of Russian citizens. A large-scale program of development and modernization of economy of Siberia and Russia's Far East will further significantly contribute to our growing ties within the Asia-Pacific region of which Russia is an integral part.

As a democratic federal state Russia is following the policy of cultural diversity and support of languages, customs and traditional values of the people of 22 national republics which constitute a fourth of the total number of the country's administrative units. Being a country of great cultural traditions and world-renowned writers, artists and composers Russia remains to be a place of a vibrant cultural and

spiritual life with vast variety of festivals, concerts, exhibitions, both classical and modern.

During this year we will host a number of high-profile international conferences and cultural events to further promote mutual understanding and respect among representatives of diverse ethnic and religious groups. Russia is a strong champion of international dialogue and cooperation in a wide range of humanitarian spheres. In February Russia hosted the XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi which became a true festival of world sports. Russia remains a leading contributor to the operation of the International Space Station and is a participant of many multilateral research and scientific projects.

Strengthening cooperation and rapid and continued increase in trade with Asia and Pacific (\$ 209 billion) reflects the ongoing long-term shift in Russia's priorities in favor of promoting closer relations with its neighbors in this part of the world. We believe that growing economic, political and people-to-people ties within the region will contribute to its prosperity, security and stability.

Russia aims at further enhancing multi-dimensional dialogue partnership with ASEAN. We welcome and support the regional integration processes toward establishment of the ASEAN Community. Russia will continue to promote and contribute to multilateral dialogue frameworks such as ASEAN Regional Forum and East Asia Summit. As a decade-old dialogue partner of ASEAN, Russia is taking steps to further strengthen the two sides' practical cooperation, above all in the field of economy and trade which, as we believe, is below its real potential.

Russia is moving forward in enhancing its ties with the People's Republic of China. During President Vladimir Putin's historic visit to Shanghai on May 20-21 the two sides announced the start of a new phase of bilateral comprehensive partner-

ship and strategic cooperation. Over 50 contracts in the field of investment, infrastructure development and joint industrial projects had been signed, including the oil and gas mega-deal worth of 400 bln USD. Our partnership within the Shanghai Organization of Security has proved to be the key element of stability and security in Central Asia and in neighboring areas.

Russia is actively working with Brazil, India, China and South Africa within the BRICS Group to establish a multi-centric democratic world order based on universal norms of international law as well as principles of equality, mutual respect and cooperation among nations. In order to avoid confrontation and to resolve differences international actors should engage in honest and meaningful dialogue aimed at exploring possibilities for cooperative arrangements rather than resort to means of gaining advantages at the expense of others. As a permanent member of the UN Security Council, Russia consistently opposes policies of pressure and unilateral sanctions. Moscow believes that the concept of self-proclaimed "exceptional status" of one nation over the rest of the world and attempts to impose one model of development on different nations are out of touch with the realities of the contemporary world.

The fact that Russia conducts independent foreign policy, does

not shy away from defending its national interests and is clearly stating its position on international issues irritates those who seek dominance in the world. The case in point is the anti-Russian campaign launched in connection with tragic events in Ukraine where elected president was removed from power by illegitimate group of self-proclaimed rulers who are now waging war against people in the South-East of the country. The purpose of this campaign is evident - the outside sponsors of this coup d'etat want to cover up their desire to install "pro-Western" client regime in a state that neighbors Russia. Repeated calls from Moscow to stop atrocities against civilians and to start national dialogue have been ignored. However, Russia will continue efforts aimed at normalization of the situation on the basis of national reconciliation and respect of the will of people.

The ongoing destabilizing developments in different parts of the world caused by the policy of unilateralism under the slogan of "global leadership" require an increased cooperation among nations which share beliefs in the centrality of the principles of UN Charter, multilateral collaborative efforts, respect of interests of all states and peaceful resolution of differences. Russia will continue to pursue this policy for the sake of establishing new just world order and strengthening global peace and stability.



## The Buddhist Land of Kalmykia

Buddhism is recognized by the Russian legislation as one of the four traditional religions of the Russian Federation along with Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

Not many people outside Russia are aware of the existence of a Buddhist region located in its European part. This is Republic of Kalmykia, one of the 85 administrative units of the Russian Federation, with a population of about 300,000. Today this is the only region in Europe with indigenous Buddhist population comprised of followers of the Tibetan school of Mahayana.

Kalmyks are descendants of a powerful ancient tribe of Oirats who belonged to the Western branch of Mongolian Empire. In old times the Great Silk Road ran through the territory of the present day Kalmykia. Starting from the 13th century Buddhism was gaining popularity among Kalmyks and in the beginning of 1700s became the predominant faith of the local population.

At this time Kalmyks became part of the Russian Empire and served as guards of vast territories along its then Southern border. During this period the Kalmyks experienced economic prosperity due to the trade with Russian towns, China, Tibet and ancient Central Asian cities.

Buddhism has greatly influenced the culture and mentality of Kalmyks, forming the norms of their everyday life, customs and traditions. Meditativeness, restraint, morality are values highly respected and cultivated as distinguishing national features.

The largest Buddhist temple in Europe is located in Kalmykia capital city of Elista. A majestic Golden Abode of Buddha Shakyamuni was built in 2005 and became the central site of worship and meditation with pilgrims coming here every year in thousands to pay homage to a great golden image of Buddha located inside the temple.

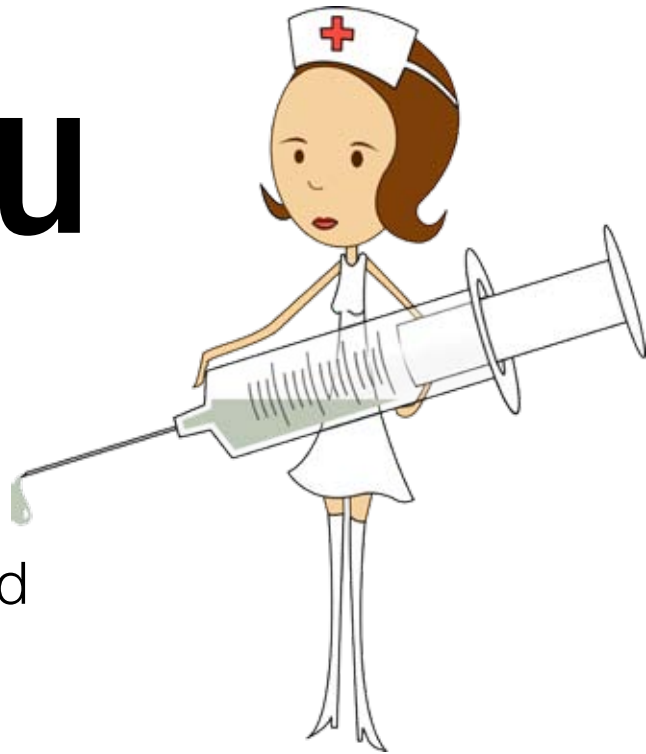
Today's Kalmykia is a dynamically developing region with rising standards of living, vibrant social and cultural life. Elista is also known around the world for its "City of Chess" built on the initiative and with support of Kalmykia's former President Mr. Kirsan N. Ilyumzhinov - the President of the World Chess Federation (FIDE) since 1995.





Living well in Myanmar

# The flu shot



Knowing when and why to get it

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**I**n most countries doctors face the challenge of convincing patients to get vaccinated against the flu. In Myanmar we face the additional challenge of determining the right time of year to offer the flu vaccine. Because the efficacy of the flu vaccine wanes slowly after it has been administered, patients should get the shot in the season in which flu is most common.

We know from disease surveillance data that in cool-climate countries in the northern and southern hemispheres the flu season occurs in the winter months. In contrast, in tropical climates the flu season is more variable, with cases of the flu often occurring year-round. This makes recommending the timing of a flu shot more difficult in places like Southeast Asia.

A new report published in the *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* is helpful in this regard. The authors collected and reviewed data on the occurrence of the flu from 2006 to 2011 in 10 Southeast and South Asian countries. For the three nations closest to the equator – Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore – cases of the flu seemed to be spread evenly

throughout the year. In countries slightly further to the north – Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Laos, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam – there was a clear uptick in flu cases from July to October. These months, of course, correspond to our rainy season.

While Myanmar was not included in the research, a look at our neighbouring countries Thailand and Bangladesh shows that July, August and September have been the highest intensity flu months in recent years. Until Myanmar has its own data, we can probably safely extrapolate that this is the time in which we will benefit most from vaccination. Therefore, it makes sense for doctors to encourage patients to get vaccinated in May and June.

Vaccine manufacturers formulate separate vaccines for the northern and southern hemispheres. They attempt to target the strains of the influenza virus that are most likely to occur in each temperate climate's winter season. In an average year the vaccine will protect against 80 percent of circulating virus strains.

The southern hemisphere version is produced in Australia and is given in April and May in preparation for the winter. Because this is close to the timing we feel is most useful in Myanmar, we administer the southern hemisphere vaccine in my clinic. Even if international residents living in Yangon were vaccinated in Europe or America last autumn, they may not be adequately

protected against the flu during rainy season and should consider getting this vaccine.

In most cases the flu makes you feel crummy for a few days to two weeks – fever, weakness, headache and bone pain are common symptoms. But it can lead to more serious complications such as pneumonia, bronchitis, ear infections or sinus infections. Children are particularly vulnerable to the flu, while the elderly account for most of the annual deaths caused by flu-related complications. Another high-risk group is pregnant women. Research has taught us that there is twice the risk of fetal death in women who get the flu while pregnant.

There is no truly effective treatment for the flu. Rest, analgesics and hydration are helpful while we wait for the symptoms to dissipate on their own. Furthermore the flu is often indistinguishable from dengue, so the sickness that characterises both diseases may require blood tests to make a diagnosis. For these reasons patients should have a conversation with their doctor in Myanmar to decide if the vaccine is right for them.

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Months of peak influenza activity in 10 countries of southern and south-eastern Asia, 2006–2011

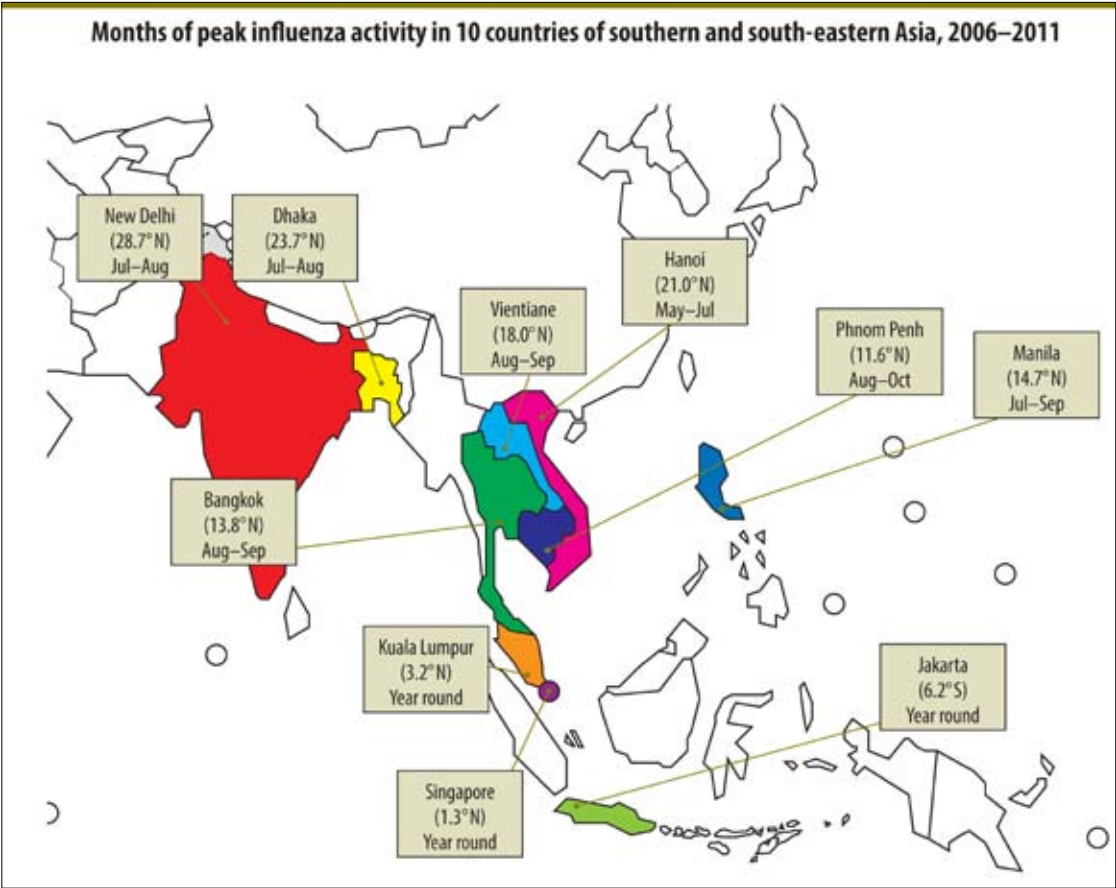


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## WEEKLY PREDICTIONS

JUNE 9 - 15, 2014

**AQUARIUS** | Jan 20 – Feb 18



Wrong ideas and negativity have no power to ignite worldwide commercial growth. Know that making something different or better is a key benefit of creativity and innovation. Think of all the ways you can change an object and modify or rearrange something through your new way of thinking. Imagine yourself with a different style, and find harmonious relationships with others.

**LEO** | July 23 – Aug 22



Life is the exchange of novel information developing through time, and you should not dwell in the past. Better to bathe in the light and luxury of the countless new technical achievements that spring up every day. It's time that you recognise the value of the different solutions of science and spirituality. Both are aimed at peace and equality.

**PISCES** | Feb 19 – March 20



Because you forever want to put things in a more attractive light than reality offers, you sometimes could get duped by schemers. Don't neglect to organise effectively, and never nail down the material aspects of your initiatives. Don't ignore the mundane responsibilities of social life and competition, and don't sidestep when straightforward action is critical.

**VIRGO** | Aug 23 – Sept 22



Different colours have different power according to the law of nature. Say nothing more about the difference between you and others, but start your experiment by assuming compatibility. You will soon get the beautiful answer from colours. The result depends on your attitude, which should be optimistic and harmonious. Love has its colour and power, too.

**ARIES** | Mar 21 – Apr 19



When it's do or die, believe in yourself. Your input is essential. Be optimistic and favours and friendships will emerge to make your role high and dignified before long. Develop yourself to be enduring in the face of trouble, and don't be anxious about trying to maintain your integrity. Hold your sharp tongue in personal expression.

**LIBRA** | Sept 23 – Oct 22



Always consider the consequences of your choices, and be careful in your plans. Take your time, and ask for all sorts of outside opinions and recommendations. Rely on your own intellect in the end. It's a good idea to weigh all the factors of each decision and produce an optimal course of action that can be helped by close partners. Keep confident.

**TAURUS** | Apr 20 – May 20



Due to unproven enterprise, you could lose your sanity, and trust could disappear in your relationships. A good change is a must. Be optimistic in your conversations, and you should be reliable in promises and dealings. Don't forget your main objective is to acquire value in increments as you go along. You can focus on fineness in all things you touch – except love.

**SCORPIO** | Oct 23 – Nov 21



Outgoing messengers could perform your everyday functions of enterprise for better or worse. Rely on potential partners who can play the role of diplomat while maintaining their loyalty to you. Cancer and Pisces often become your long-term trusted mates in the business world. Welcome challenges, but you should not be a challenger for something at risk.

**GEMINI** | May 21 – June 20



Your ideas are not available to get ahead of the curve, and you have not come up with creative answers to new social demands because of your backward ideas and aggression. Even so, you are in great favour in the cosmos. You can choose not to enjoy life, or you could lunge toward opportunity. Unless you change your frame of mind, you cannot develop self-esteem.

**SAGITTARIUS** | Nov 22 – Dec 21



High adrenaline levels and restless energy may start to combine emotionally with your independent mind. Try not to detest an authoritative atmosphere that needs your intellectual strength. You don't need any special secrets of success besides your clever decisions and beautiful intuition and discipline. Be prepared to make decisions on the fly.

**CANCER** | June 21 – July 22



The deeper level of communication is an unconscious reciprocity. You should try to understand the psychology of others, their feelings, and how and why they view the world as they do. Know that empathy is a skill that improves the mind. Balance is very important in relationships. Love is an examination of the psychic balance between two persons.

**CAPRICORN** | Dec 22 – Jan 19



Earth must have water, and you must have endurance and a flexible social outlook. Nothing can happen without harmonious manners and endeavours. Hidden fruits sometimes have more nutrition than you think. You must be clever in relationships. Adding value is your silver bullet. The heart needs harmony and favour always.

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# D-I-Y smoked duck on your stovetop

It's not as hard as you think

### GAI-LAN SALAD

Serves 6

- 2 bunches *gai-lan*
- ½ tsp sesame oil
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 tbsp Kikkoman soy sauce
- 1 tsp ground white pepper
- 1 tsp salt


Pick the buds and young fresh leaves of the *gai-lan*. Snip of the stems. Wash and drain. Blanch in a big pot of boiling water for 3-4 minutes, or until *gai-lan* is cooked. The colour should be emerald green and glossy.

Take out and refresh the greens in ice-cold water. Drain well and dry.

Add all the remaining ingredients to a bowl and mix well. Sprinkle the mixture onto the *gai-lan* leaves and toss.

#### PREPARING THE PLATE

Slice the duck breasts and transfer them onto plates. Sprinkle each with plum salsa and lay a few sprigs of *gai-lan* on the side.



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**T**EA-smoked duck. It sounds yummy, doesn't it? This dish is very popular right now at fusion restaurants, in food magazines and on cooking shows in Australia. Lots of celebrity chefs and contestants on reality TV cooking programs are trying this recipe of modern Australian cuisine.

Since no one is serving it here in Yangon, I finally mustered the motivation to crack this one out in my own kitchen. Actually, it sounds complicated, but it's absolutely simple and easy.

You don't need any special appliance to smoke a duck. Probably you already have most of what you will need. Just follow the procedure. Then you can cook like a pro.

The difficult bit is finding a nice cut of duck breast, so you might end up buying a whole duck. Don't worry about that, because I'll bring in more duck recipes this month. So keep the rest of the duck in the freezer, or make a duck ragu pasta sauce – thighs are good for that.

Ask your butcher to cut the duck into four pieces and to clean the inside cavity. Then chop the wings. Wash and dry them well.



Photo: Whitney Light

- Then you can start deboning.
- To debone the breasts, use a thin and pointy knife and push it between the bones and the meat along the bottom part. Then slit the meat and carefully separate it away from the bone.
- Once you have tried this once, you can smoke anything with tea leaves at any time. During the smoking, the heat will burn off lots of fat from the duck. So it's quite a lean dish as well.
- TEA-SMOKED DUCK**  
Serves 4
- 4 duck breasts (farm duck)
  - 2 cups green tea leaves (such as Shan tea)
  - 1 cinnamon stick, 7-10cm
  - 6-8 whole star anise
  - Salt
- A deep iron wok or pot with a heavy bottom
  - A tightly fitted lid with rounded top (to create an airtight space full of smoke)
  - Aluminum foil
- A wire rack
- Rub a few pinches of salt on the duck skin and set aside.
- Set up the smoker. Line the wok with aluminum foil and cover with the tea leaves and spices. Then cover the tea-leaf area with another sheet of foil, which will control the smoke.
- Centre a wire rack in the wok, above the tea leaves. It should be heat-proof and the surface of the rack should stand about 10cm away from the tea leaves and foil.
- Cover the wok with a lid and heat on high. The tea will start smoking in 1-2 minutes. Open the lid just a peep to check the smoke. When the wok is full of smoke, lift the lid halfway and quickly arrange the duck meat on the wire rack. Make sure the skin faces up.
- Put the lid on again, and turn the heat down. Smoke for 10 minutes. Then turn the heat off and let the meat rest inside the wok, still covered.
- If you like your meat a bit pink, rest it in the wok for 3 minutes before transferring to a plate. Cover with

aluminum foil and let rest another 3 minutes.

If the breast is big and thick, you might need to smoke a few more minutes.

**PLUM SALSA**

- 12-15 dried plums (*see thee chauk*)
- 2 tbsp roasted sesame oil
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tbsp Kikkoman soy sauce
- 1 tsp ground white pepper

Boil water in a pot and add plums for half of a minute, then take out and dry.

Remove the seeds and dice the plums finely. Add the remaining ingredients to a bowl, mix well, and let the sugar dissolve before adding the plums.

Serve as a sauce for the duck.

Note: *Zee thee*, or plums, are available at some supermarkets. They are a shiny dark red-brown colour. Use the dried ones. You can keep them in an airtight container for a couple of months.

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## Restaurant Review

# Tasty results turn up at The Lab

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WITH a glassed front revealing a chic interior of brick walls, bar stools and lamplight, The Lab glows like a cozy neighbourhood joint against a backdrop of weathered commercial blocks on Shwegondaing Road.

I admit my expectations were high going in. The tapas bar opened with a widely attended and positively reviewed launch party a few weekends ago. Dreams of kalamata olives and chorizo danced in my head.

As it turned out, it's not quite as imagined – but it's pretty good. The menu features Mediterranean small dishes plus a very few Asian ones. Instead of relying on expensive imports, however, the directors, Amine Zlaoui and Raouf Baccouche, have been resourceful with planning around local or easily purchased ingredients: a tin of tuna, some beans, fresh vegetables and good olive oil. (There are some cheesier and meatier options, if that's what you're craving.) The upshot is very reasonable prices: K3000-4000 for most items. It can add up quickly if you have an appetite but all are easily shared and rich and

flavourful enough that a few bites is all you want.

The hummus (K3000) is of average homemade quality but gets points for the addition on top of a little chopped tomato, ground cumin and dollop of olive oil. *Lebne* (K3500), zingy, thick-like-soft-cheese yoghurt balls encrusted with herbs, is delicious spread on a bit of crusty bread.

*Mechouia* (K3500), or Tunisian grilled vegetable and tuna salad, is also simple and excellent. The base of roasted and finely minced vegetables – green peppers and onions, it seems – are topped with chunks of oil-packed tuna, green olives and wedges of boiled egg. And the shrimp in the *gambas al ajillo* (K4000) were cooked to perfection with tender flesh and tails crispy enough to eat, in a fresh marinade of spices, garlic and lemon.

The only major disappointment of the evening was the *patatas bravas* (K3000), which were basically baked-from-frozen French fries with mayo and ketchup, not a homemade tomato sauce. Also, is decent bread really so hard to come by in Yangon? The hummus came with one measly flatbread and the *lebne* with two small slices of crusty bread – not

enough for the dish, though our waiter did happily bring us some more.

Wine and cocktail prices are average, starting at K5000 for a glass of Chilean red. A bottle of Casa de Campo set us back K24,000. Service is courteous and efficient and, although a bit cramped, the restrooms also won some points for the fresh jasmine flowers and individual hand towels.

New menu items are being added regularly, it seems, so this is one place that will be worth checking out on a semi-regular basis. In sum, it's no surprise that The Lab has quickly joined the list of options for relaxed after-work and weekend get-togethers.

Restaurant Rating  
★★★★★

Food	8
Beverage	7
Service	8
X-Factor	8
Value for money	8



## Miss Myanmar arrives home to Yangon

May Myat Noe, the winner of the 2014 Miss Asia Pacific World beauty contest, arrived the night of May 5 at Yangon International Airport from South Korea. Beating 38 contestants around the world, the 19-year-old beauty queen also received an award for “most popular” contestant, chosen by online voters and was honoured as a special member of the Korean Film Actors’ Association. Myanmar people celebrated her victory, not least because under military government the country missed out on such events for many years.



May Myat Noe and her family members



Pascale

Delphine Delorme



May Myat Noe



Artist May Phue Htet and Kecia Fong



Herrick



Kaung Khant Kyaw and Aye Arkar Ko



Htun



Shane and Josh



Daw Sein Sein and her son, artist Ko Tun Win Aung



Clemence and the Yangon Bakery team



## “Plays It Pop” art opening

On June 2, Delphine Delorme opened the exhibition “Plays it Pop”, which features her colorful pop works at Shwe Sa Bwe restaurant. From Warhol-esque Campbell soup cans to a Steve McQueen lightbox, her paintings, sculptures and installations take you to the glamorous, superficial, impersonal and mundane reality of pop art.



MRTV4 team



Deborah



Robert



Lisa



Aye Aye Aung of YAK

## Jam It! punk versus hip-hop

In its latest edition, Jam It! decided to shake up an abandoned milling factory in Dawbon township, bringing together graffiti artists, punks and hip-hop lovers for an amazing live show. Find all the pictures of the concert on facebook.com/IMAunderground.



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“It’s a Long Way” art opening

Art gallery TS1 celebrated the launch on May 30 of its second exhibition, a group show titled “It’s a Long Way” featuring contemporary artists Zoncy, Ko So, Waimar Nyunt, Zar Min Htike, Chaw Ei Thein, Lwin Oo Maung and May Phue Htet. The event in the novel pop-up pavilion, a transformed transit shed near Warden Jetty that opened last month, drew many of the artists’ friends, family and gallery-goers.



Artist Zoncy



Daimian Hines



Theint Naing Yoon and Ei Htwe



Jett and Rodney



Yoon Lay Mimi



Blue Puppy, Yu Royal, Pk Pinky and Jelly Doll

Hip-hop at Myanmar Event Park

On May 31, pretty much the whole Yangon hip-hop scene gathered at the Myanmar Event Park for an epic concert organized by Forever Blossom. Annega, J-Me, Cyclone, AR-T, YAK, Yan Yan Chan, Babu, PBD Hood, Po Po and many others performed for thousands of fans.



Lynn Thet and Ye Naung



Hein Myat and May Zin Aung



Hein Htet Aung



Alvin, Kelly, Danny and Krystal



Lin Moe Myint and Gold Pachi

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YANGON TO NAY PYI TAW				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
FMI A1	1,2,3,4,5	7:30	8:30	
FMI A1	6	8:00	9:00	
FMI B1	1,2,3,4,5	11:30	12:30	
FMI A1	7	15:30	16:30	
FMI C1	1,2,3,4,5	16:45	17:45	

NAY PYI TAW TO YANGON				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
FMI A2	1,2,3,4,5	8:50	9:50	
FMI A2	6	10:00	11:00	
FMI B2	1,2,3,4,5	13:00	14:00	
FMI A2	7	17:00	18:00	
FMI C2	1,2,3,4,5	18:05	19:05	

YANGON TO MANDALAY				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
YJ 233	1,6	6:00	7:25	
YJ 211	5,7	6:00	7:25	
YJ 201	2,3,4	6:00	7:25	
W9 143	4,7	6:20	8:25	
W9 7143/YJ 143	1,2,3,5,6	6:20	8:25	
K7 222/7Y 111	Daily	6:30	8:40	
YH 917	Daily	6:10	8:30	
Y5 234	Daily	6:15	7:30	
6T 401	Daily	6:20	8:25	
7Y 701	6	7:05	10:40	
7Y 815	3,4	7:05	11:20	
7Y 771	7	7:05	11:20	
7Y 707	2,5	7:10	11:55	
7Y 815	1	8:00	12:15	
W9 7201/YJ 201	4,7	8:00	9:25	
W9 201	1,2,3,5,6	8:00	9:25	
8M 6603	2,4,7	9:00	10:10	
YH 727	1	11:00	13:10	
YH 737	3,5,7	11:00	13:10	
YH 729	4,6	11:00	14:00	
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K7 224/7Y 221	Daily	14:30	16:35	
6T 501	Daily	14:30	16:30	
YH 731	2,6	14:30	16:40	
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YH 728	1	16:30	17:55
YH 732	2,6	16:40	18:45
6T 502	Daily	16:50	18:55
K7 225/7Y 222	Daily	16:50	19:00
W9 211	2,6	17:40	19:45
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YJ 233	1,6	6:00	8:50	
YH 828	2,6	7:00	10:00	
7Y 815	3,4	7:05	12:45	
7Y 701	6	7:05	12:05	
W9 7151/YJ 151	1,3,5,6	10:30	12:50	
YH 826	4	14:00	16:40	

MYITKYINA TO YANGON				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
YH 829	2,6	10:00	12:25	
7Y 702	6	12:20	17:20	

7Y 815	3,4	13:00	18:40
W9 7152/YJ 152	1,3,5,6	13:10	15:30
YJ 204	4	15:30	18:20
YH 827	4	16:40	19:05

YANGON TO HEHO				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
YJ 201	3	6:00	11:00	
YJ 201	2	6:00	12:55	
YH 917	4	6:10	9:30	
YH 917	1,2,3,5,6,7	6:10	9:15	
6T 401	Daily	6:20	9:20	
K7 222/7Y 111	Daily	6:30	9:30	
7Y 701	6	7:05	9:58	
7Y 815	3,4	7:05	10:35	
7Y 771	7	7:05	10:35	
7Y 707	2,5	7:10	11:13	
7Y 815	1	8:00	11:30	
W9 7201/YJ 201	4,7	8:00	10:10	
W9 201	1,2,3,5,6	8:00	10:10	
YH 737	3,5,7	11:00	12:25	
YH 727	1	11:00	12:25	
W9 111	1,3	12:00	13:10	
6T 501	Daily	14:30	15:40	
K7 224/7Y 221	Daily	14:30	15:45	
YH 731	2,6	14:30	15:55	

HEHO TO YANGON				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
YH 918	1,2,3,5,6,7	9:15	10:25	
6T 402	Daily	9:35	10:45	
YH 918	4	9:30	10:40	
K7 223/7Y 112	Daily	9:45	11:00	
W9 7201/YJ 201	4,7	10:25	11:35	
W9 201	1,2,3,5,6	10:25	11:35	
7Y 771	7	10:50	15:20	
7Y 707	2,5	11:25	16:28	
YJ 203	2	13:10	15:20	
7Y 816	1	13:15	16:45	
YJ 203	4	13:20	18:20	
7Y 702	6	14:30	17:20	
YJ 213	5,7	14:50	16:00	
YJ 203	3	14:55	16:05	
YJ 235	1	15:00	17:10	
7Y 816	3,4	15:10	18:40	
YH 728	1	15:45	17:55	
W9 112	1,3	15:55	17:05	
6T 501	Daily	15:55	18:55	
YH 732	2,6	15:55	18:45	
K7 224/7Y 221	Daily	16:00	19:00	
YH 738	3,5,7	16:25	18:35	

YANGON TO SITTWE				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
6T 607	1	11:15	12:40	
6T 611	2,3,4,6,7	11:15	12:40	
6T 605	5	11:15	13:15	
W9 7309/YJ 309	4	12:00	13:25	
K7 422	Daily	13:30	15:25	
W9 7309/YJ 309	2	14:00	15:25	

SITTWE TO YANGON				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
6T 612	2,3,4,6,7	13:00	14:25	
6T 608	1	13:00	15:00	
6T 606	5	13:35	15:00	
W9 7310/YJ 310	4	13:40	15:05	
K7 423	Daily	15:40	17:00	
W9 7310/YJ 310	2	15:40	17:05	

YANGON TO MYEIK				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
YH 633	1,3,4,5,7	7:00	9:15	
K7 319	Daily	7:00	9:05	
6T 707	Daily	7:45	9:45	

MYEIK TO YANGON				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
YH 634	1,3,4,5,7	11:25	13:25	
K7 320	Daily	11:30	13:35	
6T 708	Daily	12:10	14:10	

YANGON TO THANDWE				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
W9 141	Daily	6:15	9:35	
6T 605	5	11:15	12:10	
6T 607	1	11:15	13:50	
K7 422	Daily	13:30	14:25	

THANDWE TO YANGON				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
6T 605	5	12:25	15:00	
6T 608	1	14:05	15:00	
K7 422	Daily	14:40	17:00	

YANGON TO DAWEI			
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr
6T 707	Daily	7:45	8:55
YH 633	1,3,4,5,7	7:00	8:25



INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SCHEDULES

YANGON TO BANGKOK			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
PG 706	Daily	6:15	8:30
8M 335	Daily	7:40	9:25
TG 304	Daily	9:50	11:45
PG 702	Daily	10:30	12:25
TG 302	Daily	14:55	16:40
PG 708	Daily	15:20	17:15
8M 331	Daily	16:30	18:15
PG 704	Daily	18:25	20:20
TG 306	Daily	19:45	21:35

YANGON TO DON MUENG			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
DD 4231	Daily	8:00	9:45
FD 252	Daily	8:30	10:15
FD 254	Daily	17:50	19:35
DD 4239	Daily	21:00	22:55

YANGON TO SINGAPORE			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
8M 231	Daily	8:00	12:25
Y5 233	Daily	10:10	14:40
QQ 997	Daily	10:25	14:45
3K 582	Daily	11:20	15:50
TR 2827	1,6,7	15:10	19:35
TR 2827	2,3,4,5	17:10	21:35

YANGON TO KUALA LUMPUR			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
8M 501	1,3,5,6	8:55	12:55
AK 505	Daily	8:30	12:50
MH 741	Daily	12:15	16:30
8M 9506	Daily	12:15	16:30
8M 9508	Daily	15:45	20:05
MH 743	Daily	15:45	20:05
AK 503	2,4,6	19:30	23:45

YANGON TO BEIJING			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
CA 716	3,7	23:50	0550+1

YANGON TO GAUNGZHOU			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
8M 711	2,4,7	8:40	13:15
CZ 3056	3,6	11:25	16:15
CZ 3056	1,5	17:30	22:15

YANGON TO TAIPEI			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
Ci 7916	Daily	10:50	16:15

YANGON TO KUNMING			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
CA 906	Daily	12:15	15:55
MU 2012	3	12:20	18:20
MU 2032	1,2,4,5,6,7	14:50	18:20

YANGON TO HANOI			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
VN 956	1,3,5,6,7	19:10	21:30

YANGON TO HO CHI MINH CITY			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
VN 942	2,4,7	14:25	17:15

YANGON TO DOHA			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
QR 919	1,4,6	8:35	11:10

YANGON TO PHNOM PENH			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
8M 403	3,6	16:50	19:15

YANGON TO SEOUL			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
OZ 770	4,7	0:35	9:10
KE 472	Daily	23:35	8:05+1

YANGON TO HONG KONG			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
KA 251	1,2,4,6	01:10	05:45

YANGON TO TOKYO			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
NH 914	Daily	21:45	06:50+1

YANGON TO GAYA			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
8M 601	3,5,6	7:00	8:20

YANGON TO DHAKA			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
BG 061	1,4	19:45	21:00

YANGON TO INCHEON			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
8M 7702	Daily	23:35	8:05
8M7502	4,7	0:35	9:10

MANDALAY TO BANGKOK			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
PG 710	Daily	14:05	16:30

MANDALAY TO SINGAPORE			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
Y5 233	Daily	8:05	14:40

MANDALAY TO DON MUENG			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
FD 245	Daily	12:45	15:00

MANDALAY TO KUNMING			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
MU 2030	Daily	14:40	17:30

MANDALAY TO GAYA			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
8M 603	4	11:10	12:15

NAYPYIDAW TO BANGKOK			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
PG 722	1,2,3,4,5	20:05	22:55

BANGKOK TO YANGON			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
TG 303	Daily	7:55	8:50
PG 701	Daily	8:50	9:40
8M 336	Daily	10:40	11:25
TG 301	Daily	13:00	13:55
PG 707	Daily	13:40	14:30
PG 703	Daily	16:45	17:35
TG 305	Daily	17:50	18:45
8M 332	Daily	19:15	20:00
PG 705	Daily	20:15	21:30

DON MUENG TO YANGON			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
DD 4230	Daily	6:30	7:15
FD 251	Daily	7:15	8:00
FD 253	Daily	16:35	17:20
DD 4238	Daily	19:25	20:15

SINGAPORE TO YANGON			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
SQ 998	Daily	7:55	9:20
3K 581	Daily	8:50	10:45
TR 2826	1,6,7	13:10	14:30
8M 232	Daily	13:25	14:50
MI 518	Daily	14:20	15:45
TR 2826	2,3,4,5	15:00	16:30
Y5 234	Daily	15:35	17:05

BEIJING TO YANGON			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
CA 905	3,5,7	19:30	22:50

KAULA LUMPUR TO YANGON			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
AK 504	Daily	6:55	8:00
MH 740	Daily	10:05	11:15
8M 9505	Daily	10:05	11:15
8M 502	1,2,3,5,6	12:50	13:50
8M 9507	Daily	13:30	14:40
MH 742	Daily	13:50	15:00
AK 502	2,4,6	17:50	19:00

GUANGZHOU TO YANGON			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
CZ 3055	3,6	8:40	10:25
CZ 3055	1,5	14:40	16:30
8M 712	2,4,7	14:15	15:50

TAIPEI TO YANGON			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
Ci 7915	Daily	7:00	9:55

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KUNMING TO YANGON			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
MU 2011	3	8:25	11:40
CA 905	Daily	10:45	11:15
MU 2031	1,2,4,5,6,7	13:30	14:00

HANOI TO YANGON			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
VN 957	1,3,5,6,7	16:50	18:10

HO CHI MINH CITY TO YANGON			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
VN 943	2,4,7	11:40	13:25

DOHA TO YANGON			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
QR 918	3,5,7	20:30	6:15+1

GAYA TO YANGON			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
8M 602	3,5,6	9:20	12:30

PHNOM PENH TO YANGON			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
8M 404	3,6	20:15	21:40

SEOUL TO YANGON			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
KE 471	Daily	18:45	22:35
OZ 769	3,6	19:50	23:45

TOKYO TO YANGON			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
NH 913	Daily	11:00	15:40

HONG KONG TO YANGON			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
KA 250	1,3,5,7	21:45	23:30

DHAKA TO YANGON			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
BG 060	1,4	16:30	18:45

INCHEON TO YANGON			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
8M 7701	Daily	18:45	22:35
8M 7501	3,6	19:50	23:25

BANGKOK TO MANDALAY			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
PG 709	Daily	12:00	13:20

DON MUEANG TO MANDALAY			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
FD 244	Daily	10:50	12:15

KUNMING TO MANDALAY			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
MU 2029	Daily	13:55	13:50

GAYA TO MANDALAY			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
8M 604	4	13:15	16:20

BANGKOK TO NAYPYIDAW			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
PG 721	1,2,3,4,5	17:00	19:00

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<b>2 = Tuesday</b>	<b>6 = Saturday</b>
<b>3 = Wednesday</b>	<b>7 = Sunday</b>

MALAYSIA



Elephants bathe at a sanctuary near Kuala Terengganu. Photo: AFP

Unnatural nature offers surprising beauty at Tasik Kenyir

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SEEN from the window of the small plane, the scattered green islands below looked like our own Myeik Archipelago. But I was flying to Kuala Terengganu, southern Malaysia, an hour out of Putrajaya. Malaysia, which will chair ASEAN next year, had invited participants from across Southeast Asia to savour some of its prime destinations. On touching down at Kuala Terengganu, we boarded a bus for the Tasik Kenyir lake resort to visit the elephant village, deep in the forest across a suspension bridge. As local school students looked on, chatted with us and took photos, the elephants greeted each of the 58 delegates on our tour, dancing to music and kissing them with their trunks, putting a hat on their heads and paying respects. We talked with the students and watched as the 30 or so elephants bathed at a nearby stream, attended by their keepers. On the hour-long walk back through the deep green monsoon forest, the rain began to fall, as it does there every evening. Bright and early next morning, we were off again, to Tasik Kenyir Lake. From a jetty we boarded motor boats, each carrying eight passengers, on a green lake set amid the green of forests and distant green mountains, for the one-hour voyage. Tasik Kenyir is a man-made lake that amazes with its natural beauty and limpid freshness. Abd Azher Embi, the guide attached to my group, explained how this effect was maintained: the government had passed laws mandating strict upkeep, even to the point of ordering that twigs be removed from the lake surface to protect its beauty. Guides responsible for the lake's upkeep ensure that its fish are regularly fed with the correct food. Later, in the emerald depths of Tasik Kenyir, we could see the fish at play. The first stop for our little convoy was the island Kelah Sanctuary, which entailed another 30-minute trek into the forest and across a wooden bridge (actually concrete, but clad in timber



Universal Crossword

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HUM ALONG *By Pearl Dismore*

ACROSS

- 1 "For Whom the Bell \_\_\_\_\_"
- 6 Author Roald \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 Common \_\_\_\_\_ delivery
- 14 Censor \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 Cookie brand \_\_\_\_\_
- 16 Small bouquet \_\_\_\_\_
- 17 Novelty \_\_\_\_\_ message
- 20 It can be hot or sweet \_\_\_\_\_
- 21 Far from obese \_\_\_\_\_
- 22 Pub fixture \_\_\_\_\_
- 23 \_\_\_\_\_ Strauss
- 25 Tolerate \_\_\_\_\_
- 27 It's measured in degrees \_\_\_\_\_
- 30 Art \_\_\_\_\_
- 32 Absorbed, as a loss \_\_\_\_\_
- 33 Aerial maneuver \_\_\_\_\_
- 35 Cape Canaveral \_\_\_\_\_ cancellation
- 37 Follow as a result \_\_\_\_\_
- 41 Salad bar selection \_\_\_\_\_
- 44 Lone Star State \_\_\_\_\_
- 45 Unload, as stock \_\_\_\_\_
- 46 Kind of sax \_\_\_\_\_
- 47 The "I" of TGIF \_\_\_\_\_
- 49 Astronomer's sighting \_\_\_\_\_
- 51 Part of UCLA \_\_\_\_\_
- 52 Disparaging \_\_\_\_\_ nickname
- 56 Domino spots \_\_\_\_\_
- 58 \_\_\_\_\_ Diego, Calif.
- 59 Filly's mother \_\_\_\_\_
- 61 Bathing suit brand \_\_\_\_\_
- 65 Gene Kelly classic \_\_\_\_\_
- 68 On the ocean \_\_\_\_\_
- 69 Transfer \_\_\_\_\_ ownership
- 70 See eye to eye \_\_\_\_\_
- 71 House's \_\_\_\_\_ grounds
- 72 While beginning? \_\_\_\_\_
- 73 Gives for a while \_\_\_\_\_

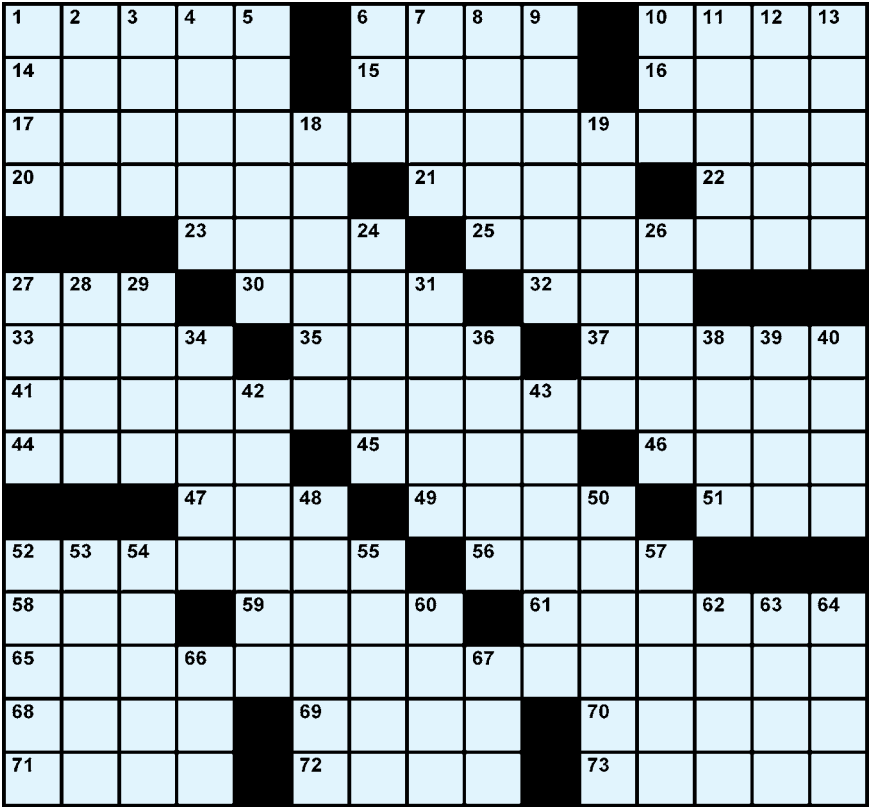
DOWN

- 1 Cook's meas. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Musical miscellany \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Ash Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ follower
- 4 By-the-book \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Was malicious toward \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Odie, for one \_\_\_\_\_

- 7 They might be liberal \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Cobbler's stock \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Nabokov character \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 Automobile sticker fig. \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 Heart exit \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 Bartender on TV's Pacific Princess \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 \_\_\_\_\_ node
- 18 Church prayers \_\_\_\_\_
- 19 Acts excessively \_\_\_\_\_
- 24 Desktop pictures \_\_\_\_\_
- 26 Bright group \_\_\_\_\_
- 27 Came back down \_\_\_\_\_

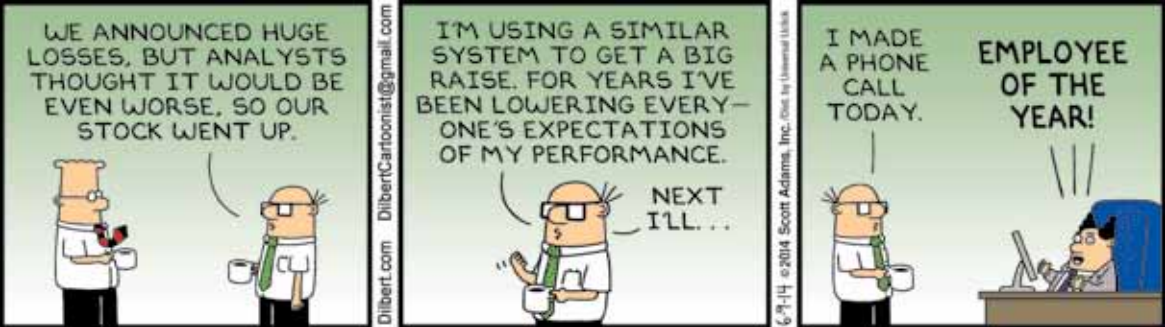
- 28 From memory (with "by") \_\_\_\_\_
- 29 Cajole \_\_\_\_\_
- 31 Rhymester \_\_\_\_\_
- 34 Braid of hair \_\_\_\_\_
- 36 Lowest ship deck \_\_\_\_\_
- 38 Horizontal window piece \_\_\_\_\_
- 39 "Do \_\_\_\_\_ others as ..."
- 40 Centers of pride \_\_\_\_\_
- 42 Panama and others \_\_\_\_\_
- 43 "The Lord of the Rings" lingo \_\_\_\_\_
- 48 Medium gathering \_\_\_\_\_
- 50 Attraction \_\_\_\_\_

- 52 English exam finale, often \_\_\_\_\_
- 53 Monetary unit of India \_\_\_\_\_
- 54 Baltimore's \_\_\_\_\_ Harbor
- 55 Judge or juror \_\_\_\_\_
- 57 Worst \_\_\_\_\_ suit cloth
- 60 Finishes \_\_\_\_\_
- 62 Make, as money \_\_\_\_\_
- 63 Went out, as a fire \_\_\_\_\_
- 64 Aces, sometimes \_\_\_\_\_
- 66 "Crikey!" \_\_\_\_\_
- 67 Holiday in Hanoi \_\_\_\_\_



DILBERT

BY SCOTT ADAMS



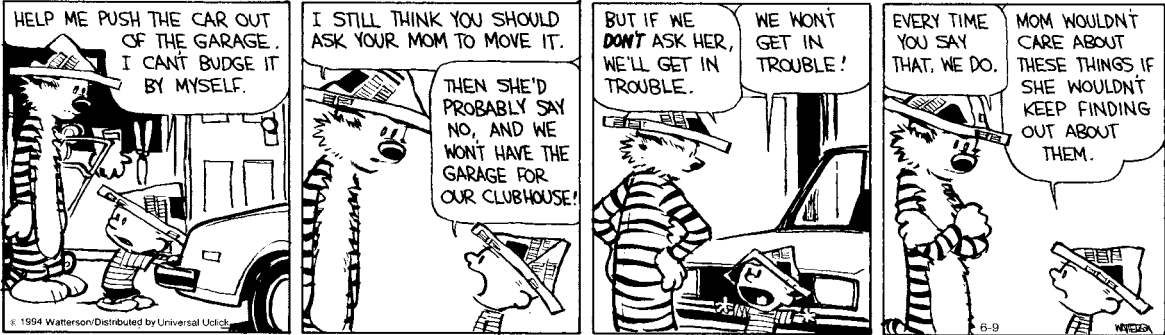
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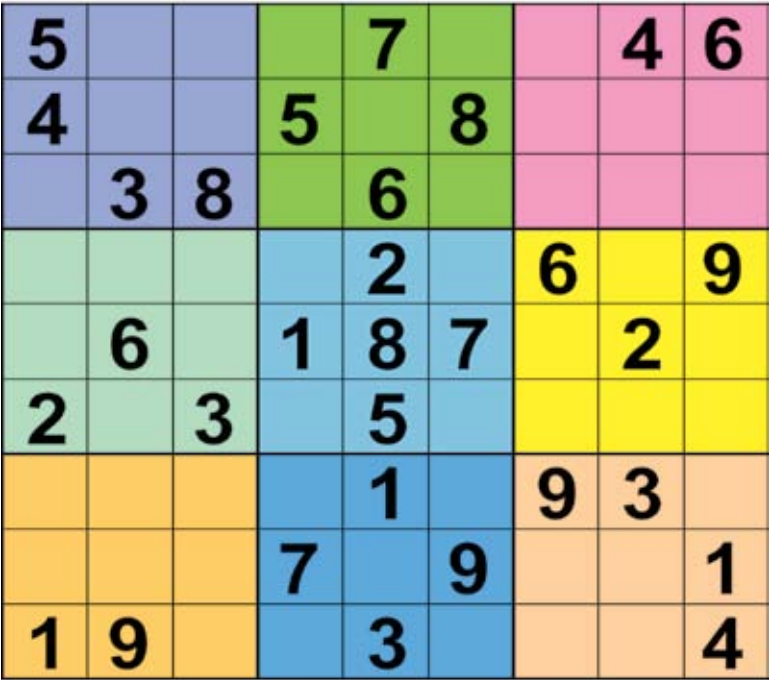
CALVIN AND HOBBS

BY BILL WATTERSON



SUDOKU PACIFIC

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



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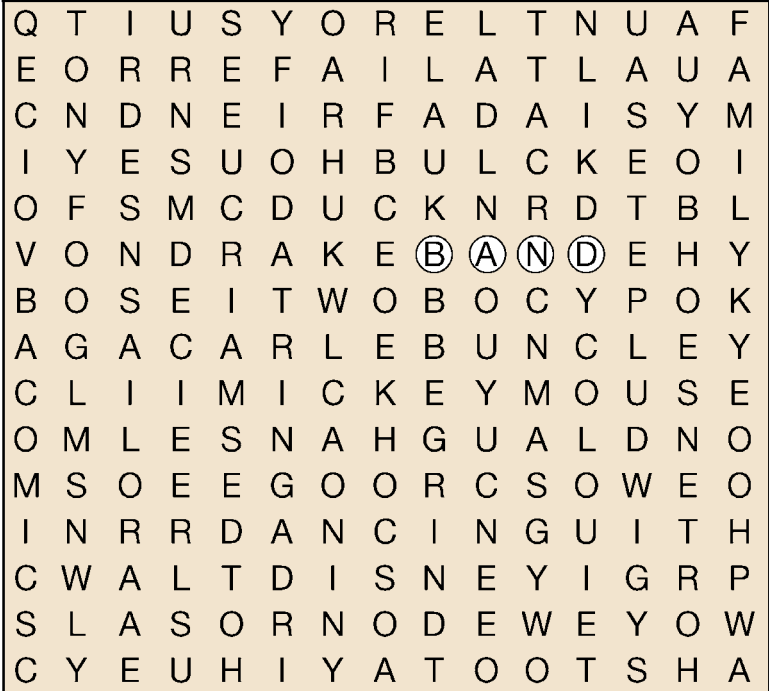
WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

DONALD DUCK TURNS 80

Solution: 5 letters



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# Gerrard revels in England captaincy

**S**TEVEN Gerrard will captain England at a World Cup for the second time but believes Brazil will be the first tournament he holds the role “for real” having not felt that previous manager Fabio Capello truly believed in him as skipper.

Liverpool midfielder Gerrard captained England in South Africa four years ago but only after first choice Rio Ferdinand was injured and John Terry was stripped of the role due to the controversy surrounding him at the time.

“Capello didn’t believe in me as his number one captain, Roy does. I don’t know what it was, I think he did believe in me as a player and our relationship was totally fine, I enjoyed working under him, but at the time when he had to pick a captain we had Rio Ferdinand here and John Terry as well,” Gerrard told reporters on June 7.

“Maybe he thought they were going to offer something different from me or maybe they were his preferred

choice which was totally up to him. But for me now I know that I’m Roy’s number one captain which is a big confidence boost for me,” he said.

While Gerrard enjoys having the full backing of his manager in his captaincy skills he said the formal position doesn’t change his behavior as a senior member of a youthful squad.

“I’d have still behaved in the same way four years ago [as now]. If I wanted to go and put my arm around a player or show a bit of authority I’d do it in front of John. I’m sure he respected that.

“Just because I’m the captain with the armband on I still want the likes of Frank [Lampard] and Wayne [Rooney] and Phil Jagielka to be leaders in there with me and backing me up and we do it together. But of course I’d rather be captain than vice-captain for sure,” he added.

The 34-year-old says he is relishing being part of a young squad that he believes is better than the one Capello

took to the last World Cup.

“There are two players pushing in every position to get into the 11 and I don’t think there’s much between those two players in every position. I think the manager is probably capable of picking four or five teams for the Italy game and you wouldn’t see much difference in the standard,” he said.

“That’s what gives me hope and also to know that whichever 11 he picks we’ve got some fantastic talent on the bench to come in when needed.

“I think they [the young players] have brought their form from the individual clubs into the set up. That’s what I’ve noticed in the training so far and hopefully they continue that into the tournament.

“But these players, you talk about how young they are and how inexperienced they are but all I can say is that they are ready to play. That’s the biggest compliment I can give them and that’s because of what I’ve seen in training.” – *AFP*



England’s Steven Gerrard speaks to the media at Barry University on June in Miami, Florida. Photo: AFP

BUENOS AIRES

## Argentina ‘Fab Four’ to light up World Cup stage

LIONEL Messi, Gonzalo Higuain, Sergio Aguero and Angel di Maria form one of the most sublime attacking forces in football, but their goals may not be enough to win the World Cup for Argentina.

Los Cuatro Fantásticos, as fans call them, are all 26, came through Argentina’s ranks together and are hitting the peak of their careers.

Coach Alejandro Sabella is spoiled for choice as he takes his fancied team to the World Cup to take on Nigeria, Bosnia and Iran in Group F. Barcelona’s Messi has deposed Diego Maradona as Argentina’s leading scorer – with 37 strikes in 85 appearances – and is rated as the world’s most valuable footballer.

Higuain, of Italian side Napoli, has 22 goals from 36 internationals; Aguero, who has just won the English title with Manchester City, 21 goals from 50 games and di Maria, triumphant in the Champions League with Real Madrid, 11 goals from 45 games.

Sabella could play them any way he wants and that kind of firepower has made Argentina second favourites to win the cup, behind Brazil.

The coach struggled however to get the right formation after he arrived in September 2011.

“Today the team plays with three attackers [Messi, Aguero and Higuain] of an extraordinary level, plus di Maria, who is a fourth attacker,” said Sabella.

Di Maria normally plays an offensive midfield role for Argentina.

“It is very difficult to take one

out,” Sabella added. “But we are going to continue like this.”

Even if one of the fab four is injured, Sabella has plenty of support to fall back on.

Carlos Tevez could not even make the Argentine squad despite a brilliant season with Juventus. Sabella could not handle managing a squad with Messi and Tevez.

But he still has Rodrigo Palacio of Inter Milan and Ezequiel Lavezzi of Paris St Germain, who both got games in the 3-0 friendly win over Trinidad and Tobago on June 4.

Aguero and Higuain were rested for that match.

Normally Sabella plays Higuain as the target man, Aguero on the left, di Maria in midfield and Messi marauding on the right.

The lineup makes Argentina a huge threat on the counter-attack.

Messi cast aside some of the weight of playing for the national team, scoring 18 goals in his last 16 games, including World Cup qualifying.

But Sabella makes frequent changes to the formation and the rest of the team poses problems for him.

Javier Mascherano will have to carry many of the defensive duties in midfield and centre back Federico Fernandez and left-back Marcos Rojo have regularly been exposed.

Argentina will face pressure as they were the winners the last time the tournament was held in South America, in Argentina in 1978. The last time they got past the quarter finals was in 1990. – *AFP*

JOHANNESBURG

## African coaches out to beat imports at World Cup

THE first ambition of Ghanaian Kwesi Appiah and Nigerian Stephen Keshi at the World Cup is to reach the second round and end decades of failure by African coaches.

Since 1978, when Tunisian Abdelmajid Chetali became the first African coach to lead his country at a World Cup, all 11 have failed to secure a place in the knockout stages.

Despite this grim record, Appiah and Keshi are strong backers of African coaches, although three Europeans achieved the best results for a continent that has never gone beyond the quarter-finals.

Russian Valery Nepomniachi guided Cameroon to the last eight in 1990 and Frenchman Bruno Metsu and Serb Milovan Rajevac equalled the feat with Senegal (2002) and Ghana (2010) respectively.

“The white guys are coming to Africa just for the money – they are not doing anything we cannot do,” Keshi said in an interview.

“When an African is appointed, he must win every friendly, the Africa Cup of Nations and the World Cup.

“But whites get a year to adapt, to know the country and the players. That is unprofessional.”

Appiah is aiming much higher than the second round, telling reporters his “Black Stars” are powerful enough to lift the trophy.

“To become world champions you need strength in depth,” said the reserved 53-year-old former national team full-back.

“Ghana boasts a strong squad and

I believe we can go very far – even become world champions.

“African football is rising and other countries from the continent can also do very well in Brazil.”

However, a first round Group G including European powerhouses Germany and Portugal spells trouble, even for talented Ghana.

Keshi, who skippered Nigeria on their World Cup debut 20 years ago, appears better placed to create history.

While Argentina are Group F favourites, Nigeria are capable of taking a place with them ahead of Bosnia and Iran.

The outspoken Keshi, 52, refuses to be drawn on the chances of the “Super Eagles”.

“Some Nigerians believe we got an easy draw and qualification is guaranteed, but I disagree.

“It would be a terrible mistake to underestimate Bosnia and Iran as they survived tough qualifying campaigns just like us.”

For Ghana and Nigeria to progress, Appiah and Keshi must succeed where coaching legends like Algerian Rabah Saadane and Egyptian Mahmoud El-Gohary failed.

A North African duo – Algerian Rachid Mekhloufi and Moroccan Mahieddine Khalef – came closest to getting past the first round though.

They masterminded a stunning 1982 triumph over West Germany in Spain and also a victory against Chile.

But Algeria finished third on goal difference after qualifiers Germany and Austria were involved in a shameful final group game.

A narrow win for Germany would ensure they and Austria advanced and after the Germans took an early lead, the match became a farce.

Both teams passed aimlessly while Spanish spectators chanted “fuera, fuera” (out, out) and furious Algerians waved banknotes at the players.

Germany won 1-0 and although FIFA rejected Algerian pleas for a replay, they ordered final group fixtures at subsequent tournaments be played simultaneously.

Unfortunately, the record of African coaches since Algeria were eliminated is embarrassing with just one victory in 25 World Cup matches.

That was achieved by Jomo Sono, a South African star deprived by apartheid of the chance to display his skills at a World Cup.

The “Black Prince” coached his country at the 2002 World Cup in South Korea-Japan and “Bafana Bafana” [The Boys] overcame Slovenia.

But Spain and Paraguay advanced, leaving Sono third, just like Mekhloufi and Khalef, Chetali and Angolan Luis Oliveira Goncalves.

Chetali was the other coach to savour victory as Tunisia defeated Mexico in 1978 – the first African triumph at a World Cup.

Teams coached by Saadane (twice), Tunisians Ali Selmi and Ammar Souayah, El-Gohary, Moroccan Abdelah Blinda and Nigerian Festus Onigbinde finished winless and last.

Now it is the turn of Appiah and Keshi and it would be a massive disappointment for Africa if neither breaks the barrier. – *AFP*

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SAO PAULO

# Police, strikers clash in Brazil

## Tensions mount as the country prepares to host the World Cup finals

**P**OLICE clashed with striking subway workers in Sao Paulo on June 7 while 3,000 people protested government policies, causing traffic chaos six days before Brazil's mega-city hosts the first World Cup game.

The separate demonstrations raised fears of more unrest when Brazil and Croatia play the first game in the business hub of 20 million people on June 12.

Police fired tear gas and swung batons to beat back picketing strikers inside a metro station after commuters tried to enter it, with torrential rain adding to the traffic misery.

Across town, police officers estimated 3000 people blocked the street in front of the Central Bank in a peaceful protest organised by the Force Union against the economic policies of President Dilma Rousseff.

"Our problem is not with the national team. We will cheer for them. But on October 5, we will send Dilma Rousseff to hell," said union leader Paulo Pereira da Silva, referring to the upcoming presidential election.

The strike, which affected three of the city's five subway lines, caused trouble for fans who attended Brazil's 1-0 victory against Serbia in the team's final friendly in Sao Paulo's Morumbi stadium.

But the first World Cup game will



Riot police stand by as the Netherlands' national football team arrives at their hotel in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on June 6. Photo: AFP

be played in the city's new Corinthians Arena, which has yet to receive safety clearance to operate at full capacity, highlighting Brazil's struggle to be ready for the World Cup.

And officials are hard-pressed to resolve the metro strike, because the subway will be the main link to the arena for legions of fans.

Workers went on strike early on

June 6 after negotiations on a salary increase fell through. They rejected an offer of 8.7 percent, insisting on at least 10pc.

The traffic mayhem has stranded the 4.5 million passengers who use the subway system daily in the sprawling city, while bumper-to-bumper traffic stretched for up to 250 kilometres (155 miles).

"I'm going to have to return home. I can't get to work like this," said Pedro Henrique Rodrigues, a 28-year-old pastry factory worker who stood in a massive line of people waiting for buses.

"The metro is not going there and with this traffic, it's impossible to go by bus."

It was the latest strike to hit Brazil, where bus drivers, teachers and police have staged walkouts in other cities in recent months to demand better wages.

The chaos in Sao Paulo is of the sort Brazilian officials and world football body FIFA want to avoid following the violent protests that marred last year's Confederations Cup, a World Cup dress rehearsal.

It was in Sao Paulo that mass protests erupted exactly a year ago as citizens took to the streets to voice anger at rising public transport fares.

The unrest ballooned into nationwide demonstrations against the more than US\$11 billion being spent on the World Cup, with more than 1 million people taking to the streets to demand money for hospitals and schools.

The protest movement has lost momentum since last June, but the transportation chaos risks rekindling anger in the countdown to the opening ceremony.

Rousseff has defended the gov-

ernment's preparations, insisting the money spent will leave a legacy of airports and transport infrastructure that will benefit Brazil for years to come.

But much of the other promised infrastructure has been shelved, including roadwork, a high-speed train, a monorail and subway lines.

Several of the 12 stadiums have yet to be finished. Eight workers died in construction accidents.

Rousseff's popularity has taken a hit, with an opinion poll June 6 showing that her support for the October election dropped to 34pc in June from 37pc in April.

She still led the pack of candidates, however, with her main rival, social democrat Aécio Neves, falling by one point to 19pc.

Despite Sao Paulo's latest troubles, FIFA president Sepp Blatter predicted on June 6 that tensions would subside once the football began.

"We at FIFA, we are confident, it will be a celebration," Blatter said. "I'm an optimist. After the tournament kicks off, I think there will be a better mood."

Teams are trickling into Brazil. The Dutch team walked along Rio's Ipanema Beach after arriving on June 7.

Bosnia, Italy and Ivory Coast also landed on June 7, joining Australia, Chile, Croatia and Iran. — AFP

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## Fans bemoan SkyNet grip on World Cup

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**W**ITH the World Cup just days away football fever is rising in Myanmar. But a sizable time difference between host nation Brazil and limited broadcasting rights are threatening fans' chances to watch football's biggest showcase.

A nine-and-a-half-hour time difference between Brazil and Myanmar means that the earliest matches will be broadcast live in Myanmar at 10:30pm. The last of the daily games will kick off at 7:30am.

Southern Myanmar United defender Thein Soe Min said that he will have to be selective in choosing the matches that he watches.

"I can't watch all matches because some will be played after midnight and I have a job. So, I will have to choose the best matches to watch," he said.

During the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, time difference was a manageable four-and-a-half-hours. Additionally, matches were shown on both MRTV and Myawaddy, public channels that broadcast for free.

To catch the action at this year's World Cup however, not only will fans



Football fans react to a goal in a teashop in Yangon. Photo: Aung Htay Hlaing

have to stay up all night, they'll have to find a suitable venue to watch, as satellite provider SkyNet have the exclusive rights to broadcast the World Cup.

"I definitely don't like that the matches won't be shown on free TV

channels. It will cost nearly K100,000 to install the SkyNet. Not everyone can afford that," said Ko Aung Ko, a football fan from North Dagon.

"In past years, we could watch football matches on MRTV and Myawaddy.

Now, those channels are showing Korean movies all the time. It is totally inconvenient."

The news has sent some diehard fans scrambling to install SkyNet before the World Cup kicks off on June 12.

"I subscribed to SkyNet at our home yesterday [June 5]. It cost nearly K100,000. My father also wants to watch the matches. My mother is worried about letting me go and watch at the teashop late at night. So, we subscribed," said Ko Win Naing Htwe from Yankin township.

Though fans are grumbling, teashop owners with SkyNet are eager for a business boom.

"I think there will be a large number of football fans every night. The real fans will watch every night although the World Cup is a month long. Most people will rely on teashops to watch matches," said the owner of Shwe Kaung Kywe teashop in North Dagon township.

For those too young – or too old – to spend a sleepless night watching the matches at a tea shop, there is some hope that major matches, like the final, will be broadcast on a time delay on free channels.

"It would be convenient for older fans like me if MRTV and Myawaddy show the football matches on a delay," said U Khin Soe, 63, from Mingaladone township.

But if not, U Khin Soe said, even his age and the late nights wouldn't keep him from missing the action.

"I think I will still watch the key matches at the teashop."

– Translation by Thiri Min Htun

RIO DE JANEIRO

## Key injuries begin to mount as kickoff looms in Brazil

FRANCE star Franck Ribery was ruled out of the World Cup Friday as fears of burnout mounted over a lengthening list of players who will miss the tournament through injury.

Ribery's withdrawal came after the Bayern Munich winger pulled up in pain with a back injury at France's Clairefontaine training camp on the outskirts of Paris.

France manager Didier Deschamps confirmed the 31-year-old would miss the tournament along with Lyon midfielder Clement Grenier, who had been nursing a thigh injury.

"We had him undergo examinations which unfortunately confirmed that he had aggravated his back problem and there was no question of him being able to either train nor play," Deschamps said.

Ribery's withdrawal deprives France of their prime attacking focal point, who a year ago cemented his position as one of world football's top talents.

Later on June 7, Germany were also given a huge fright when midfielder Marco Reus hobbled out of his team's 6-1 drubbing of Armenia in Mainz.

The Borussia Dortmund star limped

off in agony after the injury.

"I don't know yet what it is, we have to wait," said Germany coach Joachim Loew.

With Portugal star Cristiano Ronaldo also struggling to be fit in time for his country's Group G opener with the Germans on June 16, coach Paulo Bento reflected on the toll that a gruelling European season takes on the sport's top players.

Bento questioned whether the physical demands placed on footballers was now too great.

"For a few years it's normal that play-

ers arrive at the World Cup or European Championships tired – physically and emotionally – because they have long, long seasons, mainly in Europe," Bento said.

"I don't think we [football authorities] are going in the right direction."

France and Germany were not the only teams struggling with injury concerns.

Colombia have already seen talismanic striker Radamel Falcao ruled out of the tournament after he lost his battle to recover from a serious knee injury.

Falcao, who has scored 20 goals in

51 international appearances, suffered knee ligament damage in a French Cup tie in January and has not played since.

Spain too have been waiting on the fitness of champions Atletico Madrid's Brazil-born striker Diego Costa, who is battling an ongoing hamstring problem that forced him off in the early stages of last month's Champions League final.

England meanwhile also have injury concerns, with Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain limping out of a 2-2 draw with Ecuador on June 4 with a knee ligament strain. – AFP

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